SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECEMBER 3, 2024

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, via Zoom video conference. **President Richard Mastin** called the regularly scheduled mid-quarterly video conference open session meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. A roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger** found the following members to be present:

Mr. Richard Mastin (President)
Mr. Russell Webb (Vice-President)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Mrs. Doreann Nasin (NAR Director)
Vicki A. Jensen, Esq. (NWR Director)
Ms. Carissa Altschul (GSR Director)
Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)
Mr. Howard Webster (SWR Director) joined the meeting later
Ms. Janet Moyer (MWR Director)
Mr. Kenny Currle (SOR Director)
Ms. Aki Tamura (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
Ms. Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director
Mr. James Simbro, IT Systems Analyst

Absent:

None

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

Mastin: Welcome everyone. Rachel, would you please call the roll? **Anger:** Thank you, I will. I just wanted to confirm that in accordance with our policy that we set in June, when everyone confirms their attendance at the meeting, they were also affirming that they are abiding by the CFA Board of Directors Code of Ethics and Confidentiality Agreement, just as a reminder. [**Secretary's Note:** The Board Member Code of Ethics and Confidentiality Agreement was reaffirmed after the break. Secretary Rachel Anger called the roll, as reflected above.] **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel.

SUMMARY

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

(1) APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Mr. Colilla moved that Agenda Item #18 – New Business, Show Scheduling Request, be moved to closed session. Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk,** the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

Mr. Newkirk moved to approve the Orders of the Day. Seconded by **Mr. Currle, the Orders of the Day, as amended, were accepted without objection and became the Orders of Business.**

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

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

(a) Additions/Corrections to the Minutes.

None.

(b) Ratification of October 15/16, 2024 Zoom Video Conference Board Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Anger moved to approve the October 15/16, 2024 Zoom video conference board meeting minutes, as published. Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk,** the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

(c) Ratification of Online Motions.

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
1.	Anger Huhtaniemi 10.30.2024	Move the discussion and voting results from Agenda Item #26 - Old Business, section (c) regarding Show Rule #9.05 (proposal #28 from the Show Rules report) from executive session into the open session Show Rules Report.	**Motion Carried** (subject to ratification).
2.	Anger Newkirk 11.04.2024	Move the discussion and voting results from Agenda Item #26 - Old Business, section (c) regarding Show Rules #2.23.f., g. and h. (proposal #5 from the Show Rules report) from executive session into the open session Show Rules Report, with the CFA Secretary scrubbing out names of individuals, as appropriate.	**Motion Carried** (subject to ratification).
3.	Anger Krzanowski 11.12.2024	Grant approval for Pam DelaBar to guest judge for the Happy Cat Club (Sweden) on August 23/24, 2025.	**Motion Carried** (subject to ratification).
4.	Executive Committee 11.18.2024	For the Phoenix Feline Fanciers 7 AB/1 SP show on December 14/15, 2024 in Mesa, Arizona (Region 5), grant an exception to Show Rule 5.01.m. and change the entry limit from 275 entries to 175 entries or a total of 250 single benching spaces, whichever comes first, and have the judges judge one day each instead of two days. The club will issue a new flyer, publicize the change, and send notifications to all entered exhibitors and judges.	**Motion Carried** (subject to ratification).

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
5.	Executive Committee	For the Frontier Feline Fanciers' 5 AB/1 SP show on November 23, 2024 in Gardner, KS (Region 6), due to a medical issue for one of their judges, allow a change of format from 5 AB/1 SP to 5 AB/1 LH, the longhair ring to be judged by Kadri Koppel.	**Motion Carried** (subject to ratification).

Ms. Anger moved to ratify online motions 1-5, as published. Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk,** the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

(3) JUDGING PROGRAM REPORT.

Upon standing motion, **Co-Chair Mr. Webb** moved to adopt the following Judging Program rule changes, effective immediately. Upon standing second by **Mr. Newkirk,** the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

Judging Program Rule Changes

Section 8 Trainees	**CFA Judging Program Committee**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
8.4 Trainee Paperwork **a.** … **b.** The Trainee is expected to complete their paperwork without errors. Within two (2) days after the show, the Trainee must notify the Training Judge and the File Administrator of any paperwork errors or mechanical errors they may have discovered after having submitted the paperwork to the Training Judge at the show. These identified corrections will not count against the Trainee. The File Administrator and Training Judge will review the paperwork and will advise the Trainee of any additional errors. The following errors will cause the training session to not count for the Trainee, and the Trainee will have to repeat the session. • Mechanical errors of any kind. • Marking the Breed win on the wrong line on the Breed/Division sheet. • Missing any Breed win on the Breed/Division sheet. • Writing NA/IM, NA/Cond, WC when DISQ is required.	**8.4 Trainee Paperwork** **a.** … **b.** ~~The Trainee is expected to complete their paperwork without errors. Within two (2) days after the show, the Trainee must notify the Training Judge and the File Administrator of any paperwork errors or mechanical errors they may have discovered after having submitted the paperwork to the Training Judge at the show. These identified corrections will not count against the Trainee. The File Administrator and Training Judge will review the paperwork and will advise the Trainee of any additional errors. The following errors will cause the training session to not count for the Trainee, and the Trainee will have to repeat the session.~~ ~~• Mechanical errors of any kind.~~ ~~• Marking the Breed win on the wrong line on the Breed/Division sheet.~~ ~~• Missing any Breed win on the Breed/Division sheet.~~ ~~• Writing NA/IM, NA/Cond, WC when DISQ is required.~~

• Writing DISQ instead of when NA/Cond, NA/IM is required.	~~• Writing DISQ instead of when NA/Cond, NA/IM is required.~~ Paperwork errors other than a mechanical error, that occur in a trainee's training session, that are not corrected will be cause for counseling/coaching by the file administrator, and if repeated issues occur, the mentor will become involved to coach the trainee. Unresolved paperwork errors on the third or subsequent sessions, that have been coached, and continue to occur during training will be bought to the JPC for evaluation, and further action. These repeated errors could have an impact on the number of training sessions a trainee is required to complete. The first training session that has a mechanical error, will have the trainee notified and counseled on how to avoid mechanical errors, letting them know that the training session will count. A subsequent training session with a mechanical error will be cause for an additional training session.

The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

Section 8 Trainees	**CFA Judging Program Committee**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
8.2 Breed/Division Color Class Sessions **a.** First Specialty Trainees must perform at a minimum three (3) supervised and three (3) solo breed/division color class sessions and handle a minimum of two hundred (200) cats. Associate Judges with sufficient judging history follow guidelines outlined in Section 5. … **d.** Second Specialty Trainees must perform at a minimum six (6) breed/division color class sessions and handle a minimum of two hundred (200) cats.	**8.2 Breed/Division Color Class Sessions** **a.** First Specialty Trainees must perform at a minimum three (3) supervised and three (3) solo breed/division color class sessions and handle a minimum of ~~two hundred (200)~~ one hundred fifty (150) cats. Associate Judges with sufficient judging history follow guidelines outlined in Section 5. … **d.** Second Specialty Trainees must perform at a minimum six (6) breed/division color class sessions and handle a minimum of ~~two hundred (200)~~ one hundred fifty (150) cats.

The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

SECTION 10 **ADVANCEMENT PROCEDURES FOR APPRENTICE AND APPROVAL PENDING JUDGES**	**CFA Judging Program Committee**

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
ADVANCEMENT PROCEDURES FOR APPRENTICE AND APPROVAL PENDING JUDGES **10.1** The following conditions must be met as requirements for advancement: **a.** Apprentice Specialty Judges must judge a minimum of six (6) championship shows and handle a minimum of three hundred (300) cats with favorable club evaluations. **b.** Approval Pending Single Specialty Judges must judge a minimum of six (6) championship shows with favorable club evaluations. **c.** Judges approved in one (1) specialty and Approval Pending in the second specialty must judge a minimum of eight (8) championship shows, with favorable club evaluations on the Approval Pending specialty judged. **d.** Approval Pending Allbreed Judges must judge a minimum of eight (8) championship shows, with favorable club evaluations.	**ADVANCEMENT PROCEDURES FOR APPRENTICE AND APPROVAL PENDING JUDGES** **10.1** The following conditions must be met as requirements for advancement: **a.** Apprentice Specialty Judges must judge a minimum of six (6) championship shows and handle a minimum of ~~three hundred (300) cats~~ two hundred (200) cats with favorable club evaluations. **b.** Approval Pending Single Specialty Judges must judge a minimum of six (6) complete championship shows with favorable club evaluations. **c.** Judges approved in one (1) specialty and Approval Pending in the second specialty must judge a minimum of ~~eight (8)~~ six (6) championship shows, with favorable club evaluations on the Approval Pending specialty judged. **d.** Approval Pending Allbreed Judges must judge a minimum of ~~eight (8)~~ six (6) championship shows, with favorable club evaluations.

The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

Advancements – Regular Judging Program:

Advance from Trainee to Apprentice Specialty:

Yukiyo Matsushita – Toyonaka-shi Osaka, Japan (Region 8) 18 yes
Longhair First Specialty

Allen Shi, Shanghai, China (ID-China) 18 yes
Shorthair First Specialty

Advance from Apprentice to Approval Pending Specialty:

Yi Chang – Beijing, China (ID-China) 18 yes
Longhair 1st Specialty

Emiko Misugi – Kawaguchi-shi Saitama, Japan (Region 8) 18 yes
Shorthair 2nd Specialty

Advance from Approval Pending to Approved Specialty:

Oscar Silva Sanchez – Spain (Region 9) 18 yes
Longhair 1st Specialty

Advance from Approval Pending Specialty to Approval Pending Allbreed:

Mie Takahashi – Hyogo, Japan (Region 8) 18 yes
Shorthair 2nd Specialty

(4) TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer Ms. Calhoun had no action items.

(5) BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT.

Chair Ms. Calhoun had no action items.

(6) MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT.

Ms. Anger moved to discontinue the Newsletter. Seconded by **Mr. Webb, Motion Failed.** Griswold voting yes. Calhoun and Webster abstained.

(7) NEW EXHIBITOR COMMITTEE REPORT.

Chair Ms. Moyer had no action items.

(8) PRESERVATION BREEDING COMMITTEE REPORT.

Chair Dr. Meeker and **Vice Chair Mrs. Bennett** had no action items.

(9) AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Upon standing motion, **Liaison Ms. Moyer** moved for approval of the following motions, upon standing second by **Ms. Anger:**

- Approve Option A for 2025 national awards to include already purchased medallions for agility, a larger sized award for best cat and smaller sized awards for 2-25, glass medallions for breed winners, and no rosettes to be presented. **Motion Failed.** Altschul, Calhoun, Colilla, Jensen, Moyer, Webb and Webster voting yes.
- Approve Option B (only if the motion for Option A fails) for 2025 national awards to include already purchased medallions for agility, a larger sized award for best cat and smaller sized awards for 2-25, glass medallions for breed winners, and rosettes to be presented. **Motion Failed.** Altschul, Calhoun, Jensen, Moyer, Newkirk and Webster voting yes.

Ms. Anger moved to amend Option C to eliminate the $8,690 line item for rosettes, but to ratify it otherwise (keeping the order the same but using a different manufacturer). Seconded by **Dr. Griswold, Motion Carried.** Altschul voting no.

(10) ENTRY CLERK PROGRAM REPORT.

Chair Mrs. Dunham had no action items.

(11) INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.

Upon standing motion by **Chair Mr. Newkirk**, with a standing second by **Mr. Currle,** the following motions were made:

- Grant the Central Breed Cat Club permission to hold a 6 ring pet fair show in conjunction with a WCF club in Thailand on March 22-23, 2025, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval). The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**
- Grant permission for the Taiwan International Cat Club 6 ring show planned for February 22, 2025, in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, to use a split ring format with 3 judges in the morning and 3 judges in the afternoon. The show is not yet licensed, and the entry limit proposed is 100. **Motion Carried.** Colilla abstained.
- Grant permission for the Pacific Cats Meow 6 ring show planned for February 9, 2025, in Taichung City, Taiwan to use a split ring format with 3 judges in the morning and 3 judges in the afternoon. The show is not yet licensed, but judges have been contracted and the entry limit proposed is 125. The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

(12) HOUSEHOLD PET ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Liaison Mr. Webster moved that the majority of the committee would like the board to not pass the changes to Show Rules 2.23.f., g. and h. to prohibit entry of cats with double mutations in the Household Pet class. **Withdrawn.**

Mr. Webster moved to table rule 2.23.f., g. and h. until a committee can be formed to collect and verify all data related to the topic of multiple mutations and how they affect the business of CFA. **Out of Order.**

(13) SHOW RULES COMMITTEE.

Liaison Mrs. Krzanowski moved on standing motion, with **Ms. Anger** making a standing second, for the adoption of the following Show Rule change proposals:

Show Rule Resolution from the Floor at the 2024 Annual Meeting Which Passed by More Than 50%. Advisory Only (Tabled after discussion at the October 2024 Board Meeting)

1. Amend Show Rules 2.23f,g & h to prohibit entry of cats with double mutations in Household Pet and Exhibition Only classes and in Agility competition.

Article II – Definitions, amend 2.23f, g, h	**Angel Fairy Sphynx Club, Americans West, Finicky Feline Society, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers, Central Pennsylvania CF, Sphynx without Borders, World Lykoi Association**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
2.23f. 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	**2.23f**. 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. 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. 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. For Bengals to enter this class, they must also provide to the Agility Ringmaster their registration number as part of the entry process.	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, or any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc. but not including coat length) 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, or any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc. but not including coat length) 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, or any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc. but not including coat length) 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.

Motion Carried. Calhoun [added subsequently], Colilla, Currle, Mathis, Moyer, Webb and Webster voting no.

Mr. Newkirk moved that the board consider **Ms. Calhoun's** votes, because she was kicked out of the meeting. Seconded by **Mr. Webster,** the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

Other Show Rule Changes

2. Amend SR 4.03a to extend the prohibition against scheduling a show in a region on the same weekend as a regional show held in conjunction with the region's annual awards ceremony to the International Division.

Article XI – Licensing the Show, amend 4.03a	**Show Rules Committee**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
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. …	**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 or the International Division will be licensed on the weekend as a regional or International Division show held in conjunction with ~~a~~ the region's or the International Division's annual awards ceremony. …

The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

3. Amend SR 28.02a clarify how unofficial/official counts are determined and to reduce to 70% the percentage of rings that a cat must be shown in to be considered present.

Amend: Article XXVIII Obtaining Titles – Grands, amend 28.02a	**Central Office** **International Division Committee**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
28.02 A cat eligible for and shown in the Champion or Premier Class will compete for Grand Championship or Grand Premiership points in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Long hair/Shorthair or Breed specialty as follows: **a.** Any Champion or Premier placing in the top ten (or fifteen, where applicable) finals awards may receive points towards Grand Championship or Grand Premiership. For each Champion/Premier in an Allbreed final, the cat will be ranked according to both its Allbreed Champion/Premier placement and Specialty Champion/Premier placement. For each Champion/Premier in a Specialty final, the cat will be ranked according to its Specialty Champion/Premier placement. Champions/Premiers will earn points from the final according to the remainder of this rule and 28.03b, which will apply	**28.02** A cat eligible for and shown in the Champion or Premier Class will compete for Grand Championship or Grand Premiership points in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Long hair/Shorthair or Breed specialty as follows: **a.** Any Champion or Premier placing in the top ten (or fifteen, where applicable) finals awards may receive points towards Grand Championship or Grand Premiership. For each Champion/Premier in an Allbreed final, the cat will be ranked according to both its Allbreed Champion/Premier placement and Specialty Champion/Premier placement. For each Champion/Premier in a Specialty final, the cat will be ranked according to its Specialty Champion/Premier placement. Champions/Premiers will earn points from the final according to the remainder of this rule and 28.03b, which will apply

to both the Allbreed and Specialty Champion/Premier placements in an Allbreed final. The highest placing Champion or Premier will receive one point for every benched Champion or Premier defeated for shows held outside of China, i.e., Regions 1-9 and most of the International Division (including the special administrative areas of Hong Kong and Macau). For champions/premiers competing at shows in China, the cat will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every Champion/Premier defeated that was present in at least 80 percent of the Rings held at that show. A cat is considered present in China as long as no award is withheld from that cat for insufficient merit or condition, and the cat is not disqualified (see Rules 11.23, and 11.24). If the award for a cat is withheld for any reason other than wrong color, it will be considered absent for the ring in which the award was withheld. To determine the 80 percent present requirement, see the following table:	to both the Allbreed and Specialty Champion/Premier placements in an Allbreed final. The highest placing Champion or Premier will receive one point for every benched Champion or Premier defeated for shows held outside of China, i.e., Regions 1-9 and most of the International Division (including the special administrative areas of Hong Kong and Macau). For champions/premiers competing at shows in China, the cat will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every Champion/Premier defeated that was present in at least ~~80~~ 70 percent of the Rings held at that show. ~~A cat is considered present in China as long as no award is withheld from that cat for insufficient merit or condition, and the cat is not disqualified (see Rules 11.23, and 11.24). If the award for a cat is withheld for any reason other than wrong color, it will be considered absent for the ring in which the award was withheld.~~ To determine the ~~80~~ 70 percent present requirement, see the following table:
Number of Rings held at show: 1 Ring held 2 Rings held 3 Rings held 4 Rings held 5 Rings held 6 Rings held 7 Rings held 8 Rings held 9 Rings held 10 Rings held Rings present for cat to be in count: 1 Ring 2 Rings 3 Rings 4 Rings 4 Rings 5 Rings 6 Rings 7 Rings 8 Rings 8 Rings	Number of Rings held at show: 1 Ring held 2 Rings held 3 Rings held 4 Rings held 5 Rings held 6 Rings held 7 Rings held 8 Rings held 9 Rings held 10 Rings held Rings present for cat to be in count: 1 Ring 2 Rings 3 Rings ~~4~~ 3 Rings 4 Rings 5 Rings ~~6~~ 5 Rings ~~7~~ 6 Rings ~~8~~ 7 Rings ~~8~~ 7 Rings
Cats not present in the number of Rings specified in the table based on the number of Rings held at any show held in China will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the official champion/premier count, however, any grand points won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cat's record.	Cats not present in the number of Rings specified in the table based on the number of Rings held at any show held in China will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the official champion/premier count, however, any grand points won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cat's record.
The second highest placing Champion or Premier will receive 90% of the points awarded the highest placing Champion or Premier, third highest 80%, fourth highest 70% and 5th highest 60%, etc. In cases where 11 or more cats in a top 15 final are champions, those champions placing 11th thru 15th best champion within that final will receive 5% of the points awarded to the highest placing champion.	The second highest placing Champion or Premier will receive 90% of the points awarded the highest placing Champion or Premier, third highest 80%, fourth highest 70% and 5th highest 60%, etc. In cases where 11 or more cats in a top 15 final are champions, those champions placing 11th thru 15th best champion within that final will receive 5% of the points awarded to the highest placing champion.

In all cases, fractional points 0.5 and greater will be rounded to the next higher number. …	In all cases, fractional points 0.5 and greater will be rounded to the next higher number. …

The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

Addenda

4. Extend the allowance of up to 50% guest judges in Region 9 and the International Division for the 2025-2026 show season.

Addendum #1	**Pam DelaBar**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
None.	Notwithstanding the requirements of Show Rule 3.13, for the 2025-2026 show season, a show held in Region 9 or the International Division may have up to 50% of its rings judged by guest judges or Associate Judges.

The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

5. Extend the waiver of Show Rule 2.37 for the 2025-2026 show season.

Addendum #2	**Pam DelaBar**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
None.	The waiver of Show Rule 2.37 is extended in Region 9 whereby cancelled shows during the 2025-2026 show season do not count against a club's traditional date.

The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

6. Extend the show license late fee exception for Regions 8 and 9 and portions of the International Division for the 2025-2026 show season.

Addendum #3	**Pam DelaBar**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
None.	The show license late fee exception for Regions 8 and 9 and the International Division (excluding China, Hong Kong, and Macau), which allows shows to be licensed up to 30 days before the opening day of the show without any penalty fee, is extended for the 2025-2026 show season.

The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

7. Extend the reduction of grand point requirements for cats in the International Division, Ukraine, and Russia west of the Ural Mountains for the 2025-2026 show season.

Addendum #4	**Pam DelaBar**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
	For the 2025-2026 show season, the requirements to obtain the grand title in the International Division outside of China and in Ukraine are modified to require 75 points for the Grand Champion title and 25 points for the Grand Premier title, in Russia west of the Ural Mountains to require 100 points for the Grand Champion title and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, and in China to require 175 points for the Grand Champion title and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, as noted in the following table.

Country/Area	GC Pts Rqd	GP Pts Rqd
Regions 1-9 except as noted	200	75
Maritime Provinces of Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Hawaii, Mexico, Russia east of the Ural Mountains, Ukraine, International Division (except China)	75	25
Russia, West of the Ural Mountains	100	50
China	175	50

Motion Carried. Altschul voting no.

NOTE: The following Addenda are in force for the current (2024-2025) show season and will expire at the end of the season. While no requests were made to extend them for the 2025-2026 show season, motions to extend them are included below in case that was an oversight.

8. Extend the reduced point and ring minimums for National/Regional/Divisional scoring for the 2025-2026 show season.

Addendum #5`	**Show Rules Committee**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
	Point & ring minimums for National/Regional/ Divisional scoring for the 2025-2026 show season are reduced as follows: **Regions 1 -9** Championship - 1,000 points, 25 rings minimum, top 100 rings Premiership - 500 points, 25 rings minimum, top 100 rings Kittens - 500 points, 15 rings minimum, top 40 rings

	HHP - 250 points, 25 rings minimum, top 75 rings **China (excluding Hong Kong & Macau)** Championship - 1,000 points, 25 rings minimum, top 100 rings Premiership - 250 points, 15 rings minimum, top 100 rings Kittens - 500 points, 15 rings minimum, top 40 rings HHP - 250 points, 15 rings minimum, top 75 rings **International (including Hong Kong & Macau)** Championship - 1,000 points, 25 rings minimum, top 50 rings Premiership - 500 points, 15 rings minimum, top 50 rings Kittens - 500 points, 15 rings minimum, top 20 rings HHP - 250 points, 15 rings minimum, top 50 rings

Tabled.

9. Extend the waiver of the requirement that cats be shown in their region of residence in order to earn a DW in China for the 2025-2026 show season.

Addendum #6	~~**Pam DelaBar**~~ **Darrell Newkirk**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
	Cats in China do not have to show in their specific area of residence (North China, East China, West China) to receive a DW in those areas and only need to exhibit in China.

The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

10. Extend for 2025-2026 show season the reduction in the minimum points required for an International Division Award in kitten and premiership in the AWS geographical area.

Addendum to Article XXXVI – National/ Regional/Divisional Awards Program	**International Division Committee**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
None.	To be eligible for an International Division Award in the Africa and western Asia (including the middle east (minus Israel), Turkey, Iran, India, Maldives, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, etc.) geographical area of the International Division for the ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 Show Season, cats must earn a minimum of the following: ~~200~~ 100

	points in championship, ~~50~~ 25 points in kitten, ~~40~~ 20 points in premiership, and ~~50~~ 25 points in household pet competition.

The primary amendment [to cut the points in half] **to the main motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

The main motion, as amended, is ratified by unanimous consent.

11. Extend for 2025-2026 show season the reduction in the minimum points required for an International Division Award in the Singapore geographical area.

Addendum to Article XXXVI – National/ Regional/Divisional Awards Program	**International Division Committee**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
None.	To be eligible for an International Division Award in the Singapore geographical area of the International Division for the 2025-2026 Show Season, cats must earn a minimum of the following: ~~100~~ 50 points in championship, ~~50~~ 25 points in kitten, ~~100~~ 50 points in premiership, and ~~50~~ 25 points in household pet competition with no ring minimums.

The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

(14) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Chair Mr. Eigenhauser had no action items.

(15) PROTEST COMMITTEE.

Protest Committee Chair Mr. Eigenhauser gave the Protest Committee report containing recommendations for disposition of pending matters (see Agenda Item #20). **Motion Carried [vote sealed].**

(16) EXPERIMENTAL FORMATS.

Chair Ms. Anger moved to grant an exception to Show Rule 7.01 to allow Great Lakes Great Maines to hold a Maine Coon breed summit officiated by the regular judges in a separate ring at its August 30/31, 2025 8 ring back-to-back show in Columbus, Ohio (Region 4), as presented. The additional awards will not be scored. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski,** the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

Ms. Anger moved to grant an exception to Show Rule 7.01 and 11.35 and allow the Global Egyptian Mau Society/Cat Fanciers Of Washington to hold breed specialty rings for Egyptian Maus in the allbreed rings at their co-sponsored 8 ring back to back show on July 26-27, 2025 in Chantilly, Virginia (Region 7) in the following manner: all classes (Kittens, Championship and Premiership) will be judged consecutively and awarded in the usual manner, which will include

top three breed awards; then, a breed specialty final for each breed will be held across all classes (i.e., including Kittens, Championship and Premiership competing together in a breed specialty final). Awards will be given based on the total Breed entry for each breed as follows: up to 15 entries = top 3; 15 to 20 entries = top 4; 25 or more entries = top 5. No points will be associated with these awards. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski,** the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees

None.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

(17) OTHER COMMITTEES.

None.

(18) NEW BUSINESS.

[Secretary's Note: This agenda item was moved to executive session and discussed there, at the end of the meeting. Following the discussion, a motion was made to move the discussion to open session, as appears below.]

Ms. Anger moved to move the discussion and voting results from Agenda Item #18 – New Business regarding Show Scheduling Request from executive session into the open session New Business Report. Seconded by **Mr. Webster,** the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

Mr. Colilla moved to approve the Meowy Wow Wow Cat Club show change request to hold a 2 day (back to back) 8 ring show, the 5th weekend of March (29 & 30), 2025, in Dayton, Ohio (Region 4), opposite the Trucksville, PA show which is 529 miles away. This is a one-time only request, in accordance with Show Rule 4.03.g. Seconded by **Mr. Webster, Motion Carried.** Anger, Griswold and Nasin abstained with conflict.

(19) OLD BUSINESS.

Ms. DelaBar made a motion to move the October 2025 quarterly Zoom board meeting to the first weekend of October (October 4/5, 2025), starting at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time both days. Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk, Motion Carried.** Altschul, Jensen and Moyer voting no.

(20) DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.

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

To be provided when appeal period expires.

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

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 parties, and the matter was heard. Final disposition is as follows:

None

TRANSCRIPT

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

(1) APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD Video Conference Meeting Agenda December 3, 2024		
Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees		
1.	Approve Orders of the Day	Mastin
2.	Minutes (corrections/additions); Ratification of Online Motions	Anger
3.	Judging Program Report	Webb/Nye
4.	Treasurer's Report	Calhoun
5.	Budget Report	Calhoun
6.	Marketing Report	Hannon
7.	New Exhibitor Report	Moyer
8.	Preservation Breeding Report	Meeker
9.	Awards Program	Dunham
10.	Entry Clerk Program	Dunham
11.	International Division	Newkirk
12.	Household Pet Committee	Wickle
13.	Show Rules	Raymond
14.	Legislative	Eigenhauser
15.	Protests	Eigenhauser
16,	Experimental Format Report	Anger
Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees		
	None	
Unfinished Business and General Orders		
17.	Other Committees	
18.	New Business – Show Scheduling Issue	
19.	Old Business	
	ADJOURN OPEN SESSION	

Mastin: The meeting is called to order. Hello everyone. Welcome to CFA's December 3, 2024 Executive Board Meeting. Our first Order of Business is to approve the Orders of the Day.

Does anyone have any additions or changes? **Anger:** I have a note on our New Business – Show Scheduling and I need to get a clarification from John Colilla if that will be in open or closed session. **Colilla:** Closed, please. **Anger:** Closed, OK. I would like to move that we move item #18.a. – New Business to closed session. If we could do it at the end of closed session – I'm sorry, I should be more specific about where in closed session – after #24. **Mastin:** Darrell, are you seconding that motion? **Newkirk:** Yes, sir. **Mastin:** Are there any objections to moving item #18 – New Business, Show Scheduling to executive session after item #24? OK, seeing no objections, that motion passes. [**Secretary's Note:** Following a unanimously consented-to motion, Agenda Item #18 was restored to open session.]

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Are there any additional changes or additions to the open session agenda Orders of the Day? OK, may I have a motion to approve the Orders of the Day. Darrell, are you making a motion? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Currle:** Kenny seconds. **Mastin:** Thank you. Any objections? Seeing no objections the motion passes unanimously, thank you.

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

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

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

(a) Additions/Corrections to the Minutes.

None.

Mastin: Our first agenda item, Ratification of Online Motions. **Anger:** First, there are no additions or corrections to the minutes.

(b) Ratification of October 15/16, 2024 Zoom Video Conference Board Meeting Minutes.

Action Item: *Approve the October 15/16, 2024 Zoom video conference board meeting minutes, as published.*

Anger: I would also like to move for all approval of the October 15/16, 2024 Zoom video conference board meeting minutes, as published. **Mastin:** Darrell, are you a second? **Newkirk:** I am. **Mastin:** Thank you. Any discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

(c) Ratification of Online Motions.

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
MOTIONS THAT REQUIRE RATIFICATION			
1.	Anger Huhtaniemi 10.30.2024	Move the discussion and voting results from Agenda Item #26 - Old Business, section (c) regarding Show Rule #9.05 (proposal #28 from the Show Rules report) from executive session into the open session Show Rules Report.	**Motion Carried** (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			
2.	Anger Newkirk 11.04.2024	Move the discussion and voting results from Agenda Item #26 - Old Business, section (c) regarding Show Rules #2.23.f., g. and h. (proposal #5 from the Show Rules report) from executive session into the open session Show Rules Report, with the CFA Secretary scrubbing out names of individuals, as appropriate.	**Motion Carried** (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			
3.	Anger Krzanowski 11.12.2024	Grant approval for Pam DelaBar to guest judge for the Happy Cat Club (Sweden) on August 23/24, 2025.	**Motion Carried** (subject to ratification).

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
No discussion.			
4.	Executive Committee 11.18.2024	For the Phoenix Feline Fanciers 7 AB/1 SP show on December 14/15, 2024 in Mesa, Arizona (Region 5), grant an exception to Show Rule 5.01.m. and change the entry limit from 275 entries to 175 entries or a total of 250 single benching spaces, whichever comes first, and have the judges judge one day each instead of two days. The club will issue a new flyer, publicize the change, and send notifications to all entered exhibitors and judges.	**Motion Carried** (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			
5.	Executive Committee	For the Frontier Feline Fanciers' 5 AB/1 SP show on November 23, 2024 in Gardner, KS (Region 6), due to a medical issue for one of their judges, allow a change of format from 5 AB/1 SP to 5 AB/1 LH, the longhair ring to be judged by Kadri Koppel.	**Motion Carried** (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			

Action Item: *Ratify online motions 1-5, as published.*

Mastin: Rachel, go ahead and continue. **Anger:** Thank you. I would like to move to ratify online motions 1-5, as published. **Mastin:** Darrell, are you a second? **Newkirk:** Yes, sir. Can I be a standing second? **Mastin:** Yes, that would be helpful. Hopefully, Rachel doesn't have any more. That would be great. Any discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Rachel, do you have anything further? **Anger:** I do not. I'm going to try to help you by being the point of order police, for running the business of the meeting correctly. If we get off track, I'm going to raise my hand and interject for a point of order. **Mastin:** Thank you. Thank you for pointing that out. We do have a busy agenda. Just to remind the board, I'm not going to accept motions or seconds by shouting out. Raise your hand, I'll call you in order. I'm going to ask the board not to speak over other board members. Allow them to speak fully and then I will call on you once you raise your hand. For board reports, I am encouraging all presenters of board reports, please do not read the report. Take us to the highlights that are important that need to be pointed out. The board has fully read the reports – at least I hope they read the reports – let's get to the action items and move forward. We will end the meeting at 11:59 p.m. no matter where we are on the agenda. No good things happen after midnight, at least not in my town.

[**Webster** joins the meeting]

(3) <u>JUDGING PROGRAM REPORT</u>.

Executive Committee

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

List of Committee Members:

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

Mastin: Allene, I see you have promoted Vicki Nye. Is that correct? **Tartaglia:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, I see you Vicki. **Tartaglia:** I have Howard. He is joining by phone. He is in the audience and he's just going to be identified by iPhone. **Mastin:** I see iPhone. **Tartaglia:** That is Howard. **Mastin:** And I see a picture of him. **Tartaglia:** I'll change his name. **Mastin:** Vicki Nye, hang on one second, please. Howard, can you hear me OK? Howard, can you unmute? Alright, Howard, do you agree that you are accepting the Board oath and Confidentiality Agreement? Give me a thumbs up. OK, that will do. Rachel, I got that, so everybody is in. Vicki Nye, I'll either refer to you as Ms. Nye or Vicki Nye, because we have Vicki Jensen on, as well, and I don't want to confuse the two. OK Vicki Nye, go ahead. **Nye:** Thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to speak with you regarding the Judging Program activities.

<u>Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:</u>

In response to feedback from the CFA Board at the October 15, 2024 Board meeting, with regard to Judging Program training process and advancement requirements, the Judging Program Committee met on October 30th, 2024. This was to discuss the trainee error policy and issues with the number of cats required for a trainee to handle before advancing to the Apprentice Status. The number of entries worldwide has been declining, even prior to March 2020, the start of COVID, and the current requirement of 200 cats in the specialty the trainee is working is sometimes not even met with 6 training sessions. There have been two trainees in the last 2 years who have had to do an additional training session, a 7th, just to meet the 200 cat requirement. It was noted with the Board Approved change to the Judging Program Rule 5.4 which provided an accommodation to Associate Judges who had extensive judging experience, allowing them to advance to Apprentice Status with possibly only 4 training sessions if all

evaluations were positive. This accommodation has been difficult to implement as there is an additional requirement of handling 200 cats.

The Judging Program Committee's below proposals strive to address the trainee error policy with a focus on the fact that these sessions should indeed be TRAINING. Improvement from session to session addressing any shortfalls along the journey should be the goal. Learning from mistakes made while training is indeed training and coaching by the File Administrators and possibly the trainee's mentor is a much better approach than failing to count a training session due to a paperwork error. Though accurate paperwork is a very important aspect of the CFA Judging Program, a training session encompasses so much more, including discussions on breed standards, decision making and handling. It is unfair to not count a session due to minor paperwork errors or even the first mechanical error. Most will agree that we do indeed learn from our mistakes. Additionally, rightsizing the number of cats a trainee must handle for advancement to reflect the current reduced entry numbers worldwide is recommended by the Judging Program Committee. Finally, a reduction to the number of shows an Approval Pending Judge must judge, from 8 to 6 for advancement to Approved status, addresses the worldwide reduction in the number of CFA shows available for judging which slows down the advancement process. The JPC feels these changes would not compromise the quality of CFA Judges moving through the Judging Program.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Spring BAOS was to occur in Japan. However the Regional Director, Aki Tamura was unable to schedule a 2 day show for the handling and a show hotel to have the classroom teaching. A group in Bangkok Thailand is working on a 2 day show April 19-20, 2025, with the 2 days of classroom teaching Thursday and Friday, April 17-18, 2025. This is a terrific location and the JPC has had several requests in the last 2 years for a BAOS in this geographic area. Japan will be working on a show and classroom facilities for the 2025-2026 show season.

The Judging Program Committee met on November 26, 2024 to discuss applicants, advancements and other business to bring before the board.

Nye: I am going to skip over this Brief Summation and Current Happenings of the Committee. As Rich has indicated, you have all read this and skip right to the motions regarding the Judging Program Rules, as they apply to trainee paperwork and advancing judges.

JUDGING PROGRAM RULE CHANGES

Action Item: *Adopt the following Judging Program rule changes, effective immediately.*

Nye: Do we want to set it up so that Russell is the motion maker for all three of these? **Mastin:** Russell, will you be the standing motion as the co-chair to this Committee? **Webb:** Yes. **Mastin:** Darrell, do you want to be the standing second? **Newkirk:** Yes, sir. **Mastin:** OK, thank you both. **Nye:** Thank you all. **Mastin:** Vicki Nye, continue.

Section 8 Trainees	CFA Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
8.4 Trainee Paperwork **a.** … **b.** The Trainee is expected to complete their paperwork without errors. Within two (2) days after the show, the Trainee must notify the Training Judge and the File Administrator of any paperwork errors or mechanical errors they may have discovered after having submitted the paperwork to the Training Judge at the show. These identified corrections will not count against the Trainee. The File Administrator and Training Judge will review the paperwork and will advise the Trainee of any additional errors. The following errors will cause the training session to not count for the Trainee, and the Trainee will have to repeat the session. • Mechanical errors of any kind. • Marking the Breed win on the wrong line on the Breed/Division sheet. • Missing any Breed win on the Breed/Division sheet. • Writing NA/IM, NA/Cond, WC when DISQ is required. • Writing DISQ instead of when NA/Cond, NA/IM is required.	**8.4 Trainee Paperwork** **a.** … **b.** ~~The Trainee is expected to complete their paperwork without errors. Within two (2) days after the show, the Trainee must notify the Training Judge and the File Administrator of any paperwork errors or mechanical errors they may have discovered after having submitted the paperwork to the Training Judge at the show. These identified corrections will not count against the Trainee. The File Administrator and Training Judge will review the paperwork and will advise the Trainee of any additional errors. The following errors will cause the training session to not count for the Trainee, and the Trainee will have to repeat the session.~~ ~~• Mechanical errors of any kind.~~ ~~• Marking the Breed win on the wrong line on the Breed/Division sheet.~~ ~~• Missing any Breed win on the Breed/Division sheet.~~ ~~• Writing NA/IM, NA/Cond, WC when DISQ is required.~~ ~~• Writing DISQ instead of when NA/Cond, NA/IM is required.~~ Paperwork errors other than a mechanical error, that occur in a trainee's training session, that are not corrected will be cause for counseling/coaching by the file administrator, and if repeated issues occur, the mentor will become involved to coach the trainee. Unresolved paperwork errors on the third or subsequent sessions, that have been coached, and continue to occur during training will be bought to the JPC for evaluation, and further action. These repeated errors could have an impact on the number of training sessions a trainee is required to complete. The first training session that has a mechanical error, will have the trainee notified and counseled on how to avoid mechanical errors, letting them know that the training session will count. A subsequent training session with a mechanical error will be cause for an additional training session.

RATIONALE: Proposal is to address the trainee error policy, with a focus on the fact that these sessions should indeed be TRAINING, not testing, and improvement with any shortfalls should be the goal. Learning from mistakes made while training is indeed training and coaching by the File Administrators and possibly the trainee's mentor is a much better approach than failing to count a training session due to a paperwork error. Though accurate paperwork is a very important aspect of the CFA Judging Program, a training session includes so much more, such as discussion on breed standards, decision making and handling. It is unfair to not count a session due to minor paperwork errors or even the first mechanical error.

Board Action Item: *Approve change to Judging Program Rule 8.4 b, which addresses the policy of the JPC on trainee paperwork errors.*

Nye: 8.4.b. speaks to training paperwork. This is a work in progress. When we moved administrations from one to the next with the Judging Program, our feeling is that this should be a training program. It should not be a test and fail program, and so our objective is consistent improvement from training session to training session. People are going to make mistakes, so 8.4 we tried to originally document what it really was. This wasn't documented at all prior to October. We have taken another approach and the new paperwork errors has to do with any paperwork errors, marking errors other than mechanical errors, they will be subject to just coaching with the individual and repeated errors over multiple sessions will be addressed separately, but if they make an error, if they forget a 1B or they don't mark and absentee correctly, we will get them into the habit of doing so. Additionally, a mechanical error should not be a cause to totally not count a session. There's so much more that goes into a training session – how to handle, a discussion of the breed standards, how to make a decision – that totally dropping a training session is frankly unfair and I don't think it speaks to the essence of what the Judging Program really wants to reflect at this point. So, I am asking this board to accept 8.4.b. as written for the reasons that I have just provided. **Mastin:** Thank you Vicki Nye. **Newkirk:** Can we scroll down so that we can see what we're voting on? **Nye:** You need to scroll up then. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions or comments for Vicki? **Currle:** I just want to thank the Judging Program Committee for finally realizing that it's training to judge cats. Thank you for making this change. I'm going to support it. **Mastin:** Any further comments or questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously. Vicki Nye, great job to you and your Committee on making that change. The board had asked you and your team to work on it, and I personally send you a thank you on that. **Nye:** Thank you very much. I appreciate it. I think the Judging Program Committee is happy with this change, too. I want to thank Kenny for his support.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Section 8 Trainees	**CFA Judging Program Committee**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
8.2 Breed/Division Color Class Sessions **a.** First Specialty Trainees must perform at a minimum three (3) supervised and three (3) solo breed/division color class sessions and handle a	**8.2 Breed/Division Color Class Sessions** **a.** First Specialty Trainees must perform at a minimum three (3) supervised and three (3) solo breed/division color class sessions and handle a

minimum of two hundred (200) cats. Associate Judges with sufficient judging history follow guidelines outlined in Section 5. … **d.** Second Specialty Trainees must perform at a minimum six (6) breed/division color class sessions and handle a minimum of two hundred (200) cats.	minimum of ~~two hundred (200)~~ one hundred fifty (150) cats. Associate Judges with sufficient judging history follow guidelines outlined in Section 5. … **d.** Second Specialty Trainees must perform at a minimum six (6) breed/division color class sessions and handle a minimum of ~~two hundred (200)~~ one hundred fifty (150) cats.
RATIONALE: Reduction in the number of cats a trainee must handle before advancement to apprentice status addresses the worldwide reduction of entries.	

Board Action Item: *Approve change to Judging Program Rule 8.2 a. & d., reducing the number of cats a first or second specialty trainee must handle from 200 to 150 for advancement to Apprentice status.*

Mastin: The second change has to do with the number of cats it takes for a first specialty or second specialty trainee to get through the Program. Worldwide, we are seeing a reduction in the entries of cats and in some areas, it's really skewed longhair to shorthair. Things happen at shows. They get to a show and there's no judge's book and they have to skip over some classes, so the trainee doesn't get the opportunity to handle everything. We think instead of 200, 150 cats better reflects what the ability is to get through this Program. This applies to first and second specialty judges. It goes from 200 to 150. **Mastin:** Discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

SECTION 10 **ADVANCEMENT PROCEDURES FOR APPRENTICE AND APPROVAL PENDING JUDGES**	**CFA Judging Program Committee**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
ADVANCEMENT PROCEDURES FOR APPRENTICE AND APPROVAL PENDING JUDGES **10.1** The following conditions must be met as requirements for advancement: **a.** Apprentice Specialty Judges must judge a minimum of six (6) championship shows and handle a minimum of three hundred (300) cats with favorable club evaluations.	**ADVANCEMENT PROCEDURES FOR APPRENTICE AND APPROVAL PENDING JUDGES** **10.1** The following conditions must be met as requirements for advancement: **a.** Apprentice Specialty Judges must judge a minimum of six (6) championship shows and handle a minimum of ~~three hundred (300) cats~~ two hundred (200) cats with favorable club evaluations.

b. Approval Pending Single Specialty Judges must judge a minimum of six (6) championship shows with favorable club evaluations. **c.** Judges approved in one (1) specialty and Approval Pending in the second specialty must judge a minimum of eight (8) championship shows, with favorable club evaluations on the Approval Pending specialty judged. **d.** Approval Pending Allbreed Judges must judge a minimum of eight (8) championship shows, with favorable club evaluations.	**b.** Approval Pending Single Specialty Judges must judge a minimum of six (6) complete championship shows with favorable club evaluations. **c.** Judges approved in one (1) specialty and Approval Pending in the second specialty must judge a minimum of ~~eight (8)~~ six (6) championship shows, with favorable club evaluations on the Approval Pending specialty judged. **d.** Approval Pending Allbreed Judges must judge a minimum of ~~eight (8)~~ six (6) championship shows, with favorable club evaluations.
RATIONALE: Reduction in the number of cats an Apprentice Judge must handle from 300 cats to 200 cats, before advancement to Approval Pending status, addresses the worldwide reduction of entries. Additionally, a reduction to the number of shows an Approval Pending Judge must judge from 8 to 6 to advance to Approved, addresses the worldwide reduction in the number of shows available for judging, which has been slowing down the advancement process. The JPC feels this change would not compromise the quality of CFA Judges moving through the Judging Program.	

Board Action Item: *Approve change to Judging Program Rule 10.1 a, c, & d which addresses a reduction in the number of cats for Apprentice Judge to handle from 300 to 200 before advancement, also reduces the number of shows from 8 to 6 for advancement from Approval Pending to Approved.*

Nye: The third set of changes have to do with 10.1, which is advancement procedures for apprentice and approval pending judges. Right now it's 300 cats and also 8 assignments. We would like to change that to 200 cats with favorable evaluations – favorable is already there, so the change is 300 to 200 and also from 8 to 6. There were actually several members who thought everything was 6 sessions across the board anyway. One of the issues is that when you become approval pending allbreed, you already have a ton of contracts for double specialty assignments. Having to make them wade through all that before they can get enough allbreed assignments is not reflective of their experience. So, that is what 10.1 does. **Mastin:** Discussion? Vicki, I have a question for you. 10.1.d., do we need to add the word championship between the number 6 in shows, as it is listed on the left side? You're changing the 8 to 6, but you no longer have championship in between the number and shows. **Nye:** Is this on b.? **Mastin:** This is on d. **Nye:** Oh, excuse me. That's why I misunderstood you. Yes, it should say championship shows there. Rachel, can you change that? **Tartaglia:** I changed it on the screen. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? Any objections? The motion passed unanimously. Thank you, Vicki Nye. **Nye:** Thank you to the board for your support.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Document the policy approved by the CFA Board at the December 3, 2023 Board Meeting, to require First Specialty Trainees to train outside of Mainland China.

In December 2023 the CFA Executive Board approved a policy in closed session that requires first specialty trainees to train outside China. Unfortunately, this policy has not been published, and few people have been aware of this policy. The only published mention of this policy was in February 2024, where it was again discussed and the policy was upheld.

There are several reasons for this policy:

1. *Clubs in China need to obtain NGO (non-Government Organizations) approval to host a CFA show. Requirements include the names of judges who will participate in the show. The show organizers have indicated they need about 2 months prior to the show to begin the work to obtain NGO approval.*
2. *The NGO paperwork does not include that there will be a trainee at the show. The organizers have told us that they cannot have a trainee who has not been authorized by the NGO.*
3. *The clubs apply for a show license, oftentimes right up to the deadline of two weeks prior to their show. The show license application lists the committee members of the club that is applying to license the show and their judging format/slate.*
4. *The Judging Program File Administrators need to know the contact information of the show manager listed on the license application in order to submit the permission form to the show manager for a trainee to work at the show.*
5. *The Judging Program File Administrators need to work with trainees and their mentors to determine which show and judge would be appropriate to train, then obtain show manager contact information, to send the permission form for signature. Additional arrangements need to be made for supplying judging books and scheduling for the training judge's ring.*
6. *Without knowing the judges who are officiating at a show and who could take a trainee, the file administrators cannot proceed to match up a trainee with the appropriate judge until the show is licensed.*
7. *Holders of the China NGO's and show organizers have refused all First Specialty trainees at the China shows.*

Additional reasons for clubs not accepting a trainee at the China shows have included:

a. *It is a one day show and exhibitors want to start the show at 1PM and then they want to go home on time. A trainee will delay the end of show. They have already told us they have no time for a trainee.*
b. *The club organizers have told us that exhibitors get mad when trainees hang ribbons and the ribbons are taken away, and then those exhibitors will stop entering the shows.*

A second specialty trainee can judge in China on the first day of a two day or back to back show, then train on the second day because they have already been approved on the NGO paperwork.

Nye: The next item here is to document the policy change which occurred last December where we voted not to allow first specialty trainees to train in mainland China. The reasons are listed here, 1-7. We're still having difficulty with the NGOs. The timeframe that it takes to license and also it is now 21 days, but even at 21 days, we don't find out about it for the Judging Program until about 2 weeks because Central Office gets it in, approves the license, and then it has to get posted. Then we see who the judging panel is. Then we can reach out to Central Office to find out who the show manager is. Of course, the issues with the NGO, the fact that they don't have the trainees approved in the NGO, concentration of cats in longhairs and shorthairs in just a few breeds, so they don't get a good cross section of our breeds to train. Once they are trained in the regular CFA Judging Program, they can now go judge everywhere, so this document was challenged last February and it stood, so we want to make sure that this is documented and not in closed session reports where no one can see it. There's no action item here. **Mastin:** Anybody have any questions specific to this?

Leave of Absence:

Cathy Dinesen *had requested a medical leave of absence as of October 15, 2024 through June 1, 2025. If she receives medical clearance prior to this date to return to judging, Cathy will provide the Judging Program Committee with the appropriate Medical Release.*

Mastin: Vicki Nye, please continue. **Nye:** As typical when I see judges have been ill or not judging, I contact them. I spoke with Cathy Dinesen just a week or so ago. Again, she has submitted a leave of absence request until June 1st, so I wanted to document that. This applies also to her relicensing, so she is on leave of absence right now.

Retirements/Resignations:

Robert Salisbury: *The Judging Program received the retirement letter from Bob on November 23, 2024, effective immediately. Bob and his late wife Carole bred both Burmese and Exotics under the cattery name of Pum-Ko. Bob joined the CFA judging program in 1981. The following is Bob's retirement letter.*

> *Hi Vicki*
>
> *Wanted to let you know I want to retire from the CFA judging program effective right away. At 86 years of age, the old body is not allowing me to be in the judging ring all day. It has been an honor and pleasure to have been judging for 44 years. I will miss all the beautiful cats and the lovely people in cat fancy.*
>
> *Sincerely*
> *Robert Salisbury*

Nye: I also received the retirement letter of Bob Salisbury. It was accepted with regret. We totally understand. We have had Bob's support in the judging ring for nearly 44 years, but at 86 he's saying it's pretty hard to get on a plane and then go stand behind a judging table all day, so my sincere thanks to Bob for all his years of service with CFA.

Death of previously retired CFA Judges

None.

Applications and Advancements:

Applications:

First Specialty Applications received by the October 1, 2024 deadline, to be considered at the February, 1, 2025 Board Meeting.

- *Phebe Low – Shorthair Associate Judge, First Specialty Shorthair, International Division – Fotan, Shatan, Hong Kong. Pre-notice of application was posted on the CFA website November 1, 2024.*

- *Agnes Sun – Longhair Associate Judge, First Specialty Longhair, International Division – Shanghai, China. Pre-notice of application was posted on the CFA website November 1, 2024.*

- *Jon Lee – First Specialty Longhair, International Division – Chongqing, China. Pre-notice of application was posted on the CFA website November 1, 2024.*

Second Specialty Application received by the December 15, 2024 deadline, to be considered at the February 1, 2025 Board Meeting.

- *Alex Luk Chun Lap – Approval Pending LH, Application for Shorthair 2nd Specialty, International Division, Hong Kong*

Nye: This outlines the applications that we will have for February, which is three first specialty applications and one second specialty application we have onboard now. We only accept applications for consideration for February, June and October.

Advancements – Regular Judging Program:

Advance from Trainee to Apprentice Specialty:

Yukiyo Matsushita – Toyonaka-shi Osaka, Japan (Region 8) *18 yes*
Longhair First Specialty

Allen Shi, Shanghai, China (ID-China) *18 yes*
Shorthair First Specialty

Advance from Apprentice to Approval Pending Specialty:

Yi Chang – Beijing, China (ID-China) *18 yes*
Longhair 1st Specialty

Emiko Misugi – Kawaguchi-shi Saitama, Japan (Region 8) *18 yes*
Shorthair 2nd Specialty

Advance from Approval Pending to Approved Specialty:

Oscar Silva Sanchez – Spain (Region 9) *18 yes*
Longhair 1st Specialty

Advance from Approval Pending Specialty to Approval Pending Allbreed:

Mie Takahashi – Hyogo, Japan (Region 8) *18 yes*
Shorthair 2nd Specialty

Nye: Also outlining the advancements that come up in closed session this time.

[From end of Executive Session] **Anger:** All of the applicants and advancements were unanimous. **Mastin:** Congratulations to all the advancements.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

As of October 1, 2024, four applications to the CFA Judging Program have been received. These applications have been reviewed and letters of recommendation from clubs and individuals have been received. The deadline for receipt of a Judging Program Application for the February 1, 2025 CFA Board consideration is October 1, 2024. Pre-notice of the three, First Specialty Applicants occurred on November 1, 2024.

Breed Awareness and Orientation School Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair: Barbara Jaeger

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The most recent BAOS occurred on October 10-13, 2024 in Cleveland Ohio, at the Cleveland Crown Plaza Hotel and the IX Center at the CFA International Show. The following attendees participated as noted.

John Adelhoch,	*Classroom Longhair*	*Supervised Handling*
Yi Chang	*Classroom Shorthair*	*Shorthair Handling*
Ashley Dzubak	*Classroom Shorthair*	*Shorthair Handling*
Carrie Feng	*Classroom Shorthair*	*No handling*
Laura Gregory		*Shorthair Handling*
Stella Liu	*Classroom Shorthair*	*Shorthair Handling*
Cristiano Marcone	*Classroom Longhair*	*Longhair Handling*
Sherilyn Shaffer	*Classroom Shorthair*	*Shorthair Handling*
Oscar Silva Sanchez	*Classroom Shorthair*	*Shorthair Handling*
Agnes Sun	*Classroom Shorthair*	*Shorthair Handling*
Sue Swaim	*Classroom Longhair*	*Longhair Handling*
Makoto Wakamatsu	*Classroom Shorthair*	*Shorthair Handling*
Jennifer Reding		*Supervised Handling*
Nancy Dodds	*Faculty*	*Supervised Handling*
Vicki Nye	*Faculty*	

Kathy Black *Faculty*
Anne Mathis *Faculty*

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Spring BAOS was to occur in Japan, however the Regional Director, Aki Tamura was unable to schedule a 2 day show for the handling and a show hotel to have the classroom teaching. A group in Bangkok Thailand is working on a 2 day show April 19-20, 2025, with the 2 days of classroom teaching Thursday and Friday, April 17-18, 2025. This is a terrific location and the JPC has had several requests in the last 2 years for a BAOS in this geographic area. Japan will be working on a show and classroom facilities for the 2025-2026 show season.

Point contacts for this BAOS in Bangkok, Thailand will be Jay Gritthanut of Central Breed Cat Club and Zuns Cruvongpaiboon. Once the location and hotel plans are completed the BAOS Flyer will be published and registrations will be open. Registrations will be limited to 30 attendees. The cost to attend will be $150 for those attending for continuing education credits only, and $275 for the full class, which includes classroom and handling. This class is a requirement to apply to the CFA Judging program in the specialty of attendees choosing. Breed handling video clips of 34 CFA breeds will be included in the classroom portion thanks to the diligent work of Melody Boyd and her videography skills. Classroom Instructors and Ring Handling will be taught by Vicki Nye and Anne Mathis.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Jaeger, Subcommittee Chair

Nye: The Breed Awareness School was held in Cleveland this last year in October. This was just the individuals that participated and in what method. Some of them were at classroom and supervised handling, and others attended for one or the other. Going on the Current Happenings of the Committee, we were planning a Breed Awareness School to occur in Japan. Aki Tamura is not able to, at this time, obtain a two-day show and a facility to do the Breed Awareness School. I have been working with a group in Thailand and as what you see here right now is not actually correct, I just found out last night that Jay [Gritthanut] of Central Breed Cat Club has declined to go ahead and put this on, and they are looking for approval and buy-in from another club in Thailand to go ahead and do this. I really would like to have it supported in this area. We have lots of interest from Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and even Viet Nam, so that's a work in progress. As soon as we get it nailed down and have the agreement of this club and the facility, we'll go ahead and publish the flyer and get it available so that they can sign up for it. That's it for the Breed Awareness School.

Calhoun: Can we just go back for a second to the BAOS plans? I was current on the Japan, but now my real question is, Vicki, do you have sufficient funds within the budget to do this? **Nye:** Yes. **Calhoun:** OK, so you won't be coming – **Nye:** There won't be any air fares associated with this. It's the cost for the room and it would be six hotel room nights. As far as I know, that would be the only cost associated with this to have, because we are planning on the judges that are doing the show to be the faculty of the school. **Calhoun:** OK, thank you.

Mentoring and Recruitment Report

Subcommittee Chair: Teresa Sweeney

<u>Current Happenings of Committee</u>:

The Committee Sub-Chair, Teresa Sweeney has been working with the Mentors on their activities with their pre-applicants. After discussion with Anne Mathis (Continuing education), Vicki Nye & Russell Webb (JP Co-Chairs) and Teresa Sweeney, it was decided to offer up CEU points to those Mentors who have played an active role in their mentee's development. One (1) CEU for each pre-applicant or judge they are mentoring each report card period can be claimed. The following communication was sent to our CFA Judges on the CFAJudgeList@groups.io

> *Dear Colleagues,*
>
> *Thank you judges for participating in the annual Judges' Workshop or the subsequent Zoom session. Part of the program was a presentation on the Judging Program Mentor Guide.*
>
> *Now that we have developed, communicated and formalized the Mentor Program, we are looking to provide assigned Mentors Continuing Education Credits.*
>
> *For active participation in the Mentor program 1 (one) credit will be given for each person you are mentoring for each CEU Reporting period.*
>
> *An e-mail outlining your activity with your Mentee must be provided to the judging program listing your areas of active participation (included but not limited to):*
>
> - *-Guidance and regular meetings*
> - *-Utilizing judging program resources and training on the application process*
> - *-Breed selection assistance for showing*
> - *-Guidance through custodial and agenting process*
> - *-Handling other breeds (breed focused experiences)*
> - *-Coordinate and review marking a judges book*
> - *-Reviewing pre-applicants application*
> - *-Guide them on joining a CFA club, attending a clerking school and becoming a licensed clerk and a master clerk.*
>
> *Please send your current active engagement email to Teresa Sweeney. tsignore@att.net. Once your submission is reviewed, a continuing education certificate will be issued.*
>
> *Questions on the Mentor Program? Contact: Teresa Sweeney (tsignore@att.net)*

Nye: On Mentoring and Recruitment, mentoring, although it's not a new concept, what we're asking of the mentors now is much more than what we had. It's more structured. We want them to be in contact and to actually be more active with the pre-applicants and the trainees as

they are going through the Program. It takes time and we want to reward the judges with continuing education points for doing this. In many cases, it actually sharpens our judges that are mentors up with the Show Rules and the Judging Program Rules. We offered up one continuing education point for each person they are mentoring for each continuing education period. This was the email that was sent out to the judging panel through our communication. Some of the areas in which they would help their pre-applicants and trainees. All they need to collect this is to send an email to Teresa Sweeney indicating who they are mentoring and what their activities have been. I will also be changing the report card to add this in so that they will not forget it when they send their report cards to Anne Mathis.

Guest Judging Report

Guest Judging Administrator: ***Wendy Heidt***

Current Happenings of Committee:

In addition to approving CFA Club requests to contract Guest Judges from Approved Associations, the Guest Judge Administrator also approves requests for CFA Judges to officiate for other approved Associations. The number of CFA judges judging (Guest Judging) or conducting seminars for other associations is increasing compared to pre pandemic activity (calendar year).

2019 - 2020	*63 CFA judges guest judging and 65 Guest judges for CFA*
2022 - 2023	*64 CFA judges guest judging and 53 Guest judges for CFA*
2023 - 2024	*117 CFA judges guest judging and 35 Guest Judges for CFA*
2024 - 2025	*99 CFA judges guest judging and 66 guest judges for CFA*

CFA Judges to Judge non-CFA Assignments or present seminars:

Judge	***Assn***	***Sponsor/Club***	***City/Country***	***Date***
Ardinsyah, Ardin	*Seminar*	*Pet Universe Nourish*	*Malaysia*	*11/2/24*
Sariff, Amir	*Seminar*	*Pet Universe Nourish*	*Malaysia*	*11/2/24*
Ruengruglikit, Chate	*Seminar*	*Royal Canin*	*Zoom Platform*	*11/9/24*
Rattanaweeawong, I	*Fun Show*	*Int Meow Thai Boran*	*Ayutthaya, Thailand*	*11/10/24*
Rogers, Jan	*Seminar*	*Elite Cat Fanciers Confed.*	*India*	*11/15/24*
Lertjeerawongsakul, N	*Fun Show*	*Mystique Cat Show*	*Johor Bahru, Malaysia*	*11/17/24*
Veach, Gary	*CFF*	*Silver Society*	*Oxford, MA*	*11/24/24*
Zottoli, Jeri	*CFF*	*Silver Society*	*Oxford, MA*	*11/24/24*
Dodds, Nancy	*CCA*	*Club Felin de Montreal*	*Laval, Quebec Canada*	*11/30/24*
Delabar, Pam	*ENFI*	*ENFI-CFA In Conjunction*	*Padova, Italy*	*1/25/25*
Nasin, Doreann	*CCCofA*	*NSW CFA Inc*	*Sydney, Australia*	*7/19/25*
DelaBar, Pam	*NFCO*	*Happy Cat Club*	*Hallsberg, Sweden*	*8/23/25*
Chung, Chloe	*ACF*	*GCCFSA*	*Adelaide, Australia*	*6/6/26*

CFA Club Requests to use a Guest Judge:

Judge	*Assn*	*CFA Show*	*City/Country*	*Date*	*Date Approved or Tier 1 Guest Judge*
Ling, Christine	*CCA*	*Purrfect CC of Thailand*	*Nonthaburi, THAI*	*11/2/24*	*Tier 1 GJ*
Bielova, Natalia	*WCF*	*Edelweiss Cat Club*	*Moscow, Russia*	*11/30/24*	*10/21/24*
Gubenko, Dmitriy	*RUI*	*Cat Club Sherry*	*Kiev, Ukraine*	*1/12/2025*	*11/22/24*
Gnatkevitch, Elena	*RUI*	*Cat Club Sherry*	*Kiev, Ukraine*	*1/12/2025*	*11/22/24*
Matskevich, Natalia	*RUI*	*Cat Club Sherry*	*Kiev, Ukraine*	*1/12/2025*	*11/22/24*
Billing, Jurgen	*FIFe*	*Universal Cat Club*	*Padova, Italy*	*1/25/25*	*10/22/24*
Comorio, Luigi	*FIFe*	*Universal Cat Club*	*Padova, Italy*	*1/25/25*	*10/22/24*
Christison, Janis	*ACF*	*Pet Universe/Meowbulous*	*KL, Malaysia*	*3/8/25*	*10/2/24*

2024-2025 Season Guest Judging.

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

Guest Judge Name	*# Shows*
Bielova, Natalia	*1*
Billing, Jurgen	*1*
Buchanan, Pat	*1*
Christison, Janis	*3*
Comorio, Luigi	*1*
DeLuca, Chiara	*1*
Gleason, Elaine	*1*
Gnatkevitch, Elena	*3*
Gubenko, Dmitriy	*4*
Hamalainen, Satu	*4*
Ignatova, Elena	*1*
Lanigan, Pamela	*1*
Ling, Christine	*2*
Mantovani, Gianfanco	*1*
Matskevich, Natalia	*1*
Merrill, Vicky	*1*
Merritt, Chris	*2*
Pokhvalina, Viktoria	*1*
Sadovinkova, Irina	*1*
Slizhevskaya, Tatiana	*1*
Trautmann, Jürgen	*3*
Vasilieva, Vera	*1*

Nye: Guest Judging. We always provide you a listing of what we have approved for guest judges, but Wendy Heidt went back and compared how many guest judges from other associations judge for CFA each show season and how many CFA judges judge for the other associations. I want you to keep in mind though, it's not necessarily judging that is reflected here. Sometimes it's putting on a seminar or a fun show, but it still takes them out of judging for a CFA show. So, it started off as 63 CFA judges, 64, and then 117, but that ramped up because of all the fun shows that were occurring. Right now it's 99, but that does not reflect a full show season. That is the approvals through November 19th. However, they will continue on and this will only reflect those. I'll give you an update on it, but it would only be through April 30, 2026, so we have the same data. **Mastin:** Through 2026 or 2025? **Nye:** 2025. So, you can see, within here we've got seminar, seminar, seminar, fun show, seminar. There's a lot less guest judging than there is seminars typically. You can see that this list actually goes past the end of the show season. We've got a 7/19/25 and a couple of shows in 2026. It's just so you're aware of where CFA judges are working and how many guest judges we are actually having at CFA shows. It's much reduced than it was prior to COVID though. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you to all the CFA judges guest judging, and to the guest judges judging for CFA. **Nye:** They are definitely representing CFA when they are putting on these seminars, whether it be how to run a cat show versus a breed seminar. There are many, many topics that are put on, even clerking schools that are managed by CFA judges.

Continuing Education Subcommittee

Sub-Committee Chair: Anne Mathis

Current Happenings of Committee:

To enhance communication with our Judges regarding their Continuing Education Report Cards and due dates, the following post was sent to our judges on CFAJudgeList@groups.io and CFAAssociate@groups.io, not including the extensive list when all judges due dates are scheduled.

> *Dear Colleagues,*
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> *Since these only come due every 5 years, I thought it would help to publish a due date list. I have also included an Excel Report card that you can fill in online or .pdf version. 12 Continuing Education Credits are required every 5 years. You can turn in your report card/certificates early if you like. I am certain Anne Mathis would appreciate any that are presented early. annekevinmathis@gmail.com*
>
> *For those that were on the judging panel prior to 2011, your due dates are all the same, with the next one being 10/1/2026. Those judges that started after 2011, your due date is calculated from the date you were advanced to Apprentice, or if coming from another Association, the date you were accepted to CFA.*
>
> *DUE 10/1/2025 DUE 10/1/2026 DUE 10/1/2027 DUE 10/1/2028*
>
> *Regards,*
> *Anne Mathis, Sub-Committee Chair*
> *Continuing Education*

Nye: Continuing Education. Because sometimes this is a moving target for these judges, it's due every 5 years but a lot of people don't realize when their last one was sent in or if they sent it in early, so we actually sent out a reminder with a list of what judges fall in which year for their continuing education so that they would have that. That's what was published on the Current Happenings of Anne's Committee. We will have a lot of them due in 2026.

Future Projections for Committee:

We will continue to update our continuing education records, and complete planning of 2024-2025 season second breed presentation in addition to planning next year's judges' workshop.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

An update on the second breed presentation for 2024-2025 season.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Mathis, Subcommittee Chair

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

Nye: That's it for the Judging Program. **Mastin:** OK. Does anybody have any questions or comments for Vicki? Vicki Nye, I see no hands up. Wonderful job, thank you. Do you have anything else for the board? **Nye:** I do not. The rest of it is in closed session. **Mastin:** OK Vicki Nye, we'll see you during our executive session. Thank you. **Nye:** Thank you. [**Nye** leaves the meeting]

(4) TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer Kathy Calhoun gave the following report:

May 1, 2024, through October 30, 2024

Mastin: Kathy, you have the Treasurer's Report? **Calhoun:** OK, thank you President Mastin. I trust that you have reviewed the Treasurer's Report. There's a lot of numbers and a lot of detail. Folks have been asking for details. Here they are.

Registration:

	Actual in USD	*Budget in USD*	*Over/Under Budget in USD*	*% of Budget*
Registrations, Litters (early)	*65,765*	*58,174*	*7,591*	*113%*
Registrations, Litters	*67,047*	*80,446*	*13,399*	*83%*
Total Litter Registrations	*132,812*	*138,620*	*5,808*	*96%*
Registrations, Cats (early)	*83,461*	*104,243*	*20,782*	*80%*
Temporary Registration Number	*2,380*	*5,055*	*2,675*	*47%*
Registration, Cats	*32,347*	*32,904*	*557*	*98%*
Registrations, Cats-Prepaid	*94,520*	*110,177*	*15,657*	*86%*
Registrations, Cats w/Litter	*2,640*	*2,141*	*500*	*123%*
Total Individual Registrations	*215,348*	*254,518*	*39,171*	*85%*
Total Registrations	*348,160*	*393,138*	*44,978*	*89%*

Registration contributed $348,160, representing a decrease from last year and 89% of the budget.

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

	Actual in USD	*Budget in USD*	*Over/Under Budget in USD*
Cattery Registration	*61,880*	*75,855*	*13,975*
Cattery Renewal	*18,425*	*28,842*	*10,417*
Championship Confirmation	*26,315*	*39,675*	*13,360*
Registration by Pedigree	*45,390*	*51,936*	*6,546*
Show Entry Surcharge	*22,763*	*35,741*	*12,978*

*Total Ordinary Income came in at **$751,780** which is 85% of budget.*

May 1 through October 31 Financial Summary				
	Actual	*Budget*	*Over Budget*	*% of Budget*
Gross Profit	*$1,229,455*	*$1,369,121*	*$139,666*	*89.80%*
Total Expenses	*$1,324,179*	*$1,406,224*	*$-82,045*	*94.17%*
Net Operating Income	*$94,723*	*$-37,103*	*$-57,621*	*255.30%*
Other Income				
400902 Interest Income	*$3,075*	*$6,000*	*$-2,925*	*51.24%*
400903 Rental Income	*$16,940*	*$14,520*	*$2,420*	*116.67%*
400905 Unrealized Gain/Loss	*$148,236*	*$51,030*	*$97,207*	*290.49%*
Total Other Income	*$168,250*	*$71,550*	*$96,701*	*235.15%*
Other Expenses				
500515 Depreciation-All	*$12,713*	*$12,713*	*$0.00*	*100.00%*
500518 Amortized Cost of Software	*$50,852*	*$67,233*	*$-16,380*	*75.64%*
Reconciliation Discrepancies	*$82*		*$82*	
Total Other Expenses	*$63,647*	*$79,946*	*$-16,299*	*79.61%*
Net Other Income	*$104,604*	*$-8396*	*$113,000*	*-1,246%*
Net Income	*$9,881*	*$-45,499*	*$55,379*	*-21.72%*

Calhoun: I would draw your attention to the Net Operating Income, which is on probably the third page of the screen, which is simply income versus expenses and we are at negative $94,000. Because of the other elements of the business, income, rentals, so on and so forth, we have the bottom line is net income of $9,000, almost $10,000. But, the real line item that I want to draw your attention to is the Net Operating Income. We will be talking about this throughout the year and I would like to leave it at that for this part of my presentation, unless people have questions. **Mastin:** Any questions for Kathy? OK Kathy, thank you.

Respectfully,
Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer

(5) BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT.

Committee Chair: ***Kathy Calhoun***
List of Committee Members: ***Rich Mastin, Matthew Wong, and Allene Tartaglia***

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

November 25, 2024 Budget Committee mid-year review.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Budget Committee developed the timeline and structure for current budget updates and the development of the 2025/2026 CFA Budget.

Future Projections for Committee:

- *Committee Chairs should collaborate with their Board Liaisons in developing and submitting their respective budget requests.*
- *Committee budget requests should be emailed to the Budget Committee Chair by the Board Liaisons.*
- *2025/2026 CFA Budget to be approved at the April 2025 Board Meeting.*

Communication Schedule:

08/06/2024 Budget submission, review and approval communication timeline.
10/15/2024 Budget submission, review and approval communication timeline.
12/03/2024 Budget submission, review and approval communication timeline,
12/09/2024 Committee spending reports available (May 1, 2024 – Oct 31, 2024). The Treasurer will email reports to the Board Liaison upon request.

Input Due Dates for Changes to the current 2024/2025 Budget

Request for additional funding should be submitted to the Budget Committee no later than 11/01/2024 for review at the December Board meeting. Requests should include supporting rationale.

Input Due Dates for the 2025/2026 Budget:

01/02/2025 - All Committee Budget Requests from Board Liaisons unless otherwise listed.
01/02/2025 - Orlando Annual Meeting 2025 Budget
01/24/2025 - International Show 2025 Budget
01/24/2025 - Capital Requests
01/24/2025 - Asset depreciation schedule
01/24/2025 - Corporate Sponsorship estimates
01/24/2025 - Depreciation and Amortization schedules

Development all meetings @ 7:00 am – 10:00 am central time

02/05/2025 Budget Committee ZOOM
02/12/2025 Budget Committee ZOOM

Approval Schedule:

03/04/2025 Preliminary Budget due to Board
03/11/2025 Preliminary Budget Review – ZOOM Conference with the CFA Board 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm eastern time
03/20/2025 Budget Report to CFA Secretary
04/01/2025 April Telephonic Board Meeting - Budget Approval
04/15/2025 CFA Emergency Only Board Meeting to Finalize Budget if needed

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

N/A

Respectfully Submitted,
CFA Budget Committee

Mastin: Kathy, continue. **Calhoun:** OK. The Budget Committee report, this is not new news. This is the same – virtually the same – report that has been published since August. Drawing your attention to that the Committee liaisons are the individuals that should be presenting their budget requests to the Budget Committee, as opposed to the individuals. There's a reason for that because at the time when the budget is reviewed for approval, your liaison will be the voice of the Committee. So, you need to work hand in hand with the Committee to understand why they may ask for what they are requesting. January 2, 2025 is a key date. You need to have your requests in by then. That's it. **Mastin:** Any questions for Kathy on the Budget Committee? OK Kathy, seeing no questions, thank you. **Calhoun:** You are welcome.

(6) MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT.

Committee Chair: ***Mark Hannon and Melanie Morgan***
Liaison to Board: ***Rich Mastin***
List of Committee Members: ***Desiree Bobby, Allene Tartaglia***

Mastin: Allene, is Mark available? **Tartaglia:** He is in. **Mastin:** Hi Mark. Welcome. **Hannon:** Thank you. **Mastin:** Please summarize your report and then take us through any action items if you have any. **Hannon:** We don't have any action items. I have submitted the report. I assume everybody has read it.

MAGAZINE, NEWSLETTER, BUSINESS BLOG

December 2024 will be the final issue of CFA's magazine, Cat Talk. The publication rolled out its first issue in 2010 as a successor to The Almanac, a magazine discontinued several years earlier. Cat Talk was printed and mailed six times a year based on a paid subscription. More recently it was made available only online to save costs. This past spring there were only around 250 paid subscribers. A great deal of work was invested in this magazine which resulted in numerous awards over the years for the editor, Teresa Keiger, and her talented staff. It was a publication which brought a great deal of pride to CFA.

The monthly CFA Newsletter started in 2010 as a regional newsletter (Southern Region) and was expanded to a CFA-wide publication the following year. It contained information of interest to CFA constituents such as exhibitors, club members, judges, clerks, etc. There was information from CFA committees, the Central Office, and Regions. December 2024 will be the newsletter's final issue. As with the magazine, the newsletter was edited by CFA staff member Teresa Keiger.

In January, 2025, CFA will roll out a business blog as a successor to both the magazine and newsletter. It will be called "Cat Talk" as a nod to its predecessor and a well-respected name for the past 14 years. It will be edited by Teresa Keiger who will make use of the talented crew that worked on the magazine. While the magazine and newsletter primarily served the CFA family, we anticipate expanding the number of readers to also include the cat loving public. We expect to reach a significantly larger audience than either of the publications which it replaces. Material will be added on a weekly basis, much more frequently than either the magazine or newsletter. We have expanded the number of writers contributing to this new endeavor since the frequency and number of articles requires it. This will be available free of charge on CFA's website. We are establishing a subscription service to alert people when content has been added. Similar to the magazine, the blog will contain articles but since many readers are expected to access it via their phones we will limit the length of articles. We know many who read articles on their phones bypass or scan lengthy articles. We also expect to include graphs, charts, and tables created by CFA's resident analyst Dick Kallmeyer and others. The Marketing Committee includes the blog under its umbrella and is working with Teresa to develop ideas for content and locating writers. We are excited about this blog and believe CFA is adapting to the times.

Hannon: Putting on my Publications Chair hat quickly, today we sent out the last issue of Cat Talk Magazine. On the 15th of this month, we will be sending out the last CFA Newsletter.

Both will be folded into the new blog that will be coming out in January and we're very excited about the blog. Does anybody have any questions? **Mastin:** Any questions or comments for Mark? **DelaBar:** I can't find anywhere in my notes where it said we were doing away with the monthly Newsletter that goes out to the clubs. **Hannon:** I'll be honest with you, Pam. I was taken by surprise as well. I heard about it two weeks ago. I had no input on it. I was just told it was happening. **DelaBar:** I think that this should be a board decision. This is something that people do read, especially the clubs. I believe this should be a board action, to decide whether we're going to do the Newsletter or not. **Jensen:** I agree. The Newsletter I don't think costs anything. It's just, we submit stuff of what's going on in our region and it gets emailed out. I don't think anybody even gets paid for this. I do believe a lot of people look forward to it. I agree with Pam.

Tartaglia: Well, somebody actually does get paid for it, because Teresa Keiger is the one responsible for the Newsletter. So, she has quite a bit of time put into the Newsletter. We're asking her to put a lot of time into the new Cat Talk blog. So, there is that. The other thing is that some people read the Newsletter but it has a very small read. I shouldn't small – maybe 42% of the people it gets sent to actually open it, because I looked at the statistics. The third item is, people will still be able to get all of this information through the blog. You just have to sign up for it. If you say, "I still want to get regional information" or what other information we put in the Newsletter, you'll still get that but you'll get it on a more timely basis. It won't have to wait for every month. You'll be able to get it practically as soon as the information is available, so it will actually be much more timely. None of the information that's currently in the Newsletter has to go away. People still submit the information. It will simply go in the blog and it's available online or on the website to anybody who wants it. **Mastin:** OK Allene, before I call on Pam and Mark, you made a comment that 42% of the people that receive the Newsletter open it. How many people receive the Newsletter? **Tartaglia:** I think I told you that, Mark. Was it about 2,500? I could get that information. I'll just have to get back to you in a few minutes. **Mastin:** OK. That may be helpful to the board if they want to do something different, to understand what that number is.

DelaBar: Reference the Newsletter, I still think that this is something that the board should be voting on. The other thing is, it may be 42% open the individuals, but it's also posted to Facebook on various Facebook pages, plus the CFA Official Discussion page, so it's reaching a much further population than what may be showing as who is opening that Newsletter. **Mastin:** OK Pam, thank you for sharing that. **Hannon:** I don't agree with Allene that the things that appear in the Newsletter are going to appear in the blog. For example, a lot of the regional input is pictures from shows. We're not planning to do that in the blog. We may feature some particular shows, but we're not going to be putting in shows for the sake of shows. I noticed that in the last issue of the Newsletter, Region 1 had a synopsis of what happened at a regional meeting. That is of limited interest. I don't think we're going to be putting that in the blog. We may have to set up a specific section of the blog for regional news like that, but if we're expecting John Q. Public to come in thousands to read the new blog, they don't need to hear what's going on at regional meetings. **Jensen:** I don't know if Allene, when she's counting how many people are opening it, is including – I know that Region 5 gets it and then forwards it to the region. My secretary also gets it and forwards it to the region, so I don't think that those forwarded ones are getting counted. I know a lot of my constituents or my region are not going to go looking for a blog. I have some that are not all that computer savvy, but they do open the

Newsletter and they do keep track of that. So, I would hate to see that go away. **DelaBar:** When we approved the blog, it appeared to be more of a public awareness type thing of CFA – sort of go a little bit more public than our official discussion list on Facebook. I consider the Newsletter to be targeted towards clubs and our exhibitors and breeders. I think that there's basically two separate populations that are targeted by these two different publications, per se. So, basically, I am very much against doing away with the Newsletter at this time.

Tartaglia: Just a couple of points; that is, the blog is for everyone. I'm not sure if everybody understands how a blog works. Whatever area you sign up for, if you want club information, we can have all that in the blog. You would receive an email saying, "hey, this is up on the blog, this is new for you to look at." It's really no different than looking at the CFA Newsletter. You go to the blog, it can even deliver to you that headline, for instance. You click on that and you can see the club information. So, it's just a different way of doing a newsletter. It's a more modern way to do it. It's what people do. The second point and then I'll stop. It's a resource issue. Teresa spends a lot of time on the Newsletter. She has to pull the information from people. She has to drag it out. A lot of it has to still be edited. She spends quite a bit of time. We're asking her to now put that time into the blog, which is resource heavy. So, we can't do it all. Wherever we want to put our resources, something is going to suffer. Do we want the blog to suffer, which is out there for everyone to see, or is there a different way that clubs can get their information? It is different. It's through the blog instead of a CFA Newsletter. That's really what I wanted to say. **Mastin:** OK, so you're done for now, Allene? **Tartaglia:** I'm done for now.

Mastin: Pam's got her hand up for the fourth time. I'm not going to call on you yet, Pam. I'm going to go to Russell, Kathy, then you, then Mark. **Webb:** I'm concerned with the JPC because in the Newsletters is where we put the announcements and advancements of the judges. Would that be in the blog? **Tartaglia:** Yes, it will be in the blog. We may have a heading or a topic area, *Judging.* We also still have the News notice that goes out to everybody, so we can still publish news in the News notice if we want to publish the advancement of judges or something like that. The Newsletter isn't going away, it's changing, it's different. The information is still going to be out there. It's just a different way of getting information. **Mastin:** Allene, I'm going to try and speed up this discussion. I want to give the board their full time on this concern. What I'm hearing, they're concerned about it. How much of a hardship is it going to be for Teresa Keiger in doing both until the board is comfortable in releasing the Newsletter? **Tartaglia:** It's going to be a hardship, because she is trying to get the blog off the ground. Mark is shaking his head no, but I talked to Teresa. We've talked about it, so what I would suggest is perhaps we not have the Newsletter. Let's see how this pans out. If for some reason it's not providing what you're looking for within the first couple of months, then we bring back the Newsletter. Maybe it's a little bit different format for the Newsletter, depending on the specific information you're looking for, but we can automatically sign everybody up for the blog who already receives the Newsletter. So, could we give it a try for a couple of months? If it doesn't work out, then we look at bringing the Newsletter back. **Mastin:** That may be a little bit of a selling point to the board. I'm not sure they're convinced yet. We'll see.

Calhoun: I think this could go on for a long time and we don't really have that sort of time, so maybe in a separate thing there could be a content comparison, one for one. What are you getting in the blog and what are you getting in the Newsletter, so we don't have a difference

of opinion in that – a content comparison, and also a realistic and in a different format, maybe in a different session in closed session to talk about what are the resources going to cost us to do both? That's not a conversation to have here, but it's a conversation that needs to be had for the budget. **DelaBar:** We have gone from the CFA Quarterly to the CFA Almanac to CFA Cat Talk and then the Newsletter to get our information out. The public perception of blog is something that's somewhat informal. You can post your recipes and stuff on a blog. My question is – please don't talk over me – my question is, why was the board not informed of this, to discuss this at a much earlier point and be able to know this source of information is going away? The Newsletter is considered somewhat official. Blog is considered somewhat informal. **Tartaglia:** I thought it was mentioned in a report to the board. I don't believe – I know it wasn't a board motion. I thought it was mentioned when we were talking about, I thought the board was informed. It was in the middle of the report. It may have been missed. It may not have been obvious what was being talked about, but I thought that the board was informed. **Mastin:** It was in what report, Allene? **Tartaglia:** I don't know. I would have to go back. It probably was in May or June when we were talking about transitioning Cat Talk from a paid subscription to an online complimentary, and eventually it would be turning into the Cat Talk business blog. I do want to point out that a business blog is very different from an individual's blog where they might post something like recipes, or it's one person talking. There will still be articles on the blog just as they were in the Newsletter and in Cat Talk. So, it's a business blog, which is different from a personal blog. **Hannon:** I speak from a unique perspective. I'm the one that created the Newsletter, I'm the one who edited the Newsletter for a number of years, so I have experience. I know my experience was, it took me a day or two to prepare the Newsletter. I got all the submissions that Teresa now gets and I massaged them and I put them out within a day or two. If we're going to be putting these on the blog, Teresa is still going to have to go through the exercise of going through these things and editing them, making sure the punctuation is correct, the spelling is correct, that it's phrased the way it was intended. There is still going to be work on her part to put this information in the blog. The board wasn't informed. I can tell you as the Publications Chairman in charge of the Newsletter, I was not informed. As Co-Chair of the Marketing Committee, I was not informed until within the last two weeks. This is a decision that was not made by the committees. **Krzanowski:** I have to agree with Mark. This whole thing should have been run past the board. I do recall that perhaps in June or maybe at our August meeting or something, it was mentioned that a blog would be created, but there was no mention that the Newsletter would be incorporated into that blog and done away with eventually. I think there is information in the Newsletter that people like to see. Everyone is used to receiving it, they're used to looking into it for certain information about regions, about legislative and about other things. I really believe that we should keep the Newsletter. If there's a movement to do away with it, it should be a board decision.

Mastin: Mark, are you able to help Teresa with the Newsletter? **Hannon:** If she needs it. I don't think she needs it. I'm helping her with the blog. I'm coming up with – **Mastin:** You just agreed you would help if she needs it, correct? **Hannon:** Yeah, yeah. **Mastin:** Allene, what I'm hearing is, the board is not in support of this. If any board member wants to discontinue the Newsletter, and some of you are getting it firsthand right now, we need a motion. And, I need to point out, that motion needs 2/3 to carry, because this is not a pre-noticed motion. Ed, do I have that correct? **Raymond:** Yes, you do. **Mastin:** Rachel, are you making a motion? **Anger:** I will make that motion, but can I also make a comment? **Mastin:** Yes, you can. **Anger:** This was brought up in the October 2024 board meeting under Marketing. There was talk about Cat Talk

and a business blog. We were informed that, *Teresa Keiger continues to populate the Cat Talk business blog in preparation for the debut in January 2025.* **Mastin:** Rachel, how were we informed? What report was that in? **Anger:** This was in the Marketing report of the October 2024 board meeting. **Hannon:** But did it say the Newsletter? **Mastin:** Rachel, did it say the Newsletter would be discontinued? **Anger:** That's not in this report, no. **Mastin:** That is not in there, OK. Thank you for clarifying that. I need a second on this motion if we are to continue it. Russell, are you seconding? **Webb:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK. We have a motion, we have a second. The motion is to discontinue the Newsletter. I'm not going to ask for any further discussion. I don't see any hands up, so I'm going to call for the vote. If you are in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Griswold voting yes. Calhoun and Webster abstained.

Mastin: I have Marilee in favor. Marilee, lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Just a reminder, please keep your hand up until I ask everybody to lower their hand. Carissa, Darrell, Vicki, Kenny, Carol, Pam, Pauli, Aki, Doreann, Janet, Russell, John and Anne. Please lower your hand. **Tartaglia:** I have one more thing to mention. **Mastin:** OK, let me finish calling the vote, Allene. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. Howard, Kathy. Lower your hand. Rachel, can you call the vote? **Anger:** I do have a question. That went so quickly, I missed Colilla, DelaBar and Mathis. **Mastin:** Pam, tell me how you voted. **DelaBar:** I voted against. **Mastin:** Thank you. John, tell me how you voted. **Colilla:** I voted against. **Mastin:** And Anne, tell me how you voted. **Mathis:** I voted against. **Mastin:** OK. Rachel, what do you have? **Anger:** That's 1 yes, 14 no, 2 abstentions. **Mastin:** That's 17. Motion fails. **Mastin:** Allene, go ahead. **Tartaglia:** Actually, I want to take it to executive session, so I'll hold my comments until then. **Mastin:** That's fine. My recommendation, Allene, is to further discuss this with the Marketing Committee and bring something back in January. Let's get some more information here for the board. Mark, do you have anything further? **Hannon:** Did you really mean, bring this back in January? We're having a January meeting? **Mastin:** I'm sorry, I meant February. **Hannon:** As Co-Chair of the Marketing Committee, I was concerned. **Mastin:** I'm sorry, Mark. I meant February.

<u>WEBSITE</u>

We recently conducted a survey to learn the thoughts of visitors to the new CFA website. We will provide a full report on the results at the February board meeting. There do not appear to be any surprises to the committee. We have already made a couple changes in response and are discussing which other changes we might be able to accommodate. While there were those who liked the photos at the top of the home page with the CFA bright gold background, there were others who felt a dark background would be better. We have converted to photos with a dark background as seen below. The survey showed areas that have been well-received by viewers. Analytics are being put in place and should be available very soon.

Desiree Bobby was able to obtain significant corporate sponsorships for the recent CFA International Cat Show & Expo. She has been endeavoring to expand their sponsorship beyond the show. She has had some success and you will start seeing corporate ads appearing on the CFA website. Once introduced to CFA via the International there was interest in expanding their participation in other area. We also believe the blog will interest some corporate sponsors once

it rolls out and has significant views. Both the blog and website offer potential corporate sources of income for CFA.

CFA'S OFFICIAL DSCUSSION GROUP

This Facebook group continues to attract members. As of this writing we have 8.4K members with new members joining every day. Clubs are posting every Sunday about upcoming shows. On Sunday, November 24, 2024, there were posts about nine upcoming shows. There are also frequent posts resulting in extensive discussions. This discussion group is achieving the goal of discussions and sharing information to a large readership.

Future Projections for Committee:

The new blog will make its debut in January 2025.

The committee will provide results of the website survey at the February board meeting.

We will endeavor to make additional changes to the website based on the recent survey feedback.

Board Action Items:

None

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Hannon and Melanie Morgan, Co-Chairs

Mastin: Do you have anything else, Mark? **Hannon:** No. **Mastin:** OK. Mark, thank you to you and your Committee. Does anybody else have any questions for Mark before he leaves? OK Mark, thank you. [**Hannon** leaves the meeting]

(7) NEW EXHIBITOR COMMITTEE REPORT.

Committee Chair: ***Janet Moyer***
List of Committee Members: ***Janet Moyer, Howard Webster, Todd Moyer***

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

We feel our best target market for potential new exhibitors are the people paying to attend our cat shows. Create a marketing handout for the gate to entice people to get involved showing cats. This was our strategy session item due for December.

Future Projections for Committee:

Finalize handout and figure out the best way to get it in the hands of spectators.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Moyer, Chair

Mastin: Janet, New Exhibitor Committee Report. **Moyer:** This is pretty self-explanatory. As I stated in the last meeting, we feel that our best potential for growing our exhibitor base is the people that pay to come to our cat shows. They're cat lovers and they all have cats, so we wanted to create a fun and engaging piece to hand out at the gate. We're going to experiment with this at our first show – my show – in two weeks. It's a half page piece, so it shouldn't be hard to reproduce. If anybody has any input on it or comments, we welcome them. **Mastin:** Any questions or comments? **Calhoun:** I had an opportunity to look at this. I think this is a wonderful idea – low cost, big impact. The presentation and the wording is very easy, it's very amenable and makes you smile. I think this is a great job. **Mastin:** Thank you, Kathy. Janet, do you have anything else? **Moyer:** No, that's it. **Mastin:** OK, thank you to you and your Committee.

How Do I Show a Cat?

Where to start? What do I do?
Can anybody show a cat?
What do I need?
How much does it cost?
Who do I contact?

These are all excellent questions! Let's take a look because if you have an interest, CFA would love to have you be part of the family of cat lovers and enjoy the fun of showing your cat!

1 What Cat Do You Have?

A pedigreed cat? A new kitten? A gorgeous friendly companion cat (HHP)? These are all showcats! They are all welcome to CFA and cat shows and it doesn't take much to get started.

Anybody can show a cat. A showcat is one which meets requirements to be shown within one of the four competitive categories:

Kittens: pedigreed cats four to eight months old
Championship: pedigreed cat eight months old and older
Premiership: altered pedigreed cat eight months old and older
Household Pet: a non-pedigreed cat/kitten OR a pedigeed cat.
(must be altered if over eight months old. Cats cannot be declawed.)

2 Does Your Kitty Have "The Right Stuff?"

Is it healthy and clean? Is it comfortable with other people and being around other cats in unfamiliar places? Often you may not know if your cat will be comfortable, but you can always try exhibiting it to see if it has a "show personality."

3 Find a CFA Cat Show

Find the show you would like to enter on the CFA calendar of events at **www.cfa.org** You will also find the online entry form here. Your kitty will need a place to stay between judging rings so an enclosure is required. Many shows have wire enclosures available but there are also other options that can be purchased reasonably. The primary cost of showing your kitty is the entry fee. Additionally, you may have food and lodging expenses.

4 Educate Yourself

Start by learning about your breed and its standard at www.cfa.org/breeds DO learn all about showing cats and what you will need at **www.newexhibitor.cfa.org** This site tells you everything from filling out the entry form, to being show ready to the dos and don'ts.

THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION
NEW EXHIBITORS

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(8) PRESERVATION BREEDING COMMITTEE REPORT.

Committee Chair:	***Ginger Meeker, PhD***
Vice Chair:	***Jacqui Bennett***
Liaison to Board:	***Howard Webster – Region 5 Regional Director***
List of Committee Members:	***Judy Bemis (Recording Secretary), Joy Yoders, Cathy Dunham, Martha Auspitz, Gwendolyn Lorch, DVM, Connie Hurley, DVM***
Consultants:	***Charlene Campbell; Leslie Lyons, PhD***

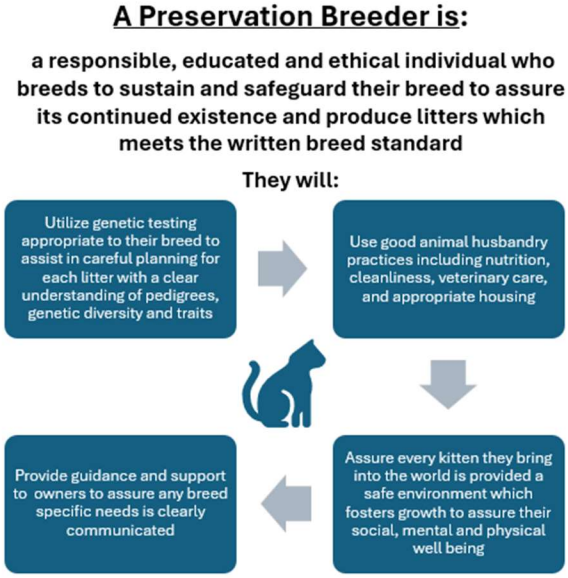
Mastin: Allene, can you promote Ginger Meeker? **Tartaglia:** She is in. **Mastin:** Hi Ginger. Welcome, Ginger. **Meeker:** Thank you. Is Jacqui on also? **Mastin:** I don't know if you heard me at the beginning of the meeting. Summarize your report. Please don't go through the whole thing. Hit the highlights and if you have motions, let's get to them. **Meeker:** We don't have any motions.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Charter Statement – The Preservation Breed Committee has been created to analyze the reasons behind the threats to CFA breeds.

We will create definitions. Analyze existing gaps and propose a course of action to address what is needed to accomplish Preservation Breeding through education in 5 areas - general public, exhibitors, breeders, judges and veterinarians.

Preservation breeding is: a commitment to preserve the unique look, essence and history of a breed consistent with a documented breed standard focusing on the overall health and wellbeing of the cat through careful selection of healthy cats that exemplify the characteristics typical of each breed.



Current Happenings of Committee:

- *Countermeasure Status:*
- *Public – We have created breed specific videos with the assistance of Melody Boyd for approximately 25% of our breeds which have accumulated over 250000 views in various social media platforms.*
- *Exhibitors – Articles are being created for the "breeders too box" for the Cat Talk Blog with the assistance of Teresa Keiger*
    - *Siamese and Color Points by Howard Webster complete*
    - *British Shorthair by Ginger Meeker and Kathy Dunham in progress*
    - *Abyssinian by Martha Auspitz in progress*
    - *Manx by Joy Yoder in progress*
    - *How to read a genetics report by Jacqui Bennett in progress*
- *Exhibitors – SR Input for double mutations*
    - *The preservation breed committee would like to suggest the following to the board as a possible solution related to the double mutation issue: Create in the preface of the breeds and standards a list of disqualifications for ALL cats in the show hall unless otherwise specifically called out in the standard. IE:*
        - *Open Skull*
        - *Malocclusion*
        - *Pectus*
        - *Unsound hind quarters (Evidence of Cow Hocking or Bowed Legs0*
        - *Polydactylism (excluding HHP)*
        - *Evidence of 2 or more structural mutations (defined as mutations specifically related to bones or Cartlidge)*
    - *Logic*
        - *Such a list can be used for education of judges, exhibitors and breeders and in the event the trait is desired for a specific breed (for instance tail kinks in a bob tail) it can be properly described in the standard.*
    - *The generic DQ list can be expanded or changed as needed based upon scientific evidence.*
    - *A specific list will eliminate "Show Rule Interpretation" on the part of judges and show officials.*

Meeker: Basically, what we have recommended to the board – and I would like Jacqui also to speak on this – is that we think this double mutation show rule needs more input from other stakeholders. As far as I can see, reading through it, it sounds more like it's a policy rather than a show rule, that if it's instituted as a policy, then the show rules could be devised to support the policy. The Committee also thought that the Household Pet community needed, with the help of perhaps the Genetics Committee or some other group of people, to determine their stance on what a Household Pet is. I think they really need to answer the question; do they want to support and elevate the beauty of the random-bred Household Pet or do they want to determine how many odd things they can find on one cat, which is a concern with the doubling up on the double structural mutation issue. So, we are just recommending that this gets a little more look, that the Household Pet people have more input. There's a lot of language that isn't fully expressed or understood yet, like it needs to be double structural mutation that we're concerned about having the health impact, rather than just a double mutation. Jacqui, did you have something else to add to this? **Bennett:** Sure. As Ginger mentioned, you can see what we've achieved when we're talking about the Committee. What we think we have come up with is a solution that is a compromise that empowers all of the people who are involved; that is, not creating a policy that may or may not be read, or may or may not be enforceable, but providing some clear guidance. Our suggestion is that if we add into the preface of the Breeds and Standards a list of disqualifications that impact all cats which are in the show hall unless otherwise specifically called out in the standard, we could list those things that are problems for preservation breeding to show that we are significant about the health and welfare of the cats. Then, the Household Pet people, if they want to not exclude these things, if they could develop their own standard, the Household Pet Committee could work to have a standard to describe what they do want, what they do not want within their Household Pet standard, and then they would have the ability to go to the board like any other breed committee to either get it approved or not approved. This would (1) serve the benefit of giving a voice to the Household Pet people as a recognized part of the show, but it does make sure that we are aware and becomes a training tool for judges, exhibitors and breeders. There are certain things that we don't want on any cat in the show hall. We don't want malocclusion. We don't want wry jaws. We don't want unsound hindquarters. When we talk about polydactylism, there are no breeds at this point who allow it in their standard, with the exception of the Maine Coon for breeding purposes only, but think about the risk of breeding polydactyl cats for the sake of polydactyl cats. You wind up with cats who can't walk, they can't trim their toes, they wind up with 18/19 toes, etc., and also the concept of adding into that list the evidence of two or more structural mutations gives a clear definition. It's not going to disqualify the Cornish Rex who happens to be polydactyl, because curly hair is not going to adversely affect the health of the cat. It's not going to affect the Siamese who came out polydactyl or had a structural issue, because the pointed gene, that's a mutation, too. It lets you focus on the most at-risk mutations – structural mutations, cartilage and bone – the exhibit of two of those mutations unless specifically called out again by the standard. So, what we're trying to do is put something in a readily available published document – the Breeds and Standards book – controlled by the Breeds and Standards Committee giving judges fewer things that any cat in the show hall, these are automatic disqualifications unless the standard calls out specifically for it. If a breed disagrees with it, call it out in your standard. Get it through the board like we do with anything else. Household Pets would have the control of their system, but we don't want to encourage designer breeds. That was the whole point of what the delegation told us. We don't want people creating Household Pets by having a munchkinized Japanese Bobtail with folded ears. I believe

we came up with a name for that at our last meeting. I don't remember exactly what it was, but it was really funny. The point is that we want to give a tool to the board that would also allow a generic DQ list to be expanded or changed based on scientific evidence. So, if the board sees a trait that they did not disqualify initially but they find out through science, through additional testing, that that trait has significant health issues – dominant blue eyes. This is just an example. I'm not telling the board what the list should be. Or the Corin gene, for instance. We're learning that it has heart issues. Then the board and the Breeds and Standards Committee has the ability to massage this list over time. It becomes something that is written and it eliminates show hall interpretation on the part of judges and show officials, it makes it very, very clear what we do support and what we don't support. It isn't a show rule. It doesn't belong as a show rule. We're talking about the health and welfare of the cat. That's a Breeds and Standards Committee issue, so we truly feel that this suggestion may give the board a tool to address the concerns that were brought to the delegation back in June effectively and efficiently in a scalable and controlled manner. **Mastin:** Thank you, Jacqui.

DelaBar: Other organizations do have a general disqualifications list that goes and affects all the breeds within their Breeds and Standards, but what you want is right now something that would also have to come in front of the delegation to approve this. It may or may not be all inclusive at this point in time. I think it's a subject well taken but it's for further discussion. I believe that it does belong also in the Show Rules, as one, we have no standard for Household Pets. Secondly, we do have in our Show Rules how Household Pets are to be judged. So, this also needs to be there, as well, and also for all of our particular cats on the show bench. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. Ginger, before I call on you, I'm going to call on all the board members to bring forth any questions or comments, then I will call on you and Jacqui last to close this out. In front of the two of you is Carissa and Rachel.

Altschul: I understand what they're trying to do by giving some control to breeds to decide what structural mutations they're OK with and what they are not. However, Household Pet exhibitors generally are not breeders. We don't want them to be breeding Household Pets and therefore I do not think they have a vested interest nor ever will on something like a breed standard. They simply do not understand it because they are only looking at the cat that is actually in their hands, which is not a breed cat – or, it should not be. They don't really think about, down the line, could this create health problems? They're only dealing with the animal that's actually in their hands and I think they're not going to be capable of looking at things as a breed council does – considering the history of a breed and the future of a breed, and how long that breed will exist after the breeder is no longer there. I understand where you're coming from. However, I think in this case this needs to be handled by people who are breeders, who are here for the welfare of all cats, not just the one that's actually in our hands. **Anger:** My question is more simple. I'm just curious what input the Breeds and Standards Committee has had on this proposal. **Mastin:** Darrell, do you have any input from Breeds and Standards on this? **Newkirk:** No, sir. **Anger:** My second question is, it's not clear to me what – is this just for contemplation? Some things for us to think about? There's not really an action item associated with it, but I can tell that a lot of work has gone into the presentation. What would you like us to do with it? **Mastin:** The way I read the report, Rachel and Ginger and Jacqui, you can correct me after I call on all the board members. These are their suggestions that they are asking the board to take under consideration when they proceed with making a show rule or not. I heard Ginger earlier and I believe it's in the report here, it seems to me by my account, you're recommending we get

other committees involved in this discussion on where this goes. So, before I call on Ginger and Jacqui, are there any other questions or comments on this, because we want to move on, on the agenda. **Jensen:** So, we're back revising this issue with multiple mutation cats that are being brought to the show halls basically as an oddity and being peddled in the show halls, which I don't think any of us want CFA being used for this kind of purpose. It was presented to the delegates and the delegates overwhelmingly said they do not want to see this happening in the show halls. We can tear it apart, but we all know what we saw. **Mastin:** Vicki, do you have any questions directed towards Jacqui and/or Ginger? **Jensen:** No. **Mastin:** OK, because somewhere down the line here in the board reports, I believe this is coming up under Show Rules. Ed, is that correct? **Raymond:** Yes. The amendment will come up again under Show Rules. **Mastin:** OK.

Mastin: Ginger, you go first and Jacqui, let's wrap this up. Please don't repeat. Let's just address any of the specific points and questions. Ginger, go ahead. **Meeker:** OK. On the double mutation show rule, I see it as having two parts. I believe that the group has already decided that we don't want the designer breeds that show the double mutation that is injurious to health. I think that is a given. What we haven't dealt with is the Household Pet that comes to the table that has double structural mutations. The health is impacted. What we do at that level, I think we sell our Household Pet breeders short when we say that they cannot learn or do not know genetics. I think it could be a boost to the entire cat fancy, to educate every exhibitor on these issues and be aware that when they pick up a cat from rescue or it's an oops breeding from a breeder and they're going to show it, they need to be aware of what they're walking into. I think to sell these people short and say they don't have a vested interest in the cat fancy, we've given them a vested interest. They now have national wins, they're scored for points, they have every accommodation available to them that champions, premiers and kittens do, and I think it's high time that they stepped up and took on that same responsibility that we expect from our breeders and other exhibitors. I think we're missing a big group that could become stronger advocates for preservation breeding of well-founded breeds. That's all I'll say. **Mastin:** Thank you, Ginger. Jacqui, let's wrap this up please. **Bennett:** Very quickly, to answer some of the questions, we did not go to Breeds and Standards for input because, as we recommended, we want to involve the Household Pet Committee and Breeds and Standards on what this should be. This was a suggestion only, with no action expected. On the statement that Household Pet exhibitors are not breeders, don't understand the genetics, don't understand a breed standard, I believe if you look at the statistics, you will find approximately 40% of our Household Pet exhibitors also exhibit a pure breed. They do understand that. One of the things many Household Pet exhibitors have stated to us is that they don't feel that they have a voice. By allowing them to have a Household Pet show committee like a breed committee, it gives them a voice to pick their own representative to speak, like a breed council secretary, to come up with what they want and then it goes to the board like any other. It is not a carte blanche in this suggestion, but again, this is only a suggestion. With that, the rest of the information from the Preservation Breed Committee you can find on there. We're very proud of the number of videos we have created in conjunction with Melody Boyd. We have 1.2 million views at this point, approximately, over four social media platforms on the Preservation Breeding videos which are made by judges, by exhibitors, by breeders, so we're very proud of that and we thank the board for their time. **Meeker:** Yes, thank you. **Mastin:** Jacqui and Ginger, thank you. Jacqui, thank you for sharing numbers. I encourage you to present more numbers like that for the February board meeting when we have more time. That was insightful information, thank you. I want to thank your Committee too, because I know it's just not the two of you. It's you and your Committee.

Future Projections for Committee:

Complete assigned articles for the Breeders Tool Box

Continue to create social media content

Work to create talking points for judges with the JPC (CFA Officials Pillar of Countermeasures)

Board Action Items:

Consider input for double mutation show rule

Time Frame:

2025

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Plans for "Breeder Tool Box" Page

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacqui Bennett, Vice Chair

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginger Meeker, PhD Chair

Description	Presenter	Facebook Link
Exotic SH	Hope Gonano	https://www.facebook.com/reel/1610447572882494
Oriental SH	Lynne Von Egidy	https://www.facebook.com/reel/8750324151726197
Tonkinese Part 2	Sheri Shaffer	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/17jjjGBo6c/
Tonkinese Part 1	Sheri Shaffer	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/15knh1K4j4/
NFC	Michael Shelton	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1BsMXAaKLX/
What is PB - Exotic	Jacqui Bennett	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/17w2PTjvWU/
Japanese Bobtail	Anne Mathis	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/15jjX65kRv/
Sphynx	Don Williams	https://www.facebook.com/reel/1547225929237015
HHP and PB	Jacqui Bennett	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1DYEiHVQqd/
BSH	Ginger Meeker	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1AdusHjjot/
Russian Blue	Teresa Keiger	https://www.facebook.com/reel/874262114849692
Abyssinian	Don Williams	https://www.facebook.com/reel/1884280555399218
Devon Rex	Don Williams & Barbara Erie	https://www.facebook.com/reel/905366371636617
Abyssinian	Martha Auspitz	https://www.facebook.com/reel/1633361283904417
What is a Breeder	Text	https://www.facebook.com/reel/532321159152816
Persian	Linda Lopiano	https://www.facebook.com/reel/858988539115512
Maine Coon	Elizabeth Nolte	https://www.facebook.com/reel/1466281954765510
Chartreux	Carla Bizzell	https://www.facebook.com/reel/529521006163601
OSH	Ellyn Honey	https://www.facebook.com/reel/514044764486625
Manx	Jacqui Bennett	https://www.facebook.com/reel/1034759668345347
What is PB	Jacqui Bennett	https://www.facebook.com/reel/737447125114272

Scottish Fold	Jacqui Bennett	https://www.facebook.com/reel/1295548184595437
What is PB - Series Announcement	Text Only	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1YLMcwWUEM/

(9) AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Committee Chair: ***Cathy Dunham***
Liaison to Board: ***Janet Moyer***
List of Committee Members: ***Cyndy Byrd, Martha Auspitz, Leslie Carr***

Mastin: Allene, is Cathy Dunham with us? **Tartaglia:** Yes, she is. **Mastin:** Hi Cathy, welcome. **Dunham:** Good evening. **Mastin:** Good evening. Take us through your Awards Committee Report. You know the drill – get to the points and to the motion. **Dunham:** OK.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Presented approved Star and Diamond Star Award winners with their awards at the 2024 Annual in Coralville, IA.

Current Happenings of Committee:

To be more budget conscious, the committee has been working closely with Central Office to evaluate the current awards/rosettes presented and to make recommendations that would offer a different configuration for awards that would save money for the upcoming 2025 Annual and all future Annuals.

For reference 2024 National award costs

Type of Award	***# x Amount***	***Total***
Agility medallions	*50 x $39.00*	*$1,950.00 (had to buy minimum quantity, only used 10 so we still have 40 available for future years)*
Top awards 10"	*250 x $89.00*	*$22,250.00*
Breed awards 7.5"	*300 x $72.00*	*$21,600.00*
Cattery of Distinction	*10 x $72.00*	*$720.00*
Rosettes		*$8,691.86*
Total		*$55,211.86*

2025 National awards costs

Option A:

Large saving – making changes to the types of awards presented and no rosettes.

Type of Award	***# x Amount***	***Total***
Agility medallions (Photo A) – use 10 from the quantity previously order. Will need to have them engraved with the 2025 winners approximately	*10 x $10.00*	*$100.00*
Present to the Best Cats (Photo B) 10"	*13 x $85.00*	*$1,105.00*

Present to 2nd through 25th top cats (Photo B) 7.5"	*237 x $68.50*	*$16,234.50*
Present glass medallions to the breed winners (Photo C)	*300 x $19.50*	*$5,850.00*
Cattery of Distinction	*10 x $68.50*	*$685.00*
Total		*$23,974.50*

A *B* *C*

Dunham: The first point is, in Option A there was a piece of data left out of that. I am sorry that I did not catch that in proofing it. It should include the first item that is also listed in Option A for the engraving of 10 Agility medallion awards that already have been purchased in the past. [**Secretary's Note:** this has been corrected in the chart above.] So, as you can see, the Committee has worked diligently with Central Office to propose some recommendations to reduce the cost of our awards at the national level to change the options a little bit. Hopefully, going forward, it will save money for 2025 awards and also awards in the future. If you have any questions, I'm certainly going to entertain those at this time. **Krzanowski:** I appreciate the time and effort that went into this. I know that everyone is trying to save money, but I have to say I'm extremely disappointed in the breed awards. A glass medallion is not much more than a holiday decoration. It's not something that can be put on a shelf or hung on a wall or anything. With all the recent discussion over the past few years that we should emphasize the breeds more, it just seems that we're shortchanging them by reducing the awards to this level. There must be some alternative that would be less expensive than what we had in the past but would still be a little more significant. **Altschul:** I just have a question. I know, again, trying to save money and I definitely am very happy to see that we are looking at saving some money here, but my question to Cathy is, did your Committee consider going back to having people pay for their own awards? I have heard from some exhibitors who have been around for a while that that used to be the norm. I think it would be difficult, but maybe we could come up with a way of coming up with a poll or asking people if they would agree to pay for their own awards, and just basically say, "Here's the cost. Would you rather do this or would you rather have a glass medallion?" I think some people might be willing to pay up to get a nicer award if they were given the option. So, I was just wondering if that was something that could be considered. **Mastin:** Cathy, why don't you just jot down all the comments and questions? I'll try to keep track of that, too, as well as

Rachel. Once I get through all the board members, we'll let you address them all at one time. Kathy, did you have a comment or question? **Calhoun:** My comment was about getting verification if exhibitors had actually paid for their awards in the past and when did that occur, but I think that's going to come up from Cathy Dunham. **Mastin:** OK Cathy Dunham, I don't see any other hands up. Go ahead Carol. **Krzanowski:** One more thing I just wanted to mention. Many of the people that I know and I'm sure you also know work extremely hard for some of these breed awards. Breed awards are very important to serious breeders, so that's another reason why I think that we're kind of shortchanging them by reducing this to a glass medallion.

Mastin: Cathy Dunham, go ahead and address the comments and questions. **Dunham:** OK. First, to address Carissa's question. Awards have never been paid for by exhibitors unless you are buying a duplicate award, or in a few of the most recent years we did have excess glass awards and you could upgrade from the acrylic award to a glass award and you paid the difference between the acrylic and glass to upgrade. That has since been discontinued because we no longer have glass awards in inventory, so I'm not sure who you were talking with about that but Allene can certainly weigh in. She has been around CFA a very long time and we did have that discussion today in the office prior to the meeting. To address Carol's concerns, I do understand the breeder perspective. I am a breeder, as you very well know, and I work just as hard as anybody else for a breed award when I choose to show a cat to that level, but the reality is, all of us have limited space, all of us have limited resources, and I just think it's time that CFA look at this from the perspective of needing to take a different approach. This is one approach. If the board does not like it, they can certainly vote their conscience and we will do what we need to accordingly to accommodate that.

Option B:

Large saving – making changes to the types of awards presented including presenting rosettes.

Type of Award	***# x Amount***	***Total***
Agility medallions (Photo A) – use 10 from the quantity previously order. Will need to have them engraved with the 2025 winners approximately	*10 x $10.00*	*$100.00*
Present to the Best Cats (Photo B) 10"	*13 x $85.00*	*$1,105.00*
Present to 2nd through 25th top cats (Photo B) 7.5"	*237 x $68.50*	*$16,234.50*
Present glass medallions to the breed winners (Photo C)	*300 x $19.50*	*$5,850.00*
Cattery of Distinction	*10 x $68.50*	*$685.00*
Rosettes		*$8,690.00*
Total		*$32,662.50*

Option C:

Small savings – keeping the order the same but using different manufacturer.

Agility medallions – use 10 from the quantity previously order. Will need to have them engraved with the 2025 winners	*approximately 10 x $10.00*	*$100.00*
Top awards 10"	*250 x $85.00*	*$21,250.00*
Breed awards 7.5"	*300 x $68.50*	*$20,550.00*
Cattery of Distinction	*10 x $68.50*	*$685.00*
~~*Rosettes*~~		~~*$8,690.00*~~
Total		*$51,275.00*

Future Projections for Committee:

Work with Central Office to order the 2025 National awards/rosettes. Gathering and presentation of Star and Diamond Star award nominations for 2025

Board Action Items:

Motion: *Approve Option A for 2025 national awards to include already purchased medallions for agility, a larger sized award for best cat and smaller sized awards for 2-25, glass medallions for breed winners, and no rosettes to be presented.*

Mastin: Janet, you are the board liaison for this Committee. Do you want to proceed with the motions or do you want to table them until we get more information? **Moyer:** Cathy, did you feel like we needed to get more information, or do you want to go ahead and vote? **Dunham:** I would like a vote, so that we know what direction the Committee needs to take, please. **Moyer:** OK then, I'll make a standing motion on the items in the report. **Mastin:** My understanding is, and I just want to get this right so you've got to help me here. If the first motion fails, you're going to go with the second motion? **Dunham:** That is correct, Rich. **Mastin:** OK, that's the way I thought, but I just wanted to double check. **Anger:** I would like to be a standing second. **Mastin:** OK. So, we have Janet making the standing motion and we have Rachel making the standing second. We're going to start with the first motion. Is it on the screen? **Tartaglia:** Yes. It's Option A. **Mastin:** Janet, read it just in case people can't see it on their screens that are viewing. Read the first motion. **Moyer:** OK. *Approve Option A for 2025 national awards to include already purchased medallions for agility, a larger sized award for best cat and smaller sized awards for 2-25, glass medallions for breed winners, and no rosettes to be presented.* **Mastin:** Allene, please scroll up now to Option A. I need to point out – and Cathy, you had mentioned this – in Option A that's not on the screen includes the 10 agility awards at $10 each for the engraving. [**Secretary's Note:** this has been corrected in the chart above.] Is that correct, Cathy Dunham? **Dunham:** Yes, it's correct. The total there is correct. It does include the $100, so the total for the awards would be $23,974.50, give or take. There might be a little discrepancy there, but not very much. **Mastin:** If my math is correct, the reduction from the current 2024 national awards cost is approximately $31,237.36, give or take a dollar or two. Any further discussion on this motion? I'm going to call the vote, because I believe there may be some objections. In favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Altschul, Calhoun, Colilla, Jensen, Moyer, Webb and Webster voting yes.

Mastin: Just a reminder, while you are raising your hands, please keep them up until I ask everybody to lower your hand. I have Kathy Calhoun, Howard, Carissa, Janet, John, Vicki and Russell. Lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Rachel, Pam, Aki, Darrell, Carol, Marilee, Anne, Pauli, Kenny, Doreann. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. Rachel, when you're ready. **Anger:** That's 7 yes, 10 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion fails.

Motion: *Approve Option B (only if the motion for Option A fails) for 2025 national awards to include already purchased medallions for agility, a larger sized award for best cat and smaller sized awards for 2-25, glass medallions for breed winners, and rosettes to be presented.*

Mastin: Janet, read the second motion. **Moyer:** [reads]. **Mastin:** Thank you. Allene, please scroll up to Option B. Total $32,662.50. Cathy Dunham, can you confirm that is correct? **Dunham:** That is correct. **Mastin:** Thank you. **Griswold:** I just wanted to say, I'm not sure there's an option for this, but I'm not sure that we need rosettes. I kind of agree with Carol that the glass medallions for breed winners is a bit of a let down if you have been trying all season for that award, but that's just my input. **Mastin:** Thank you, Marilee. **Anger:** That was my thought, as well. So, if we don't get this one to pass, I would like to make a motion to that effect afterwards, but we will see how it goes here. **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel. Any further discussion? OK, if you're in favor of Option B, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Altschul, Calhoun, Jensen, Moyer, Newkirk and Webster voting yes.

Mastin: Darrell, Kathy Calhoun, Carissa, Janet, Vicki and Howard. Lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Rachel, Pam, Carol, Kenny, Marilee, Pauli, Anne, Russell, John, Doreann and Aki. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. Rachel, when you're ready. **Anger:** That's 6 yes, 11 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion fails.

Mastin: Cathy Dunham, what further comments do you have? **Dunham:** The Committee will go back. Unless the board directs us different, we will assume we're doing Option C, which is to continue with the current structure. **Anger:** I would like to make a motion to amend Option C to eliminate the line item for rosettes, the $8,690, but to ratify it otherwise. **Mastin:** Marilee, are you seconding that motion?

Agility medallions – use 10 from the quantity previously order. Will need to have them engraved with the 2025 winners	*approximately 10 x $10.00*	*$100.00*
Top awards 10"	*250 x $85.00*	*$21,250.00*
Breed awards 7.5"	*300 x $68.50*	*$20,550.00*
Cattery of Distinction	*10 x $68.50*	*$685.00*
~~*Rosettes*~~		~~*$8,690.00*~~
Total		~~*$51,275.00*~~ *$42,585.00*

Griswold: I am. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Further discussion? I just want to get a total on there. Allene, I have $42,585.00. Cathy Dunham, I don't know if you are checking my math, but that's what I came up with. **Dunham:** I did not, but it is I'm sure very close if not right on the money. **Mastin:** Any further discussion on Option C? Ed, we don't need 2/3 on this, because this is within the – much like an amended motion, it's already been pre-noticed that we're voting on this? **Raymond:** Yes, that's true. **Mastin:** That was my understanding on how this works. Seeing no further discussion, I'm going to call the vote. If you're in favor, raise your hand.

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

Mastin: Kathy Calhoun, Darrell, Rachel, Pam, Vicki, Marilee, Kenny, Carol, Pauli, Doreann, Aki, Janet, Anne, Russell, John and Howard. Please lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Carissa. Lower your hand. If you rare an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. Rachel, when you're ready. **Anger:** That's 16 yes, 1 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** OK, that motion passes.

Time Frame:

Ongoing

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Update on ongoing projects.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Dunham, Chair

Mastin: Cathy Dunham, do you have anything further? **Dunham:** Not for this report. **Mastin:** Hang on. Does anybody have any further questions or comments for Cathy Dunham? Cathy, I see no questions or comments, so I thank you and your Committee for all your work on this. We look forward to hearing from you in February. **Dunham:** Thank you.

(10) ENTRY CLERK PROGRAM REPORT.

Committee Chair: ***Cathy Dunham***
Liaison to Board: ***Janet Moyer***
List of Committee Members: ***Sheryl Zink and Paula Noble***

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Formal committee was approved by the board in October, 2024

Prior to the formal committee being approved the following was completed by one of two program administrators for the Entry Clerk Program at the request of new entry clerks and the ID committee.

1. *Two new entry clerks (Region 3) were added to the entry clerking program/eCat accounts.*

2. *A test was conducted to determine if Chinese exhibitors could use the on-line entry form and receive/send entry confirmation information via email to an entry clerk.*

Mastin: Cathy, you're going to continue with Entry Clerk Program now. **Dunham:** Correct. This is just an update. First of all, the Committee thanks you for formalizing us at the October board meeting. Prior to, as you see in the report, we did do some work with the ID Committee and working with some new entry clerks, so it was just nice to be formalized.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The members of the committee worked on an outline for the committee which will include but is not limited to the following:

1. *To work with all new entry clerks to add them to the entry clerking software.*

2. *To add the entry database to the entry clerk's eCat account.*

3. *To provide consistent training to all entry clerks.*

4. *To update all training materials and show rules related to entry clerking.*

5. *To work with any/all committees that may need input/support from the entry clerking program committee.*

The Committee welcomed our four newest entry clerks from China. They have been added to the Entry Clerking Program and the entry database has been added to their eCat account. We are determining the best time to have a zoom meeting so all four can get acquainted with the entry clerking program software and begin helping the clubs in China.

An Entry Clerking groups.io list has been established so material can be sent out in a consistent and timely manner.

We are also considering a private FB group to discuss issues and provide training related to the entry clerking software.

Dunham: The rest of it is just information for the board, to know where we are headed. The only addition to this is, I had written in the report that I would be having a Zoom meeting with the four new entry clerks in China. That has been delayed because over Thanksgiving I was called away on a personal matter, but that Zoom meeting will be scheduled probably next week, once we can determine a date and time that works for everybody.

Future Projections for Committee:

The Committee will work on updating the training tools in the entry clerking program now that on-line entry is available through exhibitor eCat accounts and entry clerks now use their eCat account to access the entry database.

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

Ongoing

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Update on ongoing projects.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Dunham, Chair

Dunham: Other than that, there's no additional information for the report. **Mastin:** OK. Does anybody have any questions for Cathy? OK Cathy, thank you very much.

(11) INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.

Committee Chair:	***Darrell Newkirk***
Committee Vice-Chair:	***Matthew Wong***
List of Committee Members:	
Subcommittee Co-Chairs China:	***Russell Webb/Ellyn Honey***
Subcommittee Chair Asia East:	***Robert Zenda/Dr. Marilee Griswold***
Subcommittee Chair Africa, W Asia, Middle East:	***Jan Rogers***
Subcommittee Chair Central & South America:	***Miguel Mariano Pina Rodrigues/Anne Mathis***

Mastin: Darrell, you have International Division. **Newkirk:** Yes, thank you. I will be sort of brief here. We do have three action items in here.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

We are seeing more shows being scheduled in Asia. New NGO filings have been submitted.

Report from China Subcommittee Co-Chairs

Paperwork has been submitted for 2 new NGO applications. We should know if they Chinese government has approved them shortly.

Report from Jon Lee on upcoming Taiwan show

In Taiwan, a CFA cat show is required to activate cat enthusiasts to participate in the exhibition and register. This time, I've encountered a lot of cat enthusiasts whose cats have TICA and WCF certificates. Every day, I'm helping these cat enthusiasts with transfer applications and re-registering for CFA certificates. Currently, there are still a large number of cat enthusiasts who don't have certificates, and they are also actively trying to find ways to register. So I believe that the return of the CFA cat show is of great significance.

Best,
Jon

Newkirk: We have a show coming up in Taiwan this weekend. They have 93 entries, so that's pretty good. I just got back from Vietnam. Pam and I judged there. We had about 100 entries.

Report from CFA ID committee Co-Chairs for ID East Asia (outside of China):

Dear all,

For your information.

Press Releases

There is an official announcement of new arrangement to import pets from Macau to Hong Kong.

AFCD, HK government dept of animal import & export control, review and will start the new policy December 1st to shorten the quarantine duration from 4 months to 1 months under condition e.g. rabies titer test, full vaccination for pets from Macau entering Hong Kong. This is the first revision and also a positive sign at least, the government willing to revise the traditional strict rules. Reviews of China and other countries like Malaysia, Thailand, Russia import requirement are also in progress.

We've been communicating with the regarding parties for the special waiver on upcoming CFA show in Aug, 2025 with WCC annual meeting. Hopefully, the approval will be granted to encourage overseas exhibitors.

Keep you posted.

Best regards,
Phebe

Newkirk: I want everyone to please note and read about the updates for the ACDF in Hong Kong. They have updated their stuff a little bit there.

Current Happenings of the Committee:

The Central Breed Cat Club has requested approval of an in-conjunction show with a WCF club on March 22-23, 2025. I recommend that his request, as stated below, be submitted to the Board for approval.

Action item: *Grant the Central Breed Cat Club permission to hold a 6 ring pet fair show in conjunction with a WCF club in Thailand on March 22-23, 2025, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).*

Newkirk: The Central Breed Club wants to do an in-conjunction show with WCF in March of 2025. That's our first action item. **Mastin:** Darrell, are you going to be a standing on all three? **Newkirk:** Yes sir. **Mastin:** OK. Kenny, are you a standing second on all three? **Currle:** Yes sir. **Mastin:** Discussion? Any objections to the first action item? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Taiwan:

There has not been any CFA activity in Taiwan for several years and we now have only have two active clubs remaining. The good news is that things are about to change. Jon Lee has arranged to use a Chinese club to run the first show in New Taipei, Taiwan on December 7-8, and two more shows in February are planned by our two Taiwan clubs on February 9th and February 22nd. Both are six ring shows, and neither club been able to secure a venue large enough to accommodate

all six rings as well as the cages required and have requested permission to use a split ring format with 3 judges in the morning and 3 judges in the afternoon.

It should be noted that this resurgence of activity in Taiwan is having a positive effect on registrations with 113 registrations processed in October, the most of any country in East Asia. I believe we need to do whatever we can to assist them in achieving a good re-start for CFA in Taiwan.

Respectfully request that the two motions below regarding split rings in shows in Taiwan be approved.

***Motion**: Grant permission for the Taiwan International Cat Club 6 ring show planned for February 22, 2025, in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, to use a split ring format with 3 judges in the morning and 3 judges in the afternoon. The show is not yet licensed, and the entry limit proposed is 100.*

Mastin: Darrell, go ahead and do the second one. **Newkirk:** We have two more shows coming up in Taiwan. They have a small hall. They want to do split rings – 3 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon. We can take them one at a time, so we can go with the Taiwan International Cat Club first. **Mastin:** OK. Let's do them one at a time. Is there any discussion? Any objections? **Colilla:** I have to abstain. **Mastin:** OK, I'll call the vote. All those in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Colilla abstained.

Mastin: Howard, Darrell, Carissa, Russell, Carol, Kenny, Janet, Doreann, Pam, Rachel, Aki, Pauli, Vicki, Anne, Marilee and Kathy. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. John. If you are an objection, raise your hand. No objections. Rachel, when you're ready. **Anger:** Thank you. That's 16 yes, zero no, 1 abstention. **Mastin:** OK, motion passes.

***Motion:** Grant permission for the Pacific Cats Meow 6 ring show planned for February 9, 2025, in Taichung City, Taiwan to us a split ring format with 3 judges in the morning and 3 judges in the afternoon. The show is not yet licensed, but judges have been contracted and the entry limit proposed is 125.*

Newkirk: The next motion is the same thing on February 9th for Pacific Cats Meow. **Mastin:** OK. Discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Bob Zenda, Co-Chair
CFA International Division, Asia (except China)

Future Projections for the Committee:

Work has begun on the 2025 CFA International Awards Banquet. The committee has discussed and approved a joint venture between the International Division and ID-China for a combined awards banquet and show to be held in Malaysia.

Board Action Items:

See above action items.

What will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates on the combined CFA International Division awards banquet and show.

Respectfully Submitted
Darrell Newkirk Chair

Mastin: Darrell? **Newkirk:** Just one closing comment. I put this report together while I was in Vietnam and I really had problems with the internet. I apologize to Rachel. I don't know how many times I sent this report to her. I guess it came through 4 or 5 times, but I did want to include, a couple of weeks ago in India Jan and Adilah Roose had worked with Bobby Wankhede on their education seminar for Indian breeders and exhibitors, and it was very successful, so hopefully we'll get a report in for February and maybe have some pictures of that. I thank you very much, everyone, for supporting the motions. **Mastin:** Does anyone have any questions for Darrell? OK Darrell, thank you very much to you and your Committee.

(12) HOUSEHOLD PET ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Committee Chair:	***Jenny Wickle***
Liaison to Board:	***Howard Webster***
List of Committee Members:	***Robin Rommel, Brenda Wilde, Wendy Tom, Brandy Slack, Pamela Robison, Cathy O'Brien, Dawn Strosko, Julie Benzer, Pearlyn Maru, Jill Gehrmann, Dawn Pettyjohn, Andrea Cobb, Sue Robbins***

Mastin: We're going to go on to the Household Pet Advisory Committee. Jenny, hello and welcome to the meeting. **Wickle:** Hello. Good evening, President Mastin. **Mastin:** Jenny, I don't know if you were in the audience when I made the announcement. I want you to just get to the point. The board has read your report. If you have any highlights you want to point out here, now is the time to do it. Then I'll turn it over to the board to ask you questions or share comments, and then I'll call on you last to address all of them at one time. **Wickle:** Yes, sir. **Mastin:** Go ahead, Jenny.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Household Pet (HHP) Committee has been discussing topics such as a written standard for showing HHPs and possibly breaking out HHPs into two classes in the future.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The committee was asked by the board for their input on the tabled discussion on Show Rules 2.23.f.,.g. and h. that would prohibit entry of cats with double mutations in the Household Pet class. Out of 15 members on the committee, 2 did not give input. 11 out of 13 (85%) who responded are against these show rules taking effect for the HHP class. 2 out of 13 (15%) supported the change. The committee was grateful that the board asked for their feedback, as it was recently passed that breed councils should be asked for feedback when looking at their respective breed standards.

Many committee members were concerned that the class can be impacted over fear mongering. There have not been verified statistical accounts that these "stacked" mutation cats who might have significant health concerns are even being shown. Currently we are only spreading stories. Photos of the worst case scenarios were shared for effect at the end of the annual meeting from the floor. When looking around the room of who was still in attendance, there were very few delegates who have actually shown in HHPs for a length of time that would have empathy for those showing in the class. The vote was only advisory based on who was in the room at the time. Clubs did not provide their input to their delegates on this issue.

Other concerns from committee members were:

1. How will a potential ban look in reality in our show halls? This has not been thought through enough. It will not only affect new exhibitors in our entry level class wanting to show their HHP that they did not breed, but it will also have additional burdens possibly placed on entry clerks,

judges, show managers, and the exhibitors in the rings where cats could be asked to leave the show hall.

2. What will happen with HHPs who have already been showing with "stacked mutations?" Will these cats be grandfathered in? Some of these cats were rescued. The exhibitors did not breed them. A couple frequently mentioned HHPs are a recognized breed in two other associations.

3. Why can't there be a rule(s) sanctioning breeders who breed these "stacked mutations"? Stop allowing breeders CFA services if it is proven that they are intentionally breeding these double mutation cats. The HHP class should not be penalized.

4. Why were some mutations included yet others not included? Genes have been found in research for brachycephalic cats, so technically double structural mutations already exist in a few of CFA's established breeds. Also, how will judges know if the cats were born with the identified mutations? For example, what about cats who had their tails removed by surgery or ears that fold because of a condition that happened later in life?

5. Even if entry clerks try to vet new entries, will new exhibitors even know if their cat has some of these mutations? Almost all of the general public has a concept of what a declawed cat is, but we are asking a lot of brand new exhibitors when it comes to knowing mutations.

6. Have the proposers of this ban provided research that all of the listed mutations are actually harmful to cats? Coat mutations are not harmful when pointing out health and welfare being a top concern. Inbreeding to get some of the recessive genes that already exist in some of our established breeds did not seem to be a concern when the breeds were created.

7. CFA could use these few HHPs as an educational experience. Judges do not have to use them in their finals. If these cats are banned, then we are closing the door to the classroom and not even letting students in.

Wickle: Thank you to the board for tabling the multiple mutation discussion and bringing it back to the Household Pet Committee for feedback, as we represent a class who would be negatively impacted by the listed proposal. Just for clarification, since I know it came up, the Household Pet Committee is composed of Household Pet exhibitors from across Regions 1-7. I asked regional directors a few years ago for names and input. I didn't get an answer from the Japanese Regional Director at the time, and Pam DelaBar said that Household Pets are not typically allowed entry by clubs in Europe for show, so there's not many Household Pets in Europe. You can see the Committee members listed in my report. Just as breed council secretaries are the torch bearers for their respective breeds, I speak for a class that's often a minority voice in CFA. Since I am a Turkish Angora breeder, I do understand and have listened to multiple perspectives. Once again, a large majority of my Committee is against this proposal. The Household Pet exhibitors should get a say in what happens in their class at shows, just as breed councils can change their breed standards. I implore that the board hears our voices tonight. We are harder workers than some are giving us credit for. I also want to remind the board that the proposal was from the floor at the end of a long day and was not pre-noticed. Extreme photos were given for full effect and passed out, and they are still being reshared. The board does not have to pass this proposal, and the Household Pet Committee is asking that it not

be passed, as written; or, that the board put together a committee which has members from other committees for more work, like a joint task force. We will need verified reports of these cats, instead of just stories and hearsay. So, I also heard the Preservation Committee mention some of my points. We don't understand why some mutations are included and some aren't. Brachiocephalic cats have structural mutations involving the skull. Pam DelaBar – in the last meeting, I was reading the minutes – mentioned that curled back ears don't have any research supporting claims of negative health effects. Coat mutations do not hurt the health and welfare of cats. I agree with Jacqui Bennett that we really do need to do more research. So, we also have these Household Pet exhibitors who have been showing for multiple years supporting CFA, who do wonderful things for their region. Are their cats going to be grandfathered in? They're not breeders. Some of them acquired their cats – most of them acquired their cats through rescues and they're not promoting backyard breeders. So, once again, I do like the idea from the Preservation Committee, as well. This proposal, it needs more work. It needs verified numbers and we're putting an extra burden on our judges, on our entry clerks, on our show managers. Judges don't know if these cats had tail surgeries or if they had a hematoma and it caused the ears to fold over. I just think we're putting a lot of extra work on people where we really need to come together and think this thing through – like I said, a committee or a think tank – but I just think if this proposal happened to pass, we're going down a very slippery slope with a lot of unintended consequences. For Board Actions, I'm going to yield to Howard for his motion if I'm allowed to do that. Thank you for your time. **Mastin:** OK, stay with us, because you now have to address the comments and questions.

Mastin: Pam is going to address the comments that you made on her notes. I don't want you to respond until everybody has spoken, because I don't want to go back and forth, OK? **DelaBar:** Jenny, I'm sorry. I don't think that you did the correct interpretation of what I said. Yes, the American Curl has been intensively studied and there were not health defects found with the American Curl ears. There's no gene associated with any problems. The other thing that I think you misquoted me on is not that our clubs don't allow Household Pets, it's that we just don't get them. Europe is very breed oriented. I am still doing rescue and brought three cats back from Crete in September and have shown Household Pets throughout my career with CFA. I am going to make most of my comments when we get to the Show Rule discussion, because that's where I think that this is really targeted. I thank you for your input. Personally, I do not agree with it because these mutations are killing the cat fancy in Europe. We're seeing it country by country by country. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. **Anger:** I have multiple comments to make when we get to the Show Rules portion, piggybacked on Pam's. It's CFA that will be negatively impacted if we don't do something dramatic and serious. [Transcript goes to Action Items]

Mastin: I'm going to go back to calling on Carissa, Marilee then Vicki, because you had your hands up. Carissa? **Altschul:** I have some very specific questions for the Household Pet Committee so you might want to write them down, because they're kind of deep questions. The first question is, how would you detect and stop people from purposely breeding multiple mutation cats and using the Household Pet class to market them to CFA spectators, or is that even something the Household Pet Committee has considered? I know you will write them down and respond to them. The second question is, has the Committee really put any thoughts into what cats they would not want to see in the Household Pet class? Has that even come up? My third question is, there have been contradictory statements; either, there are several people out there showing stacked mutation cats who would be negatively affected by the proposed show

rule that's going to come up later, or there are no cats that are actually being shown and there's no evidence of these stacked mutation cats. Both statements have been made within the last 10 minutes. So my question is, how many exhibitors are actually showing these stacked mutation cats, I will say within the United States, that would be affected by the proposed change? Do you actually have a number of these exhibitors and cats? We need to know how many when we're making a decision about this. It's implied that it's going to have a massive effect to the Household Pet class, but it's also implied that these cats don't actually exist and we have no proof of that. So, I have a lot of concerns with how the information is being presented to the board. Basically I feel like you are kind of talking out of both sides of your mouth. Either the cats exist, or they don't. Those are my questions. **Mastin:** Marilee, you had your hand up next and took it down. **Griswold:** I am kind of in agreement with Pam DelaBar on this one. Why are we only concerned about stacked mutations in Household Pets in the United States? We are seeing these all over the world – in Europe, in Malaysia, all over. I've seen them myself on the show bench, so I know that Pam and I talk a lot to people involved in genetics – Leslie Lyons and welfare of cats and cat breeds, trying to save cat breeds that are in danger. I think we can't just say, it may affect one or two people in the United States. We have to think of this as a whole for the cat fancy and our cat breeds. It's really harming all of us. **Mastin:** Thank you, Marilee. **Jensen:** My question is concerning the line that says, *the majority of the committee*. How was this determined? I heard that there was a Zoom call but people were excluded from it that wanted to participate. I'm hearing things from people that are on the Household Pet Committee that are against this that feel as though they were excluded from making decisions and input on it, so my question is, was there any – how many people on this Committee voted on each direction on this to present this to the board, and how was this done? **Mastin:** Thank you, Vicki. **Webster:** I don't know what's going on in Europe and all over the country, but if they're breeding these things, then it should be under breeders. #1, where's the statistical proof? Where's the numbers? Where are the numbers at and where is it verified? I don't see anything that is being verified or how many numbers of the actual cats are going on. If it's breeders, well then it should be a penalize for breeders doing this. I was all over the country last year. I never saw a double mutation. If you've seen a double mutation in a show that you were at, why didn't you get verification of that, take pictures of it or do something, especially if you're a regional director? That's my thoughts on it. I think it's a problem looking for a solution here in the United States. Now, it may be a problem in Europe, or if somebody is breeding them, let's take it up with the breeders and they get penalized for that, but just to say find a Household Pet, "oh, we're going to throw you out of the show because you ended up having a cat that we don't consider normal or in the right vein in the United States when you didn't breed it, that causes complications. I understand the problems that people would be having with a double mutation that is detrimental to the cats, but I just think we need to verify. I think more data that needs to be proven exactly how many cats we have, exactly where we find these, what location, and are they being bred and being shown, or are they just showing up at shows? If it's a big problem in Europe or in Asia, let's deal with it there or any place that's actually breeding. **Mastin:** Thank you, Howard. **Calhoun:** I agree with Howard. I think that we don't have the data. There were some photos and whatnot shown that were pretty disturbing, but in my opinion I don't think that we are at the point where we need to make a decision that is pivotal to this organization. I think we need to have a committee or a task for or something to really dig deep on the numbers. There may be other solutions. Maybe when we find that these stacked mutations are occurring and where they are occurring, what can we do about it in areas that they are? I judge frequently. I judge in other countries. I have yet to see this

on the table in front of me. Once we do something like this, it's very difficult to go back. So I'm not for or against this, per se. I just don't think we are ready to make this decision with the information that we have. **Mastin:** Thank you, Kathy. **DelaBar:** Two of 51 Household Pets at the International Show were double mutations. I judged them. I did not final them. I want to remind my fellow regional directors that Region 9 is responsible for more registrations than any other single region. It's not something for the future. This is already in our past. We are having cat fancies negatively affected. I'm talking about all cat fancies, all organizations in Europe. I have judged double mutations in Indonesia, so we know they're in southeast Asia. We know that they are being bred. This is an overall animal welfare consideration. We don't have that many on the show bench. This is an overall stance, an overall policy or rule that CFA needs to take. I cannot emphasize the animal welfare portion of this too much. For people who say, "oh, I have never heard of this before," my God, how many times do I have to bring it up at meetings? I have brought it up at board meetings, I brought it up at the annual meeting. There is even now in the Ukraine an organization that takes all of these mutations and they are giving out pedigrees on these cats. This is starting to kill us. If we allow something our show halls, then we are saying, "this is OK people, and yes, by all means, we will accept this and we will promote this." We do not allow declawed cats. We don't need to stand up at our judging tables and say, "this is why we don't allow declawed cats." We don't allow cats in Household Pet that cannot stand or sit because we have had neurologically challenged cats that were just flopping around – not to bring tears to Darrell Newkirk's eyes. This is an animal welfare stance. As I said, it's killing us country by country in Europe. Kathy, you're promoting registrations and I'm out there bringing in new people from other organizations to register with us. We need to keep the level of standards that we have and carry forth from there. That's the only way that we're going to be able to fight back on a lot of this. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. I just want to remind the board members that some of the comments probably might be best served during the Show Rules, and if you have specific questions for Jenny to address from the Household Pet Committee, because as I recall back in October, a board member made the request to table this, and let's get some feedback from the Household Pet Committee. I don't remember who it was. I think I remember but I'm not 100% sure. Kathy, you're going to be the last person to speak on this. There's three people ahead of you and then I'm going to give it to Jenny to address all the questions. Then Jenny, if you have any additional comments separate from this, from your Committee, and if any board members have any questions about your Committee on other projects, I'll open it up then, but I want to wrap this section up.

Currle: I want to see Jenny finish up and let's get to the crux of the matter. Everybody has their own personal opinion on this. Although this idea has merit, we need a lot more clarification in specific areas that's going to allow us to make the right decisions. You're going to have huge ramifications regardless of what you do. Right now, Pam said that she judged 55 Household Pets. I did it the year before last and I think I did more than that. I didn't see any mutation problems. I'm done. **Mastin:** Thank you, Kenny. **Webster:** I'm not saying that they don't exist anywhere, but I think we need to have statistical proof. How many were there? What kind of mutations were there? Were they being shown by breeders or did they just happen to be there? We have to look at it seriously, but we have to get some statistics before, and more than just anecdotal evidence. **Mastin:** Thank you, Howard. Kathy, you're the last person to speak on this, then Jenny. **Calhoun:** OK. I just want a little bit of clarification and then I'll make it short on what my position may be. Pam, you mentioned that "Kathy is trying to increase registrations." We're all trying to increase registrations. That's a global effort, not Kathy's. It's everyone. In my

opinion, we need to do work on this. This is very important. It's very important for cats, it's very important for the organization. We need to get it right, not necessarily get it hurried. Get it right before we vote this into either a policy or a show rule, thank you.

Mastin: Jenny, you're going to address the questions. Board, I'm going to ask you not to ask any more questions after Jenny answers the questions because I want to move on from this. Go ahead, Jenny. Address the questions. **Wickle:** I will try my best, President Mastin. I did want to start off by saying that no good decision has ever come about because of fear, so let's not rush this decision because we're fearful of this and what could happen. I know Carissa sent me some of her questions. *How would you detect and stop people from breeding multiple mutation cats and using the Household Pet class to market them to CFA spectators?* I haven't seen this being done. I've only heard of accounts and that's why Howard is asking for us to have a verified record of this. It's just a lot of stories. The Household Pet exhibitor that I know that has shown what we would consider a multiple structural mutation, it's not like they are promoting it. They're not the breeder. They're not breeding them, they're usually getting them from rescues. Yes, they might buy them from a breeder but maybe they don't know better, so why not let them in the show hall and educate them? I think the education should be done in the show hall, not close the doors of the classroom and not let them in. *How many exhibitors are actually showing these stacked mutations?* So, that's what we kind of want numbers on. There is one that was a national winner from last year that we know about, who has been exhibiting for a couple of years loyally who has friends that have regular rescues that travel with her who have spent a lot of money and promote CFA. Is not promoting the breed that her cat is recognized in two other organizations with. So yeah, there's a few out there, but those people do great things for our organization. The Household Pet Committee was starting to talk about a standard, but this proposal kind of had to stop that discussion because the board wanted a report on this. So yes, we did start discussing a proposal. Vicki Jensen was asking for numbers. If you look at the beginning of my report, I give you the numbers of how many people are on the Committee. Two I got no responses from, but I reached out in multiple ways to the Committee. I reached out on a private Facebook group, I reached out over email, I reached out over Messenger. People talked to me on the phone. Some people didn't want to respond to some people, because some people have stronger voices than others and some people wanted their voices heard so they told it to me, but the actual numbers are in that report. I do want to thank Howard and Kathy Calhoun for asking for this more information, because I still believe that we need a joint task force before we start making such a large decision that's going to affect one of our classes that has a lot of new exhibitors in it. That can be, like me, they eventually become a breeder and show in the other classes and be what CFA should be. So, I just think the Household Pet class should be inclusive. We shouldn't be exclusive. We'll go back to working on a Household Pet standard. We have no problem with that. We were starting to discuss it, like I said. Hopefully I have answered most of the questions.

Mastin: Thank you, Jenny, for doing as the board had asked you to do. Thank you to the board for presenting your questions.

Future Projections for Committee:

1. Collect and review data of if verified incidents of these "stacked" mutations are being shown in the class;

2. Continue to discuss if we need a written standard and break out of classes

Board Action Items:

Anger: I raised my hand to address the action items. These aren't really motions. It's just mostly a continuation of the report. I don't know what we're voting on here. If there is a motion, could it be reworded so that we can understand what it is? For instance, is there something they want us to ratify here? I just don't really understand what the motion or action item is, thank you. **Mastin:** Since Rachel brought this point to order, Howard I'm going to ask you, are you presenting any of these as motions? If you are, I'm then going to turn it over to Ed. **Webster:** Yes, I wanted to make the following changes to the motions. Do you want to hear it or do you want to wait? **Mastin:** OK. Let's start with the first action item. Before you make your change, I want to hear what Ed has to say, because this motion is in his Show Rules report.

The majority of the committee would like the board to not pass the changes to Show Rules 2.23.f., g. and h. to prohibit entry of cats with double mutations in the Household Pet class.

Mastin: So Ed, on the first action item, what is your position on this legally? **Raymond:** A motion is not on the table. You have nothing to vote on. You can't vote on a motion that doesn't exist yet. **Mastin:** Howard, are you making a motion to the first action item? **Webster:** [reads]. OK, I withdraw this motion because it's written wrong.

Withdrawn.

We would like to have data collected and verified by judges that these types of cats are even being shown.

Webster: #2, [reads], especially in the United States. This needs to be included in Motion #3.

With so many questions and potential unintended consequences, we would like the board to consider forming a committee with members from other committees such as legislative, breeds and standards, judging program, rules, and this HHP committee. This proposal still needs work and verified research before it should be voted on.

Webster: [reads]. I would rewrite as follows: *Motion to table rule 2.23.f., g. and h. until a committee can be formed to collect and verify all data related to the topic of multiple mutations and how they affect the business of CFA.* That's it. **Mastin:** OK. What is the motion that you are presenting right now to the board? **Webster:** Withdraw the first one. It's written wrong, in my opinion. The second one, this needs to be included in #3. #2 and #3, to have the data collection verified by judges that these cats are being shown, especially in the United States. This needs to be included in #3, which would be [reads]. The motion to table Rule 2.23.f., g. and h. until a committee can be formed. So, I guess motion #2 could go on with the research and verification. Then, put that into the motion. Rewrite it as follows. **Newkirk:** Rich, I have a point of order. **Mastin:** That's why I was calling on Ed. **Raymond:** You don't have a motion on the table that you can table. If you want to bring that motion during the Show Rules Committee report, it can be done then but it can't be done now. **Webster:** Well, we could do it then. **Mastin:** That's why I called on Ed right from the beginning, as soon as Rachel brought this up, because the way these

are presented – Ed, correct me if I'm wrong – they're almost suggestions/recommendations that may be timing issues, as well. So, we're just going to have issues trying to present motions during this unless Ed, you say otherwise. **Raymond:** No. I think it's the wrong time and place to raise these things. **Mastin:** OK. Alright, then we're past that.

Time Frame:

For immediate consideration in discussion with the show rules committee report that follows this report

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Nothing at this time unless requested by the board.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenny Wickle, Committee Chair

Mastin: Does any board member have any questions for Jenny outside of this last topic we spoke about? Jenny, do you have any other comments that the Household Pet Committee is working on that you would like to share with the board at this time? **Wickle:** We will go back to working on a standard. We have now also discussed breaking out classes, whether that be specialty – something that I spoke to the board about last February, I believe, but that's what we're also working on. Clearly, we're going to have to work more on a standard, if that is what the suggestion is, but we had already been discussing it. **Mastin:** OK. Then, thank you for attending and we look forward to hearing more from you in February. Thank you to your Committee.

(13) SHOW RULES COMMITTEE.

Committee Chair: ***Ed Raymond***
Liaison to Board: ***Carol Krzanowski***
List of Committee Members: ***Cathy Dunham, Carla Bizzell***

Mastin: We're going to move on to Show Rules. That is Ed and Carol. Carol, a question directed to you. Are you a standing motion on all of the motions? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I will be a standing motion. **Mastin:** Rachel, are you a standing second on all the motions? **Anger:** I would like to be a standing second. **Mastin:** Thank you. OK Ed, I am turning it over to you. **Raymond:** I was going to make a suggestion that we only do a standing motion on action items 1-7 because 8-11, I included them because they are currently existing in the Addendum, but no board members asked for them to be brought back and extended for next year. So, you may not even want to consider them and vote on them. They are now out there.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Committee has been preparing the show rule changes set forth below based on activity at the October 2024 Board Meeting and requests from Board members, Central Office and other committees.

Board Action Items:

Show Rule Resolution from the Floor at the 2024 Annual Meeting Which Passed by More Than 50%. Advisory Only (Tabled after discussion at the October 2024 Board Meeting)

1. Amend Show Rules 2.23f,g & h to prohibit entry of cats with double mutations in Household Pet and Exhibition Only classes and in Agility competition.

Article II – Definitions, amend 2.23f, g, h	**Angel Fairy Sphynx Club, Americans West, Finicky Feline Society, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers, Central Pennsylvania CF, Sphynx without Borders, World Lykoi Association**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
2.23f. 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	**2.23f**. 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. 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. 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. For Bengals to enter this class, they must also provide to the Agility Ringmaster their registration number as part of the entry process.	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, or any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc. but not including coat length) 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, or any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc. but not including coat length) 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, or any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc. but not including coat length) 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 prevent the showing of "designer breeds" in the Household Pet and Exhibition Only classes and in Agility competition.

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 showing 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 current breed standards.

Raymond: Let's continue the discussion about amending Show Rule 2.23.f., g. and h., to prohibit the entry of cats with double mutations in Household Pet and Exhibition Only classes and in Agility competition. It's coming back as the motion that was tabled. **DelaBar:** I was on my way to the airport when this came up towards the end of the board meeting in October, so I didn't get to express my opinion on it. I think you all pretty much know my opinion. I just want to add one other thing. People are being charged with felonies for breeding these cats or having these cats. Ownership is going to be prohibited, but when you have a person that is held for a felony charge, this is very serious. In 1991, I started the Animal Welfare Committee that we now have a very large, expanded program. I have judged these cats. I'm surprised that people who have judged in southeast Asia have not handled these cats in either CFA club sponsored pet fairs or in the Household Pet classes. It's not a huge number, but it is a very visible amount of cats. These cats are very visible. As I said, if we allow it in the show hall, then we are if not verbally supporting it, tacitly supporting these cats as being bred and shown as Household Pets. I have to go with the 258 clubs that voted in favor of this, and I will be supporting these. **Anger:** I did want to talk about the statement that the Household Pet Committee made that their group would be negatively impacted by this rule. This is true in a very small sense. There is a small number of these cats that are being shown, some of which have gotten national wins. At a greater threat is CFA itself, to be negatively impacted. As a world leader in the cat fancy, CFA needs to take a very strong stance on what we consider healthy for the welfare and benefit of all cats. To see the pictures that were shown at the annual which, yes, were very striking, but they were necessary for people to understand exactly where this is legitimately going, and these kittens are being sold in our show halls. It was important for everyone to understand that all levels of showing stacked mutations are dangerous to our hobby. They threaten our hobby and CFA's very existence. That's the way I feel about this generally. I do have a problem with a sentence in the rationale and I believe this is part of the reason that this was reconsidered. I want to give a summary on the history of this proposal. The board unanimously ratified it. Later on in the meeting – I believe it was the next day – it was brought back up for reconsideration and the reconsideration was voted down. It was brought back up again for reconsideration and at that time it passed. It was brought back up on the basis of the first sentence of the second paragraph of the rationale. *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).* Allegedly, a judge embarrassed a Household Pet exhibitor by invoking this rule before it had even been passed. We have no proof that that happened. I don't doubt the regional director that brought it up. I don't know who brought it up to that person, but this sentence shouldn't be in here. It says what should happen if one of these cats is shown in a show. A rationale isn't an actionable item, it's just a further explanation that is not a part of the rule. This is going to be buried in here, so it's of no consequence as it is, in my opinion. I disagree with the way that this should be handled. This is a Judging Program issue. If this rule should pass, then it's the Judging Program that needs to educate our judges on how to handle this situation. They do a great job of it when other situations like this come up. I think that CFA would be negatively impacted, the cat fancy will be negatively impacted. We're leaving a door wide open for people that want to kill our hobby and make all of our pedigreed breeds extinct if we don't pass this. Thank you.

Moyer: I concur that we need a committee and a lot further evaluation on this whole issue. It seemed from reading all the letters and listening to Pam that the crux of the matter is that the animal rights activists are coming for us and that we feel that this puts us out ahead of it. I agree, this is a huge risk to CFA going forward and it needs some diligent study and discussion to strategize a real plan to fight back, as capitulation and a pre-emptive strike against our own association should not be the answer. Second, this proposal does nothing to actually address the problem that is claimed exists. You will never stop people from breeding them, but we can ban CFA breeders from breeding them and we can withhold services or outright ban them from our shows if they are found to be in violation. This makes more sense to me than banning Household Pets, who are spayed and neutered, and 99% don't even know the parentage or understand the genetics of their cats. It's our entry level class. While TICA and ACFA embrace the Highlander as a new breed, we're going to be DQ'ing them from our Household Pet class, which is also going to be further kicking to the curb a long-time exhibitor. I think businesses that treat their customers with this kind of disdain tend to not stay in business. Just saying. It's random and arbitrary. We have all kinds of mutations in our registry and many of them have been mentioned. Many of them are on their radar and many of them they are coming for, yet only certain ones here are a problem? The rule says "double mutations". Why are coat mutations problematic? Longhair is a coat mutation, but it's excluded. Brachiocephalia is a structural mutation and impacts many of our breeds. These cats exist in our breeding class of cats. These are our breeding cats. Household Pets are not breeding cats. Should we then issue a pre-emptive strike now because they're coming for us? I just think we need to really take a step back here and do some due diligence on this whole, huge issue. Lastly, there will be a cost to this at a time in which we don't need more expenses, a monetary cost and an untold exhibitor cost. So, before we go passing something, I think we need to know what this is. That's it.

Jensen: I have talked to a lot of people about this. A lot of people have reached out to me on it. An alternative is that we really don't want to see, because people really see this in the show halls, is that some of the clubs will just quit having Household Pet class. That's really not where we want to go with it. There is a handful of people out there that, from what I understand, are breeding these and we don't want this. I have 50 future veterinarians coming to a cat show. I don't want them seeing this kind of thing. This doesn't represent what we want. No. **Mastin:** Thank you, Vicki.

Newkirk: I am conflicted on this. I can understand the Household Pet Committee's stance on it. I'm not sure that we have proof that just because you have a stacked mutation that it's bad on the health, but we have a process where we do amendments to our Bylaws and amend our show rules, and this was overwhelmingly supported. I know it was from the floor and it's only advisory to the board, but I have to support what the delegation wants, so I may not like it but I'm going to support the delegates. **Griswold:** I'm going to be with Pam and Rachel here, and with Darrell, that our delegates overwhelmingly – not even close – overwhelmingly supported this. We have people who are after our pedigreed cats, with brachycephaly, with folded ears, whatever it may be. We're having a hard enough time trying to defend those, much less ones that are being bred purposely with multiple mutations. I know for a fact, there are cats with multiple mutations that are bred on purpose and they have been put into Household Pet class. The Scottish Kilt being one. The folded-ear Munchkin, which I agree with Leslie Lyons is probably one of the worst things you could mix together on the planet. So, I'm going to have to be in support of this.

Currle: I'm not comfortable with the wording of the way it's going to be implemented. It says the word *etc.* That's really a wide open interpretation. So, there's a lot of mutations that we all are aware of that aren't included in this show rule, so the interpretation and the way this thing is written, to me, needs a lot of work. I also am going to need guidance from the Judging Program. So, if I get a polydactyl cat with a Cornish Rex coat that looks perfectly healthy, am I automatically going to have to disqualify that cat? I haven't seen one in my 40 years of judging, but I'm just throwing out an example. It will have ramifications, as far as CFA's bottom line. We understand what we're talking about, about this rule. A newer Household Pet person is going to hear one thing – CFA doesn't like Household Pets. So, I would be very careful. I like the idea of putting together a committee and getting input once again from our delegation. Let's get it as a regular amendment on the floor of the annual. In the meantime, we can study it. I just don't want to go too fast and be sorry for it. That's my main concern.

Mastin: More questions? I have a couple questions. Pam, do you know if the other 8 associations affiliated with the World Cat Congress, have they adopted this as a show rule? **DelaBar:** I think if you read what Rachel put forth with our strategic, you will see that some have allowed Munchkins, but the elfs and the dwelfs and some of the dominant blue-eyed breeds that do have health problems are basically not within WCC. I know that WCF has Bambinos, and that's a double stack. That's one of the problems that we're having in some of our areas. I do want to bring forth one thing, as Vicki Jensen said that she had a number of veterinarian students coming to shows, that the problems we're having in Europe are often brought forth by veterinarians. So, we really need to focus on this, but it's the major WCC organizations by and large do not have these mutations as part of their breeds, at least the double mutations, with the exception of WCF. If you look in the rather extensive list of who accepts what breeds, some of which I need to follow up on to find out what they are, by and large no, we're not looking at organizations that allow the double mutations. **Mastin:** Thank you for addressing that. Rachel, do you have further information on my question to Pam? **Anger:** I'm confirming that TICA doesn't allow double mutations anymore. The Highlander was grandfathered in because they were already pretty far down the path to acceptance, so I think the trend is generally away from the stacking mutations worldwide. **Mastin:** Thank you. Rachel, did you have another comment to make? **Anger:** No, I have said plenty, thank you. **Mastin:** Marilee, do you have additional information to my question to Pam? **Griswold:** I was just looking at WCF accepted breeds and I don't see the Bambino. A couple weeks ago, I had this discussion with WCF judges and show organizers, and they said whether (a) they're not accepting stacked mutations as breed, and then (b) whether or not they are allowed in the Household Pet class is up to the individual club, and many clubs are just not accepting them to be shown. They work very different than we do. **Mastin:** Thank you for that information. **DelaBar:** I'm sorry, I was going to correct what I stated about WCF. I just double checked. It was another club within the area where WCF was having activity, but it's an independent organization, so I apologize to my friends at WCF. **Mastin:** Thank you for clarifying that, Pam.

Mastin: My next question is to Russell and then possibly other members on the Judging Program. Russell, is the Judging Program ready to write policies, procedures, outlines to the judges, should this show rule get passed? **Webb:** As of now, I don't think so. We're not a genetic – I think if it does pass, then we're going to have to look into it and write what we need to do, but as far as judging these cats, we're not trained in genetics. **Mastin:** Thank you. Marilee, specific to my question that I gave to Russell, can you comment on it? **Griswold:** Yes. At our

last JPC meeting, this was discussed specifically. Rachel made the point and we discussed it, that we as judges are trained in specific disqualifications for many breeds, some of which are somewhat genetic related, whether it be a wry jaw or a locket or whatever the case may be; a kinked tail, these types of things. This would be two structural mutations. A kinked tail is a structural mutation, so Rachel had made the point and I'm sure she can add anything if she feels like she needs to at this point, that we've been trained to do that. We could be trained to be able to identify structural mutations that are stacked, as well. **Mastin:** Thank you, Marilee. **Anger:** I did just want to mention that the Judging Program Committee discussed this at our recent teleconference. After quite a bit of discussion, it was basically summed up that the Judging Program Committee supports the delegate motion and we want CFA to consider that this is for the benefit of the health and welfare of all cats, and for CFA to make a stand in that regard. **Currle:** I'll try to make this quick. How many judges on this panel have disqualified or moved a cat from a color class? I'll give you an example. Red tabby and white entered in the show as a red tabby. That particular cat needs to be red and white. They tell me that I'm a crazy judge. I withhold on it because of color. It goes in the next ring as a red [tabby] and white, where it gets its last 10 points it needed for grand champion. What happens if we have two judges that have judged a double mutation cat and then the third judge, they recognize this problem. How is that going to look to CFA? What is the solution to that point? The last thing I want to say is, how do you recognize *etc.*? This rule is not well written. I think we need to table it and get these committees going. **Mastin:** Thank you, Kenny. **Jensen:** Just to answer Kenny's comment, I would move to delete *etc.* by delineation. We can just line that *etc.* out and then we don't have to worry about that. The other comment, same thing happens with cats that are missing a testicle. I've clerked for judges that caught a missing testicle and they were the only one in the show hall that caught it. Some catch it, some don't. I mean, this kind of thing just happens in our shows. **Raymond:** Two points. One, I have received input from Vicki for the mechanics of how such a cat would be recorded in the judge's book. We'll bring that forward in February if this passes. Secondly, to Vicki's point, if you take out the *etc.* in the show rules, that means that the list that is there, *hairlessness, waviness and wiring*, is exhaustive. So, if there is another coat mutation that hasn't been listed here but is something that you're not in favor of, it's not going to be covered.

Mastin: Any further comments? OK, I'm going to call for the vote. If you are in favor, raise your hand. **Webster:** In favor of this passing? Is that what you mean? **Mastin:** Yes, that is the motion on the table.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun [added subsequently], Colilla, Currle, Mathis, Moyer, Webb and Webster voting no.

Mastin: Rachel, Marilee, Carol, Pauli, Carissa, Vicki, Darrell, Aki, Doreann, Pam. Lower your hand. If you're opposed, raise your hand. Howard, John, Kenny, Janet, Anne and Russell. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. Rachel, when you're ready. **Anger:** I'm sorry, I didn't get a vote from Kathy Calhoun. **Mastin:** I don't see Kathy on the call anymore. **Anger:** OK, that's 10 yes, 6 no, 0 abstentions, 1 did not vote. **Mastin:** Motion passes.

[From after #3] **Calhoun:** Just for the record, I have been sitting out as an unpromoted panelist, so Allene just found me and brought me in. How I flipped out, I don't know but I am

here. **Mastin:** OK, thank you Kathy. **Calhoun:** Do you want to record my votes on anything? **Mastin:** Ed, how do we handle that? **Raymond:** Honestly, I'm not sure. It's a very unusual circumstance. **Mastin:** Alright, why don't we do this. We already have a motion on the floor [Item #4] because you presented it. **Newkirk:** I think you need the board's approval to allow somebody else to vote that wasn't present, that is now present, just to make it clean. **Mastin:** We need somebody to make a motion to accept Kathy's votes, is that what you're saying? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, we will do it that way, if that's the correct way, Ed. **Raymond:** I think if you want to add her vote, that would probably be the safest way to do it. **Mastin:** Let's not talk about that anymore. Let's get back to #4 and then we'll come back to that one, OK? I don't want you guys calling a point of order on me. It has already been done once tonight. We'll limit it to hopefully one – probably not, but we'll shoot for it. [Transcript returns to #4].

Mastin: OK, now let's go back to the three motions that Kathy was sitting out in the audience and could not participate in. I need a motion. **Newkirk:** I'll make the motion that the board consider Kathy's votes, because she was kicked out of the meeting. **Mastin:** Thank you Darrell. Howard, are you seconding it? **Webster:** Yes, please. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, that motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: OK Kathy, we're going to go to the first show rule. How did you vote? **Calhoun:** Can we bring it back on the screen? **Mastin:** Allene, can you scroll up? This is the one. **Calhoun:** OK. On the first one I'm a no. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Rachel, now that you have Kathy's vote, will you re-read the results? **Anger:** That's 10 yes, 7 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** OK. That motion passes.

Other Show Rule Changes

2. Amend SR 4.03a to extend the prohibition against scheduling a show in a region on the same weekend as a regional show held in conjunction with the region's annual awards ceremony to the International Division.

Article XI – Licensing the Show, amend 4.03a	**Show Rules Committee**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
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. …	**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 or the International Division will be licensed on the weekend as a regional or International Division show held in conjunction with ~~a~~ the region's or the International Division's annual awards ceremony. …

RATIONALE: At the October 2024 Board Meeting, it was requested that the prohibition against licensing a show on the same weekend as a show in conjunction with the regional awards ceremony be extended to the International Division.

Mastin: OK, Ed? **Raymond:** #2, [reads]. This request came out of the October board meeting. **DelaBar:** Just a question. The ID is a very large division, so does this mean if there is an ID awards show in Malaysia, per se, does this mean there could not be a show in Brazil? **Raymond:** That is the way it is written. That was what was requested. I would let Darrell speak to the merits of that. **Newkirk:** Yes Pam, it would prohibit it. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? Any objections to this motion? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: On the second show rule motion? **Calhoun:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, you are a yes. That is still a unanimous vote, thank you.

3. Amend SR 28.02a clarify how unofficial/official counts are determined and to reduce to 70% the percentage of rings that a cat must be shown in to be considered present.

Amend: Article XXVIII Obtaining Titles – Grands, amend 28.02a	**Central Office** **International Division Committee**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
28.02 A cat eligible for and shown in the Champion or Premier Class will compete for Grand Championship or Grand Premiership points in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Long hair/Shorthair or Breed specialty as follows: **a.** Any Champion or Premier placing in the top ten (or fifteen, where applicable) finals awards may receive points towards Grand Championship or Grand Premiership. For each Champion/Premier in an Allbreed final, the cat will be ranked according to both its Allbreed Champion/Premier placement and Specialty Champion/Premier placement. For each Champion/Premier in a Specialty final, the cat will be ranked according to its Specialty Champion/Premier placement. Champions/Premiers will earn points from the final according to the remainder of this rule and 28.03b, which will apply to both the Allbreed and Specialty Champion/Premier placements in an Allbreed final. The highest placing Champion or Premier will receive one point for every benched Champion or Premier defeated for shows held outside of China, i.e., Regions 1-9 and most of the International	**28.02** A cat eligible for and shown in the Champion or Premier Class will compete for Grand Championship or Grand Premiership points in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Long hair/Shorthair or Breed specialty as follows: **a.** Any Champion or Premier placing in the top ten (or fifteen, where applicable) finals awards may receive points towards Grand Championship or Grand Premiership. For each Champion/Premier in an Allbreed final, the cat will be ranked according to both its Allbreed Champion/Premier placement and Specialty Champion/Premier placement. For each Champion/Premier in a Specialty final, the cat will be ranked according to its Specialty Champion/Premier placement. Champions/Premiers will earn points from the final according to the remainder of this rule and 28.03b, which will apply to both the Allbreed and Specialty Champion/Premier placements in an Allbreed final. The highest placing Champion or Premier will receive one point for every benched Champion or Premier defeated for shows held outside of China, i.e., Regions 1-9 and most of the International

Division (including the special administrative areas of Hong Kong and Macau). For champions/premiers competing at shows in China, the cat will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every Champion/Premier defeated that was present in at least 80 percent of the Rings held at that show. A cat is considered present in China as long as no award is withheld from that cat for insufficient merit or condition, and the cat is not disqualified (see Rules 11.23, and 11.24). If the award for a cat is withheld for any reason other than wrong color, it will be considered absent for the ring in which the award was withheld. To determine the 80 percent present requirement, see the following table:	Division (including the special administrative areas of Hong Kong and Macau). For champions/premiers competing at shows in China, the cat will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every Champion/Premier defeated that was present in at least ~~80~~ 70 percent of the Rings held at that show. ~~A cat is considered present in China as long as no award is withheld from that cat for insufficient merit or condition, and the cat is not disqualified (see Rules 11.23, and 11.24). If the award for a cat is withheld for any reason other than wrong color, it will be considered absent for the ring in which the award was withheld.~~ To determine the ~~80~~ 70 percent present requirement, see the following table:
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Cats not present in the number of Rings specified in the table based on the number of Rings held at any show held in China will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the official champion/premier count, however, any grand points won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cat's record.	Cats not present in the number of Rings specified in the table based on the number of Rings held at any show held in China will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the official champion/premier count, however, any grand points won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cat's record.
The second highest placing Champion or Premier will receive 90% of the points awarded the highest placing Champion or Premier, third highest 80%, fourth highest 70% and 5th highest 60%, etc. In cases where 11 or more cats in a top 15 final are champions, those champions placing 11th thru 15th best champion within that final will receive 5% of the points awarded to the highest placing champion. In all cases, fractional points 0.5 and greater will be rounded to the next higher number.	The second highest placing Champion or Premier will receive 90% of the points awarded the highest placing Champion or Premier, third highest 80%, fourth highest 70% and 5th highest 60%, etc. In cases where 11 or more cats in a top 15 final are champions, those champions placing 11th thru 15th best champion within that final will receive 5% of the points awarded to the highest placing champion. In all cases, fractional points 0.5 and greater will be rounded to the next higher number.
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RATIONALE: With new exhibitors and master clerks asking very good questions about the interpretation of the show rules for China it became clear that the language is confusing when determining the unofficial/official count for a show. By removing the sentences above, the show rule for China brings them	

in line with the way counts are determined. The recommendation to reduce the percentage of rings present from 80% to 70 % is a step toward bringing China back in line with the rest of CFA.

Mastin: Ed, #3. **Raymond:** #3 is a motion to [reads] in China. **Mastin:** Darrell, do you have any comments on this? **Newkirk:** Kathy sent this to me, I reviewed it. I forwarded it on to the International Division Committee and it was 100% agreement to support this. **Mastin:** Great, thank you for sharing that. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: On the third motion? **Calhoun:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. That is also unanimous support. **Calhoun:** Thank you for allowing me to have my votes counted. **Mastin:** Kathy, you're welcome. Sorry you got kicked out. I hope it's something I didn't do on my end. I don't think it is, because I don't have [Zoom] control over the board.

Addenda

Mastin: OK Ed, #4. **Raymond:** Now we're moving into the addenda and requests to have certain addenda extended for the 2025-2026 show season. [**Calhoun** joins the meeting] **Mastin:** Let's get through this one and then let's go back and get any missing votes that we have on Kathy. I think it's the first three we did in Show Rules. I think that's what it is, the first three in Show Rules. Let's get through this one and then we'll come back and get your votes, Kathy. OK? **Calhoun:** Thank you.

[From end of report] **Anger:** I do have to go back and revisit #3. In this table with the number of rings held at a show and the rings present for a cat to be in the count, the edits in that section didn't import. They should be, for four rings held, rings present for cats to be in the count is changed from 4 to 3, seven rings held changed from 6 to 5, eight rings held changed from 7 to 6, nine or ten rings held changed from 8 to 7. It was correct in the report but just didn't transmit into the compiled reports. **Mastin:** Can you do them again, Rachel? **Anger:** Sure. Four rings held changed from 4 to 3 rings, seven rings held changed from 6 to 5, eight rings held changed from 7 to 6, nine and ten are changed from 8 to 7. **Mastin:** Ed, do we have to re-vote on that? Because we all voted on what was on the screen. **Raymond:** It would be safest if you did. **Mastin:** OK. I'm accepting Carol's standing, Rachel's standing second. Is there any further discussion on the corrections for #3? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Rachel, thank you for correcting that.

4. Extend the allowance of up to 50% guest judges in Region 9 and the International Division for the 2025-2026 show season.

Addendum #1	Pam DelaBar
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
None.	Notwithstanding the requirements of Show Rule 3.13, for the 2025-2026 show season, a show held in Region 9 or the International Division may have up to 50% of its rings judged by guest judges or Associate Judges.
RATIONALE: Extends the current exception to Show Rule 3.13.	

Raymond: The first request is to [reads]. **Mastin:** Is there any further discussion on, I believe we're on #4? Any objections to #4? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

5. Extend the waiver of Show Rule 2.37 for the 2025-2026 show season.

Addendum #2	Pam DelaBar
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
None.	The waiver of Show Rule 2.37 is extended in Region 9 whereby cancelled shows during the 2025-2026 show season do not count against a club's traditional date.
RATIONALE: Corrects the show rule reference from 4.03 to 2.37 and extends the current exception to Show Rule 2.37 for Region 9.	

Mastin: OK Ed, on to #5. **Raymond:** #5 [reads]. That waiver provides that Region 9 cancelled shows during the 2025-2026 show season do not count against the club's traditional date. **Mastin:** Pam, do you want to comment on this shortly? It's pretty – we understand it, but I'll give you an opportunity to comment if you want. **DelaBar:** As long as we still have war and Europe being hit with some horrible disasters, it is affecting the show traditional dates, so I would ask for this to be extended. **Mastin:** OK, thank you for sharing that comment. Any discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

6. Extend the show license late fee exception for Regions 8 and 9 and portions of the International Division for the 2025-2026 show season.

Addendum #3	Pam DelaBar
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
None.	The show license late fee exception for Regions 8 and 9 and the International Division (excluding China, Hong Kong, and Macau), which allows shows to be licensed up to 30 days before the opening day of the show without any penalty fee, is extended for the 2025-2026 show season.
RATIONALE: Extends the show license late fee exception for Regions 8 and 9 and portions of the International Division for the 2025-2026 show season.	

Mastin: #6. **Raymond:** #6 [reads]. **Mastin:** OK. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

7. Extend the reduction of grand point requirements for cats in the International Division, Ukraine, and Russia west of the Ural Mountains for the 2025-2026 show season.

Addendum #4	Pam DelaBar
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
	For the 2025-2026 show season, the requirements to obtain the grand title in the International Division outside of China and in Ukraine are modified to require 75 points for the Grand Champion title and 25 points for the Grand Premier title, in Russia west of the Ural Mountains to require 100 points for the Grand Champion title and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, and in China to require 175 points for the Grand Champion title and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, as noted in the following table.
RATIONALE: Extends the current exception to Show Rule 28.04.b.	

Country/Area	GC Pts Rqd	GP Pts Rqd
Regions 1-9 except as noted	200	75
Maritime Provinces of Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Hawaii, Mexico, Russia east of the Ural Mountains, Ukraine, International Division (except China)	75	25
Russia, West of the Ural Mountains	100	50
China	175	50

Mastin: #7. **Raymond:** #7 [reads]. I will note that I got a comment after I sent the report in that China seems to be rebounding quite well. It was suggested that they might be able to go back to the 200 points for grand champion and 75 points for grand premier. **Mastin:** I'm going to call on Carissa first, and then I'm going to ask Darrell to comment on that. Carissa? **Altschul:** I just had a couple of comments. I'm not sure why we can't increase in some areas of the International Division, because certainly they are having quite large shows, especially in championship and premiership. Also, I was curious if Pam knows the answer to this or Cathy Dunham. It looks like she is still on the call. How many cats granded in the Ukraine show that was held recently? **DelaBar:** That show is still being scored, so we don't know. This was the first show since February of 2022, so they had several. Since then, there has been extensive bombing in Kiev and a lot of the utilities structure has been affected, so we don't know when another show will be held. **Mastin:** Carissa, you were also posing a question to Cathy Dunham. Can you repeat that question? **Altschul:** It was the same question because she is one of the people who scores the shows. **Mastin:** Cathy Dunham, do you have additional information other than what Pam provided? **Dunham:** Pam is correct. Because of the structure of this show rule, we have to manually grand the cats. It's not a system function. It appears that there's probably going to be another 10-12 that will grand, so Carissa without having the numbers directly in front of me, it's probably going to look like 20 total. **Mastin:** Thank you for addressing Carissa's question.

Mastin: Darrell, can you comment on the comment that Ed made on China? **Newkirk:** Well, the way I read this, China is included with the 200. **Mastin:** Ed? **Raymond:** The version I have does not have China in there. China is the bottom line with the 175/50. [**Note:** This was a formatting error and has been corrected in the version above, to match the original report.] **Newkirk:** OK, then why is China on the first line? **Raymond:** I do not know, because the version that I submitted doesn't have China on that first line. I'm looking at my Show Rules report. **Newkirk:** Without having some time to research a little bit of this, I wouldn't want to change it. We are starting to come back a little bit in China and I know there have been a few shows that have filled with 225. I'm not aware of what the counts are. **Mastin:** Ed, are you confirming that the current show rule for China is 175/50? **Raymond:** The current addendum is 175/50. The current permanent show rule is 200/75, so the addendum supersedes the permanent show rule for the given year. What you have in front of you, China should be removed from that first line. **Mastin:** That's what I have in my report is China in the first line and the last line. **Raymond:** It should be removed from the first line because that does not jibe with the language that is up above where it says, *in China to require 175 points for the Grand Champion title and 50 points for the Grand Premier title.* **Mastin:** OK, very good. **Anger:** I'm confirming that's a CFA Secretary issue. I cut and pasted the format of the table so I could get it in there. It's pretty complicated and unfortunately that was my fault. It's correct as it looks like Allene has edited on the screen. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Can we confirm that the next block is correct, from Maritime to except China? **Raymond:** That's correct. **Mastin:** That is correct, OK. Then the third section, Russia? **Raymond:** That is correct. **Mastin:** OK, and then China. OK, very good. Just so we're all clear on what the motion is.

Webb: I just want to confirm that I think China should stay 175/50. I've been back and forth, and the shows basically have 75-80 [entries]. I just came back last weekend and it was 42. The 225 shows are held by one group. That's one group that gets that count. The basic other ones are 75 to 80 to 100 that I have judged. I think it's a good thing to stay at 175/50. **Mastin:** Thank

you, Russell. Any further discussion? Any objections to this motion? OK, lower your hand. I'll call for the vote. If you are in favor of the motion, raise your hand.

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

Mastin: Darrell, Pam, Carol, Russell, Kenny, Marilee, Pauli, Rachel, Janet, Doreann, Anne, Aki, Vicki and Kathy. Lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Carissa. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention raise your hand. No abstentions. Rachel? **Anger:** That's 14 yes, 1 no, zero abstentions. [Colilla and Webster did not vote] **Mastin:** OK, motion passes.

NOTE: The following Addenda are in force for the current (2024-2025) show season and will expire at the end of the season. While no requests were made to extend them for the 2025-2026 show season, motions to extend them are included below in case that was an oversight.

8. Extend the reduced point and ring minimums for National/Regional/Divisional scoring for the 2025-2026 show season.

Addendum #5`	**Show Rules Committee**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
	Point & ring minimums for National/Regional/ Divisional scoring for the 2025-2026 show season are reduced as follows: **Regions 1 -9** Championship - 1,000 points, 25 rings minimum, top 100 rings Premiership - 500 points, 25 rings minimum, top 100 rings Kittens - 500 points, 15 rings minimum, top 40 rings HHP - 250 points, 25 rings minimum, top 75 rings **China (excluding Hong Kong & Macau)** Championship - 1,000 points, 25 rings minimum, top 100 rings Premiership - 250 points, 15 rings minimum, top 100 rings Kittens - 500 points, 15 rings minimum, top 40 rings HHP - 250 points, 15 rings minimum, top 75 rings **International (including Hong Kong & Macau)** Championship - 1,000 points, 25 rings minimum, top 50 rings Premiership - 500 points, 15 rings minimum, top 50 rings Kittens - 500 points, 15 rings minimum, top 20 rings HHP - 250 points, 15 rings minimum, top 50 rings

RATIONALE: Extend the reduced point and ring minimums for National/Regional/Divisional scoring for the 2025-2026 show season.

Mastin: On to #8. **Raymond:** #8 is a current addenda but no one asked to bring it forward for the current year, so it will expire if the board takes no action. What that will mean is that for national awards, championship cats will need to earn 4,300 points; premiership cats will need to earn 2,200; kittens 1,500 and Household Pets 1,100. The top 100 rings will be scored for championship, premiership and Household Pet, top 40 rings for kittens. **Newkirk:** I move the addendum be extended for the 2025-2026 show season. **Mastin:** Carissa, are you seconding? **Altschul:** With the reservation to vote no. **Mastin:** Ed, you said in the beginning when I asked for standing motions and standing seconds that it was for 1-7 and 8 through – **Raymond:** I suggested that, but I think we already had a standing motion on the floor. We need to vote on these anyway. **Mastin:** Right, because it's a standing motion. We didn't change it. **Raymond:** We didn't limit it prior to it being made. **Mastin:** OK, and the standing motion was made by Carol. Who had the standing second when we started? Rachel, do you remember? **Anger:** Yes, I did. **Mastin:** You did. OK.

Altschul: I know we already have a motion on this, but I'm encouraging people to please vote no on the motion and at least consider raising the numbers. 250 points in certain divisions for a national win is just too low. We need to consider how much money that it costs CFA to create these awards, particularly because we just voted down saving $32,000 [on national award costs]. We need to raise these minimums. I understand that you don't want to go all the way back to perhaps the numbers that Rich quoted, but we need to raise the minimums so that we're not putting out $51,000 worth of awards or $43,000 or whatever it is. We have a fiscal responsibility to CFA and we need to act like we actually have that responsibility. **DelaBar:** The problem being that these are the minimums for regional awards, as well. I have yet to have top 25 in premiership in recent times. I don't need these to go higher in order to be able to have my regional awards. That does not come out of the CFA budget, that's my budget. **Mastin:** Just a point of clarification, Carissa. I didn't quote the original numbers. I believe Ed did. Ed, would you re-quote the numbers if this doesn't pass? **Raymond:** Sure. Championship 4,300, premiership 2,200, kittens 1,500 and Household Pets 1,100. Pam, I would point out that the way the show rule is written, those numbers only apply to national awards. They do not apply to regional awards. **Mastin:** Ed, did you have any further comments? **Raymond:** No, I do not. **Moyer:** I remember when we lowered this, and it was because everybody was freaking out that nobody was even going to get to 2,000 points or 1,000 points. They're way above that now. The 4,300 is too high. Can we not do something in the middle? How do we have to do that? **Mastin:** Thank you, Janet. **DelaBar:** Ed, if it's only for national points, then please revise how it is headed, because right now it says, *Point & ring minimums for National/Regional/Divisional scoring.* **Raymond:** I didn't know if these were actually going to come up for discussion. There's another portion of the show rule that provides that for regional awards, in championship you have to have 200 points, kittens 50 points, premiership 100 points and Household Pets are 100. **Mastin:** Ed, is that in another show rule, or is that an addendum? **Raymond:** It's in a different portion of the permanent show rules. If you want to split these out, my suggestion would be not to vote on this tonight. Tell me what you want and I'll rewrite it and bring it back. **Mastin:** That is a good recommendation, but I'm not sure where Carol and Rachel are with this, and if anybody wants to amend the motion, so Carissa made the point. She may be the only one

that is in support of reducing these, so let's find out. Carol, do you want to amend this motion? **Krzanowski:** I'll amend it to say we will table it until February and let Ed rewrite and bring it back. **Mastin:** Rachel, do you agree? **Anger:** I agree. **Mastin:** The motion is tabled to February.

Raymond: Can I ask one question? **Mastin:** Absolutely. **Raymond:** Do you want me to bring this back as an addendum or do you want me to bring back a change to the permanent show rule that brings the numbers down, in light of what we have seen in show halls the last few years? **Mastin:** I know you're not just asking me, you're asking the whole board. **Raymond:** I'm asking the board. I'm just looking for some guidance, so I know what I'm writing. **Krzanowski:** I think it should remain as an addendum for the time being, because we don't know what will happen the following year or whatever. I would be happy just keeping it as an addendum for now. **Newkirk:** I agree with Carol. I think it needs to stay as an addendum right now, but we do need to vote on the motion to table. **Mastin:** Thank you Darrell for that reminder. Any further discussion on tabling the motion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion is tabled.

Tabled.

Krzanowski: I think that if board members have ideas about what points should be or if they have figures or statistics, they should please forward them to Ed as soon as possible so he can begin working on them. **Mastin:** Thank you for sharing that, Carol.

9. Extend the waiver of the requirement that cats be shown in their region of residence in order to earn a DW in China for the 2025-2026 show season.

Addendum #6	~~**Pam DelaBar**~~ **Darrell Newkirk**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
	Cats in China do not have to show in their specific area of residence (North China, East China, West China) to receive a DW in those areas and only need to exhibit in China.
RATIONALE: Extends the current exception for one more year in recognition of the lack of shows in North China.	

Mastin: Ed, we're going to go on to #9. **Raymond:** #9, [reads]. **DelaBar:** I do not remember asking this be brought back up. Ed, I had my name on a lot of them, but I don't remember this one. **Raymond:** You are correct. That was an error on my part. **Mastin:** Pam, thank you for pointing that out. **Newkirk:** Put my name in, then. **Mastin:** OK. Darrell, you're it. Have you got comments on this? **Newkirk:** No, I support it. **Mastin:** I suppose your Committee fully supports it, as well, correct? **Newkirk:** I didn't poll my Committee. Russell and Marilee are on. Maybe you can ask them. **Mastin:** I will. Russell? **Webb:** I support it. **Mastin:** Marilee? **Griswold:** In support. **Mastin:** OK. Is there any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

10. Extend for 2025-2026 show season the reduction in the minimum points required for an International Division Award in kitten and premiership in the AWS geographical area.

Addendum to Article XXXVI – National/ Regional/Divisional Awards Program	**International Division Committee**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
None.	To be eligible for an International Division Award in the Africa and western Asia (including the middle east (minus Israel), Turkey, Iran, India, Maldives, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, etc.) geographical area of the International Division for the ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 Show Season, cats must earn a minimum of the following: ~~200~~ 100 points in championship, ~~50~~ 25 points in kitten, ~~40~~ 20 points in premiership, and ~~50~~ 25 points in household pet competition.
RATIONALE: This was experimental for the 2024-2025 show season and only for the February show 2025 for Kuwait. Currently the ONLY show in the AWS region. The only changes are to the requirements for kittens and premiership.	

Mastin: Ed, #10. **Raymond:** #10 was part of an experiment for the 2024-2025 show season. It actually applies for an upcoming show in Kuwait in February. That reduced the minimum points required for International Division awards in kittens and premiership in the AWA geographical area. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? Darrell, do you have any comments on this? **Newkirk:** We only have one show in that area, and that's Kuwait. They have a hard time even meeting this. **Mastin:** So, do you want to make an amendment to the proposed motion? **Newkirk:** My opinion would be just to slice them all in half. Maybe Pam could comment on it, or Kenny since Kenny judges over there quite a bit. **Mastin:** Kenny, do you have any comments? **Currle:** They are very dedicated to our association. Anything we can do for them would be great, so take it down to 125 in championship. They usually don't have more than 10 kittens, so even that if they have 10 rings is a possibility, but yes, just slice it on down. Slice it in half. **Mastin:** OK, so slicing it in half is 100 points in championship, 25 points in kitten, 20 points in premiership and 25 points in Household Pet. Ed, do I have that correct? **Raymond:** You do, but let me point out that the current addendum does not change the championship requirement. It was 200 points, it stayed at 200 points. What changed were the requirements for kittens and premiership, so the 50 points for kittens and the 40 points for premiership were the reduced numbers. **Mastin:** OK. Kenny, do you still feel you want to slice this in half? **Currle:** I believe they only had one cat that made a division win last year. **Mastin:** Darrell? **Newkirk:** Since it's an addendum, we can change that, can't we Ed? **Raymond:** Yes, you can. Given that this was experimental for a show that's coming up in February, I might suggest that you not pass this now. Wait and see what the impact will be on the February show, then if you want to do it for the February 2026 show, you can pass an addendum later, after the beginning of the show season. **Newkirk:** Personally, I would rather go ahead and change it now. **Mastin:** That's your

motion, right Darrell? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Currle:** I second it. **Mastin:** OK, alright. **Raymond:** So, we're slicing everything in half? **Newkirk:** Right. **Mastin:** Further discussion on the amendment to this motion? Are there any objections? **Raymond:** Excuse me. One other change that needs to be made. The date in the middle of the paragraph says 2024-2025. That needs to be 2025-2026. **Mastin:** Thank you for catching that. Are there any objections? **Currle:** I don't have an objection, I would like to comment. So, this is for next year? **Raymond:** Yes. **Currle:** Not this season? **Raymond:** No. **Currle:** OK, thank you. **Mastin:** Seeing no objections, the amendment passes.

The primary amendment to the main motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Ed, do we have to vote on the whole motion? **Raymond:** So, you just voted on amending it. Carol brought the motion. **Mastin:** Correct. **Raymond:** If she is in agreement, it's the mover's privilege. **Mastin:** Carol, you are in agreement? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I am. **Mastin:** Rachel, you're in agreement? **Anger:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, so now we vote on the whole motion, correct? **Raymond:** Correct. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The main motion, as amended, is ratified by unanimous consent.

11. Extend for 2025-2026 show season the reduction in the minimum points required for an International Division Award in the Singapore geographical area.

Addendum to Article XXXVI – National/ Regional/Divisional Awards Program	**International Division Committee**
Existing Wording	**Proposed Wording**
None.	To be eligible for an International Division Award in the Singapore geographical area of the International Division for the 2025-2026 Show Season, cats must earn a minimum of the following: ~~100~~ 50 points in championship, ~~50~~ 25 points in kitten, ~~100~~ 50 points in premiership, and ~~50~~ 25 points in household pet competition with no ring minimums.
RATIONALE: This addendum for the 2024-2025 show season was passed by unanimous consent at the April 2024 Board Meeting in an attempt to increase the number of cats being shown in Singapore.	

Mastin: On to #11. **Raymond:** #11 [reads]. **Newkirk:** This is another one where it's sort of landlocked. They do have a show next weekend, I believe. I don't know how many entries they have in that. Let me find it real quick here. **Griswold:** 98, Darrell. **Newkirk:** Is it 98? OK, thank you. Let me look at the breed summary real quick here. They've got 22 kittens and what is the requirement for kittens? 50 points, so again this is another one that I think – I mean, it's not going to help the show next weekend, but for 2025-2026, I'm not sure that they have more than one show a year there. Again, I would cut these in half. **Mastin:** That's your amendment?

Newkirk: That's my amendment. **Mastin:** Simple math, 50 points in championship, 25 points in kittens, 50 points in premiership and 25 points in Household Pet. **Newkirk:** Yes. **Mastin:** May I have a second? **Raymond:** It's up to Carol whether she wants to. **Krzanowski:** I agree to amend it. **Mastin:** OK. Rachel, do you agree? **Anger:** I do. **Mastin:** OK, then we're going to do this all in one block then, correct? **Newkirk:** Yes, yes. **Mastin:** That's easy enough. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Future Projections for Committee:

The Committee will bring forward any additional Show Rule changes required for the 2025-2026 show season. It is the committee's goal to have the 2025-2026 show rule changes finalized by the conclusion of the February 2025 Board Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Raymond, Chair

Mastin: OK Ed, do you have anything further you want to share with the board? **Raymond:** That was the last action item. We're hoping to have show rules for next season wrapped up by the February board meeting, so if something else comes to mind, please get it to me as soon as you can. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any further questions or comments for Ed in Show Rules? Ed, seeing no questions, thank you to you and your Committee.

(14) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Committee Chair:	***George Eigenhauser***
Liaison to Board:	***Howard Webster***
Liaison for Region 9:	***Mireille Gobel***
List of Committee Members:	***Phil Lindsley, Alene Shafnisky***
CFA Legislative Group:	***George Eigenhauser, Sharon Coleman & Kelly Crouch***

Mastin: We're going to move on to Legislative. George, I see you are with us. Welcome to the meeting, George. **Eigenhauser:** I hope I'm glad to be here. You've all read the report.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee and Group Activities

At the October 15-16, 2024, CFA Board meeting there were questions presented to the legislative chair. There was a brief discussion of some issues but there were other questions that required a more thoughtful response. "For example, does HR 1788 apply to us, and how so?" The bill's details would require a more thorough explanation than could be had on short notice. Rich Mastin then directed:

> *"My comment is, if you have questions specific to the Legislative Committee, provide those to Howard by November 1st, since it's fresh in our minds. Then Howard, please pass those questions on to George, and George, please address all those questions for the next December board meeting."*

No Board members sent any legislative questions to Howard as of the date of this report. However, one reached out to George Eigenhauser directly and asked:

> *"Additionally, what letter writing resources do you have available for me to disseminate to my region? A form letter? How to speak to legislators?"*

Eigenhauser: I wanted to mention that only one person on the board had contacted me after the October board meeting. I wasn't sure if it would be better to name them or not name them. I think I'm going to say it. It was Carissa and I've been working with her on trying to get more information to her earlier in the process. I think over time we're going to be able to improve it. We've already started sending out to the regional lists anything that we put in the newsletter that affects somebody and their list and their region. So, for example, when Ojai, California came up and we did an article about Ojai, California, I posted on the Regions 2 and 5 list, because California splits between two regions.

Current Happenings of Committee and Group:

Since the Board meeting the legislative group has been discussing ways to improve communication with the fancy. Currently, our usual modes of communication include the CFALegislativeNews Facebook, the CFA Legislative Group Blog posts, articles for What's Hot and Cat Talk, and emails. Soon, we will begin doing online webinars on subjects of sufficient interest to large groups of cat fanciers. Since much of legislation is local, generally

our focus will not be on specific bills that may be of limited interest, however, bills with a broad impact are a possibility. Usually, we will focus on "how to" subjects such as letter writing, how to reach out to your representatives, and similar issues.

Before 2020, the legislative committee put on a live presentation at the Friday delegate meeting at the CFA Annual. This had been done for over 20 years before the pandemic but was discontinued when CFA temporarily discontinued live Annual Meetings in 2020. Although CFA has gone back to live meetings the delegate presentation has not been resumed. For 2025 we plan to ask permission to do a live presentation to the delegates. Like the proposed webinars, the presentation to the delegates will focus on broad subjects of general interest rather than specific bills. For example, in 2019 the presentation was about how the other side uses distorted claims of the impact of cats as an invasive species to further their agenda.

The recent updates to the CFA website have made some of the guidance statements and resource materials difficult to find. We are consolidating them into the CFA blog site so they are all in one place. The blog already hosts several years of legislative articles from the eNewsletter or the Cat Talk Almanac. We will review some of the older resources for updates and revisions.

At Pet Night on Capitol Hill in September 2024 we reached out to Mike Bober of the Pet Advocacy Network (PAN) to see if they had any contacts in the European Union who might be able to help us with pending regulation there. We followed up with Mike Bober who introduced us to Nathalie Gamain, Secretary General, European Pet Organization (EPO). We plan to follow up with a telephone conference in the coming weeks.

Finally, some fanciers don't subscribe to the CFA eNewsletter. As a result, they may be unaware of the information shared in those articles or that they can find them on the blog. Links to the What's Hot posts are also posted on the CFALegislativeNews Facebook page. To expand coverage, we are implementing a new policy so that whenever a "What's Hot" article mentions legislation touching a particular region we will forward to that region's online list a mention of the article and a link to it on our blog. For example, the recent breed ban in Ojai California led to a "What's Hot" article in the eNewsletter titled: "Ojai, California Bans So-called "Unethical Breeding" and Removes Spay/Neuter Exemptions for Exhibited Animals". The article was promoted on the Northwest and Southwest Regional lists, along with a link to our blog.

Questions asked and responses:

In response to the questions from CFA Board members, we have submitted two documents that accompany this report. The first is a written explanation of HR 1788, authored by Sharon Coleman, CFA Legislative Legal Analyst, and titled CFA Board Memorandum - Goldie's Act 29 October 2024, which accompanies this report. A copy of the current text of the bill is also attached as BILLS-HR1788.pdf.

In response to the question about resources available, such as letter writing or how to address legislators, are being migrated to the CFA blog. Articles from the eNewsletter (What's Hot) are already blog posts. In addition, the blog contains a "Resources" section with a variety of source documents grouped by subject, including many Cat Talk Almanac articles. The first entry on that page, under "advocacy" is "Quick Recipe for a Grassroots Letter" by Sharon Coleman, CFA Legislative Legal Analyst, July 1, 2006. There is a section called "Legislative Basics" with different information intended as general "how to" advice for fanciers. This part is still under construction. As noted above documents are being migrated from the CFA website to the blog and we are reviewing the older pieces for updates.

For general information about CFA legislation please visit our blog and Facebook pages at:

CFALegislativeNews: https://www.facebook.com/CFALegislativeNews

The CFA Legislative Group blog may be found at: https://cfalegislativegroup.wordpress.com

It has been suggested that CFA be more proactive in alerting the fancy immediately as bills are introduced. However, some bills fail to advance without any intervention. Bills may be assigned to committees for hearings that may never materialize. The author(s) may opt not to advance them for various reasons. We try not to overwhelm fanciers with information about bills with minimal chances of passage. For example, Advocacy Quarterly just published a summary of bills introduced in the U.S. Congress this year. According to them, as of November 25, 2024, 15,451 bills have been introduced, 3,455 bills were considered by Committees, only 794 bills have been considered on the floor, 117 bills passed both chambers, and 101 bills have been signed into law. Although this is total bills, not just animal-related, it does help show how difficult it can be to predict which bills will advance.

Eigenhauser: There is one thing I want to go into in a little more detail. Last week I was talking to Rich and Kathy and Howard about a quirky number that I had read the other day that of 15,000 bills introduced in Congress, only 100 or so had passed. I thought that was interesting to bring up here because part of what I think people were asking back in October was, why don't we do more to communicate with people in the fancy about some potential bills out there. I think when you see that Congress had 15,000 bills and only 100 passed, a lot of bills don't make it. A lot of bills are DOA. They're never going to go anywhere. The author may put them up just as a trial balloon to see what happens. Nothing ever materializes, it never happens. The typical procedure in most states – Nebraska being the exception – if you file in one house, there's a committee hearing, it goes to a floor vote, it goes to the other house, there's a committee hearing, it goes to a floor vote, it gets passed, the governor signs it. That's a lot of different places to intervene, and the places you intervene depend on how much that particular bill needs intervention. If something is DOA, you don't want to be putting an alert out. We track about 1,000 bills year for CFA legislation and that's 3 a day, so if we put out 3 alerts a day that a bill was being introduced, then put 3 alerts out each time it got advanced to committee, then put out 3 alerts, people would be getting 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 alerts a day. It would be like chicken little. Nobody would pay attention to us anymore. So, what we try to do is, when we track bills, it's a little bit of science and it's a little bit of voodoo. If we see a bill that looks like it's not going

anywhere, we often just ignore it until it does. This isn't just our decision. The Pet Advocacy Network actually has people everything that do analyses of this. They may look at a bill and say, "OK, this particular person who introduced the bill is actually a junior member, they've never gotten anything passed, they're not a high priority of passage." Or it may be, "this is one of the members of the power structure in that house. This bill is going to take off like a ton of bricks." So, you try to make a determination which ones need the most intervention earliest. There are certain exceptions. We had an exception this past year with the New Hampshire bill that was trying to outlaw Persians and a lot of other breeds. That was such an onerous bill that, even though we didn't expect it to go anywhere, and even though we don't have a lot of people in New Hampshire to oppose it, we jumped on that right away because it was such a bad idea we didn't want it to get traction and didn't want people to pick it up in other places which we're already seeing on Ojai [California] that it's been picked up. So, some bills we jump on immediately because they're just so inherently dangerous or affect something so critical to us. Once a bill starts moving, you respond to it differently at different levels. When a bill is first introduced and you want to make changes, you deal with the author. When you're dealing with the author, you don't come in and say, "boy, this bill sucks." What you say is, "your heart is in the right place and I really understand what you're trying to do with this, and this is how we're going to fix it." They either listen to you or they laugh you out of the office, but that's the approach you use. When it gets assigned to a committee, you then try to focus on whatever that committee's area of expertise is. If it's a local government committee and their primary concern is, how is this going to impact local governments, those are the issues you address to that committee. So, when people ask, "why don't you put out an alert for form letters," the letters you're going to send are going to depend on the stage of the [inaudible]. It's like playing a football game. What's your defense going to be? Well, it depends on what the opposition plays are running. You have to be flexible. So, we often face bills that die on their own and you don't hear about them because they died on their own and we're not going to scream for your attention on something that's going nowhere. Rarely do we have massive letter writing campaigns. We did a few years ago with some of the animal welfare act amendments and we've done it with a few other things, but for the most part letters on a particular issue change during the legislative process. You can't just say, "this is the letter you need to send." Plus, I've got to tell you that congressmen are not stupid. Elected representatives are not stupid. Most of us don't send money to that wonderful Nigerian prince that keeps asking for money. They don't either. They know what spam looks like. They know what spam smells like. They go out of their way to filter out the spam so it doesn't even get to them. On many local legislatures or state legislatures, you no longer send in emails. They have a submission form you have to fill out in order to submit a comment on a bill and one of the first things they ask you in that submission form is, where do you live, because they want to address their constituents' needs, not somebody in California writing a letter about something happening in New Hampshire. So, I think people believe it is a much simpler process than it really is, but over the course of a year we've tracked close to 1,000 bills, we have intervened when we thought our intervention would help and we've worked with others in doing so. The New Hampshire bill, most of the heavy lifting was done by AKC. They had a lot of people out there. They had a lot of boots on the ground there. They were able to get a lot of work done, and we're still working with them. I'm working with an AKC ad hoc group that was created during that, and we still meet once or twice a month to talk about some of these breed bans that are going on in places like Ojai and how they might impact other areas and what we could do to forestall them. So, often in my legislative reports I mention how we pick those for

tracking. I don't think I have done that recently, and that's what I wanted to get through here – not that there are 15,000 bills in Congress that we care about, but that legislation is more complicated and more subtle than a lot of people understand. Simply doing a full-court press all the time is unproductive. You can only rally the troops so many times before they get burned out and they get buried in the cacophony of every day putting out another alert telling people about things that probably aren't going to pass. So, there is a certain amount of judgment that we do in terms of which bills we panic about and which ones we kind of leave on the back burner. I just wanted to give you something, and I know this is a very disproportionate number. Congress has been extremely dysfunctional these last few years. Any state legislature that only passed one out of 150 bills would probably get voted out of office, but thanks to gerrymandering in safe districts, congressmen seem to live forever no matter how bad a job they do, especially in years of divided government like we've had the last couple of years. So, that's just what I wanted to expand upon is how we pick bills for tracking and then how we react to those bills in terms of putting out alerts when we think we can do the most good. I think that's something I didn't stress back in October that I should have stressed.

Eigenhauser: Those are the things that we're trying to do, how we're trying to get the information out. I have to say that I was a bit blindsided earlier in this meeting when I discovered the Newsletter is going away or might be. Currently, our blog is on a personal website and we're trying to migrate it over to the CFA website. We're going to be working on that in the coming months and I don't know how CFA switching over a blog is going to affect that, so some of this is kind of new to me, too. That's the thing I wanted to add. **Mastin:** Thank you, George.

Litigation

The CFA Board has allowed CFA to join with the Animal Health Institute (AHI) coalition on amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs opposing non-economic damages (i.e. "pain and suffering") for injuries to animals.

As mentioned in our October 2024 report, CFA joined an application to submit an amicus brief to the California Court of Appeal, 4th District, in the matter of Sierra Mowery v. El Centro Animal Clinic, Inc., et al. The case involved the death of a dog due to alleged veterinary malpractice. The main issue was determining the appropriate damages for the dog's death. The AHI group proposed to file a brief to clarify that "actual value to the owner" should only cover economic damages, like reasonable veterinary expenses, and not be used to claim emotional loss or subjective value of the pet. In August 2024 the Court of Appeal denied, without comment, the coalition's request to submit a brief. It was hoped this reflected that the judges had enough information to decide the case without further briefing.

On October 28, 2024, the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, issued a final decision in the matter rejecting the request for noneconomic damages. This supports the inference that the court rejected our amicus brief because the Court believed California law was sufficiently clear on the matter that they didn't need additional briefing.

Future Projections for Committee and Legislative Group:

Ongoing goals -

- *Networking with the sheltering community, aligned organizations, veterinarians and lawmakers so we better understand the problems and trends that cause homeless animals to be in shelters and develop ways to address the issues that motivate legislation detrimental to our interests.*

- *Continuing to find new methods for presenting perspective on the cat fancy views to those in animal related fields and government.*

- *Working with national and local cat fancy teams to defeat legislation/regulation detrimental to pedigreed cats, feral/unowned cats, CFA's mission and cat ownership.*

- *Enlisting professional help with strategic public relations and communication to build greater public awareness and gain more support for our opposition to mandated sterilization laws across the country.*

- *Increasing efforts to raise funds for the Sy Howard Legislative Fund and to help clubs present projects suitable for funding.*

Action Items:

None at this time.

Time Frame:

Ongoing.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates and pending legislative matters.

Respectfully Submitted,

George J. Eigenhauser, Jr., Chair

Mastin: Does anyone have questions for George specific to the Legislative Committee? No questions, George.

(15) <u>PROTEST COMMITTEE</u>.

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

Protest Committee Chair George Eigenhauser gave the Protest Committee report containing recommendations for disposition of pending matters (see Agenda Item #20). **Motion Carried [vote sealed].**

Mastin: Do you want to comment on Protest Report? **Eigenhauser:** That's just an open session holding place. The bulk of the Protest Committee is going to be in closed session. There's nothing to deal with right now. **Mastin:** OK George, thank you to both your committees for all the work you do. We'll see you in executive session. **Eigenhauser:** Goodbye for now. [**Eigenhauser** leaves the meeting].

(16) EXPERIMENTAL FORMATS.

Committee Chair: Rachel Anger

Mastin: Experimental Format, Rachel. **Anger:** Thank you. We actually have two requests. I received one right after the meeting started that I sent out to the board, but it's pretty boiler plate. Actually, both of these summit requests are copies of what the clubs did last year successfully. In the case of Great Lakes Great Maines, they did the summit one time last year. The second one is for the Global Egyptian Mau group. I think this is their 8th year of doing the same summit.

Board Action Items:

(a) Summit Request – Great Lakes Great Maines, August 30/31, 2025

A request for a "Maine Coon Challenge" breed summit has been submitted by Bethany Colilla for the Great Lakes Great Maines show to be held August 30/31, 2025 in Columbus, Ohio (Region 4). A similar request was unanimously approved for the club's 2024 show and was successfully executed. The format is 8 rings, back to back. The regular judges do the breed summit. Top 5 in each class (kitten, championship, premiership) then overall top breed awards would be based on the total number of Maine Coon entries in the show.

The proposal is as follows:

- *All Maine Coon Cats will be brought up to the separate rings at the same time throughout the day. The Maine Coon Cat kittens will be judged with breed awards hung. The Maine Coon Cats in Championship will be judged with breed awards hung. The Maine Coon Cats in Premiership will be judged with breed awards hung.*

- *After that is completed, each judge will award their Best of the Best across all the classes. The number of awards given will be based on the following: 0-15 Maine Coon Cat entries: Top three Best of the Best, 16-24 Maine Coon Cat entries: Top four Best of the Best, 25 Maine Coon Cat entries or more: Top five Best of the Best*

- *At the end of the show, top three in each category will be awarded based on class judging (ties broken by finals) and, over all BEST Maine Coon Cat will be awarded based on the Best of the Best scoring (ties broken by finals).*

The policy for summit shows was adopted in October 2018 and appears at the end of this report for reference, as well as Show Rule 7.01.

***Motion:** Grant an exception to Show Rule 7.01 to allow Great Lakes Great Maines to hold a Maine Coon breed summit officiated by the regular judges in a separate ring at its August 30/31, 2025 8 ring back-to-back show in Columbus, Ohio (Region 4), as presented. The additional awards will not be scored.*

Anger: It is outlined here very similar to what we did last year. I would like to move for the Great Lakes Great Maines that we [reads]. That's my motion. **Mastin:** Carol, are you seconding the motion? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I am. **Mastin:** Thank you. Is there any further discussion? Is there any objection? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

(b) Global Egyptian Mau Society

For the past eight years, with the support of the CFA Board, GEMS has successfully produced Breed Summits that take breed focus to another level. The Board has graciously supported our requests to have combined breed judging for the Egyptian Maus.

The Breed Specialty judging – Per Summit judging guidelines (included below), In seven Allbreed rings All Egyptian Mau classes, kittens, championship and premiership will be judged together, top three in each class awarded and then awards given overall based on the total entry for each breed: up to 15 entries = top 3; 15 to 20 entries = top 4; 25 or more entries = top 5. No points will be associated with these awards. Best of the Best for each breed will be awarded at end of show based on breed results from these rings. With finals used as a tie breaker.

Details on the show are as follows:

Chantilly Virginia, July 26-27, 2025. Format is a 8 ring back to back show with 7 AB rings.

Proposed show hours: Egyptian Mau judging start both days at 7:30AM. Show hours for all other breeds would start at 9AM.

All judges were notified of this request when contracted and if approved the format will be noted on the flyer.

***Motion:** Grant an exception to Show Rule 7.01 and 11.35 and allow the Global Egyptian Mau Society/Cat Fanciers Of Washington to hold breed specialty rings for Egyptian Maus in the allbreed rings at their co-sponsored 8 ring back to back show on July 26-27, 2025 in Chantilly, Virginia (Region 7) in the following manner: all classes (Kittens, Championship and Premiership) will be judged consecutively and awarded in the usual manner, which will include top three breed awards; then, a breed specialty final for each breed will be held across all classes (i.e., including Kittens, Championship and Premiership competing together in a breed specialty final). Awards will be given based on the total Breed entry for each breed as follows: up to 15 entries = top 3; 15 to 20 entries = top 4; 25 or more entries = top 5. No points will be associated with these awards.*

Mastin: Rachel, you have a second one? **Anger:** Yes, I do. This is the Global Egyptian Mau group. I'll just do a quick recap of their request. This is for their show with the Cat Fanciers of Washington on July 26/27, 2025. They say [reads]. I can read the entire thing if you like, or just reference that this is the same as they have done in past years. Actually, they have outlined it very well in their actual motion, if I can read that. It's a little lengthy but it's very inclusive. [reads] **Mastin:** Carol, you are a second? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I am. **Mastin:** Thank you. Is there discussion? Just a reminder, this was not a pre-noticed motion outside the 24 hour required time.

It requires 2/3 to pass. Any objections to the motion? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Anger: That's it for my Experimental Show Format report. Thank you for your support for these clubs. **Mastin:** OK, Rachel. Does anybody have any questions for Rachel on her Experimental Formats? Alright Rachel, thank you.

Summit judging guidelines:

Summit judging for Breed Club shows and shows that are honoring breeds.

Any breed club hosting a show can schedule breed summit judging at their show. They should be encouraged to do so.

Any club "honoring" a breed can ask for breed summit judging at their show. This should be limited to only two breeds or division per show.

It should be limited to AB rings only. This is mostly for the sake of the schedule.

Clubs wishing to have this type of judging "must" communicate with their judges their intention, when contracting them. Judges may "opt" out. The "opt" out must be done at the time they sign their contract. Clubs can cancel if they do not get the entries to ensure success.

All information on the Summit, including judges who will be participating, must be clearly marked on the flyer. Basics of Summit breed judging.

All kittens, cats and premiers of a breed will be judged at the same time. Mechanics of it depend on how many cats of a breed are present.

Judge shall hang, BOB and 2BOB (and in this case 3rd BOB) on each class. The judge then calls back their top XX to give out overall best.

- *1-5 present in breed BOB and 2nd overall best.*
- *6-10- Best through 3.*
- *11-15- Best through 4th.*
- *15+ Best through 5th.*

Show Rules:

7.01 … In cases where the show contains a separate breed summit workshop type activity, the breed summit workshop shall not be conducted by a judge authorized to judge a competitive class at the show (kitten, championship, premiership, or household pet) before that judge has completed judging all of their competitive classes. If the individual scheduled to perform the breed summit workshop is not judging one of the regular classes, the summit workshop can be conducted at any time during the show. …

11.35… No award shall be offered for which the officiating judge must make a decision in addition to those required for official CFA awards.

Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees

None.

Mastin: We are now moving into Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees. I don't have anything. Rachel, do you have anything? **Anger:** Nothing has come up. **Mastin:** OK.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

(17) <u>OTHER COMMITTEES</u>.

None.

Mastin: The next one is Other Committees. Do you have anything? **Anger:** No other committees have submitted reports. **Mastin:** OK.

(18) <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>.

Mastin: We moved New Business to executive session.

(a) Show Scheduling Request

On November 23, 2024, a CFA News show change request announced that Meowy Wow Wow Cat Club is requesting to hold a 2 day (back to back) 8 ring show, the 5th weekend of March (29 & 30), 2025, in Dayton, Ohio (Region 4). This is a one-time only request. The CFA Secretary requested a statement from each regional director and the Show Scheduling Committee. Only Region 4 responded, with his request to speak at the board meeting. What you see below is compiled from side discussions.

Show Scheduling Committee: *We are only the people that do the schedule. If everything meets the criteria then we post it. It is up to the RD to bring it before the board and I have already notified them.*

Region 1 Director Input: *It's been brought to my attention that the club Meowy Wow Wow Cat Club is requesting to have their Region 4 show on the weekend of March 29-30, 2025 at Dayton, OH. Even though it meets the 500 mile rule by over 29 miles, there is a licensed show in Trucksville, PA by 3 clubs (one of which is a Region 4 club) that objects to the potential show due to concerns of too many shows that weekend and close enough proximity of each other. I am in support of objecting to the club asking for this show date as it's a risk of too many shows in close enough proximity on the same weekend.*

Region 4 Director Input: *To be provided at the board meeting.*

[Secretary's Note: This agenda item was moved to executive session and discussed there, at the end of the meeting. Following the discussion, a motion was made to move the discussion to open session, as appears below.]

Mastin: Let's do the New Business – Show Scheduling Request. Who is presenting this? I know we've got two regional directors. **Colilla:** I guess it's me. **Mastin:** OK, go ahead John. **Colilla:** I would like to make a motion for the board to approve this show. It's a show that's very important for my region and CFA presence. Do you want me to go into more detail? **Mastin:** Allene, do you have it up here? So, your motion is to allow Meowy Wow Wow Cat Club to have a show on March 29/30, 2025, in Dayton, Ohio? **Colilla:** Yes, sir. **Mastin:** OK. Doreann, are you seconding this motion? **Nasin:** No, only because there is another show – **Mastin:** That's all I need right now. I just want to get a second. I'll come back to you. Marilee, are you seconding the motion? **Griswold:** No. **Mastin:** OK, Howard, are you seconding the motion? **Webster:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, Howard is the second.

Mastin: Doreann, I'm going to go to you. **Nasin:** OK. So, there is another show that, as you guys have read, that is over the 500 mile rule. However, there is one club that is a Region 4 club and they had licensed this show, I want to say about 4 months ago. I can't seem to find the contract. It was a while back, so basically what I'm saying is, it had already been planned. They did take a huge hit the last time they tried to do a show. They went up against TICA and lost a lot of money. In fact, they ended up being in the red and some of the members actually paid for it,

so they are trying again. Of course, they are really against this. I don't support the Region 4 show. I hope they find another show date, but not this date. **Griswold:** I think this show is maybe 520 miles away, something like that, from the Trucksville, Pennsylvania show. I think I might have to recuse myself from this vote because I'm a member of the club, I'm a judge for the Pennsylvania show, but they did discuss with me that they believe that this will significantly negatively impact their show. **Mastin:** OK. I just wanted to be clear on if you're abstaining for conflict is, you're a member of the Pennsylvania club and are you judging? **Griswold:** Yes, and I'm also contracted to judge Trucksville, Pennsylvania, yeah. **Mastin:** OK, thank you for clarifying that. **Jensen:** I heard from Pam Moser. She is one of the show schedulers. Her input on this as show scheduler is, it meets the rules. It's in excess of the 500 miles and, I mean, we have rules for a reason. If we say OK to this where we deny it because it's 529 miles and next week we're going to have somebody coming at us with 550 miles or it's not on the same weekend, it's on the weekend before. These rules we have made and the schedulers follow them like algebra and we need to respect that. **Anger:** I'm judging one of the shows so I am recusing myself also. **Nasin:** I'm also judging that show, as well, but I also wanted to make a note because I'm going to recuse myself as well, but I do want to make a note that we should make that 500 mile rule a change because the shows are getting tougher to get. For example, I tried to see about doing the Dixieland show that should have been next weekend, but there were too many shows and the issue with other regions having their shows and then I couldn't do it the week before or the week after because I was within other parameters, so it is getting really hard, especially with the small exhibitor pool that we are facing overall. So, that's my concerns. **Colilla:** I just want to say something. This club has been trying to find a show date for over two years so they can put on the show. They want a traditional date. They were not able to because the 500 mile problem. They finally gave up on the traditional date and tried to do a one-time show. There's a lot of new members in this club. They are very excited to put on the show. One other reason I kind of support this show is, in the Dayton area we used to have two shows. Kittyhawk has not put on a show for over 10 years in Dayton. The other club that put on the show is Dayton Cat Fanciers. They haven't put on a show for over 5 years, prior to COVID. The club no longer exists anymore. We have no activities in Dayton for years. With them putting on a show in Dayton, we will have some activity in that part of Ohio. So, this show is very important to the Great Lakes Region. **Krzanowski:** I'm disturbed by this, because I think that the two shows – even though it's 529 miles, they are still too close together. We do not have the exhibitor pool anymore to be able to support shows that are that close in proximity. If you think about it, the show in Pennsylvania is going to draw from the North Atlantic, Southern and Great Lakes. Dayton, Ohio is going to draw from the Southern and Great Lakes, and probably part of the North Atlantic, as well, so it's going to split. What's going to happen is, neither club is going to do well. I just don't see it as being successful. **Mastin:** John, this is your motion. I'm going to call on you last, OK? **Colilla:** Thank you. **Newkirk:** I have to agree with Carol. We don't have the exhibitor base that we had years ago. Years ago, you could have put these two shows on and they would have both done very well. Now, you don't have the exhibitor base and both clubs are going to be hurt by this. I just don't think it's a good idea. **DelaBar:** Actually, Dayton is a couple hours away from Indianapolis, which is in the Midwest Region. I think they're going to draw more from the Midwest Region and the Indiana area than they would from any other area. Possibly some from the Kentucky area, but be that as it may, we've got the rules. I see the market differently than what you're seeing. Maybe it's because I'm somewhat removed from the situation. But, in looking over the maps and where the clubs lie and getting a basic idea of where the exhibitor

base is, I think that's where Dayton is going to draw from, and not particularly from Pennsylvania and that area. **Jensen:** The rule is the rule. They are meeting the rules. They are more than 500 miles apart, so if the board is wanting to disallow the show, then they are saying that the rules don't matter. I mean, it's up to the club whether or not they want to take that chance and maybe not have a good show, but I don't think that it should be up to us to say, our rules are just suggestions. **Colilla:** The exhibitor base will mostly come from the Midwest Region, the Southern Region and part of the Great Lakes Region, especially those that do not want to travel over to Pennsylvania. Another thing, unfortunately, they already put a deposit on the show hall. That's all I have to say. I hope the board will support it.

Mastin: I have a couple questions and probably a comment. Who confirmed the mileage is 529 miles or 527 miles? Who confirmed that? Doreann, did you confirm that? **Nasin:** No. It was sent to me through the letter of Alene, I think it was. Not Allene, the other Alene [Shafnisky]. She was the one that wrote the letter. I'm sorry, you know what it was? I take that back. It was Linda Bartley, I believe is the one that wrote that letter and said it was 529 but I never really verified that. I just went on assumption. **Mastin:** John, did you confirm it's 529 miles? **Colilla:** I did not check the miles, but normally Pam Moser will check the miles before she approves a show. I know it's more than 500. **Mastin:** Question for Ed. Maybe you can refresh our memories. Not too long ago, this was just a – it wasn't a show rule, it was more guidance that the board used when this came before the board, and then it became a show rule. I can't remember if it became a show rule two years ago. **Raymond:** It was last year. **Mastin:** It was last year. **Raymond:** Going into effect for this season. **Mastin:** Going into effect for this season? Did the board present that as a show rule, or was it sponsored by clubs? **Raymond:** I think it came from clubs at the annual, and then it got tweaked by the Show Rules Committee. [**Secretary's Note:** Show Rule 4.03.g. was presented from the floor by the Havana Brown Fanciers in June 2023 and carried with a vote of 144 yes; 122 no.] **Mastin:** OK. My comment is, agreeing with those board members who said this is a show rule and the board should uphold the show rule. The show rule is, you can't have a show in less than 500 miles. It's in excess of 500 miles. This is a new show rule that happened this year and it's already being challenged. If it wants to be challenged, then it should come back to the delegates come June and change the miles. Let's not play games with what we just put in place. That's my recommendation to the board. I'm not getting a vote on this, but I'm just saying my peace on it.

> *4.03 g. No show, including two one-day shows held in the same location on the same weekend, shall be licensed in regions 1-7 on the same weekend within 500 miles (approximately 805 kilometers) of another such show without the approval of the Show Scheduling Committee.*

Mastin: John, do you have any further comments? **Colilla:** My comment is, I hope the board will approve the show. These people are really excited about the show. They spent two years trying to find an available date and a facility where they can put on a show. They worked very hard and are very excited about this. **Mastin:** Doreann, I'm going to give you a chance. Do you have any further comments? **Nasin:** Well, I was also a judge in the last show that they put on and they did get hit hard. I remember one of the club members told me they had $3,000 on their card and they had to wait a year to build up money. It's just, that's my concern, that they are going to hurt each other, being the way the exhibitor pool is these days. I wish the other club the best and I hope they maybe find another show, but this show has already been established, it's

already been licensed, it's already got its judges and they have a deposit down on their show hall, too. It is concerning that this would hurt both clubs. **Mastin:** Ed, you had your hand up and took it down. Do you have any closing comments? **Raymond:** I was just looking at the show rule. It basically says that, *No show shall be licensed in regions 1-7 on the same weekend within 500 miles (approximately 805 kilometers) of another such show without the approval of the Show Scheduling Committee.* Once you get over 500 miles, there's no rule against it. **Mastin:** Thank you for pointing that out. I'm going to call for the vote. If you are in favor of the motion, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Anger, Griswold and Nasin abstained with conflict.

Mastin: Darrell, Howard, John, Kathy, Vicki, Carissa – **Jensen:** Just to be clear, we're voting to allow the show? **Mastin:** That is the motion. **Jensen:** OK. **Mastin:** If you are in favor of the show, raise your hand. Darrell, Howard, John, Kathy, Vicki, Carissa, Carol, Pam, Aki, Anne and Russell. Please lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Rachel, I have nobody opposed. If you are an abstention with conflict, raise your hand. Marilee, Doreann and Rachel. Rachel, when you're ready. **Anger:** I did not get a vote from Kenny, if he is still on the call. **Mastin:** He is. Kenny, are you a yes? Kenny, how did you vote? Rachel, he may have stepped away. **Anger:** I didn't get a vote from Janet or Russell. **Mastin:** I had Russell as a yes. Russell, are you a yes? **Webb:** Yes. **Anger:** OK, thank you. I missed that one. **Mastin:** Did you get a vote for Janet? **Anger:** No. **Mastin:** Janet, how did you vote? Janet is still here. Janet, how did you vote? Well, maybe Janet left as well, or stepped away. Janet, you have your hand up. Can you unmute? Let's see if there's anything in the chat. No. I don't know how Janet voted. **Anger:** There she is. **Colilla:** She just replied yes. **Mastin:** OK. Kenny, how did you vote? I don't have a vote for Kenny, Rachel. **Anger:** OK, that's 13 yes, zero no, 3 abstentions with conflict and 1 did not vote. **Mastin:** The motion passes.

Mastin: Rachel, do we have anything else? **Anger:** I do not think so. **Colilla:** Can I let the club know? The club secretary is waiting for my phone call. Or should I wait? **Anger:** Can we move this into open session? The entire discussion or just the voting results? **Colilla:** I don't care now. You can move it over. **Mastin:** Rachel, make a motion. **Anger:** I move that we move the discussion and voting results to open session. **Mastin:** Howard, are you a second? **Webster:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK. Discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion to move to open session passes unanimously. Pam, you can also include it in your notes. John, you can go ahead and notify the club, now it got moved into open session. **Colilla:** Thank you, sir.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

(19) <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>.

(a) *Discuss the October 2025 Zoom Board meeting going back to the first weekend in October (4th & 5th), starting at 9:00 am ET both days.*

Mastin: We go on to Old Business. **Anger:** That's correct. **Mastin:** Old Business has to do with the October board meeting. There was discussion on moving the October board meeting back to the first weekend in October. I think I would like to do this in a motion. If that's the case, may I have a motion? Pam, are you making a motion? **DelaBar:** Yes. I move that we move the October 2025 Zoom board meeting to the first weekend of October, which is the 4th and 5th of October, 2025. **Mastin:** Darrell, are you a second? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Mastin:** Thank you. **DelaBar:** We used to have this in our former constitution where we designated the first weekend of October for the October board meeting, and the first weekend of February for the February board meeting. Since we're going to Zoom to save money, this makes sense. We were all just exhausted for this last board meeting after the International. I believe going back to the set dates would be really great. I'm just asking that the motion for the October 2025 board meeting to be on the first weekend. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam.

Altschul: I know that we had talked about how it might be more conducive for the meetings to be not on weekends. For one, there are several board members who are judges and it pulls them off their availability for shows for the weekends. Let's keep in mind that unfortunately our Judging Program is shrinking, dramatically so. I think it's detrimental to the clubs to pull off so many judges from the weekend. Additionally, when we have it on the weekend, people are at shows and they can't listen to the meeting while they're at the show. You could try, but it's extremely difficult. I have tried. A lot more people were able to listen in on the meeting, although some may have been at work. It was a lot easier for a lot more people to be able to hear the meeting during the open session. Finally, I'm really in support of not having our Zoom meetings on weekends because some of us are extremely limited in our ability to be able to get to shows and support our regional shows. I would really like to consider looking at other days of the week. We don't always have to use a weekend. I'm just asking, we really need to consider other options here. **Mastin:** Carissa, thank you. **Krzanowski:** Contrary to what Carissa just stated, I think it should be on a weekend. I think that having it during the week creates a problem for some of our board members who are still working, so that means that they have to take time off from work in order to attend the board meeting. Also, I think that a lot of our constituents work also, and they're not able to listen in on the meetings. I did take note of people that were attending and listening in on the October meeting and the numbers were very, very low as compared to, for instance, this meeting or other weekend meetings. That's all I wanted to say. Thank you. **Mastin:** Pam, I'm going to call on you last since you're the maker of the motion. I'm going to have everybody make their points and ask any questions first, and then I'll call on you last. **Jensen:** I also prefer the weeknights, as opposed to the weekend. If we're starting at your 7 p.m., our 4 p.m., then most people are done with work by then. If you need to, you can spread it across three evenings, but the weekend is just too much. Our clubs are having a hard time. We need to be able to support them. They don't have shows during the weekend, so I agree with Carissa. **Mastin:** OK Vicki, thank you. **Krzanowski:** Here I go again. I think that if we want to be on the board, that we have to accept that there are certain dates that we're not going to be able to attend shows. The same goes for judges that are on the board. There are certain times when they're not going to be available to judge. It's just part of being on the Board of Directors.

Mastin: OK, thank you Carol. **Altschul:** It's really easy to say that when you come from a part of the country where you can get to a bunch of shows that are only a few hours away. Some of us live in a part of the country that have single digit numbers of shows that we can get to within a 12 hour drive. I came to the board knowing full well the time I was going to have to commit to it. I have a job where I have to work a certain number of weekends, so it's not just pulling me away that particular weekend. I'm trying to point out that, yeah, some people will have to take off work in order to have a board meeting during the week. I think a lot of people were exhausted because it was after the International Show. I certainly would think we would try to do a board meeting that wasn't right after the International Show, but I would like to point out that I am also not just thinking of myself, I'm thinking of clubs that are struggling to find judges and when we pull 8 or 9 judges off a weekend because they're at a board meeting, that is something that we need to consider. We have to consider the impact to the entire association, not just ourselves. **Griswold:** I'm a little bit torn on this, because we have precious few in-person board meetings anymore. I think we do get a little different insight within ourselves. When we have in-person board meetings, we can talk about things kind of after hours. I'm not sure if it's worth it, especially given the financial strain that it may cause. That's the only thing that I have a slight reservation about, is that it won't be an in-person meeting. **Calhoun:** I thought the discussion we were having was whether or not it would be on the weekend or in the middle of the week. The Zoom option is something, if we are going to be fiscally responsible, we have to have these meetings via Zoom. It can cost up to $50,000 to bring a board and support into an area for an in-person meeting and I know we love – and so do I – the team building and the conversations you have afterwards, but at this point in time it is just not fiscally responsible to do so. At least it's my understanding that October, be it when it is – either a weekend or a weekday – is a Zoom meeting. **Mastin:** Kathy, thank you for bringing that up.

Mastin: Point of clarification here. Pam's motion was specific to the date and being a Zoom meeting. Howard, you are last to speak on this and I'm turning it over to Pam for closing. **Webster:** I'm all for the weekend because I'll probably be working again next year, as well. **Mastin:** Pam, take us home with this, please. **DelaBar:** OK. One, I just need to address the evening meetings. It's not evening for Pauli, it's not evening for me, it's not evening for Aki and it's not evening for anybody from the International Division. So, a weekend meeting is something that can take in all of us at a somewhat normal time. As a board member, I am a board member and have been a board member for God knows how many years, and that is my focus; to do the business of the organization. If it means I miss a show or I'm not judging a show, that is part of the job. I believe that we need the first weekend of October. That's why I brought this back. I have talked with Allene about this, of going back to this. She is in favor, or was when we did talk. I believe that we will be more productive and have it on the weekend instead of interrupting and people having to take off work. It also expands on those that can fill our jobs later. We want younger people in the cat fancy and they are going to have jobs, so let's not over-burden everybody. Let's go back to the first weekend of October. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. I'm calling for the vote. If you are in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Altschul, Jensen and Moyer voting no.

Mastin: Russell, Carol, Pam, Rachel, John, Pauli, Darrell, Marilee, Howard, Doreann, Kenny, Anne and Aki. Lower your hand. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Vicki, Carissa, Janet. Lower your hand. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. Rachel, when

you're ready. **Anger:** Thank you. I did not capture Doreann, Kenny or Kathy, sorry. **Mastin:** I may have gone too fast. We'll start with Kenny. Were you a yes, no or abstention, Kenny? **Currle:** I was a yes. **Mastin:** Thank you, Kenny. Doreann, were you a yes, no or abstention? **Nasin:** I was a yes. **Mastin:** Thank you, Doreann. Kathy, were you a yes, no or abstention? **Calhoun:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. **Anger:** That's 14 yes, 3 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes. Thank you, Pam, for making the motion.

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Mastin: Rachel, I believe we have finished all the open session agenda items. Is that correct? **Anger:** That's right. **Mastin:** OK. I am going to adjourn the meeting. We're going to take a 10 minute break. Let's start back up at 11:55 Eastern Time. Thank you everyone for attending. I wish everybody happy holidays and a Happy New Year. **Anger:** Did you mean 10:55? **Mastin:** Yes, I'm sorry. 10:55 Eastern Time. Thank you, Rachel.

The open session meeting adjourned at 10:46 p.m., Eastern Time.

The executive session meeting adjourned at 1:37 a.m., Eastern Time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary

(20) 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:

24-031 CFA v. Anjela Strauss

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

Guilty. *The board has imposed the following disciplinary action: a finding of guilty with a one-year suspension of all CFA services and a $1,000.00 fine; the fine to be paid within 30 days. If the fine is not paid prior to the end of the suspension period, the suspension will continue until the fine is paid in full. In addition, CFA shall void the transfer of Twisteddream Daiquiri (0961-02877066) to Anjela Strauss. [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.

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

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 parties, and the matter was heard. Final disposition is as follows:

None