

**SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APRIL 1, 2025**

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, via Zoom video conference. **President Richard Mastin** called the regularly scheduled mid-quarterly video conference 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)
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
Matthew Wong, Budget Committee Member

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: OK, hello, everyone. Welcome to CFA's April 1st, 2025 Executive Board Meeting. Madam Secretary, please do the roll call. **Anger:** I will. By acknowledging our attendance, we are also agreeing to abide by the Board Member Code of Ethics and Confidentiality Agreement. [**Secretary's Note:** Secretary Rachel Anger called the roll, as reflected above.] Is there anyone on the panel in the meeting who is not a panelist? OK, so we're just lacking two board members at this time (Webster and Tamura joined the meeting later). When they join the meeting, I will so indicate in the minutes. I will turn it back to you, Mr. President. **Mastin:** Rachel, thank you. Meeting is called to order. Rachel, I'm going to task you with one more thing before we get started. Would you please remind the board what you've been

sending out over the emails? **Anger:** Yes, I would be happy to. As a reminder, board members are supposed to have no more than two opportunities to speak on each issue. That's one item. If you've scripted your statements, let's just read our statement and move on. If you have questions about a report, hopefully you've asked the author offline before the meeting. And most important, come prepared. We're assuming everyone is prepared and has reviewed the reports and materials in advance. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Rachel. One reminder from me. For all the committee chairs and board liaisons, we're focusing on action items. Please do not review your entire report. I will open up to the board questions for you to address. I appreciate everyone staying on task. We have, I believe, with closed session, 20, 27 agenda items.

SUMMARY

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

(1) APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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

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(2) RATIFICATION OF ONLINE MOTIONS.

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9.	Executive Committee 03.20.2025	Amend SR 2.04 and 10.22b to allow Bay Check In throughout the International Division, <u>effective immediately</u> .	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).

Ms. Anger moved to ratify online motions #1-#3 and #5-#9, as published. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

Ms. Anger moved to add an item that is not yet included in the Ratification of Online Motions into the executive session International Division Committee Report. Seconded by **Mr. Currle**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

Mr. Newkirk moved that #9 be effective immediately. Seconded by **Mr. Currle**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

(3) **JUDGING PROGRAM REPORT.**

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

Judging Program Rule Change

Section 9 – Apprentice Judges	Judging Program Committee	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
9.3 In Regions 1-9, clubs may invite any Apprentice Judge from any region or division to judge any specialty for which the Apprentice Judge is authorized. Apprentice Judges in Regions 1-9 may not accept an invitation to judge in the International Division. Invitations from CFA clubs in the International Division may be considered by Approved or Approval Pending Judges, including	9.3 In Regions 1-9, clubs may invite any Apprentice Judge from any region or division to judge any specialty for which the Apprentice Judge is authorized. Apprentice Judges in Regions 1-9 may not accept an invitation to judge in the International Division. Invitations from CFA clubs in the International Division may be considered by Approved or Approval Pending Judges, including	

those that are Approved in one (1) specialty and at least Apprentice in the second (2nd) specialty.	those that are Approved in one (1) specialty and at least Apprentice in the second (2nd) specialty. <u>Apprentice Judges from any Region or the International Division may accept judging assignments in any Region or International Division country.</u>
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The motion to approve a change to Judging Program Rule 9.3 to bring it into agreement with Judging Program Rule 12.2. was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

Advancements – Regular Judging Program:

Advance from Trainee to Apprentice Specialty:

Chris Lee – ID-China (Shenyang, China) 18 yes
Shorthair 1st Specialty

Eugene Jeong – ID-Other (South Korea) 18 yes
Shorthair 1st Specialty

Advance from Apprentice to Approval Pending Specialty:

Grace Cheung – ID-Other (Hong Kong) 18 yes
Longhair 1st Specialty

Advance from Approval Pending to Approved Specialty:

Alex Luk Chunlap – ID-Other (Hong Kong) 18 yes
Longhair 1st Specialty

Advance to Approval Pending Allbreed:

Emiko Misugi – Region 8 (Saitama, Japan) 18 yes

Advance to Approved Allbreed:

Lyn Knight – Region 7 (Mt. Airy, MD) 18 yes
Rick Hoskinson – Region 4 (Kirkersville, OH) 18 yes

(4) CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.

Mr. Newkirk moved to proceed with registering the patched tabby male as a whole male, registering the litter already produced by the male, changing the sire's registration to not-for-breeding and registering any progeny from the litter as not-for-breeding. Seconded by **Dr. Griswold**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

(5) CLUB MEMBERSHIP.

Chair Mrs. Krzanowski made a standing motion on the following action items, with a standing second by **Mr. Huhtaniemi**:

- Accept with regret the resignation of the following clubs:
 1. Al Andalus Cat Club, Region 9, effective February 5, 2025
 2. Southern Traditions Cat Club, Region 7, effective December 31, 2024

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

- Approve the request by the Mahameru Cat Club to change their name to Maha Cat Club, effective immediately. The motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

(6) SHOW RULES.

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

1 *Amend Show Rule 29.02a to reduce the number of points required for a Grand Household Pet title to 50 for cats residing and competing in Region 9, effective 1 May 2025.*

Article XXIX – Obtaining Titles – Household Pets, amend 29.02a	Pam DelaBar	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
29.02 a. Two hundred (200) points are required for Grand Household Pet in Regions 1 through 9 with the exceptions of the Maritime Provinces of Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, the Ukraine, Hawaii, Russia (east of the Ural mountains), and the International Division. For cats residing and competing in those excepted areas (except Hawaii) one hundred (100) points are required for the Grand Household Pet (GH) title. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii thirty-five (35) points are required for the GH title.		29.02 a. Two hundred (200) points are required for Grand Household Pet in Regions 1 through <u>8-9</u> with the exceptions of the Maritime Provinces of Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, the Ukraine, Hawaii, Russia (east of the Ural mountains), and the International Division. For cats residing and competing in those excepted areas (except Hawaii) one hundred (100) points are required for the Grand Household Pet (GH) title. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii thirty-five (35) points are required for the GH title. <u>For cats residing and competing in Region 9, fifty (50) points are required for the GH title.</u>

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

2. *Amend the Addendum providing an exception the grand point requirements for cats in the International Division, Ukraine, and Russia west of the Ural Mountains for the 2025-2026 show season to reduce the number of points required in Region 9 for a Grand Champion title to 150 and for a Grand Premier title to 50, effective 1 May 2025.*

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 are modified to require 75 points for the Grand Champion title and 25 points for the Grand Premier title, in Ukraine to require 100 points for the Grand Champion title and 25 points for the		For the 2025-2026 show season, the requirements to obtain the grand title in the International Division outside of China are modified to require 75 points for the Grand Champion title and 25 points for the Grand Premier title, <u>in Region 9 150 points for the Grand Champion title and 50 points for the Grand Premier</u>

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.			title, in Ukraine to require 100 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	Country/Area	GC Pts Rqd	GP Pts Rqd
Regions 1-9 except as noted	200	75	Regions 1-9 1-8 except as noted	200	75
Maritime Provinces of Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Hawaii, Mexico, Russia east of the Ural Mountains, Ukraine,			Region 9	150	50
International Division (except China)	75	25	Maritime Provinces of Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Hawaii, Mexico, Russia east of the Ural Mountains, Ukraine,		
Ukraine	100	25	International Division (except China)	75	25
Russia west of the Ural Mountains	100	50	Ukraine	100	25
China	175	50	Russia west of the Ural Mountains	100	50
			China	175	50

Motion Failed. DelaBar, Huhtaniemi, Currle and Anger voting yes.

(7) CFA INTERNATIONAL CAT SHOW AND EXPO.

Chair Mr. Raymond had no action items.

(8) INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.

Mr. Newkirk moved that the CFA Board of Directors approve the in conjunction show between Borneo CF and Nusantara Cat Squad to be held in Jakarta, Indonesia on May 24-25, 2025, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval). Seconded by **Mr. Currle**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

(9) MARKETING.

Liaison Mr. Mastin presented no action items.

Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees

(10) SHOW HALL TECHNOLOGY.

Chair Mrs. Dunham had no action items.

(11) BYLAW AMENDMENT.

Ms. Calhoun moved to approve the following Board-sponsored amendment to the CFA Bylaws, Article IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, for presentation to the delegates at the June 2025 Annual Meeting. Seconded by **Ms. DelaBar**, **Motion Carried**. Altschul voting no. Currle and Webster did not vote.

Proposed Amendments to the CFA Bylaws

Deleted text is shown with a ~~strike through~~ and new text is underscored. Unless otherwise stated, any Constitutional Amendments are effective immediately.

– 1 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 1 – Annual Meetings, as follows:

ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1 – Annual Meetings

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

Midwest, Southern, North Atlantic, Northwest, Gulf Shore, Great Lakes, Southwest.

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

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

RATIONALE: The Bylaws currently permit the Board to change the date, location and/or manner of the Annual only “if circumstances outside the control of the Association arise.” While traditions regarding the Annual are important, this limitation prevents the Board from even considering changes to the Annual which would make business sense if those changes do not arise from circumstances outside of CFA’s control. The amendment does not require the Board to make any changes regarding the Annual; it simply gives the Board the authority to exercise sound business judgment if the circumstances warrant.

(12) AGILITY PROGRAM – UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES.

Ms. Moyer moved to reconsider the motion to remove the scoring from the Midwest Regional Show. Seconded by **Ms. Calhoun**, the motion [to reconsider] **Carried**. Krzanowski, Griswold and Colilla voting no. Currle and Webster did not vote.

Ms. Moyer moved to amend the original motion to read: ~~Do not score the times~~ Reinstate times with 25% time penalty for the nonstandard course agility rankings at the Springfield, MO show on June 15/26, 15/16, 2024. Seconded by **Mr. Newkirk**, the amended motion **Carried**. DelaBar, Nasin and Griswold voting no. Colilla, Currle and Webster did not vote.

(13) SMALL LOCAL SHOW CONCEPT.

Mr. Huhtaniemi moved that the local small show concept is to be accepted as an experimental show format for show seasons 2025-2026 and 2026-2027, and clubs do not need to request

permission for any of the mentioned (1-4) Show Rule exceptions from the CFA Executive Board. Seconded by **Ms. DelaBar**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

Mr. Huhtaniemi moved to grant an exception for the Show Scheduling Committee, Region 9 Regional Director and ID Chair to approve local small concept shows 200 miles (300 kilometers) apart or one show per country. No local small shows are accepted in Regions 1-7 within 500 miles radius of already existing shows. Seconded by **Ms. DelaBar**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

Mr. Huhtaniemi moved to bring the Small Show Concept report into open session. Seconded by **Ms. DelaBar**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

(14) OTHER COMMITTEES.

None.

(15) NEW BUSINESS.

None.

(16) OLD BUSINESS.

None.

(17) 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:

**25-001 *CFA v. Aimee He (Ye He)*
*Violation of CFA Bylaws Article XV, Section 4 (b & g)***

Guilty. *The following disciplinary action has been imposed: A two-year suspension of all CFA services and a \$2,000.00 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. [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

TRANSCRIPT

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

(1) **APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.**

CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD Video Conference Meeting Agenda April 1, 2025		
Open Session		
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3.	Judging Program Report	Nye/Webb
4.	Central Office Report	Tartaglia
5.	Club Membership	Krzanowski
6.	Show Rules – Region 9 Grand Points Proposals	DelaBar
7.	CFA International Show and Expo	Raymond
8.	International Division	Newkirk
9.	Marketing	Bobby/Hannon/ Morgan
Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees		
10.	Show Hall Technology	Dunham
11.	Bylaw Amendment	Raymond
12.	Agility Program – Unintended Consequences	Moyer
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	ADJOURN	

Mastin: With that, the first order of business is to approve the orders of the day.

DelaBar: I will so move, but Rich, I was going to ask you for the Orders of the Day to please schedule a break. **Mastin:** OK. We will definitely schedule a break between closed and executive session. Depending on when we start executive session, we may also schedule another break two hours in. Thank you, Pam. **Newkirk:** I'm a second.

Mastin: OK, we are open for discussion on the orders of the day for open session. Does anything need to be changed or added? OK. Any objections? Seeing no objection motion passes unanimously.

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

Mastin: Thank you everyone.

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Webster: I am in full support of this motion. It made a big difference at the last show. The club is the envy of my region. They have a very active membership and it is growing with a younger population. This would be a great boost for Hawaii. Griswold: I am also in full support. Hawaii cat fanciers are very supportive of CFA and we should be in return. Tamura: I fully support this. Mathis: I am in full support of this motion. The show was so well received by everyone involved, and the count was by far the largest I have ever seen in my time in Hawaii. The format certainly attracted exhibitors! Currle: Could this show format be offered to all clubs in CFA? I also support the motion as is. But if it's that popular, perhaps our clubs here and internationally can benefit. Raymond: Currently, only clubs in R 1-7 and China which hold a 5 ring, one day show are required to include a specialty ring. No specialty ring is required for shows in R8, R9, and the ID outside China. Allowing 5 ring shows without a specialty ring in R 1-7 and China would require a show rule change. Moyer: I would be for this. I have a club in my region that can only do 5 rings and it hampers her draw to have to do Specialty. She wanted to have Super Specialty count but it does not. DelaBar: Or require an exception to the Show Rule. Raymond: Allowing individual clubs to do this upon request is an exception to the Show Rule; allowing all clubs to do this without seeking permission is a show rule change. DelaBar: Agree. Just wondering how many individual club requests it will take to get a show rule on board.			
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DelaBar: Stuff like this can happen and these two judges are gems. Calhoun: In my opinion, this is not an emergency and should go to the full board in April. Anger: I agree that it is not an emergency, but it would be efficient to clean this up and not have to spend time on it during our already-packed teleconference.			
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No discussion.			
9.	Executive Committee 03.20.2025	Amend SR 2.04 and 10.22b to allow Bay Check In throughout the International Division, <u>effective immediately</u> .	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			

Mastin: Rachel, please do Agenda Item #2. **Anger:** Thank you very much. We have the Ratification of Online Motions. I would like to move that we approve items #1-#3 and #5-#9. Item #4 failed and it will be taken care of in our Judging Program executive session report.

Mastin: OK, thank you, Rachel. Carol, are you a second? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I am. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you. Is there any discussion? Are there any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Anger: I have another item that is not on the Ratification of Online Motions because it was dealt with after this was finalized. It was an online motion regarding the Malaysia show. Is there any interest by any board member of bringing that forward as an action item at this meeting? It failed the Executive Committee. **Currle:** I think perhaps it should be discussed in closed session. **Mastin:** Darrell? **Newkirk:** That's fine. It's not listed. Can we have it? **Anger:** I'll resend it out to the board. **Newkirk:** OK. Thank you, Rachel. **Anger:** You're welcome. **Mastin:** OK. So Rachel, we're going to put that in closed session. Where are we going to take it up under closed session? Are we putting it under the ID Committee? **Anger:** That would be a great place to put it, with the consent of the ID chair. **Mastin:** Darrell? **Newkirk:** I'm OK with that. **Mastin:** Great. That's where we'll put it. Rachel, I rely on you to remember all this for us. **Anger:** I've got a note here. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you. **Anger:** We have to vote on the motion. **Mastin:** You made the motion. I believe Kenny made the second. Is there any objections to that item being moved into the ID session during executive session? OK. Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Thank you, Rachel. **Anger:** Thank you. That's all I have. I'll send that email now and put myself on mute. **Mastin:** Great, thank you. I'm just writing a note here myself before I move on.

Newkirk: Can you scroll back up to #9? For clarification, I want to make sure that this is something that's been instituted now through the end of this show season. **Mastin:** Ed, do you know? **Raymond:** No. The motion that was made was for next season, so nothing was put in place for this season. **Mastin:** Darrell, do you want to take this up under Old or New Business? **Newkirk:** No, I just had a couple of people contact me. They wish that bay check-in in ID-Other was active now because of a couple of questionable stuffing issues at a couple of shows. **Mastin:** Well, if you want to make a motion and see how the board feels on it, you're welcome to do that. **Newkirk:** OK. Would my motion be that this is effective immediately? Would that work, Ed? **Raymond:** Yes, that would work. **Newkirk:** OK. So, I will make that motion. **Mastin:** OK. Kenny, are you seconding? **Currle:** I am. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Darrell. Thank you, Kenny. This is now open for discussion. Are there any objections? Seeing no objection, this motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Pam, before I continue, you are going to take the notes, OK? Thank you, Pam, as you always do. Go ahead, Pam. **DelaBar:** I was going to say, is there, is there something new I I don't know about? **Mastin:** No, no. I just know it's early in the morning for you and I just want to make sure I get that cleared out of the way early. **DelaBar:** For four years now, this is

the first time you have ever expressed concern. Thank you. **Mastin:** I know. OK. Darrell, did you have anything further? **Newkirk:** No, that's it. Thank you. **Mastin:** OK.

(3) **JUDGING PROGRAM REPORT.**

Executive Committee

Co-Chair: Vicki Nye
Board Liaison and Co-Chair: 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: I see Vicki is with us. Vicki, before you start, I just want to confirm a couple of things here. Russell, are you the standing motion on all action items? **Webb:** Yes. **Mastin:** And Rachel, are you the standing second on all action items for the Judging Program? **Anger:** I am. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you. I just wanted to get that out of the way. Welcome Vicki. **Nye:** Thank you very much. I have been reminded a couple of times to keep this very brief and so I will.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Follow up by Rachel Anger, updating the Judging Program Rules with the two (2) changes approved at the February 1, 2025 Board Meeting has been completed. The February 2025 Judging Program Rules are posted on the CFA Website. The JP Co-Chair Vicki Nye has communicated these changes with the Judging Program panel through CFAJudgeslist@groups.io.

Current Happenings Of Committee:

The Spring BAOS will take place April 17, 18 & 20 in Bangkok, Thailand in conjunction with a two day show to be held on April 19-20, 2025. Current registrations are 20, representing seven (7) countries.

Our two (2) Judging Program Application Administrators (Jodell Raymond and Leslie Carr) have been busy reviewing the four (4) current Judging Program Applications and advising the Applicants. Our two (2) Judging Program File Administrators (Nancy Dodds and Marilee

Griswold) continue to manage their nineteen (19) Trainees and Advancing Judges moving through CFA's Judging Program.

The Judging Program Committee met on March 25th, 2025 to discuss advancements and other business to bring before the board.

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

Judging Program Rule Change

Section 9 – Apprentice Judges	Judging Program Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
9.3 In Regions 1-9, clubs may invite any Apprentice Judge from any region or division to judge any specialty for which the Apprentice Judge is authorized. Apprentice Judges in Regions 1-9 may not accept an invitation to judge in the International Division. Invitations from CFA clubs in the International Division may be considered by Approved or Approval Pending Judges, including those that are Approved in one (1) specialty and at least Apprentice in the second (2nd) specialty.		9.3 In Regions 1-9, clubs may invite any Apprentice Judge from any region or division to judge any specialty for which the Apprentice Judge is authorized. Apprentice Judges in Regions 1-9 may not accept an invitation to judge in the International Division. Invitations from CFA clubs in the International Division may be considered by Approved or Approval Pending Judges, including those that are Approved in one (1) specialty and at least Apprentice in the second (2nd) specialty. <u>Apprentice Judges from any Region or the International Division may accept judging assignments in any Region or International Division country.</u>
RATIONALE: 2/1/2025 Judging Program Rule change to 12.2 Judging Invitation Clarification, addressed inequity of judges in the International Division of any status to judge CFA shows in Regions 1-9 or the International Division, while not all Judges in Regions 1-9 had the ability to judge for CFA anywhere regardless of status. Judging Program Rule 9.3 currently does not permit Apprentice Judges from Regions 1-9 to accept judging assignments in the International Division. This change brings Judging Program Rule 9.3 into agreement with Judging Program Rule 12.2		

Board Action Item: *Approve change to Judging Program Rule 9.3 to bring it into agreement with Judging Program Rule 12.2.*

Nye: Within the open session, I have one action item and one correction. The action item, if you can scroll down. The rest of the contents of this, I'm assuming everyone has read. The action item is actually housekeeping. This refers back to something that was passed last session and it was a general change that applied to all sections of the Judging Program Rule. However, it was also mentioned under the Apprentice Judges, and so we needed to go back in and correct this. What it allows is, all judges everywhere, no matter what their status is, to go ahead and accept assignments in all regions and areas. So that is what the motion is. **Mastin:** OK. Thank

you, Vicki. Open for discussion. Are there any objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Leave of Absence:

Cathy Dinesen – October 15, 2024 through June 1, 2025

Retirements/Resignations:

Angel Sun, Associate Judge – Shenzhen, Guandong, China. Email of resignation received February 3rd, 2025 stating her deepest gratitude for the trust and opportunity to judge for CFA. Due to family responsibilities that require her full attention, she is no longer able to commit to the travel and time judging would require. Vicki Nye accepted Angel's resignation with regret on February 3, 2025.

Death of previously retired CFA Judges

None

Applications and Advancements:

Applications:

None for the 4/1/25 Board Meeting

Advancements:

Seven (7) advancements to be presented in closed session

- *From SH Trainee to SH Apprentice: **Chris Lee** – ID-China (Shenyang, China)*
- *From SH Trainee to SH Apprentice: **Eugene Jeong** – ID-Other (South Korea)*
- *From LH Apprentice to Approval Pending LH: **Grace Cheung** – ID-Other (Hong Kong)*
- *From Approval Pending LH to Approved LH: **Alex Luk Chun Lap** – ID (Hong Kong)*
- *From Approved LH & Approval Pending SH to Approval Pending Allbreed: **Emiko Misugi** – Region 8 (Saitama, Japan)*
- *From Approval Pending Allbreed to Approved Allbreed: **Lyn Knight** – Region 7 (Mt. Airy, MD)*
- *From Approval Pending Allbreed to Approved Allbreed: **Rick Hoskinson** – Region 4 (Kirkersville, OH)*

Advancements – Regular Judging Program:

Advance from Trainee to Apprentice Specialty:

*Chris Lee – ID-China (Shenyang, China)
Shorthair 1st Specialty*

18 yes

Eugene Jeong – ID-Other (South Korea) 18 yes
Shorthair 1st Specialty

Advance from Apprentice to Approval Pending Specialty:

Grace Cheung – ID-Other (Hong Kong) 18 yes
Longhair 1st Specialty

Advance from Approval Pending to Approved Specialty:

Alex Luk Chunlap – ID-Other (Hong Kong) 18 yes
Longhair 1st Specialty

Advance to Approval Pending Allbreed:

Emiko Misugi – Region 8 (Saitama, Japan) 18 yes

Advance to Approved Allbreed:

Lyn Knight – Region 7 (Mt. Airy, MD) 18 yes

Rick Hoskinson – Region 4 (Kirkersville, OH) 18 yes

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

- **Applications:**

First Specialty Applications received by the February 1, 2025 deadline, to be considered at the June 26, 2026 Board Meeting.

- Charlene Jin – Shorthair Associate Judge, First Specialty Shorthair, ID-China (Shanghai, China)
- Yu (Leonie) Zhang – First Specialty Longhair, ID-China (Chengdu, China)
- Stella Liu – Shorthair Associate Judge, First Specialty Shorthair, ID-China (Shanghai, China)
- Makoto Wakamatsu – First Specialty Shorthair, Region 8 (Yokohama, Kanagawa, Japan)

- Advancements
- Year-end compilation of the Judging Program panel
- Report on attendance at the April 17, 18 & 20, 2025 BAOS
- Plans for the October 9-10, 2025 BAOS in conjunction with the CFA CIS

Breed Awareness and Orientation School Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair: Barbara Jaeger

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The next BAOS is scheduled to be held in conjunction with the April 17, 18 and 20, 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Report on attendance at the April 17, 18 & 20, 2025 BAOS,

Plans for the October 9-10, 2025 BAOS in conjunction with the CFA CIS.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Jaeger, BAOS Coordinator*

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.

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

<i>Judge</i>	<i>Assn</i>	<i>Sponsor/Club</i>	<i>City/Country</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Raymond, Allan</i>	<i>Fun Show</i>	<i>Feline Club of India</i>	<i>Cochin, India</i>	<i>2/1/25</i>
<i>Rattanaweerawong, I</i>	<i>Fun Show</i>	<i>Sand Haus/Thailand Cat Contest</i>	<i>Bangkok, Thailand</i>	<i>3/22/25</i>
<i>Chung, Chloe</i>	<i>Seminar</i>	<i>Thailand Cat Lover Fair (The Siam Cat Fanciers)</i>	<i>Nonthaburi, Thailand</i>	<i>3/30/25</i>
<i>Rattanaweerawong, I</i>	<i>Fun Show</i>	<i>Thailand Cat Lovers Fair</i>	<i>Nonthaburi, Thailand</i>	<i>3/30/25</i>
<i>Schleissner, Michael</i>	<i>Felidae (IND)</i>	<i>Felidae e. V.</i>	<i>Kassel, Germany</i>	<i>5/3/25</i>
<i>Raymond, Allan</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>WCF by FUR</i>	<i>Koh Chang, Thailand</i>	<i>5/11/25</i>
<i>Schleissner, Michael</i>	<i>Felidae (IND)</i>	<i>Felidae e. V.</i>	<i>Hamburg, Germany</i>	<i>6/7/25</i>
<i>Raymond, Allan</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>SFEPI/International Show</i>	<i>Manila, Philippines</i>	<i>6/21/25</i>
<i>Schleissner, Michael</i>	<i>Felidae (IND)</i>	<i>Felidae e. V.</i>	<i>Dessau, Germany</i>	<i>8/2/25</i>
<i>Schleissner, Michael</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>German Noble Cat</i>	<i>Recklinghausen, Germany</i>	<i>9/13/25</i>
<i>Schleissner, Michael</i>	<i>Felidae (IND)</i>	<i>Felidae e. V.</i>	<i>Stuttgart, Germany</i>	<i>11/20/25</i>
<i>Griswold, Marilee</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Magnificats Romania</i>	<i>Bucharest, Romania</i>	<i>11/22/25</i>
<i>Anger, Rachel</i>	<i>ANFI/FIFe</i>	<i>ANFI/FIFe</i>	<i>Vercelli, Italy</i>	<i>12/6/25</i>
<i>Adkison, Larry</i>	<i>ANFI/FIFe</i>	<i>ANFI/FIFe</i>	<i>Vercelli, Italy</i>	<i>12/7/25</i>
<i>Nye, Vicki</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>Motor City Cat Club</i>	<i>Ontario, Canada</i>	<i>9/7/25</i>

<i>Rivard, Lorraine</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>Ottawa Valley Cat Club</i>	<i>Ottawa, Ontario</i>	<i>9/28/25</i>
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Note: Raymond, A show on 2/1/25 in India was missed off the Feb 2025 Guest Judge report inadvertently. This was approved Dec 21, 2024.

Nye: All righty. A correction is in the Guest Judging Program. It's the grids. What this has to do with is four lines from the bottom of the first grid where it refers to Rachel and Larry. Judging for ENFI and FIFe. It's actually ANFI, A-N-F-I. Rachel, if you could please make that correction before this goes to publication. **Anger:** I sure will. **Nye:** Thank you.

CFA Club Requests to use a Guest Judge:

<i>Judge</i>	<i>Assn</i>	<i>Sponsor/Club</i>	<i>City/Country</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Approved</i>
<i>Balciuniene, Inga</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Orange CC</i>	<i>Orange, France</i>	<i>3/9/25</i>	<i>Approved GJ</i>
<i>Nazarova, Anna</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Edelweiss CC</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>3/9/25</i>	<i>Approved GJ</i>
<i>Nazarova, Anna</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>Edelweiss CC</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>3/11/25</i>	<i>Approved GJ</i>
<i>Pohvalina, Victoria*</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Edelweiss CC</i>	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>	<i>4/5/25</i>	<i>2/6/25 WH (req sent 2/4/25)</i>
<i>Gnatkevych, Olena</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Mahameru CC</i>	<i>Bekasi, Jawa Barat, Indo</i>	<i>4/12/25</i>	<i>1/21/25</i>
<i>Slizhevska, Tetiana</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Mahameru CC</i>	<i>Bekasi, Jawa Barat, Indo</i>	<i>4/12/25</i>	<i>Approved GJ</i>
<i>Gnatkevych, Olena</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Cat Club Sherry</i>	<i>Kiev, Ukraine</i>	<i>4/19/25</i>	<i>app 2/7/25</i>
<i>Matskevich, Natalia</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Cat Club Sherry</i>	<i>Kiev, Ukraine</i>	<i>4/19/25</i>	<i>app 2/7/25</i>
<i>Christison, Janis</i>	<i>ACF</i>	<i>Central Breed CC</i>	<i>Bangkok, Thailand</i>	<i>4/26/25</i>	<i>app 2/7/25</i>

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.

<i>Guest Judge Name</i>	<i># Shows</i>
<i>Balciunene, Inga</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Bielova, Natalia</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Billing, Jurgen</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Buchanan, Pat</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Christison, Janis</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Comorio, Luigi</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>DeLuca, Chiara</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Gleason, Elaine</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Gleason, Robert</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Gnatkevitch, Olena</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Gubenko, Dmitriy</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Hamalainen, Satu</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Ignatova, Elena</i>	<i>1</i>

<i>Lanigan, Pamela</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Ling, Christine</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Mantovani, Gianfanco</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Matskevich, Natalia</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Merrill, Vicky</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Merritt, Chris</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Nazarova, Anna</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Pokhvalina, Viktoria</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Sadovinkova, Irina</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Slizhevskaya, Tatiana</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Trautmann, Jurgen</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Vasilieva, Vera</i>	<i>1</i>

Judging Program Reports

Respectfully Submitted

Vicki Nye

Co-Chair CFA Judging Program

Nye: That's it for Judging Program, open session. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions for Vicki? Seeing no questions, Vicki, thank you very much. **Nye:** You're welcome.

(4) CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.

Submitted by: Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director

2026 Yearbook Update: *We are moving full speed ahead with the preparation of the 2026 Yearbook. We've been in touch with the new printer and looking forward to working with them. Conversely, we've contacted our long-time printer to let them know we have chosen a new vendor which will substantially reduce the cost of printing the Yearbook.*

We are planning to reduce the number of pages to approximately 320 pages (instead of 396) and to use a soft cover versus a hard cover (a \$5 savings per book).

Mastin: OK, Agenda Item #4, Allene. **Tartaglia:** OK. I just have two minor additions and then the action items. So, for the yearbook update, I wanted to thank Ed Raymond for his recommendation of a printer to contact. I did, and we were able to save about \$7,300. So, it went from a \$10,000 ticket to print to a \$3,200 ticket to print the yearbook. So, that's pretty substantial. Janet Moyer also had a printer who put in a bid, but it wasn't quite as good. So, we'll be going with the printer that Ed recommended. That's that on the yearbook.

CFA Logo Trademark: *We've received official notification from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) that we can now add the ® sign to our standard logo (located after the N in Association) and we've started the process of revising all the logo files. Below is an example.*



Tartaglia: The CFA logo trademark. We're finally getting to the point where we can use the registered trademark sign. I just wanted to mention that a couple of months ago, the tagline, *We Know Cats* has been trademarked, as well – registered.

Registration of Sex-Linked Red Males: *Every once in a while, a cat breeder or owner attempts to register a sex-linked red male such as a patched tabby. We know these males cats are usually sterile and inform the registrant that the cat will be registered as not-for-breeding, if they aren't already neutered. This policy hasn't been questioned until recently. There is a breeder with a patched tabby male to be registered and when informed of our policy to register a male with a sex-linked red color as not for breeding, he indicated this male has, indeed, produced a litter of kittens, of which a couple of the males have the red too.*

We questioned the breeder and were assured the male is a patched tabby (photos were sent) and that the patched tabby male is the sire of the litter.

I conferred with our Genetics Committee, Darrell Newkirk and Marilee Griswold, for their feedback on this and they agreed that these male cats should not be registered as breeding cats especially because a sex-linked red male has a genetic aberration which can be passed on to future generations.

I plan to add the policy of registering sex-linked red males as not-for-breeding to the general Rules for Registration since this gentleman pointed out there is nothing printed anywhere regarding this policy. In addition, I propose the following actions and request the board's endorsement for this particular instance.

- 1. Register the male cat.*
- 2. Register the one litter.*
- 3. Change the male's registration to not-for-breeding.*
- 4. Register any progeny from the litter, male or female, as not-for-breeding.*

This will not only stop the genetic aberration from continuing in this line, but also provide a reasonable compromise and accommodation for our customer, considering the not-for-breeding policy was not publicized.

Tartaglia: So, this is regarding registration of sex-linked red males. They happen. We have been registering them as *not for breeding*. It's been our policy for as long as I can remember, to do that. It hasn't been an issue until recently when we were presented with a cat to be registered. It was a sex-linked red male and we wrote to them and said, "by the way, they're usually sterile." We registered him as not for breeding. The breeder said, "oh, well he's already had a litter of kittens and they have some sex-linked red males in there, too. The person noted that we have not published anywhere what our policy is regarding the registration of sex-linked red males. So, I confirmed with the Genetics Committee. You can see they agreed. The male cat should not be registered as a breeding cat because it is a genetic aberration.

Proposed Board Action Item: *Proceed with registering the patched tabby male as a whole male, registering the litter already produced by the male, changing the sire's registration to not-for-breeding and registering any progeny from the litter as not-for-breeding.*

Tartaglia: So, my motion is to do with this current cat that we have that's pending. This is what I would like to do with this particular instance, and this is what the motion describes. Register this male cat as a breeding cat, register the one litter, change the male's registration to not for breeding, and then register any progeny from the litter, male or female, as not for breeding. I think that would be a bit more service. It stops things in their tracks. I'd rather register the litter this way than the person come back and say, "oh well, then I just am going to register the cat as a different color." So, that's the action item that I've proposed. **Mastin:** OK Allene, thank you. Darrell, are you making the motion? **Newkirk:** I am. **Mastin:** Marilee, will you second the motion? **Griswold:** I will. **Mastin:** And I call on you Marilee, because you're written up in here as you and Darrell agreed with this direction. **Griswold:** Yes, we have. So, I mean, this has been our policy for a long time as Allene said, and so whether this is a chimera with different genetic DNA in different parts of the cat, different lines, or whether it's an xxy. My

guess would be in this particular cat, it may not be an XXY, but it's still a sex-linked red and making sex-linked reds. So, I'm not sure that this is where we want to go. So, I think we probably do need an official policy. It's kind of been our unofficial policy anyway. Darrell and I kind of agree on this. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Marilee. Darrell. **Newkirk:** Lorraine [Shelton] put a thing up on Facebook and she said, usually these ones that reproduce are XX/XY or they're XY/XY. You have to have two X's to get patched or torties, and these male cats should only have one X. For torties and blue creams, we don't even have a color class for males in those. So, anyway, I think each registry has a right to do what they want. That's been our policy and I think it's a good policy and I think we should stay with it. **Mastin:** OK Darrell, thank you. Does anybody have any questions for Allene, Darrell or Marilee? **Calhoun:** Rich, this is Kathy. I can't raise my hand but I do have a question. **Mastin:** Alright, go ahead, Kathy. **Calhoun:** OK. I guess this is primarily for Allene. Well, actually, I really think that the whole board should probably weigh in on what we do with this, and maybe this is not a conversation for a single board meeting as a policy statement. I think we probably need to work on that, but my question is this, specifically for this instance. If in fact you make this exception, if that's what I'm understanding you to say, if this occurs again, now you've set a precedent. So, if this happens again to a different cat, are we going to allow an exception. I guess my point is, if we have a policy, we have a policy. I think we need to publish the policy and work on that, but if we have a policy and if someone has asked for an exception to that, what are we going to do when the next person comes around asking for an exception? **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Kathy. Allene, I see you've got your hand up. **Tartaglia:** I think the issue with this particular thing is that we have never published this policy. It's not anywhere written, so this is the question that the person raised. He said, well, how would he even know that? And we thought, well, he wouldn't know that. So, in an effort to be reasonable and accommodate the customer, we didn't provide that information. We will now have it in the rules for registration, and should this come up again, we can point to the rules and say, "this is our policy regarding sex-linked red males." That's the only reason I'm asking if you want to consider an exception. It's the first time we've been faced with the male cat not having been registered and there's a litter to be registered at the same time. **Mastin:** OK. Kathy, do you have more questions? **Calhoun:** That in and of itself is not all that unusual when the parents of a cat gets registered right along with the kittens. I know it's not ideal, but that's nothing new. So, I'm OK. The rules of registration, at what point in time will that be changed? Is that something that's going to be changed by May 1? **Tartaglia:** It'll be tomorrow. I can do it tomorrow, yes. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Kathy. Thank you, Allene. Rachel.

Anger: Thank you. You answered my question, but while I have the floor, I want to acknowledge that both Howard and Aki are now in the meeting. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you for pointing that out, Rachel. Aki, do you reaffirm. **Tamura:** I confirm, yes. **Mastin:** Howard, do you reaffirm? **Webster:** I reaffirm. **Mastin:** Thank you.

Mastin: Carissa. **Altschul:** I have three points. The first one is, to my personal knowledge, this is not the first time we've had a sex-linked male that was registered that had kittens. I am aware of a chocolate calico Persian male that was probably a chimera because he was fertile and he did have kittens and the litters were registered. This was some time ago, but there is precedent for allowing a sex-linked male to register litters. Don't ask me for that cat's name. I don't remember it. I just remember the situation. My second comment is, can we change the Rules of Registration? Because I thought those were added into the bylaws. Are we going to make it a registration policy, not a rule of registration? I think Ed will have to comment on that.

And my third comment is, it's not really an exception to go ahead and register this male cat and his litter because there is no policy. So, we're not making an exception. The owner of this cat is correct. He's not asking for an exception. He's just trying to register his cat and there's nothing in our rules that disallows it. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Carissa. Ed? **Raymond:** The board is free to change the general Rules for Registration whenever it wishes. It's only breed-specific Rules for registration that require a 60% vote of the breed council. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Ed. Carissa, does that answer your question? **Altschul:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK. And then Darrell and Marilee, do you have any comments on Carissa's third point? **Newkirk:** No, I have to agree with it. **Mastin:** OK. Marilee? **Griswold:** Yes. This was kind of our unofficial policy and if some cat got registered previously, it might've been something that slipped through, but unofficially it's been my understanding that we have not allowed the registration of males like this. What Central Office has discussed now gives us the ability to register this male, register the one litter and then change everything and all the progeny to not for breeding. I don't really see where it's going to be an issue going forward. Clearly, there's sex-linked red males in these upcoming litters. You know, when we go forward, if these are chimeras, it's going to be impossible to have a good DNA on a chimera cat. So, I don't know. I still think this is a good general registration rule and I think Allene's way of dealing with it at this time is a good one. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Marilee. Darrell. **Newkirk:** I will say ditto on what Marilee just said. I'll also remind the board that several years ago all kinds of strange stuff was getting registered in CFA and I presented a certified pedigree where there was a dominant calico produced by two dilute cats and that's impossible. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Darrell.

Mastin: Howard. **Webster:** I wanted to know why they couldn't be shown in premiership – maybe not the weird color, but the offspring that were a normal color. **Mastin:** Howard is this pertaining to the specific motion? **Webster:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK. Marilee, do you want to answer that? **Griswold:** Yeah. I mean, I would think they could. So, if they're registered, it says “register any progeny from the litter, male or female, as not for breeding.” So they're registered and as long as they are not the sex-linked red males, I don't see why they couldn't be because the sex-linked red males are the ones that are unable to be shown. **Mastin:** Howard, did Marilee answer your question. **Webster:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK. Ed, before I call on this, are you comfortable with the action item as written based on the information that's been provided? **Raymond:** Yes, I am. **Mastin:** OK. Very good. Is there any further discussion? **Calhoun:** Rich, this is Kathy again. **Mastin:** Go ahead, Kathy. **Calhoun:** I think this might be my second time. **Mastin:** OK. **Calhoun:** So, what is the rationale behind not allowing a sex-linked red male who is neutered to be shown in premiership? **Mastin:** Marilee? **Griswold:** It's my understanding those were the rules for, from what I understand, Maine Coons. Is that not correct? But I think whenever we saw one of those, I think we ended up making a ruling somewhere that sex-linked red males are not eligible for being shown. So that's a CFA show rule, I believe, but I'd have to go find it. **Mastin:** Ed is looking for it right now. **Calhoun:** I'll drop it after this, because this will be number three. I'm not calling into question about who and when, and I'm just really looking at looking forward. Is there a rationale why a cat – that male that has been neutered – not being allowed to show in premiership? I'm not seeing the downside of that cat being shown in premiership and I could be missing something. But it's neutered. Maybe the cat is beautiful and they just want to show it. **Mastin:** OK. Kathy. Do you got any more points on that? **Calhoun:** None. I'm out. **Mastin:** You're out. Rachel. **Anger:** There is no color class for a sex-linked red-factor male in any breed. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Rachel. Ed? **Raymond:** There is a note at the beginning of Show Rule 30.01, which is the list of championship breeds divisions and colors that reads in part, *Male cats*

whose color combinations occur only by virtue of genetic anomaly, more than one X chromosome present, are never eligible for kitten championship or premiership competition. Where permitted, an exhibitor may transfer such entry to an AOV class. If there's no AOV class for that breed, or the exhibitor does not agree to transfer to AOV, the judge must disqualify. Then it goes on a little more. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Ed. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Tartaglia: Thank you, everyone. **Mastin:** Thank you, Allene. You're going to write a policy now? Is that what I understood you said earlier? **Tartaglia:** I'll add that policy or, I mean, it's a rule at this point – a policy, a rule if I put it in the rules for registration. I'll have you and Ed review it tomorrow. **Mastin:** Ed, if Allene is going to put together a written policy that's going to be posted, should it come back to the board for approval? Or did we cover everything during this motion for her to proceed? **Raymond:** I think everything was covered during the discussion on this motion. **Mastin:** OK. Very good. I just want to make sure the policy is what the board expects it to be.

*Respectfully submitted,
Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director*

Mastin: OK. Allene, what else do you have? **Tartaglia:** Nothing else for me. **Mastin:** All right. Thank you. OK.

(5) **CLUB MEMBERSHIP.**

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

Mastin: Moving on to Agenda Item #5. Carol, before you get started, I just want to confirm you have a standing motion on any action items. Is that correct? **Krzanowski:** Yes. **Mastin:** And Pauli, are you a standing second? **Huhtaniemi:** I will. **Mastin:** Thank you. OK, Carol.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Assistance and guidance were provided to clubs with questions and issues regarding membership and applications.

Club Resignations

Two clubs have indicated that they are resigning from CFA membership.

Action Item: *Accept with regret the resignation of the following clubs:*

- 1. Al Andalus Cat Club, Region 9, effective February 5, 2025*
- 2. Southern Traditions Cat Club, Region 7, effective December 31, 2024*

Krzanowski: The first action item I have is that two clubs have indicated they're resigning from CFA membership. The action item is to accept with regret the resignation of the following clubs: Al Andalus Cat Club, Region 9, effective February 5th, 2025; and Southern Traditions Cat Club, Region 7, effective December 31st, 2024. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Club Name Change Request

<i>Current Name</i>	<i>Mahameru Cat Club (International Division – Asia)</i>
<i>Proposed Name:</i>	<i>Maha Cat Club</i>
<i>Conflict with Existing Names:</i>	<i>The new name does not conflict with any existing CFA club name.</i>
<i>Reason:</i>	<i>The current name was chosen by a former club officer who is no longer involved with the club. The club would like to trim the existing name to be shorter, simpler and more recognizable to the public. The new name retains the spirit and values of the club's original identity while offering a fresh representation of who the club is today. The International Division Committee supports this change.</i>

Action Item: Approve the request by the Mahameru Cat Club to change their name to Maha Cat Club, effective immediately.

Krzanowski: The next action item is to approve the request by the Mahameru Cat Club to change their name to Maha Cat Club, effective immediately. Normally, I would have brought this forward in June, but the club wants to plan a show for the new show season, using the new name, if approved. **Mastin:** OK. Any discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Future Projections for Committee:

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

Time Frame:

April 2025 to June 2025 CFA Board meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

All new clubs that have applied for membership and satisfactorily completed their documentation, as well as any specific requests received from member clubs.

*Respectfully submitted,
Carol Krzanowski, Chair*

Mastin: Carol, do you have anything else? **Krzanowski:** No, that's all I have. Thank you. **Mastin:** OK. Does anybody have any questions for Carol before we go on to the next item? OK. Thank you, Carol. **Krzanowski:** You're welcome.

(6) **SHOW RULES.**

Committee Chair: *Ed Raymond*
Liaison to Board: *Carol Krzanowski*
List of Committee Members: *Cathy Dunham, Kathy Gumm, Shirley Michaud-Dent, Brad Newcomb*

Mastin: The next item is Show Rules. Carol, will you be a standing motion on all action items for Show Rules? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I will. **Mastin:** And by show of hand, may I have a standing second? Darrell, are you a standing second? **Newkirk:** I am. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you. OK, Ed.

Submitted on behalf of the following Region 9 clubs: 44 Gatti, American Shorthair Lovers of Europe, Cat Fanciers of Finland, Feline Fanciers of Benelux, Felinus International, Fenix Cat Club, Orange Cat Club, Sherwood Manx Club, Sunshine Cat Club, Sophisto Cat Club, UK Cat Fanciers, Universal Cats Club.

Effective date: 1 May 2025

1. *Amend Show Rule 29.02a to reduce the number of points required for a Grand Household Pet title to 50 for cats residing and competing in Region 9, effective 1 May 2025.*

Article XXIX – Obtaining Titles – Household Pets, amend 29.02a	Pam DelaBar	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
29.02 a. Two hundred (200) points are required for Grand Household Pet in Regions 1 through 9 with the exceptions of the Maritime Provinces of Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, the Ukraine, Hawaii, Russia (east of the Ural mountains), and the International Division. For cats residing and competing in those excepted areas (except Hawaii) one hundred (100) points are required for the Grand Household Pet (GH) title. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii thirty-five (35) points are required for the GH title.		29.02 a. Two hundred (200) points are required for Grand Household Pet in Regions 1 through 8-9 with the exceptions of the Maritime Provinces of Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, the Ukraine, Hawaii, Russia (east of the Ural mountains), and the International Division. For cats residing and competing in those excepted areas (except Hawaii) one hundred (100) points are required for the Grand Household Pet (GH) title. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii thirty-five (35) points are required for the GH title. <u>For cats residing and competing in Region 9, fifty (50) points are required for the GH title.</u>
RATIONALE: Region 9 asks for a reduction in the points required for Grand Household Pet in order to attract household pet exhibitors to our shows. There has not been a regional winning household pet in Europe for nearly 10 (ten) years. There have been no Grand Household Pets in Region 9 since the program was established. Region 9 clubs have not been able to attract household pet entries due to the large number of points required to earn the grand title, considered unattainable with the small household pet entries, if any.		

Maximum number of household pets entered in any one show has been in Finland with two (2) entries, over a year ago.

Raymond: OK. The first motion is to amend Show Rule 29.02.a. to reduce the number of points required for the Grand Household Pet title to 50 cats for cats residing and competing in Region 9, effective with the new show season. **Mastin:** OK. Pam, do you want to speak on this? **DelaBar:** For both of these, both of these are very strongly supported by a majority of clubs and exhibitors in Region 9. We feel we can attract more registrations. We can attract more people exhibiting at our shows and, given the chance, that they believe that they have a chance to achieve these titles. We have really strong competition when it comes to, especially the longhairs. In Europe, all registries are basically – they're very longhair specific and really heavy longhair competition. We want them. We want them to come over. We want them to register. We want them to show. In speaking specifically to the grand household pet, if you would recognize Pauli, he found an error on my part in the rationale, if you could have him speak, please. **Mastin:** OK. Pauli. **Huhtaniemi:** I'm supporting this rule change. I have to correct the statement that we don't have any Grand Household Pets in Region 9. We actually have three. Those are all from Finland and with the fastest one to achieve the title, it took three years to show the cats. The third one got the title after showing the same cat five years. So, 200 points for the household pets is far too much. That's why we want to lower the numbers. Thank you. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Pauli. Pam, did you want to continue? **DelaBar:** Just basically the household pets are just an untapped market, but it's been our pedigreed exhibitors who are bringing along an extra household pet for whatever. Our last regional winner was one of those cats that was brought along by an Oriental Shorthair exhibitor. So it's a market that we could tap, given the carrot principle, if we have a chance to do it. I do want to say one thing. I'm looking at the second one as being part of an addendum, not part of the overall show rule. But back on the household pets, please give us a chance to really build up this market. Anything that we build up here – and I do want to remind everybody – Region 9 has more registrations than any other region and we can keep getting that because we have a market that the other regions don't have. We have exhibitors from FIFe, we have exhibitors from WCF and we have a plethora of independent clubs, which is something that we've never seen before in the United States, and we want to be able to capitalize and reach these markets to come over and try us. They don't have to give up their association, but add us to. That's our philosophy here, so I'm asking for the board's help. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Pam. Does anybody have any questions for Pam? Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the first motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2. *Amend the Addendum providing an exception the grand point requirements for cats in the International Division, Ukraine, and Russia west of the Ural Mountains for the 2025-2026 show season to reduce the number of points required in Region 9 for a Grand Champion title to 150 and for a Grand Premier title to 50, effective 1 May 2025.*

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 are modified to require 75 points for the Grand Champion title and 25 points for the Grand Premier title, in Ukraine to require 100 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
Ukraine	100	25
Russia west of the Ural Mountains	100	50
China	175	50

For the 2025-2026 show season, the requirements to obtain the grand title in the International Division outside of China are modified to require 75 points for the Grand Champion title and 25 points for the Grand Premier title, in Region 9 150 points for the Grand Champion title and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, in Ukraine to require 100 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 <u>1-8</u> except as noted	200	75
<u>Region 9</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>50</u>
Maritime Provinces of Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Hawaii, Mexico, Russia east of the Ural Mountains, Ukraine , International Division (except China)	75	25
Ukraine	100	25
Russia west of the Ural Mountains	100	50
China	175	50

RATIONALE: Region 9 asks for change to Addendum #4, effective 1 May 2025, for the 2025-2026 show season. Region 9 is very large geographically and CFA shows are spread out over this large area. Unlike other regions and areas, Region 9 has established competition (FIFe established in 1949, WCF established in 1989, and several historically strong independent organizations in several countries) which also provide a “market” to attract new breeders and exhibitors. Many of these breeders and exhibitors would like to participate in CFA but view the point requirements for grand champion and grand premier as a “bridge too far” at 200 points and 75 points, especially at our high level of competition. Region 9 clubs have asked specifically for this reduction in grand points. Additionally, new breeders and exhibitors not only means higher entries to shows and new registrations, but more income for CFA from a region that already provides the highest number of registrations among all the regions.

Mastin: OK Ed, let's go to the second one. **Raymond:** OK. Just a quick statement that, although that the first motion was a change to the permanent show rules, the permanent show rules have already gone to press, so we will be reflecting this in the addendum for the coming show season. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you for pointing that out. **Raymond:** And the second motion is to amend the addendum for the current show season, providing an exception to the grand points requirements for cats in the ID, Ukraine, Russia, west of the Urals to reduce the number of points required in Region 9 for grand champion title to 150 and for a grand premier title to 50 effective with the new show season. This removes some of the other exceptions for certain countries in Region 9 and makes the entire region have uniform grand point requirements. **Mastin:** OK.

Mastin: Carissa. **Altschul:** This motion infuriates me. When Region 9 first came into CFA, they promised that they would never ask for exceptions, just like Region 8 came in. I feel like we have been asked for exception after exception. I was fine with the household pet, because they definitely have evidence that they really don't have household pet numbers, but the evidence is not there for championship at all. If you pull the champion numbers from the last few shows in Region 9, they have comparable or higher champion counts than Regions 1-8. They have shows that had 85 champions, 74 champions, 53 champions just in the last few months. The rest of their shows are in the thirties and forties. I strongly object to this. This is an insult to the rest of the regions who have to get 200 points or 75. It is an insult to the people who originally presented Region 9 to the delegation, and I just absolutely am flabbergasted. If you ask the majority of exhibitors, "hey, would you like to have less points to get the same title?" In every region, probably most of them would say, "yeah, I'd like to get the same title for less work." Of course they are. That's irrelevant. We have titles and we have standards and we should adhere to them. I want to point out that yes, their premiership numbers are lower, but so were the numbers lower in Regions 1-7. When I first started showing in premiership back in the nineties, we would be lucky to have five cats in premiership. It took a really long time to get my cat to 75 points – like two years, but over time, premiership grew and not because anybody lowered the threshold for grand, not because we had a carrot. People began to enjoy showing in premiership. I completely object to every single reason to lower these points for an entire region that has just as many shows, if not more than most of the rest of the regions and has just as many points available and probably has more grands than all of the other regions. They don't need less points. **Mastin:** Thank you, Carissa, Rachel. **Anger:** Thank you. I want to point out a couple of things that Pam has mentioned repeatedly. Region 9 is where we're getting our most registrations. The other regions – Regions 1-8, the ID and China – are not in the middle of a war in parts of their region. So I'm in favor of this. This is an addendum. This is just for the next show season. I see an area of growth here that's a very active. I want to keep it active and I want to keep people continuing to try CFA. If we give them something that they can reasonably achieve, they'll come back and they will stay, and that's what I want. CFA is a great place to be. I want people to show their beautiful cats with us and I support this motion. **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel, Pauli. **Huhtaniemi:** I kind of agree with what Carissa said. She has a point, but also the class requesting to lower the points have a great point. Our show season currently is only from October until mid-March. After that, our accounts are really low. We are not only lowering the points, we are also changing points higher in championships because we have certain areas where the numbers are much lower. So we try to put everything in the same line in the region. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pauli.

Mastin: Darrell. **Newkirk:** Well, I agree with what Rachel said, but also agree with what Carissa said. Would it be possible that we could keep the grand points at 200 and lower the grand premier points to 50? That would be my suggestion. **Mastin:** Darrell, you might want to get prepared to do amended motion if Pam doesn't agree, but I want to call on Pam because she presented this item to the Show Rules Committee. So Pam, address all the comments that were made. **DelaBar:** Well, I didn't write down all the comments that were made, but I do want to remind people, as a Regional Director, you have to represent everyone and as Regional Director with the large number of people who have asked for this and for the clubs that support this, I am duty bound to bring it forward. I'm going to say it took me for my first grand 11 shows. Of course I started back with premiership back in the seventies and my first grand was in championship. I am still trying to get grand titles on two cats, one in championship and one in

premiership, but it's not because of quality or competition, it's because mother happens to judge too much to be able to show. The region, specifically they're looking at the longhairs. The competition is incredible. It is so incredible over here in Europe that I have talked with members of the Judging Program Committee and said longhair trainees should be required to do at least one show in Europe to really get to find out why we have divisions in Exotics. This would be a one year test for the addendum and if it doesn't have the draw, then it would be out. But as I said, I am duty bound to bring this forward to the board based upon the desires of a large majority of my constituents. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Pam. Kenny. **Currle:** I want to remind everybody, one of the reasons we went to six divisions in the Exotics is because of Europe. The quality of their longhairs, I can certainly attest to from the beginning. At the time, we were probably 95% longhair cats. That has since evened out with many, many shorthair breeds. So, we've made great strides in there and drawing a lot of different breeds to kind of equal things out. As far as numbers are concerned, Pauli's right. They shut down for the summer but it's the way it has always been there in Europe. I liked Darrell's suggestion. Even as a better compromise in my mind would be to go to 175 and 50, but we would have to turn this down and then have another motion obviously. But, I understand Carissa's concern. It doesn't, I hate the word "cheapen" the title of grand, but I have seen over my course since 1973, we may be dropping in numbers, but the quality of cats everywhere has been really gotten better. We've got a lot better breeders. So it is difficult to obtain these titles. So I would like to hear other people's opinions as far as maybe adjusting the grand points – maybe not down 50 points on the grand champion. **Mastin:** Thank you, Kenny. Kathy. **Calhoun:** I don't really have enough data here to even make a decision, but I think what Carissa brought up about the numbers, perhaps we should set this aside and maybe ask our data guru, Dick Kallmeyer, put some numbers together. I don't think there's a person in any region right now that thinks this is easy because the numbers are down. So I think that we should make a data driven decision and the whole premise of this being one year? You know, we do this, it's going to be more than one year. Let's not fool ourselves. So I would like to see some data and come back and readdress. **Mastin:** Thank you, Kathy. Darrell. **Newkirk:** Would it be possible for Carissa to repeat the champions and the shows that she told us? **Mastin:** Sure. Carissa? **Altschul:** Hold on. I pulled it up. I just did a few. It looks like Edelweiss had a 6x6. The first one was 16 longhair, 22 shorthair, 38 allbreed. The next day, 16 longhair, 23 shorthair, 39 allbreed. Cat Fanciers of Finland, 15 and 15 for a total of 30. Orange Cat Club Universal, 44 longhairs, 9 shorthairs, 53 allbreed. Club Felino Espanol, 23 longhairs, 6 shorthairs, 29 allbreed. There was another one. I didn't grab the name. Similar, 23 to 5 for 28. Universal Cats, Orange Cats, 58 longhair, 16 shorthair, 74 allbreed. Club Feline Fleur de Lis 18/13 – 31. **Mastin:** I think we've got enough right now, Carissa. **Altschul:** OK. There was one more that was like a very aberrant, but this was a Ukraine show with 58 longhair, 27 shorthair, 85 allbreed. I wonder how many one show grands were at that show. **Newkirk:** The point I wanted to make is that these are numbers that are similar to the cat shows we're having here, and we require people here to have 200 points. So, the people in Region 9 are granding their cats and if we lower it, there's going to be 20 one-show grands at a high count show. I just don't see the – I have to agree with Carissa. 200 is the right amount of points. Now, I know that the premiership counts the last two shows that I've judged there's been about 20 premiers. That includes the grands and everything. There's not a lot of competition right now and it's the end of the season. Maybe I'm at the wrong show, but I would go along with 50 in premiership because I think Carissa said that the premier counts were a lot lower. So, I think leaving the grands at 200 and decreasing the grand premier at 50 points isn't an unreasonable compromise. **Mastin:** OK. Marilee. **Griswold:** I have to agree, the

shows I've been at over there, the champion count is quite large. I would say borderline larger than what we see in the States. One thing I don't understand. I mean, we have the OCP rings that actually do make more grands for shows statistically when we did the statistics on them, but most of the clubs in Europe still stick with those super specialties, which I'm not sure why they do that versus going more with the OCPs. But I think if we want to lower the grand champion points, I think we're going to have to do what Kathy recommended and see if Dick feels that that's actually validated with the numbers. I'm OK with decreasing for the grand premier points because again, like I think the upcoming Ukraine show has pretty much zero in premiership and they have 79 out of the 90 cats entered are champions. So, I mean, that gives you the chance to be not only a one show grand, but almost like a two and a half ring grand. So, I think we need to look at the numbers if we want to change those, but I'm fine with grand premiership. **Mastin:** Thank you, Marilee. Pam. **DelaBar:** One thing I want to remind everyone is that Region 9 does have something that the other regions don't have, and that is the outlawing of owning of Persians, Sphynx, other hairless breeds, Japanese Bobtails, Manx, any cat that shows the slightest bit of not having a tail or having a stunted tail or having very little coat to no coat to having a whole bunch of coat, but a brachiocephalic head. We have countries who have banned our cats. So, if we have a lot of cats, it's because we're all congregating where we can have our breeds without being against the law. In the Netherlands, if you have a Persian, you're allowed to keep that cat, but God forbid you should get another. Same thing with Sphynx and the other hairless breeds. Rex, Cornish Rex, Devon Rex outlawed in Switzerland. So, no, we don't have a level playing field over here because we're fighting, one, to keep our cats still available within many of these countries. Oh, and Marilee, Scottish Folds are out in Belgium. Not only are we trying very hard to keep our cats to be able to have our pedigreed cats in several countries, but we're also trying to keep the cat fancy alive with FIFe as competition, with WCF as competition, yet we're trying to entice some of them to come over and join us at our shows. So, no, it's not a level playing field and this, as I said, we're trying to keep building over here. I don't want to see us lose our position of having more registrations than any other region. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam.

Mastin: Carissa? **Altschul:** I pulled the premiership numbers and they're actually comparable to what's going on in Regions 1-7. I've been showing in premiership extensively and I know the numbers and the premiership numbers, allbreed, they are more slanted toward longs in their premierships, but they still get just as many cats in premiership, not grands, but premiers, grand points at the Region 9 shows for the most part, with the exception being the one show I pulled from the Ukraine which had no cats in premiership. But, all of their other shows are actually right in line with what's going on in Regions 1-8. Same premiership numbers. Some of them are in the single digits, but that's where the premier numbers are in Regions 1-9. So, I object strongly to lowering the points at all. I do think we have formats that could help them out, particularly because they do have these really heavy longhair classes at some of their shows. I think they should really consider having more specialty rings. I've noticed a lot of the Europe shows tend to be all allbreed. They are using super specialty, which is good. I don't know that any of them have taken advantage of the OCP format. There is that to help them feel like, because OCP allows them to use as many longhairs as they want. They can have 10 longhairs in an OCP final. So, there are formats there that could definitely work for these European exhibitors who feel that the longhair classes are really, really ultra competitive. That doesn't change the meaning of the grand title, which I believe, while Pam is representing her region, the rest of us have to represent the rest of CFA as a whole. And keeping the integrity of that grand title is something that we should be doing as board members. **Mastin:** Carissa, don't go anywhere,

because I want you to tell us the premierships numbers for those seven shows as you did with the championships. What are they so we have them? **Altschul:** OK. Do you want me to tell the club names or just give you the numbers? **Mastin:** Just the numbers. **Altschul:** OK. First show, 3-2, so then 5. The second show, 3-2, and then 5. Third show, 1-4, and then 5. The next show, 14-2, and 16. The next show, 6-2, to make it 8. 10-0, for allbreed 10. The next show, 4-5, allbreed of 9. The next show, 6-3, allbreed of 9. And the final show, that's that Ukraine show, there were no premiers entered. **Mastin:** OK. And you stated that these are similar to the numbers of premiers in regions 1-7? **Altschul:** Absolutely. I've got the show count archive up. I have to move my camera because I go around it to look at it. Los Colores Club was 9-6 for 15. Tennessee Valley, 5-5 for 10. Mo-Kan, 4-4 for 8. McKenzie River had 8-2 for 10. Land of the Sky, 6-2, for 8. Ozark was 5-9 for 14. Crab and Mallet was 3-7 for 10. Genesee, 5-7 for 12. Illini, 6-5 for 11. I hope that makes sense how I'm saying this. **Mastin:** Yeah, I'm following it. **Altschul:** Arkansas Feline Fanciers was 3-1 for 4. I'm trying to skip some of the ID shows. Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers was 6-2 for 8. Wichita Cat Fancy, 4-4 for 8. So comparable numbers. **Mastin:** OK. I think we've got enough there.

Mastin: Carol, you're the maker of the motion. Darrell, you're the second. Carol, do you want to make any changes to the original motion? **Krzanowski:** I don't think I want to, but I reserve the right to vote no. **Mastin:** OK. And Darrell, did you want an amended motion or do you want to go and see what happens? **Newkirk:** Well, I'm conflicted because I was leaning toward the 50, but not the 150 for grands. After Carissa just read off those numbers, there's no difference there and there is here. So, I can't support this for either one. **Mastin:** OK. Then I'm going to call the motion as it sits right now, which is reducing the championship to 150 and the premierships to 50. Ed, do I have that correct? **Raymond:** Yes, you do. **Mastin:** OK. I'm going to call for the vote because I know there's objections. If you're in favor, raise your hand. Please remember to leave your hand up until I ask everybody to take your hand down. OK.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Failed.** DelaBar, Huhtaniemi, Currle and Anger voting yes.

Mastin: Pam, Pauli, Kenny and Rachel. Lower your hand. If you're opposed, raise your hand. Darrell, Marilee, Aki, Doreann, Janet, Kathy, Carol, Howard, Vicki, Anne, John and Carissa. OK. Lower your hand. If you're an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. **Anger:** I did not get a vote from Russell. **Mastin:** I did not either. Russell? **Webb:** I'm opposed. **Mastin:** You're opposed. OK, thank you, Russell. OK, when you're ready, Rachel. **Anger:** That's 4 yes, 13 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** The motion fails. Pam. **DelaBar:** Just one thing. Rachel, the region decided that if this did fail at this board level, it will be submitted as a change to the show rules at the annual meeting. So we already have this in line. **Mastin:** OK, thank you, Pam. **Anger:** The deadline is coming up. [**Secretary's Note:** April 15, 2025: Proposed Amendments & Resolutions must be RECEIVED in CO by this date.] **Mastin:** Ed, do you have anything further? **Raymond:** No, nothing else for Show Rules. **Mastin:** OK, does anybody have any additional questions for Ed or Carol? OK, I just want to remind the board, today is April 1st, and we're still working on show rules for the new year, which is 30 days away. We need to get our show rules to the Show Rules Committee for the October board meeting and do our best to stay on track with that. As Ed pointed out, the show rules booklet went to print, and anything after a certain point ends up in the addendum. OK, thank you, Ed. Thank you, Carol.

(7) **CFA INTERNATIONAL CAT SHOW AND EXPO.**

Committee Chair: *Ed Raymond*
Liaison to Board: *Rich Mastin*
List of Committee Members: *Mark Hannon, Linda Murphy, Allene Tartaglia, Rachel Anger, Kathy Calhoun, Desiree Bobby, Amber Goodright*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Balloting for International Show judges has concluded. Congratulations to the following individuals who have accepted invitations to judge the show:

BIS Judge

Adkison, Larry

Ring Judges

<i>Anger, Rachel</i>	<i>AB Kittens, AB Championship</i>
<i>Bennett, Jacqui</i>	<i>AB Kittens, AB Championship</i>
<i>Black, Kathy</i>	<i>AB Kittens, AB Championship</i>
<i>DelaBar, Pam</i>	<i>AB Kittens, AB Premiership, HHPs</i>
<i>Griswold, Marilee</i>	<i>AB Kittens, AB Premiership, HHPs</i>
<i>Mathis, Anne</i>	<i>AB Championship, AB Premiership, HHPs</i>
<i>Morgan, Melanie</i>	<i>AB Championship, AB Premiership, HHPs</i>
<i>Newkirk, Darrell</i>	<i>LH Kittens, LH/SH Championship, AB Premiership</i>
<i>Nye, Victoria</i>	<i>LH/SH Kittens, LH/SH Premiership, HHPs</i>
<i>Pearson, Brian</i>	<i>LH/SH Kittens, LH/SH Premiership, HHPs</i>
<i>Sweeney, Teresa</i>	<i>LH/SH Championship, LH/SH Premiership, HHPs</i>
<i>Vanwonderghem, Peter</i>	<i>SH Kittens, LH/SH Championship, HHPs</i>

Russell Webb will be the first alternate.

Mastin: Ed, don't go anywhere, because we're going to do the International Cat Show and Expo. **Raymond:** This should be quick. There are no action items. We just wanted to make public the list of judges selected by the clubs and their assignments. **Mastin:** Anybody have any questions or comments for Ed? Congratulations to all the judges that were selected. Ed, thank you.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The committee continues to work through the myriad of issues presented by a show of this magnitude.

Board Action Items:

None

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

A status update will be presented at the June Board Meeting

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Raymond, Chair*

(8) **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: The next agenda item #8 is International Division. **Darrell Newkirk:** Thank you, Mr. President. I submitted a pretty lengthy report this time. I hope everyone's gone through it. There's just a couple of things that I want to bring up.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Communications with ID Committee in regard to issues with closing times in China. Continued communications with the ID committee in regard to the combined ID Banquet for China and the International Division.

Matt Wong and I met with several of the Hong Kong Club members on Sunday March 23, 2025. Matt had drafted an agenda from comments he had received from the clubs.

Here are Matt's notes from our meeting:

1. Cats with TRN never get registered.

1.1. We shared the feedback from Taiwanese fanciers in transferring their, say, TICA cats to CFA. They have to email communicate in English at times and this takes a lot of effort and 30 days limit may not be enough.

1.2. HK Cat Clubs generally believe cats with CFA sire and dam should only use fast track registration, not TRN.

1.3. Darrell and Matthew explained Europe needs TRN as many cats are FIFE registered.

1.4. There may be a bug or arbitrage in the system that the user can get a TRN without paying.

2. Szekci Cattery has many phantom cats and known to make fake certificates. They have a cat in NW list currently.

2.1. ID will ask Central Office to look into the registration history of this cat to see if it is transferred to another cattery before the ban on Szekci Cattery. Also if this cat is allowed to have offspring registered with CFA.

3. ID Banquet date. The group felt October is too late.

3.1 Understand August or school summer holiday is the preferred time. Also Monday banquet is difficult for some people who cannot take leave from work. Also the time required to present so many awards. But the 2025 event is already confirmed.

4. Hong Kong working visa for trainee judges. (see 7 below)

The meeting shared the recent event and suggests cat clubs to be extra careful when inviting Mainland Chinese trainees or volunteers. They **MUST** have a work visa and **MUST** activate the work visa upon entering HK custom.

5. In conjunction show with TICA and the TICA show organizers are Lorraine Kam and Rex Cheung who are suspended from CFA.

Cat clubs **MUST** be sensitive to any back to back show with other associations. Cat clubs must compile with the procedure to apply for in conjunction show.

6. Any Other Business

6.1. Combining ID China and ID Other. Due to the drop in registration in China, it does not justify China having its own NWs. The group discussed in details and such action will discourage cat shows and registration. This will trigger a negative spiral. Cat clubs are suggested to give feedback to ID and lobby with other board members tactfully. There is likely to be a proposal to the board and to be voted in the annual in June 2025 or June 2026.

6.2. Cat entry with incorrect information especially color class. The group discussed that many new fanciers may choose the wrong color in entering the cat. Or simply enter half guessed information just to get thru the pages. They tend to pick the first choice on the pulldown menu on the webpage. The current design of the webpage is obvious for experienced CFA breeders or exhibitors but not intuitive for newbies. Some of the color descriptions may not be obvious. Similar colors and patterns are named differently in different breeds.

7. The meeting shared the recent event and suggests cat clubs to be extra careful when inviting Mainland Chinese trainees or volunteers. (including any ring clerk or master clerk). The applicant must apply for a business visa issued by the authority in Mainland China prior to applying for a working visa in Hong Kong. They **MUST** have a work visa and **MUST** activate the work visa upon entering HK custom. ** and the HKD1200 license fees of the working visa was at the applicant's cost**

The International Division Committee is pleased to announce the following CFA judging program applicants to be considered at the June 2025 CFA Annual Meeting.

- *Charlene Jin- First Specialty Shorthair, ID—Shanghai, China.*
- *Yu (Leonie) Zhang- First Specialty Longhair, ID—Chengdu, China*
- *Stella Liu- First Specialty Shorthair, ID—Shanghai, China*

Newkirk: When I was in Hong Kong weekend before this past weekend, they brought up some issues with TRNs. Apparently, you can go on the website and get a TRN and not pay for it and not submit a pedigree. So, if that is the case, we need to change that so that at least they have to pay for it. So, maybe that's something Allene can answer. **Tartaglia:** The TRNs go through the entry clerk system. So, through the online entry system, you can enter a TRN and it's really up to the entry clerks to tell people what they owe, just like they would with any entry. **Newkirk:** OK. Well, it seems to me like it would be smarter to charge them for the number when they ask for it, but that's just me. **Mastin:** Hang on, Darrell. Hang on one second. Allene and James, can we do what Darrell is suggesting? **Simbro:** No. **Tartaglia:** We'll have to think about that. It's not a registration. **Mastin:** Well, it is a registration. **Newkirk:** Yes, it's temporary. **Mastin:** It's a registration. **Tartaglia:** Can we come back on that? We've got to give that some thought, I think. **Mastin:** Rachel, let's put that on new business, and if we can't get to it tonight, we'll follow up at the next meeting on that item. Darrell, that might be a great idea. **Newkirk:** Yeah. What did Rachel say? **Anger:** I made a note to bring it up under new business. **Newkirk:** OK. Thank you.

Newkirk: The other thing that came up is, the editors, Matt and I both explained the importance of TRNs, especially for Region 9, which it's used pretty heavily. They felt like if a cat's sire and dam are CFA registered, that they should not be allowed to use a TRN since they can get an expedited registration number. So, I'm just throwing that out for your consumption. **Mastin:** OK. Hang on a second, Darrell. Maybe Pam has something. Pam, do you have something on that, specific to what Darrell just brought up? **Tartaglia:** Well, while Pam's trying to get off mute, Cathy Dunham would like to address the TRN question when Pam's done. **Mastin:** OK. Go ahead, Pam. **DelaBar:** On the parentage, we went through this previously. We have CFA cats that are sold to other associations that we have to bring back through to register the offspring by pedigree. So, having those parents, which were CFA cats, became, let's say, FIFe cats or WCF cats or whatever, and to get their offspring registered, we had to pass a special rule that, yes, these cats can be registered because they had been re-registered in another association and now have a new pedigree. So, I would be entirely against saying that cats with CFA parents cannot be registered. Pauli can go through this. We've been through this with the board. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Pam. Darrell? **Newkirk:** Well, that doesn't even make any sense. I mean, if a CFA male and a CFA female produce a kitten, it's entitled to a registration CFA number. **DelaBar:** May I? **Mastin:** Go ahead, Pam. **DelaBar:** But the kitten will be registered FIFe. **Newkirk:** I don't care. **DelaBar:** Darrell, please. I have the floor. The kitten, let's say, if the parents were sold to FIFe cats and they turned around and produced a kitten or litter, all of those will be registered FIFe. So, to register that kitten, we have to do it by pedigree. But, if you disallow registering by the male and female because they were once registered in CFA, then you're going to hurt a lot of our registration by pedigree, which brings in a whole bunch of money than a regular registration. **Mastin:** OK. Darrell? **Newkirk:** So, can I ask Allene a question? **Mastin:** Yes, you can. **Newkirk:** So, Allene, if there is a kitten, even though it may be registered in another organization, do we nullify the sire and the dam's registration number in CFA and not entitle it to register kittens? **Tartaglia:** No, we don't check. If a sire and the dam are CFA registered, they can register a litter. **Newkirk:** Thank you. **Tartaglia:** And the kitten's

out of it. We don't check to see if it's been registered in FIFe. That's up to the individuals. We don't police that. **Mastin:** OK. Kathy? **Calhoun:** OK. I'd be very interested in seeing what Cathy Dunham has to say. But I'm on board with Darrell. This seems to be a little bit odd and as far – I mean, if there's a gap as to how people are doing this and not paying CFA, that gap needs to be closed. It's not, can we close it? We need to close it and people who register in more than one association is not unusual anywhere. People have cats registered in CFA, same cats registered in TICA. Babies here, babies there. So, this gap seems to be something that we need to really focus on closing. **Mastin:** Thank you, Kathy. Carissa? **Altschul:** I just have a question for Pam, because I don't understand what she was saying. If somebody has two CFA registered cats and they have a baby, which they choose to register in another association – the offspring – why can they not also register the litter and then the cat with CFA? It seems like they're doing it the hard way by pulling the pedigree on the offspring and then registering it by pedigree. Why not just register the litter and then register the kitten? If you have two CFA registered cats, you can register the litter and then register the kitten. I think maybe that's an educational issue with what's going on with her constituents in Region 9. **Mastin:** OK, before we continue here, Darrell, are you OK if we allow Cathy Dunham to speak on this topic? **Newkirk:** Absolutely, and can I make a comment after she's done? **Mastin:** After Cathy's done? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Mastin:** Yeah. So, this is what I'm going to do, just so everybody knows. I'm going to call on Cathy Dunham first, then Darrell, and then as the hands are raised, which is Marilee, Pam, Pauli, and Vicki. OK, so Cathy Dunham, go ahead.

Dunham: Thank you. As the person that takes care of TRNs, I'd like to clear up a few oversights or misconceptions. If a TRN number is requested, I have to track that TRN number when it comes into Central Office. If it is not paid for, I ask the club for the payment, and the club goes back to the exhibitor and gets the payment, or I work directly with the exhibitor to get payment, either by credit card, PayPal, whatever it is that has to be done. So, TRNs are getting paid for. That's not an issue. So, setting that aside, TRNs are getting paid for. If the parents of a cat requesting a TRN are CFA-registered – dam and sire are CFA-registered – they are asking for that TRN so they can hold their points until registration is complete, either via litter registration through our normal process, or as Pam stated, there are cats because of the laws of other associations on how cats are registered, they have to pull those pedigrees and register the kittens in CFA via pedigree. So, the TRN is being used to hold their points, which is completely legit. It's done all the time. So, we're not missing anything here. TRNs are getting paid for. I track them. They go on a spreadsheet. Dick Kallmeyer pulls them every so often to do the report for the board about TRNs and the percentages getting registered, the percentages that are not being registered, and all of those things that he looks at. So, I think there's some miscommunication or misunderstanding from some exhibitors in Hong Kong. I'm happy to do education with anybody that wants it. I'm all about education so that going forward, we're handling it correctly, and we're not just, you know, willy-nilly doing it 50 different ways and I get to address it every time I see a show. So, those are the comments that I wanted to make. I'm happy to talk to anybody individually offline about how the process works, but I just wanted to kind of let you know how I handle it in Central Office. Thanks. **Mastin:** OK, Cathy, thank you. Don't go anywhere just in case we need you. Darrell, you're next. **Newkirk:** So, Cathy, thank you for that. That makes a lot of sense and it probably explains a couple of things that we didn't understand. So this is not an action item. This is just something that I brought up because it came up in our meeting and we're wasting valuable time on something that's not even an action item. I only have one action item and so I don't know if the people that have their hands up still want to make a comment, but

we're just eating up valuable time. **Mastin:** OK, then I'm going to make this recommendation for all those that had their hands up. It was Marilee, Pam, Pauli and Vicki. I'm going to go back to my original suggestion because Darrell made a recommendation on how we process the TRNs. Let's put this under New Business because it wasn't part of the original report and as Darrell said, it's wasting time. Now, Marilee, Pam, Pauli and Vicki, do you object to that and do you need to get your point out right now? OK, Darrell, we're moving on. Cathy Dunham, thank you. **Newkirk:** Yeah, thank you, Cathy.

Current Happenings of the Committee:

CFA Club membership in the International Division:

Currently we have approximately 105 clubs in the international division.

Since February 3, 2025, 6 clubs have paid their dues and submitted their membership lists in compliance with our bylaws

Three clubs have submitted either their dues or membership list, but not both:

China Morning Star Club: membership list, yes, Dues paid, no

Lover Cat Alliance of China: membership list, yes. Dues paid, no

Yijing CC: membership list, no. Dues paid, yes.

The following clubs have not submitted a membership list nor have they paid dues:

Asia Glory CF

Asia Pacific CC

CF of United Arab Emirates

CF of Korea

China Ace CC

China AWL CF Club

China Star Shiny Exotic Fanciers Alliance

China Yantze River CF Club

Golden Panda Club

Hong Kong Pirates Meow Club

Jelly Paw CC

Malaysia CF Club

Shanghai Drown International CC

Tian Jin Mao Love CC

West Lake CC

Yan Huang CC

Yun Nan Love Cat Team Club

Newkirk: Everything else is pretty self-explanatory here. So I just gave you a little update on how many clubs we had. James was nice enough to send me an Excel file with the clubs in the ID. We had 105. We had a few clubs that hadn't paid their dues. I've listed those clubs and we've been in contact with them trying to get them to renew.

NGO Updates:

One NGO has been renewed successful.

One NGO initial application has been submitted and waiting for approval

One NGO recently has submitted a renewal and is pending.

Action Item for an In conjunction show in Mayalsia:

I am writing on Behalf Borneo Cat Fanciers Indonesia. I would like to proposed in conjunction to be held with WCF club - Nusantara Cat Squad & my CFA Club Borneo Cat Fanciers Indonesia on 24-25 May 2025 in Jakarta – Indonesia.

Nowadays in Indonesia there has been long standing cooperation and friendship between WCF & CFA with many people attending each others shows. We have been discussing for sometime the possibility of holding a show together so that we will have all our exhibitors together within the same venue .

This in conjunction show will give the WCF club members a wonderful chance to join together with CFA friends to celebrate our love of cats . There will be two (2) separate shows with WCF Judges officiating at the WCF Show and CFA Judges officiating at the CFA Show. This also could maintain good relations between the 2 Clubs / Organizations here in Indonesia .

We do have Sponsors support our Shows and wants to do both together in one location, the very prestigious Show Hall: Sasana Utomo - Taman Mini Indonesia Indah, Jakarta , Indonesia

This would be a wonderful opportunity for CFA & WCF in Indonesia to be able to demonstrate our strength and ability for cooperation against some very challenging competition.

I would highly appreciate your and the ID Committee's kind support for our application to hold this conjunction show and to recommend it to the Board of Directors for approval at your earliest convenience.

Warm Regards,

Tuti Djayasupendi

Borneo Cat Fanciers Indonesia

Action item:

Motion: *That the CFA Board of Directors approve the in conjunction show between Borneo CF and Nusantara Cat Squad to be held in Jakarta, Indonesia on May 24-25, 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 action item I have is on the next page and it's Borneo Cat Fanciers of Indonesia. They're proposing an in-conjunction show with WCF, Nusantara Cat Squad. And so my action item here is to approve an in-conjunction show between the Borneo Cat Fanciers. So I don't need to read it to you. You know what it is. So I think this is, we had an in-conjunction show in Thailand. Worked out really great with WCF. So they want to try this in Indonesia. So*

this is my motion. **Mastin:** Kenny, are you making a second on this? **Currle:** I am. **Mastin:** OK, Rachel. **Anger:** Thank you. Darrell, I just wanted to make a note that I took the liberty of appending your motion by adding the language we usually put on there. **Newkirk:** Yes, I noticed that. Thank you. I appreciate it. **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel. OK, is there any further discussion on the motion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously. **Newkirk:** OK, thank you.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Report from China Subcommittee co-chairs:

We are continuing to monitor the entry counts in China shows. When there are a large number of cats in one breed, we are asking two judges to conduct a bay check in. When the cats are absent from the bay check in, then Mab is entered on the absentee and transfer list. The cats are marked Mab are not eligible to be shown for the remainder of the show.

*Russell Webb and Ellyn Honey, Co-Chairs
CFA International Division, China*

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

We are continuing to make progress on club renewals and ID Asia is at 92% with only four clubs left that are "Not in Good Standing" (Hong Kong 1, Indonesia 1; dues paid, Membership List not submitted, South Korea 1, and UAE 1). Our Country Coordinators have done a great job assisting us to get this accomplished

Heading to the end of the current show season, 47 shows have been held, 11 more are licensed and 5 additional dates reserved for a total of 63 shows, compared to 66 the previous show season (a 5% decrease). For the coming 2025-26 show season 2 shows have already been licensed and 26 more dates are reserved.

Our working relationship with Jen Brahler (Show Scheduling) is excellent.

The ID in support of the Mahameru CC name change to Maha CC

*Bob Zenda & Marilee Griswold, Co-Chairs
CFA International Division, OTHER*

Newkirk: Then Bob and Marilee gave a report that you all can read.

Report from CFA ID Committee SubChair AWA – Jan Rogers

1. We had a fabulous seminar July 26, 27, and 28th in Coimbatore, India. The three day seminar in depth solely focused on CFA procedures and feline information. This was sponsored by CFA club Elite Cat Fanciers Club. I was honored to be able to attend, and thank Darrell Newkirk for his support and zoom introduction and welcome to the attendees. Adilah Roose from Malaysia as well as other area professionals in veterinary medicine, nutrition, genetics and animal husbandry presented an incredible amount of useful information. An actual CFA judging ring

was set up, complete with volunteer cats to help understand the process of putting on a show, exhibiting, the importance of registering cats with CFA and general handling of cats. A grooming session was also demonstrated, and was sessions were exceptionally well received. The interest by the attendees was very rewarding and all the interactions were positive.

Next step is to register more cats and to organize a show in the area which is in process.

Barrier to putting on CFA shows is that other area associations and registries accept a wide variety of cats that are not viable to CFA. Working on Companion animal program for ease of registering, to at least get them started.

Positive to report, a club in the south of India is in process of organizing and will be submitting their club application in time for the June board meeting.

2. Egypt club is really wanting to put on a show, and Heike and I have been talking about different approaches. See below our beginning outline of her thoughts and needs, and again starting a program to register the companion cats was discussed at length. Egypt is severely suffering from recession and poor economy overall, but several out of country people have indicated that they would support and come to the show (ease of entry into Egypt is pretty good).

*From Heike Hagenguth secretary
Pharaonic Cat Fanciers of Egypt*

as discussed, firstly herewith the outline of the presentation:

- History of modern cat fancy in Egypt (RUI shows)***
- CFA clubs, activities and Star Awards in Egypt since 2018***
- Local and regional competitive environment for CFA (WCF, TICA, local shows, plan for local registration body)***
- Pharaonic Cat Fanciers (PCF) activities over the years***
- Schedule of coming PCF events***
- Challenges, obstacles and required tools for organizing a CFA licensed show***
- Tentative show budget***

3. Kuwait continues to be the shining star of the area and the 10 ring show recently held in February showcased the new OCP rings, plus super specialty rings. With the addition of lowered point requirements as agreed to after the 2023 show, and ratified by the committee with the help of Ed Raymond creating the wording of the proposal, the success was astounding!!! We had 103 cats entered in the show!!! The largest since 2013. Several countries were represented and a lot of enthusiasm because of new grands and also ability to have more than one DW and DW's will be awarded in kittens and premiership. The test was very successful, and we are pleased that the point concessions will be available throughout the area for future shows. Our area coordinator, Sandra AlSumait was unable to be with us physically due to the illness of her mother in England. We mourn the loss of her mother and send our deepest condolences to her and her family. Throughout the stress of family, she continued to be the spark plug for the show and was always available for conference and help. Crystal Al-Shatti and Najlaa Sameen were the boots on the ground in Kuwait and their team was phenomenal.

4. *Pakistan has applied for club membership.*

5. *Turkey (Istanbul) and Qatar are both interested in having a club and we are working with them to get their paperwork in order.*

6. *The club in Morocco has put in their paperwork and paid their fees, but their constitution needed to be reworked. They also have a large barrier from CFA as most of their WCF registered (and immensely popular) cats, are longhaired British. We are working on it. They have not resubmitted their paperwork with corrections to Carol or me at this time.*

7. *South Africa, Capetown is very interested in starting a CFA club, but we are working through the political ramifications of SACC as well as WCF as those are the controlling organizations. Probability for resolution this year is small.*

*Respectfully submitted,
Jan Rogers, Sub-Chair AW-A*

Newkirk: Jan Rogers gave a very good report. We got a PowerPoint from Heike this morning on Pharaonic Cat Club in Egypt. So, I sent that out to everybody. I sent the PDF form of it. Jan briefly went through what is in that PowerPoint. Does anyone have any questions on that? I asked Jan to be here if there were any questions so she could answer. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions for Jan? No hands, Darrell.

Report from the elected representative of the ID-Other, Allan Raymond

General

There have been many very successful CFA Shows held with ID Other than China this year.

It has been especially welcome to see a much more active show calendar in Malaysia after a lull in activity in the previous year.

Thailand has had a very active show calendar as has Indonesia.

Thailand today held the first in-conjunction show with our friends in WCF in Thailand and it was an amazing success. Hopefully we can hold more of the shows throughout our division.

Shows have commenced again in Taiwan, Hong Kong is very active. Singapore continues to hold shows and Kuwait again has held a very successful show. Vietnam and Korea will again be planning shows this coming season.

Egypt

I have been having lengthy discussions with Heike Hagenguth from the Pharaonic Cat Fanciers, re the possibility of shows again in Egypt.

The issues that are facing our club in Egypt is the failing economy there. They have the largest number of cat breeders in AWA but are possibly the poorest in AWA, almost 50% of the

population exist under the poverty line. As an example there is a WCF show being held in Cairo where the entry fee per cat is 6,000EGP, compare this to the minimum wage in the private sector of 7,000EGP per month and you can see the huge issue in 1, financing the show and 2, getting exhibitors who can afford to enter the show.

Heike would like to hold clerking school, Informative Seminar on CFA, its awards and point system etc. that would rekindle the interest in CFA amongst the cat lovers within Egypt but without financial support from CFA this is not possible.

Potential New Clubs

I believe that there is interest in Turkey and Qatar to form new CFA Clubs.

Is it true that CFA provides financial support for new startup clubs.

India

There is no activity in India that I am aware of however I will be in Mumbai 24/25 May and I will endeavor to arrangement a meeting to try and achieve some momentum. One can only try.

This is the latest information about the Asia Show and combined International Division Awards Banquet. Provided by Lai Howe Chuan, Country Coordinator, Malaysia

The update of the event will be Nov 1 and 2 the Asia show and Nov 3rd the banquet. The change is the result of big numbers of exhibitors have feedback that they prefer to have the banquet after the show.

The venue of the location for Asia show is either pavilion bukit jalil convention center or ioi city mall convention center. Both of these venue are also prestige venue for the Asia show.

The venue location is in Kuala Lumpur and either venue is very luxury and prestige. The cost of the venue is about 78k to 120k ringgit depends on the menu selection and liquor options. I am still in the middle of the discussion with my sponsors to agree on this budget. (multiple sponsors)

Allan Raymond

Newkirk: OK, then we'll move on to – Allan Raymond gave an update on the combined show, the awards banquet, and the only issue that I've heard a couple of complaints on, they want a two-day show and they're going to have the awards banquet on Monday night. So, I think it's November 1 and 2, if I'm not mistaken. Yeah, 1 and 2 and the banquet on the third. So that's the update on the combined ID banquet.

Future Projections for the Committee:

- *Continue to monitor shows in. China for very large entry counts, especially in Ragdoll and British SH breeds.*
- *Bay check in will be extended to the entirety of the ID starting with the new show season.*

- *We are in the process of informing the clubs in China that all entries must be submitted through the online CFA entry program. Email and weChat entries will not be accepting starting in the new show season.*
- *Additionally, clubs that have been sending show flyers that are not in English must do so starting with the 2025-2026 show season.*
- *All shows in the ID will be required to close their shows to entries on Wednesday night at 9PM. This moves the closing time by one day from the current show rule requirement in China.*
- *A recent show in Thailand had a kitten entry of 77. Of those 77 kittens only 9 were scored. I have had discussions with many people about the requirement for kittens to be registered to be included in the show count. It is my understanding that a SR resolution is in the works to be presented at the June CFA Annual meeting.*

What will be Presented at the Next Meeting

Updates on ID happenings.

*Respectfully Submitted
Darrell Newkirk, Chair
CFA International Division*

Newkirk: I believe that's all I have. **Mastin:** Does anyone have any questions for Darrell and anything to do with the ID Committee? OK Darrell, thank you very much. **Newkirk:** Can I give a thank you to my Committee? They really worked hard on this one for me, so I appreciate it. **Mastin:** OK, thank you to the entire Committee for all the work that they did.

(9) **MARKETING.**

Committee Co-Chairs: *Melanie Morgan and Mark Hannon*
Liaison to Board: *Rich Mastin*
Committee Members: *Desiree Bobby, Allene Tartaglia*

This report details:

- *Marketing’s role, insight into our comprehensive strategy, and the evolving cat-world landscape.*
- *Progress made during 2024–2025 on the **CFA Marketing/Brand Blueprint Portfolio of Projects**, which were initially launched in 2022.*
- *Plans for 2025-2026 on the **CFA Marketing/Brand Blueprint Portfolio of Projects***

From Idea to Impact: The Multifaceted Role of CFA’s Marketing Team

Marketing goes far beyond running ads or launching promotions. It’s about strategically positioning CFA as an industry leader and shaping how the world perceives us.

While our small but mighty team is officially tasked with “marketing,” we are so much more than that—we’re an agency-quality key development engine for CFA. Marketing and development are deeply intertwined in what we do, and our efforts go far beyond traditional advertising. We’re not just promoting CFA; we’re developing from the ground up, creating modern, refreshed components for the organization that meets the needs of today and tomorrow.

For example, we are not just advertising the official CFA Facebook group—we created and actively manage it, fostering a thriving community that continues to grow. The same goes for the I AM CFA campaign. We didn’t simply produce an idea for an advertisement about our people; we developed and managed the entire initiative from start to finish, designing it to connect with our audience on a deeper level. The Cat Talk blog and associated new digest email? That’s another in-house creation. We didn’t just promote it—we conceptualized it as part of the new website project, built it, and are curating and maintaining a rich resource that informs and inspires readers.

We also spearheaded the creation of the Find a Breeder tool, which wasn’t just about marketing but about solving a real-world challenge for potential cat owners and breeders alike. And when it comes to the CFA Expo, our involvement is transformational. Rather than simply promoting it, we’ve developed its growth to the largest cat event in North America, expanded its activities that delight over 15,000 people, raised over 200k in sponsorships, broadened community reach to the point of over 20M with one post, and turned it into a massive event that’s a true reflection of CFA’s mission and values.

These examples clearly show that we’re not just marketers; we’re builders of CFA’s future.

Brand Perception and the Strategy Behind the CFA Blueprint Projects

Through the CFA Blueprint Project (outlined further in this report), we are focused on elevating CFA's reputation, increasing visibility, and aligning the organization with values that resonate in today's modern landscape.

Outside of our core fanciers and long-time cat enthusiasts, CFA remains relatively unknown to today's non-pedigreed, cat-loving audience. Insights gathered from conversations with the modern cat culture population, influencers, and hundreds of pet industry brands at the Global Pet and SuperZoo pet expos revealed this reality. While many recognized the AKC instantly, CFA was unfamiliar to them. For CFA to grow, we first need to build awareness. That means showing people who we are, proving our integrity, and giving them compelling reasons to become partners or paying "customers."

Younger consumers, in particular, have shifting expectations. They look for brands that take meaningful stands and connect with causes they care about. Today's transparent marketplace demands authenticity—there's no separation between a company's brand, its actions, and its network of partners. Everything must align. To thrive, CFA's values and ideals must flow seamlessly through every aspect of our association—from our mission and offerings, to the way we engage with our audience and who we engage with, to who supports us.

This is why strong branding and strategic positioning are vital. A clear, authentic identity helps people understand what CFA is. It builds trust—critical for turning curiosity into loyalty. When people see that CFA shares their values and passions, they feel connected to us, and that connection fosters support. Without trust and clarity, selling our mission becomes far more difficult. People need to believe in who we are before they'll believe in the value we bring.

CFA Marketing/Brand Blueprint Project Portfolio Status

We've reached remarkable milestones, but as we look ahead to 2025–2026 and beyond, there's still significant work to be done. To maintain our momentum, we're seeking the board's guidance to set clear priorities and outline the next steps. With the foundation we've built for the brand and its perception, it's now crucial to transition our efforts toward monetizing our achievements and driving increased revenue to secure CFA's future growth.

Project Group #1: CFA's New Brand Development, Website and Brand Awareness

Focused on revitalizing CFA's image and cementing its position as the definitive authority and trusted name in the cat world. The initiative aimed to create a fresh, bold identity, ensuring a consistent and prominent representation of CFA across all digital channels and organizational touchpoints. By unifying its presence, this effort not only enhanced marketing opportunities but also showcased CFA's cats and cat fanciers while eliminating public confusion about the organization's role and mission.

Key milestones achieved include:

- **New Corporate Branding – Completed in 2023**
- **Association-wide Branding – Completed in 2024**

- *New Website – Launched in July, 2024*
- *Annual Top Breeds Video & News Release – 2024/2025 Completed March, 2025*
- *Breed Profile Videos (Development) – Completed March, 2025*
- *Breed Profile Videos (Add to Website) – In process*
- *Find a Breeder Review – In process*
- *Find a Breeder Refresh – Pending Evaluation*
- *Find a Breed – Planned for 2025-2026*

Together, these deliverables have coalesced the CFA brand, reinforcing its global power and creating a clear, impactful presence in the minds of cat enthusiasts and beyond.

Project Group # 2: Brand Ambassadorship

Focused on harnessing CFA’s existing content, followers, and fans to spark greater interest and engagement with the organization. These initiatives aim to create a strong sense of community by showing appreciation for current CFA customers and fans, while regularly sharing exciting updates, new brand offerings, and exclusive “inside” information through various CFA channels.

By fostering loyalty through consistent and meaningful communication, CFA strengthens its connection with its audience. These efforts not only help nurture a thriving community but also broaden the organization’s customer base, laying the groundwork for future growth and revenue opportunities.

- *CFA Official Facebook Group - Completed 2023 (Currently 8.7k Members)*
- *Cat Talk – Debuted January 2025*
- *I AM CFA – Started in 2023 and continues to run bi-weekly*
- *Influencer relationships – In progress*
- *Fans/Followers Email campaigns – Planned for 2025-2026*
- *Breeder Email campaigns – Planned for 2025-2026*

Project Group # 3: Broaden the Base By Promoting CFA’s Celebration of All Cats

Emphasize CFA's commitment to supporting and welcoming all cats—pedigreed and non-pedigreed alike—as a vital part of its identity. By associating the CFA brand with everyday cats and feline welfare efforts, the initiative aligns with modern ethical expectations and opens the door to a wider consumer audience.

- *CFA Cat Expo Rescues/Contests/Guests Activities – In progress*
- *Rescue/Welfare Relations – In progress*
- *CCW/HHP Refresh – Planed 2025-2026*

Further projects are outlined in the Closed session report.

Our efforts in both marketing and development remain central to everything we do. From elevating CFA's visibility to positioning, it as an organization that reflects modern values, these initiatives are critical to our identity and success. We're excited to continue this vital work and look forward to your leadership and support in helping CFA not only thrive but lead the way for generations to come.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Desiree Bobby, Director of Marketing and Brand*

Mastin: OK, Agenda Item #9, Marketing. I'm not sure who is taking us through this. Do we have Melanie, Desiree and Mark available? Or is it just one person? **Tartaglia:** Desiree is available and Melanie. **Mastin:** I see Melanie, I see Desiree. Hi Desiree, hi Melanie, welcome. **Bobby:** Hello. **Mastin:** Just a reminder, I don't believe there's any action items on this. We do not want you to take us through the report. I trust the board reads it. You can make a comment on anything that's missing and also address any questions the board may have. So Desiree, we'll start with you and then I'll go to Melanie. **Bobby:** OK, yeah, we just wanted to submit the details about the activities we've been working on and what the status is on our projects. So we're happy to answer any questions you may have. **Mastin:** OK, and Melanie, do you have any comments? **Tartaglia:** She's trying to figure out the unmute. **Mastin:** Oh, OK, you're still on mute, Melanie. OK, while Melanie's trying to figure that out, I'm going to go to the board. Do you have any questions for Desiree or Melanie? I do not see any hands up for questions. Desiree, do you have any additional comments? **Bobby:** Nope, I'm all set. Thank you. **Mastin:** Melanie, I can see you, but I know I can't hear you. OK, you're out with the thumbs up. Thank you, Melanie. Thank you, Desiree. And thank you to Mark and Allene.

Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees

(10) SHOW HALL TECHNOLOGY.

Committee Chair: Cathy Dunham
Liaison to Board: Janet Moyer
List of Committee Members: Sheryl Zink and Paul Noble, Darrell Newkirk, Marilee Griswold, Bethany Colilla, Gavin Cao, Rick Hoskinson, Anne Mathis, Tim Scheck, Vicki Nye, Nancy Dodds, Allene Tartaglia, and James Simbro

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

1. Prior to this committee being formed the entry clerking program (software) committee provided a beta test for electronic exhibitor catalogs. The test was a success with the two major concerns being when the catalog would be released to the exhibitors and OMG, what if a judge saw the catalog prior to the show. Both issues are still being debated, and solutions being thought through.
2. Multiple causal conversations have taken place concerning the possibility of reducing the amount of paper used by judges, ring clerks, and master clerks in the show hall.
3. Other causal conversations have centered around going to a paperless system and using technology to replace all paper.

Current Happenings of Committee:

1. Work continues with the IT department to develop an electronic version of the catalog with a link that can be sent to exhibitors. To date, we have nothing in the show rules concerning electronic catalogs. While work continues with the IT department, the committee is identifying possible show rules to be changed/added to allow for distribution of electronic catalogs. All these details are being worked on with a roll out proposed for the first quarter of the 2025-2026 show season.
2. The committee met to discuss what possible paperwork could be reduced in the show hall. NCR paper is getting harder to find and is very costly to purchase so the discussion centered around moving to one-part paperwork in the show hall, which means a substantial saving in supply costs and shipping fees. The meeting was very productive with great feedback from the judging program committee about the pros and cons of such a big move. The committee realizes this is a huge change for many and we are beta testing the use of one-part paper at three separate shows, in April, involving three judges from each show. We will be asking the clubs, judges, ring clerks, and master clerks involved to provide comments (pro and con) back to the committee for continued planning and process refinement for a proposed roll out during the second quarter of the 2025-2026 show season (August 1, 2025). Letters have been sent to the clubs, judges, and master clerks concerning the beta test. The committee looks forward to working with everyone and receiving their feedback.

3. The committee also discussed what technology could be used in the show hall. Again, there was a very productive discussion. We talked about a two-phase process; the first phase would have minimal cost and high impact for central office. This would include developing a data file, to be used with or without Wi-Fi, so that master clerks could enter information about finals and breed summaries which would be uploaded to central office when Wi-Fi was available. This would be the most beneficial to central office because it would allow central office to upload the data into the scoring software after a verification process is completed, which would reduce/eliminate the need for central office staff to do data entry. Gavin Cao has done some preliminary programming that looks very promising. Gavin is working with James Simbro and Cathy Dunham to continue to refine the data needed. This project will be beta tested in the first quarter and with a proposed roll out for the second quarter of the 2025-2026 show season.

The second phase would be a high cost with a smaller impact on central office but a huge impact on the show hall. It would include the development of an entirely paperless system used in the show hall. Tablets for the judges, ring clerks, and master clerks and all information submitted directly to central office. This is something to dream about, for now, while we are working on phase one.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue to work on all three projects.

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

Ongoing

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Update on ongoing projects.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Dunham, Chair

Mastin: We're going to move on. OK. Our next item is Agenda Item #10, Show Hall Technology. Cathy Dunham, are you coming back? There you are. What do you have for us, Cathy? **Dunham:** This is just an update from the Show Hall Technology Subcommittee of the IT Committee and if the board has any questions for me, I'm happy to answer them. Otherwise, it's just an update. **Mastin:** Well, don't go anywhere. We got at least one question coming. Pam. **DelaBar:** Cathy, you're talking about doing a testing on the one-part form to substitute for what we're currently using the NCR papers. First question is, are you talking about the judges sheets? **Dunham:** Yes. **DelaBar:** The beta testing. Since you have over 50% of your Judging Program is outside the U.S., are any of the judges outside of North America being part of the beta testing? **Dunham:** Not at this point, but I am welcome to entertaining anyone that wants to try it. **DelaBar:** OK, because I think that you have some in Europe that would be interested because we

use the yellow sheet extensively in formulating our finals, for writing down reasons for disqualifying a cat, and if we're doing a trainee, oftentimes making remarks while we're going through the training process on that yellow sheet. So, by doing away with one sheet – and I'm willing to test this – but by doing away with the one sheet, we're generating more paperwork. My other question on the paperless system using tablets, bless you. I'm all for that, but I want you to know, I've used tablets in judging in Poland with FIFe. I've used tablets in judging for World of Cats shows. In fact, we use the tablets, even had phrases there by, we could write out a whole report like what is given under traditional judging using the tablet and it went to the exhibitor in doing this. It went to the exhibitor electronically. So technology is there. I've brought up the fact that we've used the tablets in Poland. I'd be happy to put anybody together with anybody else to be able to talk this because this is totally out of my field, but I have used it before and I hope that we can get it together. Thank you, Kathy. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. Darrell. **Newkirk:** So, I agree with Pam. Going to a tablet would be wonderful, but that's a little ways down the road. So, with anything we try new, we have to make a sacrifice or two. Actually, I have done single sheet for the last two weekends. I did it in Hong Kong. There was no issues at all. The only issue I had was scanning. I tried to scan on my iPad and I couldn't get it to work. So, I started scanning on my phone and so over two weekends, I think I've come up with a good system for using single sheets. I even emailed the entry clerk for next week and told her all I need is the white copy. So, I don't need the yellow copy. This past weekend, I tore the yellow copies out and threw them in the trash. So, what I did was, I judged all the premiers and I scanned all of the pages on my iPhone and it's easy to do. You can do it in Notes. You just file and I stacked them up and did the breed sheet and I scanned each page as I went through. And then I have my little cheat sheet that I used for cats I'm going to put in my final and it was easy to go through my phone. What I did was, if I thought the cat was worthy of a final, I circled the cat on the white page. I cleared this with Cathy and she said, you know, it's not, it's not an issue. I made a bigger circle so it did not touch the number. So, this past weekend was a lot easier than the first weekend I tried it and it's just going to take a little getting used to, but the benefits outweigh everything. So, as far as I'm concerned. **Dunham:** Thank you, Darrell. **Mastin:** Kathy Calhoun, you had your hand up and then took it down. Do you have a question or a comment? **Calhoun:** No, I think Darrell pretty much summed up what I said. Change is imminent. There will be a point in time where this carbonless paper won't even exist anymore. There is a cost savings associated with it. I don't do anything on the yellow sheet except for household pets. I do it on household pets, but I don't do anything else there. So you just, you know, you adapt. If you need to take notes, you put it on a separate piece of paper.

Mastin: Cathy, I have a question for you. It's on Current Happenings of Committee, number two. With the single sheet here, you are suggesting a rollout second quarter of 2025, 2026, August 1. When you say rollout, is that rollout for all clubs and all shows? **Dunham:** Yes. **Mastin:** It is. OK. So it's system-wide. **Dunham:** Yep. System-wide, and we've worked very closely with the Judging Program with Vicki Nye and Nancy Dodds and several other judges to believe that that is doable and they'll be talking about it in June at the annual, at their workshop, and I am available to answer any questions there as they have them. **Mastin:** That's great. Allene, maybe at the next board meeting, you can inform the board what type of cost savings this might be in terms of printing costs and also shipping costs. **Tartaglia:** Absolutely. **Mastin:** Within a thousand dollars would be nice. I don't expect you to have it perfect. **Tartaglia:** I'll give you a good ballpark figure. **Mastin:** Great. Cathy Dunham, do you have anything else? **Dunham:** Not for open session. **Mastin:** And does anybody else have any further questions for

Cathy before we move on? OK, Cathy, great job. Thank you. Oh, Darrell. **Newkirk:** Rich, I was just going to mention that I downloaded the breed sheets and the final sheets and made it a fillable PDF. If any of the judges want those, I'm happy to share them with them, but I have the last two shows, I printed out my breed sheets and my final sheets with that fillable PDF, print them out and take them with me. So, I don't even need those provided by Central Office.

Mastin: So you're just printing them at home, Darrell? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK. Alright. Great. Thank you. Cathy, thank you very much. **Dunham:** See you in closed session. **Mastin:** OK, see you in a little bit.

(11) **BYLAW AMENDMENT.**

Submitted by: Edward Raymond, CFA Legal Counsel

[Secretary's Note: The following report originally occurred in executive session. An online motion was made by **Ms. Anger**, seconded by **Dr. Griswold** and unanimously carried (Curre abstained – subject to ratification): *Move the report and voting results from Agenda Item #23 - Bylaw Amendment from executive session into open session, with no debate or discussion.*]

Proposed Bylaw Amendment

New York law allows a board of directors to determine that a meeting of members will be held electronically, unless such action is restricted by the certificate of incorporation or the bylaws. The CFA Bylaws currently provide that the Board may change the date, location and/or manner of the Annual Meeting only “if circumstances outside the control of the Association arise.”

Action Item: *Approve the following Board-sponsored amendment to the CFA Bylaws, Article IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, for presentation to the delegates at the June 2025 Annual Meeting.*

Proposed Amendments to the CFA Bylaws

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– 1 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 1 – Annual Meetings, as follows:

ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1 – Annual Meetings

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

Midwest, Southern, North Atlantic, Northwest, Gulf Shore, Great Lakes, Southwest.

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

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

RATIONALE: The Bylaws currently permit the Board to change the date, location and/or manner of the Annual only “if circumstances outside the control of the Association arise.” While traditions regarding the Annual are important, this limitation prevents the Board from even considering changes to the Annual which would make business sense if those changes do not arise from circumstances outside of CFA’s control. The amendment does not require the Board to make any changes regarding the Annual; it simply gives the Board the authority to exercise sound business judgment if the circumstances warrant.

Ms. Calhoun moved to approve the Board-sponsored amendment to the CFA Bylaws, Article IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, for presentation to the delegates at the June 2025 Annual Meeting. Seconded by **Ms. DelaBar**.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Altschul voting no. Currle and Webster did not vote.

(12) AGILITY PROGRAM – UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES.

Submitted by: Janet Moyer

[Secretary's Note: The following report originally occurred in executive session. An online motion was made by **Ms. Moyer**, seconded by **Mr. Webster** and unanimously carried (subject to ratification): *Move the agility issue into open discussion with no debate or discussion.*]

The Board's recent decision to remove the points earned by cats at the Midwest Regional Show held on June 15-16, 2024 has had a very negative snowball effect, impacting the National Agility standings, Regional Agility standings, and Agility titles for most of the cats who ran Agility during that show. I would like to ask the Board to reconsider this decision after seeing the unintended consequences the decision to strip these earned points has had on this competitive aspect of the fancy.

This was presented to the board as an isolated incident that affected one cat. The board voted on this and passed that these points would be stripped on the basis that the tent at this show violated show rules. The decision was made to pull these scores because it was brought to the attention of the Board the Agility course at this show was 10 x 20, rather than within the range of 20 x 20 - 32 x 32 as called for within the current Agility rules. Jill Sullivan was the Certified Ringmaster at this show, and has had this same, non-standard course from the time she first became a Certified Ringmaster in 2017. This course has been set up and utilized in 16 shows for a total of 29 agility scores potentially for cats that ran. The agility committee has been aware of this all this time as has central office

This non-standard tent has not been a problem for seven years and was not a problem until one cat ran fast in this tent. Further, it might be noted that the CRM informed me that most cats do not run faster in the smaller setup. It stands to reason as they can't get going as fast and lose momentum. This is not simply a matter of one cat over another receiving Agility Cat of the Year; several tenured exhibitors, newbies to the fancy, and new Agility exhibitors are impacted with the decision to strip the Agility points from this show. This decision has resulted in a negative impact on Agility placements not only nationally, but specifically within regions 3 and 6. It should be our collective desire to grow the fancy, not discourage future participation. Removing these scores has been to the detriment of Agility, the cat fancy as a whole, the morale of these exhibitors who worked hard for their achievements, and those who are watching from the sidelines, determining whether they wish to participate within CFA events.

Adverse impacts in the National Agility standings:

GP, RW, AG Cocorain Godiva of the Rain moves from 1st nationally to 2nd (she is back tied for first)

CH, AM Luv'nmittens Umbrella Ella moves from 10th nationally to 11th

GC, AM Snowy Range Driving Miss Maisie moves from 11th nationally to 17th

Adverse impacts in the Regional Agility standings:

Skirata By Gul Mini (Egyptian Mau) moves from #4 in Region 6 to #11 in Region 62

GHD, HNW AGN Dress Whites moves from #8 in Region 6 to #14 in Region 6

(Placements on 5 other cats adversely affected by removal of the Springfield scores appear to stay in the same position Regionally. The affected cats are from Regions 3 and 6).

Adverse impacts to titles held:

Perfex Stud Muffin 7798-03027998 dropped from Agility Grand Master to Agility Master. Because adult male cats quickly lose interest in all things not related to breeding, he will likely never be able to earn the AG title again.

Snowy Range Driving Miss Maizie 1789-03037737 dropped from AG to AM (earned back thankfully)

Atarah's Highbourne Marina 2801-03044495 dropped from AW to AC

The following cats no longer have ANY agility titles attached to their names:

Mollie 0893H-03045001 was stripped of her AW title

Ventura's House Santiago 1706-03043965 was stripped of their AW title

Derry Downs Snow Angel 4305-02801919 was stripped of their AW title

Keeper Kats Sir Robert R 0400-03041175 was stripped of their AW title

Atarah's Falling for Autumn 2947-03035541 was stripped of their AC title

LuckiMC Smooth Opurrator 1710-03046431 was stripped of their AC title

Atarah's Mira Darling 2945M-03044496 was stripped of their AC title

Devonology's Heaven 2921-03044944 was stripped of her AC title

Luv'N Mittens UR My Sunshine 2181-03040275 was stripped of their AC title

Korak of WoodsBengals 9202R-03028100 was stripped of their AC title

We have already disenfranchised a lot of fanciers with recent decisions and this board decision is another decision that has resulted in the disenfranchisement of many more exhibitors who are participating in our fancy. Do we want to save CFA or drive people away?

I immediately reported to Dawn Pettyjohn of the decision to strip her points. She has already replaced some and is back tied for first without the scores from Springfield. In 7 years this has not been an issue. The agility program did not put anything out there or notify anybody of this board decision. People have been learning that their points and titles were taken away and they are understandably very upset.

Upon further research it seems to me that in an effort to make sure that this show followed show rules, that we have also violated two show rules in the process. Near the end of our show rules, we have two show rules that specify the procedures to follow in the event that show rules are violated.

35.09 A protest asserting an alleged violation of these rules by any show official, judge, exhibitor or member club may be made by an exhibitor, an officiating judge or by a member of a member

club and may first be made to the show committee in writing at the show or within thirty (30) days following the show. The show committee shall endeavor to gather all pertinent facts concerning the alleged violation(s) and in the event the show committee deems the protest to be supported by substantial evidence, the written protest and all relevant matter gathered by the show committee shall be forwarded to the CFA Executive Board. However, the person(s) asserting the alleged violation may opt to bring the facts directly to the CFA Protest Committee.

And

35.10 Whether or not a formal protest has been made, the CFA Executive Board shall have full power to inquire into any alleged violation(s) of these rules by any show official, judge, exhibitor, or member club provided that notice and opportunity to be heard is first given to the party charged.

These show rules were brought to me by exhibitors who want to know why they were not followed in this instance. If we are going to choose to do nothing, I would appreciate an answer as to why these rules were not followed to answer my regional exhibitors. This was not brought as a protest. The agility committee knew of this show the week after it happened. The chairman of the committee discussed it with both Cathy Dunham and myself the week after it happened at the annual. (and the longstanding problem with Jill's setup, which they did nothing about for SEVEN years). Instead of being handled within 30 days it was brought at the tail end of the show season, 8 months after the occurrence and has resulted in so many cats being effected and coming at such a late time that most will be unable to make up the points due to accessibility to agility events or perhaps their cats are no longer interested. Had this happened in the timeframe prescribed by the show rules it would be a completely different set of circumstances. It was brought directly to the board and ruled on without any due diligence on the impacts nor any due process.

Motion #1 made by Ms. Moyer: I move that we reconsider the motion to remove the scoring from the Midwest Regional Show. Seconded by Ms. Calhoun.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Krzanowski, Griswold and Colilla voting no. Currle and Webster did not vote.

Motion #2 (reconsidered original motion) made by Ms. Moyer: ~~Do not score the times~~ Reinstate times with 25% time penalty for the nonstandard course agility rankings at the Springfield, MO show on June 15/26, 15/16, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Newkirk.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar, Nasin and Griswold voting no. Colilla, Currle and Webster did not vote.

*Respectfully submitted,
Janet Moyer*

(13) **SMALL LOCAL SHOW CONCEPT.**

[Secretary's Note: The following discussion originally occurred in executive session. At the end of the report, a motion was made by **Mr. Huhtaniemi**, seconded by **Ms. DelaBar** and unanimously carried (subject to ratification): *Move the Small Local Show Concept into open discussion with no debate or discussion.*

DOES SIZE REALLY MATTER?

- OR IS IT TIME TO RETHINK THE STRUCTURE OF OUR SHOWS?

Costs for clubs and exhibitors are rising. Entries are shrinking. A full show with 225 entries is only a dream. New generations are used to a more hectic lifestyle. Are they ready to spend the weekend between the rows at the show hall far away from home? Our scoring system supports campaigners with their Grands topping the finals, and ground-level exhibitors may leave show halls empty-handed and never return. Is only one CFA show in the area enough per season to keep exhibitors attracted to the CFA shows and services? What does a successful show mean?

LOCAL SMALL SHOW CONCEPT

A local small show is a concept where fewer judgments are available, usually in 1-4 rings. Rings can all be allbreed or a mixture of allbreed and specialties. It also may have a much lower entry limit due to show hall capacity. Smaller shows are usually seen at the CFA International Division and Europe, but also most of the Region 5 Hawaiian shows are considered to be included in this category.

The local small show concept's goal is to attract exhibitors and breeders to enter the nearby cat show. The local show is not going to attract National Winner campaigners with their Grands, but it is going to attract local exhibitors who are dreaming about granding their cats. The local show is going to be an excellent meeting place to meet your exhibitor friends and socialize with them, which quite often is a forgotten aspect of a successful show. Local shows also make CFA more reachable in every corner of the [CFA] world.

There have been some major changes in the CFA Show Rules that support the local small show concept:

Winners Ribbons are gone. *You no longer need to be best in the Open class and collect 6WRs to achieve the Champion or Premier title. Every Open class cat, which is judged six times without being disqualified, is going to achieve the Champion or Premier title. There is no requirement to collect qualifying rings from one show only.*

Opens collect Grand points. *This is probably the most important change to support the local small show concept because it allows open-class cats to collect grand points. Opens included in the grand point count have increased available points. The Show Rules also allow a cat to be granded without 6 QRs if the cat gets enough grand points before qualifying to become Champion or Premier. Still, the Champion or Premier title needs to be claimed before the Grand title is confirmed.*

Benching space. Most of the exhibitors are using their own show tents. There really is no need to have hundreds of cages in storage or contract massive cage services. Benching tables can be normal tables that can be rented easily from everywhere. Many halls might have them readily available.

BENEFITS TO THE CLUB

Smaller show halls. Downsizing the space usually means much cheaper halls, and most likely smaller halls are available everywhere. Maybe even a local mall may have a suitable empty place to rent.

Lower general expenses. Currently, the CFA Show License is cheaper for shows with 4 or fewer rings. Contracting at least one local CFA judge, who can drive in the morning and drive back home after the show, lowers the costs as the judge's travel and accommodation expenses take a great deal of the show budget.

Gate. Shows in the "middle of nowhere" might attract local residents to visit at the cat show. Gate may produce significant income for the club.

Manpower. With fewer rings and fewer cages to setup, this might be more doable with only a handful of club members. The current CFA entry program is easy to use, printable files come out, and catalogs are easy and fast to print, even with home-quality printers.

Entries. Lower entry fees and lower traveling costs might help exhibitors to enter the second or third cat into the show. Exhibitors and breeders from other associations might support local shows.

General: A local small show concept might help the club expand their local exhibitor pool and build up a healthy treasury, and the club might be able to organize shows with more rings in the future.

BENEFITS TO THE EXHIBITORS

Show hours. Exhibitors can drive in the morning and go home after the show because the show is within reasonable driving distance. No pricey hotel nights and you can enjoy your own comfortable bed at home. Exhibitors may sleep late as there might be a late check-in at the show in the morning.

Grand points over Show points. Local small shows are not attractive to the campaigners. Most likely, a limited number of grands and therefore more Champions/Premiers will be invited to the TOP10 finals. Most of the exhibitors are dreaming to grand their cats and smaller shows are going to help to achieve these goals. Happy exhibitors will enter again.

Entry fees. Cheaper entry fees allow you to enter more cats into the local show. It maybe a perfect show to test if one has a showable temperament. Also, there are no restrictions on how many cats you are allowed to transport in your own car, so it is easy to enter one more extra cat.

Promoting our breeds. Many breeders, especially in the USA, complain they have difficulties selling their kittens. The local small show may boost up interest in breeds and bring interested people to meet breeders at the show hall. This may help breeders to sell their kittens and encourage them to breed. Who knows, maybe one of those visitors is going to be a future exhibitor and breeder.

In general. A local small show concept offers a stress-free show and usually you can see many smiling faces at the show hall. No delayed flights, missed connecting flights, or lost luggage. Exhibitors can enjoy the show with their local exhibitor friends and have no need to watch the cellphone's time constantly to make sure you leave the show hall on time.

BENEFITS TO THE CFA

Entry surcharge fee. CFA still gets an entry surcharge fee of \$2.00 per entered cat. Entry surcharge fee benefits both CFA and the Region.

Champion/Premier claims. More cats would reach the Champion or Premier title, which means more income to the CFA. Gold, Bronze, and Silver Champion/Premier titles should be promoted as well, as these titles may be important information in pedigrees, especially for females whose show career may be shorter than males.

New markets. May encourage other organizations' exhibitors and breeders to show their cats at the CFA show. This opens the door to new markets – and gives us more income from Temporary Registration Numbers, CFA registrations and cattery name registrations. New exhibitors with their cats are the key to CFA's survival.

Time to try something new. A local small show can offer a perfect testing ground to try something new at the show halls, which can lead to innovations at our regular shows as well. Local shows maybe perfect to test experimental show formats, but they also offer a perfect solution for new judges' education because officiating judges have more time for their trainees.

In general. Shows are the real face of CFA and a perfect place not only to attract new house hold pet owners to use our registry services, but also to promote our important programs to the public. Exhibitors and our well-trained judges are CFA ambassadors, and shows are the best place to promote CFA.

WHAT CAN CFA DO TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL SMALL SHOW CONCEPT?

It is a fact that costs to organize a show are rising. There are many hidden costs you might not come to think of, like the price of paper, toner ink, and meals at the show hall. Some exceptions to our rules would support the local small show concept and lower the club's costs to organize a show. These exceptions could be approved on a case by case basis when club a requests them, but it would be best if the CFA Executive Board grants them right away for the local small show concept. It is important to know in advance what exceptions are acceptable, like the number of judging cages and split ring options ; they really affect the needed show hall space.

These exceptions should be granted to make the local small show concept successful:

1. *Permission to share the rings between judges.* *The CFA Show Rule 9.08n allows two single specialty judges to share a judging ring if the entry is 150 or less. With the local small show concept two allbreed judges (format: 2AB or 4AB), or an allbreed judge and a single specialty judge (format: 2AB+ISP) can share a ring if entry is limited to 100 cats. It is reasonable to estimate local shows attract 60-70 cats. Two rings running simultaneously usually have no judging conflicts and the show runs smoothly. Judging rings need a lot of space, and clubs are going to find suitably sized show halls more easily when ring sharing is allowed. Shared rings save clubs money.*

Huhtaniemi: So, the first one is to share rings between judges, and since the entry is always limited to 100 cats, there should be no problems to have a split ring during the day. Then there is 10 judging rings. Oh, Vicki has a question. **Mastin:** Vicki? **Jensen:** Yeah, when you say share a ring, you mean in the morning and the afternoon, like that one that they're going to do in California? **Huhtaniemi:** Yes. **Jensen:** OK. So, something was brought to my attention about that, is that the judges, they can't leave the ring until the master clerk checks them out, and recently there was a snafu with the paperwork, and a couple of the judges weren't able to get checked out. There's no place that they can go. So, they can't really vacate the ring. So, I don't know how you guys would be able to handle that, if you're going to have to have an extra ring set up somewhere for those kind of situations, but, you know, when you're talking about splitting a ring between judges, you've got to take into account some of these little snafus that can hit you. **Mastin:** OK. Pam? We're just not allowed to leave the show hall without being checked out. Nothing says that we have to stick to the ring, that we can't go to the restroom or anything like that, or sit at a refreshment table. We just can't leave the show hall before being checked out. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Pam. Doreann? **Nasin:** One way to compromise that idea is have a holding area, like designate one, maybe put that in the show rules for these split rings, so then the judge is not sitting in the ring and holding up the ring until the paperwork is cleared, at least get the other judge going. So, that's a thought, like a holding area. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Doreann. Rachel? **Anger:** Ring sharing is not a new concept. It's been a show rule for probably 10 years. The only difference in what Vicki is talking about is, it's limited in the show rules to only specialty rings with a certain entry limit. So, Pauli's local small show concept is well within the show rules. Let's move on, please. **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel.

2. *Ten (10) judging cages per ring.* *The CFA Show Rule 9.08e requires 12 judging cages in the ring if the entry is 150 or less, and 16 cages if the entry is over 150. With the local small show concept only 10 judging cages are required if the entry is limited to 100. Most likely there are no grands included in the TOP 10 finals and judges have their finals with only 10 cats, which would include their best long and shorthair Champions/Premiers. If all ten invited finalists are males, the finals need to be in two parts, no matter if 10 or 12 cages are used. Twelve (12) cages can fit 6 males and 10 cages 5 males. Allowing only 10 cages does not affect judging either, because it is reasonable to believe there are no large breed or division entries at the show.*

Mastin: OK. Pauli, continue. **Huhtaniemi:** OK. The second exception is going to be that we need to only offer 10 judging cages per ring. It doesn't really matter if there is 10 or 12 cages, because it's only one extra male space. It doesn't affect judging or how long it takes to have a final. In the worst case, you have 10 males and you need to split your finals in two parts. **Mastin:** OK. **Huhtaniemi:** Is anyone having any questions about this? **Mastin:** OK. Ed has his hand up. Ed? **Raymond:** Yeah, I just wanted to point out that there is a new show rule for next year that

limits the cleaning of cages when there's a cat in the next cage. So, I don't know if that is going to impact the rings at all. **Huhtaniemi:** No. I don't believe so. **Mastin:** OK. Any other comments on #2? **Newkirk:** Can we scroll down to where the motions are?

3. *Thirty (30) days license.* *An application for a license for a local small show concept must be received in the Central Office at least 30 days prior to the show date and will not incur late filing fees. The local small show format can be 1-4 rings with any combination of allbreed or specialty rings. Super Specialty and Open Champion Premier (OCP) rings are not allowed. Entry is limited to a maximum of 100 cats. Licensed local small show concept shows are not counted towards club's traditional show date (Show Rule 2.37). The show license (~~including both license and insurance~~) is free to the club if Central Office does not need to send a show package to the club, but instead the club takes care of all needed show supplies locally and at their own expense. If a show package is requested on application, the club needs to pay a regular show licensing fee. Licensing the show is described in the CFA Show Rules Article IV. Insurance must still be paid.*

Mastin: OK. Pauli, continue. **Huhtaniemi:** Then there is a 30 days license without any penalty fees. **Mastin:** OK. So, Pauli, we do have a concern with this one. At least I do. I don't know if the rest of the board does. If you go to the bylaws, Article III, Section 7, the board does not have the authority to not charge the insurance fee. So, that is an issue. Ed, I'm going to call on you because I brought this to your attention. I don't remember what day, but it might've been yesterday or the day before. If you could read that into the notes. **Raymond:** Yeah. The last sentence of Section VII of Article 3 provides that, *The show license insurance charge may be waived by Central Office in cases, if any, where the group policy is not acceptable to the lessor of show facilities.* That's the only exception provided for in the bylaws. **Mastin:** So, there is a little hiccup there on that. Now, I don't know if that's going to prevent you from moving forward if they have to pay the show license fee. So, I just wanted to point that out. **Huhtaniemi:** Well, can I explain? That's the second part of the 30 days license. I don't think there's going to be much 1 to 4 ring shows in America. I hope there's going to be, but we have heard that there might be a show that's coming up in Mexico. Darrell's report has Egypt. This would be a perfect concept for there and the free show license is only when the club doesn't request the show package. Because Allene told me a long time ago that shipping out the show package to Europe is about \$160 and in Asia, it would be even more expensive. So, basically, when we don't take the show license or the show package, the license would be free. That's the reason behind I'm offering this carrot here. Does it make sense? **Mastin:** Yeah, it makes sense. I just want you to understand that based on the bylaw, the board does not have the authority to not charge the insurance fee. **Huhtaniemi:** Yeah, I didn't realize that. It says so because I remember only that you could negotiate about that with Central Office and they can skip that. **Mastin:** No, they can't. **Huhtaniemi:** Yeah, I did remember like that, but that's not going to be the major problem. I can remove that free show license section there. **Mastin:** So, Pauli, I just wanted to be clear on it. I'm not talking about the show license. I'm talking about the insurance fee. Ed, can you clarify this? **Huhtaniemi:** OK, now I understand. So, the show license can be free, but that would be actually a better deal for the CFA. So, it would only require to remove including both license and insurance, right? That would satisfy your comment. **Mastin:** Well, what would satisfy my comment and hopefully Ed's is, you just remove *and insurance*. You see where it says, *The show license (including both license and insurance) is free.* You have to remove *and insurance*. Ed, do I have that right? **Raymond:** In concept, yes. **Mastin:** In concept. **Raymond:** You need a little bit of a tweak to

the language that the show license is free, but the club must still pay the insurance fee.

Huhtaniemi: Yeah, that's no problem. **Mastin:** OK, so that's doable for you? **Huhtaniemi:** Yeah, yeah. **Mastin:** OK, I just want to make sure you're clear on that. **Huhtaniemi:** You can remove everything.

4. Electronic catalog. *Free of charge electronic catalogs instead of printed catalogs should be an option for the show, and the electronic catalog doesn't have to include any forms specified in the CFA Show Rules (Show Rules 7.07 and 7.18). However, all these required forms must be made available at the Master Clerk desk. The judging schedule (Show Rule 7.01) should be printed in every ring for exhibitors to see. The judging schedule does not need to list each breed, but only the order of groups, like LH Kittens, SH kittens, AB Kitten final, LH Championship, SH Championship, etc., if cats in each competitive category are judged based on catalog order. The club still must print the required catalog for Judges, Clerks and Master Clerk. Clubs may add printed catalogs on their show fee structure.*

***Motion 1 made by Mr. Huhtaniemi:** The local small show concept is to be accepted as an experimental show format for show seasons 2025-2026 and 2026-2027, and clubs do not need to request permission for any of the mentioned (1-4) Show Rule exceptions from the CFA Executive Board. Seconded by Ms. DelaBar.*

Mastin: OK, what's next, Pauli? **Huhtaniemi:** Then there is an electronic catalog which would replace the exhibitor catalog with some exceptions there, and those would be something that is granted automatically to the local small show format. **Mastin:** OK, so what do you want to do with this? Do you want to present a motion tonight or do you want to bring it back at the next meeting? **Huhtaniemi:** Well, the only change so far is about the insurance fee. So we can remove that. Allene already actually removed it. **Mastin:** OK, Ed, do you need to do any work on #4 with show rules? **Raymond:** Yeah, I mean, this is all going to the experimental format, right? **Huhtaniemi:** Yeah. **Raymond:** So those usually happen first before we change the show rules. That's what happened with OCP and the others, because yeah, right now, the show rules require a printed catalog. I just want to mention, I know in Cathy Dunham's show technology report, she mentioned that her committee is working on an electronic catalog, as well. Pauli, are you part of that effort? **Huhtaniemi:** No. **Raymond:** Might be good to sync up. **Huhtaniemi:** But that's an exception to current show rules, so the board can give the exception automatically. That's the show rules. We can grant that they can have electronic catalog there. **Mastin:** Pam, while Ed's looking it up, Pam. **DelaBar:** Electronic catalogs are a fact of life here in Europe with the other associations. They put a QR code with, you know, a piece of paper with a QR code on it and everybody goes in, takes a picture of it, and you've got your catalog. As I said, it's a fact of life. It's going on over here in Europe, just not with CFA. **Mastin:** OK. Rachel is chair of the Experimental Format. Do you have any comments? **Anger:** No, other than this is a great experiment, and I would love to see it tried out and rolled out. **Mastin:** OK. Is there any further discussion? Pauli, are you going to make a motion? **Huhtaniemi:** Yeah, I'm going to make the motion, which is already written on #4. **Mastin:** OK. And Pam, are you seconding the motion? **DelaBar:** Yes, I am. **Mastin:** OK. Allene, can you just scroll up to section three? **Tartaglia:** Section three? **Mastin:** Yeah. Did you remove insurance? **Tartaglia:** I did. I just said, *insurance must still be paid*. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Alright, is there any further discussion? Is there any objections? OK, seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Pauli, congratulations.

5. *Requesting and approving show dates.* *Local small shows are not competing against each other because they are not considered to be campaigning shows, but are held to support the growth of exhibitors in the specific area. Therefore, the distance between two local small shows should be lowered to 200 miles (300 kilometers) or one per country, if the distance between countries is less than 200 miles (300 kilometers). Show dates still need to be requested based on the rules described in the Show Rules Article IV and no local small show will be approved within 500 miles (805 kilometers) with already existing show in regions 1-7 (Show Rules 4.03.g.).*

Motion 2 made by Mr. Huhtaniemi: *Grant an exception for the Show Scheduling Committee, Region 8-9 Regional Directors and ID Chair to approve local small concept shows 200 miles (300 kilometers) apart or one show per country. No local small shows are accepted in Regions 1-7 within 500 miles radius of already existing shows. Seconded by Ms. DelaBar.*

Huhtaniemi: That was only the first part. **Mastin:** OK, let's do the second part.

Huhtaniemi: The next is just how to approve the show dates for the local small shows, and the only exception is going to be that shows are allowed to have 200 miles radius from each other, but if there is a five, six ring show or already approved show, it must be 500 miles away, like it is today. **Mastin:** OK. Is that your motion? **Huhtaniemi:** Yes. **Mastin:** Pam, are you seconding?

DelaBar: Yes. **Mastin:** OK, thank you.

Mastin: Alright. Vicki? **Jensen:** So if a show has already got that traditional date, then it still has to be 500 miles? **Mastin:** Pauli? **Huhtaniemi:** Yeah, if there is a show, 500 miles radius approved, then the small show needs to be more than 500 miles away. **Jensen:** OK.

Huhtaniemi: But if there is a small show in your town, the next small show can be 200 miles away from you. **Jensen:** OK. **Mastin:** OK. Any further questions? OK, I see this is for Region 8 and 9. Aki, do you have any comments? **Tamura:** Yeah. You know, we normally hold a six ring show for the one day and then they can go back home. And then, you know, if we do this, you know, the entry is going to spread it to each show, so we can't get any count in Region 8, because we are one country and then we're going to the one show. It's possible to come to the Tokyo area and Nagoya area and Osaka area. We are easy to go there. It's only two hours to get there. I think we don't need this for Japan. **Mastin:** So, you're not in favor of it for Japan?

Tamura: No. **Mastin:** Pauli, would you agree to modify your motion and just limit this to Region 9? **Huhtaniemi:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, that's easy. Pam, do you agree? **DelaBar:** Yes.

Mastin: OK, great. Thank you, Aki, for sharing that. Pam, do you have any additional comments on this? **DelaBar:** Just with Aki, you might be able to have a show in Tokyo and one up in Hokkaido or Fukuoka. Any of those that you used to have a lot of shows at, to try this concept and see how it works. It's an experiment. **Tamura:** Now, you know, Fukuoka and Hokkaido is not holding the show because the show hall expense is going really high. So, we can't get any show there. So, normally we are holding Osaka and Nagoya and Tokyo area is the most of the show in Japan right now. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you, Aki. Thank you, Pam. Is there any further discussion? Any objections? OK, seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

***Summary:** Keyword for local small show concept is the limited entry (max 100 cats), which grants exception to the CFA Show Rules to have less judging cages and split rings between judges, if club desires to do so. Club's may still license shows with 1-4 rings with higher entry limits. These shows are not counted as local small show concept shows, but just regular licensed shows based on current Show Rules without granted exceptions.*

Additional Board actions in the future:

Clubs that license the local small concept show must answer a simple questionnaire about the experimental format's pros and cons. The CFA Executive Board will review the local small show concept at the October 2026 Board meeting. Based on received feedback, the Board may make the concept a permanent option, continue the experimental status, or remove the experimental show format status from the beginning of the show season 2027-2028.

Recommendation to the clubs:

It is quite typical that clubs charge a double space fee from a single cat exhibitor or those with an uneven number of entries. Since benching space can be a table the size of which is not limited to fitting only two cats on a table and exhibitors may have single show tents for their cat, clubs should not penalize such exhibitors by charging the double space fee.

Mastin: Pauli, do you have anything else? **Huhtaniemi:** Actually, no. Everything else in the future, if this was approved, we just need to spread the word and this is something what we might place in the open session. Otherwise, we cannot get the word out. **Mastin:** OK, very good, Pam. **DelaBar:** May I put this in the notes? **Mastin:** Yes. **DelaBar:** Thank you.

Mastin: Darrell, do we have to make a motion to bring this into open session? **Newkirk:** You should. **Mastin:** OK. **Huhtaniemi:** Well, I'm going to make that. **Mastin:** OK. **Huhtaniemi:** I make a motion that we transfer the small local show concept into open session transcript. **Mastin:** OK. Pam, are you going to second it? **DelaBar:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Any discussion? Any objections? OK, seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Thank you, Pam, for reminding me of that. Pauli, do you have anything else? **Huhtaniemi:** No, that's all. **Mastin:** OK, great job. Thank you.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

(14) OTHER COMMITTEES.

Mastin: Alright. Rachel, I think we're on to Other Committees. **Anger:** I've had no other committees submit reports.

(15) **NEW BUSINESS.**

Mastin: Do we have anything in New Business? **Anger:** We have the one item about the TRN, the free in advanced online, but I think Cathy Dunham covered that. I was asked to move it to New Business, so I'm bringing it up now. **Mastin:** OK. Darrell, maybe you and I can talk more about this TRN with your recommendation, if we need to, on paying during processing, if we're not comfortable with what Cathy Dunham's responses were on making sure payments are made. **Newkirk:** The only point I want to make is that if they are going to be able to get a TRN number on the website, when they go to the show, somehow or another, we need to notify the entry clerk that they have to pay the fee and that they have to provide the pedigree. So, I'm not sure how we do that, but it would seem better if we could automate it so that they would pay the fee whenever they request the number. That's just my opinion, but I mean, that's up to Central Office. **Mastin:** OK. Pauli? **Huhtaniemi:** If you're going to have some meeting about TRNs, can I join? Because that's something that I know very well, how the TRNs work. **Mastin:** Darrell, my suggestion is, why don't we do a meeting? And I say, we, you and I, with Pauli, Cathy, and Allene, and then we come back to the board with whatever we come up with, so we're not wasting time on tonight's meeting. **Newkirk:** Sounds good to me. **Mastin:** OK. That's what we'll do then, Rachel. We'll come back with that for the future. And then Rachel, what was the second item? You said we had two items. **Anger:** I have a note here for something to bring up in executive session. **Mastin:** Oh, OK. Very good.

(16) **OLD BUSINESS.**

Mastin: Do we have anything for Old Business, Rachel? **Anger:** I have no Old Business in my notes. **Mastin:** Alright.

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The open session meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. EST.

The executive session meeting was adjourned at 4:41 a.m. EST.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary*

(17) **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:

25-001 *CFA v. Aimee He (Ye He)*
Violation of CFA Bylaws Article XV, Section 4 (b & g)

Guilty. *The following disciplinary action has been imposed: A two-year suspension of all CFA services and a \$2,000.00 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. [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