

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS
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.

Executive Session

(1) APPEAL HEARING.

A *de novo* appeal hearing was held in executive session. A finding was made and the matter was concluded.

Open Session

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

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

(3) APPOINT INSPECTORS OF ELECTION/CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

Ms. Anger moved to approve the list of committee members for participation in the June 27-30, 2024 Annual Meeting. Seconded by **Mr. Currle**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

Committee Chair: Nancy Dodds

Region 1: Betty Bridges

Region 2: Kendall Smith

Region 3: Cheryl Peck

Region 4: Barb Schreck

Region 5: Hilary Helmrich

Region 6: Nancy Petersen

Region 7: Donna Andrews

Alternate: Erin Cutchen (Region 2)

Alternate: Jill Archibald (Region 7)

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

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

(a) Additions/Corrections to the Minutes.

None.

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

Ms. Anger moved to approve the February 4/5, 2024 and April 2, 2024 Zoom video conference board meeting minutes, as published. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski**, the motion was **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).
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	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
		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 for the first entry and 3,000 THB for second and additional entries.	
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.
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 issue a new flyer, publicize the change, and send notifications to all entered exhibitors and judges.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
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).
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).

Ms. Anger moved to ratify the Motions #1-3 and #5-7, as published. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

(5) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

Mr. Webb moved on standing motion to 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. Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk**, **Motion Carried**. Currie and Huhtaniemi voting no.

Section 2 – Application Requirements	CFA Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
2.5 An Applicant has two Experience options:	2.5 An Applicant <u>must provide a copy of the registration of a CFA cattery name registered</u>

<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). b. An Applicant must have exhibited at least ten (10) cats to CFA Grand Champion/Grand Premier status in the appropriate specialty. A minimum of six (6) of these cats must be of his/her own breeding. <u>OPTION TWO (2) – for Exhibitors:</u> An Applicant must: a. Have actively exhibited for seven (7) years within the past ten (10) years immediately prior to application. If the Applicant has exhibiting experience beyond the ten (10) year period which is being included in the application requirements, a breed-focused experience	for a period of at least five (5) years. 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 specialty. A copy of the actual litter registration bearing the Applicant’s own cattery name must be submitted). b. An Applicant must have exhibited at least ten (10) cats to CFA Grand Champion/Grand Premier status in the appropriate specialty. A minimum of six (6) of these cats must be of his/her own breeding. a. <u>Have five (5) years of breeding experience within ten (10) years in the period immediately preceding application. Breeding experience beyond this period which is being included in the application will require a breed focused experience supervised by a CFA allbreed</u>
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will be provided by a CFA Allbreed Judge selected by the JPC. b. Take and pass a CFA course on Breeding Management. c. Provide the Grand Certificate for the Applicant's first Grand Champion/Grand Premier. d. File an application seven (7) years or more from the date of the first Grand Champion/ Grand Premier. e. Have exhibited a minimum of fifteen (15) cats to CFA Grand Champion/Grand Premier status. 2.8 Exhibiting Requirements for both the Breeder and Exhibitor Options: An Applicant must have bred and/or shown cats in the appropriate specialty to the extent that a minimum of fifteen (15) points are accumulated from the table set below for the first specialty and a minimum of ten (10) points are accumulated for the second specialty. Only one (1) set of points is allowed per cat (example: NW and RW on the same cat would only be counted for the higher of the two wins; being eight [8] points). First Specialty Applicants must submit both Scorecard A and Scorecard B. Second Specialty Applicants only submit scorecard B. a. Complete Scorecard Section A indicating at least ten (10) Grand Champions/Grand Premiers for the Breeder option and fifteen (15) Grand Champions/Grand Premiers for the Exhibitor option. Note: The Applicant must have a minimum of at least one (1) Regional Winner or National Breed Winner beyond Grand Champion/Grand Premier. There is no limit on the Grands used to make up the fifteen (15) points after the initial ten (10) for the Breeder option or fifteen (15) for the exhibitor option. 2.15 First Specialty Application Package. a. Completed Applicant signed First Specialty Application form also signed by their Regional Director or International Chair/Sub-Committee Chair. This application becomes a part of the total	<u>judge selected by the JPC.</u> <u>b. Have exhibited at least ten (10) cats to CFA Grand Champion/Grand Premier status in the appropriate specialty, six (6) of which must have been bred or co-bred by the Applicant.</u> <u>c. Have exhibited at least one (1) Regional Winner or National Breed Winner beyond Grand Champion/Grand Premier.</u> <u>d. Apply no sooner than five (5) years from the date of birth of the Applicant's first registered litter.</u> <u>OPTION TWO (2) for Exhibitors:</u> <u>An Applicant must:</u> <u>a. Have actively exhibited for seven (7) years within the past ten (10) years immediately prior to application. If the Applicant has exhibiting experience beyond the ten (10) year period which is being included in the application requirements, a breed focused experience will be provided by a CFA Allbreed Judge selected by the JPC.</u> <u>b. Take and pass a CFA course on Breeding Management.</u> <u>c. Provide the Grand Certificate for the Applicant's first Grand Champion/Grand Premier.</u> <u>d. File an application seven (7) years or more from the date of the first Grand Champion/ Grand Premier.</u> <u>e. Have exhibited a minimum of fifteen (15) cats to CFA Grand Champion/Grand Premier status.</u> 2.8 Exhibiting Requirements for both the Breeder and Exhibitor Options: An Applicant must have bred and/or shown cats in the appropriate specialty to the extent that a minimum of fifteen (15) points are accumulated from the table set below for the first specialty and a minimum of ten (10) points are accumulated for the second specialty. Only one (1) set of points is allowed per cat (example: NW and RW on the same cat would only be counted for the higher of the
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application submitted. b. All other requirements as detailed in Section 2 specific to Longhair or Shorthair Specialty application. c. Recent Color Photo of the Applicant. d. Proof of payment to CFA of the current application fee through the CFA Website. e. Proof of Master Clerk license, or certified clerk license plus proof of Master Clerk Test score (2.4). f. CFA Cattery Registration for Breeder Option or proof of seven (7) years of active exhibiting for exhibitor Option (2.5). g. Club Membership signed verification letter (2.6). h. Club Activities Resume (2.6). i. Scorecard A and B (2.7-2.8). j. Litter Registration Certificate for Breeder Option Applicant or Certificate of first Grand for Exhibitor Option Applicant (2.7). k. Exhibitor Resume (2.9). l. Forms for Custodial Care, Agenting and a listing of Exhibiting Experience for First Specialty breeds (2.10). m. Breed-Focused Experience applicable to First Specialty breeds (2.11). n. Proof of attendance at a BAOS for first specialty, within the two (2) years prior to application date (2.13). o. Statement of why you want to be a CFA Judge (2.14). p. The Breeder Applicant must be an active member in good standing of a CFA Breed Council at the time of application.	two wins; being eight [8] points)- First Specialty Applicants must submit both Scorecard A and Scorecard B. Second Specialty Applicants only submit scorecard B. a. Complete Scorecard Section A indicating at least ten (10) Grand Champions/Grand Premiers for the Breeder option and fifteen (15) Grand Champions/Grand Premiers for the Exhibitor option. Note: The Applicant must have a minimum of at least one (1) Regional Winner or National Breed Winner beyond Grand Champion/Grand Premier. There is no limit on the Grands used to make up the fifteen (15) points after the initial ten (10) for the Breeder option or fifteen (15) for the exhibitor option. 2.8 First Specialty Applicants must: <u>a. Complete Section A of the Score Card, listing as a minimum ten (10) Grand Champions/Grand Premiers. Six (6) of the cats listed in Section A must have been bred or co-bred by the Applicant.</u> <u>b. Complete Section B of the Score Card, utilizing the point allocation found at the bottom of page 1 of the Score Card to calculate the number of points. A minimum of fifteen (15) points is required, where the list is to include at least one (1) Regional Winner or National Breed Winner beyond Grand Champion/Grand Premier. Additional Grand Champions/Grand Premiers beyond those listed in Section A may be listed in Section B. No cat may be listed more than once.</u> 2.15 First Specialty Application Package. a. Completed Applicant signed First Specialty Application form also signed by their Regional Director or International Chair/Sub-Committee Chair. This application becomes a part of the total application submitted. b. All other requirements as detailed in Section 2 specific to Longhair or Shorthair Specialty application.
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Applicants: The following individuals were presented to the Board for acceptance:

From Regular Judging Program:

Accept as Trainee – 1st Specialty:

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

17 yes

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: The following individuals are presented to the Board for 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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From 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
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Advance from Approval Pending Allbreed to Approved Allbreed:

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

(6) PROTEST COMMITTEE REPORT.

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

(7) CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.

Mr. Newkirk moved that Central Office personnel conduct site visits for locations within the Gulf Shore Region for the 2028 Annual Meeting. Seconded by **Ms. Anger**, **Motion Carried.** Dunham and Noble voting no.

Ms. Anger moved that by the April 1, 2025 board meeting, the board sponsor an amendment to the Bylaws to allow for a virtual annual option. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski**, **Motion Carried.** Currle and Huhtaniemi voting no.

(8) IT REPORT.

No action items were presented.

(9) CLUB APPLICATIONS.

Chair Mrs. Krzanowski moved to approve the request by the Fresno Cat Club to change their name to Glacier Peak Cat Club, effective immediately. Seconded by **Mr. Huhtaniemi**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

The following club applications were presented for acceptance on standing motion by **Chair Mrs. Krzanowski**, with a standing second by **Mr. Currle**:

1. Baobei Cat, International Division – China. **Motion Carried.** Moser voting no.
2. Cat Advocates & Troopers Society, International Division – Asia. The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**
3. China Champion Cat, International Division – China. **Motion Carried.** Moser voting no.
4. Fenix Cat Club, Region 9. The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**
5. Hong Kong Golden British Shorthair Cat Club, International Division – Asia. **Motion Failed.**
6. Malaysia Cat Alliance Society (MCAS), International Division – Asia. **Motion Carried.** Colilla and Calhoun voting no.
7. Sapphire Stars Feline Club, International Division – China. **Motion Carried.** Moser voting no.
8. Skyway Cat Club of Tampa Bay, Region 7. In an executive session discussion, **Motion Failed.**

9. Southwest Sweet Cat, International Division – China. **Motion Carried.** Moser voting no.

(10) TREASURER’S REPORT.

Chair Ms. Calhoun had no action items.

(11) INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.

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

Motion Carried.

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.	

(12) EXPERIMENTAL FORMATS.

Chair Ms. Anger had no action items.

(13) CFA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Chair Mr. Eigenhauser had no action items.

(14) CLERKING PROGRAM.

Liaison Mr. Colilla presented no action items.

Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees

(15) EUROPEAN BREED LEGISLATION UPDATE.

Region 9 Director Ms. DelaBar had no action items.

Reports of Affiliates

(16) CFA FOUNDATION.

Liaison Mrs. Krzanowski presented no action items.

(17) EVERYCAT HEALTH FOUNDATION.

Liaison Ms. Calhoun presented no action items.

(18) WORLD CAT CONGRESS.

Delegate Ms. Anger moved to add the following statement to the CFA website Policy Page: *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.* Seconded by **Ms. DelaBar**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

Ms. Anger moved 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. Seconded by **Ms. DelaBar**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

(19) SHOW PROMOTION COMMITTEE.

Liaison Mrs. Moser presented no action items.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

(20) UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

None.

(21) OTHER COMMITTEES.

(a) Breeder Education Committee.

Liaison Dr. Griswold presented no action items.

(b) Animal Welfare.

Liaison Ms. DelaBar presented no action items.

(22) NEW BUSINESS.

(a) Registration Rules Proposals (Huhtaniemi).

1. Rules of Registration Proposal.

Mr. Huhtaniemi moved to 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. No second to the motion was made.

Mr. Newkirk moved to table the motion until August. Seconded by **Mr. Webb**, the motion to table until August was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

ARTICLE I – Registration, Section 3	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
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Titles and awards won in other associations will not be recorded or shown on CFA records.	<u>RECORDED CATS: Cats with one less generation of ancestry than required for the breed may be individually recorded for breeding purposes only. The requirements for recording are identical to those for individual registration via pedigree, except that one less generation of ancestry is required. Recorded cats may not be shown at CFA shows. The following breeds require the full number of generations for registration by pedigree (recording for breeding only does not apply): Abyssinian, Bengal, British Shorthair, Colorpoint Shorthair and Persian.</u> 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.
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2. Proposal To Create At CFA Homepage a Search Tool Which Tells If Cat is CFA Registered.

Mr. Huhtaniemi moved to 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. No second to the motion was made.

Mr. Newkirk moved to table the motion until August. Seconded by **Mr. Webb**, the motion to table until August was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

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

Mr. Huhtaniemi moved to request the Marketing and Publications committees to design a translatable promotional "Congratulations" letter in English and translate it into as many languages as needed. No second to the motion was made.

Mr. Huhtaniemi moved to table the motion until August. Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk**, the motion to table until August was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

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

Ms. DelaBar moved to 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. Seconded by **Ms. Anger**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

Ms. DelaBar moved to 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). Seconded by **Ms. Anger**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

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

Ms. DelaBar moved to 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. Seconded by **Ms. Anger**, **Motion Failed**. DelaBar, Newkirk, Griswold, Huhtaniemi and Webb voting yes.

(23) **APPEAL HEARING.**

24-006 CFA v. Lisa Ashcraft Guthrie

Violation of CFA Abusive Conduct Prevention Policy

Following the *de novo* appeal hearing, a finding was made and the matter was concluded.

Secretary's Note: Agenda Items #24 through #32 were dealt with in Executive Session.

Friday, June 28, 2024

(33) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PRESIDENT'S WELCOME.**

President Richard Mastin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Central Standard Time.

(34) **MIDWEST REGION WELCOME MESSAGE.**

Midwest Regional Director Cathy Dunham welcomed everyone to the 2024 CFA Annual Meeting.

(35) **DECLARE THE DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.**

President Mastin declared a quorum, with 336 delegates checked in when the meeting was called to order. [**Secretary's Note:** The Credentials Committee final count of seated delegates was 337 out of 543 eligible to vote. There were 543 clubs which had paid dues and submitted membership lists by June 1.

(36) **APPOINT PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

President Mastin appointed Edward Raymond, Attorney at Law, CFA Legal Counsel; as Parliamentarian for the Annual Meeting.

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

President Mastin had **CFA Attorney and Parliamentarian for the 2024 Annual Meeting, Ed Raymond**, advise the delegation of the special rules of parliamentary procedure which they would be asked to adopt for the meeting.

(38) **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING.**

Mrs. Jodell Raymond moved that the minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting, as printed, be approved without objection. The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

(39) **2024 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CFA BYLAWS.**

Determination of a Quorum (to be adjusted for each proposal): 272

Number of clubs eligible to send delegates: 543

Number of CFA member clubs represented: 337
Number of votes for a simple majority: 169
Number of votes for a two-thirds majority: 225

*[Secretary's Note: The final delegate registration number was 337]

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
2024 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Amendments to the CFA Bylaws

– 1 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, Section 2 – Application, to increase the application fee and to change “check” to “payment”, as follows:

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

Section 2 – Application

Application for membership shall be mailed to the Central Office of the Association and shall include the following:

- a. a copy of the club's Constitution and Bylaws;
- b. a list of officers with their addresses;
- c. a list of the names and addresses of all club members in good standing at the date of application;
- d. ~~a check~~ payment for the current year's dues which is refundable if applicant is not accepted;
- e. ~~a check~~ payment in the amount of ~~\$100.00~~ \$200.00 to cover the cost of processing the application, non-refundable whether applicant is accepted or not; and
- f. such other information as the CFA Executive Board may require.

RATIONALE: Increased administrative costs. The last time the fees were increased for club applications was in 1995 from \$50 to \$100.

Carried.

– 2 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, Section 5 – Dues and List of Members, to increase annual club dues, as follows:

Section 5 – Dues and List of Members

Annual dues in the amount of ~~\$80.00~~ \$140.00 (US) are due and payable each year on the first day of January for the ensuing calendar year. Dues shall be paid either by check drawn on a US bank, electronically by approved bankcard or by other means as the Board of Directors may approve.

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RATIONALE: Increased administrative costs. The last time the fees were increased for club dues was in 1998 from \$50 to \$80. Adjusted for inflation, \$80.00 in 1998 is equal to \$152.14 in 2024.

Carried.

To be considered only if the prior resolution does not pass.

– 3 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, Section 5 – Dues and List of Members, to increase annual club dues, as follows:

Section 5 – Dues and List of Members

Annual dues in the amount of ~~\$80.00~~ \$120.00 (US) are due and payable each year on the first day of January for the ensuing calendar year. Dues shall be paid either by check drawn on a US bank, electronically by approved bankcard or by other means as the Board of Directors may approve.

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RATIONALE: Increased administrative costs. The last time the fees were increased for club dues was in 1998 from \$50 to \$80. Adjusted for inflation, \$80.00 in 1998 is equal to \$152.14 in 2024.

Withdrawn.

– 4 – Country Faire Cat Fanciers; Fancy That Cat Club; Greater NW Cat Fanciers; Lewis and Clark Cat Club; Longhair Japanese Bobtail Cat Club; North American Blues Allbreed CF; Wenatchee Valley Cat Club; Muskogee Cat Club; Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers; Pfanciers United For Fun, Inc.

RESOLVED: Effective June 28, 2026, amend the CFA Bylaws, (1) ARTICLE VIII – REGIONS, Section 1 – Geographical Boundaries, to redefine regional boundaries and names; (2) amend ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 – Titles and (3) ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING, Section 1 – Membership, to reduce the number Regional Directors from nine to eight, and (4) amend ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 1 – Annual Meetings, to adjust the regional names and order of meetings, as follows:

ARTICLE VIII – REGIONS

Section 1 – Geographical Boundaries

The United States, Canada, Bermuda, Mexico, Japan and Europe are divided into ~~nine (9)~~ eight (8) geographical regions as follows:

REGION 1 - NORTH ATLANTIC

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

REGION 2/5 – NORTHWEST WEST

Alaska, Arizona, California (~~North of the 36th parallel~~), Canada (West of the Western border of Manitoba), Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada (~~North of the 37th parallel~~), Oregon, Utah, and Washington, and the Mexican states of Baja California Norte, Baja California Sur, Sinaloa, and Sonora.

REGION 3 - GULF SHORE

Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas (South of the 38th parallel), Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee (West of the Tennessee River), Texas, Wyoming, and the Mexican states of Aguascalientes, Campeche, Chiapas, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Colima, Durango, Federal District,

Guanajuato, Guerrero, Hidalgo, Jalisco, México, Michoacán, Morelos, Nayarit, Nuevo Leon, Oaxaca, Puebla, Querétaro, Quintana Roo, San Luis Potosí, Tabasco, Tamaulipas, Tlaxcala, Veracruz, Yucatán, and Zacatecas.

REGION 4 - GREAT LAKES

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

~~REGION 5 - SOUTHWEST~~

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

REGION 6 - MIDWEST

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

REGION 7 - SOUTHERN

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

REGION 8 - JAPAN

Japan.

REGION 9 - EUROPE

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

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1 – Titles

The officers of this Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The Directors of this Association shall consist of ~~nine (9)~~ eight (8) Regional Directors, representing the geographical regions herein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions specified shall be elected a Regional Director, and five (5) Directors at Large.

No person may hold more than one office.

ARTICLE VII — EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING

Section 1 – Membership

The government of the affairs of this Association shall be in the hands of the Executive Board. The President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the ~~nine (9)~~ eight (8) Regional Directors, and the five (5) Directors at Large of this Association shall be members of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV — ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1 – Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held commencing on the third, fourth or fifth (if applicable) Friday in June, or the first Friday in July, of each year in each of the regions listed below successively (excluding the Japan and Europe regions), beginning in ~~1982~~ 2026 and in the following order:

North Atlantic, West, Gulf Shore, Great Lakes, ~~Southwest~~ Midwest, and Southern.

There shall be no change in the order of rotation, and each time an Annual Meeting shall have been held in each of the ~~seven-six~~ Regions, the order of rotation shall thereafter be repeated. A city within the eligible Region shall be chosen for the Annual Meeting to be held five years hence and announced to the delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Association. Electronic or written notice of the time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be made to member clubs by the Central Office not less than forty (40) nor more than fifty (50) days prior to the opening day of the meeting.

The Executive Board shall have authority by two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the entire Executive Board to change the Annual Meeting date, location and/or manner of meeting if circumstances outside the control of the Association arise. Notice of such change shall be provided to member clubs by the Central Office as set forth above.

RATIONALE: Due to the ever-changing world, CFA must take a hard look at itself and incrementally start to make changes that will benefit ALL of CFA. Initially, the regions were likely determined based upon its distribution of exhibitor population. We are learning through registration and exhibition numbers that the far western United States has fewer exhibitors and breeders. Now is the time to make hard choices that ultimately will require sacrifices from pockets of exhibitors and breeders across the U.S.

1. By combining two regions, thus reducing the size of the board (while not significant, is still meaningful) will save CFA approximately \$3200 annually.
2. The resulting region of combining regions 2 and 5 will be called 2/5 to help maintain some identity and will save renumbering all subsequent regions.
3. The current lower number of exhibitors in regions 2 and 5 result in regional awards being awarded to exhibitors with small number of points.

Withdrawn.

– 5 – *Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees; Huntsville Cat Club; Tigers Lair Cat Club; Lucky Tomcat Club*

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 2 – Elections, Paragraph e. Election Procedure, effective with the 2025 elections, as follows:

Section 2 – Elections

e. Election Procedure. On ~~or before~~ April 25 or closest business date of each election year, the Central Office shall send by electronic means or mail to all member clubs in good standing and eligible to vote, ballots listing all candidates for whom timely declarations were received. Central Office shall establish procedures, subject to approval by the Executive Board of Directors, for optional electronic voting which shall include securing, printing, and appropriately destroying electronic ballots. Returned ballots must be received by the Central Office by June 1 of such year in order to be counted. Ballots returned by mail shall remain sealed until the Annual Meeting, at which time duly appointed inspectors will supervise the opening and counting of the ballots. Electronic ballots shall be individually printed by Central Office and brought to the Annual Meeting to be tabulated by the inspectors with the mailed ballots. Ballots that are illegible, incomplete or those containing write-in candidates shall be considered void. Ballots in elections for Directors-at-Large selecting less than five (5) candidates (or less than all declared candidates if fewer than five) shall be considered incomplete. Results shall be announced at the Annual Meeting as soon as the ballots have been tabulated. Ballots shall remain under the control of the inspectors until a motion to destroy the ballots is passed at which time the ballots shall be destroyed under the supervision of the inspectors. No person other than a duly appointed inspector shall have access to the ballots until after they are destroyed. If the duly appointed inspectors are unable to conduct in-person tabulation of ballots, the Board shall establish a procedure to assure ballots are tabulated by a neutral audit firm with results reviewed and approved by a subcommittee appointed by the chair of the Credentials Committee.

RATIONALE: At season end, club members are also faced with a slate of delegates for the upcoming election. These two forces meet and sometimes badly clash. In some races, Regional Directors may be running for office or prominently supporting a candidate involved in a multiple candidate race.

Also, club members, who are also exhibiting, have to vote for a slate of candidates. As it is now, our ballot can be sent out on or before April 25. The ballot slate is complete as of March 15. Our ballot could be delivered to the clubs anytime between March 16 and April 25. The longer the time frame from ballot arrival to Central Office receipt, the greater the perception of retaliation. Voting in clubs is not always a secret process and exhibitors' votes may have become known to the general population. Tightening the time frame for ballot submission to the clubs lessens the concerns and perceptions that there could be any type of retribution involving a judge and their cat at season's end. While the time for sending ballots is reduced, the clubs still have at least 5 weeks to discuss candidates and submit their ballot to the Central Office by June 1st. Electronic ballot submission makes this easy. Snail mail, if desired, could still be submitted in this time frame.

Failed.

– 6 – *Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees; Show and Tell Cat Club; Kittyhawk Feline; Siouxlant Cat Fanciers; Huntsville Cat Club; Lewis & Clark Longhair Specialty Cat Club; Greater Northwest Cat Fanciers; Longhair Japanese Bobtail Breeders; Wenatchee Valley Cat Club; Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers; Wichita Cat Fanciers, Inc.; Pfanciers United For Fun, Inc.; Muskogee Cat Club; Fancy That*

Cat Club; County Faire Cat Fanciers; Tigers Lair Cat Club; Show and Tell Cat Fanciers; Siouland Cat Club

RESOLVED: Effective June 29, 2025, amend the CFA By-Laws ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 – Titles, to reduce the number of Directors-at-Large from five (5) to three (3), and ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING, as follows:

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1 – Titles

The officers of this Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and the Treasurer.

The Directors of the Association shall consist of nine (9) Regional Directors, representing the geographical regions herein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions specified shall be elected a Regional Director, and ~~five (5)~~ three (3) Directors at Large

No person shall hold more than one office.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING

Section 1 – Membership

The government of the affairs of this Association shall be in the hands of the Executive Board. The President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the nine (9) Regional Directors, and the ~~five (5)~~ three (3) Directors-at-Large of this Association shall be members of the Executive Board.

RATIONALE: The size of the current Board remains too large by almost any measure. With review of Board of Directors' minutes, the normal work seems to be getting completed, without difficulty, since the last reduction in Directors-At-Large, from seven (7) to five (5). In addition, an expectation is that as CFA becomes more global, the number of regions will continue to increase (possibly the International Division, perhaps China). That would add two more Regional Director spaces.

While this may seem to be well into the future, things change and recent budget reports indicate a decline in revenue that is present and significant. We must examine all areas where savings might be accomplished. This is an opportunity to save money on in-person Board meetings so we grow in some areas and mitigate cost cuts to others. While unable to obtain specific data regarding an average Board member cost to attend the meeting in person, common sense tells us two (2) less people would save money.

It would seem reasonable that some of the Director-at-Large projects could be put into Committee format with a Board liaison.

Failed.

– 7 – ***Sternwheel Cat Fanciers, United Singapura Society, Mohawk Trail Cat Club, Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers***

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VIII – REGIONS, Section 1 – Geographical Boundaries, to move all of the State of Kentucky into the Great Lakes Region and out of the Southern Region, as follows:

Section 1 – Geographical Boundaries

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

REGION 1 – NORTH ATLANTIC

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

REGION 2 -- NORTHWEST

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

REGION 3 – GULF SHORE

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

REGION 4 – GREAT LAKES

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

REGION 5 – SOUTHWEST

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

REGION 6 – MIDWEST

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

REGION 7 – SOUTHERN

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

REGION 8 – JAPAN

Japan.

REGION 9 – EUROPE

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

RATIONALE: Currently Kentucky is split into 2 regions by use of the 38th parallel, Great Lakes Region and the Southern Region. The 38th parallel intersects 2 of the 3 largest cities (by populous) in the state of Kentucky, Lexington and Louisville. This creates confusion to determine regional assignments as well as difficulty to locate a show hall within the region the club is assigned, example is that Main Street in both Lexington and Louisville is the 38th Parallel. This makes looking for a show hall difficult if you try to

stay withing the constraints of your region. If a club can only find a show hall South of Main Street in either city, it would technically be in another region and would be required to get special permission to hold their show in that location. This can sometimes create unnecessary red tape for a club to work through before they can plan and produce their show. This can also create confusion for new exhibitors to understand what region they reside in. In closing, there has been confusion surrounding the cities broken up by this border for many years. This is hopefully the best step we can take in correcting what has been a subject for many in the past. This change has no impact on member clubs in the CFA, and to me personally, makes the best sense in how this issue can be corrected.

Failed.

– 8 – *Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees; Tigers Lair Cat Club; Lucky Tomcat Club; Siouxlant Cat Club; Show and Tell Cat Club; Huntsville Cat Club*

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VIII – REGIONS, Section 1 – Geographical Boundaries, to move Kentucky out of the Great Lakes Region and into the Southern Region, as follows:

Section 1 – Geographical Boundaries

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

REGION 1 – NORTH ATLANTIC

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

REGION 2 – NORTHWEST REGION

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

REGION 3 – GULF SHORE REGION

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

REGION 4 –GREAT LAKES REGION

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

REGION 5 –SOUTHWEST REGION

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

REGION 6 – MIDWEST REGION

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

REGION 7 – SOUTHERN REGION

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

REGION 8 JAPAN

Japan.

REGION 9 EUROPE

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

RATIONALE: Most of Kentucky lies south of the 38th parallel, as is the current dividing line between Region 4 (Great Lakes Region), and Region 7 (Southern Region). Therefore, it makes sense to put all of Kentucky in the Southern Region.

Failed.

– 9 – *Russian Blue Fanciers; National Siamese Cat Club; Worldwide European Burmese Society; Global Egyptian Mau Society; Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers; All States Burmese Society; International Havana Brown Society; Santa Monica Cat Club; The Cat's Meow; Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club; Western Reserve Cat Club; Havana Brown Fanciers; Southeastern Persian Society; Southern Dixie Cat Club; International Egyptian Mau Society; That's My Point; Ocicats of North America; Classy Cats Society; Rome Cat Forum; CanUsa Cat Club; Genesee Cat Fanciers; Land of Oz Cat Club; Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Monroe Shorthair Club; Crown City Cat Club; Golden West Cat Club; Cats Ink; RagaMuffin Cat Fanciers; Malibu Cat Club; Marina All Breed Cat Club; Hemet Feline Fanciers; Paul Raines California Solid Color Cat Club; Mary Hantzmon Abyssinian Cat Club; Great Lakes Great Maines; Show and Tell Cat Club; Siouxlant Cat Club; Japanese Bobtail Fanciers; Willamette Valley Cat Club; Manx Ltd.; Houston Cat Club; Garden State Cat Club; Morris and Essex Cat Club; Americans West; RagaMuffin Cat Society; Ragdolls Around The Globe*

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE XI – BREED COUNCIL, to require Breed Council input to breed specific registration rules, as follows:

ARTICLE XI – BREED COUNCIL

Breed Councils will be formed to serve the Executive Board in an advisory capacity regarding CFA Show Standards and Breed Registration Rules. The rules governing the operation of the Breed Councils are contained in the Breed Council Standing Rules attached as Appendix A to these Bylaws.

AND

RESOLVED: Amend the BYLAWS OF THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., Appendix A, BREED COUNCIL STANDING RULES, BREED COUNCIL SECRETARY, Vacancies, Paragraph 1, as follows:

1. Any vacancy occurring in the office of a breed council secretary shall be filled by appointment by the President of CFA.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Councils shall serve the Executive Board in an advisory capacity, the Executive Board shall not alter or amend any part of the breed standards or registration rules specific to a breed, or add thereto, without first obtaining (within the prior 12 months) the approval of 60% of the members voting of the specific Breed Council(s) affected. An unmarked item on an otherwise valid breed council ballot is an abstention, and an abstention does not count as a member voting for purposes of calculating 60%.

In no case will the Executive Board accept a new breed without providing the Breed Council Secretaries of any breed which has been used to establish a proposed new breed an opportunity to comment.

RATIONALE: According to the current Rules for Registration (Effective February 7, 2022):

ARTICLE I - REGISTRATION

General: a breed may have specific policies regarding allowable ancestry, import requirements, colors and other characteristics.

Section 11 – General, “CFA has made every effort to protect the purity of the bloodlines for cats registered by certified pedigree from other associations...”

In spite of the statement that CFA has made every effort to protect the purity of bloodlines for cats registered by pedigree from other associations, at the April 2, 2024 meeting, the CFA Board of Directors intended to vote on a non-show rule resolution to be presented at this Annual which would have reduced the current eight (8) generation pedigree requirement to a five (5) generation pedigree requirement for the following breeds: Abyssinian, European Burmese, Persian, Russian Blue and Siamese. There had been NO prior notification to the affected breed councils. Instead, breed council members only became aware of the resolution after perusing the compiled reports which accompanied the official announcement of the board meeting. Objections were made by representatives of the breed councils, and the board issued a statement that the matter “has been withdrawn until the Board has the opportunity to consult with the Breed Councils and review other relevant data.”

That consultation was via a Board Member who is also a Breed Council Secretary who then wrote to the Breed Council Secretary group list and asked for input...apparently looking for justification for requiring 8 generations and suggesting that DNA testing and recording of the results could allay concerns regarding cats coming from non-CFA registries. There are actually various and differing reasons for requiring more than 5 generations in the pedigree of a cat to be registered by pedigree and not all apply to each of these five breeds. DNA testing certainly helps breeders select cats for their breeding programs, but it does not necessarily define our breeds.

Note that, unlike in the past, the affected Breed Councils were NOT asked to ballot their members regarding changes to their registration rules. Breed Council Secretaries felt pressured to try to poll their members via email and pressured to respond prior to the next scheduled board meeting in May. The CFA Board has previously and historically allowed breed registration rules to be balloted and voted on by Breed Council members, though not always following their wishes. Reducing the eight (8) generation pedigree requirement to five (5) generations, without prior notice and over the objection of the affected breed councils, flies in the face of CFA's assertion that they have made every effort to protect the purity of the bloodlines for cats registered by certified pedigree. While this amendment preserves the advisory capacity of breed councils to the board as it relates to breed standards, the amendment also extends the

same courtesy to registration rules, including requiring a vote of a breed council for any change to the rules of registration of a specific breed.

Lest one think this the current issue only applies to five breeds (Abyssinian, European Burmese, Persian, Russian Blue, Siamese), it's a concern that without passing this amendment to protect the registration rules of our breeds, breeds with other specific registration rules may be subject to change, reduction or limitation in the future.

Please help us ensure that the very guardians and protectors of our breeds – our Breed Council members – will be allowed to have their wishes heard.

Carried.

(40) EVERYCAT HEALTH FOUNDATION.

Dr. Dean Vicksman, President of EveryCat Health Foundation gave a PowerPoint presentation and delivered the EveryCat Health Foundation report to the delegation.

(41) BOARD MEMBER SERVICE AWARDS.

10 Years

John Colilla
Pam Moser

15 Years

Carol Krzanowski

(42) INTERNATIONAL DIVISION REPORT.

Chair Ms. Calhoun gave a PowerPoint presentation and delivered the International Division Report to the delegation.

(43) TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer Kathy Calhoun gave a PowerPoint presentation and delivered the Treasurer's Report to the delegation.

(44) PRE-NOTICED RESOLUTIONS.

PROPOSED SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

– 10 – *Southern Dixie Cat Club; Southeastern Persian Society*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules – Article IV – LICENSING THE SHOW, Paragraph 4.03.e, regarding releasing traditional show dates for one year, as follows:

- 4.03** No show license shall be denied because the same date has been scheduled by one or more other clubs with the following exceptions: a. 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.

...

e. Clubs that hold traditional dates and do not plan to hold a show for one year should let the Show Scheduling Committee know as soon as possible. The club must notify CFA at least 100 days in advance of their date that they will not produce show that year. The date will be considered "vacant" for the one year only and will become available to the region or other club(s)

for a one-time only show date. With the permission of the Show Scheduling Committee, another club may hold a one-time only show on the vacant weekend. When a traditional date is released 120 days or fewer before the traditional weekend, a club with permission to assume that weekend will be given a two week grace period on penalty fees for late licensing (90 day penalty would apply at 76 days from the show date, the 60 day penalty on day 46, etc.).

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RATIONALE: In the last few years, a number of clubs have not held shows on their traditional weekends, but have not freed the dates for use by other clubs. As a result, there have been significant holes in the show schedule even when there are clubs seeking dates to hold shows. Freeing a traditional weekend for a year will not cause a club to lose that weekend for future years. By freeing up the date for one year use by others, the club helps other clubs seeking a show date and provides benefit to CFA exhibitors seeking shows.

A club stepping in to fill another club's weekend for one year may have limited time to confirm show hall and judges. The fourteen day waiver of late licensing penalties in this instance acknowledges this challenge, as well as the benefit to CFA for the show to be produced.

Carried by 2/3.

– 11 – *German Phoenix - Cat Friends Europe; Palatina Blue Cat Club; American Shorthair Lovers of Europe*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, ARTICLE V – ANNOUNCING THE SHOW/SHOW FLYER, Paragraph 5.01, to require that the printed show flyer be provided in both English and the applicable local language, as follows:

5.01 There must be a printed show flyer published on the CFA website no less than 30 days prior to the show. and it must be written in English and, if applicable, also in the language of the country where the show will be held. The show flyer must include the following:

RATIONALE: This rule has probably been in place since shows were held only in the USA/North America. In Europe, Asia and even China we have hundreds of different languages. In order to provide equal opportunity for all exhibitors to enter a show, the show flyer must be written in English along with any other local language.

Withdrawn.

– 12 – *Saintly City Cat Club; Twin City Cat Fanciers; Cats of Wisconsin Cat Club; Cenla Cat Fanciers; Illini Cat Club; Pfanciers United for Fun, Inc.; World Wide Feline Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules – ARTICLE IX – PROCEDURES PRIOR TO BENCHING/CHECK-IN, Paragraph 9.08, to focus on the judging of cats, by the addition of subparagraph q. as follows:

9.08. q. Decorations in rings and on the judging tables must not block the view of seated or standing spectators from observing the judging of cats, or cats in cages behind the judge. Decorations may not be taller than the judging platform (approximately 12 inches) nor can they interfere with work space of the judge or ring clerk. Decorative items must be movable to allow for repositioning or removal if they interfere with the work of the judges or ring clerks, or if deemed to be visual obstacles for spectators.

RATIONALE: The most important things one should see in a judging ring are the judge, the cat being judged, and the cats in the cages behind the judge. Decorations may be placed in many other places, such as the front vertical plane of the table, at the entrance to the show hall, on an information table, and other

locations around the show hall as permitted by the facility. This allows many options for themed decorations. Focus of judging rings is the cats and judging.

Failed.

– 13 – *International Toybob Cat Club*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules – Article XI – DURING THE SHOW – JUDGING AND AWARDS, Paragraph 11.16, to ensure fewer cats miss finals and to help save judges from having to take the time to find additional cats for their finals or having to void wins, by adding a third paragraph as follows:

11.16 The judge is in complete charge of his ring. He will make every effort to adhere strictly to the published show schedule. Judges are not encouraged to judge classes in advance of the schedule and must not do so except in an emergency as provided in rule 11.05, with public announcement of any change made to the exhibitors well in advance.

Class judging takes priority over finals except in cases of an emergency, i.e. a judge is put in a position of missing their plane, and needs cats from another ring(s) to complete their finals. In this case the show manager is to be notified by the judge requesting a change in schedule (see show rule 11.05) so this can be arranged. It will be expected that the judge doing their finals in this situation will do so in a timely manner so not to hold up class judging unduly in the other ring(s).

In the event a judge is required to postpone his finals, the numbers assigned to the cats included in the final shall be announced or they shall be posted in the ring at the time the final should have been conducted.

RATIONALE: Because of the increasing number of judges' finals that need to be postponed due to scheduling conflicts (especially prevalent in six-ring shows), exhibitors (particularly new or inexperienced ones) may easily forget that a particular judge has not yet conducted a final that may include their cat.

This change will help exhibitors stay on top of where they are in every ring, and it will also save judges from having to find an additional cat to use or to void a final win. It will help ensure that the cats that each judge determines to be the most deserving receive their award, despite inexperience, confusion, or language challenges, on the part of the exhibitor.

Failed.

– 14 – *Southern Dixie Cat Club; Southeastern Persian Society*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules – Article XI – DURING THE SHOW – JUDGING AND AWARDS, Paragraph 11.24.c. to clarify use of DISQ/BITE, as follows:

11.24 Disqualified by the judge.

...

c. A judge must disqualify and dismiss from his ring any cat or kitten that bites, cannot be judged in the judging ring, or that is, in his/her judgment, behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner. This rule does not apply to cats after the completion of judging of color classes. When a judge makes a disqualification based on having in fact been bitten, the judge shall record on the judging color class sheet "DISQ/BITE," otherwise indicate just DISQ if the disqualification is based on recalcitrant or threatening behavior. (See paragraphs 11.19.c and 11.19.d). "BITE" shall not be recorded in instances in which the cat was not behaving in a recalcitrant manner, for

example when the cat hits a hand when attempting to grab a toy. Judges shall have discretion to not record BITE if there are extenuating circumstances that cause a fear response in the cat – e.g., fire alarms going off, cages falling over, or extreme public address system feedback.

The Central Office shall record the DISQ/BITE on each cat. When three judges have recorded “DISQ/BITE” for any cat deemed to behave in a manner that injures the judge, the cat shall not be eligible for entry at any CFA show.

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RATIONALE: Cats that deliberately bite need to be removed from the show hall, but allowing the DISQ/BITE to be used when not appropriate opens the door to very inappropriate and unfair results. One should not be allowed to say, “That cat was thinking of biting me, and so I gave him DISQ/BITE”. There is a difference between a cat that is indeed recalcitrant and dangerous to others and a cat that goes for a toy and gets a hand by mistake, or a cat that is on the table that responds in fear when something scary happens, like cages falling over, public address systems shrieking, or the cat next door having a loud meltdown. Cats should be handled with understanding of their natural responses to scary situations. This amendment allows judges discretion to excuse incidents that are not the result of recalcitrant behavior, but rather of extenuating circumstance.

Withdrawn.

– 15 – *Saintly City Cat Club; Twin City Cat Fanciers; Cats of Wisconsin Cat Club; Cenla Cat Fanciers; Illini Cat Club; Pfanciers United for Fun, Inc.; Show Me Cat Fanciers; World Wide Feline Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules – ARTICLE XI – DURING THE SHOW – JUDGING AND AWARDS, by the addition of a new Paragraph 11.39, to eliminate disturbing noise and distraction during a show, as follows:

11.39 Ring activities in which noise or crowding is generated, such as presentation of finals, cat costume and/or stuffed toy contests must be respectful of judges, cats and exhibitors benched nearby. A representative of the club should direct spectators on the appropriate responses such as applause and/or raising of hands instead of cheering and yelling. Minimize loud noise and remind spectators to keep an open pathway to prevent blockage of aisles.

RATIONALE: As attendance at cat shows has increased, so have numbers of observers of events taking place in the rings. Along with this, blockage of pathways to and from rings has become problematic, creating safety hazards for people moving about the area and delays for cats getting to other rings. In addition, often near-deafening levels of crowd noise during these activities is uncomfortable to many exhibitors and frightening to cats. These distractions inadvertently result in excess stress to cats in competition. Judging in other rings frequently pauses during these activities because the extreme noise level and crowding makes it difficult to continue judging. These delays can lead to running past advertised show hours, which exhibitors rely upon to schedule travel after the show. The addition of this show rule facilitates safe and pleasant surroundings for cats and people.

Failed.

– 16 – *JA Club*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules – Article XX – RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHOW TREASURER – SHOW FEE PAYMENTS, Paragraph 20.03.a., to allow for an increase in judges payments, as follows:

20.03 Judging fees are as follows:

a. Approved judges will receive ~~\$1.25 per scheduled paid entry~~ a per-scheduled paid entry fee as described in the table below with no minimum.

<u>2025-2026 Show Season</u>	<u>\$1.30</u>
<u>2026-2027 Show Season</u>	<u>\$1.35</u>
<u>2027-2028 Show Season</u>	<u>\$1.40</u>
<u>2028-2029 Show Season</u>	<u>\$1.45</u>
<u>2029-2030 Show Season and beyond</u>	<u>\$1.50</u>

RATIONALE: CFA judging fees were last changed 16 years ago in 2008. Since then, the scope of shows has changed. In an effort to increase both show revenue and awareness of our breeds, clubs have added education and entertainment aspects to their shows for spectators and exhibitors. To assist with this outreach judges are now interacting more with spectators during judging and while performing other outreach activities, while continuing to handle cats in a respectful and professional manner.

Basing estimates on a 160 cat count show, this proposal would only increase fees by \$8 per ring the first year, and gradually increase fees to \$40 per ring by the 2029-2030 season. Adjusted for inflation, \$1.25 in 2008 is equal to \$1.83 in 2024.

Carried.

– 17 – JA Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules – Article XX – RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHOW TREASURER – SHOW FEE PAYMENTS, Paragraph 20.03.g., to allow for fees for additional responsibilities, as follows:

20.03 Judging fees are as follows:

...

g. The fees for ~~Best of the Bests~~ judging additional responsibilities are as follows:

<u>Best of the best judging</u>	<u>\$20 per class</u>
<u>Kittens</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
<u>Premiership</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
<u>Championship</u>	<u>\$60.00</u>
<u>Household Pets</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
<u>Costume Contests</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
<u>Super Specialty Rings</u>	<u>\$10.00 per additional final</u>
<u>Bay Check in</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
<u>OCP Rings</u>	<u>\$10.00 per additional final</u>
<u>Breed Summit</u>	<u>\$10.00 per additional final</u>

~~These~~ Other Activity fees may be negotiated directly between the club and the judge.

RATIONALE: Over the past several years, CFA clubs have worked hard to discover more ways of outreach to spectators and exhibitors. A large portion of these outreach efforts rely on our CFA judges, who accommodate these requests in addition to handling their contracted duties of professionally handling and evaluating the cats in competition. We feel that it is reasonable for a judge to be compensated for these additional duties when the club asks for him or her to do so.

Additionally, we believe that the current fee schedule for best of the best judging is illogical and that compensation for judging should be the same across classes.

Carried.

– 18 – German Phoenix - Cat Friends Europe; Palatina Blue Cat Club; American Shorthair Lovers of Europe; Rolandus Cat Club; Jardin Des Korats; Khao Manee Cat Club; Orange Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, ARTICLE XXVIII – OBTAINING TITLES – GRANDS, Paragraph 28.04.b., to reduce the grand point requirements for Region 9, as follows:

28.04 b. Grand Point Requirements for the Grand Champion and Grand Premier title are as shown in the following table based on location of cat ownership:

Country/Area	GC Points Required	GP Points Required
Regions 1-9 <u>1-8</u> except as noted	200	75
Maritime Provinces of Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Hawaii, Russia east of the Ural Mountains, International Division (except Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, Vietnam, & Indonesia)	75	25
Hong Kong	125	75
Thailand, Indonesia	125	25
Malaysia, <u>Region 9</u> (except as noted)	125	50
Ukraine	200	25
Taiwan and Vietnam	90	40

RATIONALE: Due to the dramatic global crises, the situation for Region 9 has developed significantly to the detriment of ID in particular. The requirements of 200/75 points to achieve a Grand title are no longer in proportion in terms of show count, number of shows and number of champions/premiers. For many exhibitors it is almost impossible to achieve a Grand title for their cats with reasonable financial means.

A reduction of the points to 125/50 for GC/GP would be a great show of support and appropriate appreciation for Region 9.

These Show statistics give the numbers for show season 2023-2024 through 11/19/23

	Shows			
	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021/Covid
USA/Canada	54	114	108	16
Japan	11	16	22	12
Europe/R9	4	15	14	3
China	16	26	26	24
Asia	34	73	37	3
	AB Championship Count			
USA/Canada	2570	6023	6268	1147
Japan	588	892	1110	568

Europe/R9	174	819	876	78
China	494	1917	666	880
Asia	1351	3542	1698	78
AB Premiership Count				
USA/Canada	1594	3358	3014	500
Japan	205	325	356	147
Europe/R9	23	198	118	43
China	219	166	261	200
Asia	484	889	47224	
All Grand Champions Count				
USA/Canada	225	490	814	110
Japan	37	59	129	36
Europe/R9	19	75	113	2
China	33	86	30	29
Asia	160	354	194	2

Out of Order.

– 19 – *German Phoenix – Cat Friends Europe; UK Cat Fanciers; Palatina Blue Cat Club; American Shorthair Lovers of Europe*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, ARTICLE XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, AWARDS Section, Regional Awards subsection, Regional Definition paragraph, to allow points earned by Region 9 exhibitors outside of Region 9 to count for regional awards in Region 9, as follows:

Regional Awards

...

Regional Definition: Regions are based on the regions listed in CFA’s bylaws. To the extent not already provided in the bylaws, regional assignments for scoring purposes may be made from time to time by the CFA Executive Board. To date, the CFA Board has ruled that exhibitors whose principal residence is in either Puerto Rico or the Bahamas will be scored in the Southern region.

Each CFA region, as well as Hawaii and the International Division presents its own set of awards based on the points a cat receives using the rules outlined in the “Scoring” section, with the following exceptions:

1. All regional awards given in regions 1-7 and region 9 are based only on points earned in regions 1-7 and region 9 by exhibitors residing in regions 1-7 and region 9. Cats/kittens/household pets may be shown in more than one of these regions and the points earned in shows outside the owner’s region of residence will be included in the scoring process. No cat/kitten/household pet may receive awards in more than one of these regions. Points at the CFA International show may also be used toward these awards.
2. ...

3. All awards given in Hawaii ~~or Region 9~~ are based only on points earned in Hawaii ~~or Region 9~~ by exhibitors residing in ~~those areas, respectively, this area.~~ Points at the CFA International show may also be used toward these awards.

RATIONALE: Regions 1-9 compete together for NW and BW awards. Shows in region 9 are going down, and we have lost several countries where shows were formerly held. The show season in region 9 does not usually begin until September or sometimes October. Many exhibitors and breeders must travel to shows in the USA in order to compete for NW and BW awards. We support cat shows in the USA in this way, but the points our cats achieve do not count for our regional wins. This seems unfair as we are still part of regions 1-9. We understand that region 8 has a unique situation as well due to quarantine, but region 8 cannot be fairly compared to region 9. Region 8 has more shows, many more judges and more clerks, allowing them to be more independent from the other regions.

Carried.

PROPOSED NON-SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

None.

(45) JUDGING PROGRAM REPORT.

Judging Program Co-Chair Vicki Nye updated the delegates on the Judging Program.

(46) JUDGING PROGRAM SERVICE AWARDS.

<i>5 Years</i>	<i>10 Years</i>	<i>15 Years</i>
<i>Kai Gavin Cao</i>	<i>John Adelhoch</i>	<i>Pam Bassett</i>
<i>Mie Takahashi</i>	<i>Amanda Cheng</i>	<i>Hope Gonano</i>
<i>Lyn Knight</i>	<i>Marilee Griswold</i>	<i>Melanie Morgan</i>
	<i>Suki Lee</i>	<i>Michael Hans Schleissner</i>
	<i>Toshihiko Tsuchiya</i>	<i>Russell Webb</i>
<i>20 Years</i>	<i>25 Years</i>	<i>30 years</i>
<i>Marsha Ammons</i>	<i>Jo Ann Miksa-Blackwell</i>	<i>Rachel Anger</i>
<i>Barbara Jaeger</i>	<i>Tracy Petty</i>	<i>John Colilla</i>
<i>Sharon Powell</i>	<i>Aki Tamura</i>	<i>Jeri Zottoli</i>
<i>John Webster</i>	<i>Beverly Wood</i>	
	<i>Ayumi Ueda</i>	
<i>35 Years</i>	<i>40 Years</i>	
<i>Charles Gradowski</i>	<i>Yaeko Takano</i>	
<i>Pam Moser</i>		
<i>Gary Veach</i>		

(47) JUDGES' ASSOCIATION SPOTLIGHT AWARD.

Judges Association President **Jacqui Bennett** announced this year's JA Spotlight Award winner:

Vicki Nye

(48) JUNIOR FANCIERS SPOTLIGHT AWARD.

CFA Junior Fanciers is proud to announce the recipient of the JoAnn Cummings Memorial Spotlight Award:

Alyse Forster

(49) MARKETING REPORT.

Marketing Director Desiree Bobby gave a PowerPoint presentation and delivered the Marketing Report to the delegation.

(50) CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE SERVICE AWARDS.

10 Years

Marilyn Conde
Kendall Smith

40 Years

Hilary Helmrich

(51) CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTION RESULTS.

Credentials Committee Chair Nancy Dodds gave a report of club delegates that were not seated and ballots that were disqualified and announced the election results for CFA Officers and Regional Directors.

Election Results for CFA Officers for the term June 2024-June 2026 were as follows:

CFA OFFICERS: (480 votes tallied)

Office of President:

<i>Richard Mastin – Penfield NY</i>	<i>426*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>54</i>

Office of Vice President:

<i>Russell Webb – Wayne NJ</i>	<i>382*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>98</i>

Office of Secretary:

<i>Rachel Anger – North Port FL</i>	<i>425*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>55</i>

Office of Treasurer:

<i>Kathy Calhoun – Chicago IL</i>	<i>262*</i>
<i>Paul Goldman – Howell MI</i>	<i>78</i>
<i>Hope Gonano – Wilbur-by-the-Sea FL</i>	<i>126</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>14</i>

REGIONAL DIRECTORS:

North Atlantic (1): (total 54 ballots)

Doreann Nasin – Franklin CT	38*
Abstain	16

Northwest (2): (total 41 ballots)

Leicy Bartlett – Vancouver, WA	3
Vicki Jensen – Alameda, CA	29*
Heidi Murphy – Rodeo, CA	8
Abstain	1

Gulf Shore (3): (total 46 ballots)

Carissa Altschul – Joshua, TX	44*
Abstain	2

Great Lakes (4): (total 53 ballots)

John Colilla – Columbus, OH	39*
Ginger Meeker – Canton OH	13
Abstain	1

Southwest (5): (total 42 ballots)

Howard Webster – Phoenix AZ	35*
Abstain	7

Midwest (6): (total 40 ballots)

Janet Moyer – Neosho, MO	31*
Abstain	9

Southern (7): (total 57 ballots)

Kenny Currle – Port Orange FL	43*
Abstain	14

Japan (8): (total 65 ballots)

Aki Tamura – Yokohama, Japan	39*
Mihoko Tsuchiya – Tokyo, Japan	22
Abstain	4

Europe (9): (total 26 ballots)

Pam DelaBar – Tampere, Finland	14*
Peter Vanwonderghem – Hechtel-Eksel, Belgium	11
Abstain	1

International Division – China Representative: (total 25 ballots)

Jon Lee – ChongQing, China	12*
Abstain	13

International Division – All Other Representative: (total 39 ballots)

Allan Raymond – Thailand	19*
Matthew Wong – Hong Kong	17
Abstain	3

(52) CLERK 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

(53) CATTERY OF DISTINCTION AWARDS.

Tier V

Kaylee

Owners: Kathy Pritchard & Kaitlyn Pritchard

Tier VI Superior

Clowntown

Howard R. Webster-Veda R. Webster- Cindy K. Petrovich

Tier VI Superior

Nudawnz

Ow: Lorna Dawn Friemoth-Gallion

(54) STAR AWARDS.

Star Awards

Martha Auspitz	As chair of the 2022 Annual Meeting committee for the Louisville, Kentucky annual
Rhonda Avery	For her coordination and support of the 2023 Annual
Mark Campbell	For his willingness to step in and provide cage service support on the west coast
Alex Chan	For his ongoing support and promotion of CFA in Hong Kong.
Diane Dodd	For her extensive decorating at the 2022 Annual and other CFA events.
Linda Evans Newell,	For her outstanding service as chief moderator for the Facebook New Exhibitor group.
Tom and Renee Fraley	For their tireless assistance to new exhibitors in CFA.
Dennis Giannoni	For his willingness to step in and provide cage service support on the west coast.
Noelle Giddings	For her ongoing, dedicated, long-time commitment to providing timely unofficial show scoring results.
Wendy Heidt	For her ongoing support as Guest Judge Administrator for the Judging Program Committee.
Tuti Iskandar	For her dedicated support of CFA in Malaysia and Thailand.
Nadia Jaffar	For her dedicated support of CFA in Malaysia and Thailand.
Ulrike Knuppel	For her ongoing support to ensure CFA shows are held in Germany.
Chris Merritt	For going above and beyond to guest judge a show after sustaining injuries from a car accident.
Janet Moyer	Fundraising for the Midwest Region and mentoring new exhibitors in CFA.
Nguyen Kieu Ngoc	For her ongoing and dedicated support of CFA in Vietnam, Thailand and Europe.
Vicki Nye	For her extensive work as the Judging Program Committee Co-Chair.
Elena Podprugina	For going above and beyond to guest judge a show after sustaining injuries from a car accident.
Amir Sariff	For his outstanding contributions and dedication to CFA in Malaysia and Indonesia.

Nannette Schindler	For her extensive support of the 2022 Annual from the planning to the event itself.
Razan Al Shatti	For her tireless dedication to the cats and CFA in Kuwait.
Agnes Sun	For her support of CFA in China.
Izaddin Syah Yusof	For his unwavering support of CFA in Malaysia and Thailand.
Bob Zenda	For his dedicated support as the Chair of the 2023 Annual.

Diamond Star Awards

Rachel Anger	For her ongoing and excellent support of the Judging Program Committee.
Barbara Jaeger	For her ongoing support of the Breed Awareness and Orientation School portion of the Judging Program Committee.
Phebe Low	For her leadership, dedication and outstanding efforts for the CFA International Division.
Matthew Wong	For his tremendous dedication to CFA and support of the CFA International Division.



Dr. Kent Thompson	Giving tirelessly to CFA since beginning his involvement with CFA about 23 years ago. Despite handling the pressures of owning and practicing at their vet clinic in Canton, Ohio, both Kent and his wife Robyn have been excellent ambassadors for the promotion of feline health and responsible pet ownership.
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(55) RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

– 20 – *Angel Fairy Sphynx Club, Americans West, Finicky Feline Society, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers, Central Pennsylvania CF, Sphynx without Borders, World Lykoi Association*

PREFACE: This proposal was submitted with two different types of wording to be considered by the delegation, to be voted on separately. The rationale is the same. Proposal A (#20) is more specific to “hairless” cats that exhibit structural mutation traits. Proposal B (#21) is regarding multiple mutations crossed with coat mutations.

Article II, Proposal A:

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article II, Paragraph 2.23, subparagraphs f., g. and h., to include the following wording: *Cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural mutations, and any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc.) with one or more structural mutations, are not eligible for entry.*, as follows:

f. The HOUSEHOLD PET (HHP) CLASS is for any domestic kitten (altered/unaltered) or altered cat entry. Household pets, or Companion Cats, are eligible only for awards in the Household Pet Class. Pedigreed cats with a CFA registration number can be scored as Household Pets if the registration prefix is changed to the Household Pet color class prefix (0892H/0893H). This color class transfer is a one-way transfer; reversal is subject to approval by the CFA Executive Board. Within these rules, the terms Companion Cat and Household Pet may be used interchangeably as they refer to the same class. Household pets are to be judged separately from all other cats, solely on beauty and condition. Wild cats or wild cat-domestic cat hybrid crosses are not eligible for entry. Cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural mutations, and any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc.) with one or more structural mutations, are not eligible for entry. For Bengals to enter this class, they must have a registration number. (See Article VI – Entering the Show).

g. The EXHIBITION ONLY CLASS is for any cat or kitten for which an entry form has been received, and for which a listing appears in the show catalog, but which is not scheduled for handling in any ring. Cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural mutations, and any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc.) with one or more structural mutations, are not eligible for entry. For Bengals to enter this class, they must have a registration number.

h. The AGILITY COMPETITION category is for any cat or kitten for which an Agility Entry has been submitted per show rule 6.24. At shows that are held over a two-day period, each day shall be considered a separate show for agility competition, and scored separately. Agility cats/kittens are scored per show rule 26.04 for each show to determine placements. Cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural mutations, and any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc.) with one or more structural mutations, are not eligible for entry. For Bengals to enter this class, they must also provide to the Agility Ringmaster their registration number as part of the entry process.

RATIONALE: This proposal would serve to stop the practice of combining established breeds with one or more structural mutations to create another breed. This is important when combining bone and cartilage mutations which may produce unpredictable dysfunction or pain to a cat. This rule would also serve to protect established breeds from being used to create “designer” breeds. Breeds that are a natural mutation need to be protected and preserved.

Some European countries are using these “multiple mutations” breeds as a door to ban the breeding of any type cat that is due to a mutation or is “hairless”, including the Sphynx as written in the CFA standard. The Netherlands is the latest country to ban “hairless” cats and has stated that “for the Sphynx an extinction policy has been implemented”. CFA should make it clear that such “breeds” are not allowed for registration or current or future exhibition.

If someone enters one inadvertently in a CFA show as a HHP, it would be up to the judge to speak to the show manager and the show manager to explain to the exhibitor (and the judge to disqualify the cat). The show entry confirmation can include an explanation to all HHP exhibitors so that they are aware, and they can request a refund prior to the show if they entered without being cognizant of the new show rule.

Exhibitors understand why we don't accept declawed cats (of any kind) to be shown and they can be educated to understand why we don't condone the breeding of multiple structural mutations. Declawed cats are already not acceptable to be shown in any class.

Structural mutation: Appearance of the skeletal and/or cartilage expression different from the average domestic cat such as, but not limited to, curled ears, folded ears, any form of shortened tail length and/or tail structural change, short legs (achondroplasia), polydactyl or structural mutations of any form not recognized in the current breed standards.

Advisory Only.

– 21 – *Angel Fairy Sphynx Club, Americans West, Finicky Feline Society, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers, Central Pennsylvania CF, Sphynx Without Borders, World Lykoi Association*

Article II Proposal B:

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article II, Paragraph 2.23, subparagraphs f., g. and h., to include the following wording: *Cats with the “appearance of hairlessness” that exhibit the following traits are not eligible for entry: curled ears, folded ears, any form of shortened tail length and/or tail structural change, short legs (achondroplasia), polydactyl., as follows:*

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Some European countries are using these “multiple mutations” breeds as a door to ban the breeding of any type cat that is due to a mutation or is “hairless”, including the Sphynx as written in the CFA standard. The Netherlands is the latest country to ban “hairless” cats and has stated that “for the Sphynx an extinction policy has been implemented”. CFA should make it clear that such “breeds” are not allowed for registration or current or future exhibition.

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Withdrawn.

– 22 – *Angel Fairy Sphynx Club, Americans West, Finicky Feline Society, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers, Central Pennsylvania CF, Sphynx Without Borders, World Lykoi Association*

PREFACE: Due to the current and growing anti-breeding legislation in several countries, we ask the delegation to show their support for these resolutions so the CFA Board can get an idea of how CFA can participate in addressing on-going breed specific concerns.

RESOLVED: Amend Rules for Registration, Section 4 – Mutations, to implement a policy that CFA will not register any potential breeds or any cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural mutations; and any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc.) with one or more structural mutations, as follows:

Section 4 – Mutations: The natural offspring of a natural breed showing definite characteristics that may be continued by breeding between specimens of the mutation and/or the natural breed from which it originated. CFA will not register any potential breeds or any cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural mutations; and any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc.) with one or more structural mutations. A pedigree may show only the breeds listed in the breed-specific rules of registration (contact CO).

American Bobtail (longhair & shorthair), American Curl (shorthair and longhair), American Wirehair, Cornish Rex, Devon Rex, LaPerm (longhair and shorthair), Lykoi, Scottish Fold (shorthair and longhair, effective May 1, 2022 no folded ear to folded ear matings are permitted), Selkirk Rex (longhair and shorthair), Somali, Sphynx, Toybob.

RATIONALE: This proposal would serve to stop the practice of combining established breeds with one or more structural mutations to create another breed. This is important when combining bone and cartilage mutations which may produce unpredictable dysfunction or pain to a cat. This rule would also serve to protect established breeds from being used to create “designer” breeds.

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Advisory Only.

– 23 – *German Phoenix - Cat Friends Europe; Palatina Blue Cat Club; American Shorthair Lovers of Europe*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, ARTICLE V – ANNOUNCING THE SHOW/SHOW FLYER, Paragraph 5.01, to require that the printed show flyer be provided in both English and the applicable local language, as follows:

5.01 There must be a printed show flyer published on the CFA website no less than 30 days prior to the show. Additionally, a show flyer in English must be submitted and published if the original show flyer is in a language other than English. The show flyer must include the following:

RATIONALE: This rule has probably been in place since shows were held only in the USA/North America. In Europe, Asia and even China we have hundreds of different languages. In order to provide equal opportunity for all exhibitors to enter a show, the show flyer must be written in English along with any other local language.

Advisory Only.

– 24 – *Poppy State; Paper Tigers*

RESOLVED: That all monthly bank statements be posted to the regional website. Provide a link with a password so exhibitors and clubs in the region can log in and see where our money is.

RATIONALE: We need transparency.

Advisory Only.

Saturday, June 29, 2024

(56) INTERNATIONAL DIVISION MEETING.

International Division Committee Co-Chair Kathy Calhoun called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the ID Committee members present, and attendees from the International Division, both in person and via Zoom, in addition to the CFA Board of Directors.

(57) BREED COUNCIL SECRETARIES' MEETING.

Breeds and Standards Chair Annette Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. with the Breed Council Secretaries and Breed Committee Chairs (or their representatives) present, both in person and via Zoom, in addition to the CFA Board of Directors.

Sunday, June 30, 2024

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

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

(59) APPOINTMENT OF CFA LEGAL COUNSEL AND PARLIAMENTARIAN.

President Mastin appointed Edward Raymond as the CFA Legal Counsel and Parliamentarian.

(60) TAKING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' OATH.

Mr. Raymond asked the Board to stand and affirm that they will comply with the Cat Fanciers' Association Board of Directors Code of Ethics. **So Affirmed** by all.

Ms. Calhoun moved that the CFA Board Code of Ethics be made a part of the compiled board reports for every meeting, and that affirming attendance will be an agreement to abide by the rules. Seconded by **Mr. Currle**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

(61) DISTRIBUTION AND SIGNING OF BOARD-REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.

Secretary's Note: All current members of the Board of Directors executed the Board of Director's Code of Ethics, which is kept on file by the Keeper of the Records, CFA Secretary Rachel Anger. Board members must verbally agree to the oath when taken at Sunday's board meeting.

(62) VERBAL REPORT OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

President Mastin queried the board members and requested a verbal response from each board member regarding conflicts of interest.

(63) RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

Ms. DelaBar moved to ratify the following committee appointments. Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

2024-2025 CFA Committee Appointments

Committee	Chair/Co-Chair/Sub-committee Chair	Vice Chair	Board Liaison	email
Agility	Jill Archibald Nikki Feniak		Marilee Griswold	Jellyb1083@aol.com
Ambassador Cats	Karen Lane	Jodell Raymond	Kenny Currle	karenllane@comcast.net

Committee	Chair/Co-Chair/Sub-committee Chair	Vice Chair	Board Liaison	email
				jodell1@rochester.rr.com
Audit Committee (elected Treasurer)	Kathy Calhoun			Calhounkathy38@gmail.com
Awards Committee	Cathy Dunham		Janet Moyer	Cathy.dunham0@gmail.com
Breed Preservation	Ginger Meeker	Jacqui Bennett	Howard Webster	glm.cfa@gmail.com jacquibennett864@gmail.com
Breeder Education	Carissa Altschul			Carissa_altschul@hotmail.com
Breeds and Standards	Annette Wilson		Darrell Newkirk	arwilson@prodigy.net
Budget (elected Treasurer)	Kathy Calhoun			Calhounkathy38@gmail.com
Clerking Program	Bethany Colilla Ronna Colilla		John Colilla	believerscattery@gmail.com mommaronna722@yahoo.com
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Club Membership	Carol Krzanowski			Carolk.cfa@gmail.com
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Diversity & Inclusion	Kathy Calhoun			Calhounkathy38@gmail.com
Executive Committee	Four Officers & Kenny Curre			rmastin@cfa.org
Experimental Formats	Rachel Anger			camberwel@aol.com
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India	Allan Raymond			avjayray@yahoo.com

Committee	Chair/Co-Chair/Sub-committee Chair	Vice Chair	Board Liaison	email
	Jan Rogers			Travelcatz15@gmail.com
International Show	Ed Raymond	Linda Murphy	Rich Mastin	elraymondjr@gmail.com lindakomar@rocketmail.com
Judging Program	Vicki Nye Russell Webb			Whiteweb00@aol.com tvnye@jps.net
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File Administrator		Nancy Dodds		Nancydodds17@gmail.com
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Application Administrator – International Division		Jodell Raymond		jodell1@rochester.rr.com
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Protests	George Eigenhauser		Howard Webster	geigenhauser@allmail.net
Publications	Mark Hannon		Carol Krzanowski	markh_@yahoo.com
Scientific Advisory	Roger Brown	Marilee		dotsrnb@aol.com

Committee	Chair/Co-Chair/Sub-committee Chair	Vice Chair	Board Liaison	email
		Griswold		marileemed@yahoo.com
Show Rules	Ed Raymond		Carol Krzanowski	elraymondjr@gmail.com
Show Scheduling (Regions 1-7)	Pam Moser	Mary Auth	Vicki Jensen	Bp.moser@comcast.net mary@maryauth.com
Virtual Cat Competition	Nancy Kerr		Marilee Griswold	nakerr68@outlook.com
CFA Non-Committee Appointments				
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Board Ombudsperson	Vicki Jensen			vjlawdui@att.net
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Ombudsperson	Paul Meeker			grandbsh@gmail.com
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Animal Welfare/Breeder Assist/Food Pantry/Breed Rescue	Charlene Campbell		Pam DelaBar	jcampb4244@aol.com
CFA Foundation	Don Williams		Pam DelaBar	williamsdj2@aol.com
EveryCat Health Foundation	Dean Vicksman, DVM, CVJ		Kathy Calhoun	dvicksman@everycat.org
Show Promotion	Mike Altschul		Janet Moyer	twomikea@yahoo.com
World Cat Congress				
Delegate	Pam DelaBar			Satltc1@aol.com
Advisor	Rachel Anger			camberwel@aol.com

(64) BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE.

**CFA Board of Directors Meeting Schedule
July 9, 2024 – September 2, 2025**

**July 9, 2024 Emergency Only - 7:00 pm ET*

August 6, 2024 – 7:00 pm ET

**September 3, 2024 Emergency Only – 7:00 pm ET*

October 15 & 16, 2024 – 10:00 am ET (both days)

**November 12, 2024 Emergency Only – 7:00 pm ET*

December 3, 2024 – 7:00 pm ET

**January 7, 2025 Emergency Only - 7:00 pm ET*

February 1 & 2, 2025 – 10:00 am ET (both days)

**March 4, 2025 Emergency Only – 7:00 pm ET*

March __, 2025 – 7:00 pm ET (Optional - Preliminary Budget Review)

April 1, 2025 - 7:00 pm ET

**April 15, 2025 Emergency Only if necessary to finalize the Annual Budget - 7:00 pm ET*

**May 6, 2025 Emergency Only – 7:00 pm ET*

June 26 & 29, 2025 - 9:00 am ET - ? (in-person Orlando Florida, Annual Meetings)

**July 8, 2025 Emergency Only – 7:00 pm ET*

August 5, 2025 - 7:00 pm ET

**September 2, 2025 Emergency Only -7:00 pm ET*

All meetings via Zoom, except June 26 & 29, 2025 (in-person Orlando Florida, Annual Meetings).

Tuesday evening meetings begin at 7:00 pm and must end by 11:59 pm (ET - Eastern Time).

**Emergency meetings are for emergencies that cannot wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting.*

October 14/15, 2025 – via zoom

All motions submitted online at least 14-hours prior to the meeting after the conclusion of the Annual Delegate Meeting and at least 24-hours prior to all other meetings will be accepted as pre-noticed.

Unable to attend contact Secretary Rachel Anger at camberwel@aol.com / President Rich Mastin at rmastin@cfa.org / 585-455-7089.

Mr. Newkirk moved to accept the schedule. Seconded by **Ms. DelaBar**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary*

(65) DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.

Disciplinary Hearings And Suspensions: Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to the Board. The following case was heard, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the parties, and no appeal and/or appeal fee was filed. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

24-012 *CFA v. Kam Nok Yi (Lorraine Kam, Nok Yi Kam) & Cheung Shun Hei (Rex Cheung, Shun Hei Cheung)*

Violation of CFA Bylaws Article XV, Section 4 (g)

Guilty. *The board has imposed the following disciplinary action: permanent suspension of all CFA services. [vote sealed]*

SUSPENSION OF ALL CFA SERVICES means that the person suspended will be prohibited from participating in any CFA activity including, but not limited to:

- i. Utilizing CFA's registry services*
- ii. Acting in any capacity at a show*
- iii. Entering cats owned by the suspended person, agenting cats, or having cats owned by the person suspended agented at a CFA show*
- iv. Presenting cats in a show ring*
- v. Participating in a clerking school*
- vi. Participating in a Breed Council*
- vii. Acting as a delegate at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Association*

The suspended person will be permitted to purchase the CFA Yearbook and other CFA publications. However, the person suspended will not be permitted to advertise in any CFA publication or show catalog. including, but not limited to, the online Find a Breeder listing.

A person who is suspended may remain a member of a CFA member club, but may not be an officer or director of a member club. They may also attend their Region's Annual Banquet and Award Ceremony, and the CFA Annual Awards Banquet provided that they do not officiate, make any presentation, accept any awards, or participate in any way other than as a guest at the banquet or award ceremony.

Board-Cited Hearing: The Board may consider any protest filed by any member of a member club or in any other manner brought to the attention of the Executive Board. The Board may delegate authority to one or more persons to review, investigate, and determine if probable cause exists for the filing of a formal protest. This case was heard on direct cite by the CFA Executive

Board. Timely notice was given to the party, and the matter was heard in open session, at the request of the respondent.

None.

Appeals: Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to and heard by the Board, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the party, an appeal and/or appeal fee was timely filed, and the appeal was heard by the Board of Directors. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

None.

Related Board Actions: Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following Related Board Actions were unanimously approved:

1. **Matter 24-011:** *CFA shall void the registration of litters F4136196, F4134304, and F4293110. In addition, the registration of all cats, kittens and litters registered from those litters, or any descendants of those cats, shall be re-registered as Not for Breeding, and flagged as Not for Showing.*
2. **Matter 24-014.** *CFA shall void the registration of litter F4201608. In addition, the registration of all cats, kittens and litters registered from that litter, or any descendants of those cats, shall be re-registered as not for breeding, and flagged as not for showing.*
3. **Matter 24-015.** *CFA shall void the registration of litter F4289061. In addition, the registration of all cats, kittens and litters registered from that litter, or any descendants of those cats, shall be re-registered as not for breeding, and flagged as not for showing.*
4. **Matter 24-016.** *CFA shall void the registration of litter F4311411. In addition, the registration of all cats, kittens and litters registered from that litter, or any descendants of those cats, shall be re-registered as not for breeding, and flagged as not for showing.*