

2019 CFA ANNUAL MEETING
Friday, June 28, 2019

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(33) CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

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

(34) REGION 1 WELCOME.

Hannon: The first item on the agenda is Sharon Roy, who is working her way up here to give us a big welcome. **Roy:** Hello everybody. Good morning. I would like to welcome everybody to Region 1 and the Turning Stone Casino. I hope you're all having a great time here this weekend. [applause] We do realize this wasn't the most accessible location for those of you who flew in, but we're pretty sure that one you got here, it was well worth the trip. We have so much to offer in the Turning Stone, between the restaurants, the spas, and of course all the gambling. So, for those of you who do indulge, I hope you win a lot. For those of you who prefer your gambling in the show ring, we hope you are enjoying this rest that the wonderful facility has to offer and reconnecting with all your old friends. Tonight, we have a special treat in store. We have completely taken over one of the resort's nightclubs. It's called the Turquoise Tiger – very appropriate. We're taking you back in our time machine to the disco days of Studio 54 in a themed hospitality suite. So, if you packed your platform heels, your bell bottoms, your shiny polyester shirts, enjoy! If you didn't get a ticket in your delegate bag, as long as we know you and you can identify yourself, we'll let you in. Thank you all for coming, being part of our Annual meeting and the celebration of all the cats that we love. Have a great meeting.

Hannon: Thank you, Sharon.

(35) **PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND MESSAGE.**

President Mark Hannon provided the following welcome message:

Hannon: On behalf of all of CFA, we want to welcome you to the 2019 CFA Annual Meeting. It's a phenomenal location. What an exciting venue for our annual gathering. I have been here for several days and have had a great time and I hope you do, too. The region has gone out of its way to do what they can.

Four years ago, Central Office took over running the annual meetings. Prior to that, as many of you know, each of the seven North American Regions in turn hosted this grand event and they did the logistical work. A couple years ago, we hired Allene Tartaglia to come back to CFA and she was our Special Events Coordinator. She coordinated the Annual and International Show, and she did that as a full-time job from her home in Florida. Last year our executive director left and Allene, a former CFA Executive Director when we were housed in New Jersey, stepped up and said she would be happy to take over. She moved from sunny Florida to the hellacious winters of northern Ohio, which has to be a sacrifice and we are very appreciative. I'm told that Alliance is just south of the lake effect, so she doesn't get the full impact that the folks in Cleveland get. Allene and all the staff at the Central Office have worked really hard. We recently hired Amber Goodright, who will take over as Special Events Coordinator for future Annals and the CFA International Shows. She's here this weekend in a training capacity. She's over there on the far wall waiving her hand sitting next to Allene. Take a chance this weekend and stop by and welcome her. I'm sure she has felt a steep learning curve this week. Many thanks to Allene, Shelly Borawski, James Simbro, Amber, and the many other staff members who worked so hard to bring about this successful event.

I want to particularly thank Sharon Roy and the many, many hard-working North Atlantic Region workers who pitched in to add so many extra touches that have made this a special event for us this weekend. For those of you who either attended the North Atlantic Regional two weeks ago or on FaceBook and saw the zillions of pictures, Omar Gonzalez was the main architect of that and it is my understanding Omar is behind tonight's hospitality event. [applause] Based on the pictures that I've seen from the North Atlantic Regional two weeks ago, I'm sure that this will be setting a new standard for us. I have been told to expect to be wowed at tonight's hospitality event hosted by the Region.

I want to take a quick look at last year. Our fiscal year is the same as our show season, so our fiscal year ended April 30th. We had healthy registrations this past year. 62% of our registrations came from China and nearly 20% came from North America, so you can see China is a very big part of our business. Even with, as many of you know, they have had some issues putting on shows over there. Even with those issues, they still had a 10% increase in registrations over the previous year. Of the 9 CFA regions, the Southern Region had the greatest number of registrations and the greatest number of shows, so congratulations to the Southern Region. We saw an increase in shows in Regions 1-8. Sadly, there was a decrease of shows in Europe and in the ID. We're working hard to turn things around in China so that they can return to their full show schedule, and we're working with the European clubs in hopes of improving the situation there so that they can grow.

This past year, we hired a Director of Development, Jo Ann Miksa-Blackwell. Jo Ann started in November. She has been very busy seeking corporate sponsors for CFA and she's working with local groups to have a CFA presence at a number of pet expos. In the coming year, we will be attending pet expos in New Jersey, Pittsburgh and Columbus, Ohio. She's working with the Twin Cities Cat Club to enhance CFA's presence at the Minnesota State Fair, which is the second largest state fair in the country, outdone only by Texas. They normally get 2 million visitors. That's a lot of exposure for CFA. This past year, Desiree Bobby, our Director of Marketing, started working for CFA late the previous year. She has been in full force this past year. We saw an incredible increase in the number of views on her social media. Thanks in part to Desiree's efforts we had the best gate ever for the CFA International Cat Show. Both our Development and Marketing folks are here and will be making presentations later today, so I don't want to say any more and take away from what they are going to say. The budget for this past year reflected an expected loss of more than \$200,000 due to heavy investments in both our IT and our new Marketing and Development initiatives. I don't want to steal the good news that Kathy has, but suffice to say instead of that loss we turned a healthy profit this year. [applause] That was due to a combination of spending less than expected, and bringing in more income than we had budgeted.

We have a heavy agenda today, which includes a lot of amendments and resolutions this afternoon, so I don't want to take any more of your time. We had a very successful year, we have plans for an incredible year to come, and it's an exciting time for CFA. I would encourage you to enjoy the ride.

I have some length of service awards for board members that I want to pass out. I ask the board members to come up here.

Board Member Service Awards

5 Years

John Colilla
Pam Moser

10 Years

Kayoko Koizumi
Carol Krzanowski

20 Years

George Eigenhauser, Jr.

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

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

Hannon: John, do we have a quorum? **Randolph:** Yes, we do. **Hannon:** Do you want to give me the numbers? **Randolph:** The required quorum is 280 and we have delegates checked in as of about 10 minutes ago of 331. **Hannon:** So, a quorum is 280 and we have 331 as of a couple minutes ago. So, we do have a quorum present. [Secretary's Note: The Credentials Committee final count of seated delegates was 342 out of 546 eligible to vote. There were 601 clubs which had paid dues and submitted membership lists by June 3.]

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
44 Gatti	Lawrence, Karen
Absolutely Abyssinians Cat Club	Troup, Mary Ellen
Abyssinian Breeders International	Reeves, Patti
Abyssinian Midwest Breeders	Newkirk, Darrell
Abyssinian Society of the South	Herr, Jennifer
Agua Caliente Cat Club	Munro, Charlene
Alamo City Cat Club	Gutierrez, Cyndi
All Chiefs No Indians Cat Club	Land, Teresa
Almost Heaven Cat Club	Bingham, Ann Marie
American Manx Club	Dinesen, James
American Tabby and Tortie	Barie, Kitty
Americans in Paradise	Webster, Howard R.
Americans West	Johnson, Carol W, DVM
Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers	Schreck, Barbara
Arkansas Feline Fanciers	Bassett, Pamela J.
Arklahoma Feline Fanciers	Bassett, Pamela J.
Atlanta Phoenix Cat Society	Andrews, Donna
Atlantic Himalayan Club	Land, Jim
Basic Black Cat Club	Calhoun, Kathy
Beverly Hills Cat Club	Rogers, Sharon
Black Diamond Cat Club	Nowell, Kristin
Blue Sky Cat Club	Friemoth, Shelby A.
Bluff City Cat Fanciers	Green, Alvin
Bombay Enthusiasts of America	Sweeney, Teresa
Bonita Cat Fanciers	Eigenhauser, Jr., George J.
British Shorthair Cat Club Japan	Lorditch, Cheryl
Buccaneers Cat Fanciers	Mastin, Richard
Buffalo Cat Fanciers	Weiner, Kenneth
Burmese South Cat Club	Faust, Sandra
Butler Cat Fanciers	Barie, Laura
Cable Car Cats	Reding, Jennifer
California Silver Fanciers	Webster, Howard R.
Call of The Wild	Webster, John
CanUsa Cat Club	Baugh, Loretta
Capital Cat Fanciers	Sieffert, Sarah C.
Carolina Sophisticats	Baylor, Vivian
Cat Club of the Palm Beaches	Lane, Karen
Cat Fanciers of Finland	Huhtaniemi, Pauli
Cat Fanciers of Hawaii	Playdon, Natalie

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Cat Fanciers of Washington	McNeese, Catherine
Cat Friends of Kuwait	Friemoth, Lorna
Cat Nation Fanciers	Colilla, Bethany
Cat-A-Lina Cats Cat Club	Olsen, Dorothy L.
Cat-H-Art	Goedert, Frederic
Cat'n on the Fox	Phillips, Monte
Cat's Incredible Inc.	Land, Jim
Cats Exclusive, Inc.	Boyce, David
Cats Ink	Coleman, Cheryl
Cats Limited	Rogers, Jan
Cats of the Rising Sun	Search, Lynn K.
Cats of Wisconsin Cat Club	Wilson, Annette L.
Cats Without Borders	Beaudry, Daniel J.
CenLa Cat Fanciers	Grass, David
Central Carolina Cat Fanciers	Miller, Robert
Central Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers	Bartley, Linda S.
Chamberlin on the Bay Cat Fanciers	Deal, Peter
Champagne Cat Club	Fraley, Renee
Chartreux International	Starbuck, Emily Orca
Chatte Noir Club	Currle, Kenny
China International Cat Club	Krzanowski, Ed
Chocolate City Cat Club	Petty, Tracy
Cincinnati Cat Club	Cole, J. Brook
Classy Cats Society	Carr, Leslie Ann
Cleopella Cat Fanciers of Estonia	Schleissner, Michael
Cleveland Persian Society	Mikita, Nancy
Club Felino Espanol	Zottoli, Jeri
Club Felins Fleur De Lys	Rivard, Pierre
Coastal Paws Cat Club	Clas, Donna
Cochise Cat Fanciers	Zenda, Robert
Colonial Annapolis Cat Fanciers	Dubit, Claire
Colonial Cat Club	Veach, Gary L.
Colorado Cat Fanciers	Peck, Cheryl
Comodo Cat Fanciers	Lorditch, Kirsten
Continental Balinese Club	Deal, Peter
Cotton States Cat Club	Dugger, Jean B.
Country Faire Cat Fanciers	Auth, Mary
Cow Hill Cat Club	Williamson, Valarie J.
Cowboy Country Cat Fanciers	Chaney, Joel
Crab and Mallet Cat Club	Peet, Shirley
Crafty Cat (the)	Sorokin, Gregory
Creative Cats Club	Brown, Roger
Crow Canyon Cat Club	Ahrens, Linda
Crown City Cat Club	Dalton, Tracey
Dayton Cat Fanciers	Curfiss, Diane
Delaware River Cats Club	Robbins, Sue A.
Devon Rex Breed Club	Peterson, Linda A.
Edelweiss Cat Club	Rosol, Alice M.
Emerald Cat Club	Heidt, Wendy
Emerald Coast Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Bizzell, Carla
European Burmese Cat Club	Castle Flynn, Lauren
European Shorthair Club	Webb, Russell

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Ever Green Cat Club	Jacobberger, Patricia
Exotic Breeders	Sweeney, Edwin
Exotic Cat Club Japan	Koizumi, Kayoko
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	Fowler, Timothy
Foot of the Rockies Cat Club	Peck, Cheryl
Fort Worth Cat Club	Altschul, Leesa
Fraser Valley All Breed Cc	Gallion, Jason
Freestate Feline Fanciers	Dubit, Robert
Friendly Int'l	Shimada, Yukiko
Friends & Family	Heinzen, Diana
Frontier Feline Fanciers	Kempf, Joyce E.
Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey	Fellerman, Geraldine
Gateway Arch Persian Society	Miksa-Blackwell, Jo Ann
Genesee Cat Fanciers Club	Goatseay, Edward
German Catwalk	Delabar, Pam
Global Egyptian Mau Society	Coughlan, Laurie
Golden Gate Cat Club	Lima, Robert
Golden Triangle Cat Fanciers	Nabeta, Sandra
Golden West Cat Club	Martin, Mary Ann
Grandview Cat Fanciers	Quigley, Neil
Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees	Auspitz, Martha
Great Lakes Great Maines	Colilla, Bethany
Great River Cat Fanciers	Grant-Field, Beth
Greater Baltimore Cat Club	Peet, Shirley
Greater Baton Rouge Cat Club	Grass, Wanda
Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers	Coughlan, Laurie
Greater NW Cat Fanciers	Moser, Brian
Greater St. Louis Cat Club	Shimada, Yukiko
Gulf Coast Cat Club	Griffin, Yvonne
Gulf Shore Consortium	Bemis, Judith
Half Moon Cat Club	Roy, Sharon
Hallmark Cat Club	Mastin, Richard
Happy Trails Cat Club	Wong, Matthew
Havana Brown Fanciers	Herman, Alicia
Hidden Peak Cat Club	Knight, Lyn
High Plains Cat Club	Galloway, Rebecca
High Sierra Cat Club	Auth, Mary
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
Huntsville Cat Club	Fry, Elaine
Idaho Cat Fanciers	Heidt, Wendy
Illini Cat Club	Wuersch, Jim
Indy Cat Club, Inc.	DeGolyer, Pamela
International Egyptian Mau Society	Fowler, Timothy
International Havana Brown Society	Gallion, Jason

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
International Scottish Fold Association	Bertrand, Kay
International Somali Cat Club	Hollister, Janet
Japan Academic Cat Society	Johnson-Lawrence, Carmen Marie
Japan Dancing Cat Club (the)	Wilson, Erin
Japan Liberty Cat Club	Koizumi, Kayoko
Japan Tonkinese Cat Club	Jacobberger, Patricia
Japanese Bobtail Fanciers	Mohr, Stephanie
Jardin des Korats	Goedert, Frederic
Jazz Kats	Schreck, Barbara
Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers	Colilla, John
Just Cat-In Around Cat Fanciers	Mathis, Anne
Just Cats N' Us	Lee, Suki
K-Cats	Al-Shatti, Crystal
Kentucky Colonels Cat Club	Auspitz, Norman
Keystone Cat Fanciers	Wuersch, Jim
Keystone Kat Klub	Keiger, Teresa
Kino Kat Klub	Jaeger, Barbara A.
Kittyhawk Felines	Toth, Mariane
Korats Unlimited	Ganoe, Dennis
Kyoto Skylark Cat Club	Chaney, Camelle
Lance and Bertha Cat Fanciers	Bridges, Betty
LaPerm Society of America	Ganoe, Dennis
Las Vegas Cat Club	Honey, Ellyn
Length & Lack of It Cat Fanciers	Mueller, Susan
Lewis & Clark LH Specialty	Moser, Pam
Lilac Point Fanciers	Kolencik, Mary
Lincoln Cat Club	Wood, Beverly A.
Lincoln State Cat Club	Rupy, Leann
Lincoln State LH Fanciers	Plummer, Cary
Lincoln State SH Society	Rupy, Leann
Lone Star Cat Club	Riley, Sue
Long and Short of It Cat Club	Preston, Kate
Long Island Cat Club	Veach, Gary L.
Longhair Japanese Bobtail Breeders	Moser, Brian
Los Colores Cat Club	Shelton, Michael
Mad Catters (the)	Rutledge, Kathleen
Magic City Cat Club	Rees, Gail
Maine Attraction Cat Fanciers	Pomphrey, Pat
Maine Coon Cat Club	Balestrieri, Donna Marie
Make Mine Mink	Makl, Christina
Marina All Breed Cat Club	Byrd, Cynthia
Marina All Breed Cat Club	Byrd, Cynthia
Mark And Linda	Hannon, Mark
Mark Twain Feline Fanciers	Shi, Allen
McKenzie River Cat Club	Hollister, Lori
Metroplex Allbreed Cat Club	Henrichs, Mark
Metropolitan Cat Fanciers	Bishop, Karen J.
Miami Florida Cat Fanciers	Fogarty, Carol J.
Mid South Cat Fanciers	Green, Alvin
Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers	Colilla, John
Mid-West Shaded & Smoke Society	Lawrence, Karen

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers	Crawford, Vanadis
Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers	Mathis, Anne
Midwest TGIF Fanciers	Drury, Lucy
Mo-Kan Cat Club	Dinesen, Cathy
Mohawk Trail Cat Club	McCollow, Shirley
Monroe Shorthair Club	Arnold, Betsy
Monterey Peninsula Cat Fanciers	Willen, J. Sandra
Moonport Cat Club	Webster, John
Morris And Essex Cat Club	Fellerman, Geraldine
Mount Laurel Cat Fanciers	Krzanowski, Carol
Mountain Mist Cat Fanciers	Franks, Vicki
Nantan Catdom Club	Friemoth, Lorna
Nashville Cat Club	Fry, Elaine
Nat'l Alliance of Birman Breeders	Faust, Sandra
Nat'l Alliance of Burmese Breeders	Baylor, Vivian
Nat'l Norwegian Forest Cat Br Club	Barletta, Jane
National American SH Club	Johnson, Carol W, DVM
National Birman Fanciers	Zottoli, Jeri
National Colorpoints & Orientals	Yoders-Dey, Joy
National Maine Coon Cc (the)	Anger, Rachel
National Siamese Cat Club	Wheeldon, Virginia
New England Meow Outfit	Zinck, Iris
New Hampshire Feline Fanciers	Beaudry, Michelle
New Millennium Cat Club	Shelton, Michael
New River Cat Fanciers	Search, Lynn K.
New Vision Cat Club	Seling, Teresa
Nishi Nihon Cat Club	Kooistra, Charlotte
North American Blues Allbreed Cat Fanciers	Everett-Hirsch, Kim
North Pacific Siamese Fanciers	Griswold, Marilee
North Texas Cat Club	Bemis, Judith
Nova Cat Fanciers Inc	Archibald, N. Jill
Nyanko Yokohama	Summers, Patricia
Oakway Cat Fanciers	Schreck, Timothy
Ocicat Society	Smith, Valerie
Ocicats International	Bennett, Jacqui
Ocicats of North America	Moscoffian, Sonja
Ohio State Persian Club	Powell, Sharon
Oregon Cats, Inc.	Everett-Hirsch, Kim
Oriental Shorthair Club Japan	Johnson-Lawrence, Carmen Marie
Oriental Shorthairs of America	Keyer, Julie
Ozark Cat Fanciers	Altschul, Mike
Pacific Rim Allbreed Cat Fanciers	Seling, Teresa
Packerland Cat Fanciers	Gradowski, Barbara
Paumanok Cat Fanciers	Makl, Christina
Pawprints In The Sand	Wickle, Jennifer
Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers	Preston, Kate
Persian & Exotic Cat Club	Lee, Suki
Persian Bi-Color & Calico Society	Wilson, Tim
Persians On Parade	Conde, Marilyn E.
Phoenix Feline Fanciers	Dodds, Nancy T.
Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers	Campbell, Charlene

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Poinsettia City Cat Club	Rogers, Sharon
Poppy State Cat Club	Ahrens, Linda
Portland Cat Club	Kojima, Takako
Puget Sound Cat Club	Hollister, Lori
Queen City Cat Club	Curfiss, Diane
Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers	Thornton, Sara
Ragamuffin Cat Society	Gregory, Laura
Ragdolls Around The Globe	Flanik, James
Rainbow Plumes	Deal, Elizabeth
Ramapo Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Jimenez, Carolyn
Rebel Rousers Cat Club	Thomas, Karen
Responsible Cat Fanciers of the NW	Bertrand, Kay
Riverside Cat Club Japan	Gibson, Susan
Rolandus Cat Club	Rosol, Alice M.
Rome Cat Forum	Carr, Leslie Ann
Rose City Cat Fanciers	Kojima, Takako
Royal All Breed Cat Club	Goatseay, Edward
Russian Blue Fanciers	Keiger, Teresa
Russian Blue West	Fuller, Donna J.
Sacramento Valley Cat Fanciers	Coleman, Perry D.
Sacred Cat of Burma Fanciers	Brubacher, Joann
Saintly City Cat Club	Weihrauch, Bobbie
Salt City Cat Club	Cappa-Madore, Cindy
San Diego Cat Fanciers	Martino, Linda
San Francisco Revelers	Fuller, Donna J.
Sanguine Silver Society	Wilson, Erin
Santa Fe Trail Shorthair	Dinesen, Cathy
Seacoast Cat Club	June, Christine
Seattle Cat Club	Smith, Kendall
Seneca Cat Fanciers	Russell, Bruce
Shorthairs Unlimited	Bridges, Betty
Show And Tell Cat Club	Rogers, Jan
Siamese Alliance of America	Brady, Kathryn
Siamese Fanciers	Zaden, Sibyl
Siberian Cat Club	Phelps, Sherrie
Sign of The Cat Fanciers	Bishop, Karen J.
Siouxland Cat Fanciers	Rogers, Jim
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 LH Society	Summers, Patricia
Southern Traditions Cat Club	Boyce, Karen
Southwest Japanese Bobtail Fanciers	Reding, Jennifer
Southwest Scottish Fold Fanciers	Griswold, Marilee
Sphynx Without Borders	Friemoth, Shelby A.
Star City Cat Fanciers	Miller, Robert
Stars & Stripes Tabby & Tortie	Keroson Oksnee, Lana
Steinbeck Country Cat Club	Quigley, Neil
Sternwheel Cat Fanciers	Newcomb, Lily
Straight And Curl Cat Club	Nowell, Kristen

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Sunflower Cat Club	Takano, Yaeko
Sunkat Feline Fanciers	Nye, Victoria
Sunshine Cat Fanciers	Hoffmeister, Margaret
Superstition Cat Fanciers	Benzer, Julie A.
Sushi Cats Cat Fanciers	Castle-Flynn, Lauren
Tabby Fanciers of America	Harding, Wain
Tails And No Tales Cat Club	Harding, Wain
Takarazuka Cat Fanciers	Takahashi, Mie
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	Anger, Rachel
Titletown Cat Fanciers	Zaden, Sibyl
Tokyo Feline Fanciers	Krzanowski, Carol
Tonkinese Breed Association	Allgire, Debbie
Tonkinese East	Martino, Linda
Tonks West	Miller, Joan
Topeka Cat Fanciers	Keating, Allene
Triple Crown Cat Fanciers	Newcomb, Brad
Tropical Cats	Fogarty, Carol J.
Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l	Shafnisky, Alene M.
Twin City Cat Fanciers	Wehrauch, Bobbie
UK Cat Fanciers	Herman, Alicia
United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers	Kolencik, Mary
United Persian Society	Calhoun, Kathy
United Singapura Society	Colilla, Ronna
Utah Cat Fanciers	Irie, Barbara M.
Utah Purebred Cat Fanciers	Irie, Barbara M.
Valley Cat Fanciers	Smith, Kendall
Valley View Cat Fanciers	Gradowski, Charles T.
Vermont Fancy Felines	Rivard, Lorraine C.
Victor Valley Cat Club (the)	Martinez, Carmen
Warwick Valley Feline Fanciers	Krzanowski, Ed
Wenatchee Valley Cat Club	Moser, Pam
West Hills Cat Fanciers	Munro, Charlene
West Shore Shorthair Club	Eigenhauser, Jr., George J.
Westchester Cat Club	Keyer, Julie
Western Reserve Cat Club	Wilson, Annette L.
Wichita Cat Fancy, Inc.	Loggan, Luanne
Wild Blue Yonder Cat Fanciers	Haller, Russell
William Penn Cat Club	DeBiasse, Patti
World Lykoi Association	Bobby, Desiree
Worldwide European Burmese Society	Coleman, Cheryl

(37) APPROVAL OF 2018 MINUTES.

Hannon: I need a motion to approve the minutes from the 2018 annual meeting.

Eigenhauser: So moved. **Monte Phillips:** Second.

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

Anger: Thank you.

(38) APPOINT PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING.

Hannon: I am going to appoint as our parliamentarian the CFA Attorney John Randolph.

(39) SPECIAL RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE.

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

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

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(40) 2020 ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE.

Hannon: Next on the agenda we have a presentation from Allene Tartaglia, our Executive Director, about next year's Annual Meeting, as well as the meeting in 2024. We plan these things out five years in advance, so I'm turning it over to Allene.

Tartaglia: Good morning. Mark your calendars for next year's Annual Meeting in Spokane, Washington, June 17-21, 2020. You might notice that these dates are a week earlier than the dates listed in the delegate book ad. The dates in the delegate book are incorrect. There was a mix-up with the dates when the original contract was signed and a contract addendum, which affected only the dates, was issued. Unfortunately, the addendum is a separate document from the original contract, which resulted in the confusion. Again, the dates for the 2020 Annual next year are June 17-21. Here's a preview of what you will experience next year in Region 2 – Northwest at the Davenport Grand in Spokane, Washington.

[A video presentation was given, showing the highlights of the Davenport Grand, Spokane, Washington]

(41) **2024 ANNUAL MEETING SITE SELECTION.**



Tartaglia: On to 2024. CFA's 2024 Annual will be hosted in Region 6, the Midwest Region. The search for the location and hotel for the 2024 meeting started almost a year ago. Proposals were submitted and reviewed for reasonable rates, food and beverage pricing, at an overall quality venue. Site inspections were conducted and negotiations continued with the preferred properties. Unfortunately, none of the hotels were willing to negotiate to an acceptable guest room rate. At times, hotels are willing to discount offered rates significantly. This was not one of those times. Just like the current housing industry, in many areas it's a seller's market and the hotels are the sellers. The lowest rate offered to us was \$169 per night, plus taxes, for a guest room and catering minimums were too high. Back to square one. We started all over again, this time focusing on less mainstream locations. Proposals were submitted and reviewed for reasonable rates, food and beverage pricing, at an overall quality venue. Sound familiar?



The State of Iowa floated to the top of the list. Living on the east coast of the United States near the Atlantic Ocean most of my life, I thought of Iowa as “one of those states out there.” So I Googled Iowa. It's not as out there as I thought.



As you will see from the next several slides, Iowa, *The Hawkeye State*, has magnificent wildlife –



Incredible sights –



And vibrant downtown areas. We'll be visiting several locations in Iowa in the next several weeks, and will provide you with more details soon. Thank you.



(42) **NOURSE, A SHANGHAI CHOWSING PET PRODUCTS “PET NUTRITION BRAND”.**

Hannon: We have several corporate sponsors that have pitched in some money to help us sponsor the Annual this year. The first one is Nourse, which is from China. We have Gary Lee here to make a presentation on behalf of Nourse.

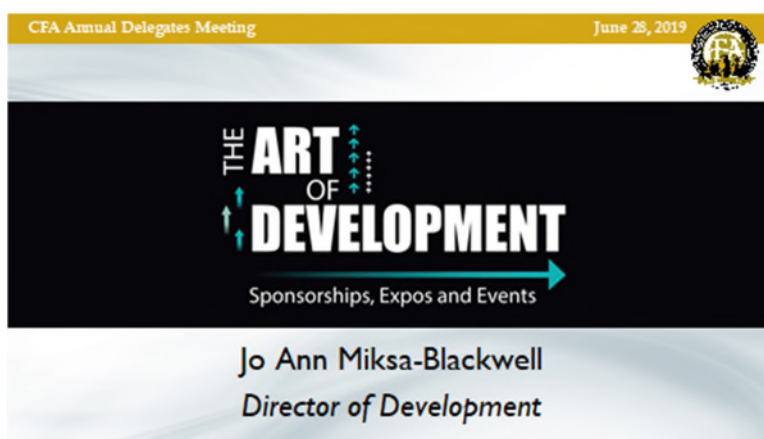
[A video presentation was given, show the importance of the human/pet bond]

Gary Lee: Hi everyone. The video is a bit long, I know. It's 2-1/2 minutes. You guys might get bored and not know what's going on, so Nourse the brand is being published for 14 years. In China we are actually known as a pet nutrition brand selling through almost 300 million in China. We're not just a nutrition brand, we also work with a lot of vets and help them to educate people. China is a younger market and a lot of pet owners don't really know how to own pets, how to treat a pet, and Nourse also helps to educate them and help them to learn much more than just a dog and a cat. So, the whole concept is to demonstrate the love by showing the other side of you, because a cat really is like a mirror for yourself. We try to not just guard their happiness, we are guarding their health so that way everyone can be happier together. For Nourse, we have around 21 categories of pet products and 6 different categories of food products that is helping animals get healthier bones, better body and hair, and also being more active. Thank you.

Hannon: Thank you, Gary. We are excited to have Nourse as a new sponsor for us. As I said, they are sponsoring the Annual here and I know Jo Ann is working with them on additional sponsorship opportunities.

(43) **DEVELOPMENT.**

Hannon: I introduce Jo Ann Miksa-Blackwell, who is our Development Director.



Miksa-Blackwell: Good morning. How's it going? I'm the Director of Development, but I'm kind of transitioning this into the art of development, because it's different than you might think. While we are raising money for CFA through sponsorships, we're actually building partnerships in a way that's meaningful to CFA and equally meaningful to the sponsors, because when they invest in CFA, they come as part of our team. So, I would encourage you to get to know Nourse. Thank you Gary, actually, for presenting that because it leads nicely into everything that we're doing here. This is their first CFA Annual.



Miksa-Blackwell: These are our sponsors. Royal Canin is our long-term sponsor for many, many years. We appreciate them, and they are going to follow me. Dr. Kessler is here to answer some questions and tell you about that. You've met Nourse and their products are in your bag. They have a display back there also. It's amazing for me – when they hired me they said, “well, we're going to be doing two things.” Mark said, “you're going to be doing sponsorship and pet expos,” and I'm surprised how well those two things tie together because pet expos are actually outreach in a brand new way. We're partnering with clubs at the Minnesota State Fair with Twin City Cat Fanciers. They are there for 12 days, so we will not be there the whole time but we're going to support them with brochures and everything that they need. We're working closely with them. The Pittsburgh Pet Expo is coming up and an opening came where they were

willing to present a free show hall. There will not be any gate, but they presented a free show hall. Thanks John [Colilla] for agreeing to do a Great Lakes Region fundraiser with that process, so that's going to turn out well. Please support that show. It's going to be in the Great Lakes Region. The clubs are going to be involved. We're going to have with that Agility, Ambassador Cats. CCW [Companion Cat World] will be there. We're going to be promoting this in a brand new way. In some ways, and I'll talk about it later in my presentation, but kind of a rebranding of CFA that brings new energy and life. Then the Columbus Pet Expo came on my calendar on Friday. That is one that actually TICA is doing the show and we're going to be in the main booth with CCW and Agility and all kinds of things like that, so that's going to go really well. So, we are on the move.



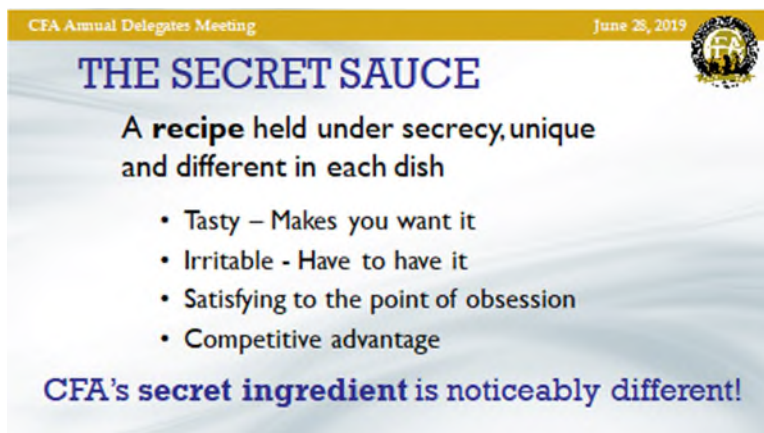
Miksa-Blackwell: But, here's the thing. When people come to me and they say, "I need money! Money, money, money." I said to Allene a while back, "it's like I should just run out and money is going rain out of heaven. I've got a basket and I can just gather this money up."



Miksa-Blackwell: While that would be really wonderful, the sponsors want value. They want return on investment. They want high quality. They want to know clear measurables. They want to understand the value of what CFA is doing, why they want to be part of us. With our programs and products, we already have a lot that we're already doing, but it's kind of like around your house you have all these amazing things but they're all over. If you group them in an impactful way, they can be packaged, they can be delivered in a way that a sponsor knows what they're doing, they know how they are going to be part of you.

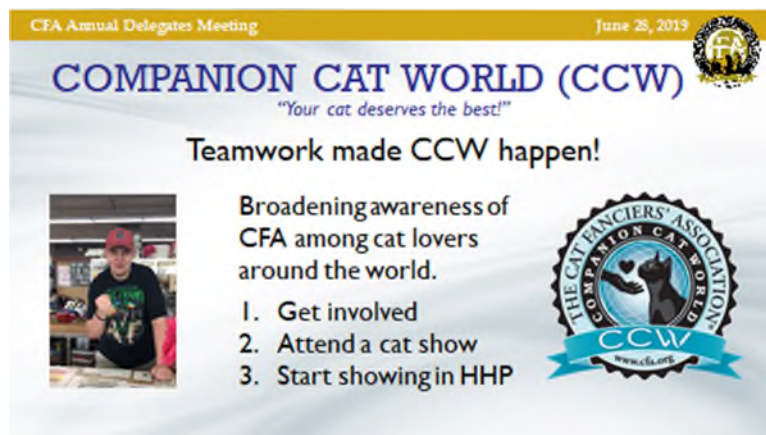


Miksa-Blackwell: This includes the programs, the products, the rebranding, repackaging. And how are we going to distribute this? For example, we have coloring books and we have wonderful calendars, and then after we get them we're like, "let's take them here, let's take them there," but the plan isn't in place up front. If we begin planning ahead, knowing what the path is going to be and refining our marketing messages in our proposals, then we are able to deliver value to the sponsor because they know how they're partnering with us. They know what they're going to get.



Miksa-Blackwell: I want to talk about the secret sauce. In some ways, this is in here for Rich [Mastin] because, what's in the secret sauce? Do you guys know? Your grandmother's recipe? That's CFA. CFA has a lot of secret sauce. You can never really tell exactly what it is. I'm going to tell you a little bit about it, but what they want to know is, it's really tasty. It's irresistible. It's satisfying beyond their imagination. When somebody says, "where do you want to go eat?" What are you saying? "I know just where I want to go." Well, it's a little bit high price but do you go anyway? Sometimes. If it's really, really good, you're going to go. It's like a hook. That's our competitive advantage, because the truth is, CFA, our secret sauce has to do a lot with the fact that we have been an organization since 1906. We put a lot of energy into our pedigrees making sure that that is exactly correct, into the registrations making sure that that is exactly correct. While there may be organizations that are way younger than us and they may be doing some good things, they don't have our secret sauce. They do not have that – back in the day, as I study the history of CFA, we actually had to, when somebody came, they had to testify

like a legal document that this was a true and legal pedigree. We have done that for over 100 years. That's part of what secret sauce is, but we've got a lot of other sauce that, we just need some new recipes and that's what I'm here to help you pull together.



Miksa-Blackwell: Companion Cat World. I know that you're beginning to hear about that. You're going to hear more about that when Marketing gets up. I want to tell you a short story about how that started. My first day in November, I go to Central Office and I'm meeting with Allene Tartaglia. She says to me, "you know, I just feel really strongly that we can do more with the Household Pets." She described to me this love, this compassion, the true joy of cats. She said, "if we can translate this into the Household Pet market, this is a whole new industry that we have not yet even begun to tap into." For 3 or 4 months we went around and around and around. It started actually with Mary Auth when she was the Marketing Director. She came up with Cool Cats and all these different ideas. We went around I think with 100 different names, so finally this "companion" kept coming up. I did actually do interactive surveys when I was at Garden State at the Expo in Edison, New Jersey. I probably asked 2,000 people and I ran a few names by them. The name that resonated with them was "companion," so we came back again. After we came back, we went back and forth a little bit more because this is an important name. This is a program when we roll it out, this can be impactful – not just for the Household Pets but for the whole industry that wants to know about CFA, that we're not just this elitist organization. We're an organization that cares deeply about cats, and so what happened next? I'm at my recycle and I see somebody throwing their old cat post into the dumpster. I said to them, "can I ask you a question? Can I ask you what you think of the word 'companion'?" I told her we were starting a new program and I'm doing a survey, and this is what she said to me. She said, "that speaks to me compassion, that speaks to me caring and that speaks to me loving my cat, just like I love my cat. I thought wow, that might work. So, I did another survey. I went into – this picture of this fellow is up her and it's Pet Helpers. It's a recycle place but they donate all their money to the cat people. So, I did my survey with him. When I gave this back to the board, they went "wow, maybe that will fly."

[A video presentation was given, in which the subject commented on the word "companion"]

Miksa-Blackwell: He said he wants me to bring the stuff in and he'll help us sell after we get there, so that's what launched that. That's what program development is kind of about – taking what we have, rebranding it and remaking it into something that's impactful.

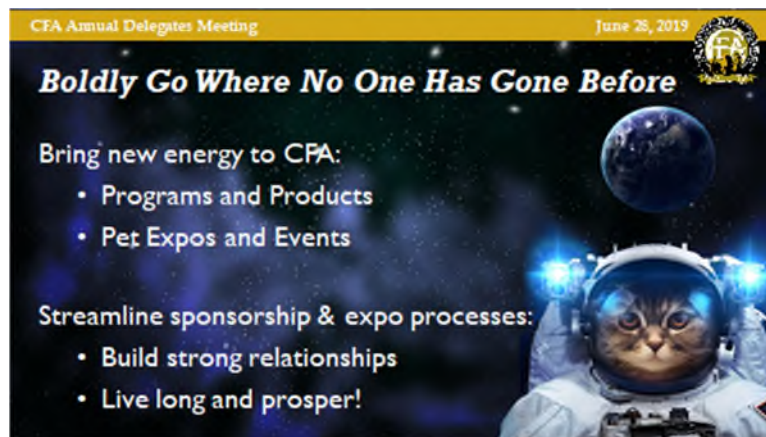


Miksa-Blackwell: Then we started to say, “when we get into expos, Agility is going with us.” So, we started working on Agility. This is part of the rebranding. This is their new logo. You’ve seen that hurdle the cat is jumping over? Development began to focus on that program, because as part of the repackaging we actually do have a sponsorship proposal out there pending currently. That’s top secret, but I’ll be letting you know more about that in the near future.



Miksa-Blackwell: What else makes a leadership team? When we go and we write proposals, what I do is, I build a proposal package. Rich Mastin is over sponsorship, so he looks at it and gives his feedback. Really, with the detail that Rich Mastin has, when it is finished, it is as perfect as it can possibly be. I want to thank you, Rich, for all your work making that happen. [applause] On the last sponsorship proposal, I actually did put the leadership team. This is it. Allene – she’s there, she’s all the time. When these events are successful, it’s because of her 37 years of experience. When I go to a sponsor and I tell them, “here’s the team that’s going to deliver for you.” They want to know who we are, and I tell them a little bit about myself. I’m all into measurables. I make it happen. In my last job, they took away my title of director and they named me pathfinder because, I’m telling you, I can find an impossible path. We’re here to go to new places. Desiree Bobby has this whole new thing. She calls it the “marketing science know-

how.” When we want to reach somebody, it takes a team like this – one, two, three – to make it happen. I want to thank the team for making that happen with us.



Miksa-Blackwell: What are we going to do now, right? What’s next. This was the hardest slide, because Mark said, “we’ve got to really land it at the end because it’s your end game plan.” So I’m like, OK, we’re going to boldly go where no one has gone before. You know, I think CFA can do that. While we are 100+ years old, we can do more. If we put new energy into our programs and our pet expos and our events, and we streamline our building of partnerships, we can live long and prosper but we need all your help because it is all of us that are going to make it happen. Thank you.

Hannon: Thank you, Jo Ann. Jo Ann is bringing a lot of passion to this new job that she has. We’re going to hear later from Desiree Bobby, who is part of this team, to help enliven and enlarge CFA.

(44) **ROYAL CANIN.**

Hannon: One of the corporate sponsors that we've had for a number of years is Royal Canin, and we're delighted they are here with us today. As you know, they are the primary sponsor for our CFA International Show and they provide other additional partnerships with CFA. Dr. Kesler is here from Royal Canin.

[Secretary's Note: Dr. Rick Kesler D.V.M., Royal Canin Senior Service Veterinarian, conducted a Q&A session, using previously submitted questions]

Kesler: As you heard, I am a veterinarian with Royal Canin. My history is basically, I'm a reproductive vet working with breeders basically for too many years. I have a whole bunch of questions here and I'm certainly not going to be able to get to all of them, but I do have two on pyometra so I thought I would start there, then basically work our way through until my time is up. So, we're going to start with pyometra. Most breeders think pyometra is an infectious problem. It's actually a hormonal problem. It can occur at any age, but we normally see it in older cats. The reason that we normally see it in older cats is because of progesterone. Progesterone is a very inflammatory hormone, so every time your cats basically become pregnant or go through a heat cycle, then that presence of progesterone causes cysts to form in the uterus. Every time those cysts are formed and as they go through subsequent heats, then basically what happens is that that allows bacteria to come into the uterus and that's where we end up with the pyometra. So, let me start telling you that cats are unique. I know you all know that, but cats are unique reproductively also, because there are three things that can happen. To understand pyometra, when a cat comes into heat, there's three possibilities that can happen. One is, she doesn't ovulate and she doesn't get bred, so basically she goes around and she will go into heat a little while later. The other two possibilities are that she ovulates and basically she gets pregnant. The other possibility that we see, and this is where it can lead to pyometra is, she ovulates, doesn't get pregnant and then she is under the influence of progesterone. When she's under the influence of progesterone and we go to breed her, then when her cervix is open and she has cystic endometrial hyperplasia, which is just a fancy name for those cysts that have been formed, that allows bacteria to come in, enter through her cervix, and that's where we get pyometra. So, that's unique in the cat world and so it's really important. Part of the question I got is, how often should we breed her? If she is going to ovulate, we want to breed her or else we open her up for cystic endometrial hyperplasia. Cats come into heat – and this is my theory – to get pregnant. That's the only reason that they come into heat, is for us to breed her. If we're not going to breed her, then we certainly don't want her to ovulate. We know that a certain percentage of cats, that depends on who you read, will spontaneous ovulate. In other words, they are going to ovulate without the presence of a male cat. That's a small percentage, but what normally happens – and this is something to understand – is that we breed her but we don't know how many times we have bred her. It takes about four breedings within 2-3 hours for her to produce those eggs that we want. If we only breed her once, then that leads to the possibility most likely that she is not going to get bred. If she's not going to get bred and she has ovulated, then we're asking for pyometra. If we don't ask for pyometra this cycle, we will do it on the next cycle or the next cycle after that.

Kesler: Then, the other question basically was the treatment of pyometra. Historically, pyometra when I was a young vet, the only thing we could do is basically spay her. In today's

world we have the option of treating her medically and can do so successfully. That said, there are two types of pyometra. One is open, and that's where she's draining. The other one is closed, and that's where that pus that's in the uterus is not draining. So, that's important to understand. Cats again are unique. In dogs, when they have an open pyometra, we actually see that pus coming out. A lot of times with cats we don't see that, because of their grooming habits. So, it's really important. In my practice, I see cat breeders thinking the cats are bred because obviously they're expanding and they think the uterus is expanding, but they actually have pus in there. Those cats that have an open pyometra we can treat successfully with a type of drug called prostaglandins. That basically stimulates that uterus to contract and get that pus out of her. Obviously, we're going to use a combination of bacteria there. So, that's my story on pyometra.

Kesler: The next one is chronic vomiting cats. This was an excellent question. Chronic vomiting cats can obviously run the gamut, but in this lady's case what she described is that the cat vomits once a day and that's about it. There are techniques that we can go without spending thousands and thousands and thousands of dollars to diagnose a vomiting cat. This is basically a technique that we use, obviously if the cat is fairly healthy. Now, if your cats are losing weight and not eating, that's a whole different story. Obviously, the first place we start with a vomiting cat is, we should worm her. You may say, and this is what I hear from breeders all the time, that my cats don't have worms. Trust me, they do. Especially when a cat is under stress, then we see the presence of parasites. They are very difficult to diagnose on fecals, so fecals are not that reliable in finding parasites, so if we have a vomiting cat like the one described, the first thing we want to do is use a product such as Fenbendazole, which is panacur safeguard in your world. We do what's called the 3/3/3 method. Basically, we use it for 3 days, come back in 3 weeks and do it again, then in 3 months. The second thing we do is use Pyrantel, which is another wormer. Pyrantel is good for stomach worms. Stomach worms are very, very, very difficult to diagnose in cats, and dogs also. We use Pyrantel because you can go through an expensive surgery, get biopsies and find out that your cat had stomach worms, where using Pyrantel would have been a good method of getting rid of them. So, never overlook the fact that we may be dealing with parasites before going and getting biopsies. The second approach, obviously, would be to run routine bloodwork and urinalysis. Sometimes we can pick up things and go from there. The third thing I think is overlooked in a chronic vomiting cat that's an easy way to approach is hairballs. You may say, "I haven't seen any hairballs and where do I go from here?" But, think about this. When your cats groom, they don't have to have hairballs. They get hair in their stomach. Just imagine how irritating that is to cats. So, if those little hairs get into the stomach – the stomach has folds and they cause irritation and chronic inflammation – then we need to use something to get that hair out of there. Hairball medicine is as good as anything to remove those. In this lady's case, those are the easy things that need to be done before you jump to the more expensive, because you can run the gamut with a chronic vomiting cat from hairballs or hair like I talked about, to stomach worms, all the way to lymphosarcoma, which is a cancer of cats in the intestinal tract. If that's where it leads, then I think that's a place to go to. But, before we do that, there's one other thing that we need to consider and an easy thing to do, and this is what this lady was sort of getting at. What can she do before she goes and runs the gamut of those tests? The other thing that I would recommend is using what we call a hydrolyzed protein diet. A hydrolyzed protein diet is basically that protein that's in the diet is ground down so fine that the immune system that's in the intestinal tract of the cats can't recognize it, so it will pass through the intestinal tract into the blood stream, be utilized, and it fooled the immune system. So, we can spend 4-6 weeks on a hydrolyzed protein diet and see if the cat responds to that. What does

that tell us? That tells us sometimes that your cat had, say, an adverse food reaction or a food allergy, or maybe inflammatory bowel disease, because inflammatory bowel disease can respond to a hydrolyzed protein diet. So, those are the easy things. What this lady is leading up to, because she said she was going to a vet school is, she is probably looking at getting the cat scoped, so they're going to go into the stomach and into the small intestine as far as they can go and look for any lesions and take biopsies there. That's certainly warranted, but I don't think that's where we jump to before we've tried all those other steps that we need to do.

Kesler: That said, I have one more question I think that probably applies to most of us here, and that's tritrichomonas, something that we're all concerned about in our cats. Tritrichomonas, we need to understand, is what we call a fecal/oral disease, so in cats that use litter boxes, we're going to see that more often and that's why we need to basically do a good job in a multi-cat hospital of making sure that we clean that litterbox constantly. If we remove the source of the cyst that comes from the feces, then basically we're not going to get the oral part of that. So, tritrichomonas in this lady's case, we diagnose a couple ways. Historically, the worst way to diagnose it is with a fecal, because several things. One, it's very hard to pick up. Second is it can be confused with giardia and often is. Third, we normally just don't see it. The other way is to culture it. Culture is OK, but it has to be a very fresh sample. A lot of times when we're trying to diagnose tritrichomonas, we have to do a colon flush to get that out of there and make sure it is fresh. That's about 70% accurate, so if we get a positive, it's still only a 70% chance that that was positive. If we get a negative, then it's even worse. A lot of times we don't get that, so a PCR, which is the DNA test, basically is the way to go. The downside of that, it's more expensive but if we get a positive, it's 100% positive. If it's negative, that still doesn't tell us if we don't have tritrichomonas. Those of you that have experienced tritrichomonas, you know that it's not something that is good for our cats to go through. It's a large bowel disease and mixed bowel disease, so a lot of times we see gassy, fatty diarrhea on a day-to-day basis, or it can be intermittent. Historically, when I practiced way, way back when, we had no treatment for that. We would put cats on tylenol powder, we would put cats on metronidazole and they would get better. We take them off and it would return. In today's world, basically we have ronidazole. Ronidazole basically is a good, effective treatment. It does have side effects in some cases. About 5-7% of cats get neurological problems with this. If we use it once a day versus two or three times a day, then the neurological signs that we see are diminished and that's important because we want to make sure we don't cause neurological problems with these cats. We need to treat these cats and normally within 17-24 months, most cats can rid themselves of tritrichomonas. In this lady's case, she was concerned because the cat had lifelong problems with GI issues and we always have to think, when a cat has tritrichomonas, there is what's called co-morbidity. In other words, there's another problem that's involved. Think about this; if we have a cat that has chronic intestinal problems, that affects their immune system. We know about 65-70% of their immune system is in the gut. It's not a healthy gut anymore, so we know there's a lot of inflammation, which leads to co-morbidity. In other words, now there can be inflammatory bowel disease, there can be infectious agents, there can be other parasites like giardia, coccidia, cryptosporidium. What we always have to be thinking in these cats is, how can we get that bowel back to health as soon as possible? The other thing, when we have inflammation in the gut and we're affecting that immune system, we're affecting basically the good and bad bacteria which is so important, to not only their immune health but basically their genetic health, so we have to work really hard to get that gut back in health. So, something like a prebiotic and a probiotic would be appropriate, because they both play a role in getting that immune system back in health.

and keeping that inflammation under control. Because also think about this. Once a cat basically has all this inflammation in its gut, it's not going to digest the food that it gets, no matter what you're giving it, as well as a cat that's in health. If it can't digest its food, then it's not going to get those nutrients that it needs on a day-to-day basis. So, we're not then feeding for health, we're just feeding the cat to maintain weight, and that's not what we really want to do. So, with tritrichomonas, I think in most cases we have success in today's world, but we have to always think of co-morbidity – in other words, an underlying disease – and we have to think how we keep that gut in health. That's critical. Anytime you have any gastrointestinal issue with your cats, always be thinking that we need to keep that inflammation under control.

Kesler: I have a few more questions. I don't know where I am with time. **Hannon:** Take another one. **Kesler:** OK. Females, the toms aren't interested in the queens. I have a lot of comments there, but I'll be careful about what I say. [laughter] In the reproductive world, it is important that we control stress in our cats. Stress can be anything in our cats or in us, but basically we have to control that. So, the first thing we need to do is to make sure that before we even start breeding, is that our toms are familiar with the female and vice versa, because breeding is hormonal, breeding is physical obviously, but it's also behavior. In cats, it's especially so. You've all seen cats breed. You will know they have to go through that mating ritual to have a successful breeding. If they don't go through that mating ritual, that's where we end up with that first word that we talked about, and that's pyometra often. If they're a little bit stressed, then we have to control the environment. How do we control the environment? Pheromones are an excellent way to reduce the stress on our cats. They do a very good job because the female produces pheromones anyway, but if she's on a limited protein diet or a diet that's not highly digestible, then she's not going to produce the pheromones that we need her to. Pheromones are basically the attraction to the male. She produces them up under her chin, she produces them back by her tail, she produces them obviously when she comes into heat and he can smell that, because smell is really important in the behavior of cats. So, we need to make sure to produce those pheromones that her gut is, again, in health and also basically that that protein is there to help those pheromones be produced, because our male cats, if they are stressed or she is a dominant queen, then we need to work with them to get them together. As I said, to have a successful breeding in most cases, we're looking for four breedings to get her pregnant. If we breed her 4 times with a tom cat, then we're pretty sure we are close to 90-100% chance of getting pregnant. If we only breed her one or two times with a tom cat, we're down to about 50% success rate. If we only breed her once, we're down to about 25-30% success getting her pregnant. So, never overlook the role of the gut in reproduction and how important it is for those productions of pheromones. When it comes to behavior, we have so much control of it but we can't control everything. There is going to come a time when we have a certain tom cat that's going to be intimidated by that female. It's our job to lessen the stress of that breeding, because a male and female cat, it's a stressful time for them. The other thing that you need to think about is not just reproduction. If we look at feral cats when they breed, and we know that basically our cats are still predators, breeding is a stressful time on both of them because not only of territory, but also because that's a time when they are thinking about predators against them. Think about that. So, one of the reasons that cats, when they breed it's a very short time – it's not like a dog that cat last 45 minutes to an hour and a half – it's a very short time, because of their instinctual behavior because of predators in the wild. No other reason. So, there isn't a lot of – as you know, you've seen them breed – there isn't a lot of prenups going on. There isn't a lot of talking or drinking wine or taking out to dinner. Let's get it done and let's get it done quickly, and then

basically we're back to our territory. So, lots of things to think about when we breed our cats. When it goes well, we don't think about it at all, but when we have problems, as a veterinarian I always say nobody ever brings a cat to me and says everything is going wonderful. There's always a problem involved, so never overlook some of the things that we talked about.

Kesler: Thanks Royal Canin for sending me here, and thank you all for listening to me.

Hannon: I want to say, we're certainly excited to have Nourse with us as a new sponsor, and we hope to have a long, fruitful relationship with them. In the case of Royal Canin, we have had a long, fruitful relationship with them. For many years, Sharon Lund was with us from Royal Canin. Sharon left us to go to the dog world, and I see Sharon is back. [applause] Sharon is standing in back by the Royal Canin booth in the black sleeveless outfit, so be sure you stop by and welcome her back. She's going to be with us at the International Show, as well. She has got a very full plate. She is still doing some of the stuff with the dogs, and she's now back with the cats, as well.

(45) IT REPORT.

Hannon: Tim, would it be OK to fast forward to the IT report? We're running a little ahead of schedule, which is probably good because we've got all those amendments and resolutions this afternoon to get through. So, I present to you, Tim Schreck.

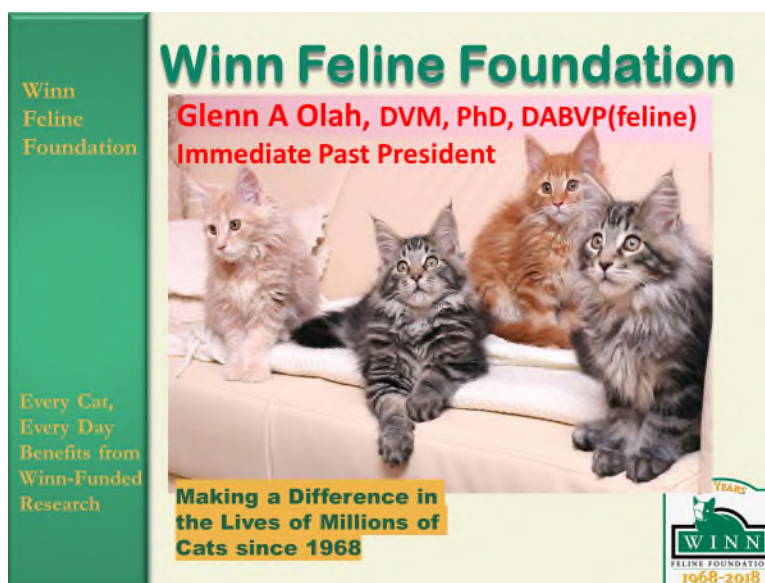
Schreck: They gave me 15 minutes but I won't take up that much of your time. Mostly, I want to tell you that we're ending our first year with our new vendor and things are going exceptionally well. Our response times at Central Office and our reoccurring problem numbers are down significantly. Also, we're currently working on moving our applications from our outdated HP system to this new web based application from Sonit. The first part of that is to be completed basically after this meeting. Central Office has been running the applications that allow them to run an annual, to check your clubs and make sure that you are compliant with being able to send a delegate. All that stuff they are doing correctly and running it on both systems to make sure that we will get the same information when we turn off the old system, so we're glad to announce that that is nearing completion. Our real focus for this next year is to completely move everything off the old HP system and be operating completely on our new web based platform. The only other thing I really wanted to mention at this time is, we have significant work going on. The genetics project that we started, which will help to track genetically and confirm that your cats are being registered with the correct colors that are possible from those breedings. This is one thing that has been asked for several times in order to improve the authenticity of our pedigrees. More of that information will be presented at the breed council meeting, so if you are interested in that I encourage you to attend that meeting.

Hannon: Thank you Tim. On your agenda, you see the Credentials Committee is scheduled for 1:00. They are busy right now counting the ballots. According to the Chairman Nancy Dodds, she anticipates they are going to be through before lunch. So, hang around. That will probably make lunch a little bit better for the candidates because they will have the answer. So, we are going to take a 20 minute break and meet back here in 20 minutes.

BREAK.

(46) **WINN FELINE FOUNDATION.**

Hannon: Next on our agenda is Glenn Olah, who is the outgoing president of the Winn Feline Foundation. If Glenn is here, can he work his way up here?



Glenn Olah DVM, PhD, DABVP (Feline): Good morning. Thanks for inviting me here today. I would like to talk about Winn. Winn has had another stellar year on funding for research education. [applause] Yes, I am immediate past president now, and in a moment I will introduce you to our new president.

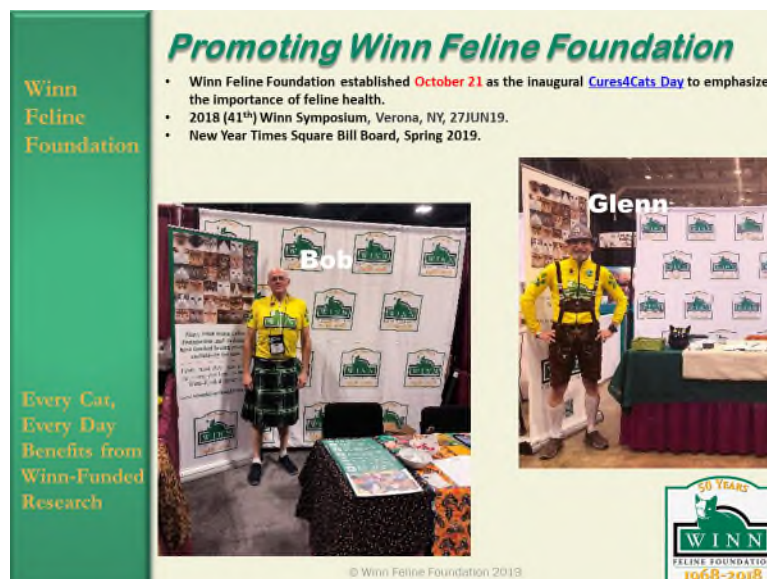


Olah: I also want to give this slide – I made the board members before we start any meetings tell me what the mission statement is for our organization. It was redone in 2017. *Winn Feline Foundation advances feline health by supporting research and education.* That's something I don't know if you all know about, but that is part of our mission – education, not

just research. Then our catchy vision statement: *Every cat, every day, benefits from Winn-funded research.* I think that should be the mantra. You'll see it on the bottom left on every slide.



Olah: Typically, we have two review sessions per year. There can be more, depending on corporate sponsors, etc., topics of interest. Typically, we have one session in October which is the Miller Trust. Usually about \$130,000-\$140,000 goes directly to research funding. The other is a session, the larger one is in March. We just had the March review session on March 15th this past Spring. It's usually a very grueling day but a very rewarding day, to go through these proposals. I'll talk about that in a second – some of the proposals that we funded this past March.



Olah: Part of the education, Winn does wind up at various venues with a booth and it's a lot of fun trying to improve the exposure to cat lovers everywhere, including cat fanciers. We have the booth usually at cat shows and expos, conferences, etc. That's me in the lederhosen and the Winn jersey. Actually, Bob Thayer and I were having a competition, so he's got the kilt on. I

don't know who wins. I think I won. I had more buttons on or something. He's got sexy legs, right?

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Awards and Honors (Students)

- 2019 Winn/AAFP Student Scholarship (Clinical Research Scientist) – Colorado State University, \$2500.
- 2019 Winn/AAFP Student Scholarship (Clinical Practice) – Colorado State University, \$2500.

Laurel Krause
Clinical Research Scientist Scholarship

Summer Marsh
Clinical Practice Scholarship

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Olah: Again, part of our education is in collaboration with the Feline Practitioners Association, as well as AVMF, the American Veterinary Medical Association's foundation. We award scholarships to veterinary students. Now, we've actually got it up to two students when we collaborate with AMP, and two other students with AVMF. This is part of our supporting young researchers and future feline clinicians, so we feel it's important to our organization to support these young people, because they are the future pushing feline health research forward. This is also not just the review sessions being rewarding, it's rewarding to go through these young people's applications for these scholarships. It's amazing to me how brilliant these young people are. It's also amazing to me how much debt they have, to get through vet school now. It's incomprehensible, I tell you. It's shocking. I would say typically between \$200,000-\$300,000 debt when they are coming out of vet school. It's incomprehensible to me, but anyway, these are two of the winners – both from Colorado State this past year with AMP award winners.

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41th Winn Symposium

From Feline Health Research to Healthy Felines

Kari Mundshcenk, DVM, DABVP(feline)
Professional Service Veterinarian,
IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.

"Preventive Care: a Focus on Kidney Health ...
The Time is Meow"




Glenn A Olah
DVM, PhD, DABVP(feline)



Drew Weigner, DVM
Winn President

"Winn's Greatest Hist: Past, Present, and Future"

The presentation is approved by AAVSB RACE for 2 CE credits for veterinarians and veterinary technicians/technologists.



Olah: I think we had about 40 people last night the symposium. There were free drinks afterwards. It was sponsored by IDEXX. We had Dr. Mundshcenk – I think I pronounced that right. [speaks German] It sounds pretty German to me. Anyway, she talked about kidney disease, diagnostics. I don't know if you all know about these things that are out there now, trying to get a handle on chronic kidney disease. I think we had polls sent out, what's important to you as cat lovers, as cat breeders. Chronic kidney disease is way up there, chronic kidney disease, so we're working hard to try to find solutions to other preventions, treatments, etc. She talked a little bit about that. Both Dr. Weigner and I talk about Winn's past, present and future endeavors. That was fun, so if you didn't go you missed out. If you were there, thanks for showing up.

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2019 Winn Feline Grant Awards

Sixteen research proposals were funded this year:

- **Shelter Medicine Grants (3)** (sponsored by PetSmart Charities®)
 - **Misdirected oral behaviors:** Assess surrogate mother effect in orphaned neonatal kittens
 - **Panleukopenia virus:** Optimization of diagnosis
 - **Heart rate variability (HRV):** Assess HRV correlation with cat health
 - **Feline leukemia virus:** Screening shelter cats: balancing disease control and life-saving
- **New Feline Investigators Award**
 - **Gene editing strategies for treating hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (Maine Coon) (CRISPR-Cas9/gene-editing/gene therapy)**
- **New Feline Investigators Award - Genomics** (sponsored by Wisdom Health™)
 - **Annotation of genome regulatory regions in non-coding DNA regions via tissue specific ChIP-seq**

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Olah: Back to the proposals. When I first joined the board and started working with Winn, I would say we were funding about \$200,000-\$250,000 per year. We would have somewhere around 60-80 proposals. That turned out to where we were funding 8-10 proposals. Now look where we're at. We are up to 16 proposals. [applause] It's quite exciting. It's not that

we're funding bad proposals. It's amazing, they are very good proposals. It's still pretty hard when we have 46 proposals, to not have the money to fund everything. It's amazing how many good proposals we still receive – anywhere from topics like the misdirected oral behavior to tapping into some of the new technologies to actually correct the mutation in the Maine Coon heart mutation. We have investigators using these new techniques, etc., and actually improving the cat genome even more than where we are at now, looking at the non-coding regions of the cat genome.

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2019 Winn Feline Grant Awards

▪ **Winn Grants:**

- **Trypanosoma cruzi infection:** Parasite identification in animal shelters in Southern Louisiana
- **Plasminogen activator to treat:** Targeted treatment for aortic thromboembolism (ATE)
- **Feline infectious peritonitis:** Identify diagnostic biomarkers
- **Feline infectious peritonitis:** Attenuated FIP vaccine
- **Feline infectious peritonitis:** Development of safe and effective anti-corona viral therapy for cats with FIP
- **Feline infectious peritonitis:** Assess mefloquine pharmacokinetic (in-vivo) toward potential treatment for FIP
- **Neurological disease:** Extended-release topiramate safety and efficacy in treating seizures in cats
- **Urinary tract infections:** Evaluate urine concentration of Clavamox
- **Transdermal gabapentin:** Assess transdermal gabapentin in cats (anti-anxiety, anti-seizure, pain modulation).

❖ **TOTAL: \$382,679**



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Olah: Roughly, what we have now, this is just through March. We still have October ahead of us for the Miller Trust, so we've already got close to \$400,000 just from that one review session. Now we will have another \$140,000-ish for the Miller Trust coming up for this year. So, we're pushing a half million every year now. When I first joined, like I said, it was \$200,000-\$250,000 of direct funding. No overhead to research.

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2018(October) Miller Trust Grant Awards

Six feline health proposals funded:

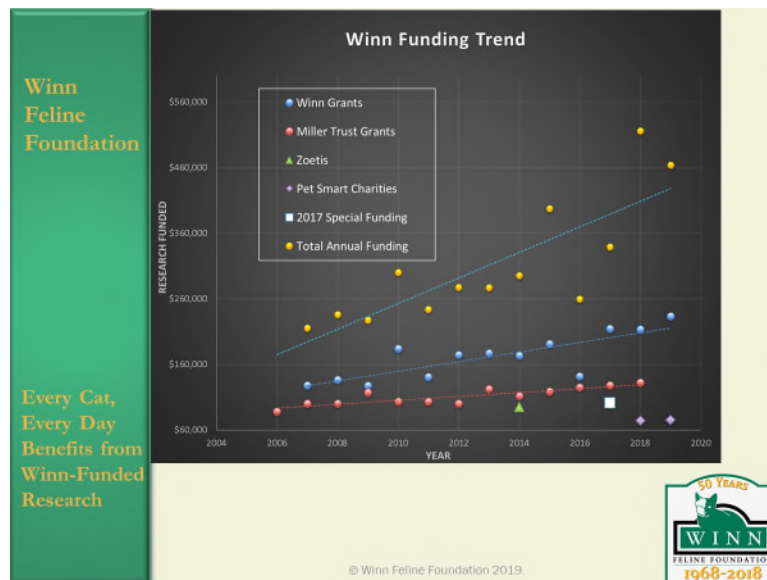
- Metagenomic and metabolomic analysis of the short-term and long term effects of antibiotic therapy on the intestinal microbiota in growing kittens and their relation to the overall health status of these kittens
- Evaluating the efficacy of novel gastroprotectants in cats
- Estimating the significance of a novel feline hepadnavirus in hepatitis and liver cancer
- 99 Lives Genome Sequencing Initiative: Precision Medicine Genomics for Cats
- The effects of brachycephalic conformation on cardiopulmonary health in cats
- Evaluation of commercial feline diets for calcium, phosphorous and the calcium to phosphorous ratio

❖ **TOTAL: \$132,104**



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Olah: This is last year's Miller Trust, the \$132,104, so it's going to be in that park again. It usually is. I've seen that creep up, too. Again, when I first started working with Winn in around 2012 or so, it was around \$110,000 and you can see that trust fund is doing really well.



Olah: I like graphs. My background is in physics and cats, but I like graphs. Positive, slow, good, right? You can see the yellow dots. That's the total funding each year. You can see as it goes up that over the last 10 years, we are pushing that half million dollar funding, and I hope that keeps on growing.



Olah: That wasn't that many years ago. Seven years ago I joined Winn – something like that – I think we were around \$4 million. Now we are pushing \$7 million. That's direct funding! We passed our 50th anniversary. 51 years, 1968.

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New Winn President



Drew Weigner, DVM

- Graduated from the University of Florida in 1982 and has practiced in Atlanta since 1983.
- Founded The Cat Doctor clinic in Atlanta, GA in 1987.
- Member of the American Association of Feline Practitioners, American Veterinary Medical Association, and American Animal Hospital Association.
- Winn Board Member and Winn Research Review Committee Member since 2014
- Former President of the Academy of Feline Medicine.



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Olah: I want to introduce our new president, Dr. Drew Weigner. He has been with Winn since a couple of years after I joined. He is a board member of Winn, a cat specialist, and he's also on the research review committee. So, he goes to that grueling, fun day twice a year that we have. It's my pleasure to introduce Dr. Weigner.

Drew Weigner, DVM, ABVP: Thank you all for having me. As Glenn said, I have been with Winn almost as long as he has. I don't find these review sessions grueling. They're fascinating, because we're cat nerds. When you do that it's not work, it's pleasure. Glenn is right; our funding has gone up year after year. It has doubled within the space and time that I've been here. You think of Winn approaching \$7 million of funding over 51 years. If we're adding half a million a year, that's going to go up dramatically. One of the things that we have identified in the last two years, however, is that we've actually seen a decrease in the number of proposals that we've had, even though we have plenty of them. One of the problems is, we have not increased grant amounts in many, many years. They are typically \$25,000 a year. It's a lot of work to write one of these grants. We spoke with some of these researchers and they say it's not enough sometimes for them to warrant giving us proposals. We're going to have to increase that, which is obviously going to increase our funding deficit if that occurs, but I don't see how it can be avoided. The support that we've had from Winn over the years has been absolutely phenomenal. We have been able to do what we have done for it because of you. You're so important to us. We certainly appreciate the help and support that you have given us. It's interesting to me to think that basically we are CFA's foundation, but you are our founders. You're the reason that we're here and the reason for what we do. This is the reason that I have fun keeping up with this work. We so appreciate your support and your help. I can't thank you enough. Thank you so much.

Hannon: Thank you to both Glenn and Drew. CFA, as Drew said, has been involved with the Winn Foundation for all 51 years of its existence. We provide financial support at the corporate level. I know a lot of our breeders, exhibitors and our clubs donate funds to help with it. The education aspect of Winn has been great. Last week they had a series of seminars down in Timonium, Maryland, and I was pleased to be there. Last night they had their symposium. In

November, they have more seminars planned for California. They have been very active in their outreach.

(47) **LEGISLATION.**

Hannon: George, if you will work your way up here. George is on the CFA Board of Directors. He is also on the Winn Feline Foundation board of directors, and he is here to talk to us about Legislation.



Eigenhauser: I'm here to talk to you about legislation. Let me first talk about how CFA legislation is structured.



Eigenhauser: It is essentially two parts. There's the Legislative Committee, which is the policy end of our legislation. That's myself, Joan Miller and Phil Lindsley. In addition to dealing with policy, we also administer the Sy Howard Legislative Fund. The CFA Legislative Group are the worker bees of CFA Legislation. These are the people that work for CFA, that work for you, and that's myself, Kelly Crouch and Sharon Coleman. I would have given you all three email addresses but that's too much to remember. You can always reach us at legislation@cfa.org.



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Eigenhauser: Today, I'm going to talk about birds. Why talk about birds? It's easy for us to fall into the trap of believing that everything evil that happens out in the world of legislation is because of animal rights people – and it's true. There are some animal rights people that are crazy and they really are out to get us, but there are other players out there, too. Some legislation comes from animal control departments. That's becoming more common now, as they are starting to downsize their intake, downsize their euthanasia and downsize their adoptions, because pet populations of particularly unwanted pets are falling. Of course, no government bureaucracy ever wants to cut their budget, so they find new ways to reach out into the community and touch us. So, some of the bad legislation comes from them. Some of it comes from the legislators themselves, often driven by complaints. Somebody has a problem with a stray cat digging in the garden. They go to their city council or their county board of supervisors, and suddenly there are bad laws. Some bad legislation is driven by events. There might be an animal cruelty case in the news. There might be some hoarder that gets raided or something like that, and suddenly there's new legislation proposed. But, a lot of our more persistent problems have been the bird people. It isn't just in legislation. Several years ago, Los Angeles had a reputation for being the absolute worst animal control in the country. They went through a series of directors. They turned them over pretty much hourly. They fired one, they would hire a new one, they would fire that one. They finally got some people together that decided the way to solve the problem is to form communities, to form groups to work with people outside of animal control to improve things.



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"Their Estimates" of Bird Kills by Cats Annually in the U.S.

- 2.4 Billion - American Bird Conservancy - (2013 to date)
- 2.4 Billion - Audubon Society - (2013 to date)
- 500 million - U.S. Audubon Society - (2012)
- 500 Million - American Bird Conservancy - (2012)
- 500 Million - Ornithology the Science of Birds - (2012)



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Eigenhauser: One of the things they did was, they instituted a trap/neuter/return program in Los Angeles. Bam, the bird people sued. “How dare you spay and neuter cats! That’s going to kill birds.” OK, but that’s the way they look at it. Why do they feel that way about us? Because they think that cats kill billions and billions and billions of birds every year. The American Bird Conservancy says it, the Audubon Society says it, and the Smithsonian Institution says it, too. They’ve got a lot of wildlife ecologists that blame cats for everything that’s wrong in the world. A couple of things you will notice about this slide, #1 they walk in lockstep. One of them picks a new number, they all pick the same number.

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“The impact of free-ranging domestic cats on wildlife of the United States,” *Nature Communications*, January 29, 2013 by Scott R. Loss, Tom Will, and Peter P. Marra (funded by the Smithsonian Institution and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services)

No new data was used. This was a literature review of cherry-picked older studies to reach their highly speculative conclusion.

Alley Cat Allies commissioned an independent analysis by Gregory J. Matthews of the University of Massachusetts, who found flaws in the Smithsonian study.

His report can be found online at: <https://tinyurl.com/SmithsonianDebunked>

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Eigenhauser: The other thing is, something funny happened in 2012, because suddenly cats became 5 times better killers than they had been in the past. That’s because our friends at the Smithsonian came out with a new study. When I say “study,” that means they didn’t look at cats, they didn’t look at birds, they didn’t count bodies. What they did was, they looked at a bunch of surveys that had been done in the past and studies that had been done in the past, cherry picked the ones they liked, averaged them out and came up with a ridiculous new number. It was such a bad number that Alley Cat Allies actually hired somebody to go through the study and point out some of the flaws. The next few slides are going to be about those flaws. The report is available online. The url is longer than my arm, so if you go to [tinyurl/SmithsonianDebunked](https://tinyurl.com/SmithsonianDebunked), you can find a copy of that study.

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Scientific concerns with the Smithsonian study include:

- The underlying studies used have a huge range in size, scope, and geography.
- Some studies used have not been peer reviewed.
- Some were decades old and one from as far back as 1930.
- They counted one study twice.
- The mathematical analysis was flawed.

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Eigenhauser: Some of the problems were that the underlying studies were picked because they liked the results, not because there was any consistency in size, range, scope or

geography. Many of the studies had never been peer reviewed. Some were decades old. They were going back to 1930, and not surprisingly the world has changed a little bit since 1930. When they averaged them together, one of the studies was counted twice. The mathematic analysis was all over the place.


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- They failed to acknowledge that each of the prior estimates includes a margin of error.
- They used extrapolation where it is likely unwarranted. They failed to account for differences in seasons, geography or opportunity for predation. (for example, they use a study of a very small sample of cats over three summer months near a rural area to project predation over the entire United States year round.)
- Some studies were used as to prove assertions inconsistent with the actual findings of the authors of that study.

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Eigenhauser: They also picked some highly questionable studies for their baseline. For example, one of the studies they really liked was in an area with a very high amount of wildlife, some wooded areas, very high gradation in that area, and they only did the study during the Summer. From that, they project what gradation is going to be in the cities and the rest of the country in Winter – that kind of logic. This particular study, as I said, Alley Cat Allies has the debunking information.

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"The Wisconsin Study" "Rural residents' free-ranging domestic cats: a survey" Wildlife Society Bulletin 21: 381-390 (1993) by John Coleman and Stanley Temple]

- A survey of rural residents of Wisconsin estimating the number of free-ranging cats living in the state.
- It only estimates bird population, it does not address cat predation.
- Later articles in Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine (1996); Wildlife Control Technologies (1999); were non-peer reviewed articles and used unpublished data to assess cat predation.
- Dr. Stanley Temple, co-author, later disavowed the estimates of cat predation saying, "Those figures were from our proposal. They aren't actual data; that was just our projection to show how bad it *MIGHT* be." "The Accused," by Jeff Elliott, Sonoma County Independent, March 3-13, 1994. [Emphasis in the original.]

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Eigenhauser: This is the granddaddy of all bad studies, the Wisconsin Study. This is where they got the original 500 million estimate. There is a mistake on the slide, by the way. The second bullet point where it says *estimates bird population*, should say *cat population*. That's really what it is. What they did was, they came out and they said cats are killing millions and millions and millions of birds in Wisconsin, so we need to count the cats. Then they counted the cats. Nobody remembers the part about counting the cats. Everybody remembers their assertion that the cats were killing millions and millions and millions of birds, even though that wasn't even part of the study. I actually wrote this part down so I would get it right. What they wrote is, *Free ranging domestic cats in Wisconsin may be killing between 8 and 217 million birds each year. The most reasonable estimates indicate that 39 million birds are killed in the state each*

year. This was pulled out of thin air – no scientific background, no study, nothing. They then did two more articles, coming basically to the same conclusion. Again, no basis for that assertion. Finally, they became media stars. The bird people had them on talk shows all over the place, talking about the millions and millions and millions of birds killed in Wisconsin. Finally, one of the co-workers actually admitted that wasn't data, that was just their estimate. But, it's still cited by many of the bird people as proof. That's where that 500 million number came from. They extrapolated the Wisconsin study to the rest of the country.

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"Human-caused" bird mortality 2017 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- Unknown/too big to measure – habitat loss
- 365 – 988 Million – collisions with buildings/glass
- 89-340 Million – collisions with motor vehicles
- 72 Million – poisons
- 8-57 Million – collisions with power lines
- 6.6 Million – collisions with communication towers
- ½ to 1 Million – oil pits
- Unknown - windmills, solar power, coal and other human causes

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Eigenhauser: So, what actually does kill birds? The biggest killer is the one we can't estimate, and that's habitat loss. Pretty much, every expert says that's the biggest one, but when a bird smacks into the side of a building or falls off its perch, we can count bodies. How do you count birds that were never born? So, no one even has a handle on that number, but hundreds of millions of birds are killed each year smacking into buildings and windows. Anywhere from tens to hundreds of millions of birds are killed by motor vehicles. Millions and millions of birds each year are killed by poisons. Millions and millions of birds are colliding with power lines. That's not electrocutions, these are just the collisions. Up to a million birds each year are killed by sledge ponds that have oil wealth.

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Thanks to everyone who worked so hard on legislation this year.

Legislative Roundtable
Saturday afternoon
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Location: "tba"
New faces are always welcome!

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Eigenhauser: That's what I wanted to bring up with you – how to deal with the bird people. There's plenty of information out there debunking these studies if you just want to look for it. My last order of business is to invite you all to the Legislative Roundtable tomorrow at 1:00 in the Willow Room. It's a little hard to get to. Go out this room, head to your left – don't

go toward the casino, just keep on going. Take the escalator on your left up and you'll find the room. I want to thank everyone who worked on legislation this year. Former House Speaker Tip O'Neill used to say, "All politics are local." One of the strengths of CFA Legislation is, these national organizations can send letters to a city council and it goes in the circular file, but when you walk into your city council office or your county counselor's office and you look them in the eye and say, "I live in your district and I vote," they listen. Our strength has always been you. For each of you that helped us this last year, thank you. For those of you who haven't had any legislative problem, I hope you don't have any but if you do make sure you contact us. Thank you.

Hannon: Thank you, George.

(48) **CLERKING PROGRAM.**

Hannon: I see Dan Beaudry is working his way up here. Dan is the Chair of our Clerking Program.

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Clerking Committee

Dan Beaudry, Chair

Monte Phillips Carol Krazanoski Michelle Beaudry
Cheryl Coleman Shirley Michaud-Dent

Beaudry: Thank you very much, Mark. I'm going to preface this by saying, although I am very pleased to be following George, I want everybody to know that George and I did not collaborate in any way in our presentations. You'll see why I mention that in a minute.

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What is the purpose of the Clerking Program?

To maintain an abundant pool of trained
and qualified Clerks and Master Clerks
for Member Clubs to use in conducting
sanctioned cat shows in accordance
with current CFA Show Rules

Beaudry: I'm honored to have the opportunity to address the CFA delegates today on behalf of the CFA Clerking Committee. Though it means many things to many groups and individuals within CFA, the Clerking Program has a single, discrete purpose for being – to train and provide the best clerks to CFA clubs. I'm sure we can all agree that shows need clerks, but why are good clerks so important? There are more choices than ever before to spend our leisure time and dollars – sports, music, theater, cars, cats – the list of hobbies in today's digital age is nearly endless. Yet, amongst all these options, there is at least one common factor which all successful events have in common, and that is delivering customer satisfaction. Organizations which produce consistently successful shows spend the vast majority of their efforts and finances understanding and fulfilling the needs and expectations of their customers.



Why are good clerks important?

Customer Satisfaction

Who are your customers?

Spectators

Exhibitors

Judges

The Club!

Beaudry: So, who are the customers of a CFA show-producing club? Customers are consumers of the cat show product. The spectator who buys a ticket to attend our shows expects value for their purchase. Exhibitors expect and appreciate a well-organized show that starts and ends on time, and runs smoothly. Judges are not only honored guests, but also consumers – often with tight travel schedules that demand ring management efficiency. The hosting club, region, cage service, venue, entry clerk, advertisers, vendors all have a vested financial interest in a show being successful. Every person or group that is involved with producing or attending a show is looking for excellent customer service, and good clerks play an important role in helping clubs deliver on that expectation.



There is a shortage of good clerks!

I'm too busy to do that!

I don't know how to run a ring!

I don't know what all the ribbons mean!

I wouldn't even know where to begin!

Beaudry: Clubs often face the difficult task of finding enough of these people to work their shows. It often seems that everyone has a ready excuse why they aren't in the Clerking Program, why they can't clerk this show or that show, that their license has lapsed and so forth. If we as an organization do not continuously expand the pool available to us to draw from, there soon will not be enough supply to meet club demand. In some areas of CFA, sadly this is already the case. Yet, many clubs have a budding clerk or three at each and every one of their shows. We need to work together to identify these people and let them know that they are wanted.



What role does the Program have?

Resources to allow clerks to LEARN
to be good clerks

Resources to allow clerks to BE
good clerks

Beaudry: The first part of the Clerking Program is actively developing resources to help train new clerks. We are currently in production of a series of modules designed to increase access to the Program and encourage participation worldwide. We firmly believe that anyone who is willing to put in the time and effort to learn can be a good clerk. The Committee's role is to provide the manuals, forms and online resources to help them do so. We also provide a structure for advancement, review, critique and recognition in order to encourage clerks toward continuous self-improvement. We all know that cat show people are fiercely competitive by nature, so it's not surprising that many clerks take great pride in striving to excel in their role.



What role do the clubs have?

Advertise! – Show Flyer & Catalog

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Beaudry: If you're asking yourself, "What can our club do to encourage clerks to join the Program," I'm glad you asked. We need your help to get the word out to your consumers. In the coming weeks, club secretaries and entry clerks will be receiving an electronic file containing both a full-page and business card size ad promoting the Clerking Program. We would ask that clubs please consider including this in your show catalogs whenever possible. When creating show flyers, please include a clerk contact for the show. Most new clerks, and even some of us experienced and licensed clerks, aren't sure who to reach out to about potentially clerking for your show. A club does not want to miss out on that next potential clerk of the year. While you're at the show, you may meet a new breeder or exhibitor who came to the show with their friend or sibling or significant other, who seems kind of lost to be at a cat show. If we give that person something to do – like, say learn how to clerk – that could be the foot in the door for that person to become an active club member. What if they ask you a question about clerking that you don't know the answer? Where do you send them if they are interested in learning more about the Program? What if you want to offer input to the Clerking Committee? clerks@cfa.org

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THANK YOU



Beaudry: Successful organizations and groups are forever in pursuit of new participants, and the Clerking Committee would like the clubs to help spread our message of inclusion. We want you in the Clerking Program! Compliments to George – great minds think alike. Thank you very much.

Hannon: Thank you Dan.

(49) **MARKETING.**

Hannon: Next up is the Marketing Program with Desiree Bobby and Committee Chair Kathy Black. Kathy is a CFA judge, a regional director and the Chair of the Marketing Program.

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Marketing

Kathy Black, Marketing Committee Chairperson

Mike Altschul, Marketing Committee Member

Desiree Bobby, Director of Marketing

Black: Good morning everybody. We just have a brief presentation. We wanted to not miss the opportunity to talk to you about Marketing. I can't take any credit. I have a team of people that work with me. #1 Desiree Bobby here, who we call "lightening in a bottle." She brings a lot of energy and a lot of new ideas to the Marketing team. Mike Altschul, who has I don't know how many years – 30-40 years of experience exhibiting and putting on shows, so he brings a lot of ideas but he also has very forward-thinking ideas when it comes to Marketing. So, this is our team.

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Black: We're going to talk about, first of all, who is our customer. Anytime you are doing a marketing presentation or you're thinking about who your target audience is, you have to identify those people and how you are going to be able to reach out to them. We have identified three different types of people that are going to be our audience that we want to reach. First of all, we have you – our breeders and exhibitors. But, even as you are already involved in your clubs, the Marketing team will have opportunities that we will reach out to you and make sure you are aware of programs that we have available. We're going to show some slides on that in a minute. Then, we have those people that are not with CFA. They could be breeders and exhibitors in another association. We want to make sure they know about us and all the different products and services that we can offer. Then there's the general cat population of people. Outside of your immediate family, and probably not all of your friends and relatives even know

what CFA is, so there's a huge amount of people that have never heard about us. I always say I want CFA to be as common as AKC. When you say AKC, what do you think? You think dogs, but when people say CFA, they're like "certified financial analyst?" They don't even know what it means, so I want CFA to be synonymous with cats. That is our general population of people that we need to spread our information to.



Black: The people that are our focus for 2019-2020, we're going to focus on these three different marketing groups. The first one is, "I love cats and I want to get involved in the fancy," but to get there they have to attend one of our shows, hear about us, become involved, maybe see Agility, meet an ambassador cat when they walk in our show hall, see one of our publications – all different kinds of steps that will lead them to where they will become active in CFA. We have identified some steps along the way. Each of those steps are different areas where Marketing can be involved, to engage with those people.



Black: The people that are breeding cats but not associated with CFA, they will need to register their cattery, become a Cattery of Excellence, transfer their cats over to us. So, there's different opportunities for us there to reach out and engage those people, also. Like I said, I have a team behind me, so we're going to be switching on and off, so you're not just listening to me all the time. Desiree is going to talk about the next couple slides.



Bobby: Hi everyone. As Kathy explained, we have three different markets that we're working to increase the awareness with. The reason we want to increase awareness is kind of obvious, but to lay it out is what we thought we would do for you. We want to grow the show spectators. We want to increase the amount of spectators that are coming in the door to see your shows. That's going to generate revenue and that's going to potentially create some future breeders and exhibitors. We want to grow the responsible breeder base as well, of course, to help preserve our pedigreed breeds. We also want to grow club membership. So, that brings you guys more revenue and more funds to run your shows. The ideal situation would be to grow the core CFA group, so maybe 5 years from now there are twice as many people involved making decisions, like you are here today.



**Increasing Awareness
Attracting New Generation of Cat Fanciers**

<p>SOCIAL MEDIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facebook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Fans: 52,000 Up from 18,000 in May 2018 Instagram <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opened May 2018 Up 5400 fans <p>TELEVISION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CatValk Documentary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following CFA Exhibitors Invent TV Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently Casting PBS Nova Episode <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning for shows 	<p>NEW MEDIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Videos – CFA Through Story-Telling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top 10 Breeds Breed Profiles Show Experience Companion Cats CFA Cats App <p>NEW ATTRACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Show <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebrity Cats Savitsky Cats
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Bobby: To increase awareness, I've been here for a year and I'm trying to bring a new spark, to attract some new generations of future CFA'ers. With that, social media is the key resource right now for the new generation. A year ago when I came onboard, we had about 18,000 followers on FaceBook. My goal is 50,000 fans. The reason we want fans on social media is because we want them to learn about CFA, we want them to share information about CFA, start talking, generate more hype about CFA, and then also engage with us. We want to nurture our community, too. Everyone wants to see cats, and we have the best market ever to show people. Instagram – we didn't have an Instagram account in May. We now have one, and we have over 5,000 followers, which isn't huge but for one year not really paying for any advertising, that's a pretty good increase. New media are some modern things we're doing.

Bobby: The videos that we have created, you may have seen one video a week on social media. We are working with a videographer in Washington. One day I was on Instagram and I was looking at some photos that CFA was tagged in, and I saw a photograph of a girl with a video camera at a CFA show, so I contacted her and I found out that she did a really beautiful video about Anecia. She's out in Washington. She went to Anecia's home with her and she talked about her cats and she followed her at a show. It was just such a beautiful, beautiful video. It's only about 3-4 minutes long but she has won quite a few awards for this video. I asked her, "Can you do maybe a 1 minute video? Show me what else you can do at a CFA show." She came back with a number of really emotional, beautiful insights into CFA people – people at a show, with their cats, talking about why they show their cats and how much they love CFA and how it's an opportunity for them to share their time with other people who are interested in cats just like them. She has created a few videos for us. You will see those once a week on the CFA FaceBook. Mark asked me not long after the Top 10 Breeds came, "We should do a Top 10 Breeds video. Can Alissa take care of that?" I asked her to create one for us, and we're going to show that to you in just a minute. She is in Washington, so that's the Northwest Region. You guys in the Northwest Region have probably seen her come to shows, so you should be proud that you are having some really great footage taken at your shows.

Bobby: The CFA Cats App is a Smart Phone application for both iPhone and android. We're in beta testing right now, so if you would like to take a look at it, you can email me at dbobby@cfa.org and let me know if you have android or iPhone and I'll send you a link to download.

Bobby: We're working with a few different production companies to evaluate CFA and kind of see what we can do in terms of a documentary. Many of you have probably seen *Cat Walk* on Netflix, so we have been working with that production company to create a series possibly of our fancy. Then we were approached by another production company in California called Event TV. They have National Geographic. They have *Into Alaska*, I believe the name of the show is. They do quite a bit of work for the Oprah Winfrey Network, as well. They are interested in casting CFA exhibitors for more like a reality series, so it's a little bit different than what *Cat Walk* was looking for. We've also been approached by the PBS Nova series, who is looking to do some shows on the domestication of cats. You may see them in your show hall, you may hear from us in advance if we know that the production company would like to come to one of your shows.



Development Period for Network TV Series



Bobby: One of the other things that we're doing to increase awareness, like I said we're bringing in a new generation of cat people into our events, so at the International Show last year was the first year that we brought in some celebrity cats so that they could bring some of their fans in and some of the culture that's more interested in cute photographs on Instagram. We thought we could bring them in to show that really CFA is the authority on cats. I figured we had to bring the celebrity cats in and we have to bring them in, so let's do some other cool things like, you saw the acrobat cats on *America's Got Talent*? They are coming. They will be at the International Show, so let's do what we can do and bring in some of these more popular cat events and integrate them into who we are. I'm going to show you a video now. This is more information about the Invent TV series I was just talking about. There's an email address on here. If you are interested in talking with and having an interview with Invent TV, they're actually starting that this week. We have suggested some people. Some of you we may not know so we're unable to suggest, but if yourself or if you know anyone that may be good, you can send to Invent TV casting.

Black: They are really wanting to focus on the Ohio marketplace. They are kind of wanting to stay a little local, but they're looking for everybody across the United States, because it is a US-based company. So, if you are interested in this, they are wanting to meet you, find out a little about you, see if you've got the personality they're looking for. I call it – *Housewives/Cat Wives*. Instead of *Housewives of Beverly Hills*, it's the *Cat Wives of CFA*. They are looking for men, women, children, everything, because they really want to go to their networks and present to their networks, "these are the people that we are thinking about." Then if they can get a network to buy it, then they'll start filming it and you will be compensated for your time. If you are interested in this, be sure to see Desiree or me. We will get you the email address. We really want to get this started and get it kicked off, because not only is this bringing more awareness about cats, but it's bringing more awareness about CFA. That's what we're looking to do, is to spread our name throughout the general population.

Bobby: With that said, they are really interested in the Ohio market, but if you're a known exhibitor that lives in LA, like I was telling Tracey Dalton, if you live far but do travel quite a bit and are really, really immersed in the cat culture and love cats, they are absolutely open to talk with you.



Information Videos Top 10 Breeds



Bobby: This is video created by Alyssa with the top 10. This video is more fact based. It has the top 10 cats in it, but when you see her other videos, you will see that they are more emotional.

[A video presentation was given of the top 10 breeds – 10 – Abyssinian, 9 – Scottish Fold, 8 – Sphynx, 7 – Devon Rex, 6 – American Shorthair, 5 – Maine Coon, 4 – Persian, 3 – British Shorthair, 2 – Exotic, 1 – Ragdoll]

Bobby: We plan on doing more of those. We will do individual breed videos and things like that, so that's just a little taste of it.



CFA Cats App



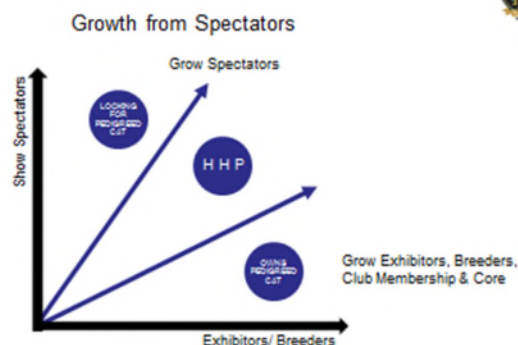
Bobby: The last thing I want to talk about is the CFA app. So again, just shoot me an email if you want to be part of the beta testing group. Right now we have a welcome message from Mark on there, a list of the shows, text-based show list, all the breed photos, pictures of each breed and then a summary of the breed that's on the website and a link to the breed standard, so if you are at a show and you want to be able to have the standard in your hand, you can. That's a section we're developing, some FAQs about the cat fancy, a little bit of information about CFA and then the show rules. That is a huge one to have in your hand, to be able to have the rules right with you. That was a gift from Monte. dbobby@cfa.org



FB Group
Marketing Support from Marketing Committee & Club Peers



Black: We're also very active on FaceBook. We have a marketing support group for you to come and share your ideas, let people know things that worked for your club, things that you found that don't work, so be sure that you look us up on your FaceBook and join our marketing support group.



Black: I talked about the three different types of people that we're going to be marketing to. When people come to your shows, you actually have three different types of people that are coming to your show. You have the people that own a pedigreed cat and just want to come see other cats at the show. Maybe they are looking for a pedigreed cat. The biggest section of them are just people that have cats at home that might want to be a Household Pet exhibitor.



Increasing Exhibitors

Largest population of cat lovers are owners of household pets

Increase pet recordings and welcome community where cat lovers across the globe can also be part of CFA, benefit from our resources, learn about feline wellness, learn about the cat fancy, and begin exhibiting their cat if they so desire.



Black: Jo Ann talked about this a little bit in her presentation, but we have a program called Companion Cat World, or CCW. We're not going to be renaming the Household Pet competition. The Household Pet competition is for those cats that qualify to be shown in our show halls. They are neutered and spayed, not declawed, etc. The CCW is going to be reaching out to everyone. A subset of those people will become Household Pet exhibitors, but we also want to be sure we let everybody know about CFA. So, the Companion Cat World, this is our motto. We want to *increase pet recordings and welcome a community where cat lovers across the globe can be part of CFA*. So, we're very excited. The board approved us to spend some money to do some changes to our ability for these people to easily record their cats. We're going to be rolling this program out using those influencers Desiree talked about – the sunglasses cat and some of the others. They have agreed to help us spread the word among their hundreds of thousands of follows that they have on social media. These people are going to be helping us push the word out. Everybody that records their cat with CFA will get a card totting membership with their cat's picture on it, their cat's name, and hopefully some day a sponsor's logo. We'll be expanding those programs. Also for you, if you want to have your cat's picture on an ID card, we're looking for all kinds of other ways of marketing that. So, if you've heard about CCW, maybe you've heard some things that you like about it. We've been working on this for almost two years. Like Jo Ann said, coming up with a name was the biggest stumbling block we had. We even had a contest and that didn't go anywhere. Allene I think was the one who kept saying, "let's do companion, let's do companion," and so we finally ended up with Companion Cat World. We're very excited about this. You will be seeing a lot more about it in the coming weeks. We hope to see a lot of people tuning into what CFA is, what we do, what we stand for, more about our breeds, become exhibitors, become cat breeders, etc. So, I think it's going to impact our organization in many, very exciting ways.



Show Marketing Success



Black: The last two slides are for Mike Altschul. I'll turn it over to him. Thank you.

Altschul: Hey guys. I just want to thank everyone for all the cooperation I've had for the last two years with our team. We have been involved in about 85 shows, helping increase your gate through our FaceBook targeted marketing. You all have taught me a lot of things. I've worked in shows all the way from Florida up to the Northwest, all the way out to Vegas, up the Northeast and all across Region 7.



Altschul: What I want to do Saturday with our team – it won't just be me presenting – in one hour we're going to kind of give you the greatest hits and how we can help your show make a lot more money. We're not going to get into expenses and income – your income streams and controlling your expenses. We could do that. I manage 4-5 shows a year. I'm very intense with that also, so you'll see a piece of that. It's basically marketing your show and how your club can make a lot more money. It isn't so much the money we want your club to make, it's about the retention and long-term legacy of adding exhibitors to CFA. We need to get them in the door. They find out there's such a thing as a cat show. Make sure they have a good time through some of the things that we're going to be talking about how they can have a good time, and then we need to start mentoring them and getting them in the NewBee Program and getting them to be exhibitors. It's long-term. It's an A-Z project. The last show at our Gulf Shore Regional we had 10 new exhibitors, first time show. We've been working on FaceBook for two years in the Texas area where I'm from, and we're starting to see the fruit of our labors now. We're really excited about that. We would like to share some of those ideas with you. The FaceBook event had a few of the slides. We got about 35 slides on things we want to talk about. We're going to talk about gate management and signage and things to make sure that your guests – and I call them "guests" – have a great time at your show. It's at 2:00. It doesn't say it on the slide, but I handed it out. It's at 2:00 in Willow tomorrow. I would like to get everybody that is involved in shows or thinking about putting on a show, please come. I know we're against a couple breed council meetings, too. Send your other half or send a friend or whatever, but we would sure like you to come. We're going to try to record it also on FaceBook. If that works out well, we will make that available to you. Thank you.

Hannon: Thank you very much to the Marketing team.

(50) CFA AMBASSADOR CATS PROGRAM.

Hannon: Next on the agenda we have Karen Lane with the Ambassador Program. I'm told that the tellers have finalized everything and they will be on their way down after Karen. Karen is first. No pressure on Karen.



Lane: Good morning everyone. When I started coming up here to speak to you I had little, tiny glasses that didn't take up much space on my face because it wasn't so difficult to read. You can see by my glasses how long I've been here. I don't see any of you, but I can see perfectly in front of me. This is the CFA Ambassador Cat Program. We have been reaching out to people and to sponsors, and hope that we can give support, too. I spoke to Jo Ann and explained to her about the publications that we have produced in the past, and some opportunities that those publications present for her. This has been an extremely busy year for the Ambassador Cat Program. This past year we released the second of our coloring books – a coloring book titled *The Colorful World of Pedigreed Cats*.



Lane: The coloring book received a Mews Award as the highest scoring entry in the category of *Books: Poems/Gifts/Other* from The Cat Writers' Association. [applause] Not every category will have an entry every year in this competition, nor does every entry receive a certificate. To earn the certificate, the average score of three judges must be 90 points or more. We're very pleased over this. I have the award in my home. I'm going to frame the front of the coloring book and put the award in it and give it to CFA to hang in our office. At the board meeting on the Sunday just after our meeting last June, the CFA Board gave the go-ahead to a program to produce an official CFA calendar. The deadline for the 2019 calendar was October, to be distributed at our International Cat Show. The time frame from conception to delivery was less than 100 days. Teresa Keiger has always been our go-to person for anything graphic. And she handled both the graphics and my intrepidation over this new project and our very short time frame. She managed both the project and my strong opinions about exactly how I wanted the format of our calendar very well, with a smile no matter how she felt. I hope most of you have seen our 2019 calendar. If you haven't, I have it here and it's going to be on the screen.

[A video of the 2019 calendar was presented]







Lane: As you can see, our calendar is not necessarily to present the best of the breeds or who won last year or anybody in the Top 25, they're just photographs of our CFA cats. Some of the photographs which you see in the 2019 calendar and a couple of the photographs that you will see in the 2020 calendar are more than 20 years old, so it isn't a celebration of our winning cats. It's a celebration of all of our cats.

Lane: At the beginning of 2019, CFA decided to merge the Ambassador Cat Program and the Ambassador Program together. With every sort of project like this there are pitfalls and the unexpected surprises, both good and not so good, and some horrible. We asked everyone involved with the Ambassador Program to re-register. This was in order for us to find out who everyone was and what everyone really did. It required pouring over old files and new files and you can see that this could have been a tedious and painful situation. But along with the Ambassador Program we added Candilee Jackson to our board and she went the extra mile for getting this part of the re-organization done. Ambassador everything is now under one large umbrella called *The CFA Ambassador Cat Program*.

Lane: One of the really great happenings, was that we found many Pet Me Cats who were qualified to be an Ambassador Cat. At this time we now have 32 full-time active Ambassador Cats attending CFA events and cat shows. We now have Ambassador Cats in areas where we had little or no presence before. Again, we finally have an Ambassador Cat in Hawaii.



Joel Cheney



Jim Flanik

Lane: The Ambassador Cats and the Pet Me Cats now are the responsibility of Joel Chaney. And the Ambassador registration is now part of Jim Flanik's responsibility and all of our communication to our Ambassadors goes through him.



Lane: This was a lady that was a Pet Me Cat. After speaking with her and talking with her, we realized that her activities qualified her to not be a Pet Me Cat, but to be an official CFA Ambassador Cat. She is very, very active. I think a lot of people up in this region know who she is.



Lane: In the middle of everything that we were actively doing, we changed our CFA Ambassador Cat Logo, which required reprint of our on-going trading cards and banners program for our Ambassador Cats. The new Ambassador Cat Logo will be changed on our next reprint of our coloring books and all other Ambassador Cat material. We print trading cards, we print banners, along with the publications that are available such as our coloring book and our calendars.

Therapy Cats



Lane: Candilee Jackson is now doing preliminary work to put together a new program within our larger program and we are looking at having Therapy Cats be part of our CFA involvement in everything cats, and what qualifications will be required to be a CFA Therapy Cat in the future. I think we have a lot of members who have a therapy cat that do great work with their cats. In the next coming months, we will be putting out information to encourage those people to come to us, to help us put together a CFA Therapy Cat Program. Candilee would like to call this part of our program *Cats in Harnesses*.

Lane: The only thing left undone is our new Ambassador Cat website. This should be accomplished this summer. We continue to be involved in the on-going CFA Calendar program. However, this year, we wanted it early and we wanted it now. Our idea was to have the calendar early so clubs could have the opportunity to have this calendar for their shows in a less-than- hectic way than we did last year, and we have the opportunity to put our calendar in so many more places. Right now, our 2019 calendar hangs in my veterinarian's office, my doctor's office, The Delray Beach Public Library and where I get my nails done. I carried my calendars with me to everyplace I can get them to hang them on their wall. I just asked. There are a lot of people out there that are willing to put our calendar up, they just need to be asked. If each one of us looks at all of the places we touch, there is such a great opportunity for all of us, to get our CFA Logo and our message into so many places. This year, our CFA 2020 calendar is a kitten edition. I love kittens and most everyone else does too. When this video is finished, Joel and Jim will be in the back of the room with calendars for you to take home. Be sure you take one for your veterinarian's office.

Lane: I present what's new for 2020.







Hannon: Our Ambassador Program is doing great work. Please thank Karen and all the people who work with her.

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

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

Hannon: I see approaching the front here is the Credentials Committee with the results of the election. I want to thank the Credentials Committee for breaking a recording and getting in here super early. We scheduled this for after lunch, and as you can see they did their work admirably and fast. Before I turn it over to the Chair Nancy Dodds, I would like to give some length of service awards for members of the Committee:

Credentials Committee Service Awards

5 Years

Donna Andrews
Jim Dineson

10 Years

Barbara Schreck

40 Years

Yvonne Griffin

Hannon: Thank you all. I now turn it over to Nancy Dodds.

Dodds: Good Morning Mr. President, Officers, Board Members, Delegates. The credentials Committee has been around for 40 years. We usually meet once a year (unless asked to do additional work by the President). We typically meet on Thursday morning and our tasks involve delegates, and clubs eligible (or not) to seat delegates. In years past there were issues involving club matters, secretaries – any number of things could happen. Perhaps more than one person said they were the official club secretary. Since more formal procedures were put in place and more electronic transmissions were enabled, many fewer issues have come before this committee on Thursday. But there are still some things we have to handle on Thursday.

Dodds: Just an FYI, we pay for our own transportation, we pay for our hotel rooms, we pay for our meals. We often miss many group events scheduled for Thursday. We miss the beginning of the Annual Meeting on Friday. We are sequestered in a conference room with our cell phones off until we have completed the counting and proving of the votes. We get a continental breakfast and a small lunch on Thursday, and a continental breakfast on Friday. We begin Friday at 7:00 AM to organize and prepare for the tally.

Dodds: We work closely with Central Office to ensure that delegates seated are eligible to be seated. To determine eligibility we look to our Constitution. The Constitution speaks to who is eligible in one place, except that the criteria for the International Division is in a different place. This has led to differences in interpretation and that has led this committee to make recommendations to the CFA Board to either change procedures or change the Constitution. You will have seen some of those changes in the notification to your clubs of the resolutions and amendments, and you will be asked to vote on those changes in the session later today.

Dodds: We recommended that procedures change regarding the voting of the International Representative. The Constitution was silent on who could vote for their representative but specified that only clubs which had put on a show in the previous show season could vote for Officers and Directors at Large. We recommended that all International Division clubs be eligible to vote for the Regional Representative because that representative represented all of the clubs in their geographical area, not just the ones that put on shows, and the Board agreed that all the clubs would be eligible to elect their representative going forward.

Dodds: There was apparently also confusion with the International Division on just what is the “previous” show season for eligibility to vote for officers and directors at large. The CFA board addressed this as well, based on my conversations with our Attorney and his interpretation of the wording. There was confusion on an eligibility to vote at the Annual for the International Division Clubs, but since only delegates can cast a vote at the Annual, the result became clearer.

Dodds: Earlier this year, I identified a need to change procedures at the beginning of your meeting. This involves the quorum needed to have this Annual meeting. The Constitution in Article XV indicates that International Clubs who have not had a show in the previous show season should not be included in the number needed for a Quorum. Since they could not send a delegate, the number of clubs in this category needed to be deducted from the total of clubs as of June 3 (the date for determining total number of clubs each year). Another category involved those International Clubs which were under disciplinary action and those clubs needed to be deducted from the number of clubs in good standing. We had to dive deeply into the various files maintained by Central Office to identify these issues. Once identified they could be addressed in some manner. We thank Allene Tartaglia and John Randolph, our Attorney, for working with me to address our concerns and to getting updated procedures to come in line with the Constitution. Our common goal is to provide you with the correct numbers for voting while still being in compliance with our Constitution.

Dodds: Last year you were allowed for the first time to send your ballots electronically. We learned that when a club voted on line (remember only the club secretary is allowed to vote) the result of that vote was sent back to the club secretary, as well as to the club president (if the email address was provided to Central Office), and of course to the responsible person at Central Office. This person at Central Office has an office with a dedicated printer and is responsible for printing and keeping the ballots secure.

Dodds: There was a change made to the paper ballots last year. We talked about that last year. While in the past the paper ballots required the signature of both the club secretary and the club president, the form for the ballots only required the signature of the club secretary. Some clubs submitted their ballots as an email with the ballot as an attachment. This ballot did not get transmitted to the club president as was the case with the online ballot. We recommended that for any other means of voting, email with attachment, or snail mailed that the signature of both the club secretary and the club president be added once again to that type of ballot. We also recommended that a fax transmission be allowed. Except for the actual online balloting, the other forms of balloting should be and would be handled as if they were mailed ballots.

Dodds: The on-line ballot process allowed incomplete ballots. One club had voted electronically – on line – AND they sent in a ballot by mail. The online ballot was incomplete.

That meant they released the ballot with one vote not categorized – either by a positive or by an Abstain. We counted the ballot the club had sent by mail – complete with an “abstain” as they had intended. We recommended that the online ballot programming be modified to require a complete ballot, to eliminate the possibility that a vote was released before it was complete. In October the board voted to change the programming to do just that. You entrust one person at Central Office to take custody of your votes and bring them to the meeting to be counted.

Dodds: Your votes are inventoried before departure from Central Office and this committee inventories the votes again prior to our tasks. While the votes are tallied, our totals must prove back to the number of ballots received by Central Office. A few years ago – we had never before had to perform an inventory – everything came to us with no problem, except that when we had finished our tally we could not balance back to the numbers that Central Office had for the total number of votes. We were unable to bring the results to the delegation until we were able to identify where the difference was. The Central Office representative had not had access to the ballots – they were kept by a more senior person in a locked drawer and given to the Representative for our meeting only the day she was to leave for the Annual – and remember they were all in envelopes – just before she left for the Annual. Only after comparing the envelopes back to the list maintained on the CFA web site was it identified that a club was on the list as having submitted a ballot but there was no envelope for that club. The next year we began the inventory procedure and asked the Central Office Rep to inventory the envelopes against the list, and we did the same on Friday morning before we began to count the ballots. However, the requested inventory did not take place at Central Office and we discovered when we did it that one ballot had been included on the list for the election but that ballot should have been included in a different group for a special election.

Dodds: We also take care to keep which club votes for whom as anonymous as possible. For the mailed ballots we folded the ballots so that the bottom part that had the club’s name and signatures was not visible. We receive the ballots sorted by region and distribute them so that no committee member will end up counting the votes from their own region. We had no opportunity to review the online balloting prior to implementation and we have since made changes so we can keep that process as confidential for you.

Dodds: Each year clubs whose votes are received are listed on the CFA web site. Clubs are encouraged to check that list to ensure that their votes which were cast whether by online or by mail, email with attachment or fax were, in fact, received by Central Office. When the ballots were sent to clubs, envelopes for their return to Central Office were enclosed. It should be noted that this year Central Office could not identify 10 ballots because the envelopes did not identify the clubs which were voting. So, they were not listed on the website as having voted. And no one from any of these clubs contacted Central Office to advise them their club was not on the list of received ballots. Four clubs did contact Central Office to identify the appropriate club. By the Constitution, Central Office is not authorized to open envelopes which contain ballots. This Committee will open and determine their validity.

Dodds: Members of the committee keep what goes on in our meeting confidential. When we meet formally in the assigned conference room we do not leave the room alone – we go in pairs or groups to the rest rooms. When we are meeting like this, you may even see us on one of our rest room trips. Please understand that until we are released to bring you the results, we will

not stop and talk and give the perception to others that we are giving you some inside information.

Dodds: Eve always gave us instructions on how we were to act when we come to the meeting to deliver the results. She never wanted us to give any signals that could relay results to a winner or loser of any election. She was always very serious about that. I can see her still, giving us the warning. We all miss her direction and leadership. [applause for Eve]

Credentials Committee Meeting Verona, New York

Thursday and Friday, June 27-28, 2019

Dodds: Now we are going to move on to the formal and somewhat boring part of the Committee report, and then to the results you're waiting for. Don't worry, I've got a lot to go. The meeting was called to order by Nancy Dodds, Chairperson, at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2019. I discussed the meeting held on Wednesday, June 26, with Allene Tartaglia, James Simbro, Shelly Borowski, John Randolph, and Hilary Helmrich to prepare for the Credentials Meeting on Thursday. This was the first year that we really addressed how we were going to identify the Quorum. It took some time to work through the numbers.

Dodds: Hilary Helmrich was appointed secretary. The members of the committee all introduced themselves. We have a couple of new members every year. All members signed the Oath of Inspectors of Elections.

Dodds: The Secretary reported that the Credentials Committee had collected a total of \$385.00 (\$335.00 + a \$50.00 check made out to the Winn Feline Foundation). This money was earmarked for submission to the Winn Feline Foundation as a donation in memory of Eve Russell, our long-time Chairperson. The Secretary prepared a letter to Winn with the checks enclosed. A letter dated July 12, 2019 was received from the President of the Winn Foundation acknowledging the donation.

Clubs dropped after June 3, 2019 deadline:

CLUB	CLUB NAME	ST	R#	ML	REASON DROPPED
420	MID-MICHIGAN CAT FANCIERS	XX	4	18	DUES NOT PAID / NO MEMBERSHIP LIST
877	JIMINY CHRISTMAS CAT CLUB	XX	4	18	DUES NOT PAID / NO MEMBERSHIP LIST
1064	NORTH COAST CAT FANCIERS	XX	4	18	Club Retired
1530	ROYAL CANADIAN	XX	4	18	Club Retired
776	ALLIANCE OF PEDIGREED CB	XX	6	18	DUES NOT PAID / NO MEMBERSHIP LIST
831	QUAD CITY CAT CLUB	XX	6	18	Club Retired
1260	MID INDIANA CAT ENTHUSIASTS	XX	6	19	Club Retired
1275	CAT FRIENDS OF GERMANY	XX	9	18	Club Retired
1535	CATS N CATS	XX	9	19	DUES NOT PAID
1388	COREA CAT CLUB	XX	D	18	DUES NOT PAID / NO MEMBERSHIP LIST
1458	HONG KONG SHORTHAIK CAT CLUB	XX	D	18	DUES NOT PAID / NO MEMBERSHIP LIST
1471	KOREAN PRIDE CAT CLUB	XX	D	18	Club Retired
1563	SHANGHAI CAT LOVERS' SOCIETY	XX	D	19	DUES NOT PAID
1574	CAT ALLIANCE THAILAND	XX	D	18	DUES NOT PAID / NO MEMBERSHIP LIST
1586	UAO NING CAT FANCIERS CLUB	XX	D	18	DUES NOT PAID / NO MEMBERSHIP LIST
1607	SHEN YANG FENG TIAN CLUB	XX	D	18	DUES NOT PAID / NO MEMBERSHIP LIST
1617	CHINA ZHENAI CLUB	XX	D	18	DUES NOT PAID / NO MEMBERSHIP LIST
1624	AMY COFFEE	XX	D	18	DUES NOT PAID / NO MEMBERSHIP LIST
1642	CHINA HARBIN CAT CLUB	XX	D	18	DUES NOT PAID / NO MEMBERSHIP LIST
1645	CHINA RADAR CAT FANCIERS	DU	D	18	NO MEMBERSHIP LIST
1648	RED STAR CAT CLUB	XX	D	19	DUES NOT PAID
1650	HONG KONG & PHILIPPINES CAT INT ALL	XX	D	18	DUES NOT PAID / NO MEMBERSHIP LIST
1663	FELINE NATION CAT CLUB	DU	D	18	NO MEMBERSHIP LIST
1676	OBSESS ORIENTAL CAT CLUB	XX	D	18	DUES NOT PAID / NO MEMBERSHIP LIST
1680	ADORE CAT FAMILY TIANJIN CLUB	XX	D	18	DUES NOT PAID / NO MEMBERSHIP LIST
1688	NOAH INTL CAT CLUB	XX	D	18	DUES NOT PAID / NO MEMBERSHIP LIST

As of 06/04/19 DU=Dues pd; XX=Dues not pd; M L is year of list submitted

<i>CFA Clubs Dropped after June 3, 2019:</i>	26
<i>Clubs in ID Division which did not have a show in the 2018-2019 show season:</i>	48
<i>Clubs under suspension for non-payment of entry surcharges and late fees:</i>	7
<i>Total Clubs Remaining as of June 3, 2019:</i>	601
<i># of Clubs determining a quorum:</i>	546
<i># of Club Delegates necessary to be registered determine a quorum (50%+1):</i>	274

Delegate forms:

<i>Delegate forms mailed electronically</i>	<i>March 20, 2019</i>
<i>Delegate form reminder sent (electronically and regular mail):</i>	<i>April 23, 2019</i>
<i>Received Delegates on CFA Website</i>	<i>Daily</i>
<i>Deadline for postmark or electronic transmission</i>	<i>May 1, 2019</i>
<i>Delegate forms postmarked or electronically transmitted by deadline:</i>	365

Delegates carrying more than two votes.

- *Mark Hannon: 3 votes*
- *Mary Auth: 3 votes*

These extra votes were handled in the Delegate line by the Central Office Staff

Clubs who submitted delegate info after deadline:

- ***China Cat Fanciers (#1412)*** – submitted on 5/17/19 via the online delegate payment/form. The committee voted not to accept this delegate form.

The meeting was adjourned until Friday morning.

The meeting was reopened Friday June 28 at 7:00 a.m. by the Chairperson, Nancy Dodds.

The members who were added to the Committee and arrived this morning signed the Oath of Inspectors prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Ballots for CFA Directors at Large:

Ballot information and link to vote emailed:	April 12, 2019
Ballot reminders mailed	May 8, 2019
Ballots received (CFA Website)	Daily
Deadline for ballots	Received by June 3, 2019
Valid ballots received by deadline	425

Clubs ballots (14) were received without identifying the club on the envelope.

The committee identified the club and the region and accepted these ballots:

*Cats Royale (2)
Vintage SH (2)
Cat Spring Irregulars (6)
Muskogee CC (3)
High Plains CC (3)
Vieux Carre CF (3)
Lake Country CF (6)
Absolutely Abyssinians CC (7)
Mark and Linda (7)
Cats Exclusive, Inc. (7)
Southern Traditions CC (7)
That's My Point CF (7)
MC Japan (8)– came by fax committee reviewed form and it is valid – voted to accept
British SH CC Japan (8)
Basic Black Cat Club (Hong Kong). Committee voted to accept the ballot submitted before the deadline and reject the ballot submitted after the deadline.
Camelot CC (8) was found to be a pdf file. It was counted separately by the committee.*

Club ballots received that were reviewed and determined to be invalid

- *Crab and Mallet (7) ballot with no signature of President – voted not to accept this ballot*
- *Japan Norwegian Breed Club (8) – did not vote for 5 – voted not to accept ballot*
- *Dutch Purrpuss CC – not signed by the Secretary – voted to not accept this ballot*
- *China Tao Yuan Fanciers Club (#1571, club suspended) (ID)*
- *Tianjin Feiming Cat Club (#1600, club suspended) (ID)*
- *Independent CC (8) - late*
- *Toy Cat Club (#1349), region 8 – late*
- *Independent Cat Club (#1506), region 8 – late*
- *Wildcatters Cat Club (#1165), didn't submit membership list by 2/1/2019 – submitted the list in March 2019. They sent a ballot by email. The Committee voted not to accept this ballot.*

The Committee voted to recommend that the names on the ballot be indented.

The Committee recommended that Central Office shut off the ability to vote after the deadline.

The Committee recommended that Central Office not let the same club vote two or more times.

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Election Results were as follows:

CFA DIRECTORS AT LARGE: (425 votes tallied)

Election Results for CFA Director-at-Large for the term June 2019-June 2021 were as follows:

Cynthia Byrd	Brea, CA	187
Pam DelaBar	Tampere, Finland	124
George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.	Marysville, CA	191*
Lorna Friemoth	Columbus, OH	109
Carol Krzanowski	Manahawkin, NJ	232*
Melanie Morgan	Louisa, VA	200*
Brian Moser	Independence, OR	188*
Bradley Newcomb	Lexington, KY	105
Darrell Newkirk	Las Vegas, NV	265*
Sharon Rogers	Alta Loma, CA	104
Peter Vanwonterghem	Hechtel-Eksel, Belgium	169
Russell Webb	Wayne, NJ	152
John Webster	Bakersfield, CA	99

The Committee adjourned to go to the Annual Meeting Room and report the results of the election to the delegation.

Respectfully submitted:

Hilary Helmrich, Secretary

Hannon: My thanks to Nancy Dodds and to all the members of the Committee. We need a motion to destroy the ballots. **Eigenhauser:** So moved. **Phillips:** Second.

Motion Carried.

Hannon: My congratulations to the winners. I would like to thank both Carla and Peter, who will be leaving the board for their service, and thank you to those who ran but did not succeed in winning, for at least putting your name out there and for making the effort. We appreciate that. I am ready to break for lunch. See you in an hour.

LUNCH BREAK.

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

Hannon: Next on our agenda is the Treasurer's Report with Kathy Calhoun.

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CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION
Treasurer's
Report

May 2018 – April 2019

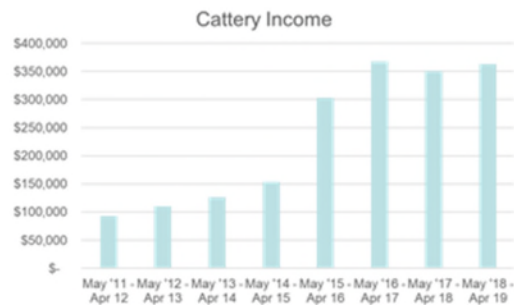
Calhoun: Hi delegation. The worst spot on the agenda is behind the Credentials Committee and the announcement of who won what. The second worst spot on the agenda is behind lunch. I drew both. I changed my speech. First it said, "Good morning CFA." That's gone, so good afternoon CFA! I'm very pleased to present the financial results for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

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Calhoun: Let's begin with the category that contributes the greatest amount of money to CFA's bottom line, which is registration. The first slide shows the contributions in this category for the last 8 seasons. As you can see, registration grew from \$513,000 in the 2012-2013 season to \$1.3 million in 2017-2018. This year, registration income has come down a bit. It's at \$1,165,000, which is still a significant amount of money. Good job with registrations. [applause]



Calhoun: Income from catteries is another major contributor to the bottom line, which is very indicative of CFA's growth and sustainability. This category peaked in 2016-2017 with a record of \$367,000. This past year we came in very close to hitting that point again with \$362,000. So, another great achievement.



CFA Major Expense Categories

Publications – Yearbook, Cat Talk, Online Almanac, Newsletters

- Yearbook
 - Optimization – additional pages and content
 - Concerns - Minimum economic order quantities still results in excess inventories

Marketing & Development

- Growing presence in social media
- Sponsorship sourcing

Central Office

- Salaries & Benefits
- Facilities

Legislation

- Domestic Presence

Information Technology

- Genetics Project

Corporate

- Legal Counsel Globally
- Stipends

Club Sponsorships

- Existing Shows, Agility, In-conjunction, New Shows

Programs

- Ambassador
- Judging
- Clerking

Events

- International Show
- CFA Annual Meeting, Banquet and Awards

Calhoun: Let's talk a little bit about how CFA uses those dollars to manage expenses. A fair question is, why is Publications listed as an expense? Here comes my commercial about Yearbook sales. As you can see, Publications have historically cost more to produce than the revenue driven by sales; in particular, the Yearbook. Traditionally, the Yearbook does not sell very well. Who would like to guess how many Yearbooks CFA typically orders in a given year? Four hundred books. That's all we order, typically 400 books. [**Hannon** makes an off-microphone comment] I told him not to contribute to my speech while I'm giving it. At any rate, the point is that we need this organization to get behind the Yearbook and make sure that we sell out every copy. Those Yearbooks are near and dear to our hearts. We all want to see that publication be sustained in our portfolio of Publications. We've done a lot of things over the past couple years. At one point in time we changed the cover from a hard cover to a soft cover. Folks didn't really care for that, so we went back to the hard cover. Folks said they wanted more content, so we went to a bigger book with more content and maintained the same price. So, the sales pitch here today, we've got some Yearbooks for sale and I think we have some older copies from past seasons for sale at a rock bottom price. So, let's make sure that we get all of those books sold, so that Rich and Allene do not have to pack them up and take them back to Central Office, only for me to say we need to bring them to the International. So, let's get behind it and get those books sold, OK? **Borawski:** They're sold. We sold them already. **Calhoun:** Wait!

Quick, let's go back and get more. **Hannon:** Call Brian. **Calhoun:** We will have more at the International.

Calhoun: Also on this page, we talk a little bit about Marketing and Development. We had great presentations earlier today from that committee. They did a fabulous job. We are investing heavily in our Marketing and Development programs. This is in order to ensure CFA's growth throughout our coming years, and it also contributes to every one of us from a cattery perspective to support the bottom line in our own, individual catteries. So, great job. The Development Committee – Jo Ann, Kathy, Desiree – are doing a fantastic job. We are really pleased with them and they did great presentations earlier in the day.

Calhoun: Also, we are investing heavily in technology and information technology. Tim Schreck provided information about that earlier. We're really excited about the genetics and the color programming that's coming up. They are doing a very good job and we are investing heavily there.



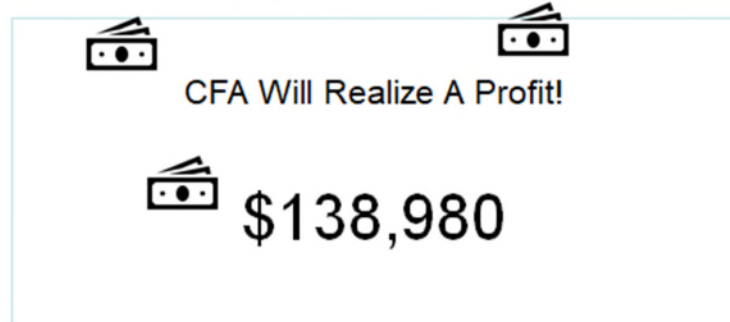
Calhoun: Moving to the next slide, this is a comparison of the money that we made (income), and the money that we've spent. As you can see, the green bars are income and the red bars are expenses.



Calhoun: Over the last eight seasons, we have continued to be profitable. But how much profit? Here comes the drum roll.



The Bottom Line



Calhoun: In spite of the challenges that we had this year globally, CFA has still made a significant profit of \$138,980. [applause] Let's keep in mind, this is based on financials prior to our audit coming in. We will have audited financials by the end of July/early August. We do not expect a great deviation. In fact, there may be some plus side to make that number even better.

Calhoun: For those of you who really like to see a lot of numbers, I have a summary of the CFA financials. It's a one pager with all of our major categories. I've only got about 10 copies here today because we typically print several hundred copies and we take several hundred copies to the shredder afterwards. So, we've got 10 copies today. Today and today only, you can get your very own copy for \$45, which you also get a free Yearbook. I'm just kidding. There are 10 copies here – I'm not kidding about that – but if you would like a copy of this as a delegate, you can email me at calhounkathy38@gmail.com. We will also be sending copies to all the club secretaries once we have audited financials, which will probably be late July/early August. We want to wait until we have audited financials to send out to the secretaries. If you just can't wait, you can get your copy today or send me an email.



Budget Committee

*Carla Bizzell
Mark Hannon
Rich Mastin
Teresa Sweeney
Allene Tartaglia*

Central Office Staff - Cristal Oesch



Thank You!!

Calhoun: Last but not least I would like to recognize a dedicated team of folks that help keep CFA on track, which includes monthly financial reviews, trips to Central Office, budget development and audit responsibilities. [Calhoun recognizes the Committee and asks them to stand] They all spend countless hours and do a great, great job. We've also got Cristal back in Central Office right now who is probably hammering out the financials and getting things done there today, getting all the bills paid.



Calhoun: Last, also I would like to thank Batman and Robin, the Central Office cats that keep us smiling day to day when we are numbers crunching. Thank you very much.

Hannon: Thank you, Kathy. We have from the Central Office James Simbro today. He is our IT person. I just want to recognize him. He's the only gentleman sitting at the table over there. He was tied up with the Credentials Committee all morning, so he wasn't here. If you've got an IT problem, that's the man you are going to talk to.

(53) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

Hannon: Next on the agenda is Melanie Morgan with the Judging Program.

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CFA Judging Program

Melanie Morgan

Morgan: Hello everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to address you as the representative of the Judging Program. It is an honor and a pleasure to address you today.

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CFA Judging Program

- Melanie Morgan, Chair
 - Larry Adkison – Oversight and quality control
 - Pat Jacobberger – Chair, Judges' Education Subcommittee (BAOS)
 - Barbara Jaeger – Education Subcommittee – BAOS Coordinator
 - Anne Mathis – Education Subcommittee – Continuing Education Coordinator
 - Tracy Petty – Education Subcommittee – Educational Materials Coordinator/Librarian
 - Becky Orlando – File Administrator – Mentor Program
 - Claire Dubit – Applications Administrator
 - Sharon Roy – Ombudsman, General Communications Representative
 - Jan Stevens – File Administrator, Member, Recruitment & Development subcommittee, Protest Committee
 - Annette Wilson – Chair, Guest Judge Subcommittee, Guest judge paperwork review

Morgan: The first order of business is to give you all a little bit of exercise and give everyone a well-deserved thank you to my team. If you're here, please stand.

- * Larry Adkison – General oversight and quality control
- * Pat Jacobberger – Chair, Judges' Education subcommittee (Breed Awareness and Orientation School)
- * Barbara Jaeger – Education Subcommittee BAOS
- * Anne Mathis – Education Subcommittee
- * Tracy Petty – Education Subcommittee
- * Becky Orlando – File Administrator; Mentor Program Administrator
- * Claire Dubit – Applications Administrator
- * Sharon Roy – Ombudsman, General Communications Representative

- * Jan Stevens – File Administrator; Member, Recruitment & Development subcommittee, Protest Committee
- * Annette Wilson – Chair, Guest Judge subcommittee; Guest judge paperwork review

When they say it takes a village, they are really not kidding. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to each and every one of those wonderful ladies who just stood. They make me look good on a daily basis. Our Judging Program would not and could not continue to excel without the support from our President, the Board members, Central Office staff, each and every member of the judging panel and every one of you, the breeders and exhibitors. So, I would like to take a moment to thank you all. I continue to be proud to be part of CFA. As I was putting my reports together for this meeting I had a chance to reflect on the thousands of hours our dedicated volunteers willingly give to make CFA a better place. I also found myself thinking about the collective years of experience represented by our judging corp and I am humbled. There is so much talent, so much passion and so much dedication.

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CFA Judging Program

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Memoriam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Diane Dunn – Richard Gebhardt – Walter Hutzler – Joanne Winslow • Resignation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Frank Dueker – John Hiemstra – Megumi Yamashita 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retirement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Patricia Jacobberger – Koji Kanise • Judge Emeritus Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Patricia Jacobberger – James Thompson
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Morgan: At any rate, moving on to the sad part – much like we start our Annual banquet – sadly, the cat fancy lost some of that talent this year. Please join me in cherishing the memories of:

- * CFA Shorthair Judge Joanne Winslow judge lost nearly a year ago now.
- * CFA AB Judge Emeritus Richard Gebhardt, a man who left an indelible mark on CFA left us in September

Morgan: Another individual who touched our hearts and sparked our imaginations:

- * CFA AB Judge Walter Hutzler passed away in February
- * In April we lost CFA AB Judge Diane Dunn

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

- * Resigned – CFA SH Judge Frank Dueker
- * Resigned – CFA Allbreed Judge John Hiemstra
- * Retired – CFA Allbreed Judge Megumi Yamashita
- * Retired – CFA Allbreed Judge Koji Kanise
- * Retired After 35 years of service CFA Allbreed Judge Emeritus Pat Jacobberger

Morgan: We wish Frank, John, Koji, Megumi and Pat all the best. Thank God PJ will continue to share her talents with CFA as Chair of the Education Subcommittee on the JPC. Both Pat Jacobberger and Jimmy Thompson were given Judge Emeritus status. Thank you for applauding for Pat. Please join me in congratulating both of these fine individuals.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Judges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Michele Beaudry – Lyn Knight – Oscar Silva Sanchez • Trainees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Michele Beaudry – Bethany Colilla – Jennifer Reding – Teo Vargas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced to Apprentice - First Specialty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Lyn Knight – Oscar Silva Sanchez • Advanced to Approval Pending Specialty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Gavin Cao – Amanda Cheng
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Morgan: Moving forward let's celebrate our future. It has been another great year for new judges with some superb talent emerging. Many judges have moved through several advancements during the year; I will 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. Please hold your applause until each group is announced and then join me in congratulating these judges on their acceptance and advancements. Let's see if we can do this right. We welcome three new judges this year, two of which are already well on their way and the newest is just starting her Journey!

Our newest addition and first specialty Trainee is:

- * Michele Beaudry, NAR (Longhair – 1st Specialty)

Our Second Specialty trainees are:

- * Bethany Colilla, GLR (Shorthair – 2nd Specialty)
- * Jennifer Reding, NWR (Longhair – 2nd Specialty)

Advanced to Apprentice, in their first specialty – Both were accepted as new judges this season.

- * Lyn Knight, S.R. (Longhair – 1st Specialty)
- * Oscar Silva Sanchez, Eur (Longhair – 1st Specialty)

Advance to Apprentice in their second Specialty:

- * Teo Vargas (Shorthair – 2nd Specialty)

Advanced to Approval Pending Specialty:

- * Gavin Cao, ID China (Shorthair – 1st Specialty)
- * Pam DeGolyer (Longhair – 1st Specialty)



CFA Judging Program

- Advanced to Approved - First Specialty
 - Bethany Colilla
 - Jennifer Reding
 - Teo Vargas
- Advanced to Approved Second Specialty; Approval Pending Allbreed
 - Wendy Heidt
- Advanced to Approved Allbreed
 - Nicholas Pun – Rod U'Ren
 - Toshiko Tsyuchiya – Mihoko Yabumoto

Advanced to Approved 1st Specialty

- * Bethany Colilla, GLR (Longhair)
- * Jennifer Reding, NWR (Shorthair)
- * Teo Vargas, EUR (Longhair)

Advanced to Approved 2nd Specialty Approval Pending Allbreed:

- * Amanda Cheng (Shorthair – 2nd Specialty) Approval Pending Allbreed
- * Wendy Heidt, NWR (Shorthair – 2nd Specialty) Approval Pending Allbreed

And, introducing our newest approved Allbreed Judges:

- * Nicholas Pun, ID
- * Toshiko Tsyuchiya, Japan
- * Mihoko Tsyuchiya, Japan
- * Rod U'Ren, ID

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.



CFA Judging Program

- Service Awards
 - 5 Years:
 - John Adelhoch
 - Amanda Cheng
 - Marilee Griswold
 - Suki Man Lee
 - Toshihiko Tsuchiya
 - 10 Years:
 - Pamela J. Bassett
 - Hope M. Gonano
 - Melanie Morgan
 - Michael Hans Schleissner
 - Russell Webb
 - 15 Years:
 - Marsha Ammons
 - Barbara A. Jaeger
 - Sharon Powell
 - John Webster
 - 20 Years:
 - Jo Ann Miksa-Blackwell
 - Tracy Petty
 - Jan B. Stevens
 - Yoshiko Sada
 - Aki Tamura
 - Ayumi Ueda
 - Beverly A. Wood

Morgan: And, we will go on to service awards. Tomorrow night we will be celebrating the following Service awards:

5 Years

- * John Adelhoch
- * Amanda Cheng
- * Marilee Griswold
- * Suki Man Lee
- * Toshihiko Tsuchiya

15 Years

- * Marsha Ammons
- * Barbara A. Jaeger
- * Sharon Powell
- * John Webster

10 Years

- * Pamela J. Bassett
- * Hope M. Gonano
- * Melanie Morgan
- * Michael Hans Schleissner
- * Russell Webb

20 Years

- * Jo Ann Miksa-Blackwell
- * Aki Tamura
- * Tracy Petty
- * Beverly A. Wood
- * Ayumi Ueda
- * Jan B. Stevens
- * Yoshiko Sada

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• Service Awards

– 25 Years:

- John Colilla
- Rachel Anger
- Douglas Myers
- Jeri Zottoli

– 35 Years:

- Patricia Jacobberger
- Yaeko Takano

– 30 Years:

- Charles Gradowski
- Sharon McKeehen-Bounds
- Pam Moser
- Sharon Roy
- Gary Veach

25 Years

- * John Colilla
- * Rachel Anger
- * Douglas Myers
- * Jeri Zottoli

30 Years

- * Charles Gradowski
- * Sharon McKeehen-Bounds
- * Pam Moser
- * Sharon Roy
- * Gary Veach

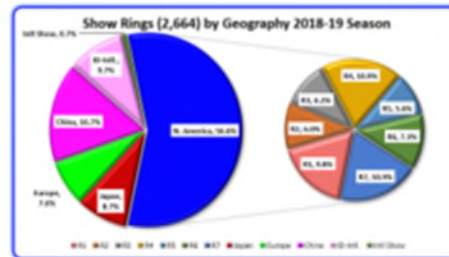
35 Years

- * Patricia Jacobberger
- * Yaeko Takano



CFA Judging Program

- Judge Utilization 2018-19 Show Season
 - Distribution of judges geographically



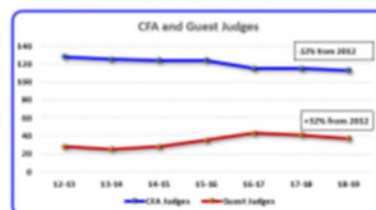
Morgan: Last year I shared some interesting statistics with you. I would like to share some of the most pertinent numbers with you again. They are really cool, and Dick Kallmeyer does a really good job funneling them through to us. This report that's up there on that screen represents charts and data related to judges at CFA shows from this last season – the 2018/2019 season. The first issue to realize is that the effect of the issues with the NGO laws in China directly affected the number of shows, the number of rings available and number of cats per ring. Overall this season versus last season there were 53 fewer shows, 407 fewer rings and 8487 fewer cats present. China was down significantly with 62 less shows and 7902 less cats. However, numbers in Regions 1-9 were, with the exception on present cats, slightly up with 9 more shows and 68 more rings. Despite the increase in shows, cats present were down 585 cats – which actually, all things considered, is not that much of a significant number. All of this directly impacts our judges and how hard they work. 407 fewer rings is significant. We are hopeful that we will be able to turn this around this year.



CFA Judging Program

- Judge Utilization 2018-19 Show Season

	2018			2017			2016		
	Judges	Rings	Rings/Judge	Judges	Rings	Rings/Judge	Judges	Rings	Rings/Judge
CFA Judges	113	2,667	23.6	113	2,667	23.6	113	2,667	23.6
Guest Judges	17	126	7.4	41	188	4.6	31	188	6.1

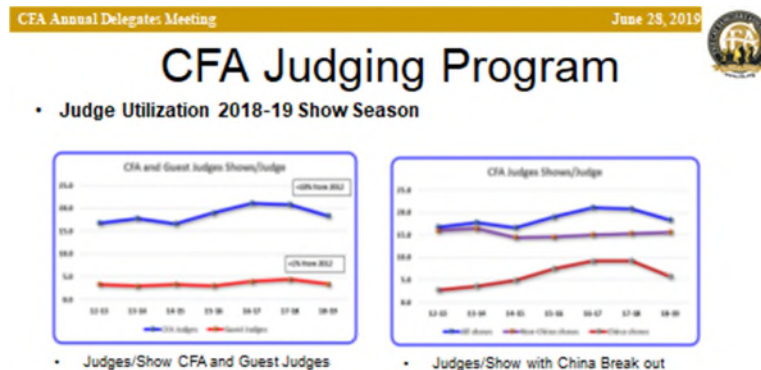


Morgan: The story here is that 57%, over half of the rings were in North America. China's share of rings dropped to 16.8%. For comparison, last season North America was 44% and China was 30%. This is an increase of 13% for North America with a corresponding decrease for China.

Morgan: Figures one and two here give us numbers and figures to show the utilization of CFA and guest judges across the last few seasons. The top table shows that the number of CFA judges has stayed relatively constant over the past 3 years, but guest judges have decreased

nearly 10% in the last year. That said, over a longer term, guest judge utilization is up while use of CFA trained judges is down.

Morgan: In the bottom graph we see that the increase in guest judges over the last five years is evident here in this chart. Up 32% over the last five years. You can also see that that the decrease in utilization of CFA judges is leveling out somewhat. Just looking at the bars, it's really fairly stable.



Morgan: The graph on the left plots shows per judge for CFA and guest judges. The dramatic effect of decreases in China is certainly evident. CFA judges are still judging more shows than during the 2012-13 show season, but the average decreased 2.5 shows/judge over 2017-18 (12%). It is interesting to look at our utilization without the effect of the shows in the ID – the middle line on the chart on the right shows you that. When we do it is clear that there is actually relatively little change in show/judge for all shows once China has been factored out.

Morgan: We have 113 CFA judges currently, down 1% from in 114 in 2017/2018. Thankfully, although we have not turned it completely around, this decrease is far less than the 10% decrease from the year before. 20% of CFA judges, judged 10 shows or less; 40% of CFA judges 15 shows or less. Two judges judged 40 or more shows. We are utilizing our already approved guest judges more. Last season, 50% of guest judges, judged 1-3 shows. This year 33% of our already approved guest judges had 1-3 shows. Three of our guest judges hit the ten show maximum. We are still under-utilizing the judges that we have, and there are still opportunities out there.



Morgan: We currently have 113 active judges that I mentioned, and this past year we utilized 37 different guest judges. Last year we lost seven judges to the Judging Program. This year we lost five. Last year we accepted three new judges. This year we again accepted three new judges. Last year we advanced four judges to approved allbreed. This year we also advanced four judges to approved allbreed. We continue to look for ways to interest talented individuals in the judging program and are exploring options for allowing more flexibility in the application process – thank you to the Board – without lowering the high standards that are synonymous with CFA. We continue to look for ways to provide tools to our existing judges. Last year we conducted two BAOS schools with high attendance figures. We continue to see expansion of the breed workshops. Our online resources for existing and potential judges continues to be expanded and is truly impressive, thanks to Pat Jacobberger. We are working on putting together a video library of specific breeds to supplement what we already have.

Morgan: So, all in all, a lot of numbers – some good, some not so good, but more promising than not so with your help and support we are moving in the right direction. And 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. Every for I think it's the past 7 or 8 years we have awarded one judge the Spotlight Award. It was originally conceived, and what we have is a committee. It's voted upon. I don't have anything to do with the voting. They just tell me who it is so I can write an article. We've had very many illustrious people that have won this coveted award, including Annette Wilson, Pat Jacobberger, Joan Miller, and Rachel, who didn't stop crying for a week she was so surprised. We try not to tell anybody who it is; we just present it. So, this year's Judges' Spotlight Award is going to a judge who began in the fancy in 1969. She registered her cattery, Confection, under her maiden name Lagerwall. She first bred Himalayans and then went on to breed bi-color and solid Persians. After she was accepted into the Judging Program in 1986, she also bred ebony Orientals and many, many Abyssinians. Diana Lagerwall Rothermel was a founding member of the Finicky Felines in the 1980's and served as their secretary. It was during that time that she married Craig Rothermel and could be found along with several of us at the board meetings listening to all that was going on. She was actually my

Board of Directors buddy during most annuals. After Craig passed away on March 4, 2001, Diana was alone until she began a relationship with Dick Kallmeyer. They met through the cat fancy and now reside in Scottsdale, Arizona. Diana is one of our unsung heroes in the cat fancy. She has served as a mentor to many of our up-and-coming judges and has served as a training judge to many of them, as well. She is a calm, quiet handler with that elusive natural eye that we all aspire to have. She is a classy, elegant lady who personifies what CFA is all about. No matter what the situation, she handles it with grace and dignity. I am very proud to present the Judges Spotlight Award to Diana Rothermel. I want you to know that Dick had to coerce her to come to the Annual this year. Congratulations!

Rothermel: Thank you. I am honored. Truly honored.



Hannon: Thank you Melanie, thank you Ellyn. Congratulations Diana.

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

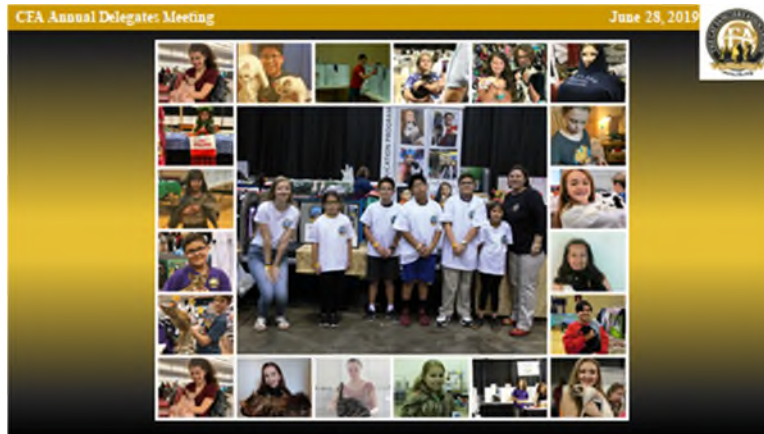
Hannon: Next on the agenda we have the Youth Feline Education Program with Carmen.



Johnson-Lawrence: Good afternoon. I know we're running a little bit late, so I will try to talk fast. Friends, family, fellow fanciers, delegates and board members. Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to come before you today. Last Fall, revisions to the mission and vision of the Program were made, to better reflect our purpose and goals. The mission of the Program is to foster growth and development of CFA youth through various activities within the Program area. Those areas are education, cat show preparation and presentation, and community service. Our vision is to grow and develop the future exhibitors, breeders and leaders of CFA.



Johnson-Lawrence: The Committee members of the Youth Feline Education Program are my sounding board, along with our Board liaison, Rich Mastin. I am very grateful to have them, to bounce ideas off of and brainstorm ideas for the Program. Our active youth are always coming up with ideas to be involved, not just in the show halls but in their communities, as well. I love seeing the growth and development of these youth throughout the years. This year we had 27 youth actively participate in various ways throughout the season. We have one youth from the Great Lakes Region who has graduated out of the Program after last season, but I know we will see more of her because she is close to being ready to taking her clerking test.



Johnson-Lawrence: Here is just sampling of our youth throughout the United States.

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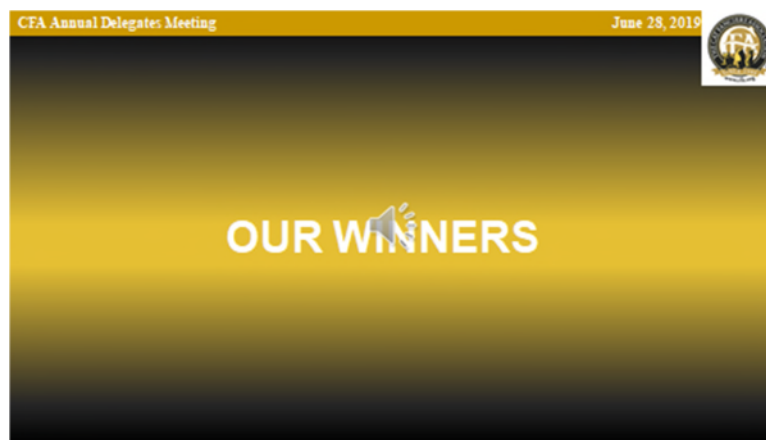
- Opened program to youth 5 years of age and in Kindergarten
- 2019-2020 season...
 - Removal of age divisions
 - Removal of points based tracking
 - All youth to be recognized based on activity at three different levels

Johnson-Lawrence: Not only did we revision the mission and vision, but we also opened the Program up to youth who are 5 years of age and also in kindergarten. However, there are some major changes that went into effect May 1st. The age divisions – Cubs, Lions, Cats, Seniors – have been removed. A majority of the youth in the Program range from ages 10 to 15 – Lions and Cats. Within the age groups, there are suggested activities that youth can participate in, but we noticed that most youth did what they are comfortable doing. If a 7 year old felt comfortable giving a presentation, a 7 year old gave a presentation. We also removed tracking of points based on the activity, so it will no longer be, “Oh, you stewarded in a ring, you get 5 points. Oh, you did this, you get 10 points.” In the past, the point values varied, depending on the activity, complexity, time involved and the creativity. To level the playing field for all youth, we also removed that points-based aspect. Each activity, regardless of complexity or time involved, will count as one activity. In addition, the Program has always recognized first, second and third within the age divisions regionally and nationally, along with an overall winner and, for the last two years, top three winners. Going forward, recognition will be based on the total number of activities completed within three Program areas and at four different levels. Those are Participant, with a bronze level, silver level and gold level. Our Joann Cummings Memorial Spotlight Award, which was approved last year – the criteria will remain the same as it was approved. All youth will be recognized regardless of their level of participation. There will no longer be a first, second and third. It won’t be a race to the finish. Lastly, the Program has

removed the monetary award at the end of the season for the national winners. Originally, these awards were meant to be savings bonds. In a review, it was found that it proved to be a challenge for various reasons. We are looking at other opportunities for this money to better serve its original purpose.



Johnson-Lawrence: Looking forward, we have a number of youth who have a high level interest in Agility. I know six youth throughout the United States who actively run cats in Agility, and a few more who steward on a regular basis for our Agility Ringmasters. I will be looking to connect with our Agility Program to brainstorm and to put into action various ways our youth can continue to grow and develop within Agility. And about those monetary awards, about 10 years ago I remember asking a past CFA president if there was any sort of scholarship that CFA offered to graduating seniors, our graduating youth. I was told no. There is one committee member on our YFEP committee who does have some experience and knowledge in creating scholarship criteria and funds. If anyone else is interested in helping with this, I gladly welcome your suggestions. This has been something that has been on my mind for a long time – long before I became involved in the Youth Feline Education Program. Growth of the Youth Feline Education Program is important, but we cannot forget about the kids that are already in the show halls. We cannot lose them. We need to remember that they are the future. It also requires us as adults to show our youth the same level of courtesy and respect that we expect from our peers. If we don't they won't come back.



Johnson-Lawrence: I am excited now to present to you the 2019 National/Divisional winners for the Youth Feline Education Program.

[a video was shown to Imagine Dragons - Whatever It Takes]

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LIONS – Ages 10 to 12


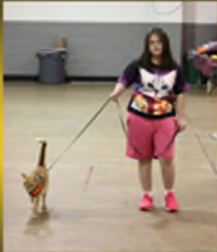



		
1 st Place Edward Goatsey Great Lakes Region	2 nd Place Abigail Vaughan Southern Region	3 rd Place Matilda Starbuck Northwest Region

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CATS – Ages 13 to 15



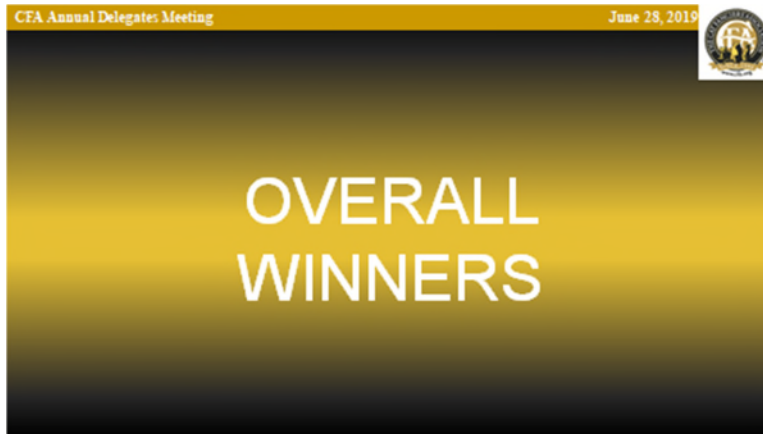
		
1 st Place Payton Gomez Southwest Region	2 nd Place Heather Wilde North Atlantic Region	3 rd Place Angelica Whitney North Atlantic Region

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SENIORS – Ages 16 to 18



		
1 st Place Isabel Pitts Gulf Shore Region	2 nd Place Amelia Egeler North Atlantic Region	3 rd Place Rebecca Gibson Great Lakes Region



Johnson-Lawrence: As I mentioned earlier, we are going to recognize top 3 overall winners again this year. At this time I would like to invite Heather Wilde from the North Atlantic Region to join me. I saw that look in her eyes like, “oh man!” Heather is from the North Atlantic Region and joined the Program at the Atlanta annual. Long before she joined the Program she was active showing her Household Pets, and if you ever visit the North Atlantic Region, the Southern Region or the Great Lakes Region shows, you have seen her walking one of her cats around the show hall. She actively participates in the costume contests at various shows and assisted with hospitality at the International Show last year. In addition to her cats, she also loves horses. It is with great pride that I award Heather as this year’s third best overall National Winner.

Johnson-Lawrence: By chance, is Payton Gomez here? We’re going to talk about her anyway. Payton is from the Southwest Region and has been an active member of the Program since 2012. A little about Payton. She is a busy young lady. She is always making toys for judges and exhibitors and showing her cat. Gary, who was last year’s and CFA’s first-ever Best Household Pet nationally, is a national winner again this year. She has also enjoyed participating in cage decorating contests. I am proud to announce that Payton is this year’s second best overall National Winner.

Johnson-Lawrence: And now, I would like to ask Lorna Friemoth and Bethany Colilla to come up to present our best overall winner.

B. Colilla: This year’s overall winner went into the season knowing it would be the final year for recognition and set a goal to earn it. They hit the road running on May 1st, assisting with regional award notifications and presentations. From there, it was to the Annual and then another 20 shows participating in various ways – from showing cats, clerking, assisting with set-up and tear-down for local clubs. When not clerking, they are acting as photographer. This youth mentored a new Household Pet exhibitor in the Great Lakes Region, as well as trained a class mate for stewarding. They also assisted with the International Show by selling pins and working hospitality. They have been on TV promoting club shows and help with FaceBook promotion. The recipient of this award has been involved in the Program since 2014. On behalf of the Youth Feline Education Program, I invite to join up here and congratulate Edward Goatseay from the Great Lakes Region as this year’s overall winner. [applause] **Hannon:** For those of you who

don't know, this is his mother. **Johnson-Lawrence:** If you ask Mary K, he is also the future president of CFA.



Johnson-Lawrence: The Youth Feline Education Program thanks everyone for their continued support of our youth and the Program in this past season, and we look forward to their continued growth and development in the coming season. Thank you.

Hannon: Thank you Carmen. Congratulations Eddie. Only a couple years ago he was up here and had to stand on a chair to be seen.

(55) **2019 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS.**

Determination of a Quorum:

Number of CFA member clubs represented: 339*

Number of votes for a simple majority: 114

Number of votes for a two-thirds majority: 226

*[**Secretary's Note:** The final delegate registration number was 341]

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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Hannon: Next we're moving on to the amendments and resolutions. When you go to the microphone, please give your name and the name of the club for which you are a delegate. If you are not a delegate, you may not speak. Only delegates can address the congregation. We start with changes to the Constitution. There are proposed amendments. They must pass by 2/3 in order to be effective, and they become effective immediately.

– 1 – Country Faire Cat Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, Section 4 – Regional Assignment, to shorten the time after a secretary moves from a club's home region, as follows:

New members of the Association will be assigned to the Region in which is found the mailing address of the Secretary of the new member at the time of application for membership. Any club, for which the secretary(s) has resided outside of the current assigned region for a period of ~~five (5)~~ three (3) years, and/or the activities of the club have been conducted outside of the current assigned region for a period of ~~five (5)~~ three (3) years, shall be reassigned to the region of the current secretary's residence. Member clubs that have reorganized outside the current assigned region, have conducted activities outside the current assigned region, and the secretary also resides outside the current assigned region, may petition the board to be assigned to the new region.

RATIONALE: In today's modern world and increased mobility and shrinking club membership, secretaries tend to move around for a variety of reasons. Three years is a more reasonable time to adjust which region a club resides in – particularly when so many paper clubs are voting for regional directors for areas not directly related to a secretary's physical location.

Hannon: The first one is from Country Faire Cat Fanciers. I see Mary Auth. **Mary Auth [Country Faire Cat Fanciers; High Sierra Cat Club]:** This particular proposed constitutional amendment is one that I think is very logical. We have currently for a number of years, it had to have been five years before clubs changed regions from when a secretary changed physical location. I'm proposing that it go down to three years from the time that a secretary moves to

another region. Largely, I think it's a logical move and also because it makes that period of shorter when some secretaries are voting on regional issues that they are no longer engaged with. **Hannon:** George, do you want to address this? **George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]:** We had a similar resolution come up recently, so I'm not going to belabor this. The purpose of this resolution is to make it easier for paper clubs to move from region to region. Very few real clubs migrate around. Right now, the only thing that keeps somebody from moving into your region with a pocketful of paper clubs and destroying your elections is, it takes them five years to transfer. This will now make it three years, so if somebody wants to dump a bunch of paper clubs into your region, they get to do it faster. Very few real clubs are going to be helped by this. In fact, some real clubs may be harmed by this. There are clubs – for example, breed clubs or educational clubs – that have membership scattered around CFA that right now if they have their secretary out of region for five years, it moves them out of their own region, so they should be careful to change their secretary, bring them back into their home region every few years. I don't know a lot of real clubs that are going to be helped by this, but I know this is going to make it a lot easier for paper clubs. I don't see any reason why we should make it easier for paper clubs. **Hannon:** I don't see anybody else interested in speaking on this. **Linda Martino [San Diego Cat Fanciers; Tonkinese East]:** I would like to speak on behalf of the Tonkinese Breed Association [**Secretary's Note:** the delegate for the Tonkinese Breed Association is Debbie Algire], which has almost 200 members in the club. We are a national club. And yes, our secretaries do move around occasionally and so when George says that there really aren't many real clubs that this affects, that's not true. We have a hard time having the same secretary for five years in a row because it's a big job in a club with 200 people. So, there are real clubs that would like to see this time shortened to a little bit more reasonable period, instead of – it's been probably been 10 years since we've been able to get our region to be with our secretary. So, we're real.

Hannon: Not seeing anybody else, Mary did you want to make any closing comments? **Mary Auth [Country Faire Cat Fanciers; High Sierra Cat Club]:** No thank you. **Hannon:** OK. Remember, it takes 2/3. If you are representing one club please raise one hand; if you are representing two clubs raise both hands. We think it's pretty close from up here so we're going to ask the tellers to come. It clearly was over half, but whether it was 2/3 is really close. Nancy, let me know when you're ready. All those in favor, raise the appropriate number of hands. They are going to look to see if you've got a 1 or a 2. Keep your hands up until they tell you to put them down. This is yes – all those voting in favor of this change.

[a teller count is performed] **Hannon:** The Parliamentarian told me there are 339 clubs checked in. Two-thirds would be, 226 votes are needed to meet the 2/3 requirement. So, we need 226 if this is to pass. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** Point of order. **Hannon:** Mary has a point of order. Would you like to introduce yourself? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** I have a point of order. Is it 2/3 of the members present in the room or 2/3 of the members checked in? It seems like we do it differently every year. We've been doing it as 2/3 of the people in the room, so which one is the 2/3? **George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]:** May I respond to Mary's point? *The Constitution may be amended at an annual or special meeting of members by 2/3 of the votes entitled to be cast.* **Hannon:** So, it's 2/3 of the people that are registered as delegates. **Randolph:** It will take 226. **Hannon:** Mary, did you have something else to say? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint**

Shorthair Fanciers]: Yes. I have another point of order. George did not read completely. He stopped before he got to, ... *votes entitled to be cast by the delegates present at the meeting*. Is it present in the room or delegates checked in? Which one? We do it differently. In the 20+ years I have been coming to this meeting, we do it differently almost every time. **Hannon:** The attorney has ruled that it's present at the beginning at the meeting, not at the time the vote is taken. Mary, maybe next year you would write an amendment to clarify. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** Every time somebody makes a clarification amendment, it never passes because nobody can agree. Every time we've had a different parliamentarian, the parliamentarian rules a different way. **Hannon:** So put it in the Constitution. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** If I put it in the Constitution as one way – I'll put it as both different ways. We've got to pass something because this is nuts. **Hannon:** OK. It takes 226. There were 215 yes votes, which means we did not get the 2/3 vote. I don't need to ask for the no votes. It really doesn't matter. We did not get enough yes votes for this to pass.

Hannon called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

– 2 – *Phoenix Feline Fanciers.*

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 1 – Annual Meetings, last sentence, to permit notice to be sent either electronically or by mail, as follows.

... ~~Written~~ Electronic or written notice of the time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be made to member clubs by the Central Office not less than forty (40) nor more than fifty (50) days prior to the opening day of the meeting."

RATIONALE: This is a housekeeping change to allow electronic notification of the Annual Meeting in addition to requiring written notification.

Hannon: Amendment #2 was submitted by Phoenix Feline Fanciers. Would somebody from Phoenix make the presentation? Nancy, are you the Phoenix person? **Nancy Dodds [Phoenix Feline Fanciers]:** We would like to amend Constitution Article IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 1, the last sentence, to permit notice to be sent either electronically or by mail. [reads] It's really a housekeeping change. It allows electronic notification, instead of requiring written notification. **Hannon:** Does anyone else wish to speak to this? All those in favor, please raise one or two hands, depending.

Motion Carried.

– 3 – *CFA Executive Board*

Alternative 1:

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 4 – Delegates, second paragraph, to remove the dollar figure for the delegate fee from the constitution, as follows:

No person acting as a delegate and/or proxy shall cast more than two (2) votes. Regardless of the number of votes carried, each delegate or proxy to the Annual Meeting shall pay a registration fee ~~of thirty dollars (\$30.00)~~ in the amount to be set by the Executive Board no later than January 1 of the calendar year of the Annual Meeting for each vote carried to help ~~member clubs~~ defray the costs of the Annual Meetings.

RATIONALE: The original fee (year unknown) was \$6.00 per vote carried. This fee was increased to \$10.00 per vote carried in 1986; to \$20.00 per vote carried in 2004; and to \$30.00 per vote carried in 2012. The costs of producing the annual meetings have risen since the last increase in 2012. The delegate fee paid by each club enables CFA to defray some of the ever-increasing costs incurred by the production of the annual meeting. Since 2016 the cost to CFA to host the Annual Meeting and Awards has risen approximately \$78,000. This is largely because a portion of the costs to host the Annual has moved from the Regional Clubs to CFA. If approved, this will be one of many action items being considered to reduce overall expenses while maintaining the quality and integrity of the Annual.

The other change is housekeeping to reflect that CFA, not the Regional clubs, now pays most of the cost of the Annual.

Hannon: #3 from the CFA Executive Board. George Eigenhauser. **George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]:** I'm speaking on behalf of the board this time. Right now, our delegate fee is \$30. It has been \$30 for the last seven years, but things have changed. Four years ago CFA took over much of the expense that had previously been borne by the regions. Last year we lost in excess of \$100,000 on the Annual. This year we are on track to lose in excess of \$100,000 on the Annual. These two resolutions would not fix that, but they would provide a small amount of money to improve the situation. The first resolution – Resolution #3 – would simply make the amount of the delegate fee part of the normal budget process to be set by the board, just like we set the cost of everything else in CFA. If you don't want to go that direction, the alternative is Resolution #4 which would provide for a \$10 increase. \$10 is not going to cover \$100,000 but it's a start and that's all we're asking. I urge you to vote yes on #3 but if you just can't, at least vote yes on #4. **Hannon:** Mary, do you want to introduce yourself? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** I have a quibble with George – the word “losing.” I don't see the Annual as, we're losing money on the Annual. We're spending money on the Annual, but we're not losing it because this is our function, this is what we do. This is a cost of doing business, as we have to have an Annual. So, we're spending money, we're not losing money. I agree with raising the delegate fee. I don't agree with this proposal because the board can set the delegate fee to \$100. Then what would we do? We don't want to give the board that much power. I don't mind raising the fee incrementally to what we need it to be, but I don't want to give you a blank check. So, I oppose this one but I support the next one. **Hannon:** The CFA Treasurer wishes to say something. **Kathy Calhoun [Basic Black Cat Club; United Persian Society]:** Also CFA Treasurer. I hope that the delegation can support either one or the other amendment. Given where we are today and some of the financial situations that we may face in the future, we need to make sure that we try as much as possible and whenever possible to contain costs. We know that, whether we want to call the Annual as an expense or we want to call it a cost of doing business, we need to manage those costs. We are looking at opportunities to go to locations that may have cheaper hotel rates, that may charge us less for the facilities, but we need to get the delegate fees into a reasonable and rational cost. Nowhere else will you get any sort of meeting – your companies, your associations – where you pay \$30 for food, beverage, all the little things that go along with putting on an Annual. I understand that you do pay for your hotel and flights

and all those sorts of things, but there are a lot of other costs that CFA absorbs in putting on this type of event. So, I hope that you would support this. If you don't feel comfortable with having it open ended, that you would feel comfortable with at least raising the delegate fees a small amount. **Hannon:** I'm going to call for the vote. All those in favor of the first of the amendments. **Karen Boyce [Southern Traditions Cat Club]:** Can I speak? I'm more confused than going to vote one way or the other. I just have an issue that if CFA is hurting that much and all the money that each club turns in at \$2.00 for surcharge, which comes to – based on 2017-2018 numbers – CFA has garnered almost \$100,000 from the clubs on that surcharge. If the surcharge can't be used for the Annual, which is what I thought it was, and it's going to be another \$78,000 over that, shouldn't we see all the numbers, what it takes to put on the Annual so we're not voting on something blind? **Hannon:** Karen, I think you're working on a false presumption. It was never presented as something to cover costs of the Annual. Back in the days when CFA was hemorrhaging for money and we were looking for more ways to raise more money to help us across the board. It wasn't just for the Annual. But, we've got two presentations here because the board anticipated how the first vote was going to go. So, all those in favor of giving the board a blank check. I see board members raising their hands. We appreciate that.

Motion Failed.

– 4 – CFA Executive Board

Alternative 2 (to be considered if the above proposal fails):

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 4 – Delegates, second paragraph, to increase the delegate fee from \$30 to \$40, as follows:

No person acting as a delegate and/or proxy shall cast more than two (2) votes. Regardless of the number of votes carried, each delegate or proxy to the Annual Meeting shall pay a registration fee of ~~thirty dollars (\$30.00)~~ forty dollars (\$40.00) for each vote carried to help ~~member clubs~~ defray the costs of the Annual Meetings.

RATIONALE: Same rationale as Resolution 3 but the amount to be set at \$40.00 per vote carried. Using the average income from delegate fees over the past three Annuals as a baseline a \$10.00 increase would provide an additional \$4,600 in income. This is a just a start. While this is a nominal increase per club, the fees will go a long way to cover those costs. Any future increases will require another Constitutional Amendment be adopted by the delegation.

Hannon: The next one is raising it from \$30 to \$40. **George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]:** We've already discussed it. I have nothing more to add. **Hannon:** All those in favor of raising the delegate fee to \$40 please raise one or two hands as appropriate.

Motion Carried.

– 5 – Turkish Angora Fanciers, International, Marina Allbreed Cat Club, Cat Fanciers of Kuwait and The Bengal Alliance

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 – Titles, second paragraph, to return to Board to 7 Directors at Large

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

RATIONALE: The Board was reduced by 2 Directors at Large in an attempt to make CFA function more streamlined; however, due to the nature of the other Board members and the groups they are elected to represent, it makes sense to allow for more business-minded individuals – ones not pressured to side with any one geographical region – to serve on our Board and lead our organization into the future.

Hannon: The next two are from the Turkish Angora Fanciers. Our Parliamentarian has ruled that if #5 passes, #6 is out of order. So Alene, do you want to talk about #5? **Alene Shafnisky [Turkish Angora Fanciers, International]:** I sort of anticipated that ruling. Hopefully we will someday be able to at least have the discussion about how to change the board, but one of the things that we have tried to do is streamline the board and make sure we got sort of the best input we could. While looking at the previous investigation that suggested our board might be a little bit smaller, we took away those two director-at-large slots. It seems like over the last few years that we have done that it has not been positively added to the board, so this would open the discussion to going back to that original seven director-at-large slots. This would not be for this show season. This would go into the next election. That's how it was written. **Hannon:** He has ruled otherwise. He has ruled that it is effective immediately. **Alene Shafnisky [Turkish Angora Fanciers, International]:** I'm not going to argue with that. **Hannon:** He says it doesn't say in here that it's effective at the next election, and since it doesn't say that it goes into effect immediately. **Alene Shafnisky [Turkish Angora Fanciers, International]:** I thought it was the opposite way. That's my mistake. **Hannon:** So, if this passes, then Sunday morning we're going to go to seven directors-at-large. **Darrell Newkirk [Abyssinian Midwest Breeders]:** I was a part of the people that voted to take away those two spots and in hindsight that was an error, and so I fully support this. **Mary Auth [Country Faire Cat Fanciers; High Sierra Cat Club]:** By what measure are you using that indicates that we have done a worse job with only five directors-at-large? That sounds more like an editorial opinion rather than fact.

Hannon: Anybody else? Seeing nobody else, I will let Alene have the final word. **Alene Shafnisky [Turkish Angora Fanciers, International]:** I agree that there is no data that we can present you, but there's also no data we can present you in the opposite case. There is a perception, but also the fact that what we did was we took away two positions that were elected by all of CFA, as opposed to only their region and who has those regional clubs. So, we're talking about someone who is getting electoral support from the larger base of CFA at large and we just think that would be beneficial, to return to the old way of doing things. **Linda Martino [San Diego Cat Fanciers; Tonkinese East]:** When we voted this down, at that point in time or at least in the past, most of the regional directors were non-judges and local people. That's no longer true today. Very few of the regional directors are not judges. Judges to me do have a more global aspect, so I personally think that you have most of the regional directors thinking quite

nationally because of their experiences as judges. So, to me it's just a total number issue and so going back is just going to cost us more money and I don't think it adds to the experience of the board. **Hannon:** I had asked Alene to make her closing remarks because nobody else was at the microphone. She has already made the closing remarks. I allowed Linda's. I will allow Pam but this will be the last person to speak on this before we vote. **Pam Moser [Lewis & Clark LH Specialty; Wenatchee Valley Cat Club]:** I have to agree with Linda. That's what I was just going to say. George was just up saying that financially, and that was one of the reasons why we went back to the five, because of the financial situation, so now we were just saying that we had a financial issue and so why do we want to add two more board members? That just makes it more expensive. **Hannon:** I'm going to call for the vote. All those who want to increase the number of directors-at-large from five to seven, raise one or two hands as appropriate.

Motion Failed.

– 6 – Turkish Angora Fanciers, International, Cat Fanciers of Kuwait and The Bengal Alliance

To be considered only if prior proposal passes:

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 – Titles, second paragraph, to reclassify Regional Directors as advisory liaisons to the Board:

The Directors of this Association shall consist of seven (7) Directors at Large. In addition, nine (9) Regional Directors, representing the geographical regions herein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions specified shall be elected a Regional Director, and seven Directors at Large. to serve as liaison to the Board when dealing with issues affecting their region of election.

RATIONALE: The Board is currently made up of a majority of voting members who were elected specifically by one area of the world, to directly represent their interests. As a result, some issues may be falling into the area between two competing global locations, as opposed to being reviewed solely for their business savvy and acumen. While Regional Directors serve admirably and with honor, reducing the number of voting members of the Board, and restricting those voting members to those elected by the entire delegation, is a worthwhile experiment at a time when our organization is at a crossroads.

Hannon: Alene, what did you want to do with #6? **Alene Shafnisky [Turkish Angora Fanciers, International]:** It was withdrawn.

Withdrawn.

– 7 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 2 – Elections, paragraph b – Eligibility to Vote, to clarify the show season in which an ID club must hold a show to be eligible to vote for officers or Directors at Large, as follows:

b. Eligibility to vote. In order to be eligible to vote, a club must be in good standing as of February 1 of the year in which the election is held. Additionally, only clubs assigned to a particular region shall be eligible to vote for the Regional Director for that region. Although International Division members will not vote for a Regional Director, they are eligible to vote for officers and Directors-at-Large if they hold a

licensed CFA show within the previous show season. As used in this paragraph the previous show season shall mean the show season ending immediately preceding the election.

RATIONALE: There has been some confusion as to which show season is the “previous” season with respect to ID clubs voting. Two different interpretations have been suggested. This amendment would clarify that “previous show season” means the one ending immediately before the election. For example, for the June 2019 election the previous show season would mean the one that began on May 1, 2018 and ended April 30, 2019.

Hannon: Executive Board, #7. **George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]:** Hello again. This actually came to the board from the Credentials Committee. When it says in our Constitution that ID clubs can vote at the Annual, let me get the exact language so that Mary doesn’t yell at me. ... *a licensed show within the previous show season.* The question is, what is the previous show season? To me, the previous show season from today is the show season that just ended three months ago. That’s what this resolution is intended to explain. However, other people have taken the position that because the eligibility to vote speaks from February 1st, the previous show season from February 1st would have been the 2017-2018 show season, which means that a club that held a show in May of 2017 would have met the requirement to vote today. That’s not my interpretation of it, but it is some people’s interpretation of it. Because there is that confusion, Credentials have asked us to clarify. This is that clarification. **Hannon:** Mary? **Kolencik:** I have a question. **Hannon:** What’s your name and your club? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** I still have a question with this George, because I still see that this can be up to interpretation, because it says *ending immediately preceding the election.* What does election mean? Does it mean today when the votes are counted or does it mean when the ballots go out? The ballots go out March 15th so the show season ending immediately prior to that would be last show season, so what does election mean? **Hannon:** According to the Parliamentarian, it’s when the ballots are counted. They were counted today, so the previous show season is the one that ended two months ago. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** OK, got it. **Hannon:** Now that we have that clarified, all those in favor of that change, that clarification, raise one or both hands.

Motion Carried.

– 8 – *Phoenix Feline Fanciers.*

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 2 – Elections, paragraph e – Election Procedure, first sentence, to send ballots either by electronically or by mail, as follows:

e. Election Procedure. On or before April 25 of each election year, the Central Office shall send by electronic means or mail to all member clubs in good standing ballots listing all candidates for whom timely declarations were received. ...

RATIONALE: While clubs have been given the option of voting electronically through the CFA Constitution, the notification of the ballots was not changed from “mail” to “electronic means” in the CFA Constitution. This change is merely a housekeeping one so that Central Office is authorized to send the ballots to member clubs electronically instead of by mail.

Hannon: Phoenix Feline Fanciers. Nancy? **Nancy Dodds [Phoenix Feline Fanciers]:** This is another one that caused us some issues with what we were doing relative to the Constitution. We wanted to be able to send out the ballots by electronic means but the Constitution clearly said *send by mail* and this is really another clarification to allow the Central Office to do either. **Hannon:** Anybody want to talk about this one? OK, I'm going to call for the vote. All those in favor of this change, raise one or two hands.

Motion Carried.

– 9 – Country Faire Cat Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE VI – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 5 – Vacancies, to align the choices of the delegates with the Director at Large vacancy, 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 (or vacancies) occur for any reason in the office of a Director at Large, the vacancy must be filled by the Executive Board with a Director at Large 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 who was not elected and that received the next highest number of votes, and continuing through the next highest vote recipient until the vacancy(ies) is filled. If no candidate is eligible, then the seat shall remain vacant until the next regularly schedule election for Director-at-Large.

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 was the case this year with Rich Mastin running for Vice President in 2018) then the next logical choice is the person who received the sixth highest number of votes. According to Roberts Rules of Order, as a constitutional amendment, this shall go into effect immediately.

Hannon: Country Faire, Mary Auth. **Mary Auth [Country Faire Cat Fanciers; High Sierra Cat Club]:** This is brought forth before the delegation again this year because it was ruled out of order last year. All of the concerns that John addressed last year have been incorporated into this year's version. So, what this Constitutional amendment essentially does is, it takes the power away from the President to making appointments to the board. If there is a vacancy in the Director-at-Large, to follow what the delegation actually voted for. **Hannon:** I believe Mary's got something to say. Your name and club please. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** I have to disagree with this, because this has no flexibility whatsoever. We are forced to put someone on the board. We can't leave seats vacant no matter what. If there's two weeks left in the term, we're forced to put somebody on that board. If person #6 is somebody from some part of the world where it's going to cost \$5,000 for a plane ticket to send them here, we have to put them on the board and buy the plane ticket. So, if only 6 people run for the board and 5 of them get on, then let's say #6 is somebody that's incompetent or me or something, we're stuck with them. The 6th person didn't win the election. We shouldn't be forced to fill that seat. The board has no flexibility. It's not the President. The President appoints somebody but they are ratified by the board, is that correct? So, it's the board putting somebody in that seat and if they want to leave it vacant to save money, they cannot, so I have to oppose this. **George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]:** Watch for the ceiling to fall in, because I agree with Mary [Kolencik]. Look, I understand the reason behind this. Having the President appoint is not particularly democratic, but taking first loser as the next delegate is not particularly democratic either. We have a saying in the law: "Hard cases make bad law." What that means is, don't get too buried in the facts right in front of you at the moment. In this particular election there was only one vote separating 5 from 6, but it's not going to be that way every single time there's an election. There may be a 50 vote gap, there may be a 60 vote gap. The person that finished 6th place may have been opposed by a majority of the clubs. How is appointing somebody who was opposed by a majority of the clubs democratic? We already have a solution in the Constitution for regional directors. If there's a vacancy, we have a special election. That makes a lot more sense. As Mary pointed out, if it's late in the term, the person that as 6th place may not be your choice anymore. Why shouldn't, when a vacancy occurs, the clubs be allowed to decide based on circumstances in front of them right now? In ancient times, we elected Directors-at-Large at the Annual, and that would have been burdensome, but now we do our elections online. If we want to hold a special election to fill a Director-at-Large seat, you don't even have to pay for a postage stamp. That's how easy it is, so I understand the concept. The President appointing seems undemocratic to some people, but let's make it really democratic and hold a special election to fill the vacancy. **Barbara Schreck [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats]:** Watch out for the lightening because I am also in favor of Mary's position. So, don't shoot me now. I have a little bit different analysis, however. As I first looked at this, I thought this might be kind of fair, but on further reflection I thought, OK, our clubs have voted for five Directors-at-Large and those five Directors-at-Large are in fact elected and installed. I didn't get a chance to vote for #6. I voted for those 5 persons who got elected. I had no choice about #6 so I didn't have the opportunity to pick an alternate. That would have been another way perhaps to do this. We can vote for 5 and we can vote for alternate #1 and alternate #2. In addition, I disagree with George, as I do on occasion, that we have in fact elected the President and the board, so although I don't have a direct effect on their selection, I have confidence enough to have elected them to their respective positions. Keep in mind, the President nominates someone and the board has to approve that. It's just not a one-man show.

Again, as Mary said, you are completely locked into this. You have no way out once you vote this in, no matter how onerous that selection may now be. **Hannon:** Laure, what's your name and club? **Laurie Coughlan [Global Egyptian Mau Society; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** I would like to augment what George said and what Mary said. Circumstances may have significantly changed between the time we cast our votes and the time there is need for an appointment. Why would we tie the hands of CFA to keep it from getting the best possible person to fill in. What if there's a special skill someone has that we need at that moment? What if the person who lost is no longer available – sick, dead. What if they reveal characteristics that render them inappropriate as a board member in CFA? There are all kinds of things that can happen. We need to maintain flexibility so CFA can get what's best at that moment. **Pam Moser [Lewis & Clark LH Specialty; Wenatchee Valley Cat Club]:** You're saying, "have some flexibility to choose." What's the flexibility? The President is choosing, and how democratic is that? You say that you want something democratic? Well, the President chooses. You don't have any voice in that, he chooses it.

Hannon: Seeing nobody else, Mary, do you have closing comments? **Mary Auth [Country Faire Cat Fanciers; High Sierra Cat Club]:** Only that if I come to the mike again, I'm going to be Mary Auth and we can have a different Mary, because I was having some false sense of importance when George said he agreed with Mary. I thought, "oh my gosh, he agrees with me," and in fact he agreed with the other Mary. So, that is my closing comment. **Hannon:** Some day you two will agree. All those in favor of the proposed change, raise one or two hands.

Motion Failed.

Hannon: Clearly nowhere near 2/3. Sorry Mary, maybe next time. Mary Auth.

– 10 – Phoenix Feline Fanciers.

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE IX – INTERNATIONAL, paragraph d, to clarify that only a delegate may cast a vote, as follows:

d. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of Article IV of this Constitution, only those 'International Members' holding a licensed CFA show within the previous show season will be entitled to be a delegate and cast a vote at any annual or special meeting of members. Only those 'International Members' qualifying for entitlement to vote will be counted in computing the number of members required or members present for quorum purposes at a meeting of members.

RATIONALE: Only delegates can cast votes at any annual. This amendment makes the statement more precise.

Hannon: Phoenix Feline Fanciers, #10. Nancy, what's your name and club? **Nancy Dodds [Phoenix Feline Fanciers]:** Hi. We wanted to clarify the section in the Constitution because it appears that some people thought that people from the International Division couldn't vote at the Annual. It clearly says that they need to have a show the previous show season in order to cast a vote. Only delegates can cast a vote, so we thought it would be better to describe that they needed to be a delegate and cast a vote at the Annual, and made it just a little bit clearer than it was. **Hannon:** So this is house cleaning. Any other comments? All those in favor please raise one or two hands.

Motion Carried.

– 11 –Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, Article XI – BREED COUNCIL, MEMBERSHIP section and FEES section, to create a 2 year membership option, as follows:

MEMBERSHIP

Membership by eligible individuals in any breed/division section may be obtained by submitting to the Central Office a completed membership application form together with the appropriate fee(s). A one year membership runs from May 1 to April 30. An optional two year membership will be available in even numbered years for those members who have bred a CFA Grand Champion or Grand Premier of the appropriate breed/division. A two year membership will begin May 1 of even numbered years and end on April 30 of the next even numbered year. Membership for individuals whose applications were received on or before August 1, 2014 will be extended to April 30, 2015. When available for distribution, the Show Rules and Show Standards will be sent to each member. Membership applications for any given year will not be accepted after August 1 of that year.

FEES

The ~~annual registration membership fee (May 1 to April 30)~~ shall be set by the Executive Board to help defray expenses for the operation of the Breed Councils.

RATIONALE: Breed council membership increases in the years that we have breed council elections, which are even numbered years. Some people let their membership lapse when they think there will not be a reason to vote on anything. By creating a 2 year membership, we make it easier for more people to remain continuous members.

The two year membership would be limited to those people who qualify by having bred a grand so that only members that will definitely meet the requirements for two years can obtain a two year membership. By limiting the two year membership to even numbered years only, we would reduce the tracking necessary for Central Office to figure out when people have to renew.

The two year membership would be optional. Everyone will still be able to join for one year.

The board sets the fee for breed council membership. With a two year membership, the board can either charge double the regular fee, or perhaps offer a discount as a further incentive to join for two years.

The strikethrough sentence is no longer necessary; that is a housekeeping change.

Hannon: I guess we should skip #11. Oh, Mary. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** I have to apologize, because I think I mentioned last year I was thinking of changing this club to Lilac Lynx Point Fanciers and I never got around to doing it. **Hannon:** I don't think anyone in the room cares, Mary. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** I just wanted a chance to use my props. So, this is just an option to your membership. During the Breed Council Secretaries' meeting last year we talked about having a two-year membership availability because some of us – I join every year, but some of us don't renew our membership every year. If there's not an election the number of people on the breed council goes down. It's a bad habit some of us have. I don't,

because I join every year, but this just makes it a little bit easier for people to remain members. It creates an optional two-year membership. The reason it's optional, because I was told this morning it should be mandatory, but the reason it's optional is because if you miss that two-year window, you have to wait two years to join again. So, I didn't want to make it such that it would be harder for people to get on. I want people to get on the breed council every year, but you have an optional two-year membership so you don't have to remember to renew. **Hannon:** Tim, do you have some comments to make? What's your name and club? **Tim Schreck [Southeastern Michigan Cat Fanciers; Oakway Cat Fanciers]:** I have a comment about this. It will cost you money. This is a big programming change and it's a difficult change because now you have an option rather than what we have now, which is a set amount.

Hannon: Anybody else have any comments? Seeing none, I will let Mary make the closing comments. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** I have been a computer scientist for 32 years. I know how to program in 12 different languages. I'm a computer security expert at – I will not name the agency publicly. **Hannon:** It's a federal agency. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** It is a big federal agency. Yes, it is a programming change that will cost us money and if we continue to give money to people who are gauging us for programming, yes it's going to cost us a lot of money, but we've got a year for this. Maybe the point should be that somebody should look into making sure that we're not over-paying for some things, because after 32 years of experience I can't imagine that this is going to cost us that much money that we shouldn't do it. We're paying breed council fees. We pay \$25 for the first one and \$10 for each additional. What's that money going to? Why can't that money be applied to program change so it makes it easier for us to join the breed council memberships. We need to make it easier for people to join, no find ways to bar them from joining. **Hannon:** All those in favor of the proposed amendment, raise one or two hands.

Motion Carried.

PROPOSED SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

Deleted text is shown with a ~~striketrough~~ and new text is underscored. Unless otherwise stated any Show Rule changes are effective at the beginning of the next show season.

Hannon: Next we go into proposed Show Rules. The rules change for this. It takes 2/3 to be mandatory. If it gets half or less than 2/3 it goes to the board with a favorable recommendation and the board can say yea or nay. If it doesn't get 2/3, too bad.

– 12 – Turkish Angora Fanciers, International; Marina Allbreed Cat Club; Cat Friends of Kuwait; The Bengal Alliance

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 2.04 to require proper physical benching in an assigned benching area, as follows:

- 2.04** A BENCHED CAT is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in at least one ring. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show. Any cat competing in a ring, including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for scoring purposes. Benched cats MUST have space assigned in the benching area, and must be properly

benched in a show cage or shelter (not in carriers either above or below the benching tables), excepting individual circumstances (packing up at day's end, cat having a temporary issue requiring a carrier, etc.).

RATIONALE: Other than Bay check in, there has not been a codified requirement that all entered cats must have benching space and be appropriately benched in that space (i.e. in a show cage or shelter, rather than spending their time at the show hall in a carrier, whether on top of or below the benching table). Concern over this issue requires clarification in the show rules that all benched cats must have an assigned space.

Hannon: The first of the show rules is Turkish Angora Fanciers and I see Alene working her way. Alene, what is your name and club? **Alene Shafnisky [Turkish Angora Fanciers, International]:** For #12, what we are looking for is adding a little bit more to what we mean by being benched. Right now the show rules, even though people actually believe that this is in there, it is not. There is no requirement that a cat you're showing needs to come into a show hall and be put into a cage or a show shelter. I think we've all seen the disturbing videos, heard some of the reports, seen some of the photos of people who bring stacks of carriers and kind of just put them along the wall. Right now, other than conduct detrimental, that's not a show rule violation so we wanted to add this in to make sure that all of our cats are treated safely and appropriately. **Hannon:** Any comments? Mary, what is your name and club please? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** I'm sorry, but this show rule doesn't say that. It uses the word "benched" to define the word "benched." It doesn't say "must be housed in a cage or Sturdi tent," it just says "benched." We've all been used to the definition of "benched" meaning they are present in the show hall and counted, and now we are trying to say "benched" means they are housed in a cage or a tent, but it just says benched is benched. So, if I'm a show manager, I don't see how I can enforce this because it doesn't say the cat has to be housed in a cage. It just says it has to be benched. I also disagree with it on principle, because if I'm at a hotel show and my cat is up in the hotel room and I want to bring it down in a carrier, put it in a ring and take it back upstairs, why not? Why are we writing show rules based on rumors of people stacking carriers in a show hall? I didn't see it. Which show did that happen at?

Hannon: Does anyone else have any comments? Alene, do you want to make any closing comments based on the other comment? **Alene Shafnisky [Turkish Angora Fanciers, International]:** No. **Hannon:** All those in favor of the proposed change, raise one or two hands.

Motion Carried with a favorable recommendation.

– 13 – Turkish Angora Fanciers, International; Marina Allbreed Cat Club; Cat Fanciers of Kuwait; The Bengal Alliance

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 2.04, 2.05 and 28.02 to create a universal minimum number of rings for a cat to be considered present in the overall count.

2.04 A BENCHED CAT is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in ~~at least one ring. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show. Any cat competing in 80 percent of rings (see Rule 28.02) a ring, including a disqualified cat, is~~ considered a benched cat for scoring purposes. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show.

2.05 A BENCHED CHAMPION or PREMIER is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in 80 percent of rings (see Rule 28.02) ~~one ring~~ as a Champion or Premier ~~(except in China—see Rule 28.02)~~. Champions or Premiers, including Opens competing as Champions or Premiers, transferred to Grand Champion or Grand Premier after the first day of a two day show will be counted as a Champion or Premier in all rings. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show. Any cat competing in 80 percent of rings (see Rule 28.02) ~~a ring, including a disqualified cat~~, is considered a benched cat for Grand Championship and Grand Premiership scoring purposes ~~except in China (see Rule 28.02)~~. ~~In China~~, a cat is considered absent in a that ring if it is disqualified or otherwise withheld from receiving an award for condition or insufficient merit (see Rules 11.23 and 11.24).

28.02 ...

a. Any Champion or Premier placing in the top ten (or fifteen, where applicable) finals awards may receive points towards Grand Championship or Grand Premiership. The highest placing Champion or Premier will receive one point for every benched Champion or Premier defeated ~~for shows held outside of China, i.e., Regions 1-9 and most of the International Division (including the special administrative areas of Hong Kong and Macau). For champions/premiers competing at shows in China, the cat will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every Champion/Premier defeated~~ that was present in at least 80 percent of the Rings held at that show. A cat is considered present ~~in China~~ as long as no award is withheld from that cat for insufficient merit or condition, and the cat is not disqualified (see Rules 11.23, and 11.24). If the award for a cat is withheld for any reason other than wrong color, it will be considered absent for the ring in which the award was withheld. To determine the 80 percent present requirement, see the following table:

Number of Rings held at show	Rings present for cat to be in count
1 Ring held	1 Ring
2 Rings held	2 Rings
3 Rings held	3 Rings
4 Rings held	4 Rings
5 Rings held	4 Rings
6 Rings held	5 Rings
7 Rings held	6 Rings
8 Rings held	7 Rings
9 Rings held	8 Rings
10 Rings held	8 Rings
<u>11 Rings held</u>	<u>9 Rings</u>
<u>12 Rings held</u>	<u>9 Rings</u>

Cats not present in the number of Rings specified in the table based on the number of Rings held at any show ~~held in China~~ will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the official champion/premier count, however, any grand points won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cat's record.

RATIONALE: This proposal attempts to correct some of the attempts to manipulate count in Regions 1-9. The Chinese have been competing with an 80% for several years, without complaints as to problems with scoring their shows. The rules applied to China can and should be applied to all regions across CFA to help combat some of the more blatant attempts to either show a multitude of cats in one ring (stuffing)

or entering a multitude of cats to inflate count, with the intent that those cats would be absent and harm attending cats (reverse stuffing). Additionally, removing cats that are withheld on or disqualified will prevent exhibitors from entering cats solely for points, or from putting a biting cat in 80% of the rings at a show.

Hannon: #13, are you withdrawing that one? **Alene Shafnisky [Turkish Angora Fanciers, International]:** Correct, we are withdrawing #13.

Withdrawn.

– 14 – Turkish Angora Fanciers, International

RESOLVED: Amend CFA Show Rules 2.04, 2.07c, 2.08, 2.23b, 6.11, 7.02, 7.10, 7.15e, 10.23c, 12.17, 12.19, 27.05c, 27.06, 28.04, as follows, in order to create tiered titles for Champion and Premier cats to earn along the way to Granding, as follows:

- 2.04** A BENCHED CHAMPION or PREMIER is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in one ring as a Champion or Premier. Champions or Premiers, including Opens competing as Champions or Premiers, and Champions or Premiers of any title (Bronze, Silver, Gold), transferred to Grand Champion or Grand Premier after the first day of a two day show will be counted as a Champion or Premier in all rings. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show. Any cat competing in a ring, including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for Grand Championship and Grand Premiership scoring purposes.
- 2.07** c. The CHAMPION CLASS is for cats that have completed Championships in this Association, and for which the required Championship claim form and fee has been mailed to the Central Office, claimed on-line or filed with the show master clerk. The Champion Class includes opens (with either temporary or permanent registration numbers) for competition purposes. Opens are listed in the show catalog as opens and the judge's book as champions. Opens compete in the champion class and count as champions. The Champion class also includes Champions of any CH title (Bronze, Silver, Gold), who compete in the champion class and count as champions.
- 2.08** CLASS refers to the competitive divisions within the competitive categories as follows: Kitten, AOV, Provisional Breed, Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) and Household Pet classes; Novice, Champion (including Opens and Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions) and Grand Champion classes; Novice, Premier (including Opens and Bronze/Silver/Gold Premiers) and Grand Premier classes.
- 2.23** b. The following classes will be recognized for neuters and spays of each Championship Color Class: Grand Premier, Premier (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Premier), Open and Novice. The eligibility for each class will be determined in the same manner as for the corresponding class in Championship competition.
- 6.11** A cat that has been confirmed a Champion (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Champion), Grand Champion, Premier (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Premier) or Grand Premier may be eligible for entry under a different color and/or pattern than its confirmed color and/or pattern (except Sphynx, which are shown with no color or pattern description listed). It may be shown as an Open in the Champion/Premier class at the show in which the owner decides to make the change. These cats may not continue to compete as the new color and/or pattern at any further shows until the Central Office has been notified of the color and/or pattern change and payment of the current fee for a corrected registration has been submitted. Points and titles earned under the previously

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 12.17** The master clerk is responsible for counting the number of cats and kittens present and competing in the Kitten, Championship, Veterans, Household Pets, and Premiership Classes, as well as the number of Champions and Premiers (including Opens and all Bronze/Silver/Gold level Champions and Premiers) present and competing. ~~He~~The master clerk shall have these numbers available for the exhibitors.
- 12.19** The master clerk will accept completed official championship/premiership claim forms and Household Pet Recording Number applications. In addition, the master clerk will also accept correction slips that transfer a cat from Open, Champion or Premier to Grand in either the Championship or Premiership classes from the owner/ agent. Correction slips are not required for transfer between tiers of the Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions and Premiers. The master clerk will provide the show secretary with a list of the catalog numbers of these transfers.
- 27.05** c. A Bronze, Silver, or Gold Champion/Premier claim can be made via an online confirmation on the CFA website. See current price list for applicable fees.
- 27.06** A cat eligible and shown in the Champion or Premier class will compete concurrently for the Grand Champion or Grand Premier title, and the Bronze, Silver and Gold level of Champion/Premier. A cat can earn points toward these Bronze, Silver and Gold level of Champion/Premier points in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty. Points are earned in the same amounts and percentages as those described in Rule 28.02 and 28.03.
1. To qualify for any the Bronze, Silver or Gold Champion/Premier title, a cat must have at least one win of Best Champion/Premier, Second Best Champion/Premier or Third Best Champion, or a final award of Best-Fifteenth Best Cat in either a CFA Specialty or Allbreed final.
2. Fifty (50) Grand Championship points are required for Bronze Champion; One hundred (100) for Silver Champion; and one hundred and fifty (150) for Gold Champion. Twenty (20) Grand Premiership points are required for Bronze Premier; forty (40) for Silver Premier; and sixty (60) for Gold Premier.
- 28.04** f. An Open must complete the requirements for the Champion/Premier class in order to qualify for the titles of Bronze/Silver/Gold or Grand Champion/Grand Premier. Opens may not compete as Grand Champions or Grand Premiers until all of the requirements for the Championship or Premiership claim have been met, including the filing of the claim form.

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

We all know that massive numbers of entries arrive as Opens and, after obtaining the CH title after 6 Qualifying Rings, go home never to be seen again. Some are cats that owners think might be too hard to Grand; others are in breeds that do not always have time to Grand before they need to be bred. In the last 12 years there has been a 43% decline in entries. Fewer than 8% of cats shown in Championship became Grand Champions in 2014; the Premiership Grands have not cracked 9% in any year since 2008. In 2016, the numbers actually declined - only 6.96% of Championship cats shown achieved the Grand title; 7.91% of Premiers shown achieved Grand status. That means of the 20,999 cats shown in Championship - the largest number of Championship cats exhibited since 2011 - only 1462 became Grands. Out of 9243 Premiership cats, just 731 became Grands. Many of these remaining 28,049 cats showed once for Qualifying Rings and never returned to a show hall because their owners knew they could end up spending good money for months and still come away with nothing to show, if their cat goes into heat too frequently or is bred or gets too hormonal. The recapture of even a small number of these entries can easily be the difference between a club folding or continuing show production.

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

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

Champion (CH)– six qualifying rings

Bronze Champion (CHB) – meet the requirements for Champion, make one final of any kind, and earn 50 Grand points toward GC

Silver Champion (CHS) – meet the requirements for Bronze Champion and earn 100 Grand points toward GC

Gold Champion (CHG) – meet the requirements for Silver Champion and earn 150 Grand points toward GC

Premier (PR) – six qualifying rings

Bronze Premier (PRB) – meet the requirements for Premier, make one final of any kind, and earn 20 Grand points toward GP

Silver Premier (PRS) – meet the requirements for Bronze Premier and earn 40 Grand points toward GP

Gold Premier (PRG) – meet the requirements for Silver Premier and earn 60 Grand points toward GP

Once the Grand title is achieved the initial titles related to Champion/Premier will drop off. As each title is obtained the old one is replaced (I.e. rather than a CH, CHB, CHS, the cat would be a CHS upon earning 100 Grand points). The points are cumulative through the levels. This means cats that "pass" requirements, do not have to remain at that level. For example, if a new Champion attends a show and

earns 125 Grand points, that cat would automatically jump to Silver Champion status once the owner claims the title. A cat does not start out back at 0 after achieving any level. The additional titles are automatically conferred as the Grand points are earned – there is no award or certificate issued other than perhaps a pdf they can print themselves from their CFA account. In some sense this is a “Herman only” title that is reflected on pedigrees and of course on a breeder’s website or advertising.

Concerns have been raised about the effort to program this addition, how the cost of that change would be offset, as well as about the award itself. We have added an addition of a fee, that the Board would set, likely from \$2 to \$5 per title, in order to offset some of the staff time needed to update the programming and/or spend time in oversight of these titles.

Programming needs would include the addition of six if/then commands with regard to the point totals. This would be identical to the programming lines that allow cats passing 200 Champion points or 75 Premier points, to transfer to that Grand title. This programming should be a one-time cost that would not require maintenance and updates. The Board has tabled this issue and asked for the IT Committee to explore exactly what is needed in the programming arena but no follow-up on this issue has been presented. We believe the addition of the claim fee will more than offset the programming requirements.

Hannon: #14 is Turkish Angora. Would you introduce yourself? **Alene Shafnisky [Turkish Angora Fanciers, International]:** It’s long, I know that, but the reason for that is that it’s thorough and it’s detailed. Unlike some other recent additions to our awards or titles, like the Grand of Distinction, this can’t be done in a couple of quick sentences. What this is aimed at is for our new exhibitors, for people in other organizations who want to try CFA out. I’ve now shown in another association for the first time who had this kind of incremental, we’ll call it incentive. I went to three more shows in that organization because every time I left I was only a little bit away from that next title, and that’s what this is about. This is about, right now our choice generally is, for many, many people, they bring a cat to a show, they get their six qualifying rings, they can go home and call it a champion, because they may think to themselves, my cat, between zero and 200 grand points, maybe I can’t afford to be out for a year, may I can’t afford to stay out for two seasons trying to grand the cat. In this way, they might take that cat for those six qualifying rings and maybe even make 30 points. They’re not just going to go home and sit on those 30 points, they are going to figure they made 30 this time, I’ll probably make 30 next time and then I get to be a Bronze Champion, and then that goes on my pedigree. People internationally can see that I did more than just not get disqualified. But, what’s more is, what happens when that person comes back and gets 40 more grand points? Now, they are only a little bit away from being a Silver Champion. So, the way I see it is, for all of those people who have a cat that they think, “I may have a little bit of a struggle granding this,” particularly because how low our counts have gone recently, I think this gives them a tremendous incentive to continue to show those cats after they have received that championship title. **Hannon:** Dennis, what’s your name and club? **Dennis Ganoe [Korats Unlimited; LaPerm Society of America]:** I heard during discussion at our club meetings one thing that struck me that I think this proposal addresses. If you give someone a target, they’ll shoot at it. I think this does give exhibitors, especially our non-campaigners, an additional target to shoot at and they will keep coming back. So, I support this. **Hannon:** Frédéric, what is your name and club? **Frédéric Goedert [Cat-H-Art; Jardin des Korats]:** I would like to express a point of view that might be very important for you to know. If you think about the situation of clubs abroad, especially in Europe or in Asia, some countries just have one or two shows per year. For those people, if you do not give them the possibility to achieve something during that special time – one show is not a big time. It’s not

like when you have a show every weekend, so for those people in order to keep them the next year, when they have achieved something more than the champion title, they will come back. So, please support this. **Hannon:** Mike, what's your name and club? **Mike Altschul [Ozark Cat Fanciers]:** I highly recommend this to you all. As a show manager of four shows every year, at least, I know who the organic show'ers are – the native, natural show'ers that don't even think about campaigning, don't even think about getting your grand championship title. This will bring them back for more. If we can get some more counts from this, I know this is another made-up title but isn't that what they all are anyway? I'm sorry to say it that way. I would highly recommend this. It will help the count, it will help the entries, it will help the organization.

Hannon: Linda, what is your name and club? **Linda Martino [San Diego Cat Fanciers; Tonkinese East]:** We think this needs a little work, but they wanted me to get up and say they support the concept. They believe that we need more intermediate things to compete against things like TICA where they feed the machine better than we do. We have to do major, major steps. One comment was though that they didn't want this or something similar if people have to pay a fee like you do when you go from open to champion. They didn't want these intermediate places to be just money-making things for CFA. In other words, if everybody has got to keep paying. They want to make sure that we're not nickel and diming all the serious people, at the same time we're trying to encourage some of the, shall we say, less active people. **Hannon:** Barb, your name and club. **Barbara Schreck [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats]:** I'm speaking against this, this year as I do every year that it comes up. I don't understand why if you think you can get 30 points, you don't think you can get 200 points. I think that this again will do just exactly what getting rid of your winners ribbons did. OK, so now I can get an easy title. I can get a champion by just showing up in 6 rings and having my cat not bite the judge. That really doesn't get you anywhere, but now I can go to even less rings and get an even bigger title, even though you and I who are in the know, know this isn't really as good of a title. It's still a title that I can brag to the lesser-educated or lesser-known people that I have. I don't think that we should be handing out titles just for the sake of doing so. **Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club; German Cat Walk]:** As Peggy Lee once sang, *Is that all there is?* Multiple titles give people the opportunity to work towards something. It's the target, as Frédéric Goedert said. CFA is the only organization in the World Cat Congress made up of nine large associations throughout the world, and if I can include independent organizations, we are the only organization in the world that only has two titles to work for. I don't think that's a badge of honor. We're showing exclusivity, instead of inclusivity. We have got to offer more to the public, to draw people in. **Pam Moser [Lewis & Clark LH Specialty; Wenatchee Valley Cat Club]:** I'm just curious. Is this something we would have to do a computer change to make this happen to figure out all of this? Also, is there a cost? What kind of a cost would this involve? Just a question. **Hannon:** I assume it's a rhetorical question and you didn't expect Tim to get up and give you that answer. **Pam Moser [Lewis & Clark LH Specialty; Wenatchee Valley Cat Club]:** No. No, I didn't, it's just that I would think you have to do something with the computer and also the cost. That could be an issue. **Hannon:** Mary, what's your name and club? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** I have two problems with this proposal. First, it confuses titles with classes and it's overly complicated. We do not need to modify all of these show rules to have this. We could have written one show rule defining the tiers and say that all champions and premiers regardless of tier compete as champions and premiers. That's first. It does not have to modify every, single occurrence of those names, because those are classes and this is a title. So, my second problem is, I agree with Pam. We need more titles. I'm the Chair of

the Awards Committee and I agree we need more for people to compete for. I did propose several years ago that we have tiered titles for the grand and everybody shot it down. I haven't felt like bringing it back yet, but I don't have a problem with tiered titles for the grand. I have a problem with tiered titles for champions and premiers because the only way you get those tiers is if you quit. So, I'll give you an example. I have a couple times now in my career as a breeder had a girl who had 150 points or 160 points and got herself pregnant. **Hannon:** She did more than get herself pregnant. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** I would have one of these tiers, so what incentive would there be for me to come back out and finish her later after the litter, which I did. I did bring a couple girls back out after they had litters and finished their grand. I took steps to make sure it didn't happen again until I got them granded. But, if you give me this opportunity to get this title, what incentive is there for me to do that? This is an incentive for people to quit. I don't think that we should be doing that. I think that instead we should be creating more titles. I don't have a problem with tiers on the grand, I have a problem with titles at this level because it incentivizes quitting. I want titles that get people to keep coming. Somebody said that we need targets. Yes, we do have targets – grand. Grand your cat. You only get this if you stop and I think it rewards people for quitting. **LeAnn Rupy [Lincoln State Cat Club; Lincoln State Shorthair Society]:** First of all, I would like to say that having a few titles that are easier to achieve does not devalue the current titles that we have. That seems to be some people's opposition. A grand champion is still a grand champion. What I don't think a lot of people here realize unless you travel really far to get your cats granded, people like Frédéric in France, or when I lived in Italy, to grand a good cat would cost me a minimum of \$5,000 to get a grand champion, because there was one show a year in the country that I lived in. So, for me to go to 5 shows that year to fly myself, my cat, pay €100 entry fee in a Swedish show and another €300 for hotels and such, by the time that entire trip was over that would be €1,000 for me. That's a \$5,000 grand for a good cat that can grand in 5 shows. So, having something to say, I've got this girl, she's a really good cat, I am not going to drag her all over the world but I want to have more than just to say she met the requirements for the breed, she met the breed standard, that's it, and I'm going to take her home to breed her now. If I can go to a show in France, a show in Spain, a show in Italy and get a tiered title that says I did something with this cat other than meet the breed standard, that's something that I can be proud of even though maybe I didn't spend \$5,000 to go out and grand her, which people can't do anymore, especially people who are showing in other organizations like LOOF. That's their primary registry. They are showing their cat in their primary registry. If they go to two shows a year in CFA, what do they get for that? So, I think we need to give them incentive and if we want to have more people in Europe showing their cats, we need to give them some incentive. If we want to show people in Texas that they can have more opportunity, it's a long way to go to get to an Oklahoma show or a Kansas City show if you live in Texas. So, give them an opportunity to do something else and bring people into the fancy who live in Waco who can only go to two shows a year without driving 1,000 miles. **Hannon:** Thank you LeAnn. I'm going to call on Vanadis and Iris, then I'm going to let Alene do a closing on this. **Vanadis Crawford [Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers]:** I've been listening to these arguments and I think they are all very good but I would like to put a little different spin on things. First of all, we all recognize the graying of the cat fancy. We need to also look at our younger exhibitors. Our younger exhibitors need – they desire – they need something that they can grab onto. Sometimes it's those little steps. It's those little things that will make them come back. If you say, OK, come to this show and make this title. Alright, I have this title, this is good. Think about the very first

rosette you got and how you felt. This is extending it. How do you feel the very first title that your cat got? The other thing too is, I know about the other associations that have multiple levels and titles. The idea of, “oh, this is good enough and that’s good enough for me,” I can tell you that’s not the attitude at all. In fact, if anything, it’s “what’s the next thing I can get? I want to get that next title. Alright, I bred that cat, well let me bring it back out. I want to get that next title.” So, the thing is, this is actually an encouragement to keep people in the fancy who may not be in the fancy yet, so I strongly encourage this body, even if it’s not this one. Look at something beyond just grand and also even thing of what we’ve done already. What’s bringing you to go out for Grands of Distinction? Why didn’t you just stop at grand? This is just yet another way to try to help encourage people and get that vitality and that excitement back in the show halls.

Hannon: I’m going to call on Iris and I’m going to call on Alene and we’re going to vote and we’re going to take a break because the ice cream in the back is melting. **Iris Zinck [New England Meow Outfit]:** My club has supported this every time it has come up because we are firmly committed to encouraging and mentoring new exhibitors. I personally mentor a number of new exhibitors and I can’t tell you how many of them I have watched say, “oh my God, look what it’s going to take for me to grand a cat. Look how much traveling I’m going to have to do. I’m just getting started. This is not within my reach.” If we give them reasonable, achievable goals to get them hooked, they will come back for more. This is a resolution for the little guy. Why don’t we do something for the little guy that could end up helping the organization in a big way? **Hannon:** Kim says she has one very quick comment. That’s very un-Kim. What’s your name and club please? **Kim Everett-Hirsch [North American Blues Allbreed Cat Fanciers; Oregon Cats, Inc.]:** Now, about this grands, silvers and bronze. I think it’s a very important thing, and if you want to know how important, I came from the horses and the dogs, AKC, and I talked those dog fanciers and Patti Strand into putting that in for their dogs. That’s why they now have all the way up to platinum. Now I’m working on them for a premiership class. They say, “Christ Kim, we’re here for breeding dogs, not neuter/spay.” They better get hot because I’m going to be on it. I think this is a very good proposition here and I fully support it. **Hannon:** Thank you, Kim. That was short.

Hannon: Alene, do you want to close this out? **Alene Shafnisky [Turkish Angora Fanciers, International]:** One thing that I do want to point out in case people are worried about this might be sort of just giving away another title, you should notice that it does require finals to achieve these. So, you can’t just drag around your breed competition until you get to 50 points. You do have to make a final to start to qualify for this. I think as a lot of people pointed out, this is for the new people, this is for the young people who have to worry about, “can I spend \$600 to go to a cat show on a weekend and come home with nothing but a title that means I wasn’t disqualified,” versus “do I go to a soccer tournament that may only cost \$200.” We are in a new environment and we need to react to that environment. I think this does a good job of doing that without lessening our existing titles. **Hannon:** All those in favor of going with these different levels for the champion, raise one or two hands.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

– 15 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 4.06 to eliminate mandatory specialty rings in the one day show format, effective October 1st, 2019, as follows:

4.06 ...

a. 2. a one-day show format consisting of up to six rings with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings ~~for shows licensed in Regions 8, 9, or the International Division (excluding China). For shows licensed in Regions 1-7 or China, the combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings must include at least one Specialty ring for both longhair and shorthair specialties in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of a Super Specialty ring will not meet this requirement.~~

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

In the case where a show scheduled to occur after October 1st, 2019, has already been licensed with mandatory specialty rings, the Central Office will permit that show to change the mandatory specialty rings to meet 4.06 without penalty so long as the change is made no later than 30 days prior to the show and prior to October 1st 2019.

RATIONALE: This resolution would allow clubs greater flexibility in choosing their format to meet their specific needs. Clubs holding one day shows would no longer be required to include a specialty ring. Note that Europe and Japan are already not required to include a specialty ring in a one day show. This resolution would equalize the one day show format globally.

The requirement to use specialty rings was created by the board without input from the clubs, and the purpose of the requirement was for two reasons. One was to create more specialty rings for single and double specialty judges. Most of the specialty rings are still filled by allbreed judges because there are not enough advancing judges to fill those rings so clubs have to hire allbreed judges. The mandatory specialty ring requirement forces ALL clubs to include specialty rings for the handful of advancing judges that we have, and this is unfair to clubs. The current Judging Program Chair supports reducing the number of mandatory specialty rings.

The other reason for mandatory specialty rings was to try to increase entries by attracting those people who prefer specialty rings. This should be a decision for the club to make. If the club believes they can attract more entries with specialty rings, then the club can decide if they want to do that. Clubs need flexibility, not regulation. Hamstringing clubs such that they cannot put together a format for their exhibitor base at their time of the season harms their ability to pay their bills. One size does not fit all!

This resolution eliminates the mandatory specialty rings only in the one day show. Other formats are addressed in subsequent resolutions.

By making this resolution effective October 1st, those shows already licensed between the annual and that date would remain as is so that exhibitors who have already made plans based on the licensed format would not be adversely affected. Clubs after October 1st that have already licensed their show could modify their format with little impact to exhibitors and judges since that is 90 days after the annual, but the change must be made 30 days prior to the show and before October 1st.

Hannon: We want to thank the North Atlantic Region which hosted the break for us today. The ice cream was a nice touch. Before we start with #15 I want to point out that to my

right, your left, there is the Red Queen. She is one of the decorations that Omar had at the North Atlantic Regional. She is there so that when we get filled up with Mary K we can say, "Off with her head!" Resolution 15. Is somebody here from the Lilac Point Fanciers? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** Before you take my head off, I want everybody to know that I'm the one who suggested to Sharon Roy that we have ice cream for the break. [applause] You get no more suggestions if you take off my head. #15. OK, I have several show rule proposals where the intent is to give clubs greater flexibility in what they can offer exhibitors. I'm a firm believer that the club is in the best position to determine what will work for their shows. Heavy-handed government regulations hamstring the club. The forced specialty ring is a "one size fits all" rule, where our shows all over the world are not one size. For example, last week at the Southern Regional we had 24 longhairs in championship and 46 shorthairs. We had 13 longhairs in premiership and 32 shorthairs. Those specialty rings for those longhairs were not as good as the shorthairs. People with the shorthairs had a huge advantage. Those were ring values that they might be able to use for regional wins. This is typical in the summer where we have this one size fits all, that you have to have these forced specialty rings, regardless of what kind of entry you think your club can get. So, let's let the clubs offer the format that they think best fits the time, season and their location. #15 removes the specialty ring requirement for one-day shows. I'm going to let everybody in on something that you might not realize, but the clubs in Japan and the clubs in Europe already can have a one day show with no specialty rings. So, this would equalize the one day show for everybody. Regions 1-7 is at a disadvantage because Japan and Europe, towards the end of the season, they can get bigger counts in their championship classes than we can. I think that #15 is going to equalize this and get rid of the forced specialty rings. Oh wait, I have one more point. Some of you are going to argue that we need the specialty rings for the Judging Program, that we need specialty rings to be able to advance judges. My very good friend back there, Melanie Morgan who is the Chair of the Judging Program, agrees with me on removing the forced specialty rings. Clubs will still have specialty rings, and I believe that this hamstring us from finding better ways to advance our judges by holding on to this crutch of specialty rings. We can find better ways to advance our judges, or clubs will have specialty rings for them. So, this would I believe be a positive change in introducing flexibility for our clubs. **Hannon:** Mary K, I see a lot of people standing up at the microphone, so you're going to have to rebut this. **Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club; German Cat Walk]:** Yes, we do need the specialty rings for our up and coming judges. That's a fact of life. One thing that we have in Europe that I would like to see clubs take advantage of is the super specialty ring. Oh, I know, some of you just hate it, but it is absolutely one of the tools that we use to bring people into the cat fancy, especially from other associations of which we have a large market to try to bring into CFA. These specialty rings give that little extra incentive for people to keep returning. That first rosette is a real plus for people that you want to bring in to the fancy. I don't think that Europe would be upset to have the specialty requirement added. **Howard Webster [Americans in Paradise; California Silver Fanciers]:** I think we need to have the specialty rings. New exhibitors come in and the thrill they get when they get a final makes a big difference in them coming back. I had new exhibitors at the March show that we had in Phoenix. They made a couple of finals, they were thrilled to death and they want to keep doing it. If we take that option out, there will be all allbreed rings again and it's tougher, especially for a new exhibitor, to make some finals and keep them in. **Linda Martino [San Diego Cat Fanciers; Tonkinese East]:** This is one where we'll talk about it in general, not just one specific of the proposals. First of all, before we came into this meeting, we had one shorthair specialty

judge in the United States and we had three longhair at various stages. So, obviously they can't be covering all these specialty rings. We support having them get opportunities. Do not mistake what I mean, but I'm saying that's overkill – the number of specialty rings required to help in that arena. Most of the specialty rings are handled by allbreed judges for practical reasons. That's #1. #2, the main reason for the specialty rings, to me, is to give people more opportunities to final because it makes people feel good. But, one size does not fit all. Our May show in Phoenix had 9 kittens, so everybody was going to final even if we didn't have a specialty ring. In the old days when we didn't have these mandatory things, you would sometimes see the kittens be allbreed, maybe the premiers be allbreed at that time of the year when kitten counts were real low, and then championship would be a specialty ring. That's one issue. That's a way you can deal with it, but when you try to mandate one size fits all, clubs don't have that kind of flexibility. Now, the super specialty, we're going to try that for the first time in San Diego. What we're going to do is, the six allbreed judges, they will each take one of the three categories of the super specialty and the other two categories will be allbreed, to shift the work load around. We're going to see how that works, but right now the super specialty can't count for one of the specialty rings. I think that should be eliminated, because that's a good way of again giving an opportunity to have specialty rings for the one group that wants it, and the other group that maybe wants allbreed for that specific cat, they can with the super specialty. We have added some new formats. Give us some flexibility to decide what works for that show at that location at that time of the year. One size does not fit all. **Barbara Schreck [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats]:** I was on the board when this was passed and some of the rationales at that time were to level the playing field. When one six ring show is held and it's allbreed, then the others have to jump onboard to attract who? Well, being on both sides, I'll say it – the campaigners. So now you have no specialty rings, you have only allbreed rings, so the campaigners – of whom I have been on in the past and hope to be one in the future – will go to those six rings; whereas, when you have one specialty ring, maybe they will now have to decide, "OK, five rings here, five rings there," not "six rings here and five rings there," but now everybody has to have six rings. Also, as an aside, some of the clubs recycle rosettes and I can tell you from my experience, being one of those who works on that function, that proportionately – not in absolute numbers, but proportionately – we get less specialty rosettes back than we do allbreed rosettes back. What does that indicate? To me, that indicates that those people who got those specialty rosettes, it really meant something more to them than the person who got those allbreed rosettes, because they get them all the time; whereas, the specialty people may not get them as frequently and it's more important. I think that continues to draw them back to our shows. **Monte Phillips [Cat'n on the Fox]:** When this rule was first put in place way back when, every club was doing nothing but having allbreed rings. What we had seen over the previous five seasons is a decline of approximately 2,800 finals over the course of five years. We talk about wanting to get people back into the cat fancy. Taking away the ability for them to receive awards is not the way to do that. **Howard Webster [Americans in Paradise; California Silver Fanciers]:** How many people – raise your hand – in this room have not granded a cat. One? Two maybe? Yes, that's a different ball game. Most of the people in here have either granded cats, campaigned cats, have regional or national winners. This isn't for you. This is for the people that haven't done that. These are for the newbies who come in, or the people who haven't granded a cat yet. They have a chance to make a final in a specialty they would not have normally, so I think we need to keep some sort of regulation on it, because what will happen is, "oh, we have to do it for the campaigners and have a six allbreed show." I don't think that's what

we need to do if we want to grow. Right now, the average age in here isn't a growing age, at least in the right way. I rest my case. **Teresa Keiger [Keystone Kat Klub; Russian Blue Fanciers]:** Think back just a few years ago when we didn't have this rule. We brought it back in for a reason. All clubs were producing – regardless of the time of the year – all allbreed shows. Why were they doing that? Because this club did and because this club did. They thought they had to do that to compete. We brought it back in to be able to attract our new exhibitors, to be able to move our judges through the Judging Program. Frankly, we cannot depend on the clubs to produce shows with double specialties. We just can't. Just before break, what did we just do? We passed a rule that would incentivize new awards for new exhibitors, and now here we are promoting to take something away from these new exhibitors. Which one is it, guys? Thank you. **Jacqui Bennett [Ocicats International]:** When this first article came up when we mandated it, I agreed with Mary K's point. I hated the idea of mandating something. I would have preferred it be "incentivized," but we did mandate it and we did it for the reasons people have mentioned – not because clubs are bad and only want to deal with campaigners, it's a business decision. If I had six allbreed rings, I only had to buy rosettes for six allbreed rings and I couldn't compete with the other clubs because they were doing six allbreed rings. So, as a show manager, I made the best decision for my club to get count. Was it good for the majority of the exhibitors? No, it wasn't, so we mandated it and things have gotten better. As a judge, I know other judges who went through the exact same thing – "We would love to have you as soon as you are allbreed." We can't get to allbreed unless we go through specialty, so while yes, I would say it's not for the judges who are going through the Program, they need the specialty rings. If the clubs can't afford to do specialty rings because they're competing with all allbreeds, you will never get your judges advanced. But, also as a judge, last weekend I had the privilege of judging the Southern Regional show and in my Premiership class I made this statement: "This is the hardest class I have ever seen at an awards show." I did allbreed. You're right, I would have killed to do specialty. I had 17 cats written down for 10 places, and any one of those 17 would have been top 5 in my final throughout the year. Some of them I had made best cat before and couldn't get into the final. We don't have poor quality even when we have low counts. Specialties allow us to award more cats. Specialties allow us to increase our exhibitor base by encouraging new exhibitors. Specialties allow us to develop our new judges. We're not going to have them if they're not mandated or they're not incentivized – one or the other – so I can't support this. **Karen Thomas [Rebel Rousers Cat Club]:** I think I remember there were specialty rings before they were mandated, so I don't think that passing this would totally eliminated them. It might reduce them, but I'm a show manager and a clerk. I've clerked several shows in the last few months that had less than 10 cats or kittens or premiers in a category. As a show manager, that's nuts. I've got to buy 10 rosettes and have 8 kittens show up. Then, my judge has to do 6 finals and one of them is – it takes more time for the finals and is it really that much more valuable for the 8 or 10 kittens to make finals? It might incentivize new people I guess, but I'm sorry, I've been showing for 40 years and I have granded lots of cats, but I don't have any national wins. I'm not a campaigner and I'm still showing. I don't need specialty rings to keep showing. Mary K maybe wants to point out in her closing arguments that there is something about specialty rings in her next proposal that will keep specialty rings here without requiring one day, six ring shows to have specialty rings. **Mary Auth [Country Faire Cat Fanciers; High Sierra Cat Club]:** It's Mary A. Having sat on the board for the last three years, one of the things that surfaces, and as everybody gets to talk at the microphone, we're all talking about what's happening to me at my show, I'm this, I'm that, but I think what we need to – and we need to do this more often,

actually – is to look at the big picture. I think having the specialty rings helps promote the health of CFA as all. You're talking about only having 5 or 6 cats in specialty rings. Well, you know what you've got? You're actually only having 90-100 cats in the whole show, so yes you are going to have just a few cats in the specialty rings. I think these specialty rings have helped create more growth and – Rich is going to go look up that word in Google, whatever it was – has increase the health of CFA. I want people as they think about this, don't think about just yourself, think about the whole hobby in general. **Vanadis Crawford [Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers]:** Also, I am requesting after I finish and before the closing arguments, Ms. Lynn Search would like to make a statement as well but cannot walk to the microphone, so I ask that she be recognized. One of the arguments that has been going on here is on the cost of rosettes. I think this is a non-argument when we are talking about whether we have specialty or allbreed rings. There are lots of alternatives for rosettes that are being used these days throughout CFA that doing a difference between an allbreed and a specialty ring is really, really irrelevant. It really comes down to, do we need to have specialty rings? The other comment that was made, and I've actually heard it from a number of allbreed judges that I know personally, is how many allbreed judges have said, "My God, I can do specialty. I can honor all these other cats that deserve to be honored that I can't if I only do top 10." I also do think sometimes we may need to say, you've got to do it or we're not going to have it. So, those are my points. Do you want me to hand off to Ms. Search now or do you want me to wait? **Hannon:** What I'll do is, I'll call on LeAnn while you take the microphone and hand it to Lynn. I'll call on Lynn after LeAnn. **LeAnn?** **LeAnn Rupy [Lincoln State Cat Club; Lincoln State Shorthair Society]:** I would like to second what they have been saying in regards to rosette. Really, if you're paying \$65 for an entry fee, you can give that person a \$1 rosette and it doesn't even have to be a \$1 rosette, just a flat. They deserve something. In the shows where there are 9 shorthairs in a specialty ring, I know that it may be annoying to have to do a final for 9 cats, but I can tell you that if I had a new exhibitor coming to a show for the first time and there are only 9 kittens in a shorthair specialty ring, I am going to be so excited to know that that person is going to go home with a handful of rosettes. They do not understand that they were getting that rosette by default, they just know they went home with a handful of rosettes. They are going to be so excited to have been to that show. So, you take away that specialty ring and now they are competing with 29 cats, rather than 9 cats, and they will likely go home with nothing or maybe one rosette. **Lynn Search [Cats of the Rising Sun; New River Cat Fanciers]:** The one thing I would like to remind people is, it was a long time ago that we only did top 10 and if we found that the champions were not coming out in the late Spring because they weren't making the top 10 and weren't getting champion points, so we put in champion awards. Then people came back for that reason. You've got to make sure that what you put in will bring people back, because I guarantee you, as some of the other judges have said, there are so many good cats even in small shows that your really good cats will be making the top 10 and not necessarily newbees. Years ago when I started, you were willing to wait and work hard to breed good cats that deserve finals. We don't need instant gratification, we need people to look around at what's winning and try to produce those kinds of cats themselves. **Linda Martino [San Diego Cat Fanciers; Tonkinese East]:** Well, when they were my kittens, only 3 were longhair and 6 were shorthair, so it was pretty obvious if you had a longhair kitten and there were only 3 kittens up, that your work was pretty minimal, but that's not my point. My point is that in May we had a show that was trying to have something and we're making it more expensive and more likely that they won't do it again. So, when you talk about encouraging happy people at shows – and that's a good point, I'm not arguing – but

sometimes what we don't hear about is concerns with what are the costs of the show that's being put on? We are having fewer shows and that was brought up today in the numbers that were presented to us.

Hannon: I'm going to ask Mary K to wrap this up. I'm sure she took copious notes while everybody else was talking. Mary, what's your name and club? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** Nowhere in this proposal does it say that a club cannot have specialty rings. Nowhere. Any club can still have specialty rings. This proposal is written so that they're not mandatory. On the off chance that the needs of a club in Baltimore, Maryland are different than the needs of a club in Texas or whatever, one size does not fit all. I'm going to tell you something else. I have the last two seasons campaigned for national wins and I have not had a problem getting them with the forced specialty rings. So, this isn't about campaigners. This is about allowing the clubs to have flexibility for their needs so that they can offer a show that they think will make money. Some people have said that this has helped create growth and I would really like to know where, since the number of shows that we have every year has been in decline and the counts have been in decline. I told you that I finally got a national win last year. About 15-16 years ago I had a kitten that got almost 1,800 points and he fell out of a regional kitten win. That would be a national win now, so where are these increased counts and where is this new growth? Because I'm not seeing it. I see the numbers of our shows declining and our counts are declining, and I don't see any positive benefit from these mandatory, forced specialty rings. As for the need of judges, most of these rings are not being filled by advancing single specialty judges, they are being filled by allbreed judges. We don't have enough advancing specialty judges to fill this requirement or to make it mandatory. You'll notice, as Karen said, there's amendments coming later where there will still be specialty rings. This one is just about the one-day show. And, about the super specialty ring – it's not a specialty ring, so we cannot hire a single specialty judge to do a super specialty ring. That doesn't help us meet the forced specialty requirement. I just wanted to bring up those points, and I also wanted to say a lot of people asked me to bring this up. It wasn't just me, so I'm sad to see that they are not getting up and speaking in favor of this, but there are a lot of club managers who are like, "this is killing us, we need to be able to have flexibility." You can still have specialty rings at your shows. This doesn't say that, and this is only about the one-day format. **Hannon:** Just a fact check, Mary. Regions 1-8 did have an increase in shows last season. All those in favor of this resolution, please raise one or two hands.

Motion Failed.

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RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 4.06 to reduce the number of mandatory specialty rings in a 6x6 or other two day show and allow a maximum of 10 allbreed rings per weekend, effective October 1st 2019, as follows:

- 4.06 a. 3. Two one day shows in the same location consisting of up to six rings held on the first day and up to six rings held on the second day with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgings per entry each day. ~~To be licensed in Regions 1-7 or China, the total number of specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership shall comply with the following formula: for fewer than five total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, no specialty rings are required; for five or six total rings licensed at that location over the full~~

weekend, at least one longhair and one shorthair specialty ring are required between the two shows; for seven or eight total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least two longhair and two shorthair specialty rings between the two shows are required; for nine or ten total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least three longhair and three shorthair specialty rings between the two shows are required; for 11 or 12 total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least four longhair and four shorthair specialty rings between the two shows are required. To be licensed in Regions 8, 9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand), the total number of specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership shall comply with the following formula: for six or fewer total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, no specialty rings are required; for seven, eight or nine total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least one longhair and one shorthair specialty ring are required between the two shows; for ten or more total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least two longhair and two shorthair specialty rings are required between the two shows. To be licensed in Regions 1-9, the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait or Thailand) or China, no more than 10 allbreed rings in each class can be included between the two shows licensed at that location over the full weekend. The remaining rings must be specialty rings, either longhair or shorthair or both. There are no specialty ring requirements for shows licensed in Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand. Requests to license two shows pursuant to this rule must be submitted together to Central Office, each with its appropriate license and insurance fees. ~~In cases where more than one specialty ring is required, they must be split as evenly between the two shows as possible, i.e., if two required, one for each show; if three required, one for one show and two for the other; if four required, two for each show. The specialty rings must be split such that there is at least one per show.~~ The use of Super Specialty rings will not meet the requirement for specialty rings.

b. A two day show which permits up to ten judgments per entry over the two days of the show and a maximum of six judgments per entry per day. It is recommended that a judge shall not be scheduled to judge more than 250 cats on either day. ~~For shows in Regions 1-7 or China utilizing a total of 5 or 6 rings, at least one of these rings must be a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 1-7 or China utilizing a total of 7 or 8 rings, at least two of these rings must be both shorthair and longhair Specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 1-7 or China utilizing a total of 9 or 10 rings at least three of these rings must be both longhair and shorthair Specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows licensed In Regions 8, 9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand), utilizing a total of 7, 8, or 9 rings, at least one of these rings must be both a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 8, 9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand), utilizing 10 rings, two of these rings must be both longhair and shorthair specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of Super Specialty rings will not meet the requirement for specialty rings. There are no specialty ring requirements for shows licensed in Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand.~~ Two day shows offer a variety of formats:

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[Add the following if this did not pass in a prior resolution]:

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

In the case where a show scheduled to occur after October 1st, 2019, has already been licensed with mandatory specialty rings, the Central Office will permit that show to change the mandatory specialty rings to meet 4.06 without penalty so long as the change is made no later than 30 days prior to the show and prior to October 1st 2019.

RATIONALE: This resolution reduces the number of mandatory specialty rings and sets the maximum number of allbreed rings per weekend at 10. This would allow clubs greater flexibility in choosing their format to meet their specific needs. All shows would have the same requirement for a two day show, max 10 allbreed rings, and only Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait and Thailand could have a 6x6 event with more than 10 allbreed rings.

The requirement to use specialty rings was created by the board without input from the clubs. The requirement has two purposes. One is to create more specialty rings for single and double specialty judges. Yet most of the specialty rings are filled by allbreed judges. There are not enough advancing judges to fill those rings so clubs have to hire allbreed judges. Forcing all clubs to include specialty rings for the handful of advancing judges that we have was unnecessary. By forcing clubs to have specialty rings for advancing judges, we are giving the judging program a crutch to avoid redesigning the program to find other solutions to advancement. The current judging program chair supports reducing the number of mandatory specialty rings.

The other reason for mandatory specialty rings was to try to increase entries by attracting those people who prefer specialty rings. This should be a decision for the club to make. If the club believes they can attract more entries with specialty rings, then the club can decide if they want to do that. Clubs need flexibility, not regulation. Hamstringing clubs such that they cannot put together a format for their exhibitor base at their time of the season harms their ability to pay their bills. One size does not fit all!

There are many people who favor eliminating any mandatory specialty ring requirement and letting clubs have any number of allbreed rings. The resolution to eliminate the requirement for one day shows and reduce the required number for the 6x6 and 10 ring shows is a compromise. We would be keeping 2 mandatory specialty rings in the 6x6 format but formats of 10 and fewer rings could have any combination of allbreed and specialty rings.

By making this resolution effective October 1st, those shows already licensed between the annual and that date would remain as is so that exhibitors who have already made plans based on the licensed format would not be adversely affected. Clubs after October 1st that have already licensed their show could modify their format with little impact to exhibitors and judges since that is 90 days after the annual.

Hannon: #16, Mary. Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]: I am withdrawing the next two. **Hannon: #16** is withdrawn.

Withdrawn.

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To be considered if the prior resolution fails.

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 4.06 to reduce the number of mandatory specialty rings in a 6x6 or other two day show and allow a maximum of 8 allbreed rings per weekend, as follows, effective October 1st 2019:

- 4.06 a. 3. Two one day shows in the same location consisting of up to six rings held on the first day and up to six rings held on the second day with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry each day. ~~To be licensed in Regions 1-7 or China, the total number of specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership shall comply with the following formula: for fewer than five total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, no specialty rings are required; for five or six total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least one longhair and one shorthair specialty ring are required between the two shows; for seven or eight total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least two longhair and two shorthair specialty rings between the two shows are required; for nine or ten total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least three longhair and three shorthair specialty rings between the two shows are required; for 11 or 12 total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least four longhair and four shorthair specialty rings between the two shows are required.~~ To be licensed in Regions 1-7 or China, no more than 8 allbreed rings in each class can be included between the two shows licensed at that location over the full weekend. The remaining rings must be specialty rings, either longhair or shorthair or both. To be licensed in Regions 8, 9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand), the total number of specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership shall comply with the following formula: for six or fewer total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, no specialty rings are required; for seven, eight or nine total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least one longhair and one shorthair specialty ring are required between the two shows; for ten or more total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least two longhair and two shorthair specialty rings are required between the two shows. There are no specialty ring requirements for shows licensed in Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand. Requests to license two shows pursuant to this rule must be submitted together to Central Office, each with its appropriate license and insurance fees. In cases where more than one specialty ring is required, they must be split as evenly between the two shows as possible, i.e., if two required, one for each show; if three required, one for one show and two for the other; if four required, two for each show. The use of Super Specialty rings will not meet the requirement for specialty rings.
- b. A two day show which permits up to ten judgments per entry over the two days of the show and a maximum of six judgments per entry per day. It is recommended that a judge shall not be scheduled to judge more than 250 cats on either day. ~~For shows in Regions 1-7 or China utilizing a total of 5 or 6 rings, at least one of these rings must be a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 1-7 or China utilizing a total of 7 or 8 rings, at least two of these rings must be both shorthair and longhair Specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 1-7 or China utilizing a total of 9 or 10 rings at least three of these rings must be both longhair and shorthair Specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows licensed In Regions 8, 9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand), utilizing a total of 7, 8, or 9 rings, at least one of these rings must be both a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 8, 9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand), utilizing 10 rings, two of these rings must be both longhair and shorthair specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership.~~ For all areas (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand), no more than 8 allbreed rings in each class can be included in the show. The remaining rings must be specialty rings, either longhair or shorthair or both. The use of Super Specialty rings will not meet the requirement for specialty rings. There are no specialty ring requirements for shows licensed in Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand. Two day shows offer a variety of formats:

[Add the following if this did not pass in a prior resolution]:

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

In the case where a show scheduled to occur after October 1st, 2019, has already been licensed with mandatory specialty rings, the Central Office will permit that show to change the mandatory specialty rings to meet 4.06 without penalty so long as the change is made no later than 30 days prior to the show and prior to October 1st 2019.

RATIONALE: The rationale is the same for prior resolutions. This change limits the number of allbreed rings per weekend to 8 in regions 1-7. Regions 8, 9 and the International Division are already allowed to have up to 10 allbreed rings in a 6x6 and that would continue. This resolution is not preferred because of this inequality. This is actually an improvement for Regions 8, 9 and the ID because currently, a 7 or 8 ring show must have one specialty ring. This resolution allowed up to 8 allbreed rings.

Hannon: #17 is withdrawn.

Withdrawn.

– 18 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 7.01 to allow cat costume contests to be judged by an officiating judge, as follows, effective immediately:

7.01 The show manager must provide a schedule of judging for each ring in a form readily accessible to all exhibitors, and which shall list each Championship Breed or Division in the order that it shall be judged, from which schedule there should be no deviation with the exception of the provisions of rule 11.05. In cases where the show contains a separate breed summit workshop type activity, the breed summit workshop shall not be conducted by a judge authorized to judge a competitive class at the show (kitten, championship, premiership, or household pet) before that judge has completed judging all of their competitive classes. If the individual scheduled to perform the breed summit workshop is not judging one of the regular classes, the summit workshop can be conducted at any time during the show. In cases where the show includes a spectator amusement activity such as a cat costume contest, that activity may be conducted by a judge authorized to judge a competitive class at the show (kitten, championship, premiership, or household pet) before that judge has completed judging all of their competitive classes so long as the judge is not required to make a decision based on the quality of the cat itself. The spectator amusement activity may also be judged after regular class judging or by a non-officiating judge.

RATIONALE: Note that the sentence, “In cases where the show contains a separate breed summit workshop ...” was added by the board through an online motion in March 2019 to prevent judges from judging a cat at a breed summit workshop prior to judging the cat at the regular show. This resolution creates an exemption for amusement activities such as cat costume contests.

There is no clear direction in the show rules on whether a judge can officiate a fun activity such as a costume contest before completing class judging. Many clubs have these activities for the amusement of the spectators, sometimes during a judge’s lunch break. Sometimes, exhibitors question why the judge is handling a cat prior to class judging. This resolution clarifies that this is allowed.

In the case of a costume contest, the judge is not judging the cat, rather the costume, so there is no danger of the judge seeing a cat in such a contest before judging it in class. The judge is not making a decision

based on the quality of the cat, rather the quality of the costume. This rule change makes clear that judges may officiate at an amusement activity where they are not actually judging the cat itself at any time during the show.

Hannon: Mary, are you ready for 18? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** Yes, we can go back to 18 now. #18 is a show rule that allows our judges to judge costume contests and fun activities like that. I was asked by somebody to write this show rule and I want to point out that judges have been doing this. They do it, but there's nothing in the show rules that says they are allowed to do it, so this just makes it sure for everybody. If somebody has a question, "Why is that judge judging this costume contest like this in the middle of the day?", this just says yes, they are allowed to do it. Judges already do this. It's my understanding they already do this. As I said, I was asked to write this. **Norm Auspitz [Kentucky Colonels Cat Club]:** I'm asking, now we don't need to do this. If judges are already doing this, there are no additional rules saying we can't, so I think it's moot. **Mike Altschul [Ozark Cat Fanciers]:** I kind of agree with Norm. If we're already doing it, why do we need a vote on it? If there is a clarification needed, I guess we could. I would like to say, the cat costume contests are the #1 favorite thing for all the shows that I'm working with, with our guests, and we need to make our shows spectator friendly. We need to make them guest friendly, we need to keep them coming back for more and be exhibitors. This is highly important, that we keep it around the middle of the day when most of our guests are there. **Hannon:** I believe I see the Chairman of the Judging Program. **Melanie Morgan [Southern Dixie Cat Club; Southeastern Persian Society]:** The Judging Program asked for this resolution and we thank Mary for writing it for us. Frankly, we do support the costume classes. We think it's a wonderful idea. However, when judges handle cats in something like a costume class before they have actually had a chance to judge them, we get complaints. Then we end up having to say, "there's nothing to say they can't and there's nothing to say they can." We brought it to the board without an opinion on whether it was a positive or negative and said, "One way or another, we want a ruling. What do you guys feel?" We all agree we want to encourage costume classes. We don't have a problem with judges doing it. We would like to have something to point those people who have issues with that back to and say, "This is something that's allowed." It simply makes it much more clear when there are guidelines and policies, and the show rules support what our judges are doing. **Hannon:** Mike, are you standing there for a reason? **Mike Altschul [Ozark Cat Fanciers]:** I just wanted to make it clear that it doesn't say it has to be done before the competitive classes. Is that right? OK, I'm good with it. **Diane Curfiss [Dayton Cat Fanciers; Queen City Cat Club]:** I don't have a problem with this, but I also think that, shouldn't we put on the judges? If you want to have a cat costume contest, have the show manager or somebody on the show committee be the person that judges it. That's not their job. I understand why they might like to do it and everything else. I don't have a problem with it, but it shouldn't be something they have to do, officially. **Hannon:** Mike, you have a comment? **Mike Altschul [Ozark Cat Fanciers]:** I do. First of all, the judges are the best handlers in the world. We need to let them handle the cats. We're not forcing the judges to do it. They do it voluntarily. We ask judges that are happy to do it and they graciously accept. We occasionally do have celebrity judges. In most cases, I prefer the judges handle the cats and the celebrity judge talk about the cats and make choices or have the crowd make choices, but it's important that the judges handle the cats because they're the best handlers. We don't want other people handling everyone's cats. **Kenny Currle [Chatte Noir Cat Club]:** You haven't lived until you are at the Houston Cat Club watching Brian Pearson do the cat costume contest. **Vanadis Crawford [Midlantic Pers-**

Himmie Fanciers]: I don't know if I can follow that comment, but the one comment I do want to make is, there is a show rule that states that only judges may handle cats, so therefore only judges may legally do costume contests if the cats are going to be handled. Regardless, this is really a CYA for our judges. Let's just approve this and go on. **Hannon:** Mary, do you want to wrap it up? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** Very quickly, this is exactly what she said – a CYA. There are judges that say, "I can't do this because the show rules are not clear." This gives the judges the opportunity to say, "Oh, I can do this." Nobody has to do it, OK? If the judge wants to, and nobody is forcing the judges to do it, but this gives them clearance to do it. **Hannon:** All those in favor, please raise your one or two hands.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

– 19 – *Felinus International, Feline Fanciers of Benelux, Cat Friends of Kuwait, The Bengal Alliance, Cat-H-Art, Jardin des Korats*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 7.02, 8.03, 11.30, 12.01, 12.07, 28.03, to add additional Champion/Premier awards in large classes (Breeds/Divisions), as follows, effective October 1, 2019:

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

8.03 Permanent ribbon designations, ribbons, or rosettes in the color designated **MUST** be given for the awards listed below. If more than one type of memorial is listed, any one of the choices may be given.

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Best Champ/Prem Of Breed/Div	Perm/Ribbon/Rosette	Purple
<u>Additional Champion/Premier Awards</u>	<u>Perm/Ribbon/Rosette</u>	<u>Purple</u>

11.30 The following awards will be made by the judge subject to the provisions of rule 11.26.

a	CHAMPIONSHIP WINS	Allbreed	LH or SH Specialty	Best of the Bests	Color/Breed Specialty
	...				
	Best of Division	X	X		1
	2 nd Best of Division	X	X		2
	Best of Breed**	X	X		1
	2 nd Best of Breed**	X	X		2
	Best of Breed/Division Champion	X	X		3
	<u>Additional Breed/Division Champions*</u>	<u>X*</u>	<u>X*</u>		<u>7</u>
b	PREMIERSHIP WINS	Allbreed	LH or SH Specialty	Best of the Bests	Color/Breed Specialty
	...				
	Best of Division	X	X		1
	2 nd Best of Division	X	X		2
	Best of Breed**	X	X		1
	2 nd Best of Breed**	X	X		2
	Best of Breed/Division Premier	X	X		3
	<u>Additional Breed/Division Premiers*</u>	<u>X*</u>	<u>X*</u>		<u>7</u>

...
*Where applicable

** For breeds not divided into Divisions

*** No 3rd Best Champion, 3rd Best LH Champion or 3rd Best SH Champion awards in Color/Breed Specialty rings.

NOTES:

1) Same as Best Cat.

2) Same as 2nd Best Cat.

3) Same as Best Champion or Best Premier.

4) AOVs compete only within their breed for First, Second, Third (separately by sex), Best of Color Class, and 2nd Best of Color Class, One Color Class per category (i.e., K, C or P), per breed.

5) Provisional Breeds compete only within their breed for First, Second, Third (separately by sex), Best of Color Class, and 2nd Best of Color Class, One Color Class per category (i.e., K, C or P), per breed. In cases where a club has opted to give out Best, 2nd Best, and 3rd Best of Breed awards to Provisional cats, each ring will provide such award, one per breed with all cats in the three categories competing.

6) Cats entered in the Miscellaneous (noncompetitive) Class shall receive no awards unless the club has opted to provide best, 2nd best, and 3rd best of breed awards. In that case, all of the Miscellaneous cats will compete for these awards in each ring by breed, with all competitive categories (kit- tens/whole cats/ alters) combined.

7) Same as the additional Champion or Premier awards.

12.01 All judges' color class sheets must be signed by the judge. All judges shall mark the Best and Second Best of Breed or Division as well as Best Champion of Breed or Division and Best Premier of Breed or Division and when applicable, additional Champion/Premier awards on the judges' color class sheets, if the judge determines these awards at the completion of judging the breed or division. ...

12.07 The chief ring clerk shall mark a catalog as the ribbons and rosettes are placed on the cages, indicating 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best/Second Best of Color Class, Best/Second Best of Breed/Division,

Best Champion/Best Premier of Breed/Division and when applicable, additional Champion/Premier awards, Merit Awards for HHP (mark M in judge's book/catalog) and Veterans (mark V in judge's book/catalog) and all Finals awards. All absentees and transfers including competitive transfers after the first day of a two day show must be clearly marked. The chief ring clerk must NEVER mark his catalog using the judge's color class sheets.

28.03 Breed and Division Points

a. Cats which receive the award of Best Champion/Premier and when applicable, additional Champion/Premier awards in each of the Breeds/Divisions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 30.01) will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every Champion/Premier defeated within the Breed/Division in accordance with the method for calculating champions and premiers present described in 28.02a.

b. Additional Champion/Premier awards will be awarded when the number of Opens&Champions/Opens&Premiers entered in the same Breed/Division are as follows:

0-5 Opens&Champions/Opens&Premiers entered: Best Champion/Premier award

6-10 Opens&Champions/Opens&Premiers entered: Best and 2nd Best Champion/Premier awards

11-15 Opens&Champions/Opens&Premiers entered: Best through 3rd Best Champion/Premier awards

16-20 Opens&Champions/Opens&Premiers entered: Best through 4th Best Champion/Premier awards

More than 20 Opens&Champions/Opens&Premiers entered: Best through 5th Best Champion/Premier awards

b.c. In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring - that which carries the most points.

RATIONALE: Currently it is very difficult for Opens/Champions/Premiers in the large Breeds/Divisions to collect GC points. It is perceived by some that the Persian Breed has a certain advantage because their entries are spread out over 7 different divisions and it is not unusual that cats from these different Persian divisions make it to the finals. In some instances, as many cats of the same breed are entered as the total number of Persian entries, but it is unlikely that more than one Champion of the same Breed or Division will make it to the final.

This new rule will encourage exhibitors to continue showing their Champions/Premiers in large classes, where now their chances of getting GC points are rather slim. This change will make it possible to award and acknowledge the multiple worthy cats in classes with depth. We are convinced that it will also result in additional entries in these large classes, simply because of the increased chances for GC points.

In different Regions/Areas where CFA is active, different Breeds/Divisions are popular. This new rule does not discriminate, nor does it give unfair advantage to certain breeds. Extra Champion/Premier awards are given only in those classes where a considerable number of Opens/Champions/Premiers are entered.

Hannon: #19, Felinus International. Is there somebody here that's going to present this one? Lorna, how did you get this? **Lorna Friemoth [Cat Friends of Kuwait; Nantan Catdom Club]:** #19 and #20 are essentially the same, with the exception that #20 is just for championship and #19 is for championship and premiership. I'm a co-founder of a FaceBook group called CFA Proposals and Amendments, and this is something that has been coming up, especially from our International and European fanciers where we have a lot of Exotics and things like that. This is adding the ability for judges to award additional champion wins. There's a chart here that shows the addition of 1-5 best champion, a purple ribbon and designation to be decided by the clubs and how they – **Hannon:** Basically you're saying there will be two additional wins, to get grand points. **Lorna Friemoth [Cat Friends of Kuwait; Nantan Catdom Club]:** Or up to 5, depending on how many cats are entered. It's allowing 0-5 champions will be awarded one purple ribbon, 6-10 champions will be allowed two purple ribbons (a best and 2nd best champion), 11-15 is three champion ribbons, 16-20 is four, and more than 20 champions entered per breed is five champion ribbons. **Hannon:** What you're saying, for those in North America, we're probably not going to run into this very often but overseas you run into very large classes of, for example, Exotics and British Shorthairs. **Lorna Friemoth [Cat Friends of Kuwait; Nantan Catdom Club]:** Yes, so these majority breeders internationally are saying it's very difficult for them to grand their cats that are not making the best champion, and this would allow judges in those areas to award more purple ribbons. **Hannon:** Does anybody else have comments on this? **Kenny Currle [Chatte Noir Cat Club]:** I did a show in Egypt a few months ago. The bi-color class had 52 champions. Just think about it. **Hannon:** That's pretty impressive. **Frédéric Goedert [Cat-H-Art; Jardin des Korats]:** We are trying to find a way to reward those cats in those big classes. We are talking about Exotics, but we can talk also about Ragdolls in China or British Shorthairs. They may have 50-60 cats in championship. It's really a shame when you have 50 high quality cats, that only one of them can get those points of best champion. I think for all exhibitors, it will be a way to get rewarded and to come back to our shows. It's really important to find a way to reward those cats nowadays. **Kathy Calhoun [Basic Black Cat Club; United Persian Society]:** I just had a conversation with the Executive Director of the Central Office. I just want to bring up the effective date that is in this proposal of October 1, 2019, which is not likely to be feasible, due to programming and those sorts of things that need to happen within the system. So, I don't know that this can continue to be discussed as is or if the date can be changed, but October 1st isn't feasible. **Hannon:** Because it's a show rule, she can amend it if she wants. Do you want to change the date or do you want to see if it fails first? What do you want to do, Lorna? **Lorna Friemoth [Cat Friends of Kuwait; Nantan Catdom Club]:** I would like to leave it as is. The reason we picked October 1st is because we thought that was enough time to make the programming change. **Hannon:** What date do you want? **Lorna Friemoth [Cat Friends of Kuwait; Nantan Catdom Club]:** October 1. **Hannon:** You think it can be done by October 1, even though the Central Office says probably not. OK, we'll see what we can do. Seeing no more comments, Lorna, if you want to make a closing comment. **Karen Thomas [Rebel Rousers Cat Club]:** If I'm reading it right, it says we give a purple ribbon for best champion of breed or division, and we give a purple ribbon for second best of breed or division? So, it's going to be the same color. It's just going to say 1 or 2 on it. **Hannon:** Can it be purple and lilac? **Lorna Friemoth [Cat Friends of Kuwait; Nantan Catdom Club]:** It doesn't matter. The rationale of it being the same color was that the clubs could just put an award designation on the purple ribbon, so they don't have to reprint the same ribbon, costing additional funds. **Hannon:** We've already got purple, we you're saying we can use purple ribbons. **Brad**

Newcomb [Triple Crown Cat Fanciers]: One question I would like to ask is, when you have this class of 15 and go two or three champion ribbons, how is that scored? Is that scored the same as your top three – 90/80/70? **Hannon:** It would be in 10% decrements, right? They get 90% of the points of the best champion? How are you going to do it? **Lorna Friemoth [Cat Friends of Kuwait; Nantan Catdom Club]:** It says at the bottom of 28.03, *will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every Champion/Premier defeated within the Breed/Division in accordance with the method for calculating champions and premiers present described in 28.02a.* **Hannon:** So, if there are 21, best gets 20 and the next one gets 19. **Brad Newcomb [Triple Crown Cat Fanciers]:** So we're going away from our traditional percentage increments? **Lorna Friemoth [Cat Friends of Kuwait; Nantan Catdom Club]:** The points are awarded the same way the purple ribbon [inaudible]. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** I can explain this. When you get to these small numbers, like let's say there's 20 and you're rounding up with the 90%. You might as well just give it, to be the one point decrement. Mathematically, it makes more sense this way. **Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club; German Cat Walk]:** Point of order. John, I need you to read on this. All of these, even if they are passed by 2/3 vote, still have to be ratified by the board. The board does not meet until the 7th of October. This is asking for 1 October, yet it can't be ratified by the 1 October date. **Hannon:** It can be ratified Sunday. We can do it Sunday morning. Tim, do you have an IT comment, perhaps? **Tim Schreck [Southeastern Michigan Cat Fanciers; Oakway Cat Fanciers]:** No, this isn't really an IT comment, but I think changing something on such a short time frame in the middle of the show season is grossly unfair to those cats that have competed prior to that date. I would not be as opposed to this if it was started at the beginning of the show season.

Hannon: Not seeing anybody else, I'm going to let Lorna have the final word. **Lorna Friemoth [Cat Friends of Kuwait; Nantan Catdom Club]:** No further comments. **Hannon:** All those in favor, raise one or two hands, as appropriate.

Motion Failed.

– 20 – *Felinus International, Feline Fanciers of Benelux, Cat Friends of Kuwait, The Bengal Alliance, Cat-H-Art, Jardin des Korats*

To be withdrawn if the prior resolution passes.

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- 7.02** The entry clerk or a designated representative is responsible for preparing the judges' books, including those for judging Best of the Bests competitions, which shall be in numerical, but not necessarily consecutive catalog order. A minimum of two (2) lines must be left between color classes. The color class number, age (indicated in years and months) and the class for each entry must appear in the judges' books. At least two (2) spaces should be left between each class (Champion and Grand Champion) to allow for transfers. Opens shall be listed as champions or premiers in the judge's book, as applicable. Champions and opens competing as champions shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. Premiers and opens competing as premiers shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. When a color class includes entries of more than one color/tabby pattern, the exact color/tabby pattern indicated on the entry form must be entered in the judges' books unless the

breed is Sphynx, in which case no color or tabby pattern will be listed in the judges' books. At the end of each breed, the show entry clerk shall type a form for the following awards: Best of Breed/Division, Second Best of Breed/Division for Kittens, Championship and Premiership, and where necessary, Best Champion/Premier and when applicable, additional Champion awards of Breed/Division.

- 8.03** Permanent ribbon designations, ribbons, or rosettes in the color designated **MUST** be given for the awards listed below. If more than one type of memorial is listed, any one of the choices may be given.

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Best Champ/Prem Of Breed/Div	Perm/Ribbon/Rosette	Purple
<u>Additional Champion Awards</u>	<u>Perm/Ribbon/Rosette</u>	<u>Purple</u>

Show Rule 11.30 The following awards will be made by the judge subject to the provisions of rule 11.26.

a CHAMPIONSHIP WINS	Allbreed	LH or SH Specialty	Best of the Bests	Color/Breed Specialty
Best of Division	X	X		1
2 nd Best of Division	X	X		2
Best of Breed**	X	X		1
2 nd Best of Breed**	X	X		2
Best of Breed/Division Champion	X	X		3
<u>Additional Breed/Division Champions*</u>	<u>X*</u>	<u>X*</u>		<u>7</u>

*Where applicable

** For breeds not divided into Divisions

*** No 3rd Best Champion, 3rd Best LH Champion or 3rd Best SH Champion awards in Color/Breed Specialty rings.

NOTES:

1) Same as Best Cat.

2) Same as 2nd Best Cat.

3) Same as Best Champion or Best Premier.

4) AOVs compete only within their breed for First, Second, Third (separately by sex), Best of Color Class, and 2nd Best of Color Class, One Color Class per category (i.e., K, C or P), per breed.

5) Provisional Breeds compete only within their breed for First, Second, Third (separately by sex), Best of Color Class, and 2nd Best of Color Class, One Color Class per category (i.e., K, C or P), per breed. In cases where a club has opted to give out Best, 2nd Best, and 3rd Best of Breed awards to Provisional cats, each ring will provide such award, one per breed with all cats in the three categories competing.

6) Cats entered in the Miscellaneous (noncompetitive) Class shall receive no awards unless the club has opted to provide best, 2nd best, and 3rd best of breed awards. In that case, all of the Miscellaneous cats will compete for these awards in each ring by breed, with all competitive categories (kit- tens/whole cats/ alters) combined.

7) Same as the additional Champion awards.

- 12.01** All judges' color class sheets must be signed by the judge. All judges shall mark the Best and Second Best of Breed or Division as well as Best Champion of Breed or Division and Best

Premier of Breed or Division and when applicable, additional Champion awards on the judges' color class sheets, if the judge determines these awards at the completion of judging the breed or division.

- 12.07** The chief ring clerk shall mark a catalog as the ribbons and rosettes are placed on the cages, indicating 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best/Second Best of Color Class, Best/Second Best of Breed/Division, Best Champion/Best Premier of Breed/Division and when applicable, additional Champion awards, Merit Awards for HHP (mark M in judge's book/catalog) and Veterans (mark V in judge's book/catalog) and all Finals awards. All absentees and transfers including competitive transfers after the first day of a two day show must be clearly marked. The chief ring clerk must NEVER mark his catalog using the judge's color class sheets.

28.03 Breed and Division Points

a. Cats which receive the award of Best Champion/Premier and when applicable, additional Champion awards in each of the Breeds/Divisions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 30.01) will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every Champion/Premier defeated within the Breed/Division in accordance with the method for calculating champions and premiers present described in 28.02a.

b. Additional Champion awards will be awarded when the number of Opens & Champions entered in the same Breed/Division are as follows:

0-5 Opens & Champions entered: Best Champion award

6-10 Opens & Champions entered: Best and 2nd Best Champion awards

11-15 Opens & Champions entered: Best through 3rd Best Champion awards

16-20 Opens & Champions entered: Best through 4th Best Champion awards

More than 20 Opens & Champions entered: Best through 5th Best Champion awards

~~b.c.~~ In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring - that which carries the most points.

RATIONALE: Currently it is very difficult for Opens/Champions in the large Breeds/Divisions to collect GC points. It is perceived by some that the Persian Breed has a certain advantage because their entries are spread out over 7 different divisions and it is not unusual that cats from these different Persian divisions make it to the finals. In some instances, as many cats of the same breed are entered as the total number of Persian entries, but it is unlikely that more than one Champion of the same Breed or Division will make it to the final.

This new rule will encourage exhibitors to continue showing their Champions in large classes, where now their chances of getting GC points are rather slim. This change will make it possible to award and acknowledge the multiple worthy cats in classes with depth. We are convinced that it will also result in additional entries in these large classes, simply because of the increased chances for GC points.

In different Regions/Areas where CFA is active, different Breeds/Divisions are popular. This new rule does not discriminate, nor does it give unfair advantage to certain breeds. Extra Champion awards are given only in those classes where a considerable number of Opens/Champions are entered.

Hannon: Lorna, do you want to continue with #20? **Lorna Friemoth [Cat Friends of Kuwait; Nantan Catdom Club]:** Actually, can I withdraw that and propose from the floor with no effective date?

Withdrawn.

– 21 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 8.03 and 8.07 c as follows to allow paper ribbons, effective immediately:

- 8.03** Permanent ribbon designations, ribbons (fabric or paper), or rosettes in the color designated **MUST** be given for the awards listed below. If more than one type of memorial is listed, any one of the choices may be given.
- 8.07** c. Fabric or paper flat ribbons currently in use may be laminated between pieces of heavy (10-mil), clear plastic using a small hook for hanging. The specific award name (as permitted in 8.03) and the CFA insignia must be engraved printed on the ribbon ~~and the CFA insignia must appear.~~ Colors must be as specified in show rule 8.03.

The use of permanent designations does not preclude the club's responsibility to provide each judging ring with a supply of traditional fabric or paper flat ribbons to be available to those exhibitors entitled to them and who have requested them.

RATIONALE: When this section of the show rules was written, we did not have the technology to have small print shops in our homes. Today, we have ink jet and laser printers that are capable of making attractive paper ribbons which can save a club some money and help clubs in emergency situations (such as when a club finds out the day before a show that nobody can remember who in the club took home the extra fabric ribbons after the last show).

For finals, we already allow an "award" in place of a rosette which gives clubs the flexibility to get creative with finals awards. This resolution would give the club similar flexibility for the awards presented during class judging by allowing the club to use either fabric or paper for ribbons.

Hannon: Mary, I think you're next. The Red Queen is getting ready, Mary. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** Let's say you're in a new club with limited funds and you're about to have your first show. You don't have a lot of money and you can't really afford to buy fabric ribbons for people to take, which you are required to have in the rings. Somebody in your club is a crafty person who has a printer and is willing to make paper ones. This is just adding the word "paper" so you can make paper ribbons. That's it. Ring flats, not rosettes. You can already do it for rosettes because it says "award," so this just allows you to do paper for ring flats. **Jacqui Bennett [Ocicats International]:** I think this is incredibly unnecessary, so if we're going to say "paper and fabric," are we also going to say "plastic"? Are we going to say "metal"? We have flats of all sorts of different substances. They're all ribbons. It's already allowed. This is just adding extra paperwork. **Kathy Black [Texoma Cat Fanciers]:** I was just going to say, a lot of times outside the United States, we do

have paper for the flats. The clubs do not have the laminated or plastic or any ability to hook, and sometimes we only have the fabric ones. I don't mind the clarification on this. It gives those clubs that don't have those the ability to use that. **Hannon:** Mary, do you have any closing comments? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** No. **Hannon:** Oh my. All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

– 22 – *Southern Dixie Cat Club, Southeastern Persian Society, International Egyptian Mau Society, Colonial Cat Club, Long Island Cat Club, Paumanok Cat Fanciers, Sophisticated Felines, Happy Trails Cat Club, Just Cats N 'Us, Make Mine Mink, National Colorpoints and Orientals, Topeka Cat Fanciers, Worldwide European Burmese Society, Tornado Alley, Cat's KC, Wichita Cat Fanciers, Frontier Felines Fanciers, Lincoln Cat Club*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 10.08 to include regulation of cats on leashes at shows, as follows:

10.08 Exhibitors must transport cats into and out of the show hall in an enclosed, secured carrier. Cats will not be on the floor in the benching area or in or around judging rings. Cats walking on leash will be limited to areas designated by show management such as greeting or ambassador cat spaces.

RATIONALE: Cats on leash present a trip hazard, particularly in crowded areas, with possible injury to the leashed cat, humans, and cats being carried to and from rings. People carrying cats to and from rings are not expecting cats on the floor, or leashes stretched across the path. Other cats may react negatively to seeing a cat in an unexpected place – on the floor in the benching area or near rings. Exhibitors and judges have noted that cats on the floor can cause disruption of judging. The use of leash and harness may be appropriate to make cats more accessible to the public in ambassador or greeting areas designated by show management, where adequate space is allowed and their presence may be anticipated.

Note: The sponsoring clubs would accept this as a separate show rule rather than an amendment of 10.08.

Hannon: The next one is not Mary. Southern Dixie Cat Club. **Laurie Coughlan [Global Egyptian Mau Society; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** This is a proposal to add to Show Rule 10.08 the fact that *cats will not be on the floor in the benching area or in or around judging rings. Cats walking on leash will be limited to areas designated by show management such as greeting or ambassador cat spaces.* This proposal came from multiple judges, multiple exhibitors, multiple clubs for fear of the danger of tripping over cats on a leash in a crowded show hall. Cats on the floor by the judging ring distract the cats on the table. Cats on the floor in the benching area can upset the cats out for grooming. This does not mean that someone cannot have their cat on a leash in the show hall, they just have to be in an area designated for it that has enough space and people know that they won't encounter it so they won't trip over it, hurt the cat or hurt themselves. **Hannon:** Not seeing any other comments, all those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Carried with a favorable recommendation.

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[**Secretary's Note:** The following proposals having to do with top 15 finals have been grouped together for convenience, despite being out of rule number order.]

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 2.32 to add an optional top 15 final – the Super 15 final – to the definitions, and Show Rule 4.06, effective immediately:

- 2.32** A SUPER SPECIALTY RING is a competition involving the kitten, championship, or premiership competitive categories where the judge will award both specialty finals for longhairs and shorthairs, and an allbreed final made up of those eligible from the specialty finals to be in the allbreed final.

A SUPER 15 RING is a competition involving the kitten, championship, premiership, or household pet competitive categories where the judge will award Best through 15th Best in a final. This option is limited to allbreed and household pet finals. A single final cannot be both a Super Specialty and Super 15 final. No minimum entry is required.

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

a. A one day show which permits:

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

2. a one-day show format consisting of up to six rings with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings for shows licensed in Regions 8, 9, or the International Division (excluding China). For shows licensed in Regions 1-7 or China, the combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings must include at least one Specialty ring for both longhair and shorthair specialties in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of a Super Specialty ring will not meet this requirement.

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~~b 5. The above #2, #3 and #4 described shows may have any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings as long as the number of required specialty rings are met.~~

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d. The Central Office will also license breed/color specialty rings which limit entries to a certain breed(s)/division(s)/color(s) as either stand alone or concurrent with other Allbreed, Super Specialty, Super 15, and/or Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings.

e. Super Specialty and Super 15 rings (see 2.32) may be used as Allbreed rings in any show as long as the number of required specialty rings are included.

f. The Central Office will permit shows licensed prior to the effective date of the addition of the Super 15 format to add the format to their show license without penalty.

RATIONALE: Four subsequent resolutions would lower the limit for mandatory top 15 in each of the classes. If a class hits the minimum, every ring must include top 15. This resolution to create a Super 15

final, which is meant to be in addition to the next four, would allow any club to offer top 15 in just a few of the rings or all of them regardless of how many cats are entered.

Currently, any show can have any allbreed ring as a Super Specialty ring which has 20 cats in the final. This resolution will allow any allbreed ring to be a Super 15 ring with a top 15 final, 5 fewer cats than in a final than an SSP ring.

While the SSP rings are popular in some areas, they are not popular everywhere. Many clubs avoid using them because of scheduling issues, and because the SSP rings are not increasing entries for those clubs. A top 15 final is easier to schedule and imposes fewer conflicts. An optional top 15 final would give clubs greater flexibility with trying to attract a particular exhibitor base.

For example, if a club in one area is offering SSP finals, a club on the same weekend competing for some of the same entries might try offering S15 finals instead. A club in the fall or winter might try offering S15 kitten finals. Or at the end of the season, a club can pre-empt all of the waiting to see if the count gets high enough for top 15 by just going ahead and offering it.

The intent of this resolution is to give the club greater flexibility so that the club can tailor the format to attract more entries from their exhibitor base at their particular time of the season.

The cats that will benefit from 11th through 15th place in an allbreed final are not the cats vying for NWs. These placements will benefit the cats that never get to the point of substituting finals. They will benefit the new person who just wants to know that the judges noticed their cat, they will benefit the regional campaigner who doesn't need big value rings.

If passed by 2/3rds, this resolution will take effect immediately to help clubs as quickly as possible. Those that already have licensed shows would be allowed to add S15 rings to their format without penalty.

Hannon: We're back to Lilac Point Fanciers. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** We have this thing called the super specialty ring and for whatever reason it's popular in some places like Europe, but it's not popular in Regions 1-7 for whatever reason. It's a more complicated schedule problem. I don't know what it is, it's just not popular and I really don't care for it either. But in a super specialty final you've got 20 cats in a final, so why don't we also allow a club to offer a top 15 allbreed final in the way that they can do the super specialty final. So, we've seen some formats where they will have 3 rings of super specialty in kittens, 2 rings will have super specialty in championship or whatever and they'll split it up. This allows the club to do this, as well. This gives the clubs flexibility to advertise, "we're having this many rings with top 15," in the same way that they can advertise with super specialty. So, this is just a 15 cat version of this extended final, rather than a 20 cat version of the extended final. In a super specialty final, 20 cats get an award. In a top 15 final, 15 cats get an award. It's just giving you this extra, little incentive to stick on your flyer to try to attract exhibitors and say, "we're definitely having top 15 in this class," whereas I want to make the point that we already have the ability to add 20 cats to a final. This lets you have 15 cats in a final. So, it's 5 less cats in your final but it's still this special deal that you can add. The top 15 does not have to be in a super specialty ring. The top 15 is by itself. **Hannon:** Monte, are you up here to agree with Mary? **Monte Phillips [Cat'n on the Fox]:** I'm going to try to clarify what Mary is trying to say and then tell you why I don't agree with it. What this would do is allow a club to say, "we're going to do top 15 finals regardless of how many cats are entered in championship, kittens, premiership, all of them, maybe only one, pick whatever," and a club

would have a choice. The reality is, if clubs start doing that, every club is going to have to do that if they want to be able to compete against them. Now, think about that when it comes to rosette time and paying for those little goodies. At the same time I say that, this is an opportunity for more finals for those exhibitors we are trying to get into the show hall. **Sue Robbins [Delaware River Cats Club]:** We already have ability for top 15, based on the numbers of cats that show up in each division. It's dependent upon the numbers of cats. I agree with Monte that if one show arbitrarily says, "we're going to do top 15" and they have 20 cats in premiership, let's say. Fifteen of those 20 cats are going to make the final. Great. Personally, I think it would be more beneficial to have the specialty rings, which we do, the cats can be awarded appropriately. But, this is I think redundant and, as Monte pointed out, it suddenly becomes a grab bag where clubs are going to be adding – in order to keep up with the Joneses – additional awards and hence more rosettes and more cost to something that is not necessarily warranted. **Mary Auth [Country Faire Cat Fanciers; High Sierra Cat Club]:** What if there are only 12 cats entered in that particular competition? The wording of this doesn't account for that. **Hannon:** You give out 12. What do you do now if there's top 10 and you have 8? **Sybil Zaden [Siamese Fanciers; Titledown Cat Fanciers]:** I think it's important to go 15. Some people will say, "how many points can you get when you're 15th?" The point is, it may encourage more people to go for Grand of Distinction. I think we should support going 15 deep. I brought that up I think it was last year, but that will attract more people to show. Thank you.

Hannon: I don't see anybody else so I'm going to let Mary wrap it up. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** Somebody mentioned earlier – I can't remember who it was but I wanted to scream "yes." Somebody said, let's not talk about rosette cost and use that as an excuse not to do something because, seriously, I can make you streamers for 10¢ each, or I can make you paper rosettes for a little bit more. Some of you know that already. **Hannon:** Mary, is this a sales pitch for your business? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** I just want to say that I don't want to hear that. That comment is not fair. Anyhow, the comment that we have these thresholds already where you can do top 15, the problem is that clubs can't advertise that they're going to have top 15 so they can't use the fact that they might get top 15 to try to attract entries. The purpose of this is for the club to be able to market their show and say, "we're doing three rings of top 15, so maybe you want to come and enter our show instead of that show," or whatever, so this is a marketing thing. If every show does it, so what? **Hannon:** I'm going to call for the vote. Don't go too far, Mary. I think you're up again. All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Failed.

– 24 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 11.28, 11.29 to reduce the minimum number of entries for top 15 in championship finals, as follows, effective immediately:

- 11.28** In Allbreed rings the Championship finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than ~~445~~ 85, for Championship entries of ~~445~~ 85 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; ...

- 11.29** a. In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings the Championship finals will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than ~~445~~ 85, for Championship entries of ~~445~~ 85 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; ...

RATIONALE: Few shows achieve the minimum counts required for top 15. Lowering the minimum could encourage people to enter those few extra cats to get a show a count sufficient for a top 15 final. The expense of ordering 5 extra rosettes per ring can be mitigated by using paper streamers for 11th through 15th.

This resolution is effective immediately so that clubs may immediately use this option to attract entries.

Hannon: Next. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** The next four are lowering the thresholds to do top 15, so it lowers Championship to 85. How many shows last year did we get that had 115 in Championship? **Hannon:** Mary, I'm sure you have the answer. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** Yes, and they only got 115 cats when people stuffed them, so this just lowers the threshold. **Hannon:** Monte, are you here to agree with Mary again? **Monte Phillips [Cat'n on the Fox]:** I'm going to talk to all four of them right now. I can't tell you last year because I'm still analyzing that data, but the year before that in the world we had 60 shows out of 377 that had top 15. If we passed this, we would have to go to 102 out of 377. However, in the U.S., we only had one. That would go to 22 out of 157. As far as Premiership, that number would be 8 versus 15 in the U.S., 11 versus 19 worldwide. As far as Kittens, that would be no change in the U.S. because the next show after 100 was less than 75, so we had 3 and we still have 3, whereas worldwide it would go from 19 to 21. In Household Pets, we had 3 of 157. It would go to 13 if we lowered the number. Worldwide, it would go from 5 to 16, just to give you a head's up of what kind of percentage you're looking at, so in Championship we would be looking at about 30 shows having top 15 finals worldwide. **Hannon:** That's why they call him the Numbers Nerd. **Pam Moser [Lewis & Clark LH Specialty; Wenatchee Valley Cat Club]:** I agree with most of these except for the Championship. I think the Championship is a little bit low. I would like to see it 100, but on the other ones I like them. **Sue Robbins [Delaware River Cats Club]:** Maybe I misread it, but I didn't see the number listed for Household Pets. The Household Pet people generally felt that if it could be lowered to 30 or 35, we would be happy campers. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** It's #27. **Sue Robbins [Delaware River Cats Club]:** OK thank you. That works. **Howard Webster [Americans in Paradise; California Silver Fanciers]:** I think that it's a good idea because the numbers of the cats in the shows are less. The last two in our region was like 100 for the show, so I think it would be a great idea to drop the numbers down, for more people to get more awards and encourage new people.

Hannon: Mary, do you have any comments? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** No. **Hannon:** No comments? All those in favor of #24 raise your hands.

Motion Carried with a favorable recommendation.

Hannon: I'll rule that it passed by half but not by 2/3, so it will go to the Board with a favorable recommendation.

– 25 –*Lilac Point Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 11.28, 11.29 to reduce the minimum number of entries for top 15 in kitten finals, as follows effective immediately:

11.28 In Allbreed rings ... Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than ~~400~~ 75, for kitten entries of ~~400~~ 75 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten. ...

11.29 a. In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings ... Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than ~~400~~ 75, for kitten entries of ~~400~~ 75 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten. ...

RATIONALE: Few shows achieve the minimum counts required for top 15. Lowering the minimum could encourage people to enter those few extra cats to get a show count sufficient for a top 15 final. The expense of ordering 5 extra rosettes per ring can be mitigated by using paper streamers for 11th through 15th.

This resolution is effective immediately so that clubs may immediately use this option to attract entries.

Hannon: #25 is Lilac Point Fanciers. Is somebody here to speak for that? What's your name and club please? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** I don't want to say anything. This is just lowering Kittens to 75. **Hannon:** So, we're just going to go straight to a vote on this, OK. This is for Kittens. All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

Hannon: You're on a roll, Mary.

– 26 –*Lilac Point Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 11.28, 11.29 to reduce the minimum number of entries for top 15 in premiership finals, as follows effective immediately:

11.28 In Allbreed rings ... Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than ~~60~~ 50, for Premiership entries of ~~60~~ 50 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best and 2nd Best Premier, Best and 2nd Best Longhair Premier, Best and 2nd Best Shorthair Premier.

11.29 a. In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings ... Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than ~~60~~ 50, for Premiership entries of ~~60~~ 50 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best and 2nd Best Premier.

RATIONALE: Few shows achieve the minimum counts required for top 15. Lowering the minimum could encourage people to enter those few extra cats to get a show a count sufficient for a top 15 final. The expense of ordering 5 extra rosettes per ring can be mitigated by using paper streamers for 11th through 15th.

This resolution is effective immediately so that clubs may immediately use this option to attract entries.

Hannon: #26 is the Lilac Point Fanciers. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** This drops Premiership from 60 to 50. **Hannon:** All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

Hannon: That's easily 2/3, so that passed by 2/3, Mary.

– 27 – *Lilac Point Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 11.32 to reduce the minimum number of entries for top 15 in HHP finals, as follows effective immediately:

11.32 HOUSEHOLD PETS

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The awards for Household Pet Finals shall be Best through Tenth Best Cat and, if ~~45~~ 30 or more are entered, Eleventh through Fifteenth Best Cat.

RATIONALE: Few shows achieve the minimum counts required for top 15. Lowering the minimum could encourage people to enter those few extra cats to get a show a count sufficient for a top 15 final. The expense of ordering 5 extra rosettes per ring can be mitigated by using paper streamers for 11th through 15th.

This resolution is effective immediately so that clubs may immediately use this option to attract entries.

Hannon: Mary? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** This one is Household Pets from 45 to 30. **Hannon:** They are all raising their hands. All those in favor, raise your hands.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

Hannon: That's 2/3. Mary K, you are on a roll.

– 28 – *Midlantic Persian and Himalayan Fanciers, Metropolitan Cat Fanciers, Cats of the Rising Sun, New River Cat Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 12.13.a. to remove the requirement to submit copies of the original entry forms with catalog corrections when entries are submitted online, as follows:

- 12.13** a. The master clerk is authorized to make corrections in the official catalog to entry information that is printed in error and/or to add registration numbers where not printed in the catalog (see rule 10.23). When such a correction is made, the official entry form and the original copy of the catalog correction request form must be sent to the Central Office with the official catalog. Submitting the entry form to Central Office is not required if the catalog correction involves only the addition of a missing registration number or the transfer of a cat from open, champion, or premier to champion, premier, grand champion, or grand premier or when the entry was submitted using the official online entry form provided by CFA. In these cases only the original correction form need be submitted to Central Office.

RATIONALE: Today the vast majority of entries are submitted online. The entries submitted through the online entry form (<http://entries.cfa.org/onlineEntry.php>) are in a database that can be queried by the Central Office to obtain the original entry submissions if needed.

Requiring entry clerks to print out every entry form “just in case” it is needed for a correction is not environmentally conscious when alternatives are available. The vast majority of the printed entries never need to be submitted and are just thrown away or filed by the clubs.

Shows/entry clerks using online entry form submission systems other than that provided officially by CFA would still have to maintain the current procedure of printing out all entry forms – or providing printer services to do so at shows – since there is no officially sanctioned and accessible database behind them. The rare hand-written and submitted forms would also still need to be submitted.

This resolution would not preclude entry clerks who still want to print the forms from doing so. It just removes the requirement to do so.

Hannon: Vanadis, do you want to talk for Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers? Your name and club. **Vanadis Crawford [Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers]:** Thank you. This has absolutely nothing to do with counts or scoring. Is this amazing or what? This actually comes about from my entry clerking our show that we had in March. One of the things that I had discovered in the rules – and I actually sat down with various and assorted entry clerks, and they said yes verily you have to do this – is that as an entry clerk I need to make sure every, single entry form that I receive is available for the master clerk to then attach a correction form to, whether there is any correction or not. So, that basically means I have to print out every single, solitary online entry form just in case the master clerk needs it. This is what I call my Kermit proposal, or “it’s not easy being green.” The reason I say this is, anybody who is using the CFA online entry forms, those forms are stored in a database. There is no reason that we need to physically print out all those forms. They are available already for the Central Office if they need to refer to them for some reason. Now, if I receive a paper entry form, would you like to know how many I got? **Hannon:** How many did you get, Vanadis? **Vanadis Crawford [Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers]:** One. I was shocked. I got this envelope in the mail and I’m going, “What the heck is this? It’s an entry form! I haven’t seen one of these in 50 years.” Those still would need to be submitted with the catalog correction forms if an entry clerk or a club decides that they are not using the CFA online system where they are backed up in the database, they would still need to go through and print them out. Yes, there is always an option to take your laptop with you, buy a printer, print them out at the show, but that’s kind of a little bit ridiculous overhead, as well. **Monte Phillips [Cat’n on the Fox]:** I’m going to come to Shirley’s defense here. Every now and then, speaking as a master clerk, I get an actual entry form that I have to pull and send to Central Office. Why would I have to do that? Believe it or not, I get a catalog correction where somehow they are going to change the registration number and the name of the cat. Sure sounds like an illegal substitution to me, but that’s Shirley’s call not mine. I would rather have her get the information from me than have to do a research project in the database to go find it herself. Why? Because she’s got a lot of work to do as it is, to score every show worldwide. **Dennis Ganoie [Korats Unlimited; LaPerm Society of America]:** Two reasons why I don’t particularly support this one. One is, the paper that you print is our paper trail which we need for other reasons besides having it around for the master clerk. Also, there is a box on the correction form for master clerks that says, “was the entry blank correct?” If you don’t have that, you can’t answer that question and get the master clerk to do it for you. **Hannon:** I think it

would be a simple matter to edit the form. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** I never check that box when I master clerk because it's a dumb box. I agree that Central Office doesn't need this paper and it's a burden on the entry clerk to print all this paper. If Shirley has a problem and needs to see the entry form, she can email the entry clerk and say, "fish out the email with this one and send it to me." Shirley doesn't have to be bogged down with research. She can get the entry clerk to do it for her.

Hannon: I don't see any other speakers so I'll let Vanadis do closing comments.
Vanadis Crawford [Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers]: One thing I'll say is, we don't need to have something in place for the rare exceptions. I think that we can say that the vast majority of our exhibitors are honorable, so if we're saying that the vast majority of them are honorable, then the one or two times that we have something that we think might be a falsification, a false substitution, something like that, those can be handled on a case-by-case basis and that would be the onesie-twosie sort of things that we need to look up, rather than killing several deciduous forests every single show season. I've been corrected, it's pine. **Hannon:** All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

– 29 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend 28.03 as follows to allow opens, champions and premiers to earn grand points from defeated grands, effective October 1st, 2019:

28.03 Breed and Division Points

a. Cats which receive the award of Best Champion/Premier in each of the Breeds/Divisions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 30.01) will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every Champion/Premier defeated within the Breed/Division in accordance with the method for calculating champions and premiers present described in 28.02a.

b. Opens, Champions and Premiers which receive the award Best or Second Best of Breed/Division in each of the Breeds/Divisions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 30.01) will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every cat defeated (including grands) within the Breed/Division in accordance with the method for calculating cats present described in Article XXXVI Show Points Official Count.

~~b. c.~~ c. In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring – that which carries the most points.

RATIONALE: If an open, champion or premier defeats a grand, why not earn a grand point from defeating that grand? This change would allow opens, champions and premiers that receive a brown or orange ribbon to earn one point from each cat defeated, including grands.

At this time, we do not want to make this change for top 10/15 finals to include points for defeated grands. This resolution is intended to be a conservative step. We want to see the effect of this change before considering a change to points from finals.

The effective date of October 1st is to allow for programming changes in the scoring software. By allowing this to take effect before the start of the next show season, exhibitors can see a benefit now. Changes like this can improve morale, and we need to do that sooner rather than later.

Hannon: The next one I believe is Lilac Point Fanciers. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** This is one of those, “why do we do these proposals?” We often wonder why champions don’t get points for defeating grands. So, here we have the opportunity to change that just at the breed level. I didn’t include finals. I just wanted to start small, take baby steps, see if we could all agree on this and then some day far off we might find a way to do it in finals. This allows champions and premiers to earn points from defeating grands when they get the brown or orange ribbon. So, if you’ve got two champions and a grand in class, and the two champions get the brown and orange ribbon – brown ribbon would get two grand points, orange ribbon would get one. They would get a point for defeating a grand. Not 90%, but brown would get two points, orange would get one. One less than whatever brown is. Grand points, that’s it. So, it’s just one of those, why don’t we allow points from defeated grands? This is a chance. It’s in the breed classes, not the finals. **Jacqui Bennett [Ocicats International]:** Why is this starting October 1st? It’s starting in the middle of the season. Why not just start with the new show season on this. I think it’s silly to start rescoring cats half way through the season. **Hannon:** Mary will make notes and when she does her closing comments, she can answer that question. **Tim Schreck [Southeastern Michigan Cat Fanciers; Oakway Cat Fanciers]:** I would agree with Jacqui on this. The same as before, I feel it’s very unfair to start something in the middle. The other thing is, if you’ve noticed, some people do have a rather hard time keeping track of their grand points anyway. This makes it change ring by ring. Yes, it does. You can argue with me if you like, but you can get 4 points in one ring and you get a different set of points if you only defeat the champions. **Hannon:** Mary, can you concur with that and just say, “so what?” **Hannon:** I don’t see any other speakers so I will let Mary do closing comments. Oh Kathy, I’m sorry. **Kathy Calhoun [Basic Black Cat Club; United Persian Society]:** This is another one with the effective date of October 1st, which is assumed to be enough time for programming. **Hannon:** Now Kathy, this was already pointed out. **Kathy Calhoun [Basic Black Cat Club; United Persian Society]:** No, Tim didn’t say programming. He just said because he didn’t think we should change things in the middle of the season. I hoped that he was going to say something about programming so I could go back to my seat, but he didn’t. My concern is the time to program this by October 1st and cost. **Hannon:** Maybe Shirley will have to use a calculator. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** I’m going to withdraw it and bring it back from the floor. I don’t have time to double check what Tim Schreck said, but that’s not the intent. I don’t think that’s what it means. **Hannon:** OK, Mary withdrew that one.

Withdrawn.

– 30 – *Cat Fanciers of Hawai’i*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 28.08 to adjust points required for Hawaii Grand of Distinction title, as follows:

28.08 Any cat that achieves 30 or more top 10/top 15 finals per season in three separate seasons shall be eligible to claim the “Grand of Distinction” title (abbreviated GCD or GPD). At least 20 of these finals in each season must be in Allbreed rings. Exception to be made for Hawaii to achieve a

Grand of Distinction title: any cat that achieves 10 or more finals per season in three separate seasons shall be eligible to claim the “Grand of Distinction” title. 9 of the 10 finals must be Allbreed rings. These finals may be achieved in either championship or premiership class, or a combination, in each season. The “of distinction” suffix will be added to the title corresponding to the class in which the cat competed in the third season with 30 finals. Cats who have achieved this title will still compete in the regular Grand Champion/Grand Premier classes.

This award may be claimed by filing the appropriate form with Central Office, and paying a fee as set by the Board of Directors. Show seasons prior to 2005-2006 may not be considered in claims for this title. The Grand of Distinction title must be claimed within 90 days of the conclusion of the last qualifying season.

RATIONALE: There are currently only two cat clubs in Hawaii. We have been consistently holding three 4 Allbreed ring shows each show season. We have limited resources, and this is the maximum the clubs can finance annually. We were averaging approximately 35 cats per show including HHP; however, we have been working hard to increase our numbers and in the past season we averaged 46 cats per show.

To give you some rough averages of what we typically see in our Hawaii shows:

40-47 cats

3-6 Kittens
10-18 in Championship
14-20 in Premier
3-7 HHP

Achieving a Grand of Distinction title the way it is currently written makes it impossible for Hawaii cats to obtain this title. Hawaii fanciers are unable to travel in and out of the state to attend cat shows without placing undue risks on our cats. All but two airlines will allow cats to fly out of Hawaii in the cabin, and all cats returning to Hawaii must travel as cargo except for one airline. Hawaii exhibitors do not travel outside of the state to attend shows due to the state’s strict quarantine regulations. Therefore, showing opportunities are limited to three shows per year, each with four rings only allowing cats judging in 12 rings total per year.

Hannon: Cat Fanciers of Hawai’i. **Natalie Playdon [Cat Fanciers of Hawai’i]:** Aloha. Probably most of you are aware that we have a different number of points required. It’s kind of proportional to our show statistics for every category. I think this proposal is to bring in line the same kind of adjustment for Grands of Distinction and Household Pets. If you look at the numbers of cats that we have in our shows, it’s pretty dismal. Everyone grands almost because we have less cats than 10, but we have fewer points to make a grand or grand premier and so on. Really, it’s proportional to the number of points we need for these other award levels. Specifically on the Grand of Distinction, it would go from 30 rings to 10 rings. Everything else is the same though, as far as the number of rings. Then, the same thing with the Household Pets in the next one. We’ve really done well with Household Pets. We’ve really encouraged people to come. We have so few breeders in Hawai’i and it’s so hard to bring cats into Hawai’i because we have this horrendous non-rabies situation. They have to go through expensive and extensive testing and what-not. So, we’re pretty confined. As nice as it is, I’m not complaining, but anyway we’re recommending that these adjustments be made for those two levels, to help us stay with the shows. I think that otherwise we could fall off the end. **Darrell Newkirk [Abyssinian Midwest Breeders]:** This problem cropped up when I was over there in January. We had a

young lady. I think it's her third year that she's been exhibiting. She had a cat and she thought she was going to get her Grand of Distinction because she has made all the finals in the last three years. We said, "you have to make 30 each year." That's a problem because they have a total of 12 rings in a year. It's impossible for them to make a Grand of Distinction. So, let's not leave our cat fanciers in Hawai'i standing there. They need our help. These people are lovely people. They love their cats just like we do here. We need to make adjustments where we need to make adjustments so there's a fair playing field. I think it's 10 out of 12 if I'm not mistaken. I thought that was a little high because I was thinking 7 or 8 finals, but they even put the bar up a little bit higher. Let's pass this, let's get these guys up so they can get their Grand of Distinction. I hope that the board could make this effective retrograde so that that lady can get her Grand of Distinction on those cats. **Hannon:** As of the elections today, you will have some say in that. **Laurie Coughlan [Global Egyptian Mau Society; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** I stand and strongly support these amendments for Hawai'i. As Darrell pointed out, they have 12 finals all year long. They've only got 12 active breeders in Hawai'i. They have no option in bringing cats in from elsewhere because of the quarantine situation to be in their shows. It takes 6 months to bring in a new cat to Hawai'i. I think we need to do everything possible to keep the fancy alive. These numbers are a vast improvement. In fact, I agree with Darrell, they should possibly be lower but I think it is totally fair, given the level of competition and the opportunities they have and don't have. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** I feel for the people in Hawai'i but this doesn't say I have to get those 10 finals in Hawai'i. I'm sorry, it doesn't say it. So, somebody gets a couple finals and sends it to the United States and gets the rest of them? **Natalie Playdon [Cat Fanciers of Hawai'i]:** You can send a cat to the mainland, but it would be very difficult to bring it back. I don't know that there's any provision for translating points made one place to points made another. I don't know how that would work. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** How hard would it be to just say, all the rings have to be earned in Hawai'i? That's all I want for it to say, all the rings have to be earned in Hawai'i. **Natalie Playdon [Cat Fanciers of Hawai'i]:** I see. I guess my only alternative is to withdraw it and add that. [NO] OK, well thank you for your support. **Laurie Coughlan [Global Egyptian Mau Society; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** There is a formula for converting grand points – not necessarily regional and national points, but it is something that's possible to do. However, it is not possible to send a cat back and forth to shows on the mainland and back to Hawai'i and back to the mainland to make points. It's not a realistic thing. We're talking months and months of preparations and USDA and blood tests and all kinds of stuff. I think we're straining at gnats there. **Alene Shafnisky [Turkish Angora Fanciers, International]:** I support this 100%. My only question is, in that last line for the Grand Household Pet it says 35 but then it has 50 in parenthesis. **Hannon:** That's not this proposal. **Alene Shafnisky [Turkish Angora Fanciers, International]:** Why don't we just say, that's out there. But, we support all these for Hawai'i. **Hannon:** All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

– 31 – Cat Fanciers of Hawai'i

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 29.02.a. to adjust points required for Hawaii Grand Household Pet title, as follows:

- 29.02** a. Two hundred (200) points are required for Grand Household Pet in Regions 1 through 9 with the exceptions of the Maritime Provinces of Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, the Ukraine, Hawaii, Russia (east of the Ural mountains), and the International Division. For cats residing and competing in those excepted areas (except Hawaii) one hundred (100) points are required for the Grand Household Pet (GH) title. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii thirty-five (50)-(35) points are required for the GH title.

RATIONALE: Hawaii presents special challenges for fanciers due to its quarantine system. With fanciers unable to travel in and out of the state to show cats, showing opportunities are limited to 12 rings per year, with an average of three shows per year, each with four rings. Even with an atypically large HHP count of 10 in every ring, a HHP that was best across the board in every show could earn a maximum of 118 points in a year. Given that most shows are more likely to have five HHP, resulting in a maximum 48 points for a cat that goes best across the board at every show, the chances of any HHP earning the GHP title are very slim at 100 points. Fifty points is still a challenge, but it is possible over time. With regional and national titles out of reach due to quarantine requirements, the Grand Household Pet title is the only title HHP exhibitors may aspire to.

Hannon: The next one is Cat Fanciers of Hawai'i. **Natalie Playdon [Cat Fanciers of Hawai'i]:** Aloha again. I read this and I think there's something wrong with it because it says 35 and it's (50). It's the last line before the rationale. It's got to be a type-o. The intent is 35. I don't know how you deal with that as far as the proposal. **Hannon:** The Parliamentarian says we are going to assume it is 35 because that was the intent. **Natalie Playdon [Cat Fanciers of Hawai'i]:** Thank you once again. **Hannon:** Any other comments? All those in favor, raise your hands.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

– 32 – Cat Fanciers of Hawai'i

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 29.04 to adjust points required for Hawaii HP Grand of Distinction title, as follows:

- 29.04** Any cat that achieves 30 or more top 10/top 15 finals per season in three separate seasons and a minimum of 250 CFA award points in each of those seasons shall be eligible to claim the "Grand Household Pet of Distinction" title (abbreviated GHD). This title replaces the title of Grand Household Pet (GH), when achieved, and as such a cat must already have won the GH title before it can earn the GHD title; however, the same show season may be used to qualify for both titles. Exception to be made for Hawaii to achieve a "Grand Household Pet of Distinction" (abbreviated GHD) title: any cat that achieves 10 or more finals per season in three separate seasons shall be eligible to claim the "HP Grand of Distinction" title.

This award may be claimed by filing the appropriate form with Central Office, and paying a fee as set by the Board of Directors. Show seasons prior to 2015-2016 may not be considered in claims for this title. The Grand of Distinction title must be claimed within 90 days of the conclusion of the last qualifying season.

RATIONALE: Hawaii's state quarantine regulations are strict. With fanciers unable to travel in and out of the state to show cats, showing opportunities are limited to what the two Hawaii clubs can produce – three 4 All Breed ring shows. The current requirements for HP Grand of Distinction make it impossible to achieve. With Regional & National titles out of reach for our Hawaii Fancy and to encourage our

exhibitors to continue to show their Grands, this change would give our Hawaii exhibitors another title to strive to achieve.

Aloha and thank you for your consideration. We are committed to working to grow the Hawai'i Fancy and really appreciate your consideration on the proposals.

Hannon: #32 is Cat Fanciers of Hawai'i. **Natalie Playdon [Cat Fanciers of Hawai'i]:** She told me there were only two, sorry. This is for the Grand Household Pet of Distinction. The same argument applies, only we don't have a type-o this time. **Hannon:** All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

Natalie Playdon [Cat Fanciers of Hawai'i]: Everybody who voted yes gets to come to Hawai'i. [Applause!]

– 33 – *Country Faire Cat Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, SHOW POINTS, for the purpose of making it less appealing to “stuff” or “reverse stuff” a show's entry, as follows, to be effective immediately:

SHOW POINTS

Official Show Count

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3. ~~A cat/kitten/household pet handled by a judge in one ring is counted as competing in all Rings for shows held outside of China, i.e., in Regions 1-9 and most of the International Division (including the special administrative areas of Hong Kong and Macau).~~ For cats/kittens/household pets handled by judges ~~in China~~, the cat/kitten/household pet must be handled and no award withheld because of insufficient merit, condition, or disqualification (see Rules 11.23, and 11.24) in 80 percent of the Rings held at the show, as noted in the following table, for the cat/kitten/household pet to be counted. In rings where an award is withheld from a cat/kitten for the reasons given above, that cat/kitten will be considered absent for the purpose of determining if the 80% requirement has been met:

Number of Rings held at show	Rings present for cat to be in count
1 Ring held	1 Ring
2 Rings held	2 Rings
3 Rings held	3 Rings
4 Rings held	4 Rings
5 Rings held	4 Rings
6 Rings held	5 Rings
7 Rings held	6 Rings
8 Rings held	7 Rings
9 Rings held	8 Rings
10 Rings held	8 Rings

Cats/kittens/household pets not present in the number of Rings specified in the table based on the number of Rings held at any show ~~held in China~~ will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the official count, however, any awards won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cat's record.

RATIONALE: The exception for China was created to handle specific situations relative to inflating points with poor condition cats. Now is the time to make this rule apply to all fanciers around the world, including the U.S. While it will not completely stop “stuffing” and “reverse stuffing” it draws attention to what CFA is not willing to tolerate to accommodate those who are prone to manipulating points for their own (or a friends) benefit.

Hannon: Mary Auth with Country Faire Cat Fanciers. **Mary Auth [Country Faire Cat Fanciers; High Sierra Cat Club]:** I had a headache when I wrote this, so I'm withdrawing it.

Withdrawn.

– 34 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, to remove the 5% decrements from scoring in all classes, as follows:

DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS

Points are awarded in the following manner based on the wins achieved in each ring and the official show count of cats/kittens/ household pets in competition.

Eligible Wins

1. ~~Best cat/kitten/household pet — one point for each cat/kitten defeated. Each cat in championship/premiership/kitten/household pet – one point for each cat/kitten defeated.~~
2. ~~2nd Best cat/kitten/household pet (HHP) — 95% of the points awarded to best cat/kitten/HHP, 3rd best cat/kitten/HHP 90%, 4th best 85%, 5th best 80%, etc.~~
3. ~~Best and 2nd Best of breed/division – one point for each cat defeated within the breed/division.~~
4. ~~2nd best of breed/division — 95% of the points awarded to best of breed/division.~~
5. Points achieved in individual rings are added to determine an entry's total points for the show. In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring – that which carries the most points.

RATIONALE: This resolution removes the decrement scoring system for all classes.

In a final of 101 cats, Best Cat defeats 100 cats and gets 100 points. 10th best cat defeats 90 cats but only gets 55 points. This gets worse in a top 20 final such as we have at the International Show in the kitten class. In a class of 101 kittens, 20th best kitten would defeat 80 kittens but get only 5 points. The bigger the class, the worse the penalty for being last in the final even though the cat defeats many other cats.

The biggest impact of this change would be for the cats that consistently make few finals in a show or make them low. The top NW campaigners are already making finals high and already getting the “math”

benefit from getting higher percentages of the finals, they would likely continue to rank the same as with the decrement system. Strategy might change for some, and some of the races might be closer for longer, but in the end, the cat that can make high finals consistently will still get the higher placement at the end of the season.

The real benefit of getting rid of the decrements is for the exhibitor trying for regional wins, or the exhibitor who cannot get to as many shows as a national campaigner. Some exhibitors might look at a lineup and think “why should I go to this expensive 6x6 where my cat might only make a couple low finals each day? That’s not enough points for the cost.” If we switch to an actual points system, that show might be more attractive since there will be more points in those low finals.

Consider however that Household Pets have a very small average class size. In small classes, the decrement system is advantageous. The average size of household pet classes is below 20. For class sizes below 20, the 5% decrement system is more advantageous because cats actually get more points than defeated cats. When the class size is below 10, the last place cat that defeats no cat will still get points with the decrement system (e.g. if there are 6 cats in the class, best cat gets 5 points and 6th best cat gets 75% of 5 points yet doesn’t defeat any cats). For class sizes between 20 and 30, the 5% decrement values are still very close to actual points. When the average class size gets over 30, then there is a better benefit to actual points.

If your club supports making all classes the same and removing the decrements for all classes, support this version. If your club supports allowing the HHP class to continue with decrements because of the “math” advantage but changing all the other classes, support the next version.

[transcript from after Proposal #35] **Hannon:** Alright, Mary. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** This is, everybody is treated the same. the same. There’s no more 5% decrements for anybody. You get one point for every cat defeated, but only in the top 10 finals. The champions and premiers are still 90%, 80%, etc. **Hannon:** By “top 10 finals,” you mean “or top 15?” **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** Or top 15. One point for every cat defeated. I want to tell you right now, as I said I campaigned cats the last two seasons. This is not going to benefit me. Cats that are already making every final and making them high were already getting maximum points. This benefits the people trying for regional wins. You go to a show and make one or two finals. This lets them keep more points. It’s more bang for the buck for them at that show, so this doesn’t benefit the campaigners. I think we are still going to see the same cats getting the national wins. You might have to have a little different strategy, but the cats are still going to get it. **Hannon:** Anybody have any comments? **Kathy Black [Texoma Cat Fanciers]:** I’m just a little concerned about this, because if you’re not getting 55% anymore and instead you’re getting 9 less than the top cat, that’s a lot more points. I agree it’s going to benefit those cats that are only going for a regional win that get a top 10 final, but I’m concerned about what it’s going to do for our national cat points because now when you take the different judgments and the different finals and you keep your top 100 rings, if your point spread is only 9 points for each of those rings – **Hannon:** Kathy, I think you missed the point when Mary said she has had national wins the last two years. **Kathy Black [Texoma Cat Fanciers]:** I must have missed that. My point is, if all of your rings are only 9 points different between your top 100 rings, then there’s no point in going past 100 rings for one thing. **Hannon:** The guy behind you might have the answer. **Kathy Black [Texoma Cat Fanciers]:** I would like to hear from the numbers nerd because I really do not know how this is going to affect our awards. I agree you do benefit those

cats. Especially if you do a top 15 you're going to benefit them, 11-15, but when my point spread is only 9 points for best through 10th, everyone is getting the same points essentially.

Hannon: Monte, do you want to give us some numbers? **Monte Phillips [Cat'n on the Fox]:** This is going to have two impacts. First of all, it's going to tighten the races up significantly because what you see right now in point spread is based on percentages, so a cat that finishes 10th for example – I'm going to use 51 cats as an example, because that would be 27.5 points for 10th – now, that would change to 40 points for 10th. That kind of squishes what's going to happen to all your placements. You're not going to see a whole lot of different in placements, but you're going to see them all get much tighter. However, it's going to have a major impact for a cat that misses a final here and there, and is trying to get points and finishes the season with less than 100 rings. That may change, too – more proposals coming. Now, that difference between 10th and missing a final is only 27 points. That difference now would be 40 points. That's how it's going to impact. **Hannon:** The official word is that it would squish the points.

Laurie Coughlan [Global Egyptian Mau Society; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]: Mary, it's a math thing. As Monte says, it compresses the points and if you calculated the best in show counts and you do it on a first through fifth place, and 5 for first, 4, 3, 2, 1, it's really hard to make it come out without everybody tied. You really need those percentages. When I was living in Kentucky they taught me you don't fix what ain't broke. The system is not perfect for everybody but it does work and I think this proposal would make it more complicated and more confusing. **Norm Auspitz [Kentucky Colonels Cat Club]:** Way back when, in the dark ages, it was one point per cat beaten and it all worked. We still did the same type of thing. The percentages skewed everything somewhat and where it really gets skewed, if you're 15th best cat you get so few points now with the percentages, what's the point? There's no point – literally, no points. So instead of getting no points you get 14 points, that's better. **Jacqui Bennett [Ocicats International]:** My concern with this is, with the squishing – as Monte so professionally and scientifically put it – you significantly increase the probability that you are going to have 25 best cats, because they have 100 rings, there's only one point different between first and 10th. When everything averages out, you may have 25 cats that have the exact same number of points at the end of the year. That's going to be really hard to do all of those presentations and videos. **Hannon:** And the music. **Carmen Johnson-Lawrence [Japan Academic Cat Society; Oriental Shorthair Club Japan]:** Actually, something that the teenager [Edward Goatsey] brought up to me and something we had also discussed at my local club is, hypothetically when you have those specialty rings, and I've been in the situation with a longhair cat and there's 10 longhairs in premiership, so all 10 make the final. If we go point by point, that cat that gets 10th best out of 10 cats gets nothing, but right now with the decimal system, 10th best cat would get 55% which would be 4.95 for defeating no one, but at the same time what are we trying to do? We're trying to bring new people in. If you have that new person that yeah, their cat made 10th out of 10 by default, but they feel special. They feel excited because, "oh my God, I made a final!" But, they're not going to feel that way if we go 1, 2, 3. **Hannon:** Thank you Carmen. **Orca Starbuck [Chartreux International]:** I'm just speaking as somebody who campaigns regional cats. I'm not a national campaigner. If I'm looking at a big show where I might get 10th best cat versus a very small show where I might get 3rd, 5th, something like that, if this changes the big show is still a much better bet for me. It would hurt the small show and it would make me less likely, even as a regional exhibitor, to go to that small

show where I'm more likely to make a final but where the count is lower, because with a 10th best placement in a large show I would be making a lot more points than even a best cat or a second best cat in a very small show. So, I think it would hurt the small shows' counts. **Hannon:** I don't see anyone else so Mary, do you want to make closing comments? Linda, sorry. **Linda Martino [San Diego Cat Fanciers; Tonkinese East]:** We want simple systems. This proposal makes a simple system that works well in certain circumstances. The existing one is a fairly simple system that is good in other circumstances. I think what would be nice is if we came up with a system that maybe worked better in big shows and in small shows, but my guess is it wouldn't end up being quite the same. But, I would like to explore maybe a little more complexity that says, "OK, in a big show we do this and in a small show we do that," or something. This is too extreme. It makes it just, do you final or not in a big show? Those that don't final get nothing and those that do final, it's almost all the same. There's not that much differentiation, but the small show is different. It's really just extreme. **Peter Deal [Chamberlin on the Bay Cat Fanciers; Continental Balinese Club]:** The frustrating thing about the percentages is that, especially at the International Show – I know in Portland my cat finished 17th, 18th in a few rings, 15th in some, and he would up getting less points than he would have in a shorthair final. Think about what the #20 kitten would get in a class of 100 under the current system versus 80 points for beating 80 kittens.

Hannon: OK Mary, closing comments. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** I want to point out that we're thinking about how this is going to affect the standings. I want to tell you that I think that the races will be competitive a lot longer. The way that we have it now, the cats that make high finals get in really quickly and they lock out your chance to pass them; whereas, yes, this squishes the points as Monte says. The differential between the spaces is smaller, so rather than my cat being 1,000 points behind the cat that's ahead of me, my cat is going to be a lesser number that I can possibly pass it. So, the races will stay competitive longer with this. It's going to come down to strategy and how you pick your shows. This comment about small shows being disadvantaged by big shows, well people pick their shows based on where they can get to, so if I've got a big show in Timonium, Maryland, and a small show in Florida, I live near Timonium, Maryland. I'm looking at Timonium and if I've got a cat that I don't think is going to make substantial points, I'm not going to waste money and I'm certainly not going to go to Florida for a small show. So, I might, if we have this, enter that cat in that show for just one or two 10th bests because I could actually get something at that big show that I wouldn't otherwise get. So, this actually encourages people to go ahead and enter the big show that's near them. It's like 6 of one, a half dozen of the other as to which show you're going to pick, but I think what will change for the top cats is your strategy but I think you're still going to have the cat that wants best is still going to be Cat of the Year. They're going to find a way to do it. The cat that wants Best of Breed is going to find a way to do it. It's just going to be the other cats at the bottom of the regional standings that are going to have a little bit of boost and be able to stay in the races and be competitive and maybe be more excited about going to the big shows. **Hannon:** All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Failed.

– 35 – *Lilac Point Fanciers*

To be withdrawn if the prior resolution passes.

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, to remove the 5% decrements from scoring in the championship, premiership and kitten classes as follows (Household pets would continue to use the 5% decrement scoring):

DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS

Points are awarded in the following manner based on the wins achieved in each ring and the official show count of cats/kittens/household pets in competition.

Eligible Wins

1. Best ~~cat/kitten~~/household pet – one point for each cat/kitten defeated.
2. 2nd Best ~~cat/kitten~~/household pet (HHP) – 95% of the points awarded to best ~~cat/kitten~~/HHP, 3rd best ~~cat/kitten~~/HHP 90%, 4th best 85%, 5th best 80%, etc.
3. Each cat in championship/premiership/kitten – one point for each cat/kitten defeated.
- ~~34. Best and 2nd best of breed/division – one point for each cat defeated within the breed/division.~~
- ~~4. 2nd best of breed/division – 95% of the points awarded to best of breed/division.~~
5. Points achieved in individual rings are added to determine an entry's total points for the show. In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring – that which carries the most points.

RATIONALE: This resolution does not include Household Pets because of the “math” of percentages. The decrements will be removed from all other classes. We can revisit this for the HHP class if the average class size ever gets beyond 30.

Hannon: Go ahead. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** This is another one of those, “why do we do this?” This is an opportunity for us to consider removing the decrements and counting one point for each cat defeated. I’ve talked to people who are like, “yeah, why not,” and then other people are like, “no.” So, it’s here to consider. The reason why I did 35 first is because it leaves Household Pets as using the decrements, because the average size of the Household Pet class is less than 20. When you get less than 20 the decrements are more beneficial than counting actual points. It’s a math thing, so if their class size ever gets to be over 30 it would make a difference and then we can also give them actual points. This is just a discussion for us to have and if we like it, we go for it; if not, I’m going to bring it back next year when you’ve had more time to consider it. **Hannon:** She’s following Alene Shafnisky’s theory, and she got it through. **George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]:** As a former Household Pet exhibitor, cats are cats. We love them all no matter what pedigree they have or what title they have. Treat the Household Pets the same.

Hannon: I don’t see anyone else so I’m going to let Mary do her closing comments. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** OK, the next one treats the Household Pets the same, so if you don’t like this one you can vote for the next one. It keeps the Household Pets with 5% decrements and everybody else will just count one point for every cat defeated. #34. **Hannon:** If you don’t like #35, you might like #34. **Mary**

Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]: We're voting on #35 which leaves the Household Pets at 5% decrements. If you don't like that, #34 removes the decrements from the Household Pets and you can vote for that one. **Hannon:** OK, so this is 5% decrements. All those in favor of 5% decrements raise your hands. [No] **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** #35 is, in championship, premiership and kittens you get 1 point for each cat defeated. No more of this 95%, 85%, 75% but the Household Pets keep the 5% decrements. It's a math thing. I was trying to give them more points. **Hannon:** I think that was what I said. Never mind, raise your hands if you like it. Mary, I don't see a lot of hands. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** OK, they want to do #34 first, so let's do #34 first. [transcript goes to Proposal #34]

Motion Failed.

– 36 –Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Article XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, Scoring and Awards sections, to reduce the number of rings counted for premiership and household pets, effective with the 2019-2020 season, as follows:

SCORING

At the completion of the show season, a ~~cat/household pet (adult or kitten)~~ championship cat will be credited with the points from its highest 100 individual rings, ~~a premiership cat or household pet (adult or kitten)~~ will be credited with the points from its highest 75 individual rings. For a kitten award, the kitten will be credited with the points from its highest 40 individual rings earned as a kitten, to be credited in the show year in which its last full weekend of kitten eligibility falls, regardless of the show year in which it begins showing as a kitten.

If a ~~cat/household pet~~ cat is exhibited in shows totaling 100 rings or less (40 rings for kittens, 75 rings for premiership and household pet) total credited points will be the sum of total points earned.

AWARDS

To obtain any national award and its associated title (National Winner – NW or Household Pet National Winner – HNW), 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~~ 1,500 points; for premiership, the cat must earn a minimum of ~~2,200~~ 1,600 points, for Household Pets, the cat/kitten must earn a minimum of ~~1,100~~ 800 points.

RATIONALE: Few cats in premiership and household pet classes accumulate 100 rings compared to the total number shown. The classes are not very competitive outside the US. By decreasing the number of accumulated rings, we would be decreasing the amount of time and number of shows necessary to accumulate enough points to be in contention for a top win. This might encourage more people to compete in these classes, especially outside of the US.

We expect top cats in regions 1-7 will still compete all season long in order to replace rings, clubs will still see entries from these cats. We might see more entries at shows from people who want to start later in the season but were put off by the time necessary to get into the top of the standings.

If passed by 2/3rds, this would take effect with the 2019-2020 season. At the time of the annual, we will only be 2 months into the season and no cats should be so far into a campaign that this would have a negative impact. If this passes by 50% and the board has to ratify this in October, the board should make this effective with the 2020-2021 season.

Hannon: #36. I believe that's the Lilac Point Fanciers. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** OK, #36. This was an idea that somebody gave me, so I'm putting it out there to consider because I actually think it's a pretty good idea. For premiership and Household Pets, instead of counting 100 rings we only count 75. I think that what that does is, it allows people to start later in the year and it might energize people to think, "Oh, I can get this, I don't have to campaign a cat for 100 rings, I can actually get 75 rings." I think it will help us in the International area and Europe. **Hannon:** I don't see any comments, so all those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Failed.

– 37 – *Midlantic Persian and Himalayan Fanciers, Metropolitan Cat Fanciers, Cats of the Rising Sun, New River Cat Fanciers, NOVA Cat Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules Article XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, Awards section, Regional Awards paragraph, to increase possible Household Pet regional award winners to top 25, as follows:

Regional Awards

The awards presented each year in regions 1-9 are:

Best-25th Best Cat*

Best-25th Best Kitten*

Best-25th Best Cat in Premiership*

*The title of "Regional Winner (RW)" is limited to cats receiving the above awards.

Best-~~10th~~ 25th Best Household Pet**

The title of Household Pet Regional Winner (HRW) is limited to cats receiving the above awards. A minimum of 100 points is required to win these awards.

RATIONALE: In some regions we have a very strong participation in the Household Pet class. In those regions very deserving cats are not being offered the HRW when in other regions, where there is a lower participation in the Household Pet class, cats meeting the bare minimum point value are.

In addition, to give equality to the Household Pet class to the other competitive classes, the potential awards should be the same – assuming reasonable minimum points are attained. If 100 points is not the right number, then perhaps a reasonably higher number might be considered – at least for regions 1-9. The analysis and setting of the minimum points could be considered along with the yearly analysis of the minimum points required for National wins (in all classes).

This resolution also makes the National and Regional Household Pet awards consistent in number – same as with the other competitive classes. That is, all classes offer top 25 Nationally and Regionally.

Hannon: #37 is Midlantic. **Vanadis Crawford [Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers]:** We actually have the next three. The first one is really kind of cleaning up what we have been doing with the Household Pets over the last couple years. Of course, now the Household Pets are

awarded all parallel honors to all the other classes, including national wins, but one of the areas that we kind of missed when we cleaned this up is, we do give top 25 national wins to the Household Pets as long as a certain minimum is met. However, unlike all the other classes – kittens, cats, premierships cats – we only afford them top 10 in the region to get the Household Pet regional win title, even though a number of regions that have large Household Pet participation are actually awarding beyond 10 awards. **Monte Phillips [Cat'n on the Fox]:** I'm back to playing numbers nerd again. I don't support this because the numbers of Household Pets competing regionally just doesn't come up to the numbers it needs to. For example, during the show season 2017-2018, the average number of Household Pets being shown total was 14. That's not really very good for a top 25, compared to Premiership which is 35 as the average number of cats being shown per ring. **Hannon:** Monte understands that we're talking regional awards and he's talking rings. He understands that. **Sue Robbins [Delaware River Cats]:** I like the idea of 25 cats on the regional level, but I can understand that in many regions they don't have 25 cats on a regional level. My real issue is with the point level where it's only 100 points. I think a Household Pet at least needs to be a grand and I think that should be raised to 200 points. **Kathy Black [Texoma Cat Fanciers]:** I am all in favor of seeing Household Pets being rewarded. I don't want anyone to misunderstand me on that, but I also don't want to give a regional award to a cat that only attended one or two shows. In my region, we had a total of 28 cats in the Household Pet class that were registered and earned points. I don't want to give away 25 awards to 28 cats that competed. I would rather this be an option where it says the regions can award up to 25 cats in the Household Pet class if it so was warranted but not every region at this time has the numbers that warrant that. With our Companion Cat World and the other processes that the Marketing team is looking to bring more Household Pet exhibitors in our shows, I would fully welcome every region supporting and awarding top 25 cats in the Household Pet class, but like Monte said, right now I don't think the numbers warrant it. I want to give it to the people that truly competed for that award, not just showed up for a couple of shows. **John Colilla [Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers; Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers]:** I agree with Sue Robbins. In my region we are lucky to see 7-8 Household Pets. I would hate to see giving a regional award to a cat that has 5 points, not to mention the cost to pay for that. Hard to get sponsorship for that, too.

Hannon: I don't see anybody else so I will let Vanadis give the closing comments. **Vanadis Crawford [Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers]:** Actually, if you look very closely at our resolution, we do address the issue of the 100 points not necessarily being the right number and that the Awards Committee should set the appropriate low bar number for what would be for the top 25, so if the regions have the counts, if the regions have the participation in their Household Pets and if these cats have warranted at the minimum value that would be set by the Awards Committee, if 100 is not the right number, make it 200. If 200 is not the right number, make it 300, but set a bar and go ahead and let the Household Pets get the Household Pet regional wins, especially in the regions where the Household Pets are very, very actively competing. **Hannon:** All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Failed.

PROPOSED NON-SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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– 38 – *Midlantic Persian and Himalayan Fanciers, Metropolitan Cat Fanciers, Cats of the Rising Sun, New River Cat Fanciers, NOVA Cat Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Amend the current process of shows being listed on the official entry form (<http://entries.cfa.org/onlineEntry.php>) 10 weeks prior to the show date.

If requested by a club, a show should be immediately listed on the official entry form when the following conditions are met and not restricted to a being listed at most 10 weeks before the show date:

- * Show is licensed

- * Request is received in writing by the Central Office from the club requesting early posting

RATIONALE: The current process of allowing entries to be taken via the official online entry form at most 10 weeks prior to the show date limits a club's ability to offer early reduced entry pricing further out since official entry forms are required for entry. The only option to officially take entries earlier would be for exhibitors to fill out paper entry forms – and few if any do so these days.

Early reduced pricing allows clubs, especially new or lesser-established clubs with little to no financial reserves, to get startup money to pay bills due prior to the show. Early reduced pricing might also encourage some exhibitors to enter earlier – rather than waiting until the closing date.

We have been told that the reason shows are not listed any earlier on the official entry form is that the list to be too long for users of the form. Since the shows are listed in chronological order (i.e. shows coming up sooner first) having a long list of the shows on the form does not reduce the usability since exhibitors trying to enter shows coming up this weekend or next will see those at the top of the list anyway.

Hannon: The next one is a non-show rule resolution. **Vanadis Crawford [Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers]:** This is actually something that folks may not really realize is going on, unless you have actually been actually producing shows, and that is that if you license your show, you want to get your show put up on the official entry form that is produced at cfa.org that you absolutely cannot get your entry form put up until 10 weeks prior to your show date. What this does is, it precludes clubs from if they want to do any sort of pricing, getting early entries in – OK, yes, I get it. 99% of you guys enter Wednesday before the show. You're the entry clerk's nightmare, OK? But the thing is, there are some people who actually would like to take advantage of early bird entries or get their entries in. Right now the only way that a person can do that earlier than 10 weeks before a CFA show is that paper form that we were talking about earlier, and nobody does that. What this proposal is, is as long as the show has been licensed and the club is requesting that their show be put up on the online entry form, that it's put up on the online entry form. **Mike Altschul [Ozark Cat Fanciers]:** The question is, how far out do you want it? As soon as it's licensed? Like a year out? **Vanadis Crawford [Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers]:** Look, if I decide and want to license my show and pay my money a year out, I should be able to get my form up there when the money is in Central Office. **Mike Altschul [Ozark**

Cat Fanciers]: OK, thank you for answering that. I have had a lot of newbies that we work with, and they're in shock when they can't enter a show 10 weeks out. I was not even aware of this until some of the people mentor were like, "We can't enter the show." Why? Why are we only allowing people to enter shows 10 weeks out? We need to change the date on that. I don't know what it should be – a year or what. **Brad Newcomb [Triple Crown Cat Fanciers]:** My question is, what undue burden would it put on the entry clerks? Our entry clerks are very limited in numbers. That means that they are going to have to be paying attention to every, single show. If we open it up 6, 7, 8, 9 months ahead of time, they are going to have to be working on every show 6, 7, 8, 9 months ahead of time. I think that's a huge undue burden on the entry clerks themselves, who already have a lot that they have to manage when it comes to managing the entries for a show. There's a reason we put a 10 week limit on it. That is so we don't overburden them with the amount of work that they have coming in on a daily basis. All of these entry clerks, every one that I know has a primary job. This is something they do on the side. They don't have the time to dedicate every day to trying to cover 4, 5, 6, 7 shows months ahead of time. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** I'm trying to trip you up by coming to the back mike. **Hannon:** It didn't work. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** This is optional. If the entry clerk doesn't want to start taking entries that far out, then don't list it. It's optional. **Dan Beaudry [Cats Without Borders]:** I'm not a numbers nerd – maybe numbers nerd junior. I don't know the actual numbers but I do know there is at least a significant minority of errors existing now with that 10 week window. By adding 2 or 3 or 6 or 10 more shows to that drop down list, I think you're going to increase the number of errors exponentially. **Laurie Coughlan [Global Egyptian Mau Society; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** As an exhibitor, a show manager and all kinds of other stuff, I really go to that site and I greatly appreciate Cat Shows US for the information it provides, but I am constantly frustrated. When you have limited resources and you're trying to plan ahead what shows you can get to, to get your cat granded or whatever, to only be able to go 10 weeks out is very difficult. As a show manager, I want my show up earlier than that. As an exhibitor, I want to have the information to plan. Even if the information is up but the menu isn't active yet until 12 weeks out, at least the information is up there and people would know your show is coming up. **Lynn Search [Cats of the Rising Sun; New River Cat Fanciers]:** I think very few clubs would want their entry clerks to be taking entries a year out, but there are a lot of clubs who would like to be able to do a super early bird or an early bird entry form that didn't end only 10 days before the show is starting – 10 days, because there are some clubs that do an early bird and they bring it almost to the closing date. We're not asking for a year out, we're asking for the club to be able to say, "four months before my show I would like people to be able to go online and do a super early bird," then three months before I'll have an early bird. It's a big help to clubs who are new. We have now new clubs busily running bake sales at shows because they need to make some money up front. Also, clubs are the ones that it's important to. Entry clerks can refuse to take a job. They're not obligated to take a job if a club says, "I'm looking for an entry clerk who will start taking entries 4 months before my show." **Beth Grant-Field [Great River Cat Fanciers]:** The only thing I'm seeing is, this has happened. I have entered a cat way, way early and for a particular reason that show didn't work out, either for getting the flights that I needed or whatever, so closer in to that show time I entered a different show and went to a different show. What this does is, if you enter say 6 months in advance, you may change your mind so you'll have a lot of that double entry going on. People don't like cats to be double entered – maybe enter a show on the east coast and

then they change and go to the west coast, so then you've got a cat that's entered in two shows for that weekend, because you already had to pay those fees within 10 days of your entry. Does that make sense? **Hannon:** We did hear something about double entering this year.

Hannon: Vanadis, are you ready for closing comments? **Vanadis Crawford [Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers]:** Yes, I am. I think there's some good points that were brought up. First of all, someone also did remind me that being that these are non-show rules, that these are recommendations. They are not things that are going to be done deals if we say yes or no. Regarding people entering months in advance, this isn't saying you have to enter months in advance. This isn't saying you have to, as a club, put your entries out early. All it's doing is giving the clubs the option. I will tell you, Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers did a show back in March. It was actually a joint show with a TICA show, OK? There were a number of people that entered the TICA show months in advance that wanted to enter the CFA show that I had to tell, you can't. All I would be doing would be getting questions, "well, why?" I said, "the entry form is not up." "Well, why?" "Because it's not up." "Well, why?" I can't get it up, what can I tell you? This is not requiring anybody to do it. It basically held off getting money into this club. It held off our ability to take entries. All I'm saying is, if a club has licensed their show, wants to put it up early, once the deal with the entry clerking issues of, "I've got an entry clerk who is doing 97 shows," let them do it. That's all I'm saying. **Hannon:** All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Carried.

– 39 – *Midlantic Persian and Himalayan Fanciers, Metropolitan Cat Fanciers, Cats of the Rising Sun, New River Cat Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Establish a committee to look at increased automation of entry processing and implement recommendations from that committee.

RATIONALE: At many recent Annual meetings, the delegates heard resolutions about coming up with a common closing date/time for all shows on a given weekend. All so far have been turned down for one reason or another.

However, many should recognize that shows closing closer and closer to the actual show date is not only making exhibitor decisions on what show to attend harder and harder, but is also putting an exceptional burden on entry clerks to finish their work prior to the show and heartburn for clubs worrying that they will have the funds to pay their bills.

Instead of mandating a single world-wide closing date/time, perhaps step one might be improving how CFA accepts and processes entries for shows and the currency and transparency of entry information for various shows.

It is proposed that a committee be formed to look at the current entry systems - both for exhibitor and show/entry clerk use - to recommend and drive improvements in the following areas:

- * Exhibitor entries being automatically entered in the show when submitted - without entry clerk intervention (with program control of the order received and maximum entry limit.). This will reduce the delays in having entries reflected in the show.

- * Program validation that the cat's entry information is reasonably valid (For example, color/breed/division matches color class. All required fields are filled out. Etc.) This functionality is already available in existing entry clerking programs and this validation could be made part of any system available directly to exhibitors to assure entry information is reasonably correct.
- * The ability for an exhibitor to enter their cat's information in a system one time and then submit that entry information to any show without retyping the information every time. (Obviously the system would have to allow the exhibitor to make corrections/updates as needed.) NOTE: Having what the exhibitor enters being the source of the entry information will reduce transcription errors caused when an entry clerk needs to re-enter what he or she received.
- * Manual entry of entries by entry clerks when non-online entries are received.
- * Continually updated breed summary information posted online as the system processes entries.

It would still be an option for entry clerks/clubs to use other systems, but clubs would be encouraged to use systems with the above functions for equity and transparency of information.

Hannon: The next one is Midlantic. **Vanadis Crawford [Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers]:** While attending a number of these events, I have heard over the years a lot of concerns about shows that are closing later, that we want to have maybe a common closing time and of course all those things got thrown out by this body, but as we were starting to think, what is kind of the root cause and core of some of the challenges that we're having? What was actually discussed here a moment ago, we have entry clerks that have large numbers of shows that they are having to deal with. We've got the later and later entries. We've got the challenges of, "Well, what are the counts?" Even the show that I entry clerked in March, I cannot tell you how many times a day I was getting calls of, "What are the counts?" The thing is, fortunately for our show that was an easy one because we had an open breed summary that was constantly being updated. This particular proposal is to create a committee – not create the program, but create the committee to look at what is the next step of entry clerking and entry management software that can be rolled out for the betterment of not only the entry clerks but for the exhibitors as a whole. Somebody suggested functionality of that software would be, you as an exhibitor submit your entry. It automatically goes into the system with the appropriate programmatic checking to make sure that it's a valid entry. You say, "How can that be done?" It's really already being done today in the entry clerking software. You can't enter a bi-color Persian as a bi-color Ragdoll. The registration numbers will go tilt if you do something like that, so some of this functionality is already there. Having the ability still to have entry clerks double checking things, adding the entries for when there are people for whatever reason, they cannot do any sort of online entries, still having that. And also one thing that I think is really, really critical is the continually open and consistently updated breed summary for every single show that's going on so that folks can make the decisions like were brought up before: "I may have entered this show, well it may not be a show that I want to enter because of my breed competition," or whatever but I can always see moment by moment exactly where the shows are. Again, this is just a recommendation for a committee to look into what are the next steps and where we should be going. **LeAnn Rupy [Lincoln State Cat Club; Lincoln State Shorthair Society]:** I've been vocal about this online before about re-engineering some of these processes. Just imagine a world where we could just go into eCats, select one of your cats, say I would like to enter this cat in a show. You would get a drop-down that asks, "Which should would you like to enter?" You select the show you would like to enter. It asks, "How would you like to pay?" You hit the submit button, the breed summary gets updated, you get a confirmation, you're entered in the show. There are 10,000

reasons that can't happen today, but that doesn't mean that we can't start with a plan to re-engineer our processes. We need to start the process of re-engineering some of these things and look at it from start to finish, figure out what's broken and not just fix those little pieces. Figure out how to fix the entire process so that it works for me the exhibitor, you the entry clerk, and CFA as an overall management entity to manage our pedigreed cat databases, so everything is accurate, so everything is in there correctly, so all the shows that are entered are scored and updated in our eCats. We have all that information available to us. We can request a pedigree through eCats, it gets posted to our cats' account. It's not off somewhere that we can't find. We did some of that with our registrations. We can do it. It's a big job, and I fully support having a committee to address that and start working on moving us forward, because we're not going to get there in 15 years if we don't start today.

Hannon: Vanadis, I assume you love that. **Vanadis Crawford [Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers]:** But of course. **Hannon:** Do you have any closing comments? **Vanadis Crawford [Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers]:** My closing comments are simply this. We've made a lot of strides today moving CFA forward and this is another area that can move us forward into the 21st century, make us a very modern and streamlined organization that especially our millennials and our younger exhibitors will be really eager to participate in. **Hannon:** All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

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Hannon: Now we're finished with pre-noticed resolutions. If there are any resolutions from the floor. I point out you cannot make changes to the Constitution from the floor but you can have resolutions. If you have a resolution, you must provide it in writing to the Secretary. Anybody have any?

– 40 – LaPerm Society of America

RESOLVED: Change Show Rule 6.13 to disallow showing a cat or kitten in multiple locations on the same weekend, as follows:

6.13 No cat or kitten shall compete in more than 1 two-day show or 2 one-day shows held at the same location (total 12 rings maximum) within three calendar days of any previous benching. ~~While the two one-day shows may be in separate locations, a~~ A cat/kitten cannot show at a one day show on one day at one location and ~~the first or second day of a two-day~~ another show at a different location within three calendar days. If a cat/kitten is scheduled to be judged on only one day of a two day show, it will be considered to be benched only on that day. Cats benched in violation of this rule will receive no credit for the awards/points achieved in either ~~the latter~~ show.

RATIONALE: It is not healthy to allow cats or kittens to travel overnight between show locations in the quest for points. This is contrary to good health and safety of the animals in our charge. No one should be allowed to show the same cats in multiple locations in a single weekend (as is currently allowed). Multiple entries are still allowed and owners/handlers are free to choose which show to then attend.

However, they cannot be exhibited at two shows in different locations on the same weekend. That is just too stressful on the cats.

The other change to this rule is to increase the penalty for violation. If an owner violates this rule, they will receive no awards or points for either show they attended. This is necessary to discourage exhibiting at the second show in order to “block” a competitor’s entry.

Hannon: Dennis. Dennis Ganoë [Korats Unlimited; LaPerm Society of America]: I passed out this so I’m going to read it and paraphrase, and then speak in favor. I basically wrote this so that the hole that allows a cat to compete in two different shows, different places in the country or in the world actually on the same weekend so that that is not allowed. Right now, if you’re in a one-day 6 ring show on the east coast, you can enter the show there. You can also enter a 6x6 show in Portland, Oregon. I know for a fact that if the show is in Philadelphia you can take a 7:45 flight from Philadelphia and get to Portland by 11. That’s how I’m going home Sunday. So, a person is allowed to enter any show they want but this show rule allows them to – right now as it’s written, they can compete in both shows which means they are benched. In my view, that is abuse of the animal. Every person can make a choice whether to take good care of their animals or not. Simply because some animals can deal with this and others cannot, as an organization we should side on the side of the cat in question, not the exhibitor. The cat should not be allowed to compete in different places on the same weekend. You are allowed to enter any show you want, you just have to make a decision where you are going to compete. Are you going to show up in one show that you entered or the other show you entered? I do not like the idea of getting on a plane and having to travel at least 500 miles overnight with your cat in one show in one day and another place in another day. It’s not healthy to the cat and it’s not healthy to CFA. Now, the other part of this change was to make a violation a little bit stiffer. Right now, the violation for violating the rule as written is, you lose the points from the second show. This says you don’t get any points for either show, so if you violate this rule you’re not going to get points for that weekend. **Hannon:** Just to be clear, this isn’t somebody slipping through the cracks. This was a conscious decision to write the rule the way it is now. It was a conscious decision to allow people to show at two shows, as long as they are each a one-day show. **Dennis Ganoë [Korats Unlimited; LaPerm Society of America]:** That is correct and I’m saying that was a mistake. **Hannon:** Oh Lord. What is your name and your club please? **Kim Everett-Hirsch [North American Blues Allbreed Cat Fanciers; Oregon Cats, Inc.]:** Thank you Jesus. This situation – when I was a campaigner, I did it for years. I entered 3 or 4 shows, they got my money and I went to the one. That was OK, but to think I would do something like that to my animals would never happen, ever. I show at the one and take my chances. Sometimes you get so wrapped up in what you want and not what your cat wants, so in this case I would never support this. You go to the show you entered, that’s it. Don’t get that cat all wrapped up and go, because I’ve seen cats act up. They get all flustered and everything, and then the judge might get bit. I just don’t see what we’re doing about this campaigning and campaigning. Sure you want to campaign and it’s fun and you try your best, but keep in mind that animal is your responsibility, so I think we should fail this. I mean pass it, pardon me. I was so busy with Jesus up front. **Monte Phillips [Cat’n on the Fox]:** I want to make it clear exactly what Dennis is trying to say here. 6.13 as currently written allows a cat to be entered in a one-day show, for example, in Rockport, New York, on Saturday and in Detroit, Michigan, on Sunday. The cat can show in both of those shows legally. What he is trying to propose is a rule change that would prevent that, so that the cat could only show at one show at one location in one weekend. A 6x6 would still be allowed

because it's one location. **Laurie Coughlan [Global Egyptian Mau Society; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** I am responsible for the health and welfare of my cat. I know which cat enjoys showing, which cat sleeps in the car, which cat relaxes in the hotel room. If there's a show in Rockport and there's a show in Detroit, that's not that far a drive. If one show finishes at 3:00 and I have a cat that's chill, it is not harmful to the cat to go to Detroit. I think that we need to take responsibility for our animals, and I think we don't need to have a nanny state. **Peter Deal [Chamberlin on the Bay Cat Fanciers; Continental Balinese Club]:** The incident that probably resulted in this motion being made involved a cat going from the Maryland show to a Texas show. I rode with the individuals from the Maryland show to the airport and I saw those cats at the Maryland show the entire day. The cats were happy, the cats were healthy, the individuals were doing everything correctly. The only problem was a show rule violation [unrelated to exhibitor] and as a result this motion is being made. I am opposed to this motion. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** I'm reminded of something George said earlier in the day: "hard cases make bad law." If this is being proposed because of one incident this show season, that is the wrong reason to consider this, number one. Number two, this should have been pre-noticed. We used to have this rule. Is Donna Fuller here? It's your rule, "the Donna Fuller rule." It was made because of something she did in 1974 and a few years ago we took it away. As soon as we took it away, we opened up a few possibilities; one of which was, there could be a one-day show in Philadelphia on Saturday and a one-day show on Sunday in Richmond. Those two clubs shared a weekend, and those of us that lived in the middle could go to both shows. I would have driven home anyhow. It's 2 hours each way for both shows, so my cat wasn't traveling any extra time for this. You do this, you take away that possibility for two clubs in the vicinity of each other to share the date. There was one case where I actually considered it this year. I ran two cats this year. One of them I thought about going from a one-day show on Saturday to a show in Texas. I live 15 minutes from the BWI airport. I was at a show in Frederick, Maryland, and I thought I could make that flight. This one cat, he would put up with it. He would have been fine. The other cat, no, I needed to get him home. He couldn't have done it, so I made that decision. But, it should be my decision. They're my cats. I know them better than everybody else and I don't think we should be mandating these anti-state rules. At the least, this should have been pre-noticed so the clubs could have looked at this and think of how it would affect how they share weekends.

Hannon: I don't see anyone else. Do you want to make closing comments, Dennis?
Dennis Ganoe [Korats Unlimited; LaPerm Society of America]: Yes. Whether or not you consider this a nanny state rule, those of you who understand your cats are going to make the correct decision for your cats. Those of you who misunderstand your cats will probably make a misunderstanding rule. We have to err on the side of caution for the animals. This is on the side of the animals to prevent those who misunderstand. Just because some cats can do it doesn't mean all cats can and should be allowed. I urge you to vote for this. This is from the floor. It goes to the board with recommendation or not with recommendation. I urge you to vote for this so that the board can take action. **Hannon:** All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Failed.

RESOLVED: Amend 28.03 as follows to allow opens, champions and premiers to earn grand points from defeated grands, ~~effective October 1st, 2019:~~

28.03 Breed and Division Points

a. Cats which receive the award of Best Champion/Premier in each of the Breeds/Divisions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 30.01) will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every Champion/Premier defeated within the Breed/Division in accordance with the method for calculating champions and premiers present described in 28.02a.

b. Opens, Champions and Premiers which receive the award Best or Second Best of Breed/Division in each of the Breeds/Divisions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 30.01) will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every cat defeated (including grands) within the Breed/Division in accordance with the method for calculating cats present described in Article XXXVI Show Points Official Count.

~~b. c.~~ In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring – that which carries the most points.

RATIONALE: If an open, champion or premier defeats a grand, why not earn a grand point from defeating that grand? This change would allow opens, champions and premiers that receive a brown or orange ribbon to earn one point from each cat defeated, including grands.

At this time, we do not want to make this change for top 10/15 finals to include points for defeated grands. This resolution is intended to be a conservative step. We want to see the effect of this change before considering a change to points from finals.

~~The effective date of October 1st is to allow for programming changes in the scoring software. By allowing this to take effect before the start of the next show season, exhibitors can see a benefit now. Changes like this can improve morale, and we need to do that sooner rather than later.~~

Hannon: Mary, do you have something from the floor? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** Yes, I do. I'm bringing back #29. #29 is getting a point for defeating grands. The change that I would like to make is to delete the effective date. I don't understand why that's a problem, because grand points are the same season to season, but delete the effective date. As to Tim Schreck's point that this requires ring-by-ring scoring, that is not true because at the end of the change it says, points will be calculated *in accordance with the method for calculating cats present described in Article XXXVI Show Points Official Count*. If you go to that section of the Show Rules, it says that a cat present in one ring counts as all rings. Yes, it does. **Hannon:** Mary, I don't think people really care about the disagreement you and Tim had on whether it's different ring by ring. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** It's not different ring by ring, because the section that I pointed to says, *A cat/kitten/household pet handled by a judge in one ring is counted as competing in all rings for shows held outside of China, i.e. in Regions 1-9 and most of the International Division*. Then it goes on to explain rules from China. It says it right there. [Tim Schreck speaking off microphone] **George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]:** Because it's a resolution from the floor, this is advisory only. No

matter which if them is right, it's going to go to the board. It cannot go into effect without the board having an opportunity to look at it and clean it up. Whatever ambiguity exists, whatever problem exists, we're going to stick Monte with fixing it. **Barbara Schreck [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats]:** Without my calculator, I am arguing against Mary and I'll give you an example. In ring 1 there is one open, two champions and two grands. That's five. I can't go more than that. In that ring, the champion takes breed. How many points does he get? He gets 4. In ring 2, he gets the champion ribbon but does not get the brown ribbon. How many points does he get now, Mary? He gets 2. So, he gets different champion points depending on his placement in that ring. **Hannon:** She doesn't disagree with you on that. **Elizabeth Deal [Rainbow Plumes]:** I have a cat that has just come out of kitten. I take him to a show. For whatever reason he's the only champion there and he takes best. He takes the brown ribbon. He gets nothing because everything he beat was a grand. He gets no grand points out of that. That's kind of ridiculous. If he beats 10 grands, he should get points. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** A cat in a ring can get a point for the brown ribbon, the orange ribbon and the purple ribbon. If you get the purple ribbon and you don't get the brown or the orange ribbon, you don't get the points. You didn't beat any grands. You don't get points for the grands with the purple ribbon, so Beth is correct. If you are the only champion in the class, you get the brown ribbon and you defeat 10 grands, you get 10 points. **Hannon:** Or currently none. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers]:** Or currently none. You defeated 10 cats and you get no points. **Hannon:** OK, I'm going to call for the vote. All those in favor of #29 deleting the effective date.

Motion Carried.

– 42 – Turkish Angora Fanciers

RESOLVED: Recommend CFA have a policy of making all attempts to hold our premiere events at hotels that are pet friendly, or attempt to negotiate at any facility some number of pet friendly hotels.

Hannon: Are there any more from the floor? **Alene Shafnisky [Turkish Angora Fanciers, International]:** I just would like to ask for a recommendation that CFA have a policy of making all attempts to hold our premiere events at hotels that are pet friendly, or attempt to negotiate at any facility some number of pet friendly rooms. We have had a really big problem at this facility in that it appears there were no exceptions, so cats weren't even available for the judges' workshop. I understand that facilities have restrictions and draw backs. We should be able to use the tens of thousands of dollars that these people have paid to be here, to at least get a little bit of a break for the Cat Fanciers' Association. **Hannon:** Alene, are you asking for a vote on that? **Alene Shafnisky [Turkish Angora Fanciers, International]:** I would like a vote to see if CFA will implement a policy. **Hannon:** So you made a proposal. **George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]:** I support the proposal. We've had this discussion at board meetings before involving the hotels where we hold our board meetings. I have always felt that, as an organization of this size, we should vote with our dollars. We should not support businesses that do not support us. [applause] **Pat Jacobberger [Ever Green Cat Club; Japan Tonkinese Cat Club]:** Just to clarify one thing, last night at the judges' workshop we had 10 cats. We had 5 Khao Manees and we had 5 Siberians. The hotel allowed a special dispensation to bring those cats in for the workshop. In case you are interested in becoming a CFA judge, we're

having a BAOS in conjunction with the Cleveland CIS show. **Hannon:** All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Carried.

– 43 – Crow Canyon Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 9.14 to read as follows:

9.14 All benching and judging areas shall be located inside a building or secured structure with doors that can be closed to prevent cats from getting outside. No show may be held in an outdoor venue or area with immediate access to locations where motorized vehicles or heavy equipment will operate, such as a parking garage, courtyard, or covered walkway, or construction or demolition site.

RATIONALE: By referencing this rule during contract negotiations, it will be easier to reason with the administrators/owners of a show venue, which is usually obtained many months before a show, to not schedule the demolition of the building next to the show hall on the weekend of the show. Without it, our club had to argue our point that it would be detrimental to that cats' (and our) mental health. If this simple addition had been in the rules, it would have been a moot point.

Hannon: Any others from the floor? **Linda Ahrens [Crow Canyon Cat Club]:** Article IX, Rule 9.14, we would like to change it to read: [reads]. **Hannon:** Is there any discussion?

Motion Carried.

– 44 – Felinus International, Feline Fanciers of Benelux, Cat Friends of Kuwait, The Bengal Alliance, Cat-H-Art, Jardin des Korats

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 7.02, 8.03, 11.30, 12.01, 12.07, 28.03, to add additional Champion/Premier awards in large classes (Breeds/Divisions), as follows, ~~effective October 1, 2019:~~

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

8.03 Permanent ribbon designations, ribbons, or rosettes in the color designated **MUST** be given for the awards listed below. If more than one type of memorial is listed, any one of the choices may be given.

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Best Champ/Prem Of Breed/Div	Perm/Ribbon/Rosette	Purple
<u>Additional Champion/Premier Awards</u>	<u>Perm/Ribbon/Rosette</u>	<u>Purple</u>

11.30 The following awards will be made by the judge subject to the provisions of rule 11.26.

a	CHAMPIONSHIP WINS	Allbreed	LH or SH Specialty	Best of the Bests	Color/Breed Specialty
	...				
	Best of Division	X	X		1
	2 nd Best of Division	X	X		2
	Best of Breed**	X	X		1
	2 nd Best of Breed**	X	X		2
	Best of Breed/Division Champion	X	X		3
	<u>Additional Breed/Division Champions*</u>	<u>X*</u>	<u>X*</u>		<u>7</u>
b	PREMIERSHIP WINS	Allbreed	LH or SH Specialty	Best of the Bests	Color/Breed Specialty
	...				
	Best of Division	X	X		1
	2 nd Best of Division	X	X		2
	Best of Breed**	X	X		1
	2 nd Best of Breed**	X	X		2
	Best of Breed/Division Premier	X	X		3
	<u>Additional Breed/Division Premiers*</u>	<u>X*</u>	<u>X*</u>		<u>7</u>

...

*Where applicable

** For breeds not divided into Divisions

*** No 3rd Best Champion, 3rd Best LH Champion or 3rd Best SH Champion awards in Color/Breed Specialty rings.

NOTES:

1) Same as Best Cat.

2) Same as 2nd Best Cat.

3) Same as Best Champion or Best Premier.

4) AOVs compete only within their breed for First, Second, Third (separately by sex), Best of Color Class, and 2nd Best of Color Class, One Color Class per category (i.e., K, C or P), per breed.

5) Provisional Breeds compete only within their breed for First, Second, Third (separately by sex), Best of Color Class, and 2nd Best of Color Class, One Color Class per category (i.e., K, C or P), per breed. In cases where a club has opted to give out Best, 2nd Best, and 3rd Best of Breed awards to Provisional cats, each ring will provide such award, one per breed with all cats in the three categories competing.

6) Cats entered in the Miscellaneous (noncompetitive) Class shall receive no awards unless the club has opted to provide best, 2nd best, and 3rd best of breed awards. In that case, all of the Miscellaneous cats

will compete for these awards in each ring by breed, with all competitive categories (kit- tens/whole cats/ alters) combined.

7) Same as the additional Champion or Premier awards.

12.01 All judges' color class sheets must be signed by the judge. All judges shall mark the Best and Second Best of Breed or Division as well as Best Champion of Breed or Division and Best Premier of Breed or Division and when applicable, additional Champion/Premier awards on the judges' color class sheets, if the judge determines these awards at the completion of judging the breed or division. ...

12.07 The chief ring clerk shall mark a catalog as the ribbons and rosettes are placed on the cages, indicating 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best/Second Best of Color Class, Best/Second Best of Breed/Division, Best Champion/Best Premier of Breed/Division and when applicable, additional Champion/Premier awards, Merit Awards for HHP (mark M in judge's book/catalog) and Veterans (mark V in judge's book/catalog) and all Finals awards. All absentees and transfers including competitive transfers after the first day of a two day show must be clearly marked. The chief ring clerk must NEVER mark his catalog using the judge's color class sheets.

28.03 Breed and Division Points

a. Cats which receive the award of Best Champion/Premier and when applicable, additional Champion/Premier awards in each of the Breeds/Divisions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 30.01) will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every Champion/Premier defeated within the Breed/Division in accordance with the method for calculating champions and premiers present described in 28.02a.

b. Additional Champion/Premier awards will be awarded when the number of Opens&Champions/Opens&Premiers entered in the same Breed/Division are as follows:

0-5 Opens&Champions/Opens&Premiers entered: Best Champion/Premier award

6-10 Opens&Champions/Opens&Premiers entered: Best and 2nd Best Champion/Premier awards

11-15 Opens&Champions/Opens&Premiers entered: Best through 3rd Best Champion/Premier awards

16-20 Opens&Champions/Opens&Premiers entered: Best through 4th Best Champion/Premier awards

More than 20 Opens&Champions/Opens&Premiers entered: Best through 5th Best Champion/Premier awards

b.c. In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring - that which carries the most points.

RATIONALE: Currently it is very difficult for Opens/Champions/Premiers in the large Breeds/Divisions to collect GC points. It is perceived by some that the Persian Breed has a certain advantage because their entries are spread out over 7 different divisions and it is not unusual that cats from these different Persian divisions make it to the finals. In some instances, as many cats of the same breed are entered as the total

number of Persian entries, but it is unlikely that more than one Champion of the same Breed or Division will make it to the final.

This new rule will encourage exhibitors to continue showing their Champions/Premiers in large classes, where now their chances of getting GC points are rather slim. This change will make it possible to award and acknowledge the multiple worthy cats in classes with depth. We are convinced that it will also result in additional entries in these large classes, simply because of the increased chances for GC points.

In different Regions/Areas where CFA is active, different Breeds/Divisions are popular. This new rule does not discriminate, nor does it give unfair advantage to certain breeds. Extra Champion/Premier awards are given only in those classes where a considerable number of Opens/Champions/Premiers are entered.

Hannon: Lorna? **Lorna Friemoth [Cat Friends of Kuwait; Nantan Catdom Club]:** I would like to bring back Proposal #20 with the removal of the effective date of October 1st. This will be going into effect for next show season, if ratified by the board. #20 is just the champions. It's the awarding of additional champion ribbons based on the number of cats entered. **Hannon:** I see no discussion. I just want to make sure. I don't want to miss Kathy. All those in favor raise your hands.

Motion Carried.

Hannon: Any other floor resolutions? Then just a final announcement about tonight's hospitality. It starts at 7:00. It's in the Turquoise Tiger, which I am told is across the food court. I hope to see all of you there. I think we're going to be impressed. Do I have a motion to adjourn? **Monte Phillips:** So moved. **Hannon:** Thank you everybody. Thank the North Atlantic Region. [applause]