

CFA ANNUAL AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS
JUNE 27-30, 2024

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at the Hyatt Regency Coralville Hotel & Conference Center, Coralville, Iowa. **President Richard Mastin** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Central Standard Time with the following members found to be present following a roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger**:

Mr. Richard Mastin (President)
Mr. Russell Webb (Vice-President/Region 1 Board Liaison)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Vacant (NAR Director)
Mrs. Pam Moser (NWR Director)
Ms. Paula Noble (GSR Director)
Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)
Mr. Michael Shelton (SWR Director)
Mrs. Cathy Dunham (MWR Director)
Mr. Kenny Currle (SOR Director)
Ms. Yukiko Hayata (Japan Regional Director)
Ms. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)
Dr. Marilee Griswold (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Anne Mathis (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)

Also Present:

Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel
Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director
James Simbro, IT Systems Analyst
Matthew Wong, ID Representative (attending remotely)

Absent:

Eva Chen, ID-China Representative

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

Mastin: Madame Secretary, please do the roll call. **Anger:** Thank you, I will.
[**Secretary's Note:** Secretary Rachel Anger called the roll, as reflected above.] **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel.

Executive Session

(1) APPEAL HEARING.

[Secretary's Note: A *de novo* appeal hearing was held in executive session. A finding was made and the matter was concluded.

(2) **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.**

CFA ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA			
June 27-30, 2024			
All Times in Central Standard Time			
Thursday, June 27, 2024 • Board of Directors Meeting			
Executive Session			
8:00 a.m.	1.	Appeal Hearing	Raymond
Open Session			
9:00 a.m.	2.	Meeting Called to Order/Approve Orders of the Day	Mastin
9:05 a.m.	3.	Appoint Inspectors of Election/Credentials Committee	Dodds
Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees			
9:10 a.m.	4.	Minutes (corrections/additions); Ratification of Online Motions	Anger
9:15 a.m.	5.	Judging Program	Nye/Webb
10:15 a.m.		BREAK	
10:30 a.m.	6.	Protests	Eigenhauser
10:35 a.m.	7.	Central Office Operations	Tartaglia
10:45 a.m.	8.	IT Report	Simbro
11:00 a.m.	9.	Club Applications	Krzanowski
11:45 a.m.	10.	Treasurer's Report	Calhoun
11:50 p.m.		LUNCH BREAK	
1:00 p.m.	11.	International Division	Calhoun
1:10 p.m.	12.	Experimental Format Report	Anger
1:20 p.m.	13.	CFA Legislative Committee	Eigenhauser
1:30 p.m.	14.	Clerking Program	B. Colilla
Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees			
1:40 p.m.	15.	European Breed Legislation Update	DelaBar
2:00 p.m.		BREAK	
Reports of Affiliates			
2:15 p.m.	16.	CFA Foundation	Krzanowski
2:30 p.m.	17.	EveryCat Health Foundation	Fisher
2:40 p.m.	18.	World Cat Congress	Anger/DelaBar
2:50 p.m.	19.	Show Promotion	M. Altschul
Unfinished Business and General Orders			
3:00 p.m.	20.	Unfinished Business	
3:05 p.m.	21.	Other Committees	
		(a) Breeder Education	C. Altschul
		(b) Animal Welfare	
3:10 p.m.	22.	New Business	
		(a) Registration Rules Proposals	Huhtaniemi
		(b) In-Conjunction Show Request	DelaBar
		(c) In-Conjunction Show Funding	DelaBar
3:30 p.m.	23.	Appeal Hearing – 24-006 CFA v. Lisa Ashcraft Guthrie	Raymond
4:00 p.m.		ADJOURN OPEN SESSION	Mastin

Friday, June 28, 2024 • Annual Meeting			
9:00 a.m.	32.	Call Meeting to Order & President's Welcome	Mastin
9:05 a.m.	33.	Midwest Region Welcome	Dunham
9:10 a.m.	34.	Declare the Determination of a Quorum	Mastin
9:12 a.m.	35.	Appoint Parliamentarian for the Annual Meeting	Mastin
9:15 a.m.	36.	Special Rules of Parliamentary Procedure	Raymond
9:20 a.m.	37.	Approve Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting	Mastin
9:25 a.m.	38.	Proposed Amendments to the CFA Bylaws	Mastin
10:00 a.m.	39.	EveryCat Health Foundation	Vicksman
10:15 a.m.	40.	Board Member Service Awards	Mastin
10:20 a.m.	41.	International Division	Calhoun
10:30 a.m.		BREAK	
10:45 a.m.	42.	Treasurer's Report	Calhoun
11:00 a.m.	43.	Pre-Noticed Resolutions	Mastin
12:30 p.m.		LUNCH	
1:30 p.m.	44.	Judging Program Report	Nye
1:45 p.m.	45.	Judging Program Service Awards	Nye
1:55 p.m.	46.	Judges' Association Spotlight Award	Bennett
2:05 p.m.	47.	Junior Fanciers Spotlight Award	Shaffer
2:15 p.m.	48.	Marketing	Bobby
2:30 p.m.		BREAK	
2:45 p.m.	49.	Credentials Committee Service Awards	Mastin
3:00 p.m.	50.	Credentials Committee Report and Election Results	Dodds
3:20 p.m.	51.	Clerk Service Awards	B. Colilla
3:30 p.m.	52.	Cattery of Distinction Awards	Mastin
3:45 p.m.	53.	Star Awards	Dunham
4:00 p.m.	54.	Resolutions from the Floor	Mastin
5:00 p.m.		ADJOURN • Annual Meeting Closes	
Saturday, June 29, 2024			
9:00 a.m.	55.	CFA Board of Directors Meeting with the International Division	Calhoun
10:30 a.m.	56.	CFA Board of Directors Meeting with Breed Council Secretaries	Wilson
12:00 p.m.		ADJOURN	
Sunday, June 30, 2024 • Board of Directors Meeting			
9:00 a.m.	57.	Call Meeting to Order	Mastin
9:05 a.m.	58.	Appoint CFA Legal Counsel and Parliamentarian	Mastin
9:10 a.m.	59.	Taking of Board of Directors' Oath	Raymond
9:15 a.m.	60.	Distribution and Signing of Board-Required Documents	Raymond
9:20 a.m.	61.	Verbal Report of Conflicts of Interest	Raymond
9:25 a.m.	62.	Ratification of Committee Appointments	Mastin
9:45 a.m.	63.	New Business/Old Business	
10:15 a.m.	64.	Board Meeting Schedule	Mastin
11:00 a.m.		ADJOURN	

Mastin: The first order of business is to approve the Orders of the Day. **Newkirk:** So moved. **Mastin:** May I have a second? **Webb:** Russell seconds. **Mastin:** Any changes or additions? **DelaBar:** Do we want to move the one item on Region 9, did you say, to Executive Session? **Mastin:** Item #22(d). Rachel, I'm not sure I have the most current agenda. **Anger:** That one we added. **Raymond:** It's on the online one. **Mastin:** Also, I believe we need to add under New Business the Animal Welfare report. **Anger:** That's under Other Committees, which is Item #21. **Mastin:** Oh, I see. So, that would be 21(b), right? Because I don't see it on the agenda. I don't know if it's on the online. **Anger:** 21 – Other Committees. (a) is Breeder Education and (b) is Animal Welfare. **Mastin:** OK. Allene, do you know who is presenting #17, EveryCat Health Foundation? **Tartaglia:** It will be Kathy. **Calhoun:** No, it won't. There is no presentation for EveryCat. It was just a report. I talked to both Vickie and Jackie on this and I think they communicated that with Rachel, but maybe not. **Mastin:** So, there's nobody doing a presentation. **Calhoun:** There's no presentation. We just wanted to provide a report. **Mastin:** OK, very good. **Anger:** There is a Friday delegate presentation at 10:00 a.m. by Dr. Vicksman. **Mastin:** Very good. I just wanted to clarify that. **Mathis:** We needed to move the executive session Judging Program Report. **Mastin:** Is that on this agenda or is that in – **Anger:** Executive session. **Mastin:** We'll handle that in executive session, OK? Alright, any further discussion? **Calhoun:** Do we need to do anything about the cut-off? **Mastin:** Yes. We're going to break at 11:50 for lunch. Some people have to be in different locations for some photo ops and some interviews with EveryCat Health Foundation and I want them to be able to attend, so we will break for lunch at 11:50. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the Orders of the Day are approved unanimously.

The Orders of the Day were accepted without objection and became the Orders of Business.

Board Member Service Awards

10 Years

John Colilla
Pam Moser

15 Years

Carol Krzanowski

(3) APPOINT INSPECTORS OF ELECTION/CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

Committee Chair: *Nancy Dodds*
Board Liaison: *Rachel Anger*
List of Committee Members: *Region 1 Betty Bridges*
Region 2 Kendall Smith
Region 3 Cheryl Peck
Region 4 Barb Schreck
Region 5 Hilary Helmrach
Region 6 Nancy Petersen
Region 7 Donna Andrews
Alternate: Erin Cutchen (Region 2)
Alternate: Jill Archibald (Region 7)

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Credentials Committee has been monitoring club eligibility to determine a quorum for the Annual Meeting, to send delegates and to vote in the Regional Director/Officer election.

Current Happenings of Committee:

We are reviewing the current list of club membership, beginning with the total number as of June 1, 2023, adding new clubs and deleting clubs which have resigned or which have failed to maintain current status.

Future Projections for Committee:

- 1. We will verify the final list of member clubs against the list prepared by CFA Central Office.*
- 2. We will verify the final list of delegates to the Annual Meeting and determine that a quorum exists.*
- 3. We will verify the votes cast in the election and determine the results of the election.*
- 4. We will prepare a report of clubs' status and we will report the results of the election to the delegates.*

Board Action Items:

Approve the members of the Credentials Committee, which appears above.

Mastin: Our first Order of Business, Nancy. **Dodds:** Yes? **Mastin:** Come to the middle of this side next to Mike and Hayata-san. We have sound issues, so you've got to speak loudly. **Dodds:** OK. I'm here to ask for – **Anger:** As the liaison of Nancy's Credentials Committee, I am going to state your motion to approve the members of the Credentials Committee, which appears above, and so move for that motion. **Currle:** Kenny seconds. **Mastin:** OK. Nancy, any

additional comments. **Dodds:** No. We act as the audit arm of the Central Office in performing our duties. We are half the Committee that we used to be. We don't need such a large committee, since we're not counting the votes, but we do have to do the verification of the votes, the verifications of the clubs new and old, make sure that we balance to the figures that we're supposed to. **Mastin:** Great, thank you. Anybody have any questions or comments of Nancy? OK, any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Nancy, thank you. **Dodds:** Thank you, and we'll see you tomorrow. **Mastin:** Yes, see you tomorrow. **Dodds:** Thank you.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

We will prepare a report recapping the activities completed by the Credentials Committee.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Dodds, Chair*

DelaBar: Rich, in our compiled reports here, we do have where it says Board Member Service Awards and then there was the Credentials Service Awards. Is that going to be part of this meeting or are we going to do it tomorrow? **Anger:** I put them here as a place marker out of respect, and we actually do the presentations tomorrow, so they will appear in two places. For the volunteerism, I think they should appear in 10 places, but two is my max. They are just there as an acknowledgment of the service of our valuable volunteers. **DelaBar:** OK, so it doesn't need to be part of the notes, because it will be in tomorrow's. Got it.

Credentials Committee Service Awards

10 Years

Marilyn Conde
Kendall Smith

40 Years

Hilary Helmrich

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

(4) SECRETARY'S REPORT: ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES; RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS

Mastin: Rachel, please do the minutes and ratification of online motions.

(a) Additions/Corrections to the Minutes.

Anger: No additions or corrections to the minutes have been submitted.

(b) Ratification of February 4/5, 2024 and April 2, 2024 Zoom Video Conference Board Meeting Minutes.

Action Item: Approve the February 4/5, 2024 and April 2, 2024 Zoom video conference board meeting minutes, as published.

Anger: I would like to move [reads]. **Krzanowski:** Carol seconds. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

(c) Ratification of Online Motions.

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
MOTIONS THAT REQUIRE RATIFICATION			
1.	Newkirk DelaBar 04.11.2024	Ratify the appointment by President Mastin of Lucy Drury as interim Siberian Breed Council Secretary, through April 30, 2025.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
Currle: Is there any chance another member of the breed council could be interested? How about informing them? I know no one on the breed council for the Siberians and I am not suggesting there is or could be a controversy, but I just think that it would be the right thing to open it up for others to be informed. Dunham: I don't think there is a problem with this appointment. Lucy as worked with breed multiple years. The breed council elections are coming up in the next election cycle and others can declare is they so desire. This appointment fills the gap until the election can take place. Mastin: I emailed Annette (at 10:09 pm EDT on Tuesday (4/9)) asking her if she received any interest from anyone other than Lucy or Sherrie interested in the interim appointment. Annette's response - <i>Lucy reached out to the members; I received one email supporting either Lucy or Sherrie. I think a number of the more recent BCS were encouraged to join by Iris but I think they are newbie breeders.</i> Mastin: Additional information provided by Annette: <i>Note that I did not personally contact the Siberian BC members. Not sure if I included this last time, the appointment would be for the remaining portion of the Breed Council Secretary's term, through April 30, 2025.</i>			
2.	Executive Committee 04.15.2024	For the Ambassador Cat Club and Central Breed Cat Club show to be held April 27/28, 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand (ID), grant an exception to Show Rules 4.04 and 5.01.c. and m. to (1) allow the club to change its closing date from March 24, 2024, to April 20, 2024, and (2) change the entry fees for 3 or more entries from 8,000 THB to 6,500 THB per entry, and change the entry fee for Miscellaneous or Provision entries to 5,400 Baht	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
		for the first entry and 3,000 THB for second and additional entries.	
Mastin: Question - does Kathy C and Mathew support the request? Calhoun: Bob Zenda nor Mathew Wong are aware of the contents of the motion. I would be happy to forward or Rachel can do so. Mastin: While we wait to receive ID committees support of the motion (or not), can we also confirm the decrease in entry fees will apply to all entries already submitted? Anger: At the time of the request, they had no entries. Mastin: Rachel, thank you for clarifying this point. Zenda: I am in support of the requested changes contained in the motion. Mastin: Thank you for being patient. We will end discussion when we receive support (or not) from Kathy and Mathew, then we will vote. Calhoun: I spoke with James Simbro regarding the entries received thus far for this show. Please see the attached report regarding entries. The names and email addresses of the exhibitors have been removed but are available if needed. This report indicates that entries were taken as early as Feb 10, 2024 and that there are 124 cats entered to date. Anger: That is great news. In his April 10 email, Jay said, <<Nobody has paid yet for our show>>, so my apologies for misunderstanding what he was saying. Srikritsanaruk: The current entry program shows us 113 entries, and we have few exhibitors that sent us an email asking for cancelling their entry. There have also been few cats that have entered more than once since February until now and we have to take the repeated entries out, putting us at 96 entries at the moment. Exhibitors that will be affected for the new flyer fees as per today (have entered 3 or more cats) are: [names omitted]. ALL exhibitors will pay the NEW flyer fees if the flyer is approved. We have not sent any confirmation yet so nobody has paid yet the entry fees; we are waiting for the decision of the board before we send the confirmations with the new flyer prices, and there are the Khao Manee exhibitors that are waiting for the approval before entering to the show. Mastin: I heard from Mathew, he said "I'm supportive". Calhoun: Is offering a 2 cat per entry fee within the parameters of the Show Rules? Is listing a deep discount to all the misc cats a good option? Webb: I think that is a very good option. Raymond: I don't see anything in the show rules that would prohibit this but practically I don't know how this would work if an exhibitor wanted to enter 1, 3 or some other odd number of Khao Manees? Might be better to list a price for single cats and then a package price for two.			
3.	Executive Committee 04.20.2024	For the Exotic and Persian Cat Club's show on April 20-21, 2024 in Hong Kong, grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 to allow a show format change from CH & HHP Saturday/PR & Kittens Sunday to CH Saturday/PR, HHP & Kittens Sunday.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
No discussion			
4.	Executive Committee 04.22.2024	For the Central Breed Cat Club and the Ambassador Cat Club's show on April 27/28, 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand (ID), grant an exception to the show sponsorship policies of (1) making the request at least 30 days before the show, and (2) one sponsorship per weekend in the same location for each type of sponsorship.	Motion Failed.
Mastin: To my knowledge this type of request for a second sponsorship to a single club, two clubs or multiple clubs having a show in the same location on the same weekend has not been approved and has been denied when requested. Approving this motion may likely encourage other clubs to request a second sponsorship on the same weekend in the same location. Webb: Kathy, are you in favor of this motion? Calhoun: We have had many requests like this and consistently denied the request. Jay recently submitted sponsorship requests for shows that occurred in September and October of 2023. Those requests were sent to CO in April 2024. Those were denied. The denial of these requests may have put him in a financial bind. Nevertheless, the requirements are clearly stated on the application form. Have I approved applications that may be a little late? Yes but not 6 months late. I am not in support of this motion. Webb: Thank you, Kathy.			
5.	Executive Committee 04.23.2024	For the Hong Kong and Macao Cat Club's April 27/28, 2024 show in Hong Kong (ID), grant an exception to Show Rule 5.01.m. to increase the entry limit from 90 to 103. The club will	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
		issue a new flyer, publicize the change, and send notifications to all entered exhibitors and judges.	
Mastin: Curious to know why one ID Co-Chair is not supportive of the motion and why the other is. Calhoun: Rachel advised the club that both ID chairs would have to approve this. Matt Wong is in favor of this. I am concerned that other clubs have established a wait list when similar situations arise. A conclusion has been drawn regarding my position. I have asked the question as to how this is fair to other clubs that have handled similar issues via wait list. Earlier today, the club indicated that they may have to limit the number of grooming and double cages provided in order to have more available spaces for benching. I certainly was not on board with that approach. That appears to no longer be the case. If approved, this may set a precedence regarding entry limits moving forward. Anger: Co-Chair Wong points out that all clubs can write to their regional directors and ID chairs to seek approval for exemption and exception to show rules, and that the ID and EC should be fair in their judgment when similar requests are made. Co-Chair Calhoun points out that this would set a precedent and that it would be unfair to other clubs not to allow them to increase their entry limits. Both Co-Chairs have compelling arguments and support what they feel is best for fairness in the ID. I note that this request is made from time to time, and I cannot recall an instance where the Executive Committee turned it down when the reason for asking was other than a whim.			
6.	Anger Newkirk 05.12.2024	That “CFA’s Minimum COVID-19 Requirements and Recommendations” and the COVID-19 poster be removed from the CFA website, effective immediately.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
DelaBar: No problems with retiring this from the website and the committee. However, God forbid, the bird flu migrates to humans, we should have the ability to access the information in case of any future pandemic.			
7.	Executive Committee 06.12.2024	For its June 15, 2024 show in Beijing, China (ID-China), grant the Meowbulous Cat Club an exception to Judging Program Rule 12.4.b. and allow Chris Merritt to guest judge in place of Pam DelaBar.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			

Action Item: Ratify online motions 1-3 and 5-7, as published.

Anger: As far as ratification of our online motions, I would like to move to [reads]. #4 failed, so we wouldn’t ratify that. **Krzanowski:** Carol seconds. **Mastin:** Thank you. Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Anger: That’s it for me. Thank you very much. **Mastin:** Thank you Rachel.

(5) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

Executive Committee

Co-Chair: Vicki Nye
Board Liaison and Co-Chair: Russell Webb
Advisor/Coordinator: Rachel Anger

List of Committee Members:

<i>Rachel Anger:</i>	<i>Associate Program Applications Administrator</i>
<i>Anne Mathis:</i>	<i>Associate Program Training Administrator, Education – Judges’ Training/Tests and Continuing Education</i>
<i>Nancy Dodds:</i>	<i>File Administrator</i>
<i>Marilee Griswold:</i>	<i>File Administrator</i>
<i>Leslie Carr:</i>	<i>Application Administrator – Regions 1-9</i>
<i>Jodell Raymond:</i>	<i>Application Administrator – International Division</i>
<i>Barbara Jaeger:</i>	<i>Education – Breed Awareness & Orientation</i>
<i>Wendy Heidt:</i>	<i>Guest Judge Administrator</i>
<i>Teresa Sweeney:</i>	<i>Recruitment, Development and Mentoring Administrator</i>
<i>Diana Rothermel:</i>	<i>Ombudsperson</i>

Mastin: Vicki Nye, welcome to the table. **Nye:** Thank you very much. **Mastin:** Just a reminder, speak loudly. **Nye:** Thank you, board members for the opportunity to address you on behalf of the Judging Program Committee. I’m not going to read through these. I made a solemn promise to Rich that I would move through the Judging Program reports as quickly as possible.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The JPC has been communicating the April 2, 2024 Board-approved Judges Code of Ethics, which incorporates what was previously the Social Media Guidelines. Obtaining Judge-signed April 2024 revised Judges’ Code of Ethics. Anne Mathis and Vicki Nye put together the bi-annual Judges’ Exam, 50 True/False Questions which can be taken either online, with immediate scoring, or by completing an answer sheet which Anne Mathis will hand score. The Exam was available May 5, 2024 online and must be completed by June 14, 2024. All judges must pass with a score of 85% or better.

Nye: The most immediate things that the Judging Program has been doing is collecting the new Code of Ethics signed by our judges. Of the 133 judges, I have collected 131 already signed, with two more in the works waiting for the mail to come. Anne Mathis and I also prepared the bi-annual judges’ exam. It was 50 true/false questions. It had a cut-off date of June 14. Of the 133 judges that were required to take the exam, 132 took the exam and 132 judges received an 85% or better, so everyone passed. It’s mostly to confirm that judges are aware to changes to breeds and standards and show rules for the last two years.

Current Happenings Of Committee:

Service Awards

5 Years

*Kai Gavin Cao
Mie Takahashi
Lyn Knight*

10 Years

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

15 Years

*Pam Bassett
Hope Gonano
Melanie Morgan
Michael Hans Schleissner
Russell Webb*

20 Years

*Marsha Ammons
Barbara Jaeger
Sharon Powell
John Webster*

25 Years

*Jo Ann Miksa-Blackwell
Tracy Petty
Aki Tamura
Beverly Wood
Ayumi Ueda*

30 years

*Rachel Anger
John Colilla
Jeri Zottoli*

35 Years

*Charles Gradowski
Pam Moser
Gary Veach*

40 Years

Yaeko Takano

Nye: The service awards are listed here and that will also be included in the delegate presentation.

The Judging Program Committee met on June 11th, 2024 to discuss applicants, advancements and other business to bring before the board.

- *Barbara Jaeger-BAOS and Vicki Nye have been working with Melody Boyd to create breed-specific video clips on handling, which will be used at the Breed Awareness Schools for attendees prior to the in-ring handling portion of CFA's BAOS. The video Library currently contains 22 breed video clips.*

Nye: Barbara Jaeger and I have been working with Melody Boyd to create a video library that will be used in the Breed Awareness schools for handling methods for each of our breeds specific for their body style. We have already put together 28 video clips and we will be using those in conjunction with the breed council created PowerPoints to teach the breed standards at the judges' schools.

- *Teresa Sweeney researched and sourced a new CFA Judge Service Award pin, which will be given to our 29 recipients on June 28, 2024.*

Nye: Teresa Sweeney has been working and sourced a judges' service award pin, and that has been received and will be given to the 29 recipients that are celebrating their milestone anniversaries.

- *The Judging Program Committee has a recommended change to the Judging Program Rules of eliminating the Exhibitor-Only Applicant stream.*

Background & Rationale:

This option to enter the CFA Judging Program was approved and published in the CFA Judging Program Rules October 2022. The Exhibitor Applicant option was well publicized in the CFA Newsletter, and many of the JPC members held informative session at shows, with club approval on the exhibitor applicant option. The main differences between the Breeder Applicant and Exhibitor Applicant was determined to be 1) 6 of the 10 required GC/GP must be of their own breeding and 2) a CFA Cattery Name must be registered at least 5 years prior to application. In some cases, the Exhibitor Applicant's requirements were more stringent including Scorecard Section A. requirement for 15 GC/GP, and seven (7) years since first GC/GP being shown. Many exhibitors and judges have voiced their opinion that breeding experience is necessary for a judge to understand feline development and to be respected by the exhibitors in the judging ring. To date, there have been no applicants for this option, and in the 40 plus individuals Teresa Sweeney is tracking, as her role in CFA Judging Program recruitment, there is no one on her recruitment list that intends on applying through the exhibitor option. The JPC asks that this request be considered at the June 27th, 2024 meeting rather than waiting until the October 2024 board meeting, for the reason that correct application information needs to be available ASAP for any pre-applicant considering the Judging Program. The Judging Program Committee has discussed this in our meetings and on June 11, 2024 unanimously recommends the removal of the exhibitor option.

Nye: The last thing that we have been working on is something that has been actually in the works for the last at least 6 months. The Judging Program Committee has fielded many comments and suggestions for the application process to the CFA Judging Program. Currently, we have two streams for individuals to apply – the breeder stream, which is the one that we have had historically, and then in the Fall of 2022 we created an exhibitor stream of applying to the Judging Program. It was well advertised. Many people from the Judging Program Committee took some time when they were judging shows, with the permission of the clubs, and spoke about the two different streams of applying to the Judging Program. Teresa Sweeney, as head of Recruitment, has 40-50 people on her list that she is working with that are in the process of meeting their requirements for applying to the Judging Program. There is not one that is looking at applying through the exhibitor stream. The main differences between the exhibitor stream and the breeder stream – the breeder stream they must grand 10 cats, 6 of them – only 6 – must be of their own breeding. They have to have registered a cattery name 5 years prior. The exhibitor stream, they must grand 15 cats, none of them must be of their breeding but they do have to grand 15, and they have to have been showing for at least 7 years. So, in some cases, it's more difficult to apply through the exhibitor stream. We fielded many comments on the fact that without someone having the experience of breeding, they miss out on the knowledge of feline development. It is not something you can teach in a classroom. It is really from hands-on experience of breeding cats. We don't expect people to have the breeding programs now that we

had in CFA 40 years ago or 30 years ago, but it's very important to our exhibitors that the judges have that experience. The comments we have had is that they won't respect a judge that does not have the experience that they do of breeding cats, so we are asking for the elimination of the exhibitor stream into the Judging Program, and that is what's outlined in the left/right portion of the changes.

Action Item: Adopt the following Judging Program rule change, to approve the removal of the Exhibitor Applicant option in the Judging Program Rules, Section 2, effective immediately.

Section 2 – Application Requirements	CFA Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
2.5 An Applicant has two Experience options: <u>OPTION ONE (1) for Breeders:</u> Provide a copy of the registration of a CFA cattery name registered for a period of at least five (5) years Or <u>OPTION TWO (2) for Exhibitors:</u> Provide proof of seven (7) years of active CFA exhibiting. 2.7 A First Specialty Applicant has two (2) options to meet the requirements for acceptance into the CFA Judging Program: <u>OPTION ONE (1) – for Breeders:</u> a. An Applicant must have five (5) years of breeding experience within ten (10) years immediately prior to application. If the Applicant has breeding and/or exhibiting experience beyond the ten (10) year period which is being included in application requirements, a breed-focused experience session will be provided by a CFA Allbreed Judge selected by the JPC. A detailed summary of breeding experience must be provided. Requirement: An application cannot be filed sooner than five (5) years from the date of birth of the Applicant's first registered litter (within the appropriate specialty. A copy of the actual litter registration bearing the Applicant's own cattery name must be submitted).	2.5 An Applicant <u>must provide a copy of the registration of a CFA cattery name registered for a period of at least five (5) years.</u> has two Experience options: <u>OPTION ONE (1) for Breeders:</u> Provide a copy of the registration of a CFA cattery name registered for a period of at least five (5) years Or <u>OPTION TWO (2) for Exhibitors:</u> Provide proof of seven (7) years of active CFA exhibiting. 2.7 A First Specialty Applicant <u>must:</u> has two (2) options to meet the requirements for acceptance into the CFA Judging Program: <u>OPTION ONE (1) – for Breeders:</u> a. An Applicant must have five (5) years of breeding experience within ten (10) years immediately prior to application. If the Applicant has breeding and/or exhibiting experience beyond the ten (10) year period which is being included in application requirements, a breed-focused experience session will be provided by a CFA Allbreed Judge selected by the JPC. A detailed summary of breeding experience must be provided. Requirement: An application cannot be filed sooner than five (5) years from the date of birth of the Applicant's first registered litter (within the appropriate

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Mastin: Russell, are you making a motion? **Webb:** Yes. **Newkirk:** I'll second. **Mastin:** OK Darrell, thank you. Discussion? **Currle:** What's the harm in leaving it the way it is? **Nye:** I think it misrepresents where most of the breeders and exhibitors in CFA want their judges to come through. I don't want somebody to start on this, trying to grand these cats and be involved in this. **Currle:** It's already difficult enough. **Nye:** It's confusing right now, with Option A, Option B. When we have 10 cats, 6 of your own breeding, and the fact that we have more than 40 people on our recruitment list and not one of them is – I don't think this is what we want our CFA Judging Program to represent to the world, that our judges are well rounded, they have experience in showing, exhibiting and breeding, and they have the knowledge that they need to, to be well respected in the judging ring. I think it sends the wrong message to just keep this in here as a place holder. Somebody may start down that road eventually, and then a year from now we bring it back up and they have now wasted time. I would like to get it fixed now, so that everyone can focus on one stream, one way to get into the Judging Program. With the changes we've made in the last few years – 5 years instead of 7 years – the many other changes we've made to make it more current with what people's breeding programs are now, and we've got lots of people mentoring. Our pipeline for applications is much healthier now. I think this represents what a CFA judge should be. They do need to have some breeding experience. **Currle:** I just don't think we've had this in place long enough. It was only two years ago that we put it in. I think we may be selling ourselves short. There could be somebody in the pipeline that could qualify with a good eye and the ability to handle. I just hate slamming doors on people. The board two years ago approved this and now we're going to be changing it back. I think that we ought to give it a little bit more time. **Newkirk:** How many non-breeding judges have we had in CFA? **Nye:** None. I can't say, years ago we had a process where somebody would come to a show hall and two judges would say, "would you like to become a CFA judge" and poof, you're a CFA judge. So, I can't speak to that process but since I came on, which was 35 years ago, this has effectively been the program that we had when I came on more than 35 years ago. We had to breed 10 grands then. Now it's 10 grands, 6 of your own breeding, but everybody has gone through that same program for the 35 years. We have tweaked how many years since you registered a cattery name, how many years since you bred your first cat, but aside from that it has been pretty stable. I think the stability of our requirements speaks to the quality of the judges that

we have. **Newkirk:** So, how about Associate Judges? How many have you had that were not breeders. **Nye:** One. **Newkirk:** That didn't work out too well did it, in the end? **Nye:** Not too well. **Newkirk:** OK, so I have to say COVID took a hit on the world. It took a big hit on us, as we all know. Lots of people quit breeding and didn't come back, so this program basically has been in our rules since, I think Kenny said 2022. Is that correct? Has anyone voiced any interest in coming into the program as a non-breeder? **Nye:** No. We've had a couple people that are brand new looking at it trying to decide which way they really should structure their activity in CFA. Even the ones that are just starting feel that they're going to go the opposite direction because they can get in two years sooner. I hear people boasting on Facebook all the time, "yes, I went to the show this weekend and granded three cats." Boom, one more show and they're done. They have made their requirement. Now, that's not typical, of course. You have to have years of putting the right cats together to get your breeding program to where you have that, where you are consistently producing that number of cats and grands. Even people that are starting off now, they look at the two different streams and all the ones on Teresa's list are going through the breeder program. **Newkirk:** I have a couple more. So, how did the Judging Program Committee vote? **Nye:** Unanimously. **Newkirk:** It was unanimous. **Nye:** We actually kicked it down the road a couple of times because I am aware that we're not supposed to be bringing these things up until October. I don't want it to get mixed up with all the other housekeeping stuff and the huge number of changes. I want to get it corrected as soon as possible so that we can present to them a single stream. We tried to make things simpler, make lists in our Judging Program Rules on "this is what you need to do" instead of "if you're going to be this kind of judge and apply this way, here's your list of requirements; but if you're going to go the other stream, look at the other list of requirements." **Newkirk:** So, the people that are on your Committee are all breeder-judges except the applications administrators, and that is – well, we know who they are. **Nye:** That's true. That's correct. **Newkirk:** How many years of judging experience of the judges are there? Just approximate. You don't have to give me – **Nye:** On the Committee? Let's see. Most everybody on the Committee probably has 20-25 years. We've got a couple that are in the 40 year range. There's 10 judges that are on the Committee. That's 300 years, plus what our application administrators have. Our application administrators have probably bred cats. They are more actually representing the exhibitor stream. Those two ladies are more exhibitors, and they were absolutely voted – it was a unanimous vote. I've been asked to bring this forward the last couple of board meetings and it's like let's prioritize what's most important for us to bring forward first. Now, that's why I'm bringing this to you. **Newkirk:** So, I'm trying to figure out here why I would want to go against a committee who has over 300 years of breeding and judging experience, on some hypothetical that we don't have anybody even interested in doing. Why do we clutter up the Judging Program Rules with a bunch of stuff that probably is never going to make a hill of beans to anybody anyway. So, I'm going to support you. I hope the other board members will join in and support the Committee for the unanimous recommendation that you guys brought forward, so you have my support. **Nye:** Thank you. I appreciate it very much, Darrell. **DelaBar:** CFA judges do enjoy a high level of credibility worldwide. Rachel and I experienced this at the World Cat Congress back in March, how we were readily accepted into the World Cat Federation judging group and are considered colleagues throughout the world. I believe that this exhibitor program does nothing to enhance that credibility. Vicki, I'm all in favor of supporting the JPC's recommendation on this. **Nye:** We do appreciate that. **Griswold:** I'm in favor of this because, (a) there hasn't been any interest at all shown in it, and (b) it completely clutters up the Judging Program Rules. It's hard enough to figure out what you have

to do, when you have to do it, how much you have to do. People ask me questions. I have to go through here and try to find – it's very confusing. The simpler we can make it, the better. **Anger:** Hopefully a final comment. At the Committee level, I argued against removing it for the reasons Kenny stated. To me, it gives the impression that we're accessible and approachable, and becoming a member of the judging panel is a realistic goal that people can actually achieve. In the end, I voted to support what the Committee did. I was a very soft yes, and I am going to be a very soft yes today. **Mastin:** Anne, do you want to share? **Mathis:** Kind of what Rachel said, but there has been no one that has expressed any interest in this. Marilee is right, these rules are very complicated and it makes it even more complicated than I think it needs to be. **Huhtaniemi:** I agree with Kenny. I would like to keep the rule from going off. We need to have different options how people can come to the Judging Program. There might be somebody who is not interested in breeding, because it's kind of a risky thing to do. You need to have a different kind of heart to let your kittens go, etc. Not everybody is ready for that. We have a lot of exhibitors who have an excellent eye, so I would like to keep the option that they might come to the Judging Program if they want. **Krzanowski:** I'm going to support this, as well, Vicki. I think it's very important that the judges have some breeding experience. There are things that breeders see in development that you don't always see on the show bench, and you have knowledge of how these breeds develop over time from kittens into adults and beyond. I really think that's an important attribute, and I'm going to support your motion. **Mastin:** Russell, do you have any comments? **Webb:** I support it.

Mastin: Any further discussion? Vicki, do you have any closing comments? **Nye:** No. I just appreciate your support. We're trying to not be elitist but, on the other side, we select what we hear from the other judges and from the exhibitors on what they think a CFA judge should be. Many of you have mentioned that we're respected worldwide for our judges and our judging program. You see the guest judging list. You see how many of our judges are invited to judge in Australia and many of the other associations. Not that it dumbs down the Program, but I think that when we put this in place a couple of years ago, we were pretty desperate for any activity in CFA and we thought maybe there was some longstanding people who have great years of experience that would be wonderful to stand behind the table that didn't meet the breeder qualifications. I've talked to a few of those people and they very nicely said, "no thank you, that's not my interest." So, we put it out there, we made it well known and I think everybody else wants to be like what they see the CFA judges that are behind the table now – a well-balanced, experienced person. I don't want to have somebody get behind the table and not realize they have a pregnant cat because they don't have experience with breeding and know what an early pregnant cat feels like. We're not veterinarians, but we have a heck of a lot of experience in health and structure and development of cats, and we get that from our breeding experience. It is part of paying our dues, basically. The Judging Program is not actually for everybody. There is some cost involved in it, there is time commitment, and of course when you're breeding, like Pauli said, your heart is involved, too, but I think that's what makes our judging panel a well-rounded judging panel. **Mastin:** OK, I'm going to call the motion. If you're in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Carried. Currle and Huhtaniemi voting no.

Mastin: Rachel, Pam DelaBar, Darrell, Marilee, Carol, Anne, Paula, Cathy Dunham, Pam Moser, Mike, Hayata-san, John, Kathy Calhoun, Russell. If you are opposed, raise your

hand. Kenny, Pauli. If you're an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. **Anger:** That's 14 yes, 2 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** The motion passes. **Nye:** Thank you very much everyone. Our goal is to foster interest and to bring these people that are interested along in CFA so that we can have well-experienced people behind the table.

Leave of Absence:

None

Retirements/Resignations:

Diana Rothermel – CFA Allbreed Judge Letter of retirement received from Diana Rothermel, effective June 10th, 2024, accepted with regret.

Dear Vicki,

With this email, I am submitting my notice of retirement from the CFA judging program, effective June 10, 2024. I have been a judge since Oct 1986 and have thoroughly enjoyed all the activities that being a CFA judge entails. I have handled some of the most beautiful and outstanding examples of cat breeds anywhere. I have met and become friends with a multitude of different people; people who also love and cherish their cats. I have traveled the world and seen places I once only dreamed of. CFA has enriched my life and I feel blessed to have started this journey so many years ago. I wish CFA's continued success and growth in the future years. I thank CFA for allowing me to be a small part of its growth and for the great honor of being a CFA judge.

*Sincerely,
Diana Rothermel*

Benny Yong – CFA Longhair Associate Judge-Malaysia, resignation email received April 11, 2024 and accepted with regret.

Marsha Ammons – Allbreed Judge. On May 20, 2024, the Judging Program Committee received the retirement email of Marsha Ammons, effective May 20, 2024, and regretfully accepted.

After much consideration, I have decided it's time to retire from the CFA judging program, effective immediately.

I have enjoyed being a part of the judging program for 20 years. However, I have missed the flexibility to volunteer through my church, a dementia-related non-profit and other avenues. I began volunteering in 1962 and curtailed those activities when I got into the cat fancy in 1989.

Thank you to the judges who have helped me, to the clubs that invited me to be a part of their show, and many friends who encouraged me along the way.

Marsha Z. Ammons

Jade Liu – CFA Longhair Associate Judge-China, resignation email received May 27, 2024, and accepted with regret.

Nye: The rest of the Judging Program report has no action items. Many of these things are also included in the PowerPoint that you will see on Friday at the delegate meeting. I can't speak enough about the retirements and how much we will miss these people that are in the Program. Diana Rothermel and Marsha Ammons have submitted their retirement letters from the regular Judging Program, and Benny Yong and Jade Liu from the Associate Program.

Applications and Advancements:

Applications:

Applications received by the February 1, 2024 deadline to be considered at the June 2024 Board Meeting

- *Allen Shi-Shorthair Specialty, Shanghai, China*
- *Eugene Jeong, Shorthair Specialty, Incheon, South Korea*
- *Yukiyo Matsushita, Longhair Specialty, Osaka Japan*

Nye: As I mentioned, we have a fairly healthy pipeline of judges coming through. We have three applicants that will be coming up in closed session.

Applications received by the June 1, 2024 deadline, to be considered at the October, 2024 Board Meeting.

- *Siim Koppel, Longhair Specialty, Murfreesboro, TN*
- *Chris Lee, Shorthair Specialty, currently a China Shorthair Associate Judge*

Nye: We have two more applications that are complete that we received, that will be decisioned by the board in October. I'm very happy of the activity in the ID and China with the Associate Judges moving over to the regular Program. I would like to see more applicants in Regions 1-7, 8 and 9. I think that the more we can get people encouraging, and that's board members, other judges, people that are interested in CFA that it is something that they can achieve. It is available to them. They don't have to be the big campaigner that gets Cat of the Year. They can have just nice cats that they show and have the experience and still meet the requirements of the CFA Judging Program.

Applicants: *The following individuals are presented to the Board for acceptance:*

Applicant – Regular Judging Program:

Accept as Trainee – 1st Specialty:

*Yukiyo Matsushita (Osaka, Japan – Region 8)
Longhair 1st Specialty*

17 yes

Applicant – from Associate Judge Program:

Accept as Trainee – 1st Specialty:

Allen Shi (Shanghai, China – ID-China) Shorthair 1 st Specialty	15 yes; 2 abstain (Newkirk, Hayata)
Eugene Jeong (Incheon, South Korea) Shorthair 1 st Specialty	17 yes

Advancements:

Eight advancements to be presented in closed session:

Nye: We have eight advancements coming up today. Our file administrators have been extremely busy with getting evaluations in, getting training done, and so the Judging Program has been very active and I am so appreciative of the time that they dedicate to moving our judges along in the Program.

Advancement – from Associate Judge Program:

Advance from Trainee to Apprentice Specialty:

Cristiano Perillo-Marcone (Sona, Italy – Region 9) Longhair 1 st Specialty	17 yes
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Advancements – Regular Judging Program:

Advance from Trainee to Apprentice Specialty:

Gavin Cao (Chengdu, China – ID-China) Longhair 2 nd Specialty	17 yes
Grace Cheung (Hong Kong – ID-Other) Longhair 1 st Specialty	17 yes
Emiko Misugi (Saitama, Japan – Region 8) Shorthair 2 nd Specialty	17 yes

Advance from Apprentice to Approval Pending Specialty:

Chate Ruengruglikit (Pathumthani, Thailand – ID) Longhair 1 st Specialty	17 yes
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Advance from Approval Pending to Approved Specialty:

Laura Gregory (Lutz, Florida – Region 7) Longhair 1 st Specialty	17 yes
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Advance to Approval Pending Allbreed:

Lyn Knight (Mt. Airy, MD – Region 7) 17 yes

Advance from Approval Pending Allbreed to Approved Allbreed:

Elena Podprugina (Kramatorsk, Ukraine – Region 9) 16 yes; 1 no (Curre)

Reinstate as Approval Pending Allbreed:

[Thursday vote]

Rick Hoskinson (Columbus, OH – Region 4) 10 yes; 7 no (Noble, Webb, Calhoun, Krzanowski, Curre, Dunham, Moser)

[Sunday vote per reconsideration, pending certain conditions having been met]
Rick Hoskinson (Columbus, OH – Region 4) 18 yes

Elevation to Emeritus Status:

Diana Rothermel (1986) Vote sealed

The committee met June 11, 2024 to discuss Judging Program Open and Closed Session reports and to review the files for recommendation of the seven judges who have met the required number of shows and cats judged.

[From end of Thursday meeting] **Mastin:** Rachel, are you going to announce the votes?
Anger: I will. I'm going to say the names and if I don't say a vote, that was unanimous. Cao, Cheung, Misugi, Ruengruglikit, Gregory, Knight, Perillo-Marcone, Eugene Jeong, Yukiyo Matsushita. Elena Podprugina had 16 yes, 1 no. Allen Shi had 15 yes, 2 abstentions. Rick Hoskinson 10 yes, 7 no. He needed 12 to get 2/3 so he was not reinstated. [**Secretary's Note:** See reconsideration and reinstatement.] Diana Rothermel was elevated to Judge Emeritus status.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

As of June 1, 2024, two new applications to the CFA Judging Program have been received. These applications are currently being reviewed and letters of recommendation from clubs and individuals are being received. The deadline for October 2024 consideration was June 1, 2024.

Breed Awareness and Orientation School Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair: Barbara Jaeger

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The last in-person BAOS was held in Belgium in February 2024. The number of participants present were less than what was initially anticipated. We had three CFA judges who had been accepted from another association in the Ukraine, that were able to attend the school. This

allowed them to meet the requirements of the Judging Program Rules for attendance in a BAOS within 2 years of acceptance. One CFA AB Judge and three Associate Judges took the class for continuing education credit. Peter Van Wonerghem, Barbara Jaeger and Nancy Dodds were instructors for the class.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The next BAOS will be held in conjunction with the International Show, October 10-13, 2024 in Cleveland, OH. The flyer will be ready by the end of June 2024. Our instructors will include Vicki Nye, Nancy Dodds, Kathy Black, Anne Mathis and Barbara Jaeger. Jennifer Reding will assist with the Handling Ring on October 12-13. Barbara Jaeger and Vicki Nye have been working with Melody Boyd to create breed specific video clips on handling, which will be used at the Breed Awareness Schools for attendees prior to the in ring handling portion of CFA's BAOS. The video Library currently contains 28 breed video clips.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Jaeger, Subcommittee Chair

Nye: The Breed Awareness school, Barbara Jaeger is working on the flyer for the International Show. It will be the format that we have used at the International Show in the past where we will have general curriculum on Thursday, Friday we will split into the longhair/ shorthair rooms and also utilize the video library. We will be looking at having a breed awareness school outside of the United States. I don't want to commit to what the location is going to be yet, but we are looking at somewhere in the Spring. Does anybody have any questions about the BAOS? [Wong joins the meeting]

Guest Judging Report

Guest Judging Administrator: Wendy Heidt

CFA Judges to Judge non-CFA Assignments:

<i>Judge</i>	<i>Assn</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>City/Country</i>	<i>Date</i>
Chung, Chloe	Seminar	Chengdu Pet Fair	Chengdu, China	4/25/24
Kong, Demao	Seminar	Chengdu Pet Fair	Chengdu, China	4/25/24
Liu, Katherine	Seminar	Chengdu Pet Fair	Chengdu, China	4/25/24
Chung, Chloe	Fun Show	American Shorthair Club	Jakarta, Indonesia	5/5/24
Podrugina, Elena	Fun Show	American Shorthair Club	Jakarta, Indonesia	5/5/24
Griswold, Marilee	Seminar	Scottish Fold Talk	Wuhan, China	5/17/24
Raymond, Allan	FCI	The Feline Club of India	Mumbai, India	6/22/24
Sariff, Amir	Fun Show	Oh My Pet Expo	Johor Bahru, Malaysia	6/23/24
Raymond, Allan	WCF	Feline Union Registry	Koh Chang, Thailand	7/13/24
Gradowski, Chuck	ANCATS	Australian Nat. Cats Inc	Melborne, Australia	9/7/24
Grebneva, Olga	RUI		Kiev, Ukraine	9/7/24
Gradowski, Chuck	ANCATS	Australian Nat. Cats Inc	Sydney, Australia	9/8/24
Rivard, Lorraine	CCA	Ottawa Valley	Ottawa, Canada	9/29/24
Quigley, Neil	CCA	Hamilton Cat Fanciers	Ancaster Ont Canada	3/16/25
Chung, Chloe	Seminar	Chengdu Pet Fair	Chengdu, China	4/25/24

CFA Club Requests to use a Guest Judge:

<i>Judge</i>	<i>Assn</i>	<i>CFA Show</i>	<i>City/Country</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Date Approved or Tier 1 Guest Judge</i>
<i>Merritt, Chris</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>Shanghai Crown International CC</i>	<i>Shanghai, China</i>	<i>4/20/2024</i>	<i>Approved GJ</i>
<i>Hamalainen, Satu</i>	<i>FIFe</i>	<i>West Lake Cat Club</i>	<i>Shanghai, China</i>	<i>4/27/2024</i>	<i>Approved GJ</i>
<i>Hamalainen, Satu</i>	<i>FIFe</i>	<i>Meowbulous Cat Club</i>	<i>Beijing, China</i>	<i>6/15/2024</i>	<i>Approved GJ</i>
<i>Gnatkevitch, Elena</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Rolandus Cat Club</i>	<i>Kiev, Ukraine</i>	<i>11/9/2024</i>	<i>5/25/2024</i>
<i>Slizhevskaya, Tatiana</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Rolandus Cat Club</i>	<i>Kiev, Ukraine</i>	<i>11/9/2024</i>	<i>Approved GJ</i>
<i>Merrill, Vicky</i>	<i>CFF</i>	<i>Vermont Fancy Felines</i>	<i>Burlington, VT</i>	<i>1/18/2025</i>	<i>4/24/2024</i>

Nye: Guest Judging Report. You see the number of CFA judges. It's not as filled with fun shows as it was in the past. We've got our judges involved in seminars around the world and I think that speaks to the respect that our CFA judges garner worldwide. The report you see here on the season guest judges, we have a restriction on how many times the guest judges may judge for CFA. If you are an Approved Guest Judge, it's 10 times. If you are a Guest Judge that's not on the Approved list, it is 5 times per season. We did exceed that on Elena Podprugina with board approval a couple of times. Our Guest Judging list is not as utilized as it was before, one due to the utilization of our Associate Judges around the world, and two to the fact that three of the Guest Judges that we had have since applied to the CFA Judging Program – Olga K, Olga Grebneva and Elena Podprugina. They have all become CFA judges. We still have many Guest Judges that are great for CFA. They have experience with us and they fill areas where they can't afford to bring in somebody from the United States, and they are always delighted to be able to guest judge for CFA.

2023-2024 Season Guest Judging.

Approved Guest Judges limited to 10 or less without Board Approval, all other guest judges may only judge 5 CFA shows per season.

<i>Guest Judge Name</i>	<i># Shows</i>
<i>Balciuniene, Inga</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Bielova, Natalia</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Christison, Janis</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Gleason, Robert</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Ling, Christine</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Hamalainen, Satu</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Maignaut, Richard</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Merrill, Vicky</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Merritt, Chris</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Elena Podprugina</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Viktoria Pochvalina</i>	<i>2</i>

Nye: Any questions about the Guest Judging Program?

Continuing Education Subcommittee

Sub-Committee Chair: Anne Mathis

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

With the help of Vicki Nye and several beta testers, the 2024 Judging Examination was developed and made available to all judges to take. The exam consists of 50 true/false questions taken from the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 CFA Breed Standards and Show Rules. There are also questions taken from the current CFA Judging Program Rules. The test was emailed May 4, 2024, to all judges and may be taken online or offline.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The test is still in the process of being completed by all the judges, with a due date of June 14, 2024. At the point that this report was written about 77% of the judges have completed the test, with the majority receiving a 90% or higher. Judges that do not earn a score of 85% or higher will take a second test.

Future Projections for Committee:

Tests will continue to be completed. The results will be provided to the test takers, and make up tests will be provided to those that need to complete them.

Board Action Items:

Nothing at this time

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

An update on the testing will be provided.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Mathis, Subcommittee Chair*

Nye: Continuing Education is Anne Mathis's baby. She of course managed the process of our examination. I am thrilled with how it came down, to get that many judges. We had two ways of taking the judges' test. One was online and the other one was just filling out an answer sheet and Anne hand graded it. The results are going to be delivered at the workshop tonight, but as I said, all of them passed. We didn't have to create a new test to give everyone. The whole purpose of the test is not to be a trick question or who can find the missing comma, it's more to reinforce their knowledge of the changes to our standards and our rules. We're very happy. We threw out two questions just because of the wording issue in them, so if you answered true or false to those questions, you got it right but the other 48 was pretty clearcut that people had a good understanding of those changes. Ongoing, we have a small number of continuing education people that need to meet that requirement by the Fall. Anne has been reminding them. In 2026,

we will have the majority of our continuing education report cards that will be due. We have provided lots of opportunities for our judges to get those points that they need to meet their continuing education requirements.

Annual Judging Program 6/2023-6/2024 – Judging Panel Recap

Data prior to June 27-30, 2024 Board Meeting

2023-2024 Judges Accepted

Grace Cheung – From Associate Judge LH -- Hong Kong – Longhair Trainee
Alex Chun Lap – From Associate Judge LH – Hong Kong – Longhair Trainee
Gavin Cao – From Associate Judging Program - China – 2nd Specialty Longhair Trainee
Kadri Koppel – Murfreesboro, TN. USA – Longhair Trainee
Issariya Rattanaweerawong – From Associate Judge SH – Thailand – Shorthair Trainee
Elena Podprugina – From RUI as Guest Judge -- Ukraine – Approval Pending Allbreed

2023-2024 Retirements/Resignations

Retirements

Sharon Roy – AB Judge – Effective 10/3/2023
Yoshika Sada – AB Judge – Effective 11/2/2023
Iris Zinck – AB Judge – Effective 3/20/2024
Kayoko Koizumi – AB Judge – Effective 3/31/2024
Marsha Ammons – AB Judge – Effective 5/20/2024
Diana Rothermel – AB Judge – Effective 6/10/2024

Resignations

Zulkifli Bin Daud- Associate LH Judge – Effective 9/14/23
Afza Kharmizi – Associate LH Judge – Effective 12/3/2023
Benny Yong – Associate LH Judge – Effective 4/11/24
Morning Yang – Associate LH Judge – Effective 4/24/2024
Jade Liu – LH Associate Judge – Effective 5/27/24

Judge Emeritus

Kayoko Koizumi – AB Judge – April 2, 2024

Current make-up of the CFA Judging Panel by location

94 CFA Judges + 38 Associate Judges = 132 total CFA judging panel

58 Judges in R 1-7
12 Judges in Japan
15 Judges in Europe
26 Judges in ID
21 Judges in China

132 Total Judges

Nye: The next part of the report is just the annual changes to our Judging Program Committee, a compilation of what's happened for the entire year. Again, this is in the PowerPoint that you will see at the delegate meeting. We need to make sure that our applications to the Judging Program are meeting the number of retirements, so we don't have any more decimation of our judging panel by encouraging people in different areas to apply to the Program. The most notable is that we have just 58 judges left in the United States, Regions 1-7. We need everybody to be encouraging to those people that have an interest in CFA meeting the requirements. I would be happy to answer any phone calls on what do you need to do to get yourself lined up so you can meet the Judging Program. I know Teresa Sweeney has done the same thing.

Newkirk: Vicki, has the position of Ombudsman – **Nye:** To take a little thunder away from Friday's meeting. **Newkirk:** I'm sorry. **Nye:** Carla Bizzell has graciously agreed to fill the role of Judging Program Ombudsman. I am delighted. She was the unanimous decision and our first pick on the Judging Program Committee. I was terrified to make that phone call because I didn't want to hear no, and she said yes. She has been shadowing Diana's emails back and forth. I will change the name on the CFA website to Carla after the board meeting. I think she is a perfect fit for that role. She has the temperament and the respect of CFA. Diana's shoes are hard to fill. She has made that role into a structured role that is documented and I think that Carla will do a fabulous job in following in her footsteps. **Newkirk:** Thank you.

Guest Judging

As has been occurring since 2020, CFA Clubs have been relying on Guest Judges to a lesser extent. This is due to our robust panel of Associate Judges, and three highly utilized guest judges applying to, and being accepted to the CFA Judging Program. There were 42 rings at CFA shows during the 2023-2024 show season that were officiated by Guest Judges.

Judge	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Total
Bajou, Florence					1			1
Balciuniene, Inga	6	6	2		5	3	4	26
Belyaeva, Olga	2	1						3
Biadasz, Alicja			1					1
Bielova, Natalia							2	2
Borras, Eduard	1							1
Calmes, Fabrice		1	1		1			3
Christison, Janis			1		1	3	1	6
Comte, Sylvie			1					1
Counasse, Daniel	5	3	2		4	3		17
Davies, Allan	10	7	6			6		29
Dentico, Olga Marie					1			1
Du Plessis, Kaai	10	10			3	1		24
Dubois, Francoise					1			1

Farrell, Terry	10	2						12
Gleason, Elaine	3		2					5
Gleason, Robert	5	1					1	7
Gnatkevitch, Elena	8	1						9
Grebneva, Olga	9	10	7		6	7		39
Gubenko, Dmitriy	5							5
Guseva, Irina	1							1
Hamalainen, Satu	7	8	2	2	1	3	6	29
Hamilton, Denise		1						1
Hansson, John	1	1						2
Knapp, Clint				3				3
Knapp, Renee				2				2
Kolczynski, Kamil	1	1	1		1			4
Komissarova, Olga	1			1				2
Korotonozhkina, Olga	10	10	4		5	7		36
Kurkowski, Albert	2	2	1					5
Lamprecht, Johan			1					1
LaRocca, Barbara			1			2		3
Lemaigre, Marie C	1		1					2
Licciardi, Sandra	1							1
Ling, Christine	6	6				1	8	21
Maignaut, Richard	1	1			1		1	4
Mantovani, Gianfranco		1						1
Matskevich, Natalia		3	2					5
Merrill, Vicky							1	1
Merritt, Chris	10	5				5	4	24
Mineev, Artem	6							6
Monkhouse, Kim	1							1
Nazarova, Anna	4	5	1		2			12
Neukircher, Brenda		1						1
Nicholls, Julia	3							3
Norberry, Maureen		1						1
Nuke, Aija					1	1		2
Pobe, Pascal	1							1
Pochvalina, Viktoria	2	2	2		1		2	9
Podprugina, Elena	10	7	3			3	12	35

Priest, Murlene				3	1			4
Rakitnykh, Olga	2	1						3
Roca Folch, Yan		1						1
Rozkova, Natalya		1						1
Rumyantseva, Nadejda	5	8						13
Savin, Artem	1				1			2
Silaev, Pavel		1						1
Slizhevskaya, Tatiana	7	4	3					14
Tervo, Nadezha		1						1
Thistlewaite, Marisa	1	2						3
Tokens, Sally	1							1
Trautmann, Jorgen	4	3	1					8
Tricarico, Nick	1	2						3
U'Ren, Cheryle	10	8	4					22
U'Ren, Rod	4							4
Total	179	129	50	11	37	45	42	494

Guest Judge Paperwork Reviewed

Guest Judge Name	Date	Location
Balciuniene, Inga	2/24	Indonesia
Natalia Bielova	3/3/24	Edelweiss/Moscow
Christison, Janis	6/3/23	Borneo CF/Malaysia
Gleason, Robert	5/27/24	Golden Triangle
Ling, Christine	3/9/24	China Kiwi/Shanghai
Hamalainen, Satu	2/3/24	Alianza/Malaga, Spain
Maignaut, Richard	2/24/24	44 Gatti, Italy
Merrill, Vicky	1/20/24	Vermont Fancy Felines
Merritt, Chris	1/28/24	Aisha FF, Shanghai
Elena Podprugina	1/28/24	Aisha FF, Shanghai

Our Guest Judge Administrator, Wendy Heidt, received 111 requests for the 2023-2024 show season from CFA Judges or Associate Judges to either Guest Judge for another accepted Association, present a breed/cat seminar, Fun Show, Clerking School or a grooming demonstration. Several of these requests were to judge a fun show on the day following a licensed CFA show, which the requesting judge was also judging. All requests were granted.

Nye: Then you see the Guest Judging grid. I've got everything from 2017 to current day. There was a time when we were using Guest Judges to the tune of 179 assignments a year – 179, 129, but you can see how that has slowly gone down. We're using our Associate Judges. They're getting great experience with that. Many of our Associate Judges have judged 40-50 shows, so they have lots of experience and that's why I think at this point they are coming over to the regular Judging Program, will get one-on-one training and be able to move to their second specialty.

Newkirk: So Vicki, when the Associate Judges come to the regular CFA Judging Program, are they required to do the same number of training assignments? **Nye:** Yes, they are. **Newkirk:** Why is that? **Nye:** Some of them have developed bad habits. They did not receive the one-on-one training. Again, their paperwork is a little problematic in areas, but they need that one-on-one experience with an experienced CFA judge and the feedback of what they are judging. We also want to see them leave their area. Our breeds that we see in different parts of the world are very skewed. In China, in longhairs, 60% of the cats that are shown are Ragdolls. There's a smattering of Persians and other breeds, but we hope that they take the opportunity to train in other parts of the world so that they get the opportunity to see these other breeds. The judges from China are going to be filling those roles in the ID. The same thing for Japan. They judge back and forth with other parts of the world also. In Europe, I was astounded. Dick Kallmeyer did publish these results in the CFA newsletter. Europe, 88% of the cats that are shown in Europe in longhairs are Persians and Exotics. Hopefully, they take the opportunity to come to a show where they can get the exposure to some of these other breeds. So, the back and forth that you get by training under a CFA judge is so valuable. They are going to be seeing breeds of cats that they've not seen before. Now, we would like to be able to leave it a little bit open and some of our Associate Judges that are going through, we have them do 3 supervised and 3 solos right now, typically, for their first specialty but when these people come through on second specialty, especially those that have had so much, such as Gavin who was already a first specialty trained judge. In his second specialty, we allowed him to do mostly solos or all solos, which is a step backwards when you say, "Let's do supervised. I'll get the cat out because I don't really trust the way you handle yet and I'll pass it on to you." That's a step backwards for some of these people, so we may have them doing a little more solos, but still the back and forth discussion between the training judge and the trainee is what they get in these hopefully six training sessions. **Newkirk:** Are any of these Associate Judges that have done 40-50 shows, are they still making paperwork errors? **Nye:** If I haven't seen their paperwork to review, they may be. There was a program, I believe it's 5.3 in the Judging Program Rules, that if they provided 10 shows error free, that they didn't have to meet the clerking requirements, but some of them took 10 shows and sent them right in, and so in the first couple shows we're seeing they don't know how to do a transfer correctly, or they are marking their absentees incorrectly. So, all 10 of them were wrong. The other thing that they get to not do by meeting that is the cattery visits, the breed-focused experience, which I think is maybe a mistake. We have actually encouraged them all to do that, even if they do have error-free paperwork. I don't think one thing has anything to do with the other, but we haven't asked for that to be changed. Those are the two things that they have. Once we review their paperwork and coached them on how to do it correctly, it's fine, but they missed out on some of that when they were going through the Program as an Associate Judge. **Newkirk:** So, I was very supportive of the AJ Program because we would have completely lost China, in my opinion. **Nye:** I understand. **Newkirk:** We started that, so I was very supportive of it, but I still think that those people – I mean, I was in on the T1 training thing

and it took hours of my time. That's why I didn't do it when the T2 started, because I didn't have that much time to devote to it, but just making them do the same number of requirements – they did get one-on-one training with the people that were teaching the classes, so it's not like they were devoid of any training, but I agree with you. Hands-on training does the trick to correct it. The licensed judges can pick up on the mishandling of cats easier in a one-on-one. I still think that making them do 6 training assignments is a little excessive. I told Anne in the early beginning stages, we need a transition program for the Associate Judges to transfer into the regular Judging Program. That bridge should take some shortcuts. That was my agenda, but nothing was ever done, alright? So, I'm just not getting making them – it's expensive to fly over, especially over in China and places over there, to fly around. **Nye:** We did bring someone forward to the board [name omitted] who had been accepted as a CFA judge prior to COVID hitting, and she had done a training before we got shut down with COVID. She went through the Associate Judging Program in longhairs. She judged 24 shows. She was ready to start back up with the CFA training once we had shows over there with CFA judges going through them and we were trying to get her training assignments in China, getting the clubs to approve them. Of course, we had issues with that and the NGOs, and so she was leaving the country and going to Hong Kong, but we asked the board to shorten her training because she had judged so many shows and allow her to complete her training in 5, and the board said no. She had judged 900 longhair cats. **Mastin:** Vicki, specific to Darrell's question, are you willing to reduce the number of training sessions for the AJs? **Nye:** I think it would depend on the individual and how their progress goes. With some of them, they are not all created equal. I have several Associate Judges who have not judged at all in the last 12 months. I have others that have remained active the whole time. We typically follow the rules as they are written, but I would love the opportunity to have a little bit of leeway and if they are ready to move on to solos after two supervised sessions, great; if they are ready to finish after five classes, I would be more than willing to allow the file administrators to recommend that, if the board would be willing to let us do that. **Mastin:** You are willing to lower it to two sessions, depending on the individual, correct? **Nye:** Two total sessions? **Mastin:** That's what you said. **Nye:** No. It's 6 right now. I would be more than happy to lower it to 5 with their progress, possibly 4 – 2 and 2 – but it depends on the individual. **Newkirk:** I would just like to reinforce what you're saying, because I was the judge who took [name omitted] for her 6th training assignment. She hung the ribbons exactly the same way I did in the whole class. I didn't have to change a thing until we got to the Ragdolls. As we know, there are different looks in Ragdolls. I don't know why, but I was thinking I could use three champions and I had picked both the champions. She picked one champion, I picked the other. We picked the same best of breed. As far as I was concerned, it was a wasted assignment because she was ready. **Nye:** Well, we felt – **Newkirk:** You said the board wouldn't approve it and I don't understand why that would have happened. This shit is not cookie cutter. **Nye:** We tried. **Newkirk:** Some people are better than others. I went to nursing school. Some people were smarter than others. You [Griswold] went to medical school. Some people are smarter. Some people are better at longhairs than others. I've been watching *Suits* by the way, and I'm addicted to it, unfortunately, but there has to be, in my opinion, some degree of latitude of, this person is doing great at training. What good does it do to make them spend the money and the time to do an additional supervised training session when they don't need it? They should just go right up to solos. As far as I'm concerned, if they have done say 30 AJ assignments and they have done 2 supervised and they do 2 solos and they are ready to go, why not bring them up?

Mastin: I've got Anne, Marilee and Kathy Calhoun. Vicki, I don't want you to answer Darrell's question specific to the individual he brought up. That can be discussed in closed session, OK? **Mathis:** One of the things we weighed with them was marking a judge's book. So, that was something. It was a long time ago she mentioned the things they get to waive, but yeah, they don't have to do that. **Nye:** That's if they have 10 error-free sessions. **Griswold:** So, right now, the way the Associate Judge moves into the regular Judging Program is in the rules. There's a minimum number of these assignments that are required by the rules, so what we could consider maybe at our next meeting, we could consider offering up an alteration to the Judging Program Rules that gives the Judging Program leeway in those minimums, because right now the Judging Program Rule has a minimum of six for the Associate Judge Program moving in. There's nothing that says we have to have that. We could say that it's recommended to have 6 and the Judging Program has the ability to determine on a case-by-case basis to bring it up to the board for advancement. That gives them leeway. As Vicki said, there's a huge difference between not judging in almost two years at all, versus judging every weekend. There's a big difference in the quality of the training and the showmanship and the actual judging. So, that will give the Judging Program and the file administrators some option to have wiggle room on those. **Mastin:** Marilee, before I call on Kathy, the word "consider" doesn't mean it's going to be done. Can you do it? Instead of considering, bring it back to the board some options – **Nye:** That's my intention. **Mastin:** – for them to vote on, as Darrell is requesting? **Griswold:** Absolutely. **Mastin:** OK, thank you.

Calhoun: The only thing – and I can appreciate everything that has been said – but the only thing that I would caution against is when we start to add maybe the needed flexibility, we have to make sure that we don't have the appearance of favoritism and people that are being held to more or less scrutiny than others. That's my comment. **Anger:** I have mentioned several times over the years that we should use our Guest Judge application system to bring our AJs into the regular Judging Program. We require much less of a Guest Judge to come over than we do our own Associate Judges. Guest Judges have to have a minimum of 8 guest judging assignments in 4 years. Their training is a minimum of 3 training classes in each specialty. So, we're asking of our own judges much more than judges coming in from another association. My suggestion is to use that as a template for bringing our AJs into our regular Program. **Moser:** When we brought in the T1 judges, it was made very clear to them that they would have to go through the normal process to become a judge. That was laid out on the table, so this is not a surprise. Now, there was another board member at that time that said, "oh well, we're afraid that you are going to down the road say, let's shorten it." It was told to us, "oh no, we would not do that." Of course, since I'm a rule person, here we go talking about shortening it again. I don't have any problems with only requiring 5 maybe, but to completely throw it out and say, "OK, we're going to do other options," it was made clear to them this is how it was going to be. **DelaBar:** Just to comment on what Rachel said. Remember, our Guest Judges have already been through extensive training in their own organizations before they even guest judge for us, or else we wouldn't be bringing them on as Guest Judges. We have to look at the individual when we're doing the training. I had an individual in China, I just said to him, "why are you here?" He was there to do what he had to do, to be able to be brought forward to the board. I think that the Associates – I've been in on T1 training, T2 training, Region 9 training on Associates, and we do the best we can on the Zooms, but we also should have every chance we can to work with them in a ring, even before they come on as full fledged Associates.

Mastin: Darrell, I want to wrap this conversation up. **Newkirk:** I have two comments. Two short ones. Pam, I am not for getting rid of training for Associate Judges. I just think that we've got a Judging Program Committee that's smart enough to say, "OK, this person is doing it, they're doing it right, there's no reason for them to do another assignment, let's put them up to solos." As far as I'm concerned, if they can do two solos and to them right, then they should be brought to the board for advancement, OK? That's me, alright? We a lot of times put rules into effect and then come down the road and say, "you know what, that's not working out so well, so we need to change it." That's all about changing to make things better. The other thing, I want to address Kathy Calhoun. I don't think you will find a Judging Program Committee that, in my estimation, has been the fairest of any we have had over the years. I went through the Program where every damn board meeting I wanted to say, "OK, what new hoop am I going to have to jump through after this board meeting happens?" And it happened every time. Second specialty was six training assignment. When I did my sixth, at the board meeting it went to eight, so I had to do two more. I wanted to be a CFA judge. I was an ACFA judge. I came over here. I knew that there would be sacrifices to make, but I thought this was the better organization, and I had been the president of that organization. So, I came over here, I did my best, I went through. I think I did a pretty good job of handling with my training partners that I went through, and I went through. I was advanced every time I was brought up. So, I think that this Committee is savvy enough to see that one of my people that I'm a mentor over who already has a single specialty license didn't need to do 6 damn assignments. He knows how to write the papers. He knows how to do all of that stuff. Just to make him buy a plane ticket and go fly over somewhere and work with somebody else – of course, he did excellent evaluations because if you look at File Vista you know. I just don't see the need of, just because they need to do 6, they have to do 6. That's the point I'm trying to make. **Calhoun:** Darrell, this is not about you. It is not about calling into question the integrity of the Judging Program. This is not about your mentee. This is not about anything or anybody that you are mentoring. This is only an opinion that I have, that we just need to make sure that we avoid the appearance of favoritism, when we have flexibility in the rules. I am not calling anybody into question – you or anybody else – for anything that has happened in the past, but as you have a right to voice your opinion, so do I. **Mastin:** Darrell, we're going to end this discussion. I'm not calling on anybody else but Vicki, and then you're going to wrap it up. **Moser:** That's just what I was going to address, is that you have to be very careful about favoritism. How people perceive you or perceive the Judging Committee or this board, it's all about perception. So, you have to be very careful about that and it could look like favoritism if you're saying this person can go ahead and be advanced, and that one can't and then take a little shortcut. That's all, I was just going to reinforce that. **Newkirk:** When I began my anesthesia training, our director came in and sat down at the table. There were 15 students. She looked at every one of us and she said, "I'm going to tell you something. Life is not fair." It's not. Some people get ahead because they deserve to get ahead. Now, if you want to be an exemplary trainee, then you do the work and show everybody after you've busted your ass and you're at the top of your game, and then you will impress the Committee and get advanced quicker than somebody who is slow lacking. That's the point I'm trying to make. I'm not down on you for what you said [Calhoun], or you [Moser]. I'm trying to make a point. Some people are better than others at their game. They should be rewarded for it. They shouldn't be held back. That's the point I'm trying to make.

Nye: Representing the Judging Program Committee, I pledge to the board that in the August meeting I will bring back an additional Judging Program rule that allows the Judging Program Committee the flexibility to recommend Associate Judges, based on their previous history of judging and their evaluations, that we may recommend for advancement individuals with a minimum of two supervised and two solos, but I'm going to write into the rule that their history of judging, their experience, their evaluations are what's going to drive that, not who they are. So, I will bring that back to you all in August. **Mastin:** Vicki, thank you for doing that.

Mastin: Any further discussions? Comments? You are completely done? **Nye:** Yes.
Mastin: OK. I want to thank you and your entire Judging Program Committee for all the work that they have done. **Nye:** Thank you all for your time, to present the Judging Program report.

*Judging Program Reports
Respectfully Submitted
Vicki Nye, Co-Chair
CFA Judging Program*

(6) **PROTEST COMMITTEE REPORT.**

Protest Committee Chair George Eigenhauser gave the Protest Committee report containing recommendations for disposition of pending matters (see Agenda Item #64). **Motion Carried [vote sealed].**

Committee Chair: George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
Liaison to Board: Michael Shelton
Committee Members: Dick Kallmeyer, Betsy Arnold, Brian Moser
and Michael Shelton
Animal Welfare: Charlene Campbell
Europe Region liaison: Pauli Huhtaniemi
Japan liaison: Terumasa Nagayama
Judging liaison: Victoria Nye
Legal Counsel: Ed Raymond

Brief Summation/Current Happenings of Committee:

The Protest Committee met via Zoom on May 28, 2024. Participating were George Eigenhauser, Dick Kallmeyer, Betsy Arnold, Brian Moser, and Michael Shelton. Karen Lawrence and Kathy Calhoun also participated.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Ongoing protest investigations and recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
Protest Committee Chairman

(7) **CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.**

Submitted By: Allene Tartaglia

Mastin: Central Office, Allene. **Tartaglia:** This isn't part of my report, but I just wanted to mention that Amber Goodright at this point has taken over all the meeting arrangements. She is the only one who works with the hotel at this point, so she may be behind the scenes. You may not see her as much as me, but she is the one that's responsible for all the meeting arrangements.

***Annual Meetings.** CFA is currently contracted for three (3) future Annual Meetings: 2025 (Orlando FL), 2026 (Syracuse NY) and 2027 (Tacoma WA). The room rates are \$145 for 2025, \$169 for 2026 and \$192 for 2027. As you can see, the rates are progressively higher and there is no reason to expect rates to be lower or even stay the same for future years.*

I've been hesitant to do site visits for the 2028 and later Annuals and obligate the association to further hotel contracts which have hefty cancellation penalties, especially with ideas being discussed about the possibility of CFA holding Virtual Annuals in the future. You may recall the 2021 Annual was virtual due to the COVID pandemic. It was surprisingly well received, well attended and successful.

The cost to CFA to have an Annual Meeting (and Board Meeting) is generally in the area of \$95,000 per year and dependent on the room rate, catering and AV costs at the hotel (see below). The \$95,000 is derived from the financials from the 2023 Annual and not all categories are included, only those specific to the delegate meeting and costs for board members and CO to attend and conduct the Annual are listed here. The cost for the awards and awards banquet are not included either.

<i>Board Members & CO (travel, hotel, meals)</i>	<i>\$65,643.00</i>
<i>AV (not awards banquet)</i>	<i>\$7,747.00</i>
<i>Shipping (return unclaimed awards, printer, misc equipment)</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Delegate Meeting F&B, Book & Supplies</i>	<i>\$15,000.00</i>
<i>Delegate Book, Lanyards, Misc</i>	<i><u>\$1,900.00</u></i>
	<i><u>\$95,290.00</u></i>

I've taken the liberty of outlining some pros and cons for a Virtual Annual as food for thought.

Pros

- *More equal representation of clubs. Clubs meeting the requirements to have a delegate will be able to attend and not have the club's vote proxied. Airfare, hotel costs, time off from work, obtaining cat sitters, etc. will no longer be an impediment to attending.*
- *The meeting date can be set for a specific Friday in June and be the same every year.*
- *Cost savings to the association and attendees.*
- *Increased number of delegates likely since there will be no cost to attend.*

- *The awards banquet could be held in conjunction with the International Show on Friday night. This could increase attendees to the banquet and/or the International due to both events being held together.*
- *Regional award shows/banquets may have more flexibility in scheduling at a later date, therefore, relieving the tight deadline for trophy and rosette production.*

Cons

- *Not in-person*

I am asking the Board for direction regarding the 2028 Annual, specifically, do you want the CO and Helms-Briscoe to conduct site visits for the 2028 Annual?

Tartaglia: On to my report. I am sure you have all read it but I think I need to go through this just very briefly. I know there has been talk about the possibility of a virtual annual. Knowing that, I was hesitant to start looking for sites for the 2028 meeting. We are already contracted for three years. As soon as we enter into a contract, the cancellation costs become very steep. So, I outlined everything, what a meeting costs the Association for the annual meeting and associated board meetings. I provided some pros for virtual, cons for virtual. It may look like, when you look at the pros and cons list, that I'm all for virtual. Not necessarily. An in-person meeting is a big deal. There's a lot of associated things with that. I just didn't list them all. So, what I'm asking for at this point is for the board to give direction regarding the 2028 annual. Do you want us to do the sites for the 2028 annual? It's in the Gulf Shore Region. Should we put it off, or what are your thoughts. **Mastin:** Let's get some questions and discussion, and we'll see if somebody will make a motion, OK?

DelaBar: This is to both Ed and Allene. Back when we had the – Tacoma was cancelled. The following year we were supposed to be in Houston. Instead, that became a virtual meeting because of COVID. We were told at that time I believe that the powers to be at the New York not-for-profit laws allowed a blanket exception, to allow us to have a virtual meeting at that time.

Mastin: That's correct. It was by order of the governor. **DelaBar:** OK. So, since that, does that mean that we have to go back to in-person meetings, or is there now a way to have a hybrid meeting or totally virtual meetings, per the laws of the State of New York. **Mastin:** We're going to have Ed answer your question. **DelaBar:** OK. That depends on how Allene needs to go.

Raymond: So, the original law that was passed in New York was time limited. I believe it ended the end of 2022. The legislature in its wisdom recognized that that exception and the allowance of virtual meetings was a good thing, and passed another amendment that's not time limited that allows for virtual meetings, at the discretion of the board of directors of an organization, as long as it is not prohibited by the organization's articles of incorporation or bylaws. The problem is, the CFA Bylaws call for in-person meetings rotating around. There is an escape clause in there that's pretty much an act of God clause, so if the hotel burns down or COVID comes up again, the board can decide to not meet there. We could go to virtual meetings. It will require an amendment to the Bylaws passed by the delegation. **Newkirk:** If I recall correctly that first year we didn't have a meeting because it was not in our Bylaws. The New York legislature passed an amendment for organizations that did not have that in their bylaws, a way to have a virtual meeting and that following year was when we held our very first virtual meeting. Now, I can't corroborate what Ed said, if that was temporary and it's out, but I believe him because I don't

think he would steer us wrong, but I thought we had amended our Bylaws to include that now. Am I wrong there, Ed? **Raymond:** The Bylaws were amended to include the phrase, *if circumstances outside the control of the Association arise*, to deviate from the regular meeting schedule. There is nothing being presented here – saving money is not a qualifying event. It's not a circumstance outside of the control of the organization. So the argument would be, you could reallocate your budget a different way. I think the next step is, if you want to look at doing virtual meetings in the future, we have 12 months, or a little less so we meet the pre-notice requirements, to put together a board-sponsored amendment to the Bylaws and to talk it up with the member clubs so they are not surprised to see it, explaining the why.

Anger: I have two things. My first is a point, that I feel this decision should be up to our delegation, to give us direction. Second, total ballpark figure, what's the price tag from beginning to end, to come up with a site location for an annual meeting? **Tartaglia:** It usually runs into about \$1,000. It's not a huge amount. It's an air fare to one, maybe two locations, and a rental car. So, about \$1,000 to perhaps \$3,000. **Mastin:** Up to \$3,000 depending on location. **Tartaglia:** Yes. **Shelton:** I think that, considering that this could not be presented as a bylaw change to the delegation at least until next year and that at that time there's no guarantee that the delegates would pass this, and we would be sitting here looking at, now it's 2026 before a change is being made. Due diligence would require us to at least start exploring hotel options for 2028 and move forward with a potential bylaw change; not necessarily getting into signing a contract for 2028, but I think we at least have to start looking and not be stuck in mid-2026 having done no work toward future meetings.

Action Item: *That Central Office personnel conduct site visits for locations within the Gulf Shore Region for the 2028 Annual Meeting.*

Newkirk: I make a motion that the board approve the action item [reads]. **Mastin:** Rachel is going to second it. **Calhoun:** Would you be willing to add that at this point in time no contract be signed for 2028? Because that's the – **Newkirk:** This is site visits. **Calhoun:** I know. **Mastin:** Kathy, will you repeat what you said? **Calhoun:** My concern is that – **Mastin:** No, no. You've got to repeat exactly what you said, because they couldn't hear down there. What did you ask Darrell to do? **Calhoun:** If we would also add in the action item that no contract be signed for 2028 at this time. **Newkirk:** Allene, when you do a site visit, are you signing a contract on that visit? **Tartaglia:** No. When we do a site visit, the expectation from the various hotels is that we will be signing a contract. **Newkirk:** But you don't sign a contract. **Tartaglia:** No. We're not signing it on the site visit. **Krzanowski:** I think we should definitely pursue looking for a location for 2028. Even if there is an amendment to the Bylaws presented next year, it would not take effect for the annual until the following year, and that's putting us a little too close, I think, as far as signing a contract for 2028. **Tartaglia:** I think what I'm hearing is, you want us to do sites. Of course, we're not going to sign contracts. What would you say is the realistic date that we could sign a contract? The reason I'm asking is because when we do site visits now, if we can't sign a contract for a year then everything they tell us now when they are offering us is really off the table, and it's totally different. **Mastin:** So Allene, I think it's premature to give you an answer. I think what you need to do is, do your site visits now if the board approves that, and then come back in August, let us know what's going on, come back in October, let us know what's going on. You still have to go through the process of the contract being reviewed by two parties before you can sign it. You have to keep the board up to date on

what's happening. **Tartaglia:** What I'm asking is, when hotels, when we go into negotiations with them at sites, they say, "when can you sign a contract?" So, it sounds to me that the soonest we would be able to sign a contract would be probably next Summer because we first want to wait to see if any bylaw changes – that's all I'm asking. It's what they always ask. **Newkirk:** Who signed the contract for this meeting? **Tartaglia:** I did. The Central Office does. It's reviewed by Rich. **Newkirk:** Did you bring it to the board for approval? **Tartaglia:** No. We never have. **Newkirk:** So, I don't get what's the discussion. If you need to sign a contract, you contact Rich and you guys get it done. **Raymond:** I was just going to say that there's some additional conversation that will to happen amongst the board to determine what kind of bylaw amendment you want. Do you want to maintain the option of physical or virtual meetings, with the board having the discretion, or are you looking to move straight to virtual only meetings, at which point we need to amend the Bylaws effective as of a certain date in the future because those amendments take effect when passed, unless there is some other effective date statement. So, there is I think room to hash that out before we take anything to the delegation. **Anger:** I have a motion I want to make about that after we dispense with this one. **Mastin:** OK. Additional comments or questions? **Tartaglia:** I think the only thing is, I was trying to determine, was there any interest in pursuing the idea of a virtual annual. That was really it, because if there is serious consideration and it is something that's going to be presented to the delegation in 2025, [inaudible] that's how many more contracted annuals we have before we could possibly go to virtual. So, it was really a discussion to hopefully just get some consensus on if we wanted to move forward with presenting something to the delegation. **Newkirk:** I was going to make a suggestion, because I have a gut feeling this is going to go nowhere, because I don't think the delegates are going to go for it. **Currie:** They're not going to go for it. **Newkirk:** I just don't think they are going to go for it, so my suggestion would be, in the delegate meeting tomorrow, we present a straw poll and let the delegates say, "are you interested in this?" And then, if they're not interested, we can cut out the stuff. **Raymond:** I would suggest someone bring it up as a motion from the floor at the end of the afternoon. Those are advisory only. **Griswold:** I agree with Darrell. I don't think the delegates are going to go for this. We have lost a lot of camaraderie anyway in CFA. This is our only big meeting, big celebration where everybody from all over the world comes, other than maybe the International. So, having the ability to do a virtual, if we have to, for monetary reasons I think is good to have as an option, but I don't think that from now on having virtual meetings is going to pass with the delegates, and maybe it shouldn't, either. This is something that brings us all together as one big cat family. At the moment, we already have it where we have to have an in-person meeting so until that gets changed I think we should progress and plan for in-person meetings until something changes. So I would say, the hotel and all of this, to progress as we normally would, sign contracts as we normally would until something would change moving forward. **Moser:** The delegation will never pass this. I know that, but I like Allene's suggestion. I think it's a good suggestion. The problem is that when you do this straw poll or whatever you bring up, make sure you let the delegation know just how much their hotel rooms are going to be, because they're going to go up over \$200 a night. Hotels keep going up. You're not going to find a hotel unless you want substandard. That's fine, but the hotel is going to be expensive. They can get other conventions that guarantee a whole lot more rooms at \$300/night. So, be truthful and let them know what the option is. **Calhoun:** I think one of the things that we have to make sure that the delegates understand is that a virtual meeting means the meeting itself, the Friday meeting. I believe part of the plan also was to move the awards ceremony and the banquet to potentially maybe the Friday

before the International Show. That plays well on two levels because the folks that are coming in for the awards program and to get their national and breed awards on a Friday are probably likely to also enter the International Show because now they now they are paying one air fare, as opposed to coming to two events – the Annual in June/July and the International in October. So, it actually could benefit individuals as well, because their overall cost from an air fare perspective is lower than going to two separate events. So, I think we just need to make sure that when we talk about this, we talk about the whole program and how it may really play well from several different angles, and will save some money for CFA.

Mastin: OK, I'm going to call for the vote. All those in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Dunham and Noble voting no.

Mastin: Rachel, Pam DelaBar, Darrell, Marilee, Carol, Anne, Kenny, Pam Moser, Mike, Hayata-san, Pauli, John, Kathy Calhoun, Russell. All those opposed raise your hand. Cathy Dunham, Paula. Any abstentions? No abstentions. **Anger:** That is 14 yes, 2 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes.

DelaBar: I can also write this up in the notes, that builds upon what Kathy said and bring in some more facts. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any objections? [Cellphone rings] Who is in charge of the fines for cell phones going off? **Currle:** That rule wasn't adopted prior to the meeting. **Newkirk:** Ten bucks! **DelaBar:** No, it was \$20 for a cellphone. **Mastin:** Does that cover inflation over the last four years? **Newkirk:** I think at least \$25. **Mastin:** Is that Kenny's phone? Pauli, did you include this in the Guidebook? **Anger:** We did not adopt that as Orders of the Day, so I think maybe we can do it later.

Mastin: Rachel, you had something you wanted to bring forward. **Anger:** I have a second motion I would like to make. I think we have time to do this and because this is a major shift that's proposed in the way we are doing things, I'm not in favor of a straw poll. My motion would be that by the April 1, 2025 board meeting, the board sponsor an amendment to the Bylaws to allow for a virtual annual option. **Krzanowski:** I'll second that. **Mastin:** Further discussion? Objections? OK, I'm going to call for the vote. If you're in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motino Carried.** Currle and Huhtaniemi voting no.

Mastin: Rachel, Pam DelaBar, Darrell, Marilee, Carol, Anne, Paula, Cathy Dunham, Pam Moser, Mike, Hayata-san, John, Kathy Calhoun, Russell. If you are opposed raise your hand. Pauli and Kenny. If you are an abstention raise your hand. No abstentions. **Anger:** That's 14 yes, 2 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes.

Mastin: OK, who is responsible for putting this together, to work with Ed? **Tartaglia:** I can start it if I have somebody else working with me. **Mastin:** Maybe you can find a volunteer that will work with you, and then work with Ed. Darrell, do you want to? **Newkirk:** No, no, no. I think Rachel should do it. She made the motion. **Mastin:** Rachel, you are volunteering to help. **Anger:** I will do it. **Mastin:** I forgot about that rule. That's right. That's a good rule. **DelaBar:** I was basically going to say the same thing. That's how Loretta Baugh ended up with Show Rules one time. **Mastin:** Be careful what you ask for.

Mastin: We are going to take a break. We're at that point. It's 10:23. Let's be back in 15, so 10:38.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Allene Tartaglia*

BREAK.

(8) **IT REPORT.**

Committee Chair: *Tim Schreck*
Systems Administrator: *James Simbro*

Current Happenings of Committee:

***eCat v2.0:** At the time of this report being written, we are preparing for the Zoom Town Hall meeting being held on June 17th, 2024, and the official system launch the following day. I will be able to give an update at the board meeting on how the launch went and answer any questions.*

Below is a review of the new features available on eCat. Some will be activated after the initial launch to give us time to assist users with new system features being released.

eCat customer side features at launch

- *Streamlined Cat Registration application process*
- *Category tags for each cat that allows sorting (e.g. For Breeding, Sold, Transferred)*
- *Ability to link all existing cats to an account*
- *New CatTrack Litter Registration & Management process*
- *Manage Catteries: Staff review of catteries linked to eCat accounts.*
- *Instant cattery reports.*

eCat customer side features for post-launch

- *Online show entry using cats on eCat*
- *Electronic files records for cats – Users can upload records for each cat. (e.g. Microchip info, DNA results, sales contracts)*

Genetics: *Once eCat v2.0 is stable and all features have been validated, we will make this project our top priority to complete. No timeline can be given at this time.*

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting: *Projects progress.*

*Respectfully Submitted,
James Simbro, Co-Chair*

Mastin: OK, the meeting is back to order. Allene, thank you for your last report and review. James, let's do the IT report. Is Tim here? He's not here in the room, but he's here in Iowa. Go ahead, James. **Simbro:** Thanks everyone. As you know, we launched eCat last week. It went pretty well. The feedback is in two camps; either people love it or they're not liking it, but my feedback so far is because it's different. It's very different, especially the litter registration process. There's a bit of a learning curve. Once people have used it and experienced it, we're getting good feedback from that. Working out lots of little bugs. When you start really using a system with multiple people, that's when you really work out all the kinks, but our developer has been on top of this stuff and getting things corrected pretty quickly. We've got a couple of outstanding issues with show scoring, particularly the grands, but we'll have that resolved

hopefully in the next day or so here. I have not heard from him today, but hopefully that will occur. The one main feature we did not roll out on this launch is the online show entries. That is going to be coming later. We want to get through this initial launch because we introduced so many new features and changes. Just trying to handle all of those has been very overwhelming but managing through it. The online show entry should occur in the next three months or sooner. We are looking at offering electronic file records as a new feature, where you can store immunization records, contracts, really any type of PDF document with your cat, including microchip numbers. We're looking at doing this as a paid feature, maybe as a tiered level depending on how much storage you want. A lot of services these days, you pay a certain fee for a minimum amount of storage and if you want more storage, you pay for that accordingly. Instant cattery reports are available on your cattery. That has been well received. The next project after that is going to be back to focusing on the genetics. We had to put all of our focus on launching this new system, so we had to put genetics kind of on the back burner for now but once eCat is up and running and we feel pretty confident it's stable, we will be switching our focus back to the genetics. In January – Rich as we discussed – by January we will have an ETA of when genetics may be done.

Simbro: I think that was all of my notes I have. Any questions on eCat or anything else? Any feedback? **DelaBar:** James, did you say that the file feature would be possibly a paid feature? **Simbro:** Possibly, yes. **DelaBar:** I have a very large area where microchipping is required and I believe that the more we see on feline health studies coming forward, which I will be addressing later today, where microchipping is going to be mandatory. **Simbro:** That may be something that we include. Maybe there's a free level where we do microchipping. We haven't fleshed out the details. **DelaBar:** As we have found out in some of our protests where we couldn't prove that one cat was not that cat because we didn't require a positive identification, and for an animal that's a microchip, so I would like to see that remain free. **Simbro:** Microchip would not take long to do. We're not using a lot of storage space to store that. We're just worried about, if we start uploading a lot of – a picture of your cat, the PDF records from your vet, that can grow very quickly. Of course, there is a cost associated with storage. **DelaBar:** The other thing is on DNA results and health testing. We may be seeing in many areas where this is required information for cats, so once we are able to really get a grasp on what is going to be required – and this is just not Europe – then we can talk about how we're going to keep those files on our system. I can tell you, the system that FIFe is using in Finland is absolutely outstanding and has all of this information – Omakissa is what it's called – plus show entry, the whole nine yards. They do require the microchipping, the DNA testing, the health testing, heart scanning, the whole nine yards is all part of this system. **Simbro:** This has come up over the years. **DelaBar:** Yes, I keep bringing it up.

Mastin: Any questions for James? OK James, thank you.

(9) **CLUB APPLICATIONS.**

Committee Chair: Carol Krzanowski
List of Committee Members: Pauli Huhtaniemi

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

New clubs applying for CFA membership were reviewed and presented to the Board for consideration. Assistance and guidance were provided to clubs with questions and issues regarding membership and applications.

Revisions to all the club application materials have been completed and are now available on the CFA web site. Many thanks to Amber Goodright for her assistance and work to complete the updates.

The deadline for clubs to submit their dues and membership lists was June 3, 2024, after which twenty-four clubs were dropped from the membership roster. Eight were from Regions 1-9 and the remainder were from the International Division.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Club Name Change Request

<i>Current Name</i>	<i>Fresno Cat Club (Region 2)</i>
<i>Proposed Name:</i>	<i>Glacier Peak Cat Club</i>
<i>Conflict with Existing Names:</i>	<i>The new name does not conflict with any existing CFA club name.</i>
<i>Reason:</i>	<i>The current club name references Fresno, a city in California that is no longer the center of activity for the club. The club will be active and produce shows in the states of Washington and/or Oregon. The Northwest Regional Director supports this change.</i>

Action Item: *Approve the request by the Fresno Cat Club to change their name to Glacier Peak Cat Club, effective immediately.*

Mastin: Club Applications, Carol. **Krzanowski:** The first order of business I have for consideration is a club name change from Fresno Cat Club to Glacier Peak Cat Club. There are no conflicts with existing names and the Regional Director supports the change. My motion is to [reads]. **Mastin:** Pam Moser, do you want to second this? **Moser:** Yeah, I'll second it. **Newkirk:** Pauli should. He's on the Committee. **Mastin:** OK. Pauli, do you want to second it? **Huhtaniemi:** Yes, I want to. **Mastin:** Pam, do you want to comment on this? **Moser:** Sure, I will comment. Fresno Cat Club has not put on a show for a very long time. The people up in the Washington area were able to talk to the secretary, and the secretary agreed to let them take it and they are going to start putting on shows. In fact, they have one set for November and so this is a

club that was formerly basically a paper club that now will be a working club, so I support this.

Mastin: Any questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Carol? **Krzanowski:** Before we move on to club applications, I just wanted to mention that 24 clubs were dropped in June for not meeting the requirements for membership. Four of these had paid the dues but never submitted membership lists, and that's unfortunate. I'm not sure what happened in those cases. Eight of the dropped clubs were from Regions 1-9 and the remainder from the International Division.

[From end of report] **Anger:** Can we consider an alternate type of application process for clubs that have been dropped for non-payment or some temporary reason, so they don't have to go through the entire process? I think we are losing some clubs because there was confusion when they renewed, sent their application to .com instead of .org and they were dropped. It was their fault for not checking, but that's just one example. My suggestion is to consider an alternate application process for those clubs. **Krzanowski:** I'm not opposed to that at all. I'm not sure if the Bylaws would permit us to do that. I do know that most of these clubs have very good intentions. I'm not sure why some of them have dropped off the membership list. I would hope that the Regional Directors and the International Division Committee would cooperate with these clubs and communicate the importance of meeting the requirements each year. That being said, there's no explanation as to why they fell off. It could be a number of different reasons, but I would certainly be in favor of trying to streamline re-acceptance of these clubs if the Bylaws would allow us to do so. **Newkirk:** That was exactly the point I wanted to make. So, the Regional Directors and ID Committee people, are you monitoring the clubs and contacting them? **Moser:** Email after email. **Newkirk:** It's OK, it's OK. I don't want your blood pressure to go up. **DelaBar:** All Region 9 clubs. We are fine. **Newkirk:** When you were president and you appointed me ID Chair, there were usually 30-40 clubs who did not renew and I stayed on them and stayed on them until they got their payment in and they got their membership list in. It was just a question. I was not impugning anyone's sanctity or commitment. **Moser:** There's really no excuse for laziness. Central Office sends out stuff. I know for me I send out stuff. Some people, I even contacted the president or the secretary. They just don't want to do it any longer, so I don't know why you want to bring it back up. To me, it's laziness on one point and then the other, maybe they're just not interested. Maybe they want that club to go away. **Calhoun:** I'm not sure if we have email addresses that may not be correct. We had a couple of clubs that we did get some late response and then we tried to get an extension of their date and that was against the Bylaws and we fully understand that, so we're going to be working diligently with those clubs that responded to reapply and be reinstated, but it could be email addresses are changed. We just don't know, because you send emails out, they don't bounce back. We hear nothing. **Colilla:** One of the issues, like in China since COVID, we lost a lot of clubs. They want to get back. They're not sure how to reapply, so I have to tell them to start to reapply through the regular process as a new club. If there's a shortcut, please let me know. **Mastin:** Ed, can you address the question to the Bylaws? **Raymond:** Not without doing a little bit of research and bringing this back. **Mastin:** OK, so we'll look into that. Carol and Ed will further look into it. **Anger:** Nice, thank you.

New Club Applicants

Action Item: Approve the nine new club applicants that were pre-noticed for membership. The applicants are:

1. *Baobei Cat, International Division - China; John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair and Wain Harding, Co-Chair*
2. *Cat Advocates & Troopers Society, International Division - Asia; Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair*
3. *China Champion Cat, International Division - China; John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair and Wain Harding, Co-Chair*
4. *Fenix Cat Club, Region 9; Pam DelaBar, Regional Director*
5. *Hong Kong Golden British Shorthair Cat Club, International Division - Asia; Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair*
6. *Malaysia Cat Alliance Society (MCAS), International Division - Asia; Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair*
7. *Sapphire Stars Feline Club, International Division - China; John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair and Wain Harding, Co-Chair*
8. *Skyway Cat Club of Tampa Bay, Region 7, Kenny Currle, Regional Director (**Note:** this application will be presented and discussed in executive session)*
9. *Southwest Sweet Cat, International Division - China; John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair and Wain Harding, Co-Chair*

Krzanowski: Moving on to applications, we have nine clubs pre-noticed for this meeting, one of which will be considered in executive session.

Club Statistics Pertaining to New Club Applicants

Dick Kallmeyer has produced maps showing the locations of the new club applicants being presented at this meeting as compared to the locations of existing clubs in these areas. The new club applicants are indicated in green, existing clubs with shows are indicated in black, and existing clubs with no shows are indicated in red. Included with the maps are charts for each proposed new club area showing the total existing CFA clubs, number of shows produced and total registrations.

In addition to the maps and charts noted above, Dick has also provided additional charts indicating the total number of all CFA clubs, registrations and shows for the 2023-2024 show season in each of CFA's geographic areas.

Many thanks to Dick Kallmeyer for once again providing this valuable information.

Baobei Cat
International Division - China; Zhengzhou, Henan, China
John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair; Wain Harding, Subcommittee Co-Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 14 members. None of the members are members of other CFA clubs. Three of the members are breeders with CFA cattery names and are active exhibitors at CFA shows, and one member with an expired CFA cattery name plans to renew the name and has show production experience. The remaining members have household pets and are show enthusiasts. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce one or two shows a year in Zhengzhou. The club also plans to hold some educational lectures to help promote CFA and the cat fancy. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to an animal protection agency. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Committee supports this club.

Krzanowski: The first club application is from Baobei Cat. his club is based in Zhengzhou, the capital and largest city of Henan Province in east central China. Zhengzhou is located in the north central area of the province and with a population of over 12 million, it is one of the largest cities in central China. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. If accepted, the club plans to produce two or three shows a year in Zhengzhou. I move to accept this club. **Currie:** Kenny seconds, and I would like to make a standing second if I may. **Krzanowski:** I'll make a standing motion to accept the clubs, as well. **Colilla:** I support this club. It's in an area that we need to grow. **Mastin:** Kathy Calhoun, do you have any comments? **Calhoun:** This has been reviewed by the entire Committee and we are in support. **Mastin:** Any further discussion or questions? Any objections? **Moser:** I have an objection. **Mastin:** I'm sorry Pam. You're either too slow or I didn't look your way. If you are opposed to the motion raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Moser voting no.

Mastin: Pam Moser. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. Everybody else supports the motion. **Anger:** That's 15 yes, 1 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Congratulations to Baobei Cat. It's not "club", it's just "cat", correct? **Krzanowski:** That's the name that they chose. **Mastin:** OK, very good.

Cat Advocates & Troupers Society
International Division - Asia; Selangor, Malaysia
Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair

This was a formerly very active CFA club whose membership lapsed due to the COVID-19 restrictions. The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 18 members. One member is secretary of another CFA club. Seven of the members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA cattery names, and most other members have been exhibiting pedigreed cats at CFA shows. Two members are CFA Associate Judges, two are licensed Master Clerks, two are Certified Clerks, two have clerking experience, and most members have show production experience. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce two or three shows a year in Kuala Lumpur and possibly other cities outside the Klang Valley. The club also plans to hold clerking schools, promote cat/breed awareness and perhaps bring an Agility ring to Malaysia. The dues

have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to the Paws Animal Welfare Society. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received.

Mastin: Continue. **Krzanowski:** Next, we have Cat Advocates and Troupers Society. This club is based in the state of Selangor, Malaysia. Selangor has a population of over 7 million and is located on the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia surrounding the capital city of Kuala Lumpur. This is a formerly active CFA club whose membership lapsed due to the COVID-19 restrictions. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. If accepted, this club plans to produce two or three shows a year in Kuala Lumpur and possibly other cities outside the Klang Valley. **Calhoun:** The ID Committee is in support. Bob Zenda – Cat Advocates and Troupers Society – I think Bob sent an email to Carol and I followed that up with an email for the entire Committee. We reviewed it in our meeting and we are in support. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Any further discussion or questions? Any objections to this motion? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Congratulations Cat Advocates and Troupers Society.

China Champion Cat
International Division - China; Qingdao, China
John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair; Wain Harding, Subcommittee Co-Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 14 members. None of the members are members of other CFA clubs. Four of the members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA cattery names, and the remaining members own household pets and are participating in CFA shows. One member has show production experience. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce one or two shows a year in Qingdao. The club also plans to hold some educational lectures to help promote CFA and the cat fancy. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to an animal protection agency such as Qingdao Animal Rescue Station to help stray cats. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Committee supports this club.

Krzanowski: Next is China Champion Cat. This club is based in Qingdao, a major city located on China's Yellow Sea coast in eastern Shandong Province. Qingdao is a major seaport and naval base. With a population of over 10 million, it is China's 15th most populous city. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. If accepted, this club plans to produce one or two shows a year in Qingdao. **Mastin:** John Colilla, comments? **Colilla:** The China Committee supports this club. **Mastin:** Kathy Calhoun? **Calhoun:** And so does the entire ID Committee. **Mastin:** Any objections? Anybody have any further discussion? **Moser:** You saw my objection? **Mastin:** I saw it. I was looking at you. If you are not in favor of this motion, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Moser voting no.

Mastin: Pam Moser. If you are an abstention raise your hand. No abstentions. **Anger:** That's 15 yes, 1 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Congratulations China Champion Cat.

***Fenix Cat Club
Europe Region, Granada, Spain
Pam DelaBar, Regional Director***

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 54 members. Two of the members are members of another CFA club. Nearly all of the members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA cattery names. Nine members have show production experience, six have clerking experience and two have attended BAOS training sessions. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce two shows a year in Madrid, Spain because of its central location and available transportation. The club may consider producing shows in other cities located near airports and good transportation. This club also plans to hold some educational seminars to support breeders and exhibitors and to ensure the health and welfare of cats. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to an animal-related non-profit organization such as a shelter or rescue group. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The Europe Regional Director supports this club.

Krzanowski: The next application is Fenix Cat Club. This club is based in Granada, the capital city of the province of Granada, Spain. The city has a population of over 230,000 and is located at the foot of the Sierra Nevada mountains in southern Spain, approximately an hour drive from the Mediterranean coast. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. If accepted, this club plans to produce two shows a year in Madrid and possibly some other cities in Spain. **Mastin:** Pam DelaBar? **DelaBar:** This was the most complete, the most extensive club application I have reviewed in my time on the board. They have well over 50 members, very active exhibitors. The secretary may live in a city [phone rings]. I had a full application, so I don't know why yours is blank. **Griswold:** On File Vista it's blank. **Krzanowski:** I don't know what happened. **DelaBar:** The application I reviewed was very extensive. It has over 50 members. The secretary may live in a city of about a quarter of a million people, but the membership of the club extends throughout the entire country of Spain. We have people interested in becoming judges who are part of this club. We have active clerks, and they are just waiting to get the full CFA membership. I fully support this group. **Mastin:** Pauli, do you have any comments? **Huhtaniemi:** I fully support them. **Krzanowski:** I just want to comment, because some board members commented that on File Vista the application was blank. The one that I submitted was not blank. **Currle:** I can see why, because you have an extensive membership list. It's listed below. **Anger:** I'm resending it to the board list. **Krzanowski:** If anyone has a question in advance of the meeting about any of the applications, you can always contact me privately and I would be happy to send you information. **Mastin:** How many board members have a blank application? **Anger:** I'm sending it to the board list. **Mastin:** Darrell and Marilee, are you comfortable voting on this right now or do you want to wait until you have a chance to review the application? **Griswold:** This lists the members but it doesn't list the officers. That's the only think I think that we're missing out of the official application process, because it will say Club Officers, Club Directors, and then the Club Members and the activities. All of that they have put all of that on separate paper, so they've got the Club Members and the CFA activities on a separate paper. The only think I think we are missing is Officers. **Anger:** I see it on the membership application. I think it depends on what server you use or something, because mine lists the president, secretary, vice president and so on, and all the directors and members are listed there. So, I sent that to the board list. If you are talking about something different, then it appears correctly. **Krzanowski:** I just want to comment

further. This is one of the most extensive and complete applications I have seen in a long time. It was excellent the way it was presented to us. As I said, if anyone notices a problem they need to contact me in advance of the meeting. **Mastin:** Darrell and Marilee, do you see what Rachel sent yet? Darrell and Marilee, if Rachel reads who the officers are, would you be comfortable voting on this? **Newkirk:** Sure. **Mastin:** OK Rachel, would you read who the officers are of this club? **Anger:** You bet. I get to pronounce these names, great. [**Secretary's Note:** From New Club Applicants announced in the CFA News on May 9, 2024]:

Fenix Cat Club
President: Adrian Pulido Giraldo
Secretary: Sorangel Josefina Orsatti Marron
Location: Grenada, Spain

Newkirk: We got the email. **Krzanowski:** For the benefit of everyone, I just want to summarize the experience of the people that are members of this club. Two of the members are members of another CFA club. Nearly all the members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA registered cattery names. Nine members have show production experience, six have clerking experience and two have attended BAOS training sessions. So, I think it's a highly experienced group of people. **Mastin:** Any objections to the motion? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Congratulations Fenix Cat Club. **DelaBar:** Thank you.

Hong Kong Golden British Shorthair Cat Club
International Division - Asia; Tai Po, Hong Kong
Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 19 members. None of the members are members of other CFA clubs. One of the members is an active breeder and exhibitor with a CFA cattery name, and one member has clerking experience. Eight of the remaining members have golden British Shorthair cats and some are exhibiting at CFA shows. The remaining members are cat lovers and owners. This is a breed specialty club and if accepted, the club plans to produce two shows a year in Hong Kong. The club also plans to help promote CFA and pedigreed cats. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to a pet charity to help homeless cats. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received.

Krzanowski: The next application is from Hong Kong British Shorthair Cat Club. This club is based in Tai Po, an area in the New Territories of Hong Kong that is part of Tai Po District, one of the eighteen districts of Hong Kong. Tai Po District is located generally in the east central area of Hong Kong and has a population of over 300,000. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. If accepted, this club plans to produce two shows a year in Hong Kong.

Mastin: Any discussion? **Newkirk:** How many clubs do we have in Hong Kong?
Krzanowski: I don't have a count of that, Darrell. Kathy, do you know? **Calhoun:** I don't have

the number offhand, but the ID Committee is not in support of this club for a couple of reasons. There are some concerns about some activities and also about the number of clubs, so we are not supporting. **Mastin:** Cathy Dunham and Pam Moser, were you able to hear that? **Moser:** No. **Calhoun:** There are some concerns and I don't want to talk about them in open session because of the sensitivity but we shared our concerns with Darrell. Because of that, there are a number of clubs in Hong Kong at this time that the ID Committee is not in support. **Mastin:** Any further questions or discussion? **Currle:** Are any club members or potential club members, members of any other CFA club in Hong Kong? **Calhoun:** Yes, I believe so. **Currle:** How many? **Calhoun:** I don't know the number right offhand, but I know that the president is, and I believe the secretary. One has campaigned a cat and that was significant. **Krzanowski:** To answer Darrell's question, we have 17 clubs in Hong Kong, 14 have produced a show within the past year and the remainder have not. **Mastin:** Any further questions? If you are in favor of this motion, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

Mastin: If you are an abstention raise your hand. No abstentions and no one was in favor. Everybody voted no, motion fails. It unanimously fails.

Malaysia Cat Alliance Society (MCAS)
International Division - Asia; Selangor, Malaysia
Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 16 members. None of the members are members of other CFA clubs. One of the members is an active breeder and exhibitor with a CFA cattery name, and the remaining members are exhibiting and participating in CFA shows. Three members have show production experience through previous work with other clubs. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce four to six shows a year in the Klang Valley, Malaysia. The club also plans to help promote CFA and the cat fancy in Malaysia. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to a local animal shelter. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received.

Krzanowski: The next application is Malaysia Cat Alliance Society. This club is based in the state of Selangor, Malaysia. As mentioned previously, Selangor has a population of over 7 million and is located on the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia surrounding the capital city of Kuala Lumpur. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. If accepted, this club plans to produce four to six shows a year in the Klang Valley area of Malaysia. **Calhoun:** The International Division Committee is not in favor of this club. There was another club that we supported and we would hope that we can work with the groups to work together and have a single club, and unite and put together shows. Ideally, I think that that would be the best position for the people in that area, so at this point in time we are not supporting this additional club. **DelaBar:** My question Kathy, do these groups get along? **Calhoun:** We want to investigate that because the board might approve the second one. **Currle:** I didn't hear half of what Kathy said. **Calhoun:** OK, so the ID Committee is not in support of this club. We did support Cat Advocates in the same area. The hope would be that the members of the clubs could combine and work together to put on shows in that area. **Newkirk:** I would like to know how many clubs are in Malaysia. **Krzanowski:** I did have statistics that were attached to my report

that Dick Kallmeyer so graciously provided to me. They were on File Vista. Let me see what he says about Malaysia. We have two clubs in Malaysia, two that have produced a show within a year and two that have produced a show within three years. **Newkirk:** What's the population of Malaysia. **Krzanowski:** I do not know the population. **Calhoun:** That area is 7 million.

Krzanowski: In all of Malaysia? [inaudible, multiple speakers] **Newkirk:** We have been down this road many times, where we try to get two clubs in the same proximity to work together. It has never worked – never worked. So, if this is a legitimate group of people asking for a club in a country that's got 7 million people, I'm sure that the current club isn't putting on more than two shows a year? **Calhoun:** The new club – **Newkirk:** I didn't ask about the new club, I asked about the existing club. **Calhoun:** The existing club, correct. **Newkirk:** Two shows a year?

Calhoun: Yes, correct. **Newkirk:** So, as ID Chair, can you not work with this new club so that they can get a date that doesn't conflict? **Calhoun:** That certainly would be the – Darrell, there would be no conflict in dates. This club, I think they said that they plan to put on four shows. The other club I believe asked to put on three shows. That's a huge leap, and we would like them to work together. Perhaps they won't, but we feel like it's worth the effort on their part. **Newkirk:** I thought you were against it. **Calhoun:** We would like both of these clubs to work together. We would like the members – we had two groups in one area asking for clubs in this rotation.

Newkirk: I will restate again, we have been down this road many times. It doesn't work. I am going to vote for the club. **Currle:** I'm going to vote in favor of this club. I think that we can handle two clubs in Malaysia, with a population of 7 million. **Griswold:** I just wanted to ask, as with the other club that came up, is there anything specifically negative about the members of this club that were an issue? **Calhoun:** No. No negative comments from individuals. **Anger:** According to Google, which of course if it's on the internet it has to be right, the population of this state, Selangor, is 7 million. The population of Malaysia is 33.9 million. **Krzanowski:** So, 34 million. **Calhoun:** If the board chooses to approve this, that would be definitely something – I mean, the Committee would certainly work with them to get show dates, and we could say, "Hey, are you actually putting on the number of shows that you had committed to? What are your next steps? Do you have any obstacles that we can work with you on to alleviate?" **Mastin:** All those in favor raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Colilla and Calhoun voting no.

Mastin: Rachel, Pam DelaBar, Darrell, Marilee, Carol, Anne, Kenny, Paula, Cathy Dunham, Pam Moser, Mike, Hayata-san, Pauli, Russell. If you are opposed raise your hand. Kathy Calhoun and John. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. **Anger:** Pauli, you were a yes? **Huhtaniemi:** Yes. **Anger:** I scribbled, sorry. That's 14 yes, 2 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes. Congratulations Malaysia Cat Alliance Society.

Sapphire Stars Feline Club
International Division - China; Chongqing, China
John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair; Wain Harding, Subcommittee Co-Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 18 members. None of the members are members of other CFA clubs. Two members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA cattery names, and the remaining members are all exhibiting pedigreed cats in CFA shows. Two of the members may begin breeding and register cattery names. Four members have clerking experience. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club hopes to produce one show a month

in Chongqing, Chengdu, Shanghai or Nanjing. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to the Shanghai Home of Lingyang, an animal rescue group. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Committee supports this club.

Krzanowski: Our next application is from Sapphire Stars Feline Club. This club is based in Chongqing, a large city in southwestern China and one of the four direct-administered municipalities of China along with Beijing, Shanghai and Tianjin. Chongqing has a population of over 30 million and covers an area roughly the size of Austria. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. If accepted, the club plans to produce one show a month in Chongqing, Chengdu, Shanghai or Nanjing. **Calhoun:** The ID Committee is in support. **Mastin:** John, do you have any comments? **Colilla:** Since there's not that much activity down in Chongqing for quite a while, we need activity so I fully support this. **Mastin:** Any questions? Further discussion? Objections?

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Moser voting no.

Mastin: If you are opposed to the motion, raise your hand. Pam Moser. If you're an abstention raise your hand. No abstentions. **Anger:** That's 15 yes, 1 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes. Congratulations Sapphire Stars Feline Club.

***Southwest Sweet Cat
International Division - China; Chengdu, Sichuan, China
John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair; Wain Harding, Subcommittee Co-Chair***

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 14 members. None of the members are members of other CFA clubs. Two members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA cattery names, and two members are breeders and exhibitors with expired CFA cattery names who plan to renew the names. One member has show production experience through previous work with another club. The remaining members own household pets and are show enthusiasts. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce one or two shows a year in Chengdu. The club also plans to provide some educational lectures to help promote CFA, pedigreed cats and cat care. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to an animal protection agency. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Committee supports this club.

Krzanowski: The final application is from Southwest Sweet Cat. This club is based in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province in southwest China. Chengdu is located in the central area of the province and has a population of over 20 million, making it the fourth most populous city in China. The population of Sichuan Province is approximately 83 million. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. If accepted, the club plans to produce one or two shows a year in Chengdu. **Mastin:** Kathy Calhoun? **Calhoun:** The ID Committee is in support. **Mastin:** John, any comments? **Colilla:** I support this. Like I said earlier, the shows are almost non-existent around the Chengdu area. We need activity there. It seems the most activity in China is in the eastern part of China. We need something on the west. **Mastin:** Questions or comments? Are there any objections?

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Moser voting no.

Mastin: If you are opposed to the motion, raise your hand. If you are an abstention raise your hand. No abstentions. **Anger:** That's 15 yes, 1 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes. Congratulations Southwest Sweet Cat.

Krzanowski: That is all I have, thank you.

Future Projections for Committee:

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

Time Frame:

June 2024 to October 2024 CFA Board meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Carol Krzanowski, Chair*

(10) TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer Kathy Calhoun gave the following report:

May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024

Key Financial Indicators

Balance Sheet

CFA's current and long-term assets, liabilities and equity are well positioned as the fiscal year ends.

This financial report represents the full fiscal year financials beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024.

Mastin: Kathy Calhoun, Treasurer's Report. **Calhoun:** The balance sheet is in order. We are in good financial condition through the fiscal year end.

Profit & Loss Analysis

Litter registration contributed \$276,169 to the bottom line. This represents a 23.6% reduction compared to the prior year, which is 76% of budget.

Individual registration contributed \$498,291 to the bottom line. This represents a decline of 21.4% when compared to the prior year and was 79% of budget.

Total registration (litter registration and individual registration) contributed \$799,246 to the bottom line which is 17.7% lower than prior year and 80% of budget.

	<i>May 2023 – Apr 2024</i>	<i>May 2022 – Apr 2023 (PY)</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>% Change</i>
<i>Registrations, Litters (early)</i>	<i>\$115,870</i>	<i>\$154,250</i>	<i>(\$38,380)</i>	<i>-24.88%</i>
<i>Registrations, Litters</i>	<i>\$160,299</i>	<i>\$207,210</i>	<i>(\$46,911)</i>	<i>-22.64%</i>
<i>Total Litter Registrations</i>	<i>\$276,169</i>	<i>\$361,479</i>	<i>(\$85,311)</i>	<i>-23.60%</i>
<i>Registrations, Cats (early)</i>	<i>\$207,540</i>	<i>\$250,424</i>	<i>(\$42,884)</i>	<i>-17.12%</i>
<i>TRN's</i>	<i>\$10,660</i>	<i>\$2,883</i>	<i>\$7,777</i>	<i>269.78%</i>
<i>Registration, Cats</i>	<i>\$65,578</i>	<i>\$80,618</i>	<i>(\$15,040)</i>	<i>-18.66%</i>
<i>Registrations, Cats-Prepaid</i>	<i>\$210,338</i>	<i>\$293,935</i>	<i>(\$83,597)</i>	<i>-28.44%</i>
<i>Registrations, Cats w/Litter</i>	<i>\$4,175</i>	<i>\$6,493</i>	<i>(\$2,318)</i>	<i>-35.70%</i>
<i>Total Individual Registrations</i>	<i>\$498,291</i>	<i>\$634,353</i>	<i>(\$136,062)</i>	<i>-21.45%</i>
<i>Total Registrations</i>	<i>\$799,246</i>	<i>\$971,021</i>	<i>(\$171,776)</i>	<i>-17.69%</i>

Calhoun: I wanted to talk about the P&L, and concerns about – I’m sure that you have read the report and I’m sure that the board members have seen the numbers that Dick Kallmeyer has been providing us on registration by area, by breeds. We are having significant reductions. Litter registration is 76% of budget. It’s down 23.6%. Individual registration has declined 21.4%, which is 79% of budget. Overall, registration is down 17.7% compared to prior year, at 80% of budget. This is a significant impact to our bottom line. We’re over \$171,000 short of prior year, so this is very concerning. There is a list that itemizes where we were on each of these categories in 2023/2024 compared to 2022/2023, the dollar change and the percentage. Total registrations came in at \$799,000 compared to \$971,000, which is \$172,000 below prior year. So, we’ve got to get our arms around that.

Other Key Indicators: Additional performance indicators are captured in the table below.

	May 2023 - Apr 2024	May 2022 - Apr 2023 (PY)	Change	% Change
HHP / CCW	\$9,672	\$12,995	(\$3,323)	-25.57%
Registrations, Cattery	\$153,625	\$217,611	(\$63,986)	-29.40%
Reg, Cattery Renewal	\$57,270	\$42,097	\$15,173	36.04%
Transfer Ownership	\$15,005	\$18,765	(\$3,760)	-20.04%
Duplicate/Corrected Certificates	\$15,795	\$19,856	(\$4,061)	-20.45%
Championship Confirmation	\$72,135	\$52,998	\$19,137	36.11%
Registration by Pedigree	\$86,909	\$114,150	(\$27,241)	-23.86%
Judge License Fees	\$4,060	\$5,070	(\$1,010)	-19.92%
BAOS Income	\$16,050	\$5,353	\$10,697	199.83%
Show Entry Surcharge	\$74,655	\$57,435	\$17,220	29.98%

Total Ordinary Income contributed **\$1,756,026** to the bottom line compared to \$1,999,4000 the prior year. This represents a 12% decrease compared to prior year and is 82% of budget.

Calhoun: Looking at other Key Indicators, the two categories that showed growth are cattery renewals, which is up 36% or \$15,000, and I believe championship confirmation, which is reflective of having shows and a little bit bigger shows. Championship confirmation came in at \$72,000 compared to \$53,000, which is a positive 36%. Ordinary Income, which is all above the expense line – I think you are all familiar with the P&L. Income contributed \$1.7 million, almost \$1.8 million to the bottom line compared to last year, which was almost \$200,000.

Publications

Overall revenue has decreased 14% compared to prior year and is 115% of budget.

Central Office – This category is 7.68% higher than prior year and 104% of budget.

CFA Programs – Programs are 104% of budget.

Calhoun: Overall, Publications were down a little bit. Central Office is 104% of budget and Programs are 104% of budget.

2023 Annual Meeting and the International Show – A detailed report of each event will be posted in File Vista.

<i>CFA Annual</i>	<i>Actuals</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>over Budget</i>	<i>% Of Budget</i>
<i>Total Income</i>	\$64,841	\$58,500	\$6,341	111 %
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$145,604	\$135,460	\$10,144	107 %
<i>Net Income</i>	(\$80,762)	(\$76,960)	(\$3,802)	105 %

<i>CFA International</i>	<i>Actuals</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>over Budget</i>	<i>% Of Budget</i>
<i>Total Income</i>	\$341,406	\$291,400	\$50,006	117 %
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$345,234	\$265,600	\$79,634	130 %
<i>Net Income</i>	(\$3,827)	\$25,800	(\$29,627)	-15.0 %

Calhoun: The 2023 Annual meeting and International Show detail. Net income for the Annual – now, we never look at the Annual being a profit center. It's a cost, and it cost us almost \$81,000 for last year's Annual. The International Show, there was a loss of almost \$4,000 on the International Show.

The Bottom Line: This past fiscal year was one of declining registration. Revenue from registration declined over 17% to prior year which was 80% of budget. Expenses came in close to budgeted amounts. Within these factors, CFA's bottom line for the 2023 – 2024 fiscal year was a negative \$393,000.

	<i>May – April 2024</i>	<i>May – April 2024 Budget</i>	<i>Change</i>
<i>Total Income</i>	\$2,227,651	\$2,564,000	(\$336,349)
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$2,739,338	\$2,575,108	\$164,230
<i>Net Operating Income</i>	(\$511,687)	(\$11,108)	(\$500,579)
<i>Interest Income</i>	\$12,807	\$26,000	(\$13,193)
<i>Rental Income</i>	\$29,040	\$29,040	\$0
<i>Unrealized Gain/Loss</i>	\$76,844	\$50,000	\$26,844
<i>Total Other Income</i>	\$118,691	\$105,040	\$13,651

<i>Net Income (x-depreciation)</i>	<i>(\$392,996)</i>	<i>\$93,932</i>	<i>(\$486,928)</i>

Calhoun: We get to the Bottom Line. After we take total income, expenses, our interest income, our rental, our realized gains, all other income, we had a net loss of almost \$393,000. This should come as – again, Registration is a huge piece of this. With the budget, this was one of the reasons why we made the very, very difficult decision to reduce show sponsorship, because we have to get our arms around this. What we just talked about, the Annual meeting being Zoom potentially, if possible, if all parties agree, and moving the celebration piece to the International weekend. That can save almost \$100,000 there. This is not talking about taking anything away from awards in and of themselves, it’s just all of the cost that we absorb to travel, hotels, food for two events. These are the sorts of things that we really, really have to get very serious about, moving forward. We have to make sure that no stone is unturned around this until we get registrations up. There is discussion about ways to do that. It will take time, but in the interim, we have to be very, very diligent on how we spend. We must be diligent, the budgets that we set forth this last planning period are adhered to. As I stated before the final budget meeting that I didn’t attend because of pre-planned surgery, I believe that our clubs are where we need to focus at the grass roots level – our clubs, to be able to build this organization. Our clubs, through their good works, their local humane societies, through their putting on shows and attracting people which hopefully will grow more cat fanciers, which will grow more registrations. We don’t have Madison Square Garden anymore. We don’t have the Today Show anymore. We don’t have Meet the Breeds anymore. We have clubs throughout the world who can help build new fanciers and get us new registrations. It can’t be from the top down. We have got to go from the grass roots and push up. That’s where our programs need to be. **Moser:** Kathy, this was very important information that you have stated. Will this be brought up in the delegate meeting? **Calhoun:** Yes ma’am. **Moser:** Good, and you will stress that at the delegate meeting? **Calhoun:** Yes ma’am. **Moser:** Thank you.

Newkirk: I sit here and I look at these numbers. I don’t need my heart to be shocked right now because I just had it repaired, but this scares the [expletive] out of me. This organization – and I don’t disagree with Pam; I think clubs are very important. We have a breeder problem. The bottom of every issue we have is a breeder problem. If we don’t get more breeders, this is going to continue to get worse. It’s going to get worse, because if you don’t have breeders, you don’t have litters being born. If you don’t have litters, you don’t have registrations bringing in income. Registrations are our core business. We need registrations, and you get that by getting breeders. I’m sorry to say this, but we’re in trouble. We’re in a whole heap of trouble here and we’ve got to turn this around. If we don’t turn it around, we’re going to be some little cat club up on the east coast that has a cat show every now and then, and it will be called “CFA East Coast” or something. A lot of people on the west coast think that we don’t matter to CFA, but we matter out there. I don’t breed anymore. I can’t do it because I judge and I can’t be home when the kittens are born, and so I had to stop breeding, but we need more breeders. That’s the answer, and we need some kind of program that provides some kind of inducement to people to continue their breeding programs and add new people in. I know there’s a lot of people that are mentoring and trying to bring people into the fold. We’re a good organization. I think we’re strong, I think we’ve got good rules, but we need to turn around this breeder problem. **Calhoun:**

You're right, we are a registry. We are, first and foremost, a registry. Every decision that we make should be through the lens that we are a registry, and that's where 90% of our income comes from, is from registrations. We need to be more open to new breeds, to new colors. If you look at when we were doing show sponsorships and we started that, we did not see an increase in income and registrations. It flatlined and it has gone down and it has gone down. The correlation is not there, so we need to figure out where we put the money to increase the top line, because we cannot reduce expenses as a way to success. We have to increase the top line. **Moser:** I totally agree with Darrell and Kathy. Kathy just brought up something that I was going to bring up, in addition. This is a five alarm fire. I mean, if you look at statistics that somebody provided you, in 1988 our registration was I think it was \$84,000. Today it is \$32,000. That should be a five alarm fire. Now, that's the thing I wanted to bring up is Kathy's suggestion. We have to start accepting new breeds. We need to register. This is what we are – we're a registry. Accept new stuff. I remember one board meeting, one board member brought up, "we can register anything with four legs." So, start registering. That's our core business. That's what we have to increase. **Krzanowski:** One of the large problems we have is concerning the breeders we currently have are not registering all of their kittens. They register one that they want to show and that is all. Speaking with them, they say, "well, it's not important to the pet buyer that they have a registration certificate, only that the kitten could be registered." Personally as a breeder I pre-register all my kittens, so CFA at least gets that registration money. What the pet buyer does with that yellow slip afterwards is up to them, but at least the kittens are on record, they're registered and CFA has the money. Somehow, we've got to encourage people to register all the kittens. It would increase our bottom line a lot. Somehow convince them to do that. The breeders I have spoken with say it's too expensive, but it's not expensive at all when you look at the large picture of show entries and everything else. It's very inexpensive to register a kitten. Somehow, we need to enlist their assistance and get them on board registering. **Huhtaniemi:** I agree with what Carol, Darrell and Pam said earlier, but we really need to support the clubs. They are the real face of CFA. When you go to a cat show, it's the club who takes the risks and we need to support them.

Currle: Going back to what Pam was saying, accepting new breeds I think is vital to this organization. We can register and on the other hand we can also create a more difficult path to the show ring. Just because we register them doesn't mean they should automatically be in championship. We should have the opportunity to register those particular breeds and, if there's a problem, we can look at it as far as getting to the show ring. As far as what Pauli just said, I couldn't agree with you more. We are an organization of clubs, absolutely. Our best form of advertising is a business decision by a club to hold a show, so they do need support Pauli and I agree with you 100%. **Calhoun:** I agree, as well, but we're all when we go to a show – that being judges, that being exhibitors – we are the face of CFA. We need to engage people when we're at shows and spectators that are coming in and talk to them about – engage, be open, be friendly. The judges, pick a little kid out in the audience and engage with that little kid. That parent is all excited about it. We have to do that. We're all in charge of the front line. It just doesn't help to have a show and everybody is in their own little huddle. We've got spectators that came and paid. They are the next generation, but we have to engage them. Two, this simple math. One of our biggest competitors has so many more breeds that they recognize. It's simple math why the registrations are bigger, simple math. There's no magic to that. The more breeds, the more colors – as Kenny said, they don't have to all go to the show. We kind of talked about that a little bit in strategic planning before. They don't have to be all show, but they should be

recognized and counted. The other thing, isn't there going to be a motion about the 75 kitten rule, that you have to have an inspection? **DelaBar:** No. **Calhoun:** Is that not coming? **DelaBar:** That is not part of it. **Calhoun:** Is that coming up or is that not coming up? I thought I read that.

DelaBar: It's not part of what's going to be discussed. **Calhoun:** It's not? **DelaBar:** No.

Griswold: Obviously, our registrations are lower than they used to be. I think that is multi-pronged. It has a lot to do with COVID, it has a lot to do with the economy, it has a lot to do with animal rights activists, some legal issues that are coming up with particular breeds, it has a lot to do with – it's multi-pronged. I know there's a motion coming to the floor that is going to request that we not be in support of breeds with multiple mutations, like the Scottish Kilt, which is a mixture of a Munchkin and a Scottish Fold. That cat personally scares the bejesus out of me and if we want to get our pedigreed cats banned off the face of the planet, we should support those breeds. You know what I'm saying? So, we can't register everything with four legs and hope that we are doing the right thing. We have to have a little bit of ethics, as well. **DelaBar:** I am going to be bringing up more of this, this afternoon when I give my report on European Union breed legislation, but please do not look at the bottom line when we are looking at new breeds. We can look at the Scottish Folds. We have the Straight Ear Folds now which opened up a lot more entries in many clubs. We have looked at the Scottish Fold, hairless cats and the Persian/Exotics are the breeds that are taking the hit right now. Persians used to be our most registered breed. We need to do this with the health of the cat and the welfare of the cat first in consideration. That still is one of the first objects of our Bylaws, is the welfare of all cats. So, look at this when we're trying to see how we are going to get more registrations. Don't look at it like, "oh gee, if we bring in a Dwelf or something like that, then we can get more registrations." To let you know, I'll bring up more of this later, that these off-the-wall breeds – excuse me, but these are cats, living, purring beings – are being registered in rare breed registries. There's a new one now in Ukraine that focuses on the dominant blue-eyed gene cats. These we need to be worried about because these are the very breeds that are fueling the fire against breeders and pedigreed cats almost worldwide. So, please take this with a grain of salt when we're looking at how to build up. I still maintain that our clubs, when they put on shows and bring people in that are interested and we start working with these people, that's how I ended up being a breeder. I went to an Indy Cat Club show. Somehow, a few years later, I ended up president of the club as a breeder. We need to work from the grass roots up. We also need to look at our current breeds and see how we can improve, but I will address that more later. Don't just look at this as bottom line, that we need to accept these breeds.

Newkirk: Permission to query Central Office. **Mastin:** Go ahead. **Newkirk:** Allene or James, do you have any data on the percentage of kittens in litters being registered? How many applications do you get where all the kittens are pre-registered or there's six and only one is pre-registered? Do you have any data on that? **Simbro:** I don't have any data right now, but we can get that data, yes. **Mastin:** Can you do it today and bring it back under Old Business, or is this something you've got to send to the board at a later date? **Simbro:** I don't have access to the database from here. I'll try to get that re-established with the switch-over. **Newkirk:** Can you tell me what the current cost to register an individual kitten is? **Tartaglia:** We have two tiers. There's an early registration if you register in 30 days. I'm sorry, I don't have it in front of me. **Mastin:** Let's let them work on that and I'll call on a few more people while they're doing that. **Newkirk:** Yes.

Shelton: A couple things. I would not swear to this, but I have a recollection that we were told several months ago that about half of kittens from litters are registered. I don't know the exact number, but based on yellow slip registrations, about half of those registrations are eventually completed. **Tartaglia:** Of the live kittens reported – so, if somebody says there's six kittens in a litter, it has been approximately 50% that are individually registered. **Shelton:** That right there is a lot of money being left on the table. If we can find ways to just encourage that. **Tartaglia:** The cost to register a cat is \$21. That's a regular registration. Early bird is \$16. **Newkirk:** My thought was, is there a way that maybe we could offer a discount for people who pre-register a complete litter? **Tartaglia:** We can. My concern is that if breeders only intend to register three kittens, then they will register the litter with only three kittens and we will start to lose our historical data of the true number of kittens born in a litter. If you start giving an incentive to register the whole litter, they'll say, "I'm not going to register the whole litter, so I'm just going to report I had three kittens that day," when in fact it would have been six. **Newkirk:** In the AKC, they are required to register every puppy. **Tartaglia:** How do we require that? **Newkirk:** You've got a board sitting here. **Tartaglia:** But we're not in people's homes. How do we know how many kittens they have? **Newkirk:** I get it. They could lie. They're going to lie. If you lie to the AKC, they drag you up in front of their board and they kick you out. We don't want that with CFA breeders. If you do it to one or two people, I can tell you they'll stop doing it because they will be afraid of getting caught. **Tartaglia:** I understand. **Anger:** I was just going to make a comment about AKC's policy and how they enforce that. When I was breeding Papillons, you had to agree with AKC when you register your litter that you will maintain your records in a certain way and register every puppy. You gave AKC permission to review your kennel records at any time, and to examine any dog and DNA test for identification. So, they could request that you send them copies of everything. I don't think we want to be the registration police. [phone rings] **Mastin:** Since you brought up police, the phone police just caught another one. It was down here at this end and it wasn't the attorney's. So Pam? **DelaBar:** It was Finland getting ahold of me.

Newkirk: I'm just saying, we need to increase our registrations. We can either hold a carrot in front of them and try to get them to nibble on it a little bit, or we can make it mandatory. **Tartaglia:** Can I mention something? One of the things we introduced with eCat is something called Cat Tracker. This was intended to do sort of what you are talking about. We remind the breeders to give out the blue slips, to get the cats registered. We don't have any contact with the people who get pet kittens. With Cat Tracker, if it works the way we intend it to, a breeder goes into that litter record and they can tell us who they sold a cat to, with an email address. That gives us the ability that, let's say within 30 days if that kitten hasn't been registered, we can reach out to the new purchaser and say, "hey, we noticed you didn't register your cat," so it gives us some of the responsibility of getting in touch with the pet purchaser to say, "we do want you to register your cat, this is what you're going to get, this is why you should do it," so we're not relying so much on the breeder. Of course, the breeder still has to give this information, but we will have the ability to reach out to purchasers. There are people who purchase their cats, they get a blue slip and they never bother to register, because they're not given any incentive – somebody mentioned that – or they're not encouraged to. Nobody follows up with them. So, we now have the ability to follow up, provided the breeder gives us some basic information. **Krzanowski:** Following up on what Allene stated, we need to somehow impress upon the public the value of a pedigreed cat that's registered. For some reason, they don't think it's very important at all, and I think that's a marketing issue that we need to concentrate on a bit more.

Shelton: I just want to go back again to something Kathy had talked about with the number of breeds that other registries have. I don't want to sound like I'm saying we shouldn't accept these cats. We should go after whatever we think is appropriate, based on CFA's values and what we should and should not be registering, which is a whole separate discussion, but with the latest available data, the registration of breeds that CFA does not accept – so, we're talking about Savannahs and Toygers and Peterbalds and Pixiebobs and things like that – were less than 10% of TICA's registration. There's money to be had, but I don't want anybody to think it's a huge amount. **Calhoun:** What about colors? It all adds up. **Shelton:** I don't have information on colors. **Calhoun:** But I just wanted to say, all of these ideas are not mutually exclusive. **Shelton:** Absolutely. **Calhoun:** We need to be doing all of it.

Currle: In different parts of the world, you've got to realize that the income will be different. Somebody sent me a text that the average income in Malaysia is about \$12,000 a year. To register five cats is \$300. That's a month's rent, or maybe even two, so in my mind we need to adjust to the coin of the realm. India is a big opportunity, but you can't go in there with these prices. You have to go in there with something that would give them an incentive. They've got 30,000 Household Pets registered there. I would like to get a piece of that. I'm just saying that the USA is probably a different story, but when you approach these countries that are pretty poor, you've got to make adjustments in order to gain their business.

Mastin: Kathy, do you want to wrap this up? We're still in your Treasurer's Report. **Calhoun:** I don't disagree with you at all. Many, many companies do that. A can of Pepsi in LA and a can of Pepsi in India are not the same price. **Currle:** Same thing with automobiles. **Calhoun:** Whatever, but the message is, this has got to be all hands on deck and this has got to be working together and making this happen. Everybody takes a role. Whether or not strategic planning continues or not, TBD, but this is not just going to go away.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer*

Mastin: Kathy, we've got three minutes to break. I don't know if you can do your next report in three minutes. **Calhoun:** No, I cannot. **Mastin:** Alright. Why don't we go ahead and go to break now and be back at 12:45.

BREAK.

(11) **INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.**

Committee Co-Chairs: *Kathy Calhoun/Matthew Wong*
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Subcommittee Chair Africa, W Asia, Middle East: *Jan Rogers*
Subcommittee Chair Central & South America: *Brad Newcomb*

Mastin: Welcome back from lunch break. Lunch was good. I enjoyed the brownies. I went up for two helpings. They were delicious, so I will be on a sugar high for the next hour and a half or so, and then I'll crash. Kathy Calhoun, International Division. **Calhoun:** So, you have all probably been able to read the International Division report.

New Club Applications

The International Division Committee is supportive in accepting following new club applications.

- *Baobei Cat, Zhengzhou City Henan Prov, China*
- *China Champion Cat, Qingdao City, China*
- *Sapphire Stars Feline Club, Yubei District, Chongqing, China*
- *Southwest Sweet Cat, Chengdu City Sichuan Prov, China*
- *Cat Advocates & Troupers Society, Selangor, Malaysia*

The International Division Committee is not supportive in accepting the following new club applications.

- *Malaysia Cat Alliance Society, Selangor, Malaysia*
- *Hong Kong Golden British Shorthair Cat Club, Tai Po, Hong Kong*

Calhoun: We started out the report talking about the new clubs. We have already covered that.

[Secretary's Note: The following motion was dealt with in executive session. It appears here for reference and will be incorporated into the Show Rules Addendum.]

A request has been made to clarify the definition of the word "event" in show rule 2.37. This show rule states the following:

Rule # 2.37	International Division Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
2.37 A TRADITIONAL DATE occurs when a club holds a show for two (2) consecutive years on the same weekend (also referred to as date). Traditional dates come in two types: fixed, i.e., a specific weekend of the month such as the first, second, third, or fourth (note – the fifth weekend of a month can never be a traditional date as there are at least two consecutive years where the weekend does not exist); or floating, i.e., tied to an event such as Easter, a national holiday, the last weekend in the show season, etc. Clubs that do not hold a show for two (2) consecutive years on their traditional date will lose the distinction of having a traditional date weekend. For clubs that hold a show on a biennial basis, i.e., every other year, their traditional show date will be month, weekend and either odd or even to indicate the year of the show. These clubs will lose the distinction of having a traditional date after a show is not held for two (2) consecutive show dates.	2.37 A TRADITIONAL DATE occurs when a club holds a show for two (2) consecutive years on the same weekend (also referred to as date). Traditional dates come in two types: fixed, i.e., a specific weekend of the month such as the first, second, third, or fourth (note – the fifth weekend of a month can never be a traditional date as there are at least two consecutive years where the weekend does not exist); or floating, i.e., tied to an event such as Easter, a national holiday, the last weekend in the show season, etc. <u>or other strategic events such as a Pet Expo, etc.</u> Clubs that do not hold a show for two (2) consecutive years on their traditional date will lose the distinction of having a traditional date weekend. For clubs that hold a show on a biennial basis, i.e., every other year, their traditional show date will be month, weekend and either odd or even to indicate the year of the show. These clubs will lose the distinction of having a traditional date after a show is not held for two (2) consecutive show dates.
RATIONALE: To expand the definition of a flexible traditional date to include Pet Expos that may have a different date each season.	

There are opportunities to collaborate with Cat Expos in Hong Kong that occur in February and August annually. The Pet Expo, while at the same general time each year, may not be on the same weekend each year.

The question to the CFA Board is, should a Pet Expo be considered a strategic event and therefore would be eligible for a “flexible” traditional date as stated in show rule 2.37? Being a part of a Pet Expo provides CFA an opportunity to expose a large segment of the general public to the CFA brand.

The two Cat Expos In Hong Kong have no allegiance to CFA other than they have successfully partnered with the Hong Kong Black Cat Club and Phebe Low for a number of years. The goal of the organizer is to have a cat show as a part of their event with no deference to the cat organization to which they may partner.

Motion: *Effective August 1, 2024, amend Show Rule 2.37 as follows: ... floating i.e., tied to an event such as Easter, a national holiday, the last weekend of the show season, ~~or other strategic events such as a Pet Expo, etc.~~*

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

China Subcommittee

Subcommittee Co-Chairs: John Colilla and Wain Harding

In the 2023-2024 show season, CFA held fifty-one (51) shows in mainland China. There are already forty-one (41) shows that have reservations for show dates in the current show season.

Season	Shows	Show Count Entries										Average cats per show
		Kittens		Championship		Novices		Premiership		HHP	Total	
		LH	SH	LH	SH	LH	SH	LH	SH			
2022-2023	26	934	685	1081	1051	66	103	122	48	140	4230	162.69
2023-2024	51	1874	1192	1065	1490	165	160	181	198	73	6398	125.45
2024-2025	8	193	172	91	125	24	33	40	26	28	732	91.5

Calhoun: John and Wain submitted a wonderful report. The 2023-2024 show season, we had 51 shows in Mainland China. There has already been 41 shows with reservations, and probably even more since the publication of this report.

Consistent with our pledge to ensure fair play and to support the health of all felines, bay check-in continues to be implemented as outlined in show rules.

On August 31, 2024, Lover Cat Alliance of China will be hosting the International Division banquet at the Castle Hotel in Dalian, China.

Calhoun: On August 31, 2024, Lover Cat Alliance of China will be hosting the International Division banquet at the Castle Hotel in Dalian, China.

The first CFA sponsored Super Show in the International Division, was held in Shanghai, China on February 24-25, 2024. The format was 6 AB rings, two double specialty rings, one LH, and one SH ring. The entry limit was 450 cats. The licensing club was Mountain City Cat Fanciers Club. The show manager was Jon Lee. The judges were Amanda Cheng, Suki Lee, Anne Mathis, John Colilla, Kathy Calhoun, Bethany Colilla, Irina Kharchenko, Allan Raymond, Morning Yang and Charlene Jin. Matthew Wong was also in attendance.

The setup was grand with a noticeably big (basketball court size) hanging LED display to show CFA and the show details on an LED wall. There was a beautiful recreational area for kids to play.

The venue was an extension of an expo/shopping center with high traffic. The venue was large with open air ventilation. Open ventilation was the primary source of climate management.

The weekend of the show unfortunately was very cold, reaching 36 degrees Fahrenheit. Comparatively the same day Feb 25, 2022 the temperature was 55 degrees Fahrenheit and on Feb 25, 2020 it was 79 degrees Fahrenheit. Historically the weather has been warmer but does

not lessen the issue that a venue with appropriate temperature controls should have been selected.

Both International Division Chairs expressed our disappointment and concern to the club and show manager regarding the fact that the venue lacked temperature control. The judges finished judging on the first day at 9:00 pm approximately. The next day, weather was also cold, some exhibitors chose not to return. The ID Committee was expecting a well-attended event with good publicity for CFA. There was a reasonable number of spectators, but the results did not meet our expectations due to unexpected wintry weather. The approved budget by the CFA Board was \$15,000, of which \$14,336 was expensed. The show entry limit was 450. The number of cats entered, and present was eighty-six. It is noted, that shows in China were allowed to close on the Friday before the show, so those considering the show knew how the weather was trending.

The standing committee is not planning for a like event in the 2024-2025 show season. If a similar event is considered for 2025-2026, it is recommended that it occur in a different country within the ID as was the initial plan for subsequent shows.

Calhoun: One of the other things that we did, this past year was the first CFA-sponsored super show in the International Division. It was held in Shanghai, China on February 24/25. The format was 6 allbreed rings, two double specialty rings, one longhair and one shorthair ring. The entry limit was 450 cats. It was licensed by Mountain City Cat Fanciers Club. The show manager was Jon Lee. I have listed the judges. I won't go and list them all again. Matthew Wong also attended. The venue was grand. It was very big, basketball court sized. It had a big hanging LED display. It showed the CFA logo and cats and details on the wall. Beautiful recreational area for kids to play, for the kids that were there. The venue was an extension of an expo shopping center with high traffic. The venue had open air ventilation. The open ventilation was the primary source of climate control. That weekend – the weekend of the show – it was unfortunately very cold, reaching 36° Fahrenheit. Comparatively speaking, the same day in February 2022, the temperature was 55° and on February 2023 it was 79° Fahrenheit. So, there was some history of having better weather that time of year – warmer – but that does not lessen the issue that the venue did not have proper temperature controls. A different venue should have been selected. There is no getting around that. Both the International Division Chairs expressed our disappointment and concern to the club and show manager regarding the fact that the venue lacked temperature control. The judges finished judging on the first day around 9:00 pm. The next day, weather was also cold that some exhibitors chose not to return. I'll have to tell you that the Sphynx that was shown, the Sphynx came wrapped up in the exhibitor's coat. She started to put the cat in the cage and I said don't. She held onto that cat until I was ready to come over and judge it. We tried to do everything that we could to make it as comfortable as possible for the cats, which come first. Of course, the judges were cold but we weathered through it. We weathered through it. The ID Committee was expecting a well-attended event with good publicity for CFA. There was a reasonable number of spectators, but the results did not meet our expectations due to the unexpected wintry weather. The budget approved by the CFA Board was \$15,000, of which \$14,336 was spent. The show entry limit was 450. As I mentioned before, the number of cats entered and present was 86. It was noted, that shows in China were allowed to close on the Friday before the show, so those considering the show knew how the weather was trending and that may have affected entries. It was very, very cold. The standing committee is not planning for a like event in the 2024-2025 show season. If a similar event is considered for

2025-2026, it is recommended that it occur in a different country within the ID as that was part of the initial plan, to move shows around through the ID, but there is no budget, there's no budget requested and there is no budget in this year's fiscal year budget for another show.

Mastin: Kathy, do you want to take Darrell's questions? **Newkirk:** I have some questions on this. Who selected the judges for the show? **Calhoun:** The club. **Newkirk:** In Matthew Wong's report to this board, whoever selected the judges was supposed to consult with the Judging Program Committee. That was in Matthew's report I believe in February [*sic*, December]. Can you explain to me why that was not done? **Calhoun:** I would have to go back and review it. I would really appreciate it, Darrell, if you have these questions, if you come to us beforehand as opposed to at the board table, we would be more than happy to investigate and have a complete answer for you. That would be really helpful. **Newkirk:** I don't think that's such a difficult question that you couldn't answer. I'm not picking on you. I have some questions that I would like answered. **Calhoun:** I would need to go back to his report. **Newkirk:** Do you consider this a successful event? This was supposed to be a super show. **Calhoun:** I think I explained that the show did not meet expectations, that it was very, very cold, unseasonably cold, that the number of entries did not come anywhere close to 450, so no, I would not consider it a successful show. If it had been a successful show, we would have it again this year but we're not. **Newkirk:** Were you aware that this was not a climate controlled facility? **Calhoun:** We knew, once we got there, that it was an open air, that it was an opening to the outside. We did not know that it wasn't a climate controlled facility. We knew that it was outside of a mall area. We had gotten some pictures but it didn't come through that it was not climate controlled. **Newkirk:** And this show was held in February. Is that correct? **Calhoun:** Yes, it was. **Newkirk:** OK, that's winter in China. Is that correct? **Calhoun:** I gave you history of the temperature in my report. **Newkirk:** So, you don't want to answer my question. **Calhoun:** I did answer your question and I will read it to you again. *The temperature reached 36° Fahrenheit. Compared to the same day in February 2022, the temperature was 55° Fahrenheit and on February 2023 it was 79° Fahrenheit.* Three days before, it was in the 60's. The weather changed and we did not expect it to get that cold, Darrell. **Newkirk:** In your report, you said there were 86 cats entered and present. Is that correct? **Calhoun:** Correct. **Newkirk:** No absentees? **Calhoun:** That should have been present. **Newkirk:** No absentees? **Calhoun:** There were absentees, and there were more absentees on the next day because of the cold weather. **Newkirk:** Sure, because they wouldn't come back and compete in 36° weather, I'm sure. So, I judged in China in Chengdu the first weekend in March. Many of the cats that were entered in this show, they told me that there was like 19 grand champions competing. **Calhoun:** There may have been 19 grand champions competing. **Newkirk:** So, in my estimation, this board approved a \$15,000 expenditure to promote CFA in China and it turned out to be a flop, as far as I'm concerned. **Calhoun:** Yes. It was not a success. I think we have done everything that we could possibly say in this report to point out all of the disappointment that the Committee had – the number of entries, the weather. I mean, there's no tip toeing around that. We are fully admitting that the \$15,000 was not the best spend. Now, that being said, the purpose of this was very much like akin to an International Show. It was based around marketing. It was based around the competition of other registries in the area putting on big shows and CFA competing on that level. That was our intent. This was not a success by any stretch of the imagination. **Newkirk:** Can you tell me who your target audience was for your marketing? **Calhoun:** Our target audience was those who show CFA and those who potentially would show CFA, and the same as in the International Show. We wanted to get publicity, we wanted to impact other people that showed other registries and were maybe

potentially thinking about showing in other registries that were potentially thinking about showing CFA. **Newkirk:** The other registries in China are split-off's from CFA, is that correct? **Calhoun:** Are split-off's from CFA? **Newkirk:** They are people that were active in CFA for years until the incident happened where we kicked someone out, and they all just splintered into 10 or 12, maybe 15 other organizations. **Calhoun:** I can't say that every, single organization that is in China either split off from CFA, or may have split off from some of the other organizations that cropped up. I can't say that, but I do know that the competition is completely different from what it was 10 years ago before the incident, and we fined a specific exhibitor, and that one went off and created their own registry. Now, whether or not all of the other registries since then have split off from CFA or have registries split off from that one or other ones, who knows? **Newkirk:** So, it's a matter of timing, I guess. Is that what you're saying? **Calhoun:** What do you mean, it's a matter of timing? **Newkirk:** Well, 10 years ago if we had this event, it would have been a roaring success, because CFA was the game in town at the time. They all wanted to be involved in CFA because we were the best they had. **Calhoun:** We were the best they had and the only, yes. **Newkirk:** So, I think 10 years ago if we had this super show, we would have been a shining star and come out smelling like roses, but I do thank you for preparing the report and admitting that it wasn't successful as you thought it would be, and I truly appreciate that, Kathy. **Calhoun:** OK. **Webb:** To answer Darrell's question, we [the JPC] were never told what judges were picked. We had no consideration in picking the judges. **Calhoun:** It wasn't the Committee. **Currle:** Will you say that again, Russell? **Mastin:** They didn't hear you. **Webb:** As far as the JPC – because Darrell asked the question if we were involved with picking these judges. **Currle:** Who was? The JPC wasn't. **Calhoun:** That's what I said, yes. I said that the club picked the judges. [inaudible, multiple speakers] **Webb:** When Darrell asked the question, if it was our Committee that had a hand in picking these judges, that we were told to. **Calhoun:** Darrell, did I answer your question? That the club picked the judges? **Newkirk:** I asked you who picked the judges and you said the club, but my point was that when Matthew spoke about this show in the minutes, that the Judging Program Committee would have a say about who was selected to judge that show. **Webb:** Which we didn't. **Calhoun:** I will investigate that.

DelaBar: One of the problems that we have is that we developed China so well that the other major associations are now active in China – FIFe and WCF. TICA has its eye on getting into China, as well. It is a very lucrative market and we just have to be aware, we're not longer the only kid in town. It's not just the other Chinese associations anymore, but what the other associations have in China that we don't have is the ability to establish an office in China where they don't have to have all the NGOs. We have asked previously what's to stop us from having an office in China, and we were supposed to get an answer a couple meetings ago. What happened to that answer? **Calhoun:** The last conversation that we had, and Darrell I believe you might have been on the call, [inaudible] and we talked about – **Newkirk:** Kathy, would you speak up? **Calhoun:** The last conversation that was had about a CFA office in China would involve a number of things. Part of it would be the cost of the office, the cost of the employee, and potentially any tax implications that we would have. **DelaBar:** I have been told that there is an office that has been offered to CFA free. We do not need to have the presence that we want to have that will clear us from the responsibilities of the NGOs in very basic staffing to where it would not be [inaudible]. What we were going to find out, and it was Shelly [Perkins] that started this, that was going to check with our Chinese lawyers to see at which area how far could we go, what would we need to do specifically, and also to check with the New York attorneys to see what we could do legally, based on our Articles of Incorporation. So, where did that go?

Where do we go? **Calhoun:** I know that Shelly, before she left, was tasked with doing that work. I believe once she left it kind of fell through. I don't know if Rich or Ed have any comment.

Raymond: I believe the meeting took place with the attorneys. I have some rudimentary notes that I'm still trying to decipher or understand, because I wasn't part of that meeting. **Calhoun:** And Pam, just a question, and you may not want to talk about it in open session, but if someone has come to you and offered a space, it would be helpful if the ID Committee knew about it, or at least the attorneys knew about it. **DelaBar:** I think they have gone to the ID Committee. They may not have gone to you, but I know that they have offered to various people over there in China. I would recommend we energize this effort again to see what we can do, because it would be a big boon to us in China to be able to do this. It would put us on the same level as two of the other organizations that are part of the World Cat Congress. **Mastin:** Matthew, are you on the call? **Wong:** Hi. OK yes, a China office. I think it was Pao asking. Yes, we did look into this in detail. We work from a paper to show the estimated cost. You're right, it depends where the office is. The office is the main cost. We would need a legal person to be kind of like the person in charge of the office. If you have an office, you probably have a free head count. Some of this could be part time. There would be some salary involved. Yes, you're right, if we have an office then we do not need to file for every, single show. The office will be audited. So yes, I think we will have this paper circulate. Kathy and I could [inaudible] we have been working with this option. Right now, in terms of number of NGOs we have in China, we have at least half a dozen – Agnes, Jon Lee, Chris Lee, Howie, Danny Chang and one or two more that I can't remember off the top of my head. The filing has been very smooth, as we see by the number of shows. So, it's up to the board if we want to go to an open office, then it's just a matter of cost, but it will become an ongoing liability, especially that we will have to file with the authorities. As far as a Central Office in China, we would need to appoint staff. One step we mentioned is, although we could appoint a fancier to be the staff of the office, most fanciers would be able to do it full time and the possibility of some people to use the name to do other business and because there is a legal person can sign quite a lot of agreements and documents on behalf of CFA China. So, it's just a [inaudible] for Central Office and the board to consider. That's my input, thank you.

Calhoun: I think another thing that we need to be cognizant of is the fact that it's an office in China, that we have to clearly understand the tax implications. **DelaBar:** That's what was all supposed to be presented to the board and that's what I asked for.

Anger: This is not about the office, so if you want to continue that discussion – **Newkirk:** No, I think it's important to read. **Anger:** This is from the December teleconference, which is why I couldn't find it in February. Matt, what you said is, *Right now, we asked before how come all these cat clubs in China? Because they get to invite the judges that they prefer and may not be – sometimes may be too few to a very few number of judges by the same club. So, I'm hoping that through this [the proposed event], the organizer is already planning to put on 4 and 6 ring shows, and we say, "look, why don't you put on 4 more and here are the judges and here are the fares," so the ID Committee and the Judges Program can pick these four judges to send. As we said, they are basically quasi and kind of the look-out doing internal audit to this show to make sure that the cats, the participants, the clerking, the situation is fair and proper ...* Another point I wanted to interject, as of December we had an offer from a very active gala show-producing organization that desperately wanted to partner with us. The end of that discussion was that the Committee would discuss it, take it under advisement, and now we have no partner to partner with that has NGOs in China. So, I think that's a missed opportunity and perhaps a teaching moment. **Calhoun:** And that organization was – **DelaBar:** We shouldn't mention it.

Calhoun: I thought that circle came to, I think there was going to be a letter written and the ID Committee copied. I don't think that was followed up on. **Anger:** The resolution in December was that our CFA attorney at the time would engage our legal counsel and come back with an estimate on the legal fees to investigate the NGO implications. I agreed to include Kathy in the correspondence with the club and here is what I sent and copied Kathy on. *Until the board of directors has a legal opinion from our attorneys, we cannot proceed with either option.* **Mastin:** What was the date of that meeting? **Anger:** December 5th. **Mastin:** And what was the date of your text? **Anger:** December 7th at 4:54 a.m. **Mastin:** Roughly two weeks thereafter, our previous legal counsel resigned. We did have a meeting with our New York attorney and our China attorney through the same firm from New York, Nixon Peabody. There are concerns that were addressed and actually brought up in our discussion. Our previous legal attorney was going to submit a detailed report of the meeting and we got a condensed report at the meeting that has been sent to Ed Raymond for review. There's a lot of work that still needs to be done through that meeting. We are going to have to meet again with our New York attorney and our China attorney to address the issues and concerns. The timing was not good, going from one attorney to another attorney in the middle of the year with everything else that was going on. We have to re-initiate in order to get to what it is that is being recommended. **Anger:** Kathy, I would like to apologize. I put it all on the ID Committee and it also should have been with our CFA attorney that left. There's a lot of reasons that it is nowhere right now. I did not mean to imply that it was all your Committee's fault.

Mastin: We're not going to speak until you are called upon, so I don't want to have these private sessions going on. One, I lose track of what's going on and I believe others do the same. The next person to speak is Darrell, then it will be Kathy, then it will be Pam DelaBar. **Newkirk:** For as long as I can remember, we have had these fights about NGO approvals. We had an NGO approved in Chongqing which is the largest city, if I'm not mistaken, in China and another person on the opposite side of the political fence applied for an NGO and the one who held the NGO was on the phone to the NGO office complaining about the one that was coming in. I know that because the person complained to me, "this is hurting my NGO for another NGO." Chongqing could have 40 NGOs it's so big. This is all about control and about power, and it's going to get worse very soon, as you board members are going to see. The only way to get this resolved is for us to have an office and then it eliminates the NGOs. You don't need temporary activity if you have a business office in China. Yes, there are some downsides to it. We're going to have to pay some taxes, we're going to have to pay somebody a salary, but if we can get a foot in there and get a good hold on it, our problems are going to be solved, I think. Now, it may create a little additional work for us, but we won't have all these fights with these people, "it's my NGO here and I'm going to borrow that NGO over there." It just gets to be ridiculous, so we need an office. If we want to do business in China, then we need to establish an office there and it will eliminate this NGO stuff and the backstabbing and biting that goes on over those approved NGOs. **Calhoun:** The ID Committee has not said no to any NGO request [inaudible]. We have NGO requests that have overlapping cities. We do not limit. So, someone can have one in Chengdu and someone else can have it. We have stopped that. We do not say, "no, you can't have it because this one has it or this one has it." We don't do that. We were called out about the fact that we had – the last time this discussion came up – because of the overlapping cities. Why doesn't an NGO have all these multiple cities? The reason it has these multiple cities is so people can have more areas where they can have shows. We don't restrict that. **Newkirk:** Point of information? **Mastin:** Go ahead. **Newkirk:** I believe you. However, the person that holds that

NGO is on the phone to the police, the NGO office and even the Ministry of Public Safety complaining because the opposing person is having a show. How do I know that? Because it happened when I was there in March. **Calhoun:** I know that. You and I and Rich had a conference call. **Newkirk:** Yes. I just want the rest of the board to understand what's going on over there. This can't go on. Like I said, it's going to get worse in a couple of days. This could all be resolved if one person could put a muzzle and a leash on one person that is causing the problems over there.

Currle: It may be the right thing right now, but as time goes by, we're going to have other situations like that. I do agree that we need to establish some sort of presence in China so that we have more stability and won't have to rely on individuals. **Mastin:** I'm not going to discourage the board to have a presence in China with an office. What I want to caution the board with is, we don't know what it all entails to have a presence until we know from our legal representatives in New York and China until we understand what is required to make this happen and how it impacts CFA. I want to move on from this discussion. It's a very, very good discussion and we need to stick with it and we need to bring it back to the table. I will ask Kathy to contact – I've got to talk to Ed. Let me start there and we'll go with that, because it's in legal hands right now. He can follow up with the information he has.

Asia (other than mainland China) Subcommittee

Subcommittee Co-Chair: Bob Zenda

During the 2023-24 Show season the 44 CFA clubs in ID Asia (excluding AWS) hosted seventy-one shows. There were 7,492 cats present and competing (2,625 Kittens, 3,175 Championship, 1,254 Premiership and 438 HHP). The total number is almost identical to the previous show season, but differences in distribution between the classes are as shown below:

<i>Show Season</i>	<i>Entries</i>	<i>Kittens</i>	<i>Championship</i>	<i>Premiership</i>	<i>Household Pets</i>
<i>2022-2023</i>	<i>7495</i>	<i>2449</i>	<i>3559</i>	<i>883</i>	<i>565</i>
<i>2023-2024</i>	<i>7492</i>	<i>2625</i>	<i>3175</i>	<i>1254</i>	<i>438</i>
	<i>-3</i>	<i>+176</i>	<i>-284</i>	<i>+371</i>	<i>-127</i>

There were no Household Pets exhibited in Thailand and no shows were held in Taiwan.

Despite several reminders, one of the four clubs in Taiwan was dropped from membership for not submitting a membership list and one of the six clubs in Korea was dropped for not paying dues or submitting a membership list by the deadline (June 4, 2024).

For the 2024-2025 show season 5 shows will have been held in four different countries (1 Hong Kong, 2 Indonesia, 1 South Korea and 1 in Singapore) by the time of the Annual meeting. Five more are already licensed and twenty-eight show additional dates have been reserved.

There has been considerable difficulty finding a club to sponsor the Asia International Division Awards Banquet because of the financial concerns of providing a total of more than four hundred rosettes (comparable or better than those given by WCF, our major competitor in

Thailand) for all the winning cats that qualified. However, a group in Thailand has now stepped up and is working to host the event in Bangkok on either September 7-8 or October 5-6 depending on ability of the rosette manufacturer to complete the order.

Matthew Wong has indicated that he cannot attend the Annual due to work requirements but has enlisted the aid of one of the attendees from Hong Kong to assist with translations, as necessary. ID Asia will be represented at the CFA Annual meeting events by at least twelve participants whose clubs have registered delegates (9 Hong Kong, 1 Indonesia, 1 Thailand, and 1 Vietnam).

Mastin: Let's move on to the next subject within your report. **Calhoun:** In Other than Mainland China, we have a subcommittee report from Bob Zenda. There is a table here that shows the number of cats being shown. Bob is dogmatic about some of the clubs that dropped from the membership list and had limited success, but he was all over it. He talks about the awards banquet which will also be talked about tomorrow.

AWS Subcommittee

Subcommittee Co-Chair: Jan Rogers

Efforts continue to encourage the Morocco club. There is also a group in South Africa expressing interest in CFA. K-Cats in Kuwait remains strong and are planning a show in February 2025.

Calhoun: Jan Rogers submitted a report. She also was trying to get two clubs that had been dropped. That was a conversation we had about potentially maybe they could have an extension of time to get their information in – their membership lists – and that turned out to be against the Bylaws and we couldn't do that, so Jan is working with those clubs and hopefully we will get them reinstated. **Mastin:** Any further questions? OK Kathy, thank you.

*Respectfully submitted,
International Division Committee*

(12) EXPERIMENTAL FORMATS.

Committee Chair: Rachel Anger

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

In April 2024, the board voted unanimously to allow Just Cat-In Around Cat Fanciers to hold a one-on-one “traditional” style ring on Sunday, April 14, 2024, at its show in Taylor, Michigan (Region 4), which was conducted by Allbreed Judge Rachel Anger. Rachel’s summary of the experimental format follows.

Because the show flyer had been published before board approval, the experimental format did not appear on the club’s flyer (this is something to remember to include for the future). An announcement was made at the show on Saturday, and again on Sunday morning, that the “traditional” style ring would begin at 1:00 Sunday. A brief explanation of the format was provided. A 6’ table and chairs were set up by the club in a quiet corner of the show hall. Interested exhibitors provided their information on a sign-up sheet and were asked for a donation. Cat breed names and numbers were then called to the experimental ring.

Each cat was handled, evaluated and assessed in a give-and-take conversational format with the exhibitor. In total, 22 cats were handled – 3 Maine Coons, 2 Tonkinese, 2 Siamese, 5 Siberians, 2 Norwegian Forest Cats, 1 each of Persian, Havana Brown, American Bobtail, Devon Rex, Exotic and Scottish Fold. Some exhibitors were well-known campaigners and others were brand new to CFA or showing. Most exhibitors seemed to really enjoy the interaction and the chance to ask questions which they normally would not be allowed to ask. There was a bit of, “why didn’t you use my cat?” and I was happy to respond, with the advice that the question is inappropriate in any other setting. Common topics were grooming tips, evaluation of show potential, advice on where a cat fell short of the standard, etc. It was gratifying to know that each participant was genuinely interested in our sport, and I really enjoyed getting to know these exhibitors.

The club made \$195 in donations. Several exhibitors came back to thank me and to ask additional questions. The experiment was a success and I strongly recommend that the traditional format be continued and tried by other clubs in many regions.

A picture of a first-time exhibitor family and their beautiful blue tabby Maine Coon is attached.

Mastin: Experimental Formats. I have an announcement to make. As a reminder, we are doing a live broadcast to CFA’s Facebook page. Just so everybody is aware of that. **Anger:** I did a write-up on the experimental format that the board was kind enough to allow a club that I belong to, to participate in. We held a traditional-style ring. The redux is that it was a success. The exhibitors that participated in it enjoyed it very much. I thought it was a wonderful, “feel good” type of experiment. I hope other clubs will pick up on it and request the same for their clubs, and give it a try. That’s it for me. **Mastin:** Any questions for Rachel? Thank you, Rachel.



Current Happenings of Committee:

No additional experimental format requests have been received.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates to experimental format requests and proposals, as they come in.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Anger, Chair*

(13) **CFA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.**

Legislation Committee Chair George Eigenhauser gave the following report:

Committee Chair:	George Eigenhauser
Liaison to Board:	Anne Mathis
List of Committee Members:	Phil Lindsley, Alene Shafnisky
CFA Legislative Group:	George Eigenhauser, Sharon Coleman, Kelly Crouch

Mastin: George or Anne, who is presenting? **Mathis:** George is. **Mastin:** Welcome back, George. **Eigenhauser:** You have my report. There are no action items. There is one small update I want to bring to the board's attention. This morning I got an email from Alene Shafnisky, who forwarded to me a press release from the Council of the European Union that they are on the verge of having Europe-wide animal regulation. Part of that regulation began on breeding cats and dogs with extreme traits, which is often code for Persians, Exotics, Burmese, Sphynx, Folds and God knows what else. I haven't read it all but I forwarded a copy to Pam just a moment ago. That's one of the things I will be working on. With that, I am done with my report. **DelaBar:** This is the legislation I forwarded to you earlier, George. If you lost that copy, I can send you another one. In one of our conversations I was under the impression that you were going to be adding Mireille Gobel to your Committee – not the Group but the Committee. She has been collecting that individual legislations that are going on throughout Europe right now. I can tell you that I have been working with the FIFe group, with the WCF person, and we are having a combined effort in each one of these countries, but the EU regulation basically starts with the getting an overall tracking of animals basically, starting with the farm animals – cattle and the like – among the EU countries, of which there are 29, and then the overall database of being able to track dogs first and then the cats. Now, individual countries have been overreacting, and that's part of my report in a bit of what is going on. We found out Tuesday that Spain thought that they had properly read the report and they were only going to allow two litters per private breeder a year. I sent the president of the Fenix Cat Club which is now a CFA club a copy of the proposed legislation. He read through it and got back with the government person and said, "look, this is not what the EU is calling for, this is something that you came up with." He got them to back down. Fortunately, the president of the Fenix Cat Club is a lawyer in Spain and that does help. Through the report, I don't know if you were just overlooking Europe, but this is something I have been bringing up meeting after meeting after meeting of the problems we have. Now, as part of my report, I brought up the fact that the EU just had parliament elections on the 9th of June. We don't know the movers and shakers of the committees yet because they are new people that are now part of the EU parliament. We will be finding that out shortly, but we don't know who is pushing the animal legislation by named person yet. I hope that you will go ahead and include Mireille so we can get more of Europe because what's going to affect Europe will affect the U.S. **Eigenhauser:** Agreed. **DelaBar:** Especially if I bring up the fact that Region 9 gets more registrations than any other particular region. If they start cutting back – it's bad enough that we have a war, which has cut way back on registrations – this legislation, if carried to an extreme by individual countries within the EU, then we're going to have registration problems from Region 9. **Mastin:** Any further questions to George? George, do you have any comments to Pam? **Eigenhauser:** She is right. **Mastin:** Thank you George.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee and Group Activities:

We are now almost halfway through the 2024 calendar year. While some states have already ended their legislative sessions a few remain active as well as many local government entities. The Pet Advocacy Network (PAN) provides us with lists of bill introductions at the state and federal level based on search parameters we provide. In recent years they have been able to include more local and administrative/regulatory matters. We then read through the bills, ordinances, or proposed regulations and select the most relevant for CFA tracking.

In addition to PAN tracking we also monitor multiple animal-related online lists, collaborate with other animal-friendly groups online, as well as relying on our "grassroots" fanciers in reporting pet-related legislation in their area ("You are the eyes and ears of the fancy.") We work with other animal groups and monitor their alerts. We continue to watch major Animal Rights groups, their web sites and public events for information on upcoming legislative initiatives.

The CFA Legislative Group communicates with fanciers about legislation through email, the CFA newsletter, its Facebook page, and its blog. The CFA Legislative News Facebook page provides cat fanciers with a source of current news articles on legislative issues. By posting various legislative articles from the news media or other groups focused on pet legislation, usually involving cats, fanciers can use the Facebook page as a first stop to check for news that may affect them. The Facebook page has 744 likes and 805 followers as of June 8, 2024. According to Facebook, our followers created more than 1,100 interactions for the 32 articles posted between January 8 and June 8, 2024. The group of articles generating the most engagement discussed New Hampshire's HB 1102-FN about adding breeding and selling brachycephalic animals (and potentially others) to the state's animal cruelty law. The Liberal, Kansas article about the adoption of pet registration requirements generated 106 post impressions, reaches, and engagements by itself. CFALegislativeNews: <https://www.facebook.com/CFALegislativeNews>

The CFA Legislative Group Blog was established in September 2018 to provide a holding place for work done by the Group that is available for easy reference to us and the public. Meanwhile, the blog has continued as originally designed to be workable and relevant over time. The blog "posts" are the monthly What's Hot articles published in the CFA newsletter with an occasional extra piece. The post for May 2024, "City of Los Angeles, CA Adopts Extreme and Indefinite Dog Breeding Permit Moratorium Legislation" was accompanied by an "Additional Resource" that was helpful in ensuring the accuracy of the post as well as a useful resource for cat fanciers needing to sort out the intricacies of the high number of political entities in Los Angeles County with varying animal laws. This is entitled, "CFA LEGISLATIVE GROUP REFERENCE: Integrated text of "An ordinance adding Subsections (f) and (g) to Section 53.15.2 of Article 3, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to provide a temporary moratorium on the issuance of new dog breeding permits until the dog population in the City's animal shelters is reduced and to add a severability clause," including SEC. 53.15.2. BREEDING AND TRANSFER OF DOGS AND CATS. Other References to cat limits, cat kennels and permits therefor are included. May 2024. The Los Angeles City Attorney's office has ensured consistent, coherent structure of the ordinance provisions and terms over many years compared to often sloppy language by animal department employees and others, so the relevant and controlling

source language is available here in one place and document. The CFA Legislative Group blog may be found at: <https://cfalegislativegroup.wordpress.com>

Current Happenings of Committee and Group:

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

Federal

HR 1788, Goldie's Act: The bill would expand the enforcement provisions of the Animal Welfare Act and require yearly inspections of animal dealers and exhibitors. It was introduced and referred to the Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry in 2023. Cosponsors have increased to 110.

State

CA Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 146 has been introduced that "would recognize August 8, 2024, as California Community Cats Day and would urge all Californians to observe and promote this day with appropriate activities and programs." ARC 146 is on the Senate Floor.

CO HB 1458: Would establish the Division of Animal Welfare within the Department of Agriculture. It has been sent to the Governor.

HI SB 2120: Would have allowed only stores existing before 1/1/2025 to continue selling cats, dogs, guinea pigs, domesticated pigs, or caged birds, provided they met certain requirements. Died.

IN HB 1412: Voids local ordinances prohibiting dog sales at retail pet stores but establishes consumer protection requirements and registration requirements for pet stores, and creates a random inspection program for commercial dog breeders. Enacted.

KY HB 313/SB 41: HB 313 which would have established a statewide pet shop pet sale ban on dogs, cats, and rabbits was withdrawn and SB 41 died.

KY HB 651: Commercial dog licensing and regulation bill. Died.

MN HB 4956: Would prohibit elective declawing of cats. Died.

MO HB 2647: Would regulate installment and retail charge agreements for companion animal purchases. Died.

MO HB 2723: Would amend the Healthy Pets Act to add standards of care for commercial breeders, add pet shop sourcing restrictions for dogs and consumer warranty provisions. Died.

NH HB 1102-FN: This bill would amend the animal cruelty statutes to include "Sells an animal that has a birth deformity that causes suffering, such as brachycephaly, or the intentional breeding with the intent to sell, 2 individual animals with the same birth deformity that causes suffering, such as brachycephaly." The House Committee on Environment and Agriculture

determined the bill to be inexpedient to legislation, and the House laid the bill on the table on 03/28/2024. The legislature is expected to adjourn on 06/30/2024.

NH HB 1680-FN: This bill would add a definition of retail pet shop and prohibit the sale of dogs and cats by retail pet shops except in certain cases. It was referred for Interim Study by the House Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

NJ AB 4051/SB 2511: Carryover of previous Sb 4079). Would prohibit retail pet store sale of cats, dogs, and rabbits and repeal the Pet Purchase Protection Act. The bills were referred to the Assembly Commerce, Economic Development and Agriculture Committee, and the Senate Economic Growth Committee respectively.

PA SB 1178: Provides that a person commits an offense if the person performs a declawing procedure that is not deemed necessary for a therapeutic purpose by a licensed doctor of veterinary medicine. Introduced on 024/22/2024 and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

TN HB 2938/SB 2513: The Commercial Dog and Cat Breeder bill would have required any person possessing or controlling ten or more dogs or cats for the purpose of selling offspring to be licensed. Died in committee.

VA HB 1354: Declawing prohibited except for therapeutic purposes. Enacted.

VT HB 567: The bill contained requirements for cats, dogs, and wolf-hybrids sold by pet stores. Died.

WA HB 1424: Grandfathered retail pet stores will still be allowed to sell dogs if the store meets certain requirements and prohibits certain types of financing for cat and dog purchases. Enacted.

WI AB 957/SB 892: The legislature passed a bill preempting certain animal ordinances. Vetoed by the governor.

Local

City of Los Angeles, CA: City officials considered a “temporary” moratorium on issuing dog breeding permits whenever the three-month dog occupancy rate in city shelters exceeded 75%. Adopted.

Littleton, CO: an ordinance prohibiting the retail sales of dogs or cats in city pet stores. Adopted.

Hall County, GA an ordinance prohibiting the sale of dogs and cats in county pet shops. Adopted.

Lexington-Fayette County, KY: Government officials are considering a retail pet store ban prohibiting the sale of dogs and cats in retail pet stores. Ordinance 0539-24 had its first reading and is due back to the Urban County Council on June 13, 2024.

Coon Rapids, MN an ordinance prohibiting the retail sale of dogs and cats in city pet stores. Adopted.

Doylestown, PA an ordinance prohibiting borough retail pet stores from selling dogs or cats. Adopted.

Smyrna, TN a retail pet sale ban ordinance relating to dogs and cats. Adopted.

Houston, TX: Mayor Whitmire (formerly Senator Whitmire who was behind the TX Dog and Cat Breeder Act) promotes mandatory spay/neuter. The CFA Legislative Group is on the lookout for a proposed ordinance.

Litigation

The CFA Board has allowed CFA to join with the Animal Health Institute (AHI) coalition on amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs opposing non-economic damages (i.e. "pain and suffering") for injuries to animals. They are monitoring lower court litigation and will keep us informed if an appropriate situation develops. There is nothing new to report this time period.

Publications

The CFA e-Newsletter provides space for a "What's Hot" legislative column used to provide brief information on new and urgent matters of interest to the cat fancy. In general, Cat Talk Almanac articles are written for less time-sensitive matters with a focus on guidance on advocacy. Articles since the October 2023 Board meeting:

- * CFA e-Newsletter, February 2024, " **Restricting Retail Pet Stores Animal Sales: HI, NH, VT, and IN**" by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. This article discussed the ongoing trend of legislation to ban the retail sale of pets in pet stores. States have proposed variations on the theme. Hawaii, New Hampshire, and Vermont are using an approach to ban retail pet store animal sales by attrition over time. In contrast, Indiana legislators are seeking to preempt (i.e. block) local governments from passing bans, instead reserving that power to the state. (Note, since publication of this article the IN HB 1412 was signed into law on March 4, 2024.)*
- * CFA e-Newsletter, March 2024 " **Fancier Advocacy in Action - New Hampshire HB 1102-FN**" by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. Previously mentioned in the December 2023 CFA e-Newsletter, New Hampshire House Bill 1102-FN, would add a breeding deformities section to the state animal cruelty law. It would target the intentional breeding and sale of animals with "a birth deformity that causes suffering, such as brachycephaly" as well as other unspecified "deformities". Since January 2024, the CFA Legislative Group collaborated with TICA, AKC, and local fanciers and submitted CFA's opposition letter. The fanciers had a significant impact based on the comments from the work session the following day. On March 13, 2024, the House Environment and Agriculture Committee voted 14:6 to report HB 1102-FN as inexpedient to legislate. (Note, the bill is not entirely dead. Since the committee vote we have continued tracking this bill until the death becomes final. The most recent status appears elsewhere in this report under highlights of state issues, above.)*

- * *CFA e-Newsletter, April 2024 “**Is Congress’ HR 5041 necessary? / Update for New Hampshire’s HB 1102-FN**” by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. Responding to criticism that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is not sufficiently aggressive when applying penalties to violators of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA), HR 5041 would give the Department of Justice (DOJ) the power to bring civil action against alleged violators. (The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) claims the bill’s introduction as one of its major achievements for 2023). However, on March 8, 2024, the USDA announced that it had worked with the DOJ for almost four years. Since then only three more co-sponsors have been added. Neither HR 5041 nor its twin, S 2555, have made it out of committee.*

The status of New Hampshire HB 1102-FN was also updated. The bill was tabled which caused it to miss a calendar deadline. (Note, the bill is still not entirely dead. Since the committee vote we have continued tracking this bill until the death becomes final. The most recent status appears elsewhere in this report under highlights of state issues, above.)

- * *CFA e-Newsletter, May 2024 “**City of Los Angeles, CA Adopts Extreme and Indefinite Dog Breeding Permit Moratorium**” by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. The City of Los Angeles, known to be unfriendly to breeders, has placed a “temporary” moratorium on any new dog breeding permits. The moratorium will remain in place until the three-month moving dog occupancy average equals 75% or less of total capacity. Should the dog breeding permit moratorium ever be lifted, the ordinance provides that a new intermittent moratorium shall be issued anytime the three-month dog occupancy running average exceeds 75% of capacity. (Note, the dog and cat breeding permit provision was enacted in 1977, but the circumstances leading to enactment of the new moratorium arose from facts involving only dogs, “current dog population in the Department’s animal shelters has exceeded kennel capacity for more than a year, necessitating the doubling and tripling of dogs in single kennels and the placement of dogs in temporary hallway crates for up to months at a time, while, at the same time, increasing strain on Department staff.”)*
- * *CFA e-Newsletter, June 2024 “**Tennessee Fanciers Avoid a New Breeder Licensing Law**” by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. In 2009 the Tennessee Commercial Breed Act went into effect but it failed to live up to expectations and was allowed to sunset in 2014. But in 2024 Animal Rights activists still continue to advocate for breeder restrictions and regulation. House Bill 2938 and Senate Bill 2513 were introduced to require licensing of persons possessing or controlling ten or more dogs or cats for the purpose of selling offspring. Analysis of the proposed bills pointed out the same shortcomings that led to the failure of the prior act, costs of the program would outstrip revenues. These laws are too costly for the small benefit they might provide. However, fanciers must remain vigilant as Animal Rights advocates continue to lobby for unreasonable breeder licensing and regulation.*

Meetings and Conferences:

HSUS Animal Care Expo 2024, May 15-18, 2024, Henry B. González Convention Center, San Antonio, TX. This conference provides positive networking with a variety of animal groups and leaders who are often unaware of our devotion to the welfare of cats and our common love of animals. Our continuing CFA presence at the Expos each year gives us an opportunity to reinforce CFA's goal of promoting respect for all cats with an emphasis on public education. This conference provides positive networking with a variety of animal groups and leaders who are often unaware of our devotion to the welfare of cats and our common love of animals. While the Expo is often used to highlight upcoming HSUS legislation, some of which is harmful to cat breeders, this year no new legislative initiatives were announced. Much of the conference was devoted to sheltering matters such as adoption strategies, behavior and enrichment approaches, and other practical concerns. DEI and access to veterinary care were major topics focused on improving access to veterinary care and providing outreach to pet owners in need. George Eigenhauser attended representing CFA.

Future Projections for Committee and Legislative Group:

Upcoming conferences related to legislation –committed or pending:

Pet Week on Capitol Hill will be held in Washington, D.C. during the week of Wednesday, September 11, 2024. There will also be other events to continue in the “Pet Week” tradition, including the lobby day on September 11, 2024. Formerly “Pet Night on Capitol Hill” the event now includes a lobby day “Pet Care Community D.C. Fly-In”, several webinars during the week, as well as the traditional Pet Night reception to be held September 11, 2024.

The event joins CFA with a coalition of pet-related groups, which have including HABRI, the Pet Food Institute, the Pet Advocacy Network, CFA, AKC, the World Pet Association (WPA), Animal Health Institute (AHI), Nestle-Purina, Mars Petcare, American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and many more. Many of the Pet Night sponsors work with us on joint legislative strategies on matters ranging from non-economic damages, pet shop bans, and other issues. Participants provide us with legislative information, access to inside opinions of their lobbyists, and other help throughout the year. George Eigenhauser plans to attend this year on behalf of CFA.

Ongoing goals -

- *Networking with the sheltering community, aligned organizations, veterinarians and lawmakers so we better understand the problems and trends that cause homeless animals to be in shelters and develop ways to address the issues that motivate legislation detrimental to our interests.*
- *Continuing to find new methods for presenting perspective on the cat fancy views to those in animal related fields and government.*
- *Working with national and local cat fancy teams to defeat legislation/regulation detrimental to pedigreed cats, feral/unowned cats, CFA's mission and cat ownership.*

- *Enlisting professional help with strategic public relations and communication to build greater public awareness and gain more support for our opposition to mandated sterilization laws across the country.*
- *Increasing efforts to raise funds for the Sy Howard Legislative Fund and to help clubs present projects suitable for funding.*

Action Items:

None at this time.

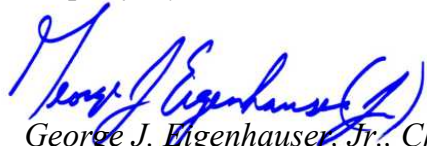
Time Frame:

Ongoing.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates and pending legislative matters.

Respectfully Submitted,


George J. Eigenhauser, Jr., Chair

(14) CLERKING PROGRAM.

Committee Chair: Bethany Colilla
Liaison to Board: John Colilla
Committee Members: Bethany Colilla, Ronna Colilla (Co-Chair)

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Over the past year the Committee has approved 9 clerking schools all over the world, including online held over Zoom.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The 2024 Clerking Test is live and has been quite successful with just about all students passing on the first attempt.

Future Projections for Committee:

We plan to update the Clerking manual and would like to put together a Code of Ethics for the licensed clerks to sign. We would also like to look into amending or creating some show rules regarding clerk's responsibilities.

Board Action Items:

None at this time

*Respectfully Submitted,
Bethany Colilla, Chair*

Mastin: Clerking Program. John, are you doing this or is Bethany here? **Colilla:** I can do it. **Mastin:** You need to speak loud. **Colilla:** I can do it. The report was sent to the board. There's a big difference between this test and the last test. The way it was handled in prior years was to count the errors. We took away the counting errors [inaudible] make it a lot easier, so this test was very well received. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any comments or questions for John? John, anything additional? **Colilla:** No. **Mastin:** Thank you John.

Clerking Program Service Awards

5 Years

*Weiqing Zuo
Florent Fissot
Kirana Abdullah
Honoka Kametani
Takayuki Wada
Jinah Oh*

10 Years

*Corrie Kleinendorst
Alex Chan
Amiruddin Am Sariff
Matthew Abner
Ariel Bartelmes
Kadri Koppel
Siim Koppel
Salid Prithong
Kanitta Rungwatanaporn*

15 Years

*Marjokaisa Ylinenpaa
Grace Cheung
Keiko Kishimoto
Erica Nitta
Kiyoshi Umeda
Mineo Yoshida
Robert Clark
Claire Wolfe*

20 Years

*Kent Thompson
Kayo Yamamoto
Bruce Clark
Laura Gregory
Michael Shelton*

25 Years

*Ginger Gunlock
Brian Tripp*

30 years

*Masayuki Okada
Robert V. Belfatto
Perry D. Coleman
Rhonda Avery*

35 Years

*Miyuki Sato
Linda Jewell
Richard Kallmeyer
Lorraine Shelton*

40 Years

John Hiemstra

Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees

(15) EUROPEAN BREED LEGISLATION UPDATE.

Submitted By: Pam DelaBar, Director – Region 9 Europe

Please reference my Report to the Board on Conversation with Leslie Lyons, dated 16 February 2024.

As a review of anti-breed/breeder legislation in Europe: Switzerland has banned the breeding (and showing) of Persians, Exotics, all Rex breeds, all hairless breeds, Manx, Scottish Folds and Japanese Bobtails; areas of Germany have banned the breeding (and showing) of blue-eyed white cats (Persian, Exotic, Maine Coons, etc.) and some shows have had veterinarians visiting for the purpose of disqualifying cats because of they are brachialcephalic (without handling the cats), Scottish Folds, and the German parliament currently is reviewing animal legislation; Austria has not banned Persians and Exotics but is very critical of those entered in shows, hairless cats are banned, American Curls have been denied entrance to shows (mistaken for Scottish Folds); France has a Persian breed “review group” in studying the effects of “extreme type” (we do have a very active breeder/exhibitor on this panel), LOOF, as an arm of the French government is leading this effort; Belgium, particularly the Brussels area has banned Scottish Folds; Sweden does not allow any B blood group cats to be bred. The critical area currently is The Netherlands. The breeding of Persians and Exotics is banned, and certain authorities are focused on hairless cats. A litter of 8 week old hairless breed kittens was forcibly removed from the nursing mother cat, area where the kittens are held is unknown, and the breeder/owner of these cats is being held on criminal charges - for breeding hairless cats.

I asked Mireille Gobel to compile the facts and news in our troubled areas. She is doing a great job and has been added to George Eigenhauser’s Legislative Committee.

The European Union Parliament elections were held 9 June. The newly elected parliament members were already congregating the following Tuesday to form committees and alliances for the new EU parliament. We are waiting to see who will be heading the animal legislative committees, and how the make-up of the committees will affect the various animal programs and interests.

FIFe has formally established the lead group to address these concerns - the Health Commission, working along with the Media Committee. I have been in contact with both the chairs for extended conversation and identifying various courses of action. Additionally, I met with the vice president of the WCF who assured me we have a functioning working relationship. Together our three groups are coming together to plan how we can best address the problems we are facing. I have asked the Region 9 clubs to privately inform me of any lawyers who are members, as have the groups in the other associations to identify any legal assistance we may need to counteract anti-breeder/anti-breed movements in court.

Dr. Leslie Lyons recently attended the International Congress for Canine and Feline Genomics Conference (ICCFGC) held in Helsinki, Finland. Satu Hamalainen and I traveled to Helsinki to

meet with Leslie and to get her viewpoints on several matters. After the past World Cat Congress meeting in Bangkok, Leslie presented several of the issues brought up in the paper she previously presented, especially the concerns with the Persian/Exotic “overtyping”, the situations brought about through 1 or more of the 4 genes which cause Manx issues, and the osteochondrodysplasia in the Scottish Fold breed. Dr. Lyons developed a group of “major influencers” from several feline registries to address problems in the Persian breed. Zoom meetings were held 15 and 27 May - “Brachy in Persians”. Participants identified several areas of concern from breed standards to enforcement of breed standards by judges. Several conversations have resulted with many recommendations that the WCC establish a committee to facilitate some standardization of breed requirements among all the WCC members. An excellent proposal was presented by Anthony Nichols from GCCF (United Kingdom) and is attached to this report. We will receive extensive notes from the Zoom sessions and will share those with the board.

What actions can CFA take? We must realize that the associations referenced that addressed the original concerns on the three breeds are involved with the veterinary and research communities internationally - this is not just Europe’s problem. We need to work with our breed councils and establish those programs as outlined by Mr. Nichols. We need to establish microchipping of the cats registered with CFA - this not only identifies cats in times of animal welfare issues and disasters but is mandatory for identification even in confidential research. I asked our CFA attorney about revising the CONDITION portion of our Breed Standards - this can be done by this board and with coordination with the Breeds & Standards committee. We must impress upon our judging panel the absolute necessity of judging by the standards and not awarding cats contrary to those standards. And we must critically review the standards of those targeted breeds to ensure we are describing healthy cats and require genetic testing as appropriate.

I will be presenting much of this information with the breed council secretaries on the Saturday meeting with the board. Additionally, I will share some information on the design on a “Pan Genome Project” headed by Dr. Brian Davis (Texas A&M University), Dr. Leslie A. Lyons (University of Missouri) and the cat genetics community. This extensive research is to define the genetic characteristics of each breed.

Mastin: Pam DelaBar, you are up next. **DelaBar:** I’m not going to read this report. As you can see in the first full sentence, the different problems in legislation that we have going on in various parts of Europe. One of the things that is also affecting – let me say this. Region 9 is the only region that we have within CFA where you have to have a visa to go from one part of the region into some other parts of the region. It’s the only region that has various currencies and languages. One of the problems that we’re having is with the conception of overtyped cats. Basically, they are talking about Persians and Exotics. We have had some real problems with the Netherlands. I do want to make a change. The Netherlands has not banned the brachiocephalic cats yet. They have banned the dogs. That’s your Bulldogs and the like. Our problems – this was brought to our attention basically when Leslie Lyons gave her report to the World Cat Congress in Tasmania, and I followed up with her about what we’re going to do about specific breeds. She has started a Zoom group and we are addressing right now brachiocephalic cats and what we can do as associations. I know Carissa is on this group and Annette is on this group. I’ve got a few of our people from Europe on this particular group, especially one who is also working with the French organization LOOF on their Persian. We’re looking at how we can address the problems of overtyping. We’re looking at various feline health studies. I have added to my report a report

that was put in by Anthony Nichols from GCCF of how we can organize and really attack what we're doing. I also added the Mars Pet Care Policy statement on breed bans and we have their support. Of course, Mars is going to include Royal Canin. We're looking at different health studies, we're looking at specifically breed health studies. One thing I asked Ed Raymond about was how we can positively affect our standards without having to go through standards, per se. I know Carissa is going to address the Persian Breed Council on some of the former health studies that were done. I believe that in our Condition section of our standards, we can state what we want on cats, what is considered good conditioning within the standard. This basically boils down to one thing – we've got to be able to identify cats. There's only one way we can identify cats for research or for animal welfare, for our disasters, for our registrations, and that's microchipping. We as an association need to take a strong stand on microchipping. We cannot identify our cats and identify our problems if we can't identify our cats.

DelaBar: This is something that's very much in flux. You read that it's also a big problem with certain countries and yes, there is a woman who was arrested for breeding hairless cats. Right now, she has a felony charge against her for breeding hairless cats. We have some countries where a show veterinarian may pass a cat but another veterinarian will come into the show and say, "this cat is disqualified," just by looking at the cat, not by handling it. So, I can take your questions about individual countries, about some of the research that's going on. One thing that is very interesting – Satu and I went down to visit Leslie in Helsinki when she was at the genetics conference there the beginning of this month – is a long, hard sequencing of the genome by breed. They want to get one male, one female per breed to get the absolute sequencing by breed. This is going to be headed by Brian Davis from Texas A&M and Leslie Lyons and others from the cat genetics community. I will talk to our Breed Councils on Saturday, hoping that we can get a good effort to work on this identification.

Griswold: I wanted to note here, Pam, that this letter from Anthony Nichols I think is a very positive way to come at this problem. Instead of just saying, "no, all our cats are healthy," this is taking the approach that maybe we need to say, "OK, maybe we can do it better" and to have a breed improvement project. That gives us the look that we're doing something positive, moving in a positive direction in that way. A lot of what he mentions here is DNA testing which hopefully in the not-to-distant future we'll be able to put onto our eCats system and we can even start with some basic things like he mentioned – making sure there's no PKD that in this day and age people are still selling cats that have PKD, but they do. So, at least we can start with the low-hanging fruit with this and say, "look, we as an organization are helping to rule out some of these very easy-to-rule-out diseases from our population." Maybe entering something into the standards – of course, that would be from the Breed Councils – that would say the Persian should have open nostrils. That's one small step towards noting that we're trying to approach this in a positive manner; allowing Straight Ear Scottish Folds. We acknowledge that maybe in the future we need to focus more on the straight ear options. I love this letter here. It's got lots of thought-provoking ideas on how we can go about doing this. I don't know if we want to make a committee to try to look into some of this or if that should fall to the Scientific Advisory Committee or if there is some way that we can actually attempt to follow up with some of these things, whether it's from contacting breed councils or being able to put DNA into programs, and maybe policies in general going forward. It just seems like such a big bite. **Mastin:** Marilee, why don't you and Pam discuss the options and then you can bring in back in August for a recommendation to the board so we don't have to try and develop something here now. **DelaBar:**

I didn't want to try to develop this. I put it there for information, but I am bringing this forward to the Breed Councils on Saturday as part of my presentation to them, because we have to have the Breed Councils buying into this, to do this. We need the Persians, we need the Manx, we need the Scottish Folds. **Griswold:** We could have a breed improvement project. **DelaBar:** We've got to get the Breed Councils on first and that's why I wanted to inform the board and then bring it up to the Breed Councils and hopefully get everybody to buy in on it. I guess the bottom line is, we have to be very, very serious in addressing these concerns. What we're addressing had been brought up by genetics committees of international organizations, so let me reiterate – yes, Europe is where everything is very visible right now, but it's going to be worldwide. CFA needs to grab this and hold onto it. It's something I think that we can really work with our Breed Councils and give them a reason for being. **Mastin:** Any other questions? Are you all set, Pam? **DelaBar:** Yes. **Mastin:** Thank you Pam.

Attachment

*From: Anthony Nichols <anthony_nichols@hotmail.com>
Date: June 13, 2024 at 22:56:19 GMT+3
To: "Bell, Jerold" <Jerold.Bell@tufts.edu>, Pamela DelaBar <alsace.pam@gmail.com>, alex elian <alexelian@gmail.com>
Cc: Numerous
Subject: Re: [External] Re: Cat Brachy Discussions*

Hello all

I think what might be helpful is to have well-promoted, WCC-wide, veterinary-approved Breed Improvement Projects for target breeds that we can all collaborate on and sign up to.

In GCCF each breed has a tailored, detailed breeding policy document, which sets out the framework for healthy breeding of that breed, looking at breed history, genetics, state & size of gene pool, approved outcrosses, DNA testing recommendations, presence of disease genes, conformational faults, best practice in breeding selection etc. Some of those things are registry specific and other elements could be pulled out into a multi-registry document that could also contain other elements, for example:

Guidance or agreed basic wording on correct/acceptable (and incorrect/unacceptable) description of key conformational traits in the standards of points.

Clear guidance on what the issues are, what is true and what is unfounded, what steps can be taken to improve things and what the scientific/veterinary rationale is.

DNA testing – agreement on which DNA tests should be mandatory (or in some cases recommended) for a particular breed. In Europe (especially FIFe and GCCF) mandatory DNA testing is fairly common and accepted for relevant tests. It is not too onerous for breeders as normally when a cat has two parents that are tested clear the offspring don't need retesting and can be considered clear. A Breed Improvement Project might include DNA testing to look at which genes are present and compare (for example, looking to see if there are any differences between the 3 variants in the Manx gene.), or to simply eradicate a disease gene that shouldn't be there, like PKD.

Health screening – agreement on when and how to use other forms of health screening, for example in GCCF Manx have a veterinary health assessment before breeding. If some sort of feline equivalent of the dog BOAS screening that is now being used could be developed, how might that be used?

Data reporting – if part of a Breed Improvement Project was collecting and analysing data, how is that done and who is it sent to. In GCCF for some DNA tests we require that swab to be taken and sent by a vet (or vet nurse) and the cat's microchip number to be recorded. How could registries that are collecting that data work together to have a larger consistent data pool to be analysed? (for example Manx again – cross referencing health screening with DNA testing. The same could potentially happen with Persians if the different genes responsible for shortening the nose could be found.)

Publicity - To be able to have a WCC/WSAVA press release saying we are launching the (for example) the Persian Breed Improvement Project would carry a lot of weight for public perceptions and hopefully also for the veterinary community and it would be something legislators would have to take into account and having something in place could encourage them to back off with more draconian measures. Some of the welfare organisations would support this too. To have a breeder or registry who can say they are a member of the Persian (or insert other breed) Breed Improvement Project, which is a global initiative with veterinary backing would add legitimacy and protection to those breeders and give them positive support and encouragement to best practice in breeding. It could also help to get out a key message to the public to buy from registered reputable breeders who are part of this if they want the best health and welfare outcomes for their cats.

Where some of the dog breeds are doing this it seems to be more local or registry based and some are classed as “preservation” projects, but I think improvement is a better concept than preservation – we do want to preserve the good things, as well as improving things where improvements can be made.

To be a credible project, there would need to be some clear actions, timeline, measurable outcomes (could include DNA testing data, results from veterinary assessments and indicators such as info about dissemination of information, seminars for breeders and judges etc.). To be a proper WCC multi-registry project we would need some consensus and negotiate where the common ground was, but all of that would be possible.

Anthony

MARS PETCARE POLICY STATEMENT ON BREED BANS

Reviewed/Approved

Astrid Schuijlenburch – July 18, 2023

Daphne Westgeest – July 18, 2023

Emmanuelle Louvet – July 21, 2023

Elodie Morel – July 24, 2023

Arnaud Christ – August 8, 2023

Molly McAllister – October 9, 2023

Mony Iyer – November 1, 2023

Todd Lavender – November 2, 2023

Nicholas Nelson – October 24, 2023

Severine Tasker – November 7, 2023

John O'Connor – February 8, 2024

TACKLING EXTREME BREEDING PRACTICES THAT ARE DETRIMENTAL TO A

We care deeply about pets, and we are concerned by extreme and irresponsible breeding practices that can cause cats and dogs to suffer from health issues, sometimes leading to a decline in their quality of life or their life expectancy. All pets deserve healthy, happy

We support reasonable, enforceable, non-discriminatory laws to govern the ownership of dogs and cats that ensure we protect their health and also protect cat and dog genetics, which should be safeguarded.

We agree with and support the recommendations of non-governmental organizations, experts, and stakeholders [ADD RELEVANT LOCAL EXAMPLE ORGANIZATION] to improve the lives of these pets, and these are that we should pursue:

- Healthy breeding and responsible selection from trained, responsible breeders
- Better awareness of these breeds' health sensitivities and responsible ownership

Reports of Affiliates

(16) CFA FOUNDATION.

Committee Chair: *Donald J. Williams*
Liaison to Board: *Carol Krzanowski*
List of Committee Members: *Don Williams, Lorraine Shelton, Liz Watson, Kathy Calhoun, Karen Lawrence, Pam DelaBar, Roeann Fulkerson, John Smithson*

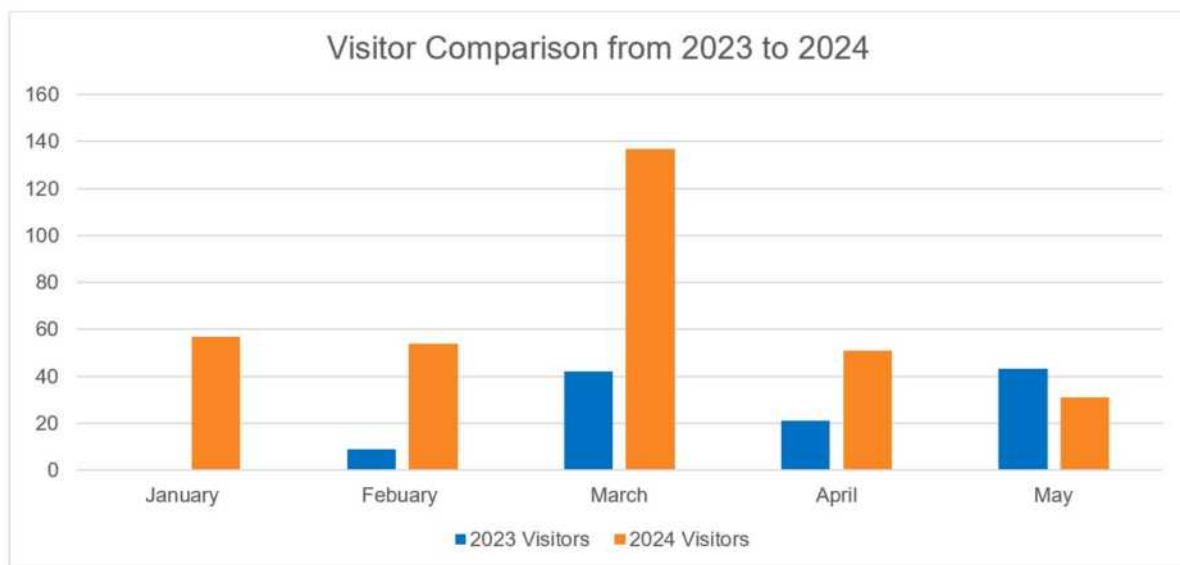
Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Feline Historical Museum is managed by the CFA Foundation and continues to rotate displays on a regular basis, which attracts visitors both in and outside of the Alliance area. A Korat breeder from Denmark, a group of senior citizens, and the continuing monthly Alliance street event were among those hosted in the past few months. Organization of figurines and art has progressed well with books, magazines, breed newsletters, and cattery records remaining to be organized into a re-designed research library.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Jamison Ritter is approaching her one year anniversary of her joining us as the curator of the Feline Historical Museum. The museum is currently open to the public three days a week, in compliance with our contract with CFA. Visitors to the museum continue to increase.

STATISTICS



Like items in the collection have been grouped together by breed and placed on racks upstairs. This will allow changing out the collection rooms every 3-4 months to be more efficient and encourage repeat visits to the museum by rotating the items on display. Jamison's focus for the

past few months has been to locate educational information to put on the floor to further develop displays based on different breeds of cat. The room that used to hold inventory has been reorganized and now holds the Cat House and most of the cat kitchen items.

Various historical documents and ephemera are in the process of being categorized. The children's library is currently holding all of the overflow items and furniture that does not fit in the original inventory room. This area will eventually become the research library.

After collaborating with our generous contributor, Pat Ruzga, it has been decided to use the vault for her permanent Siamese collection. Pat has also offered to donate towards the purchase of additional display cabinets in this area.

Future Projections for Committee:

Jamison has accomplished a great deal with absolutely no capital expenditure thus far. However, the museum still needs additional storage racks, display units, organizational boxes, filing cabinets, and velvet ropes. She has been researching and collecting information about the pictures and trophies that are currently displayed and has added to the educational element of the museum. More ambitious goals for the development of the museum will be based on financial support from the cat fancier community. Engaging our breed councils in order to expand our collection to include more information about the history of our breeds will be a goal for the near future.

We would like to invite all cat fanciers and members of the CFA Board of Directors to visit the Feline Historical Museum in order to fully appreciate its continuing journey. We thank the Board for its continuing support of the CFA Foundation.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

We will continue to keep the CFA Board of Directors informed of CFA Foundation activities.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Jamison Ritter, Curator
Lorraine Shelton, Secretary*

Mastin: Carol, we're going to go to CFA Foundation. **Krzanowski:** The report was really just an update on what's been happening at the Museum. There are no action items or anything like that, or special requests, but we would like to invite the board and all our exhibitors to visit the Museum at your earliest opportunity. I think you will be pleased at what you see. There's plenty to look at there – not just paintings and figurines, but also paperwork, archival kind of information. It's definitely worth the trip. I think you will be pleased. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions for Carol? Thank you, Carol.

(17) **EVERYCAT HEALTH FOUNDATION.**



***PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June, 2024***

<i>President:</i>	<i>Vickie Fisher</i>
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	<i>Brian Holub DVM</i>
	<i>Kara Burns, MS, MEd, LVT, VTS</i>
	<i>Danielle Maybank DVM</i>
	<i>John Randolph</i>
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	<i>Whitney Armentor, Development and Marketing Director</i>
	<i>Maggie Placer DVM, Veterinary Science Program Mgr.</i>
	<i>Alisa Salvaggio, Donor Care Specialist</i>
	<i>Virginia Rud, RVT, Outreach and Education Specialist</i>
	<i>Ann Fries, Foundation Assistant</i>
<i>Veterinary Consultant:</i>	<i>Dr. Philip Kass (UC Davis, College of Vet Med)</i>
<i>Scientific Advisors:</i>	<i>Tracey Williams (Senior Principal Scientist, Global Therapeutics Research, Zoetis, Kalamazoo, Michigan)</i>
	<i>Kari Mundschenk, DVM, DACBVP (Feline) (Professional Service Veterinarian, IDEXX Laboratories, Inc., Westbrook, Maine)</i>
	<i>Heidi Anderson, PhD (Senior Research and Development Manager, Wisdom Health, Helsinki, Finland)</i>

Grant Review Program

- *EveryCat's annual grant review was held on March 13, 2024. A total of 30 proposals were received. We were able to fund 13 proposals, totaling \$462,393. A complete list of the research funded is attached to this report.*

- *EveryCat was honored to be entrusted with funding from the American Veterinary Medical Foundation to invest in feline health research on their behalf, including \$50,000 stipulated to support the Joan Miller New Investigator research grants.*
- *As a result of the emerging situation relative to FIP on Cyprus, EveryCat is collaborating with another major funding organization to support a collaborative of researchers studying this and other strains of FIP with the hope of creating testing and vaccination outcomes. The first joint grant review for this special project was held in May, 2024, with leading research experts evaluating over \$1.0 million dollars in proposals.*

Education Programs

- *EveryCat, in collaboration with North Carolina State University, held a very successful Symposium on April 13-14, 2024 centering on the issue of and emerging research and treatments for pain in cats. The Symposium contained a track geared to veterinarians and technicians, fulfilling requirements for Continuing Education, and another track geared towards cat lovers and fanciers. It was available both online and in person.*
- *We are excited to present a special symposium on HCM in cats at this 2024 CFA Annual. We hope that both the Board and Delegates find the information useful. Heart disease is a major focus of EveryCat research with the funding provided through donations to our Ricky Fund.*
- *Our educational webinar offerings have and will continue. Recent webinars focused on the treatment of FIP given the latest news regarding treatment drugs being available in the United States as well as Low Stress Techniques for Feline Care. Watch the EveryCat newsletter and Social Media sites for details on upcoming webinars in July and August.*
- *EveryCat representatives and speakers continue with outreach efforts to expand our base of cat lovers and supporters. We will be making our third appearance at CatCon this summer, are planning our participation at the CFA International Show, and are continuing to target specific conferences, pet expos and cat shows to attend.*
- *Our Volunteer Program is up and running! Thanks to our volunteer, Volunteer Coordinator and Chief Cat Herder, Dr. Georgia Arvanitis, we are actively recruiting folks willing to help with outreach activities, fundraising, and educational efforts. Details on what you can do and how to sign up are available on our everycat.org website.*
- *EveryCat is proud to continue our collaboration with the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP). We have recently awarded two Veterinary Scholarships to outstanding veterinary students:*
 - *Jessica Marie Holmes- University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine - Clinical Practice Scholarship*
 - *Haley Momany – Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine – Clinical Research Scholarship*

Thank you to the CFA Board of Directors for the opportunity to present this update on our activities and appreciate your help in assuring the advancement of feline health.

EveryCat Board of Directors

By

Vickie Fisher, President

www.everycat.org

Mastin: EveryCat Health Foundation. Kathy, do you have anything to review? **Calhoun:** No. The report is just that. There are no action items, just a recap of what's been going on with EveryCat. That's our report. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions for Kathy? Thank you, Kathy.

(18) WORLD CAT CONGRESS.

Delegate: Rachel Anger
Advisor: Pam DelaBar

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The 2024 World Cat Congress Annual Meeting was held in Bangkok, Thailand on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at the Siam Design Hotel Bangkok. Prior to the event, on March 21 the delegates were treated to resort time at the fabulous Andaz Pattaya Hotel in Pattaya. The excursion included seeing the Khao Chi Chan Buddha Mountain, and the Legend Siam Pattaya, and of course, some beach time. This also was an excellent opportunity to meet delegates and advisors from the other WCC members, plus the other judges who would be officiating at the WCF cat show held in conjunction with the World Cat Congress.



On March 23/24, 2024, it was an honor for both Pam and Rachel to judge the WCF/WCC Asia World Show, “traditional style”, along with 18 other judges, at the prestigious Impact Exhibition Hall, as well as serving on the best in show panel. The show was well attended with over 600 lovely cats. The young age of the exhibitors was so exciting and refreshing to see. These exhibitors arrived early and remained in the show hall until midnight on Saturday and about 10:00 p.m. on Sunday. Cat strollers seem to be the popular item and exhibitors used these

instead of cat carriers. The cats competed in one or two traditional style rings each day, and in some cases had entered special rings with other types of judging and also included competition for cats with advanced WCF titles. This is quite a reverse of the mindset here in the U.S., with exhibitors expecting more and more rings, and a fast pace with little time for socializing. It was reminiscent of days gone by in CFA show halls.



Overall best in show was won by a 4 year old Scottish Fold male (above) owned by two CFA exhibitors!

Monday evening WCF Asia World Winners were honored at a formal gala dinner. The entertainment was a rare treat, with traditional Thai dancers playing out a scene, then inviting (kidnapping) attendees to participate. GCCF Delegate John Hansson, pictured below right, was a wonderful sport and seemed to out-perform the performer! ARC, the host organization, provided a wonderful dinner, followed by a touching award ceremony. Very lovely!



The Symposium was held on Monday, March 26. Following a welcome by the sponsoring organization, WCF President Mrs. Anneliese Hackmann, WCC President Mr. Eric Reijers (FIFe) invited each delegate to give a brief statement about their organization, with hearty thanks to Royal Canin for sponsoring the event. In attendance were:

WCC President:	Eric Reijers
WCC Secretary:	Robbie Walker
ACF Delegate:	Scoot Andresen
CCCA Delegate:	Chris Merritt
CFA Delegate:	Rachel Anger
CFA Adviser:	Pam Delabar
FIFe Delegate:	Annette Sjodin
FIFe Adviser:	Leopold van de Haterd
GCCF Delegate:	John Hansson
NZCF Delegate:	Ngairé Dixon
SACC Delegate:	Wendy Welham
TICA Delegate:	Liz Brown
TICA Adviser:	Vicki Jo Harrison
WCF Delegate:	Anneliese Hackmann
WCF Adviser:	Albert Kurkowski

Apologies:	WCC Treasurer:	Penny Bydlinski
	WCC Vice President:	Jan van Rooyen

Observers: Laureline Malineau (Royal Canin), Elodie Morel (Royal Canin), Charlotte Venet (Royal Canin), Dr. Leslie Lyons, Satu Hämäläinen

The presenters and topics at the seminar were as follows:

<i>Introduction to Royal Canin</i>	<i>Ms. Laureline Malineau – Royal Canin France</i>
<i>Old Blue Eyes is Back: blue eyes, white spotting and hearing</i>	<i>Professor Leslie Lyons, University of Missouri</i>
<i>How to build a copper cat: the interplay of CORIN and the cat coat color genes</i>	<i>Professor Leslie Lyons, University of Missouri</i>
<i>Common health issues in cats through each life stage</i>	<i>Dr. Siwaporn Pengpis, DVN, CU Feline Center, Small Animal Teaching Hospital</i>
<i>Key nutrition for cat</i>	<i>Royal Canin Thailand</i>
<i>Suphalak Cat: history and breeding in Thailand</i>	<i>Mr. Preecha Vadhana, Suphalak breeder</i>
<i>Suphalak Cat: WCF pre-recognition</i>	<i>Mrs. Svetlana Lalovic, WCF Judges and Pedigree Registration Commission</i>

On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, the business meeting of the World Cat Congress was called to order. The primary focus of the meeting was on feline health and the dangers of extreme breeding. Of note, CFA's action item was, that WCC as a whole to make a coordinated effort to tackle breed restrictive legislation throughout Europe and the rest of the world. We were successful in obtaining the approval of the following statement which was adopted by the WCC for each association to use: "(Organization...) in conjunction with the World Cat Congress, an organization consisting of the nine (9) largest feline registries in the world, promotes the health and welfare of all cats, and the responsible breeding and ownership of them." Pam DelaBar has an agenda item to discuss European Breed Legislation, and will be addressing the Breed Council Secretaries meeting, as well as the Judges' Workshop, to explain the threat to the cat fancy, as well as the Feline Health and Welfare Working Group.

Mastin: World Cat Congress, Rachel and Pam DelaBar. **Anger:** We give a nice summary of the actual event. Of important note is the action that CFA took, which was pre-noticed. We sent it in so that it would be on the agenda. It was a bit surprising that it took a lot of work and convincing to get this statement adopted by the World Cat Congress as a whole. I'm going to read it because at the end I'm going to be making a motion to add the statement to the CFA Website Policy page. The statement that we got adopted was, in CFA's case, *CFA, in conjunction with the World Cat Congress, an organization consisting of the nine (9) largest feline registries in the world, promotes the health and welfare of all cats, and the responsible breeding and ownership of them.* It's a very simple statement, based in great part to Pam's convincing presentation. I would like to move that that statement be added to the CFA website policy page. **DelaBar:** Second. **Mastin:** I've got Pam DelaBar seconding, with Rachel making the motion. Further discussion or questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously. **Anger:** Thank you.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

The 2025 WCC meeting will be sponsored by CFA. Phebe Low is expected to be in attendance at the CFA Annual Meeting to give a proposal for the event.

Anger: The report goes on to talk about next year's World Cat Congress meeting, which is scheduled to be sponsored by CFA. Phebe Low is en route here to give a presentation. I don't think she has arrived yet, but I copied the board on a presentation that she shared with us. It's just a simple four-page presentation to host the World Cat Congress meeting in Hong Kong by the Hong Kong Black Cat Club.

WORLD CAT CONGRESS Annual meeting 2025

Sponsored by CFA

PROPOSAL PREPARED BY:
PHEBE LOW

HONG KONG BLACK CAT CLUB
HONG KONG



Anger: She shows a picture here of the Hong Kong Convention Center right on Victoria Harbor, a very famous event location where many of CFA's first shows in Asia were held.

Proposal for WCC 2025 Annual Meeting

Date: July 30 – Aug 3, 2025

Venue: Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Center

Event in Conjunction: Hong Kong 2025 Cat Expo

Sponsoring club: Hong Kong Black Cat Club

Event included:

- Delegate meeting & executive meeting
- Professional Seminar
- 2 days show
- Gala Dinner



Anger: The proposed meeting is July 30-August 3 and will end with the show, which is a little bit different order than we usually do. Historically, we have the show first and then the meetings afterwards. The venue that is proposed is the Hong Kong Convention Center. She provides some pictures here of huge attendance at shows, the massive crowds that attend these events. I judged a show there for the first time in 2001. There were 80,000 people in one day. I

now how movie stars feel when they hear the cameras. It's deafening. That's how it was then and there is still huge excitement for the cat fancy in Hong Kong. We are sharing the fancy with other associations in the year 2024. The delegate meeting and executive meeting would be the day before the show, a seminar two days before the show, then the show itself would be two days long, followed by a gala dinner.



Prestige of Hong Kong

- Back up by the Cat Expo organizer **HK Exhibition Group Limited** who organizes huge size Pet Show and CAT Expo annually.
- Back up by Hong Kong Tourism Board
- Professional venue available in HKCEC
- Venue size of 2025 Cat Expo will be huge:
14,982 sq Meter
- Over 12 commercial sponsors on hand ready to support upcoming WCC event happening in Hong Kong

Hong Kong 2023 Cat Expo report :

- Attracted **180,000** gates, exhibition booths **300+**, CFA 8 rings show, CFA BAOS, CFA ID Awards Banquet with 200+ attendants of Asia, Europe, USA

Anger: Hong Kong is a very prestigious location to hold an event like this. The World Cat Congress is a worldwide association. People and delegates will be coming from all over the world, and Hong Kong is a very popular venue. Of course, we loved Las Vegas when we held it there in 2017 and everyone really wanted to go back there, but the city has priced itself out of our bracket. If any of you are following along with this on the document I sent you, Phebe goes into a lot of detail about the prestige of Hong Kong.

Background of Hong Kong Black Cat Club & Phebe Low

- ❖ HKBCC established in 2013
- ❖ Hosted 10+ years show in conjunction with Hong Kong Pet Show, Cat Expo annually
- Phebe's experiences:**
 - ❖ Organized over 30 large CFA cat shows/events since 1998 in Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre (HKCEC)
 - ❖ Organized very first IDAL Awards Banquet in 2006, plus leaded over 6 ID banquet project.
 - ❖ mandated event partner by **HK Exhibition Group Limited** who organizes huge size Pet Show and CAT EXPO annually.
 - ❖ HK 2023 Cat Expo reported : 180,000 gates, exhibition booths 300+, CFA 8 rings show, CFA BAOS, CFA ID Awards Banquet with 200+ attendants

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Anger: Basically, she is presenting an environment that will assure the success of the event. The Hong Kong Black Cat Club is going to undertake the majority of the production of this event, which is a fantastic offer by them and their group. I am confident in the group, I'm

confident in the location they selected, and it sounds like a tremendous opportunity for us to accept.

UPCOMING AUG 2024 CAT EXPO POSTER



Anger: For reference, here is a poster for the 2024 event.

WORLD CAT CONGRESS Annual meeting 2025

Sponsored by CFA

PROPOSAL PRESENTATION BY:
PHEBE LOW

HONG KONG BLACK CAT CLUB
HONG KONG

THANK YOU!

Anger: I wish Phebe was here, because I know she is very excited about the possibility of hosting the event. Pam, do you have anything? **DelaBar:** I was just going to say that a lot of the sponsorship, and I believe this could be financially very advantageous to CFA, to have the World Cat Congress in Hong Kong. **Anger:** This is a world stage for CFA to present itself on. We were so successful with our Las Vegas event. I think Allene can testify to the massive amount of extra work that caused. The local clubs in the Las Vegas area at the time really pitched in and made it a fantastic event. For Hong Kong Black Cat Club to offer to partner with us and do the lion's share of the work is a huge relief.

Anger: Do we need a motion to proceed with the event? We have previous board approval to sponsor the 2025 event, but I think this is a more specific presentation as to location

and date. I would like to move that the 2025 World Cat Congress Annual Meeting be held in Hong Kong, hosted by the Hong Kong Black Cat Club on July 30-August 3, 2025. **Mastin:** Pam, you're seconding it? **DelaBar:** I'm seconding it. **Mastin:** Matthew, are you available? Is he there, Allene? **Tartaglia:** He is here. **Wong:** Yes, yes. I'm here. **Mastin:** Matthew, can you tell us your thoughts on the World Cat Congress event to be held in Hong Kong? **Wong:** I am very supportive. It will be great to host it in Hong Kong. I am sure Phebe and her team will do an excellent job. **Mastin:** Kathy Calhoun, do you have comments? **Calhoun:** Fully supportive. **Mastin:** Fully support it. John? **Colilla:** Fully support. **Mastin:** Great.

Mastin: Does anybody have any questions or comments for Rachel and Pam? **Griswold:** Are there any prohibitions from people anywhere in the world to be able to bring their cat to the show, should they want to attend the show? Are there prohibitions getting to Hong Kong? **DelaBar:** It depends on where they're coming from. **Mastin:** Marilee, did you have another question? **Griswold:** No, that was my only question. **Mastin:** Did Matthew respond, Allene? **Calhoun:** [inaudible]. **Mastin:** Allene sent the question to Matthew, correct? **Wong:** Hi. Cats from U.S. and Europe can come to Hong Kong quite easily, but cats in other ID maybe have quarantine. **Griswold:** So, when you say that cats from the U.S. and Europe can come quite easily, what does that mean? Do they have to have a quarantine, or what is required for that? When you say they are coming from International Division, maybe it would have a quarantine, is that one or two countries or all of them? **Wong:** No quarantine from U.S. and Europe. Back in the day, exhibitors from the U.S. could just take their cat on the flight and come in. Now they can go by cargo on the same plane. We have seen a lot of Hong Kong exhibitors going to the U.S. So, U.S. and Europe cats can come to Hong Kong. We've got quarantine with the right papers. In short, for example, Thailand or China wouldn't be practical. I think Korea can come to Hong Kong easily, as well. Also, Japan. **Griswold:** So, China can't? China and Malaysia, Indonesia – none of them could participate? **Wong:** Thailand and Malaysia cannot.

Calhoun: So, this weekend is the same weekend that the Pet Expo typically occurs. It has been somewhat of a tradition that the Hong Kong Black Cat Club has a show in conjunction with that expo. Now, the number of cats, this is not an extravaganza sort of thing. A lot of cats will be from Hong Kong and other countries that they can easily get into Hong Kong to show, so that has been occurring in multiple years in association with this pet expo. Part of the reason why so many things are going to be managed through the cat club is because this is an expansion of that effort that they have conducted with the pet expo folks. It's a huge, huge expo, 80,000 people will give a large amount of exposure for CFA. Whether or not there will be 200 cats there, probably not; whether there will be cats from all over the world; probably not, but the event in and of itself is prestigious and well disposed and well organized also with the pet expo folks, so it certainly is a hugely great opportunity for CFA. I think it's a great opportunity for the World Cat Congress to come in at the time that event is going on and be able to experience that, as well.

[**Phebe Low** arrives] **Mastin:** Phebe, would you come up to the middle of the table, please? Have a seat. **Anger:** We have been talking about the World Cat Congress event in Hong Kong. I was talking mostly about the World Cat Congress piece. Kathy was just presenting the part about it being a part of the big expo. I had shared with the board your nice presentation, thank you very much. So, the 2025 expo is going to be almost 15,000 square meters, 12 commercial sponsors, 180,000 in gate, 300 exhibition booths, 8 ring CFA show, a BAOS, the ID awards banquet with over 200 attendees from Asia, Europe and the U.S. **Griswold:** We had

mentioned that we were going to have an in-conjunction CFA show. Is there going to be WCF, GCCF? Are all these shows going to be going in conjunction? **Anger:** We didn't say in-conjunction. **DelaBar:** No, no. **Griswold:** I thought you said we were going to have a CFA show. **Anger:** Yes. The World Cat Congress event will be held there, but that's a seminar and the World Cat Congress business meeting. The show is going to be a CFA show. The club may or may not choose to have some of the World Cat Congress delegates that are judges judge the CFA show, but it will be CFA dedicated. **Mastin:** Pam DelaBar, did you have more to add to that? **DelaBar:** Yes. I was going to say that we are responsible for paying for the judges, just like we would normally, whether they are CFA judges or guest judges from another WCC organization. Now, the World Cat Congress is supported and sponsored by Royal Canin and the officers of the World Cat Congress and the delegates of the World Cat Congress and part of the advisors receive money from the World Cat Congress. It does not come out of CFA's treasury, this comes from the World Cat Congress. The club is responsible for regular judge fees and for the lodging and of course the transportation is taken care of by either the World Cat Congress or by the individual delegates. **Calhoun:** I'm very aware of that, Pam. One of the few benefits, because the World Cat Congress is being hosted by CFA, a CFA is typically what the host registry is. They manage that show. One of the benefits is if the club decides to use any of the judges, that delegates or advisors that may be judges, they get reimbursed on their transportation fees by the World Cat Congress, so there is a financial benefit to use them. Rachel will probably have the most experience in this, but many of the shows that are in conjunction with the World Cat Congress did take advantage of that intrinsic benefit of using delegates or advisors as judges for the show, but any fees for hotels and that sort of thing would be paid for by the club.

Mastin: Phebe, do you have any additional comments for the board? **Low:** For the commercial support, we have a lot. For this year, when we had the cat expo, we had more than 10 sponsors that wanted to join as ring sponsors, but we only have 10 available so we have turned down some of them already. I have confidence to all sponsors next year. I mentioned about the WCC annual meeting and they are so delighted and they want to support having it in Hong Kong. **Griswold:** Phebe, I was asking about the possibility of being able to bring cats from places like Thailand or Malaysia or even China if they wanted to participate. I know there are prohibitions on it. Is there any way to get one-time exemptions for that, for a special show? **Low:** Yes. We have been talking with the government. If we have a big event happening in Hong Kong next year, we will start to prepare with the communication now. **Anger:** Just to make sure, with the 10 sponsors you already have, there would not be a conflict with Royal Canin sponsoring the World Cat Congress piece of it? **Low:** No. **Anger:** So, that's all set.

Mastin: Any additional comments or questions? Any objections to the motion? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Low: Thank you. **Mastin:** You are welcome. Congratulations. **Griswold:** Have fun with that.

The 2026 WCC meeting will be sponsored by GCCF.

CFA extends our special thanks to host ARC for the great hospitality extended to every delegate and to WCC for organizing the meeting. Last but not least, sincere thanks to Royal Canin for their ongoing partnership with the World Cat Congress.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rachel and Pam*

Anger: I would like to conclude my part of the report by thanking Royal Canin for their sponsorship of the World Cat Congress and the good care they have taken of CFA and our sister organizations in the World Cat Congress. **Mastin:** Pam, do you have anything left on this topic? **DelaBar:** No, I think Rachel covered everything. **Mastin:** Great. Phebe, thank you for taking this on. We all appreciate you for doing this. **Everyone:** Thank you, Phebe! [applause]

(19) SHOW PROMOTION COMMITTEE.

Committee Chair: *Mike Altschul*
Liaison to Board: *Pam Moser*
List of Committee Members: *Jennie Batten, Melody Boyd, Ariel Bartelmes, Becky Galloway, Kate Sain, Janet Moyer, Carmen Marie Johnson-Lawrence, Michelle Piatt, Amy Sutherland, Wendy Carson, Crystal Wood*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Most of the work of our committee is helping many shows get great gates, with excited younger audiences that are fine-tuned thru demographic and geographic targeting, to reach our main target audience – women 25-49. Facebook is the perfect medium for this target audience hitting that group perfectly.

I have been recognized by Meta (Facebook) by being part of the, by invitation only, Meta Leadership Network. It provides VIP level support to assist with the daily issues and outages that occur on the Meta network. Meta pays me for regular 90-minute interviews on how we reach such outstanding percentages of Click Thru Rates (CTR) and high Quality Rankings, Engagement Rankings, and Conversion Rate Rankings of our target audience. The better these numbers are, the better events are reaching the target audience. When that is successful, the cost per result drops and you get a lot more for your money. Our Meta page following has grown to 68,000 followers, almost 7 times the audience of the next largest Social Media Optimization Managers working with cat shows. We are just now starting up with YouTube shorts for additional coverage. Artificial Intelligence is becoming a big part in high-yield marketing and we are fully engaged in that highly advanced robotic group of products. More changes have happened in social media optimization promotion the last 12 months, than the previous 6 year!

A major part of what we do is help clubs produce higher quality shows by coaching them the “do’s and don’ts” in producing a 2024 cat show. We work closely with clubs to ensure their venue, show hall layout, and personnel can handle the number of energized guests we bring in as a result of our efforts.

We share our large library of show management articles, which includes many areas of modern show production areas. This means that the finished product, our cat shows, will have happier exhibitors as well as many motivated guests, of which some guests are fully motivated to pick up our hobby.

Current Happenings of Committee:

In the 2023-2024 show season, our group helped 72 shows bring in 69,967 guests producing a gross income of \$656,035 thru paid Meta (Facebook) ads.

Our group, mainly through the help of Melody Boyd, of New Vision Cat Club, is working full-time doing video reels, organically, across 4 main social media platforms, Facebook Reels, Instagram, Tik Tok, a now YouTube Shorts thru organic (free) posting.

While targeting local markets initially, because of the high click-through rate (CTR) of the videos, many of the videos have gone viral, worldwide. We have an estimated accumulated video plays/views online approaching 1 BILLION plays. The help to the local markets is somewhat significant, but the increased awareness of CFA cat shows, worldwide is astronomical.

Future Projections for Committee:

We continue increasing our ability to do more shows per weekend, with the current ability to do up to 3 shows on any given weekend. We estimate assisting 75-80 shows this show season. Not all clubs want help or even want guests visiting their show.

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

N/A

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates about our progress as needed.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Altschul, Affiliate Chair of CFA Show Promotion*

**Meta Leaders Network Member, CFA Show Promotion Affiliate
Chair, Facebook Superhost Event Manager, and *Surreal Cat Shows***

Mastin: Pam Moser? **Moser:** Is Mike here? **Mastin:** He was here earlier but I don't see him now. **Moser:** I'll go ahead. I'm sure you read the report and I would like to say that it is pretty impressive what Mike has been doing with the show promotions. I wanted to bring attention especially to the Current Happenings where last season he had 72 shows that he was doing and of that 69,000 guests. The gross income for the shows was \$656,000. I think that's pretty impressive. Anyway, I have to say that he is doing a great job on this. Are there any questions? **Mastin:** No questions. Thank you, Pam.

Mastin: We are going to take a break of 15 minutes and come back at 2:16.

BREAK.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

(20) UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mastin: Are we all back from break? Darrell's got something he needs a few minutes. Darrell? **Newkirk:** Can I have Pam Moser come up? This is Pam's 10th year serving on the CFA Board of Directors. We don't always sit on the same side of the issue, but we love each other. So anyway, I sent someone out to get a cake for Pam. We couldn't find one, because I wanted to say thank you for your 10 years of hard work serving the CFA Board of Directors, so we came up with the second best thing. **Moser:** A thousand dollars? **Newkirk:** Well, no. We got three cakes. **Moser:** Thank you, that's very nice. **Newkirk:** Thank you, Pam Moser. [applause] **Moser:** I would like to say something. It has been a pleasure for the last 10 years to serve on the board. Anyway, also I would like to take this opportunity to thank Central Office. Central Office does a lot of work, especially having to put on the board meetings. There's a lot of behind-the-scenes work that they have to do and I sometimes think we are under-appreciated, so I really want to thank them because they do a great job. [applause] **Currle:** Pam, I'm going to miss your China no votes. **Newkirk:** Rich, is it OK if we take a couple minutes? [cake is served] **Mastin:** It has been a pleasure. I learned a lot working with you.

Mastin: Rachel told me there is no Unfinished Business.

(21) **OTHER COMMITTEES.**

(a) **Breeder Education Committee.**

Committee Chair: Carissa Altschul
Liaison to Board: Marilee Griswold
List of Committee Members: LeAnn Rupy

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

We have found that trying to decide what information should be shared on the CFA website has been difficult. Additionally, the potential looming redesign of the CFA website has made us hesitant to add any content until the re-design comes out.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Our main focus remains on the Annual and providing more opportunities to breeders to come together in person and learn from each other. We really want to expand to more topics and different “classes,” but that will take more time and more people to develop. Last year’s meeting was packed! This year has even more interest and we have moved to two hours.

Future Projections for Committee:

Looking forward to the next two years, determining when to have the seminar will be difficult due to my board meeting obligations. Potentially looking at Saturday afternoon. Eventually, trying to find appropriate educational items that are both helpful and yet, not too controversial, on the CFA website.

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

Ongoing.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Nothing at this time.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carissa Altschul, Chair*

Mastin: Breeder Education Committee. Is Carissa here? **Newkirk:** They are having a meeting next door. **Mastin:** OK, so Marilee? **Griswold:** Carissa is actually doing her Breeder Education Summit right now. It was well received last year, so we have increased it to an additional hour. Going forward, I know there has been some interest in having presentation-like classes on specific things. Right now, it’s mostly fielding questions and answers in that type of

format, but going forward maybe to having specific classes based on certain topics in specific. So, that's something that they are going to be working on. **Mastin:** Do you know how many attendees she has? **Griswold:** I'm not sure of the total, but I just looked in there. **Newkirk:** There were a lot. **Griswold:** There's at least 30 in there. **Mastin:** I know last year was her first year doing it and she agreed to continue to do it. **Griswold:** 40-50. There's quite a few. **Mastin:** Did you get pictures of that? **Richard Chanan:** I got pictures of each side because there were a lot of people. **Mastin:** That's great. Just so everybody knows where that came from, Darrell, it was at your last Breeds and Standards meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. Carissa made the comment that we needed a program. Right after the meeting I approached her to see if she was interested. She said, "I need some time to think about it," then she agreed to do it. I'm glad to hear she's got 40-50 people in that class. **Noble:** I know that last year in anticipation she had some nervousness about what to expect and when she walked out of there and it was standing room only, they basically had more people show up than they had chairs for, she was excited. She was really excited. **Mastin:** That's great. Marilee, do you have anything else? **Griswold:** That's all. **Mastin:** Does anyone have any questions for Marilee? Marilee, thank you.

(b) Animal Welfare.

Committee Chair:	Charlene Campbell
Liaison to Board:	Pam DelaBar
List of Committee Members:	Charlene Campbell Acting Breeders Assistance
	Tracey Dalton Food Pantry
	Tamara Sender Breed Rescue
	Cyndy Byrd Treasurer
	Linda Berg Disaster Relief Liaison

I want to thank the CFA Board for the \$750.00 each month for Breeders Assistance and Breed Rescue and your donations for emergencies and disasters. We changed the way to fund our Rescue Ops this past year due to smaller donations during this rising inflationary period and higher needs. We were concerned, implementing our \$250 maximum "donation" per cat to the Rescue for each cat and streamlined our Food Bank Policy. We continued to cover unusual issues a feline may have for the Rescue Organization.

Due to rising costs, we must revisit our Policy at our next meeting. We are incredibly grateful for CFA donations helping us treat many in need of Vet care who had never seen a Vet. We have had over 450 cats transported, spayed, neutered, treated, given food-litter, or given medical supply aid. A few Felines had serious medical issues treated at the University Hospitals.

With many thanks to our CFA Cat Fancy donations and Artwork Sales, we have been able to again donate \$11,121.87 to Ukraine Disaster Needs, not including Pam DelaBar's collection donations.

We need to change our CFA By Laws back to include consequences to sell sick felines, they cause blemish to all ethical breeders who get Vet checks, vaccinations, and Health Certs before selling felines. If we made getting a Health Certificate Mandatory protocol it would end a lot of

complaints, as required sell across State Lines and/or commercial transport. We have increased complaint cases. Most sick cat complaints are under \$3,000.

We are having a lot of identity issues with online scams. We need to educate CFA Breeders to watch for online cattery Identity Theft. We have “look-a-like” Breeders steal breeder web photos, pose online, and take consumer’s deposits. Is there a way to warn the Public?

I want to encourage all Breeders to get a kitten/cat they sell microchipped and Vet Health Certificate issued. Required overseas with many feline sales. It would help with so many issues. I would like to see the Health Certificate suggestion added to our CFA Breeder Code of Ethics.

Mastin: Next item, Pam DelaBar. It was added to the agenda – Animal Welfare.

DelaBar: We have been very busy this year. They have worked with over 450 felines and there were several large catteries that were downsized. Charlene wanted to make sure that breeders were careful about what they were buying from online and also she wanted the board to know that the Breeder Assistance Program is incorporated for CFA breeders. They took a big hit over not working on a rescue of Ragdolls from a TICA breeder and they can’t. They always are in need of donations for the Breeder Assistance Program. I do want to bring up the fact that it is a 501(c)(3). If you do U.S. taxes, any donation Charlene will be very happy to write you a letter so you can claim it on your income taxes as a nice tax donation. One of Charlene’s last statements is, *Please get your cats microchipped*. The one way that we are able to identify ownership in cases of animal welfare, I can tell you that in a very bad situation we had quite a few years ago, the only cat that got returned to its owner – it was in for breeding – was the only one that was microchipped. I can also tell you, in times of disasters, it is the cats that are microchipped that we are able to get back to their owners. So, please, please, donate to the Breeder Assistance Program and get your cats microchipped. **Griswold:** Pam, this is just a question that I don’t know. I saw this back and forth on Facebook about the TICA cattery that was in need of rescue. Does TICA have a cattery rescue program, like a breeder assistance program, like we do? **DelaBar:** No, but they are developing one. For many years, CFA has had the only program, basically since 1991. **Griswold:** I see she offered to help TICA try to set one up, and I’m assuming that that means they didn’t have one. **DelaBar:** They did not have one. CFA has had the only basically legislative group and animal welfare group, so any help in that would be great. We will try to help with rescue organizations and fostering and things like that, but we can’t do money because it’s against our Articles of Incorporation.

Mastin: Any questions for Pam? Pam, on the sixth paragraph, last sentence, do you want to make a motion to that last sentence? **DelaBar:** I’m trying to find what you are talking about.

Mastin: Front page, sixth paragraph, last sentence. **DelaBar:** *I would like to encourage – that one?* **Mastin:** *I would like to see –* **DelaBar:** *Oh, I would like to see the Health Certificate suggestion added to our CFA Breeder Code of Ethics.*

Mastin: Do we need a motion for that? Would you like to make one? **DelaBar:** One, I am unsure which health certificate she is talking about, so before I – **Mastin:** OK, clarify with her. **DelaBar:** And then come back. **Mastin:**

Darrell, is Breeds and Standards in the Breeder Code of Ethics? Allene, do you know who wrote the CFA Breeder Code of Ethics? **DelaBar:** I did. **Mastin:** You did. OK, so you can look at both. **DelaBar:** I’m trying to see what the health certificate is. I know about the Breeder Code of Ethics. **Mastin:** Alright. You can come back later with that, alright? **DelaBar:** OK, I will do that. **Mastin:** So, you are all done? **DelaBar:** I’m done. **Mastin:** Very good. Thank you Pam.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Our Volunteer Regional Coordinators have had changes this year. We spent \$42,864.74 in our rescue Operation this year utilizing austere cost saving measures. We had donations of \$47,111.06 and PurrHarmony Rescue donated several thousands of dollars in Vet Care to our BRP Program. This is the first time in several years that we have not had a deficit. We are going to re-evaluate our Rescue Donation Policy as Vet costs, food, litter etc. are rising, we would like to go back to covering the Vet costs for each CFA Rescue Feline intake.

We spent \$42,864.74 aid to cats in need of which \$11,121.87 was for catteries, families, and Dobrokit Rescue in Ukraine. BAP BOD Treasurer has been working hard doing an excellent job issuing these wire payments. Below is a list of Coordinators etc. working for our Regions.

Cyndy Byrd, CA our CFA BAP-BRP Treasurer! Contact Cyndy Byrd, chelrose@earthlink.net 1392 Robert Court, Brea, CA 92821, phone 714-671-2802.

Tamara Sender, National Breed Rescue Coordinator, tamara.bap@outlook.com

Tracey Dalton, Food Pantry staineraser@me.com

Region 1 Julie Keyer kattalyst.osh@gmail.com , Denise Mangold denise.mangold@oracle.com

Region 2 Coordinator Erin Cutchen - wedotv@hotmail.com

Region 3, Gulf Shore Andrea Ward- andrea.cfabap@outlook.com

Region 4 Tamara Sender, Breed Rescue, tamara.bap@outlook.com , Desiree Bobby, Breeders Assistance, dbobby@cfa.org

Region 5 have a volunteer Volunteer Mary Barber mary.a223@yahoo.com who will assist for the present time and Linda Berg- oakhaven@aol.com

Region 6 Tamara Sender, Breeders Assistance and Breed Rescue, tamara.bap@outlook.com

Region 7 Susan Pyles susan.pyles15@gmail.com

Acting, International Breeders Assist Chair, Alice Rosol, Germany, Rosol@web.de

Corporate Business Management, President, Linda Berg oakheaven@aol.com and Treasurer, Cyndy Byrd, chelrose@earthlink.net We are still looking for a Chair for CFA Breed Assist. Charlene Campbell, Acting BAP, 239-810-3424 jcampb4244@aol.com

Current Happenings of Committee:

We continue to have several large cattery (15 – 40 cats and small cattery downsizes/closures due to health, we have worked with over 450 felines year end 2024. We have some large cattery issues, we have exchanged contact and offered services, but the breeders are not ready to move forward with downsizing. We have been doing a few 20 cat transports due to Rescue space availability, another in 3 weeks.

We have been receiving many requests for help each week, both for small intakes and large 30+ cats in need, we immediately go to work to get it resolved, sometimes it takes a week or two to get to the full count of cats at hand. One concern we wish we could address is cats that are put in a cage with chronic issues that are left untreated for years, i.e.: knee or joint issues, medication resistant fungus, chronic diarrhea, ear polyps to name a couple. Breeders need to address a chronic illness with proper Veterinary care.

Our Team with the help of Ginger Meeker is working to supply helpful information for Breeders Catteries in our Monthly contribution to the CFA Newsletters.

BAP Supplied Food, Litter and Emergency Vet care, treatment products for a few Breeders who had financial hardships, they were on fixed income and experienced a Cattery Illness Emergency that took all disposable income.

We are Networking for Ukraine Disaster Relief Assistance, Region 9 with Director Pam DelaBar for the Breeders in need, along with Olga Rakitnyh and Andrew Ustinov, Rolandus Cat Club 300 breeder and families; and Peter Vanwonderghem with Dobrokit Rescue and Vetexpert volunteers.

Due to the shortage of Retail Cat Food in Ukraine this aid will be ongoing for some time until the war ends and regular shipments resume. Many THANK YOU's to our generous CFA Folks for their donations and support!! This will be ongoing support as needed.

We get requests for help from many TICA Breeders on a regular basis. Our program cannot fund a TICA Cattery Rescue. We can only fund dual registered active CFA Breeders. BAP-BRP has a fiduciary obligation to all our CFA Breeders, Exhibitors, Clubs and CFA! We were recently attacked for our Program's By-Law explanation on a Facebook Page by a few CFA Breeders. However, our Team always takes time to quietly find the TICA Breeder Resources and Affiliate Rescues to help them, I have even offered to call TICA to get breeder Food and Litter for their cats. We care about all cats in peril. I have offered TICA assistance to get a program set up.

Future Projections for Committee:

I have attached our yearly Income-Expense Report. We did better this year with our austere belt tightening measures during this inflation period, we have a \$250 Rescue donation cap (exception for unusual issues), fee is like a Rescue Intake Fee. We will revisit our Policy due to the rise in Veterinary and Medication costs etc., we want to go back to funding the complete intake Vet care.

We plan to continue to raise funds and help Ukraine feed their felines in need. They still have disrupted commerce in many areas, and our help is needed to supply cat food for breeders etc. 300 households were given aid on the last list from Rolandus Cat Club all through the Country. Plus, we are helping the Veterinarians feed injured felines at Doborkit Rescue, they have increased needs due to the heavy fighting, the soldiers bring back severely injured felines for treatment.

Alice Rosol, Germany had a case that she worked with Pam DelaBar when a Korat Breeder passed away due to auto accident.

We are still looking for help to design a New Web site, new logo to incorporate our Disaster Relief, recruit more volunteers for our Regions. Anyone who wants to volunteer please email Charlene Campbell jcampb4244@aol.com . We also could use some computer experienced volunteers (sadly none of us are Tech Savvy, many ways to volunteer! Need to create a User Manual for future BAP-BRP Chairs. We are going to update and modernize our CFA Web Page.

Thank you, our CFA BAP-BRP team are unpaid volunteers, they all work hard to put CFA in the best light and save felines.

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Please Add back accountability measures for a breeder that knowingly sells sick kittens/cats.

Please encourage all Breeders to get a kitten/cat they sell microchipped, dual register chip (breeder-purchaser) and note microchip# with Vet Heath Certificate issued. (Required overseas with many feline sales.) It would help with so many issues, AKC uses microchips for many issues like hip certification etc., it is included with the registration. I would like to see the Health Certificate suggestion added to our CFA Breeder Code of Ethics.

We are asking all the Regional Directors to ask their Regional Membership to help us with our efforts, let them know our help is available and donate, when possible, to CFA BAP-BRP, including for the ongoing Ukraine needs. We are incredibly grateful for all the donations from the CFA Club Shows.

We need to educate CFA Breeders to watch for online cattery Identity Theft, protect photos with watermarks etc. We have “look-a-like” Faux Breeders steal Breeder web photos, name etc., pose as online as the breeder and take consumer’s deposits and disappear.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Charlene Campbell, Chair
Linda Berg, President BAP-BRP*

(22) **NEW BUSINESS.**

(a) **Registration Rules Proposals (Huhtaniemi).**

1. Rules of Registration Proposal.

***Motion #1:** Adopt the proposed housekeeping changes to Registration Rules, Article I – Registration, Section 3, to clarify the rule and correct the Colorpoint Shorthair and Khao Manee exceptions to registration requirements, as follows:*

ARTICLE I – Registration, Section 3	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
Section 3 - Registration via Certified Pedigree: Under certain circumstances, a cat registered with another recognized association may be eligible for CFA registration without prior CFA litter registration by the breeder. Application for registration can be made via certified pedigree from an approved organization*** with the appropriate number of generations included with the application.* Note: these rules apply only to cats being transferred to CFA from other associations/registries recognized by CFA. *Except LaPerm and Selkirk Rex. LaPerm and Selkirk Rex registered in another cat registry are eligible for CFA registration. A copy of the registration certificate must be provided to CFA with the request for registration. The “registration via pedigree” fee applies. To obtain registration for cats eligible under this policy, a 5-generation certified pedigree with the required number of generations for the breed, (see “Note” for exceptions to the 5-generation requirement), issued by the registrar of the association in which the cat is currently registered, must be submitted for CFA files. Pedigrees used for this type of registration will be accepted only from previously certified associations. The parents of the cat to be registered are considered to be ‘generation one.’ Note: these rules apply only to cats being transferred to CFA from other associations/registries recognized by CFA. Except LaPerm and Selkirk Rex. LaPerm and Selkirk Rex registered in another cat registry are eligible for CFA registration. A copy of the registration certificate must be provided to CFA with the request for registration. The	Section 3 - Registration via Certified Pedigree: Under certain circumstances, a <u>A</u> cat registered with another recognized association <u>or registry by CFA</u> may be eligible for CFA registration without prior CFA litter registration by the breeder. Application for registration can be made via certified pedigree from an approved organization*** with the appropriate number of generations included with the application.* Note: these rules apply only to cats being transferred to CFA from other associations/registries recognized by CFA. *Except LaPerm and Selkirk Rex. LaPerm and Selkirk Rex registered in another cat registry are eligible for CFA registration. A copy of the registration certificate must be provided to CFA with the request for registration. The “registration via pedigree” fee applies. To obtain registration for cats eligible under this policy, a 5-generation certified pedigree with the required number of generations for the breed, (see “Note” for exceptions to the 5-generation requirement), issued by the registrar of the association in which the cat is currently registered, must be submitted for CFA files. Pedigrees used for this type of registration will be accepted only from previously certified associations. The parents of the cat to be registered are considered to be ‘generation one.’ Note: these rules apply only to cats being transferred to CFA from other associations/registries recognized by CFA. Except LaPerm and Selkirk Rex. LaPerm and Selkirk Rex registered in another cat registry are eligible for CFA registration. A copy of the registration

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RATIONALE: Section 3 – Registration via Certified Pedigree needs housekeeping. The rule is messy after the updates on what the CFA Board passed at the June 2018 meeting. The board allowed any registered cat to be registered via pedigree with CFA. The proposal does not include changes to how many generations are needed, except for an update to the Colorpoint Shorthair generation requirement change from 3 to 2 generations, which the Oriental Shorthair Breed Council voted and passed in December 2023, and the CFA Executive Board ratified in February 2024. Khao Manee’s registration policy is updated to match current breed registration requirements.	

Clear version of the rule to make it easier to read:

Section 3 - Registration via Certified Pedigree: *A cat registered with another recognized association or registry by CFA may be eligible for CFA registration without prior CFA litter registration by the breeder. Application for registration can be made via certified pedigree with the appropriate number of generations included with the application. The “registration via pedigree” fee applies. To obtain registration for cats eligible under this policy, a 5-generation certified pedigree with the required number of generations for the breed, (see “Note” for exceptions to the 5-generation requirement), issued by the registrar of the association in which the cat is currently registered, must be submitted for CFA files. The parents of the cat to be registered are considered to be ‘generation one.’*

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import from Southeast Asia), Korat (3), LaPerm (no pedigree required, only registration certificate), Lykoi (3, unknown permitted), Oriental (3), Persian (8), Ragdoll (3), Russian Blue (8), Scottish Fold (3), Selkirk Rex (no pedigree required, only registration certificate), Siamese (8), Siberian (3), Tonkinese (3), Toybob (3, unknown permitted) and Turkish Angora (3). All other breeds require 5 generations.

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Individuals planning to import a cat or register a cat from a domestic association should contact the Central Office for information regarding requirements and documentation needed to begin the registration process.

Titles and awards won in other associations will not be recorded or shown on CFA records

Mastin: New Business, Registration Rules Proposal, Pauli. **Huhtaniemi:** Just basically making it easier to read, because now there is exceptions inside the basic rules. So, those changes, there was the basic rule, then exceptions, then another exception. There is a clearer version of the rule at the end of that, because it's otherwise hard to read. I hope everybody has read the report. **Griswold:** So Pauli, what you're doing is removing breed-specific registration exceptions from our general registration rules. **Huhtaniemi:** Yes. **Griswold:** So, the specific registration per breed is going to be where? **Huhtaniemi:** No, it's all included there. First there is the basic rule which says what the recommended registration is, then there is breed exceptions – how many generations you need, or if you don't need anything – and then there is the recorded cats. Everything is still there, it's just a different order. **Krzanowski:** Just rearranging it. **Huhtaniemi:** Yes. There are two changes. One is Colorpoint Shorthair which now requires 2 generations, and also the Khao Manee registration which it has been for years. **Raymond:** I just have a question. The first paragraph, striking out the language *from an approved organization* and replacing it with *from other associations/registries recognized by CFA*. The question for Allene, is there a difference between a recognized association or registry versus an approved organization? **Huhtaniemi:** There is actually this in the registration rules. **Raymond:** Yes, but I didn't know if that approved list was the same as the recognized list; whether they are the same or two different things. I'm thinking there may be other organizations that CFA recognizes as existing, but maybe we don't accept their pedigrees. I don't know that, I'm just posing the question. **Mastin:** I asked Rachel who oversees the Rules of Registration. Do we have somebody who does that, or is it the board? I think her response was, "the board." We should check with maybe Breeds and Standards. My concern is, there's a lot here and I'm not exactly sure we all understand it and it's ready for approval just yet. Maybe it is. Darrell, do you have any comments on this? **Newkirk:** The only thing that I comment on, it says here it's a housekeeping proposal. Nothing has been deleted or added, it's just restructuring the article. I think we're OK. That's the

way I look at it. Pauli, you said it's a housekeeping issue. **Huhtaniemi:** The rule is now so hard to read because there are exceptions to exceptions. **Tartaglia:** The Rules of Registration or the Registration Rules is a document that's normally kept by Central Office. If we update it, it might be due to a cattery or just a number of things. The only thing regarding the registration by pedigree, we include it once it is passed by the different breed councils. The associations for registration by pedigree is a table that's at the end of the Registration Rules itself. It's a three-page document and there are 19 registries so far. We have 9 World Cat Congress members and additional registries accepted. Those are the associations that we accept pedigrees from at this time. That's a pretty rigorous process that they have to apply, but that's what that is referring to, with those associations. **Raymond:** I would suggest that whatever the title is on that list, that's the term that gets used inside the rule. **Mastin:** What's the title on that list? **Tartaglia:** It just says, "Associations for Registration by Pedigree." You can name it anything you want that makes sense. **Newkirk:** Don't we recognize darn near everybody? **Raymond:** My concern is, you can have an association that is recognized as existing by CFA, but we don't necessarily accept their pedigrees. So, "recognized" may not be the same as "approved". **Newkirk:** But her list, these are all associations that you will accept a pedigree from, is that correct? **Mastin:** Allene, does anywhere on your list say reciprocity chart? **Tartaglia:** No, not in the Registration Rules. **Mastin:** Pauli, we're just confirming that we've got the correct identification. I just don't want to have to re-do this later. Tell me again what yours says, Allene? **Tartaglia:** It's the three asterisks that ties these things together. **Mastin:** What does it say? **Tartaglia:** It says *Associations for Registration by Pedigree*. **Mastin:** That's what's on this one, as well. Pauli, Ed is willing to work on it and bring it back in August. **Huhtaniemi:** OK, yeah. **Mastin:** Let's do that. Very good, thank you. Pauli, do you have anything else but this? **Huhtaniemi:** No, with this one.

Newkirk: We need to go back to the first one and make a motion to table. **Mastin:** You make the motion? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Mastin:** Darrell is making the motion on the first one. Russell, you are seconding. We're going back to do the first one. The motion is to table. Any discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, that motion passes unanimously.

The motion [to table until August] is ratified by unanimous consent.

2. Proposal To Create At CFA Homepage a Search Tool Which Tells If Cat is CFA Registered.

Motion #2: *Create a wildcard search tool based on cats' names to be added to the CFA website, which confirms if the cat is CFA-registered or not. Cat's official registration number is not to be published.*

Rationale: *It is said that only a very few via certified pedigree registrations fail, as most of the cat's paperwork is in order when paperwork is submitted to the Central Office. In reality, most of those who haven't managed to gather the needed generations don't submit any paperwork at all. Some of the Breed Council Secretaries have a private collection of certified pedigrees, and people could request help from them. Unfortunately, people new to the CFA are not aware of this kind of private service. CFA's policy is that if a cat in the certified pedigree is already CFA-registered, there is no need to submit additional generations behind the cat because the cat's background is already approved by CFA. Many organizations add the CFA registration*

information to their pedigrees, but breeders are double- or triple-registering their cats in various registries, and double or triple association registration numbers don't carry over. Currently, there is no easy way to find out if a cat in the pedigree is already CFA-registered. A simple search tool on the CFA website makes it easier to track if a cat is already registered with CFA. Such a service would serve CFA customers a lot.

According to the Central Office IT specialist, creating a search tool is simple, and the costs would be negligible. However, the Central Office is worried that this kind of search tool could give fraudulent breeders an easy tool for mining CFA registration numbers because you would either need an exact match for a cat's name or you would use a wild card search. An exact match is not easy to match since apostrophes, spaces, etc. enter into it. If a wild card matches, it will start to show the names of cats that start to match. It could be many cats that start appearing on the list when someone starts entering a cattery name, for instance, and when you click any name you want on that list, there is registration number information available. The official CFA registration number information would be helpful, but basically it is secondary information. In most cases, the information the cat is CFA-registered is enough, and no need to submit additional generations. A specialist is verifying information from CFA database when she reviews the submitted pedigrees.

Huhtaniemi: The second one, this is just a simple search tool for the CFA website where you can type in the cat name and it tells you if the cat is CFA registered or not. It doesn't give the registration number, it just gives the cat's name. This will help people who use many pedigree registrations because they can see from the pedigree that this cat was already CFA registered and no need to send the information behind the cats. Sometimes it's really hard to get the certified pedigrees. **Mastin:** James, can our system do that? **Simbro:** That would be a very simple thing to do. The problem is, and Allene and I have discussed this, typing in a cat's name is either going to turn up a ridiculous amount of results – it could be that as you type the name the list would get smaller – but we have seen cats, they might be registered in one organization with a space and when we did the registration we [inaudible] so they're not exact. So, finding an exact match could be very difficult. The cat could very well be in our database, but getting an exact match would be problematic at times. **Tartaglia:** An additional concern that I would have is that someone would use this tool and say, "there's my cat," and it really isn't their cat, and they will not provide the pedigree that we need, so that will take more work. They will say, "this cat is CFA registered so I don't have to do anything more," and submit the paperwork when that cat is not CFA registered at all. The concept is good. We originally talked about if we wanted to do a registration number but we are concerned about the privacy issue, that anybody could go in and start mining registration numbers off our database, off of our website, so we didn't think that was a good idea. **Huhtaniemi:** It just would be helpful to find out if some cat is CFA registered. Monique, when she does check the pedigrees, she will make the final review if this is correct. She is going to do that anyway. **Newkirk:** Is there any way that we could implement this for three months and give it a try, and see if there's issues? **Tartaglia:** [inaudible] a relatively simple thing to do. We could give it a try. If we find that it's creating a lot more work for Monique, then to say, "this isn't working," is that an agreeable solution? **Calhoun:** This is for James. What is the cost to do this program? Are we talking about under \$1,000? **Simbro:** No more than \$1,000. **Mastin:** James, how confident are you in that? **Simbro:** It's no different than if we had a web page where you could look up registered cat names, just a listing. This is a little more involved than a search box, but the data is all there. It's really just building a web page, putting a search

box in there and preparing the right data. It really is about as basic as you can get. I'm thinking the developers will probably have no more than 5 or 6 hours into it, so that's less than \$1,000.

Tartaglia: How about if we come back in August with a price? [inaudible]

Mastin: Do we need a motion to table? **Newkirk:** I'll make the motion. **Mastin:** Motion to table? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Mastin:** Can I have a second? **Webb:** Second. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, that motion is tabled until August.

The motion [to table until August] is ratified by unanimous consent.

3. Proposal to Create a Printable Promoting Letter To Be Included With Blue Slip Paperwork.

Motion #3: *Request the Marketing and Publications committees to design a translatable promotional "Congratulations" letter in English and translate it into as many languages as needed.*

Rationale: *CFA does not require breeders to litter or individually register all their offspring. Most of the CFA breeders do litter registrations and hand out the Blue Slip paperwork when the kitten moves into a new home. Unfortunately, many new owners don't bother to individually register their kittens because official registration papers are not important to them, especially if the kitten is just a pet. CFA should generate a printable promotional "Congratulations" letter, which breeders can give to the new kitten owners with the Blue Slip paperwork, and encourage new owners to finalize the individual registration process with CFA.*

It is important that this promotional "Congratulations" letter be translated into many different languages. The new owners need to receive information on their mother tongue. This is not only helping to promote CFA and CFA-registered cats in Regions 8 and 9 and the International Division, but also North America has a great number of Spanish and French-speaking citizens who may be new owners of unregistered CFA-registered cats. Translations could be made with the help of club secretaries in different countries. Printable pdfs (or links to printable files) should be placed in eCat to make sure every breeder has easy access to the files. The goal is to increase individual registrations with CFA while at the same time promoting in a positive way CFA, our breeders, and different breeds worldwide.

Project costs to CFA are minimal, and the project doesn't require much manpower when everything is translated and files are online. The project is not going to increase costs for our breeders since there are no changes to any registration policies and no increases in any registration fees. Only additional effort needed from breeders is to print out one-sided paper out of the computer at the same time as Blue Slips are printed (also, files can be delivered electrically).

This project should be handed over to marketing and publication committees, as the letter needs to be designed from a marketing point of view, not from a registration point of view.

Time frame:

English version online as soon as possible, and later translated versions added in the database when ready.

Mastin: Alright Pauli. **Huhtaniemi:** The third one is a simple letter for those who are buying kittens from CFA breeders to promote that they should be registering the cat they just bought and promote CFA. It should be marketing, congratulations, something that encourages the new owner to make the registration and use the CFA services. When the letter is ready, it should be translated into all different languages. That's a really cheap way to market our services. **Griswold:** I've had the opportunity to use the new Cat Track system with the eCats and, like Allene had talked about, you've got your litter registration when you go to each individual kitten and you say, "I want the blue slip," right underneath is a request for an email. You put the person's email in there, press send, and the registration paperwork automatically goes to them. So, I have done this already and I have heard back from them that they got the registration email no problem. The whole system seems to be working, so I don't know how you would attach another letter to the current system, but I think Allene was talking about maybe having a follow-up once they now have this email, that you can have a follow-up email that probably says what you're thinking about here. **Simbro:** In those notification emails that go out, the new system is built with this whole notification section where we can write an email for anything. I can go into that notification email and put stuff in the bottom there. I can add to that. **Huhtaniemi:** That would work. **Griswold:** It seems to be automatic. Once I put the email in there, it just went instantly to the new owner. **Huhtaniemi:** The question is, what happens if those people don't use computers? We don't have that option anymore. **Simbro:** After you set up to Cat Track a kitten, you can either email it to the person or you can download the slip.

Huhtaniemi: I'll table this motion for a while. I think it's something we should really work on, because it might be a good way to get more registrations and better owners. I think promoting is really important. **Mastin:** OK, so you are tabling that motion? **Newkirk:** I'll second. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion is tabled.

The motion [to table until August] is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Pauli, who are you going to work with on that, Allene and James? **Huhtaniemi:** I'm going to work with Allene and James about this. **Mastin:** OK. What else do you have, Pauli? **Huhtaniemi:** That's all. **Mastin:** Thank you.

(b) Motion re: Edelweiss Cat Club In-Conjunction Show (DelaBar).

Edelweiss Cat Club is requesting permission to hold an in-conjunction show with the Russian WCF federation on 21-22 September 2024. The location is Hudson, Kashirskoe shosse 14, Moscow, Russia. Format is 4 allbreed rings. Edelweiss has coordinated previous shows with the WCF group and has an excellent relationship with them.

This show in Moscow is on the same weekend as our scheduled Region 9 show and awards banquet to be held in Germany. Show Rule 4.03a, reads: "No other show within the same region will be licensed on the weekend as a regional show held in conjunction with a region's annual awards ceremony." Normally the show would not be allowed on the same weekend. However, we

are not dealing with “normal”. Very few Russians are allowed to travel to the European Union under EU and UN sanctions, and these strong sanctions do not look as if there will be any relief in the next 3 months.

Motion #1: *Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.03.a. to allow Edelweiss Cat Club to hold a show in Moscow, Russia on 21-22 September 2024.*

Mastin: Pam DelaBar? **DelaBar:** Edelweiss Cat Club is requesting permission to hold a show in Moscow, to be in conjunction with the World Cat Federation in Moscow. The show is scheduled for 21-22 September, which is also the same date as our regional show and awards banquet in Germany. Show Rule 4.03a, reads: *No other show within the same region will be licensed on the weekend as a regional show held in conjunction with a region’s annual awards ceremony.* As you know, there are sanctions. The majority of Russians cannot come into the EU, cannot get to Germany to our regional, and even though I live 250 miles away from Russia, there is no chance I’m crossing that border, either. We don’t have a normal situation, and I have a motion here to [reads]. **Anger:** Second. **Mastin:** Thank you Rachel.

Griswold: I do want to point out, the motion itself doesn’t say to hold an in-conjunction show. **DelaBar:** That’s the next motion. **Griswold:** I thought we were doing all of it. **Mastin:** Any other questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, that motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Motion #2: *Grant Edelweiss Cat Club permission to hold a 4AB format in-conjunction show with the Russian WCF federation in Hudson, Kashirskoe shosse 14, Moscow, Russia (Region 9) on September 21/22, 2024, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).*

DelaBar: OK Marilee, motion #2 [reads]. **Anger:** Second. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Any further questions? Any objections? Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

(c) Motion re: In-Conjunction Show Funding (DelaBar).

Universal Cats Club, Orange Cat Club, and 44 Gatti Club held an in-conjunction show with ENFI in Padova, Italy on 24-25 February 2024. This was a first time venture in a new market and a very large facility. The show was successful for many exhibitors and up to 19 cats earned CFA grand titles. However, this 10 ring show ended in a loss for the three (3) CFA clubs of 7000€ Euros (about \$7550 USD). Additionally, PayPal subtracted a “tax” of approximately 142€ Euros (about \$155 USD) from the sponsorship funding from CFA.

These clubs were approved for another in-conjunction show with ENFI prior to the 7 May 2024 budget meeting. Their show budget was based on sponsorship funding in effect at that time. I brought this to the board’s attention during the 7 May budget meeting and was told to bring this back to the board if the clubs experienced a loss at the February show - which they obviously did.

Motion: Award in-conjunction show funding of \$1000 to the lead club Universal Cats Club for the scheduled in-conjunction show with ENFI on 25-26 January 2025.

DelaBar: Next thing. On the 7th of May when we were having our first budget meeting, I had brought up the in-conjunction show sponsorship and I was told to get back with the board when I found out that there had been an actual loss with this one particular in-conjunction show with ENFI in Padova, Italy with three of our cat clubs – Universal Cats Club, Orange Cat Club and 44 Gatti. The three clubs basically had a deficit of \$7,550 U.S. dollars, approximately €7,000. My motion, based upon what I was told on the 7th of May at that meeting to bring this back is that we would award them in-conjunction show funding of \$1,000 which would go to the lead club, Universal Cats Club, for the scheduled in-conjunction show with ENFI on 25-26 January, 2025, of course to be paid as normal sponsorship money has been paid. **Anger:** Second. **Mastin:** Discussion? Any objections? **Currle:** So, we're going to give \$1,000 to this particular show, yet we're going to be cutting back \$500 in the future for all the other clubs, correct? **DelaBar:** No, this is different. **Currle:** How is it different? **DelaBar:** This is in-conjunction sponsorship, not regular show sponsorship. **Currle:** What if somebody wanted to have an in-conjunction show here in the United States? Would they be eligible during the year 2025 for that \$1,000? **DelaBar:** Come to the board. You can't get something you don't ask for. **Moser:** I thought we cut all the in-conjunction funding. Is that correct? **Mastin:** Kathy Calhoun, can you address that question? Let's confirm this, because I want to make sure that we didn't approve in-conjunction shows before – we did? Did we cut all the in-conjunction show funding in this year's budget? Pam is saying yes. I just want to confirm that is correct, because it goes back to what Kenny is saying; how do the other clubs who want to get an in-conjunction show get \$1,000 in funding. I think the answer is, every one is going to have to come back to the board for approval because we have no funding for it. I just want to make sure that that's accurate. I think it is. **Moser:** It is? Is that correct? **Mastin:** Do you have a question or comment, Pam? **Moser:** If it was cut, then I have to vote no because we've got to start saving somewhere. If we've already cut it, I have to say I will vote no. **Calhoun:** It was cut. **Mastin:** Kathy just confirmed it was cut. **DelaBar:** I can honestly tell you, I would not have gone to the effort to get the club to go through all of the finances and everything, to come back to the club after being told to bring it to the board, I wouldn't have done the work had I not been asked to do so. So, I did. I will do it for my clubs, but this show has been in planning prior to our May meeting. Of course, we already were in a show season before we went through and we had plenty of clubs already planning their budgets, based upon having the \$1,000 shows and the in-conjunction shows. **Moser:** OK. What about all the clubs that had already put in their sponsorship money that were supposed to get \$1,000 and now they are only getting \$500? Should all those clubs come back and say they want their \$1,000? I know plenty of clubs already put in prior to us making that arrangement. **DelaBar:** But this is a specific situation that was asked for me to do, to bring back to the board on this in-conjunction show, and that's what I am bringing to the board. So, you can either say yea or nay, but I was doing what I was told to do and asked to do, and there it is. **Huhtaniemi:** Pam is telling what we decided as a board. Allene has it in the recording. It must be there. **Mastin:** What's the question, Pauli? **Huhtaniemi:** Allene has the Zoom recordings. That's where we can hear the board say that Pam needs to bring this to the board. **Mastin:** Oh, bring it to the board. **Huhtaniemi:** And she did now, because you asked her to. **Mastin:** Any additional comments before I make a comment? Pam Moser and Kenny do have a valid point. If you are going to approve this request, because it's a special request, you might be setting a precedent for all future requests, regardless of the type of sponsorship. Pam was just doing what she was asked

to do, to bring it to the board, as was suggested to her during the discussion when we did the budget review. With that, I'm going to call the vote. If you are in favor of the motion, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.** DelaBar, Newkirk, Griswold, Huhtaniemi and Webb voting yes.

Mastin: Pam DelaBar, Darrell, Marilee, Pauli, Russell. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Rachel, Carol, Anne, Kenny, Paula, Cathy Dunham, Pam Moser, Mike, Yukiko Hayata, John and Kathy Calhoun. Any abstentions? No abstentions. **Anger:** That's 5 yes, 11 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion fails. Pam, do you have one more motion? **DelaBar:** No, just the one for executive session, remember? **Mastin:** Oh, that's right. Thank you for reminding me. **DelaBar:** Anytime. **Mastin:** Good job.

(23) APPEAL HEARING.

24-006 CFA v. Lisa Ashcraft Guthrie

Violation of CFA Abusive Conduct Prevention Policy

Complainant, Angela Alexander, alleges that Respondent “has been bullying, threatening, intimidating, and publicly humiliating me on social media (Facebook) in a group called Breeders Beware!” It is a private group with 5,601 members, administered by Hope Butler and moderated by Lisa Guthrie and Katie Kay. It allegedly started with a complaint from a person who purchased a kitten from Complainant. The kitten died about three months after delivery, allegedly from FIP. The contract states no replacement for a cat with FIP or without a necropsy. Complainant alleges she offered a free replacement but was informed by Ms. Guthrie that she would have to pay the kitten buyer \$5,000 if she wanted the posts removed. Complainant says “Unfortunately, I can no longer see this post and the comments, which means I have either been blocked / restricted by Breeders Beware.” Attached are 30+ pages of posts to support the allegations.

Respondent alleges she is one of several moderators for the “Breeders Beware!” FaceBook group. It is a “well monitored” group that only accepts complaints with proof of their claim. Complainant was reported to the group and Respondent tried to mediate. She alleges that the replacement kitten was unsuitable for various reasons. She says this is a contract dispute on a private group and CFA should not be involved. She makes the allegation that, in an unrelated matter with Complainant, there is a litter fraudulently registered with the wrong sire.

In Rebuttal, it is noted that the Respondent is not a party to the contract and “they should have had no say in the terms of the contract, nor should they have been involved in any resolution between the seller and the purchaser”. It is admitted that the purchaser objected to the replacement kitten claiming it was not show quality, tarnished, and the parents were incorrect. Complainant responds to some of the unrelated allegations in the Response.

In an additional, late Rebuttal the Complainant alleges that Respondent continues to harass her online, including four pages of social media posts.

In an unsolicited letter, Ben Guthrie wrote to confirm receipt of the Response and reiterates Respondent’s main allegations.

On appeal, Respondent provides numerous social media posts and PMs between herself and the Complainant. She also provided numerous “testimonials,” many of which are from other members of the Breeders’ Beware! Facebook group. Some of these include recaps of the underlying dispute and allegations that the Complainant doctored the information sent to CFA to make it look like she was the victim. All take the position that the Respondent acted professionally.

Mastin: Is the person coming on? **Raymond:** Allene, can you tell if Lisa Guthrie is waiting? [Side discussions regarding admitting the parties were not transcribed.] **Raymond:** Ms. Guthrie, are you on? **Guthrie:** I’m here. **Tartaglia:** And her husband Ben. **Raymond:** OK, that is fine. Very good. Hi Ms. Guthrie, this is Ed Raymond. **Guthrie:** Hi Mr. Raymond. **Raymond:** I

just want you to know that the books that you sent have been distributed to all of the board members. **Guthrie:** Thank you very much. **Raymond:** Thanks for joining early, because we are running ahead of schedule, which is unusual. **Guthrie:** That's good. **Raymond:** For members of the board, this is the appeal of CFA v. Lisa Ashcraft Guthrie. The charge is a violation of the CFA Abusive Conduct Prevention Policy. You have all received both the books and the written information via File Vista. This matter involves allegations of bullying by Ms. Guthrie in connection with a contract dispute which was being mediated on the Breeders Beware Facebook group. I want to make clear that the underlying contract dispute is not at issue in this protest. Ms. Guthrie, I have a few questions for you, then the board may have some questions. You will then be given the opportunity to make a closing statement.

Raymond: Could you briefly tell us a little bit about the Breeders Beware Facebook group and your role in the group? **Guthrie:** I first was just a member for a few years, I think. Then they wanted me to – Hope Butler, she's the one who created it – she then asked me for a few years if I would moderate it because I was a very active member. I always just want to help people. I have a lot of connections with a lot of breeders – good breeders – so I'm always there to help people, whether they want my kitty or not. So – sorry, it's hard for me to say anything about myself. I help people. I just help people a lot. **Raymond:** OK. Can you describe for us your interaction with the complainant, Angela Alexander? **Guthrie:** I never knew her until that post was submitted, so I never knew her until then and I reached out to try to help mediate between the two parties and it just quickly turned nasty toward me. I just kept trying to mute it, so when I finally stopped it all, I found out that she wasn't stopping. I didn't know that she didn't stop until CFA reached out and told me that she had gone this far with it. I had assumed it all stopped there at the group. I never talked to anybody about it or anything about any of that mess outside of that group. So, when I signed up to help Hope Butler run that group, I show up and I have to run it. So, for them to come at me and think that I caused harm to anybody, it was a surprise. **Raymond:** Thank you. That Facebook group is a private group that people have to apply to join, is that correct? **Guthrie:** Yes. **Raymond:** Are there terms and conditions that are given to people when they join? **Guthrie:** Yes. We scrutinize. Nobody can join with a false account. We check through everything. You have to follow the rules and make sure that you mark it and that you have agreed to it. Anybody that submits any posts, we go above and beyond to make sure that they show proof of their claims. I mean, we're not a court of law, but we want to see the situation improve. I've gone as far as call vet offices to validate the paperwork. I let them know that I know they can't talk to me about a client, but I just want to know if they can validate the paperwork. We have found out that people have submitted false paperwork, so it has just helped us. We couldn't then submit that post because of that, which was another reason I was shocked that Angela was able to submit the stuff that she did, because it was fabricated. I was shocked at that. **Raymond:** Many of the posts that have been shared with the board in the complaint contain what I would politely call "strong language". Is such language a common part of the mediation activities in this Facebook group? **Guthrie:** I mean, it's because it's members, so sometimes it gets heated and sometimes I can get colorful. I like to think that sometimes I bring it down to the people's level of talking in the group, because a lot of them are people I know now. [inaudible] That particular case, she got personal with me and I did get upset.

Raymond: Members of the board, does anyone have questions for Ms. Guthrie? I am not seeing any additional questions, so we would like to give you the opportunity to make a closing statement. **Guthrie:** I mean, I thought all along, I was proud to uphold the code of ethics, so it

was I guess upsetting when I was called being a bully for just upholding the code of ethics. I think if I didn't take it so serious, maybe I wouldn't be here. I apologize if it was harsh. If she didn't make it harsh, it wouldn't have been harsh on my part but she really attached me in PM's. **Currle:** Does she have a witness? Miss Newton? **Newton:** I witnessed a lot of Angela's wrong professional petty arguments with Lisa. Lisa has always been the most professional person as far as an admin. I've never seen anything negative about Lisa. I've seen Angela in other groups that have been nasty. I need to call her out on it. She will be nasty with me, as well, but I just think it's a shame. **Mastin:** Ed, was that Lisa Newton? **Raymond:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. **Raymond:** Ms. Guthrie, is there anything else you would like to add? **Guthrie:** No. Thank you all for giving me this opportunity.

Raymond: This is the end of our open session discussion. When the board goes into executive session in a little bit, they will deliberate and reach a determination. I will then be sending you a letter via email over the next couple of days informing you of the results of that deliberation. **Guthrie:** Thank you. **Raymond:** Thank you. Thank you for taking the time to join us. **Mastin:** Thank you, Ed. [The parties leave the call]

[Secretary's Note: Following the *de novo* appeal hearing, a finding was made and the matter was concluded.

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Mastin: Does anybody have anything else before I adjourn the meeting? Does anyone want to say anything before I close this? I want to take a couple minutes here to thank Paula Noble for your two years on the board. [applause] Cathy Dunham, four years of service on the board. [applause] Yukiko Hayata, four years of service on the board. [applause] Mike Shelton, six years of service on the board. [applause] And Pam Moser, ten years of service on the board. [applause] With that, I want to thank everybody for attending the meeting. The meeting is adjourned.

The Thursday open session meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m. Central Standard Time.

Thursday executive session meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m. Central Standard Time.

*Respectfully submitted,
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