

**CFA ANNUAL AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS
JUNE 26-29, 2025**

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Florida. **President Richard Mastin** called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. Eastern Standard Time with the following members found to be present following a roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger**:

Mr. Richard Mastin (President)
Mr. Russell Webb (Vice-President)
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
Mr. James Simbro, IT Systems Analyst

Absent:

None

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

Mastin: Morning, everyone. Welcome to the executive board in-person, June 26, 2025 board meeting in Orlando, Florida. Madame Secretary, Miss Rachel Anger, please do the roll call and confirmations. **Anger:** Thank you. Our confirmation is that we're going to abide by the Board of Directors Code of Ethics and the Confidentiality Agreement associated therewith. [**Secretary's Note:** Secretary Rachel Anger called the roll, as reflected above. All board members confirmed that they are abiding by the CFA Board of Directors' Code of Ethics and Confidentiality Agreement.] So we're all in attendance and I will turn it back to you, Mr. President. **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel.

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

CFA ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA			
June 26-29, 2025			
All Times in Eastern Standard Time			
Thursday, June 26, 2025 • Board of Directors Meeting			
Open Session			
8:15 a.m.	1.	Meeting Called to Order/Approve Orders of the Day	Mastin
8:30 a.m.	2.	Appeal Hearing – 25-027CFA v. Howe Gao and Jiao Chen	Raymond
9:00 a.m.	3.	Appoint Inspectors of Election/Credentials Committee	Dodds
Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees			
9:10 a.m.	4.	Minutes (corrections/additions); Ratification of Online Motions	Anger
9:15 a.m.	5.	Central Office Operations	Tartaglia/Simbro
9:30 a.m.	6.	Judging Program	Nye/Webb
9:55 a.m.	7.	Club Applications	Krzanowski
10:15 a.m.	8.	International Division	Newkirk
10:30 a.m.		BREAK	
10:45 a.m.	9.	Treasurer's Report Summary	Calhoun
10:55 a.m.	10.	New Exhibitor Committee	Moyer
11:00 a.m.	11.	CFA Legislative Committee	Shafnisky
11:10 a.m.	12.	Preservation Breeding	Bennett/Meeker
11:20 a.m.	13.	Animal Welfare/Breeder Assistance Program	Campbell
11:30 a.m.	14.	Show Hall Technology	Dunham
11:40 a.m.	15.	Entry Clerk Program Enhancement Committee	Dunham
11:50 a.m.	16.	Entry Clerk Program Committee	Dunham
12:00 p.m.		LUNCH BREAK	
1:00 p.m.	17.	Show Rules	Raymond
1:30 p.m.	18.	Protests	Eigenhauser
1:35 p.m.	19.	Junior Fanciers	Shaffer
Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees			
		None	
Reports of Affiliates			
1:40 p.m.	20.	World Cat Congress	DelaBar/Anger
Unfinished Business and General Orders			
2:00 p.m.	21.	Unfinished Business	
2:10 p.m.	22.	Other Committees	
2:12 p.m.	23.	New Business	
2:15 p.m.		ADJOURN OPEN SESSION	Mastin
		BREAK	
Friday, June 27, 2025 • Annual Meeting			
9:00 a.m.	30.	Call Meeting to Order & President's Welcome	Mastin
9:05 a.m.	31.	Southern Region Welcome	Currle
9:10 a.m.	32.	Declare the Determination of a Quorum	Mastin
9:12 a.m.	33.	Appoint Parliamentarian for the Annual Meeting	Mastin
9:15 a.m.	34.	Special Rules of Parliamentary Procedure	Raymond
9:20 a.m.	35.	Approve Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting	Mastin

9:25 a.m.	36.	Proposed Amendments to the CFA Bylaws	Mastin
10:00 a.m.	37.	EveryCat Health Foundation	Vicksman
10:10 a.m.	38.	Board Member Service Awards	Mastin
10:30 a.m.		BREAK	
10:45 a.m.	39.	Treasurer's Report	Calhoun
11:05 a.m.	40.	Pre-Noticed Resolutions	Mastin
12:30 p.m.		LUNCH	
1:30 p.m.	41.	Region 7 Cash Give-Away	Gonano
1:35 p.m.	42.	Judging Program Report	Nye
1:55 p.m.	43.	Judging Program Service Awards	Nye
2:05 p.m.	44.	Judges' Association Spotlight Award	Bennett
2:15 p.m.	45.	Legislative Committee	Shafnisky
2:30 p.m.		BREAK	
3:00 p.m.	46.	Clerk Service Awards	B. Colilla
3:15 p.m.	47.	Credentials Committee Service Awards	Mastin
3:30 p.m.	48.	Credentials Committee Report and Election Results	Dodds
3:45 p.m.	49.	Cattery of Distinction Awards	Mastin
4:00 p.m.	50.	Star Awards	Dunham
4:15 p.m.	51.	Resolutions from the Floor	Mastin
5:00 p.m.		ADJOURN • Annual Meeting Closes	
Saturday, June 28, 2025			
9:00 a.m.	52.	CFA Board of Directors Meeting with the International Division	Newkirk
10:30 a.m.	53.	CFA Board of Directors Meeting with Breed Council Secretaries	Wilson
12:00 p.m.		ADJOURN	
Sunday, June 29, 2025 • Board of Directors Meeting			
9:00 a.m.	54.	Call Meeting to Order	Mastin
9:05 a.m.	55.	Appoint CFA Legal Counsel and Parliamentarian	Mastin
9:10 a.m.	56.	Taking of Board of Directors' Oath	Raymond
9:15 a.m.	57.	Distribution and Signing of Board-Required Documents	Raymond
9:20 a.m.	58.	Verbal Report of Conflicts of Interest	Raymond
9:25 a.m.	59.	Ratification of Committee Appointments	Mastin
9:45 a.m.	60.	New Business/Old Business	
10:15 a.m.	61.	Board Meeting Schedule	Mastin
11:00 a.m.		ADJOURN	

Mastin: Meeting is called to order. May we have a motion to approve the Orders of the Day? Darrell? **Newkirk:** So moved. **Mastin:** Pam? **DelaBar:** Second. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. Thank you, Pam. Rachel, you have a list that I want you to read first and then I'll go around the room and ask for changes. **Anger:** Yes. To move to executive session is Agenda Item #8, International Division. **Mastin:** Darrell, is that correct? **Newkirk:** Just the discussion on the ID Banquet. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. **Newkirk:** The report can be published as submitted, but I don't want the discussion in the minutes. **Mastin:** I agree. **Anger:** And then we have a Region 3 Club Application that we're moving into executive session. We have a New Business item that Carissa submitted regarding Cattery of Distinction to move to executive session. Then we have a new – this is a new issue, Kathy? – regarding show kitten name grace period, to add to

executive session at the end. In open session, we're adding a New Business item for Region 8, an in-conjunction show with TICA. Then, our CFA Attorney is going to discuss the importance of sending a delegate. Those two will be added to New Business. **Mastin:** That's correct. OK, Darrell? **Newkirk:** I would like to add an item in closed session. **Mastin:** What is that, Darrell? **Newkirk:** For the ID, and that's to discuss the show this past weekend where the show closed on Thursday, rather than Wednesday, and they took emailed entries and not online entries. I would like that discussed in closed session. **Mastin:** Can we tie that in right when you do the ID banquet, as well? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK.

Mastin: Vicki? **Jensen:** Unless there is a reason, I think that #29 – **Mastin:** The Region 4 show scheduling objection? **Jensen:** Yeah. I think that that should be an open session unless we're going to be talking about particular people. **Mastin:** OK. Kenny, did you request it in executive session? **Currle:** I did. **Mastin:** Do you want to keep it in executive session? **Currle:** I do. **Mastin:** OK Vicki, it will require a motion and it has to pass in order to move it into open session. **Jensen:** I'll move to. **Mastin:** I need a second. **Newkirk:** I'll second, for discussion. **Mastin:** OK. We have a motion, we have a second. Discussion? Vicki, go ahead. Why do you want to move it into open session? **Jensen:** Because unless we're talking about particular people or anything of that nature, it should properly be in open session. **Mastin:** OK. Rachel. **Anger:** My alternative suggestion would be to keep it in executive session and after the discussion we can determine if it truly was of a sensitive nature that we would want to keep there or move to open session. **Jensen:** That's fine. Yeah. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? **Newkirk:** She needs to withdraw her motion. **Mastin:** You're going to withdraw? **Jensen:** That's fine. **Mastin:** OK. Darrell, do you agree? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, motion is withdrawn.

Withdrawn.

Mastin: Howard did you have – what is it, #18? That is just the placeholder, correct? **Webster:** Yes. **Mastin:** So we don't have to discuss it. **Webster:** No. **Mastin:** OK. It's just a placeholder. We do have to move in executive session Judging Program before Deliberations. That's in order so we have Karen and George for Deliberations and Protests, so they don't have to go in and out of the meeting. So, we're going to move Judging Program ahead of Deliberations in executive session. Vicki Nye, are you in the room? OK, so you know that now, assuming the board passes the Orders of the Day. Is there anything additional? Kenny? **Currle:** It's my obligation as Regional Director. It could be either in open or closed session, about an objection for show scheduling from a Region 7 club. **Mastin:** Where would you like it? You want it in executive or open? **Currle:** We can do it at the same time with #29. **Mastin:** OK, so you have a second objection for #29. **Currle:** I do. It has nothing to do with this #29. **Mastin:** OK, it's in addition to. Alright, do we have any other items for Orders of the Day? Darrell? **Newkirk:** We should approve the amended Orders of the Day. **Mastin:** OK. Any further discussion on the amended Orders of the Day? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

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

Mastin: OK, thank you everyone.

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Board Member Service Awards

5 Years

Carissa Altschul
Howard Webster

(2) APPEAL HEARING.

25-027 CFA v. Howe Gao and Jiao Chen

Violation of CFA Show Rule 6.35.b. and CFA Const. Art. XV Sec. 4(f)

Mastin: We have the board cite in open session next, correct? **Anger:** Yes. **Mastin:** Allene, are they in the waiting room? **Tartaglia:** Yes, as well as George. So you want me to admit them? **Mastin:** Yes, go ahead. **Raymond:** Do we have both here? Both Howe and Jiao Chen? **Tartaglia:** I have Howe and a “TR”. I’m not sure who that is. **Raymond:** It might be a translator. **Tartaglia:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK. CFA Legal Counsel Ed Raymond will handle the cite. 24-027. CFA v. Howe Gao and Jiao Chen. Let me know when they’re in. **Tartaglia:** They are in. Hello, Mr. Gao. Can you hear me? [Side discussions regarding technical difficulties were not transcribed.] **Mastin:** Hello, Mr. Gao. **Gao:** Hello everyone. **Mastin:** Welcome to the board meeting. **Gao:** Thank you. **Mastin:** Howe, who else is – **Tartaglia:** Howe, is this your translator? **Mastin:** Mr. Gao, we need both parties to identify themselves. **Gao:** I am using AI to help me translate. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Ed, please proceed. **Gao:** OK, I am good. I am from Shanghai China. **Tartaglia:** Thank you.

Raymond: One of the parties, Jiao Chen, had notified me that she would not be attending. She is the entry clerk that was involved in this matter. She did submit written materials which the board has in their online files. Mr. Gao submitted numerous materials, as well. Those are also available to the board in their pre-read materials. Mr. Gao, I don’t want you to go over everything that was in your written submissions, but can you tell the board what happened in connection with this show? **Gao:** Yes, I can. Let me say it briefly. It was actually last season, the total of 10 cat shows were held before this cat show in March. All the matches [shows] went very smoothly. Nothing has ever been reported, but in this cat exhibition in March, our cat show was someone reported it. You can see from the evidence I submitted that the time of being reported happened to be, it was just a few days before the end of the registration for the cat show. I was the cat show manager. I will pay attention to the registration status because it was reported this time. So, I had to deal with the matter of being reported with the relevant departments. I have no way to pay attention to it personally, the matter of registration. So, when I find out there is a mistake in the registration, I made a mistake and that’s me. I think the entry form came into my map of documents before the deadline. I think it is a valid registration on this like this, so I notified your safety department. I have added the section missing information. So, in this case, I think my mistake is that I didn’t find these data missing in time. I didn’t find that these data were only sent to the club and not to HR. I think this is just a mistake caused by an unexpected incident. The whole thing is actually like this because our game was reported as a maintenance manager worked hard to ensure the smooth progress of my kitten. I have to cooperate with government departments to complete some additional applications and procedures. So, missed the most timely discovery. There is a situation where data is missing and then I asked how to fill in the missing information when it was over. I think this is a mistake in my work. That’s the whole thing. I don’t know. Mind test. Can you understand the pro English? If we can understand what I want to say? **Raymond:** I think you made yourself very clear. I appreciate that. Just to confirm, do the missing entries that you believe were submitted prior to the closing date of the show, you did not send those to the entry clerk until sometime on Friday afternoon or evening. Is that correct? **Gao:** Yes, understand because after I went to handle this matter, took care of this

part of the work to someone else and then the poster of the competition clearly states, to sign up contestants must send email to club and to HR at the same time, but I later found out that the player [exhibitor] only sent the information to the club. This is what causes I am the only one who got it. You go and see why you didn't get it. **Raymond:** Thank you. I don't have any other questions. **Gao:** It was also I who caused it to be discovered later is the time to fill in the information. It's late. So I didn't listen just now.

Mastin: Do any board members have any questions? Mr. Gao, Miss Pam DelaBar has a question for you. **Gao:** I am here. **DelaBar:** Howe, as I understand, there was also another show on that same weekend. The Shenzhen show was the same weekend as your show. **Gao:** Yes, there is a game on the same weekend as mine. **DelaBar:** OK. Do you feel that there could have been any problems that came up because of the two shows being on the same weekend? **Gao:** I do not. I don't think there will be any problem with this because the game in Shenzhen has been closed very early registration channel. **Mastin:** Darrell? **Newkirk:** Howe, it's Darrell. You understand that – **Gao:** so for the players – **Newkirk:** Howe, you understand that it's against the show rules to enter shows with an email entry? **Gao:** I just did this matter by email. Actually it has a special premise. That's because China has implemented a – **Newkirk:** Howe, I understand that the emails were in a batch file sent to the club's email account – **Gao:** – and any name management regulation.

Mastin: Are there any further questions? Mr. Gao, do you have any further comments? **Gao:** I don't have any comments. I apologize for my mistakes in my work. Yes, because of my mistakes in work. Yes, exhibitors consideration and I apologize but it's just that my company made a mistake for some reason. I don't have a subjective one intentionally doing this thing. **Raymond:** Thank you, Mr. Gao. The board will deliberate in executive session later today and I will notify you through a letter by email within the next few days of the results of this hearing. Thank you for attending. **Gao:** OK, thank you. Thank you.

Everybody's out. OK, thank you Ed.

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(3) APPOINT INSPECTORS OF ELECTION/CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

Committee Chair: Nancy Dodds
Board Liaison: Rachel Anger
List of Committee Members: R 1 Marilyn Conde
R 1 Betty Bridges Alternate
R2 Erin Cutchen
R3 Cheryl Peck
R4 Martha Auspitz
R5 Barbara Jaeger
R6 Nancy Petersen
R7 Jill Archibald

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Credentials Committee addressed one issue with club membership, investigated and responded.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Committee will be meeting to address any delegate issues brought before it. The Committee will verify results of the election.

Future Projections for Committee:

Respond to any issues brought before it regarding club membership.

Board Action Items:

Approve the list of members (above) who will serve at the Annual Meeting.

Time Frame:

At the Annual Meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Minutes from the Annual Meeting.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Dodds, Chair*

Mastin: We'll move on to the next agenda item. Ms. Dodds, please come to the table.
Dodds: Hi everybody. **Mastin:** Hi Nancy, welcome. **Dodds:** Thank you, Rich. **Mastin:** Rachel, as board liaison, are you a standing motion? **Anger:** I am. **Mastin:** May I have a second? Darrell? **Newkirk:** Second. **Mastin:** OK, Nancy, please proceed. **Dodds:** We have the committee members that were listed on the notice that you should have received and we're

asking the board to confirm that these committee members are appropriate so that we can meet today and verify the ballots, primarily today. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions for Nancy? **Currle:** I just want to thank Nancy for the work she does. **Jensen:** I second that. **Mastin:** OK. I'm not going to do a motion on that. **Dodds:** OK, I won't object. **Mastin:** Would you like some candy? **Dodds:** Oh, thank you. **DelaBar:** Nancy, there were some changes to the original report on people who would be serving on the Credentials Committee. I just wanted to make sure for the notes that I have everybody correct, that your alternate for Region 2, Kendall Smith, will not be here. **Dodds:** Correct. **DelaBar:** And that your person for Region 5, Hilary [Helmrich], will be replaced by Barbara Jaeger. Is that correct? **Dodds:** That's correct. **DelaBar:** Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. Thank you, Nancy, for clarifying that. Any further discussion or questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Nancy, thank you to you and your Committee for all you do. **Dodds:** Thank you very much. **Mastin:** We look forward to seeing you tomorrow. **Dodds:** Very briefly, yes. **Mastin:** Thank you.

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Credentials Committee Service Awards

10 Years

Donna Andrews

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

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

(a) Additions/Corrections to the Minutes.

None

Mastin: OK, Rachel, please do the additions corrections to the minutes and ratification of online motions. **Anger:** No additions or corrections to the minutes have been submitted.

(b) Ratification of February 1/2, 2025, March 4, 2025, April 1, 2025, April 15, 2025 and May 6, 2025 Zoom Video Conference Board Meeting Minutes.

Action Item: Approve the February 1/2, 2025, March 4, 2025, April 1, 2025, April 15, 2025 and May 6, 2025 Zoom video conference board meeting minutes, as published.

Anger: I would like to make a motion to approve the February 1/2, 2025, March 4th, 2025, April 1, 2025, April 15, 2025, and May 6, 2025 Zoom video conference board meeting minutes, as published. **Mastin:** Kenny, you're a second? **Currle:** Yes, sir. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

(c) Ratification of Online Motions.

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
MOTIONS THAT REQUIRE RATIFICATION			
1.	Executive Committee 03.27.2025	Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 and allow the Malaysia Cat Alliance Society to license a 1 AB/1 SP/2 HHP, 225 entry limit show in Selangor, Malaysia (ID-Other) on April 12, 2025, less than 30 days before the show.	Motion Failed. Webb voting yes.
Mastin: I am taking the liberty to share with all of you the second and third paragraph of Show Rule 4.04 for ease of referencing. I have highlighted in yellow (imo), a very important change/addition that was made two or three years ago due to the board having approved a club to license a show with less than 30 days at the end of the season (this show was in the United States). As I recall that particular show (from two or three years ago) was held the last (or second to last) weekend of the year. As I recall the then referred to Point Manipulation Committee (later changed to Special Investigations Committee) strongly recommended the added/changed words I highlighted in yellow. My concern is there are show rules for a reason with some being more restrictive than others. When exceptions are made to the more restrictive rules there are potential for unintended consequence, also the potential for some to have very serious issues/concerns on fair play or foul play that could result in extremely dissatisfied participants and or uncomfortable and time consuming protest matters. Making exceptions for emergencies and minor changes due to changes with entry limits, ring sharing, facility obstacles, etc. minor changes are at most times reasonable request that the Executive Committee and Executive Board do grant from time to time. This request (also imo), is not an emergency and nor is it a minor change, and it goes against what the Board agreed to when approving the current show rule. Show Rule 4.04 2nd & 3rd Paragraph – <i>No license will be granted for shows whose complete and accurate application, including judging program</i>			

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
<i>committee approvals for any proposed guest judges in the application, for a show license received in the Central Office with less than 30 days remaining prior to the opening day of the show.</i> <i>Notwithstanding the foregoing, an application for license for a show in Mainland China, Hong Kong or Macau must be received in the Central Office at least 21 days prior to the opening day of the show and will not incur late filing fees. An application for a license for such a show received less than 21 days prior to the opening day of the show will not be accepted without approval from the Executive Board.</i>			
2.	Executive Committee 04.07.2025	For the Ambassador Cat Club's April 26/27, 2025 show in Bangkok, Thailand (ID-Other), grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 and allow the club to license their show less than 30 days before the show, contingent on the payment of a \$500 late fee, and that the club will be sent a letter notifying them that this is a one-time exception and that future exemptions will not be granted.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
Secretary's Note: After consulting with the full board, the motion was amended as appears above.			
3.	Executive Committee 04.07.2025	For the Felidae Beyond Infinity club's April 13, 2025 show in Hong Kong (ID-Other), grant an exception to Show Rule 5.01.m. to increase the entry limit from 125 to 150. The club will issue a new flyer, publicize the change, and send notifications to all entered exhibitors and judges.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			
4.	Moyer Webster 04.08.2025	Move the agility issue [from the April 1, 2025 teleconference] into open discussion with no debate or discussion.	Motion Carried.
No discussion.			
5.	Anger Griswold 04.10.2025	Move the report and voting results from Agenda Item #23 - Bylaw Amendment [from the April 1, 2025 teleconference] from executive session into open session, with no debate or discussion.	Motion Carried. Currel abstained.
No discussion.			
6.	Jensen Mathis 04.14.2025	Seal the voting on Agenda Item #25 – Agility and Agenda Item #23 – Bylaws reports from the April 1, 2025 teleconference.	Motion Failed. Mathis, Krzanowski, Nasin, Webster, Colilla, Currel, Griswold, Webb and Jensen voting yes.
Altschul: Since this is seconded - why do you want to seal the votes?? I feel our contingency has a right to know here. We should be more transparent, not less. To me this is not an issue that needs to be kept behind closed doors. Newkirk: Just my opinion, but if you vote to seal the votes on these two messages, it will send a loud and clear message that you do not want to be transparent on how you vote. You should stand by how you voted, but that is my opinion. Currel: I would normally agree with Darrel, but there is a DAL election going on. Mathis: I agree, the votes should be sealed. I assume that's why it was in closed session. DelaBar: I have no problem with the votes being open. Webb: I have no problem with the votes being open. DelaBar: I questioned why the amendment presentation should be in executive session, I do not believe we did that in previous years. As for the agility discussion, we used proper names and in discussion with show rule violations - proper use of executive session. But			

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the results (of both these items) were published in the meeting notes that were distributed. Neither vote was controversial. And I will be shown as a NO vote on agility as I wanted the penalty on timing to be 10%, not the 25% that was passed. DelaBar: Perhaps I am missing some information. Vicki - you made the motion to seal the votes. What was your rationale for doing so? And I do not understand why the election for DAL should have any into board decisions, unless this is CYA. Jensen: I'm not running for DAL so why would you think it's CYA? That makes no sense. The bylaw amendment goes to the delegates to vote on. In my opinion, having the information that I voted for it (or you, or any of you) places a personal endorsement and people may consider "it must be good" rather than decide it on its merits. It's a bylaw amendment that increases the power of the board and the board should let the delegates consider without personal endorsement from us individually which would be the reason for publishing our individual voting. Publishing how I vote equates to I'm vouching and I would rather the delegates consider it on the merits. The delegates are the ones that will be most affected by this since it changes when, where and how they participate in CFA in the future. It should go to them to decide without attaching our personal endorsement. Please note, I was asked why I moved to seal, it's just my personal opinion, I did not seek to debate. DelaBar: Vicki, I wanted your rationale for proposing the motion which I do understand, though I do not agree with it. Thank you for replying. As for the CYA, that was in question to those who stated we have a DAL election and I fail to see why there is a cause and effect with these particular questions. Jensen: Didn't we already vote on this? Newkirk: Vicki, the vote is in progress. A few board members have not voted.			
7.	Executive Committee 04.15.2025	For the Siam Cat Fanciers Club's show March 29-30, 2025 in Thailand, grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 and allow a change of format to include one OCP ring. The club shall be sent a stern warning letter by the CFA Secretary, that CFA Show Rules must be followed in the future, with no exceptions.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
Calhoun: Who in the Central Office is responsible for reviewing the flyer that CFA posts to ensure it is consistent with the show license? If no one is responsible, this is a learning opportunity. There should be a consistency and accuracy check for everything CFA posts on the website, otherwise CFA loses credibility. In light of a potential process oversight, it is not suggested that this warrants a financial penalty to the club but I do feel that a letter of reprimand is in order.			
8.	Executive Committee 04.15.2025	For Cat Club Sherry's show on April 19/20, 2025 in Kiev, Ukraine (Region 9): (a) change the show license to a one-day show on April 19, 2025; (b) grant an exception to Show Rule 9.08.n. to allow for judge sharing in all rings; and (c) grant an exception to Show Rule 4.06.a.2. to allow for 7 allbreed rings in one day without a specialty ring.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			
9.	Anger Newkirk 04.17.2025	Move Motion #4 and the voting results of the April 15, 2025 Budget Report to open session.	Motion Carried.
No discussion.			
10.	DelaBar Currie	Score the Mad Catters show in total.	
	Amendment: Newkirk Altschul	The Mad Catters show will be scored in its entirety after the 4 identified erroneous championship entries have been deleted.	Motion Failed. Calhoun, Currie, Jensen and Nasin voting no. Moyer abstained with conflict

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See motion below.			
11.	Anger Colilla 05.08.2025	Move the discussion on Motion #10 above regarding the Mad Catters show to executive session.	Motion Carried.
No discussion.			
12.	Executive Committee 05.09.2025	For the Ambassador Cat Club's April 26/27, 2025 show in Bangkok, Thailand (ID-Other), grant an exception to Show Rule 4.06.3. and re-license the show from a 12 ring show to a 6x6, charge the club a second \$500 license fee and an additional entry surcharge for the second show.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			
13.	Executive Committee 05.14.2025	License and score the Ambassador Cat Club's April 26/27, 2025 show in Bangkok, Thailand (ID-Other) as a 12 ring, two-day show.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			
14.	Anger Webb 05.23.2025	Grant the Angel Fairy Sphynx Club permission to hold an in-conjunction show with a WCCF club in Qingdao, China (ID-China), on October 25/26, 2025, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).	Motion Carried.
Huhtaniemi: I believe we need to have a little bit more information before the board can handle this motion. We now have Show Rule about in conjunction shows and what needs to be included when requested. I don't see all required information included in the motion. So maybe Rachel wants to modify motion before someone seconds it. DelaBar: Pauli, I believe they have included the required information. The board adds the rest when approved. Personally I feel we should have continued the "investigation" into partnering with WCCF over a year ago. We have had mega events in Moscow for years with up to 5 organizations - 4 belonging to the WCC and one independent. ...WCCF is now the prominent independent cat organization in China. Anger: Three clubs of WCCF (Whole Council of the Cat Fancy/WCCF Global Cat Association) are hosting their portion of the event: Panda Club - Panda Chen; King Cat Club - XiKai Cao; Super Cat Club - BingQuen Feng. I have also received confirmation from Jon Lee that he agreed to loan his NGO to Carrie Feng. Huhtaniemi: Thanks Rachel. I think the information is now complete. I do support club's in conjunction show request and I believe this is going to be a great opportunity for the CFA. Griswold: Is WCCF a for profit organization and is that ok (legally) for us to legally partner to have a show? Raymond: What is being proposed is not CFA partnering with WCCF, but a CFA club being given permission to hold a show in conjunction with WCCF. I don't see legal problem for CFA. Griswold: Perfect Ed thank you. Altschul: I just have one question, to avoid repeating a mistake in the past... Are any of those associated with WCCF show production those who have been suspended from CFA, in any fashion? Mastin: I will hold off a bit on calling the motion to allow time for someone to answer Carissa's question. Webb: To my knowledge the officers of WCCF have not been suspended from CFA. Newkirk: I am not aware of anyone suspended from CFA being connected to WCCF. Altschul: I meant specifically to this event; however if we feel confident that the show production team with the WCCF event does not include any bad actors from CFA, then this sounds like a great opportunity.			
15.	Altschul Moyer	Grant permission to any who wish to pay for their own National Win (NW) rosette (or for others) on their own to be able to do	Motion Carried.

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	05.29.2025	so with the CFA logo.	
Altschul: This was apparently squashed by CO. I don't see how they need to be involved if people are willing to privately pay for the rosettes. Moyer: It seems to be the same issue I battled with the poster project being told I couldn't use the logo that was published for everybody to use. It's an "us" versus "them" mentality. I've seen it many times and I don't get it. Currle: I agree with Janet and Carissa. Our national winners cannot be honored too much. They carry our organization. How does it hurt our organization for others to be generous? Anger: This is a missed opportunity. We have many very capable volunteers who are literally begging to help with projects just like this, but we neither solicit them nor accept their offers of help. How many times have board members professed, "this is a volunteer association" when it is a convenient argument for whatever platform they are lobbying for, yet they do nothing to develop volunteerism itself. NW rosettes are a giant feel-good token that exhibitors have worked so hard to earn. Our constituents understand that some belt tightening exists, but this kind of oppression is what contributed to the situation in the first place. Let's celebrate, let's have fun and let's work together with people who offer to volunteer and/or donate. Please vote 100% yes for this motion. Tartaglia: I believe this started by someone who requested that CFA distribute rosettes they were purchasing to the top cats in regions 1-9 (may have been 1-7) during CFA's awards ceremony. It was not to just a few friends who had their first National Win. At least not the request I received. Their request was denied due to the thought that the only awards, rosettes or otherwise, that should be given out in conjunction with the national awards banquet should be those provided by CFA. Beyond that would it be appropriate for an individual to hand out rosettes to a specific group of winners at any time during the Annual, even on their own, when CFA hadn't? If there were any individuals unhappy about not receiving a rosette this year from CFA, surely an individual handing out rosettes to a select group, leaving entire groups of winners out (national and breed), would cause mayhem and terrible ill will towards CFA. We've been advertising all along that no rosettes are awarded this year. It was mentioned in the letter to the winners and on the duplicate order form. Our current vendor, Centaur, contacted me about using the CFA logo for an individual who wanted to order a rosette on their own. This is standard practice for a vendor. Since it was voted to not provide rosettes this year, it seemed logical that there wouldn't be any National Award rosettes this year, regardless of who placed the order. Typically, only CFA orders rosettes/trophies for our awards. If someone wants to order a rosette from Centaur (the vendor we've used) or any vendor for that matter, we can provide permission if the Board desires and people can do this on their own. Some things to consider are will the individual be required to use the same design that CFA has used in the past or can they choose any design they want (more or less elaborate)? Can they choose any colors they like? Ideally, a vendor should contact CFA to verify the rosette being ordered has the correct wording and award, however, this may not happen which could result in rosettes ordered with invalid information. It was mentioned that CFA is missing a huge opportunity by not letting people who want to purchase a rosette through CFA do so at their own, personal cost. The rosettes CFA has purchased in the past, close to 600, requires a minimum 12-week lead time. The deadline to order a rosette to be received at the Annual would be at least by mid-March, well before the show season ends and awards are finalized.			
16.	Anger Huhtaniemi 06.05.2025	For its back-to-back show in Orange, France (Region 9) on September 27/28, 2025, grant the Orange Cat Club and Universal Cats Club permission to hold an in-conjunction show with Passion Alliance Feline Club (LOOF), on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).	Motion Carried. Griswold abstained for cause.
Webb: This will be a good opportunity for CFA exposure. I am in support of this motion. DelaBar: We have had previous in conjunction shows with LOOF in France. Two CFA judges will be judging for CFA one day and LOOF the next, splitting expenses between the two organizations and saving our club money. This is our regional show and awards banquet weekend for R9. Krzanowski: I fully support this motion. It is a great opportunity for CFA. Mathis: I think this is a great idea, and only positive things for CFA. Huhtaniemi: I am supporting the in conjunction show request. This is a great opportunity for the CFA to work with the official French governmental registry, but there are several benefits for the local CFA club as well. Also want to remind that CFA has special agreement with LOOF which was signed few years ago (don't know where CFA's copy might be available, but here			

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is LOOF's copy: https://loof.asso.fr/sites/default/download/201901_LOOF_CFA_protocol_agreement.pdf).			
17.	Executive Committee 06.10.2025	Allow Region 7's Gems/CFW show to add 2 rings/judges to their show format for their show July 26/27, 2025.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification). Calhoun and Anger abstained with conflict.
No discussion.			
18.	Executive Committee 06.23.2025	For the July 12/13, 2025 Maha Cat Club show in Jakarta (ID-Other), grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 to add one OCP ring, to be judged by Nicholas Pun, on the condition that the club will issue an updated flyer, publicize the change, and send notifications to Central Office, all entered exhibitors, the judges and the country coordinator.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification). Webb abstained with conflict.
No discussion.			

Action Item: Ratify online motions 1-5, 7-9 and 11-18, as published.

Anger: For our ratification of online motions, I would like to move to ratify online motions 1 through 5, 7 through 9, and 11 through 18, as published. The motion numbers that were not called out failed, so we wouldn't ratify those. **Mastin:** Kenny, you're a second again? **Currle:** Yes, sir. **Mastin:** OK. Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Anger: Thank you. That's it.

(5) **CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.**

*Submitted by: Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director
James Simbro, IT Director*

Mastin: Allene, please do Central Office Operations. **Tartaglia:** OK. Before I get to the printed report or the one you've seen, I'd like to mention that I received notice from the I-X Center on Tuesday that our show is definitely taking place. You've all heard that they are moving on to something bigger and better, possibly an Amazon data center, but they are honoring all their contracts, so we definitely will be having a show this year at the I-X Center, so I just wanted to mention that.

CENTRAL OFFICE GENERAL

1-Part Paper Show Supply Savings: *Starting with shows in August, regular, single copy paper is being sent to shows in place of the multi-copy, NCR paper. This should result in an approximate savings of \$16,000 per year. Not only is there the savings by using 1-part paper instead of 2 and 3-part paper, but shipping costs are significantly reduced due to the lighter weight of the show boxes without the NCR paper.*

Tartaglia: I only have one item, and it is regarding – I mentioned about the one-part paper. We're ready for that. We've already been sending out show packages with one-part paper.

Temporary Registration Number - Official Show Entry Count & Points: *At the February 2025 board meeting, the board set a policy starting in the 2025-2026 season that only a cat/kitten entered with a TRN whose TRN fee was paid by the end of the show will receive points earned at the show. Show rule 6.16 states a TRN will be issued upon receipt of the TRN fee. Technically, the unpaid TRN is not eligible for entry.*

In light of the new rule requiring all cats/kittens to have a TRN or permanent registration number to enter a show (with the exception of Novice and HHP), should unpaid TRNs be included in the official show count?

Proposed Board Motion: *A cat/kitten entered with a TRN will only be included in the official show count if the TRN is paid prior to the close of ~~the show~~ check-in at the show.*

Tartaglia: The board motion that I'm proposing is regarding the temporary registration numbers, the official show entry count, and points. In February, we set a policy starting in this show season that only a cat/kitten entered with a TRN whose TRN fee was paid by the end of the show would receive points earned at the show. Show Rule 6.16 states that a TRN will be issued upon receipt of the TRN fee. Technically, the unpaid TRN is not eligible for entry, as you know. In light of the new rule requiring all cats and kittens to have a TRN or permanent registration number to enter a show, with the exception of the novice and HHP, should unpaid TRNs be included in the official show count is the question, and the board motion that we're proposing is that *a cat/kitten entered with a TRN will only be included in the official show count if the TRN is paid prior to the close of the show*, which would reinforce the policy from February. **Mastin:** Darrell? **Newkirk:** I'll make the motion. **Calhoun:** Kathy seconds.

DelaBar: TRNs are not supposed to be given out until they get the appropriate paperwork for the fee. Now, I'm getting to my question. Relax. How are we going to enforce this? Because most of the clubs I know from Europe send everything over, all the fees or whatever, are sent by the club. So, how are we going to enforce/make sure that that one or two TRNs was paid prior to us, you know, sending everything over? Well, how do we enforce it?

Tartaglia: Let me respond. **Mastin:** OK. **Tartaglia:** Currently, at this time, someone can enter a show online, and if they don't have a registration number, they can check a box that says, I need a TRN. It immediately gives them a TRN. It's up to the entry clerk to collect the TRN fee, or the master clerk, whoever it is at the show, and all that paperwork is sent to the Central Office. It's very common that we get the paperwork, whether scanned or mailed, and then the fee comes in separate, and it usually includes the surcharge fee, the TRNs, all that. So, we can easily enforce this because we need all of that paperwork before we do the count. **DelaBar:** Point being, how do you know it was done before the close of the show? **Tartaglia:** We don't. All we know is when we receive the show documents. **DelaBar:** So, as for enforcement? **Tartaglia:** It's better than what we have. **Altschul:** Every show that I've ever attended, I had to pay my entry fee before the start of the show. Can we not just say that the TRN has to be paid with the entry fee? Because I don't know any club that really lets a person show their cat without paying their entry fee. So, the TRN fee should be coupled with the entry fee. You pay it all when you pay your entry fee, and then you get to show your cat. I think that would eliminate the problem of unpaid TRNs. It should all just be together. So, the entry clerk program needs to have a field for the TRN, so when you get your confirmation, here's your first entry fee, here's your TRN fee, you have to pay it all, or you can't come into the show and show your cat. **Tartaglia:** I think it's an education process, and you're correct. A lot of people pay the TRN fee at the time they pay the entry fee, because the entry clerk tells them, "you owe us this TRN fee", and they pay it. But that's not the case everywhere. So, what we're trying to do is have everybody comply and do the same thing. We don't know if somebody pays the TRN when they pay their entry fees. We don't know when people pay their entry fees. That's really up to the club to enforce that. So, what we're asking is that by the time we get the paperwork, just like with every other club, that everything is paid, that we don't have to go track down payment for a TRN fee, and if it's not paid by the time we get the documents in the office, it's not going to be included in the count. I mean, it's a process and once that starts to happen, I suspect that people will be paying their TRN fee, if it's important to them, before they leave the show. **Mastin:** Darrell? **Newkirk:** So I have a question about if they go onto eCats or the other alternate system to enter the show, and they click the box that they need a TRN, why isn't there a place for them to submit payment?

Tartaglia: We can do that. It's a programming issue. We have to program that in. So, we can do that, but then that payment comes directly to the Central Office. Of course, then we have to let the club know, "hey, they paid this TRN fee." So, now we've got to communicate with the club when the TRN fee has been paid. So, we were looking for a more simplified process without having to do additional show programming, but if that's the desire – that a TRN fee be paid at the time a TRN number is issued – we can certainly look into that and get a program. Shouldn't be that difficult. **Mastin:** Alright, Darrell. **Mastin:** So, if we're going to not include those cats in the count, can we amend the motion to allow them to claim those points once it's paid and charge them a \$50 late fee like we do? **Tartaglia:** I think whatever that show rule is, there's a certain time frame that that can be done. Well, the issue is, we score the show, we do the count at that time. So, if they're not included in the count, if they claim their points with that \$50, I think it's 30 days or whatever it is, we can't change the count at that time. They can claim their points,

but we can't change the count. That wouldn't be correct. **Jensen:** So, my question, I think that Carissa's idea would correct the problem that could come up with not so much the cat's exhibitor, but if the cat's not showing in the count and we don't know if the cat's going to be in the count, it creates a problem for the other exhibitors. They won't know if their cat granded. People that are running a cat or whatever won't know what their points are from that show until 30 days after. I mean, it's if they pay it at the time that they enter, then there's not a problem. Then we're not having to sit there and go back and look and see, did that cat count or not? And I know it might be one cat, but nationals have been won and lost over half a point. **Tartaglia:** There's a count at the show, which is the unofficial show count, and then there's the official show count. There's almost always a difference and that's why we recommend to people, if you think you got a grand by one point, you may be mistaken. It's happened, where people end up not granding a cat because the official show count was different. The 30 day that Darrell was talking about, that would have to do with claiming points. What we're talking about is that we would have all the information and the payment for TRNs at the time the official show count is developed. So, you never really know at the show what the count is, what the official show count is, because so many things can change. **Mastin:** Vicki, are you done? **Jensen:** I just think it would be cleaner to, like Darrell and Carissa said, have a box, have them pay it at the time that they submit the request for the TRN and then if the cat's in a ring, it's going to count and then there's no second guessing whether or not it counted. **Mastin:** Rachel? **Anger:** Thank you. My comment was similar to Vicki's. Regardless of official count or non-official count, at the end of the day, the person being targeted for punishment, if you will, is the wrong person. If I'm showing at a show and Ed's cat has a TRN and something happens and it gets removed from the count, I'm the one that suffers. That's not fair. So, there's got to be a different solution besides removing the cat from the count. **Mastin:** Kathy? **Calhoun:** I wanted to comment on the ability for CFA to accept the TRNs at the Central Office and the programming required for that. Programming required for this is not included in this year's budget. We don't know what it is. We can make assumptions, but we don't know what it would be, and we don't have a timeline, we don't know how long it will take. So, I would recommend that if we need to make a decision today, that we make a decision that does not include or require programming, and if down the road, we want to have a small project around what those costs are, build it into next year's budget. **Mastin:** Pauli? **Huhtaniemi:** Most of the European clubs have done what Clarissa said, about 10 years. It's working perfectly there. So, I don't see a problem that TRN needs to be paid at the same time with the entry fees.

Mastin: Carissa? **Altschul:** I think we have two options. We have one that we can do through the show rules where we just import the TRN must be paid with the show entry, and that doesn't require any programming or budgeting. It's just a show rule change. And then we could look into having a hard stop in the entry clerk form or entering the show form that if you click on "I need a TRN", there could be a hard stop. If you don't pay, your entry does not get sent to the show, but that would be a programming issue. So, I think we might want to amend the motion to add this into the show rules that a TRN must be paid at time of entry, like what Europe is already doing, but that will put it across the board, because I think some clubs have more of a problem with TRNs than others. We just have one show rule that covers everything. **Mastin:** Carissa, since you are referring to the show rules, I am going to call on Ed out of order. Ed, go ahead and address that. **Raymond:** The show rule already provides that the fee application form and pedigree must be provided to the master clerk, rather than the close of check-in for the show. So, it's already in the show rules. It's an enforcement. **DelaBar:** I'm just going to say, all of this

extra programming is above and beyond what we're looking at for the motion. I have no problems of us addressing the motion as written. **Mastin:** Pauli. **Huhtaniemi:** Ed already said what I was planning to say. **Newkirk:** I just want to make one point. This year, I have asked Cathy Dunham to send me the marked master clerk catalogs for all ID shows and one of the shows that stood out to me was a small kitten count. There were two CFA-registered kittens. All the rest had TRN numbers. So, we're going to see a bump I think in income from TRN registrations. Kathy, you're probably seeing that already, because people want to show their cats and they're applying for these TRN numbers. **Mastin:** Any other questions at this time? Ed, when you referred to the show rule, did you read the entire show rule? **Raymond:** No, it's a very long show rule. This is a sentence out of Show Rule 6.16. **Mastin:** So, as to this proposed motion, does it comply with the current show rule? **Raymond:** Since Central Office has no way to know whether the fee was paid to the master clerk before the close of check-in, they only can rely on, is it in the packet when it arrives at Central Office at the close of the show. So, technically, they don't line up but practically, I think this is probably the best we can do. **Mastin:** Or change the show rules. **Raymond:** Or change the show rules to provide that the fee must be included in the show packet by the master clerk. We can do that for a proposal. **Mastin:** OK. Janet? **Moyer:** Couldn't we just amend this motion to say that it would be paid prior to the close? Because all entries – I mean, prior to the show, all entries are paid prior to the show. The only ones that would be unpaid are absentees. That would be the only TRN that would slip through and they wouldn't have been there anyway. **DelaBar:** I was going to say, but we can't enforce that and that's why I said we should stick to the original motion. **Mastin:** Darrell? **Newkirk:** I just think that this gives us some teeth to make sure. Maybe the show rule needs to be jimmy rigged a little bit to include this, but this is a good start and we'll also have a few months to see before October if the implementation of the show rule is working. Allene will be able to report to you guys in October whether – I'm telling you something. You take their points away once or twice, the word will get out and it won't happen again, I can tell you right now. **Mastin:** Kathy? **Calhoun:** I think that, to echo what Janet just said, all other fees have to be paid prior to. Why are we making this difficult? I mean, it just, why don't we get, you know, all fees, entry fees, TRN, all this, why don't we just make it at the beginning? Just a simplification that all rules read similarly. So, my concern, and I had this conversation last night after dinner is, I don't like the idea that we have a show rule that isn't the same as what Central Office is following. This whole discussion is in open session and it will be printed as open session. If Central Office has a different policy than what's in the show rule, people already know that they can pay by the close of the show and their entry should be counted. But the show rule says it needs to be paid at the time of check-in. So, I have a concern that it's not consistent. Now, it may not be an issue, but it could be an issue. **Mastin:** Vicki? **Jensen:** Well, the clubs require you to pay for your extra half cage and your groom space before you step in there. This shouldn't be any harder. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Darrell. **Newkirk:** So, if the people that are applying for these TRNs abided by our show rules, this wouldn't be an issue. **Mastin:** Correct. **Newkirk:** So, there's no recourse for Central Office. So, what we're doing is temporarily giving them a recourse to collect those fees. We're losing money when they don't pay those fees. Ed read the show rule. They're supposed to do it before the show opens. So, I mean, there's no way to know if it was done before the show opens or if it was done when the show was closed that they've submitted their pedigree and their fee to the master clerk. So, maybe the entry confirmations should have a little blurb added to them that if your TRN fee is not paid, then your points aren't going to count. **Mastin:** Darrell, I don't disagree with you. If we're going to implement this, we should change the show rule.

That's all I'm saying. Make it the same. Otherwise, follow the show rules. Now, for Central Office, the only way they're going to know that it wasn't paid on time is if the master clerks follow the show rule. If they don't follow the show rule and say, "well, Central Office has got a different policy, just pay me now. You know, the show's not over. I'll submit it." I just don't like the idea of having two different procedures, policies in place. Go ahead. Continue. We're having a conversation. **Newkirk:** So, the only alternative is for Central Office to collect a batch of these per month and send them to the board and say, "these were not paid, don't score them." I mean, that would screw up the scoring. I understand that's probably not a good option, but I'm just saying that something has to be done. **Mastin:** Right. Allene? **Tartaglia:** So, what we're asking, if the show rules say if the TRN fee is unpaid, it's ineligible for entry. I believe the show rules currently say that, correct? **Mastin:** I don't think so. **Tartaglia:** In a roundabout way. **Mastin:** It just won't be included in the count. Ed, would you read it? **Raymond:** *The fee, application form, and pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable) must be provided to the master clerk no later than the close of check-in for the show and these will be provided to Central Office in the show package.* The show rule needs some work, to be honest with you, because if you're going to say it has to be paid in advance and it isn't, and therefore the cat gets absented, what if the owner goes to the master clerk and pays after [inaudible]? Can that cat now go into subsequent rings with the TRN? That's not logical, so I think we need to flesh out the entire scenario. That can happen before October. I want to just pass this now as a stopgap measure. **Mastin:** Marilee, I'll call you after Carissa. Carissa? **Altschul:** I think the bigger concern why several of us are talking to this is, we're not so concerned about the person's points who has the TRN who doesn't pay. The bigger concern is, we're talking about changing the count and for some shows that would be significant. For some shows it would not be so significant, but if an exhibitor is at a show and they're provided with an unofficial count, the exhibitor has the expectation that count is pretty close to what's going to be the official count. They know it may vary by one or two. So, if an exhibitor thinks that their cat graded or achieved a certain goal and then they find later that they didn't achieve that goal, I think it's kind of unfairly punishing some of our exhibitors. I think that's where the bigger concern is here. I'm looking at the show rule. It's very long. It doesn't say what happens if it's not paid at check-in. It just gives a long explanation of how long it's good for and if it competes in the wrong class. But I think before we necessarily take action on this today, we need to come up with a way where we're not unfairly punishing people who paid for their entries and competed fairly at the show. **Mastin:** Marilee? **Griswold:** I guess I'm missing something. If I have a regularly registered CFA cat, I enter it in the show and I don't pay my entry fee. When I come to check-in, they have my catalog with some number on it that I owe them or they're not going to give me my catalog. Why is this not happening with TRNs? They just won't let you in the front door. **Mastin:** Allene? **Tartaglia:** Two comments. One is, not everyone does it the same way. And the second is, we might want to consider moving this to closed session for the discussion before we – **Mastin:** Can you say why? **Tartaglia:** It's not a widespread problem. Those of you who are expressing the concerns about the count, it's not happening at your shows. **Mastin:** OK, Kathy? **Calhoun:** So, I am supporting collecting the TRN fee at the beginning of the show with all the other fees that we have outstanding who participate in the show. What I don't want to see is someone get a TRN number, they go through the whole show, the kitty doesn't do anything, they don't pay the TRN. That is not fair. So if you do it, you pay in advance. It's either in the account and in the show or it isn't.

Mastin: OK, what are we doing with this motion? Darrell, you made it. Kathy, you seconded it, right? Or Kenny? **Currle:** No, I didn't second it. **Anger:** Kathy did. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Kenny? **Currle:** Yeah, I just wanted to ask Darrell if he'd table this until executive session. **Mastin:** Allene? **Tartaglia:** We could also bring it back in August. At that point, we will know what the programming cost is to have a TRN paid at the time of entry, at the time they obtain a TRN number. We can find out at that point what the programming cost is. **Mastin:** Darrell? **Newkirk:** I don't understand why we have a show rule that they have to pay to get in the show. Why should we go out to the expense to reprogram to recover these fees? We should be jerking their ass in front of the board and penalizing them. If you don't do it, then you don't get in the show. I think what we need to do – and I have created, for the ID anyway, for the entry clerks, an I/O group, and I will be on there, and I will instruct them. “You must collect the TRN fee and the paperwork in order for them to enter the show.” That's one thing that I can do to help for the ID clubs, and I think that's where the problem is, is in the ID. **Mastin:** Pauli? **Huhtaniemi:** Well, the rule says that you need to send to pedigree or the parents' registration number form and pay the fee before you can get the TRN. So, there shouldn't be any unpaid TRNs. It's the club's responsibility to check that the fee has been paid, and after that you issue the TRN. So, if there is TRN listed, the club needs to pay that. **Mastin:** Darrell, this is your motion. **Newkirk:** I'm sticking with the motion. **Mastin:** Kathy, you seconded the motion. **Calhoun:** With the option to vote no. **Mastin:** OK, further discussion? OK, I'm going to call for the vote. **Newkirk:** Can Allene read the motion, so everybody knows exactly what the motion is? **Tartaglia:** The motion is, *A cat/kitten entered with a TRN will only be included in the official show count if the TRN is paid prior to the close of the show.* **Mastin:** Kathy? **Calhoun:** And the only thing that I would ask, back to the fact that you can't participate in the whole show without a paid TRN, that this happened at the beginning of the show, with consistent wording as to how it is, that not at the end, not after you participated in the show, and you are part of the count, you eliminate this whole thing if you have to do it at the beginning of the show. Is this enforceable? We need some help, but it should be like anything else. If you want to play, you have to pay.

Mastin: Carol? **Krzanowski:** I think that the motion should be revised to say that the fee has to be paid at the beginning of the show. And I also believe we can work on a show rule for October that states the TRN fee must be paid for an entry to be accepted into a show. Then they will have a TRN number just like a kitten or any other cat would have to have a registration number. **Mastin:** Pam? **DelaBar:** Perhaps it would be best to say for the motion, *A cat kitten entered with a TRN will only be included in the official show count if the TRN is paid prior to the close of entry of the show.* **Mastin:** Rachel? **Anger:** Actually, when we received the report from Central Office, I emailed Allene to ask for a clarification whether it was the close of the entry of the show or the end of the show. I've never had a TRN. I think this is a problem with most of us that have never shown a cat with a TRN. We don't really get the whole process. So, for me to have “prior to the close of entry of the show”, just like any other cat that's entering the show would have to pay their entry fees, this cat should have to pay. **DelaBar:** That's basically what this does, like I just said. **Mastin:** Ed? **Raymond:** I would suggest if you want to make this concord with the show rule that you make it that the entry must be paid by the close of check-in. The second thing I would mention is that this fee is a little different than an entry fee or an extra space fee. Those monies all go to the club. This is a pass-through, so the clubs are not particularly incented to do this. It might be worth asking Central Office to send out a mailing to all of the club secretaries, reminding them that their clubs need to collect this fee prior to check-in. **Mastin:** Doreann? **Nasin:** I was trying to figure out how to word this, but what I was thinking

is that maybe CFA Central Office could actually send a detailed bill to the clubs after the show and then give them a short like 48-hour or they could send a check with the show package for the money for the TRNs. **Mastin:** Pauli. **Huhtaniemi:** Ed already said what I was going to say.

Tartaglia: The process we have is working for the majority of the clubs. We don't send an invoice. They know what they need to pay us, and there are times we do have to follow up and say, "you need to pay us this." It is very infrequent, so to do what you are asking or requesting, that would just introduce a whole other level. **Mastin:** I'm going to call on Rachel, then Kathy, and then go back to Darrell to confirm what his motion is. Rachel? **Anger:** I would like permission to ask Cathy Dunham if she could weigh in on if we were to amend the show rule as Ed suggested to read "prior to the close of check-in," as an entry clerk, is that going to complicate things or make things easier? **Mastin:** Cathy, come on up. Welcome to the meeting.

Dunham: Thank you. No, what Ed is suggesting is probably the appropriate thing to do. As an entry clerk, I have control of how entry fees are presented to an exhibitor in their confirmation. So, it is very easy to add an additional fee that says \$25 or \$48 or whatever the particular TRN involves. But, by close of check-in is more appropriate than what Pam had suggested because some entries are not paid until they get to the show, so we don't want to interfere with that process, but by closing check-in is very appropriate. **Anger:** That would make it consistent with all other entries in the show. **Dunham:** Correct. **Anger:** Can I move that we amend the motion? I don't know if Pam had actually made a motion to amend it. **Mastin:** I will come back to Darrell. Kathy? **Calhoun:** I withdraw. Allene already covered it. **Mastin:** Darrell? **Newkirk:** I agree with the motion to amend, to what Ed said. **Mastin:** OK, so Allene, read the amended motion so we all know what it is. **Tartaglia:** *A cat/kitten entered with a TRN will only be included in the official show count if the TRN is paid by the close of check-in at the show.* **Mastin:** Darrell, are you good with that? **Newkirk:** I am good with that. **Mastin:** Kathy, are you good with that? **Calhoun:** I am good with that. **Mastin:** Is there 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. **Newkirk:** Send me a copy of that and I will get it to the entry clerks.

Respectfully submitted,
s/Allene Tartaglia

IT SYSTEM OPTIMIZATION

Committee Co-Chairs:	Tim Schreck and James Simbro
Entry Clerk Program:	Cathy Dunham
Master Clerk Program:	Paula Noble
Show Entry Automation:	James Simbro
Show Technology:	Cathy Dunham
Statistical Analysis:	Dick Kallmeyer, Chair
	Chai Wuttivorrattana, Vice-Chair

Current Happenings

eCat Online Show Entry: *The show entry deadline has been programmed to automatically close entries for both exhibitors and entry clerks based on show location.*

Year-End Awards Process: *The new system allowed us to process the 2024-2025 Region 1-9 awards separately from the ID/China awards. This meant there was no delay in releasing the files to the regions while ID show issues were resolved. The whole process ran very smoothly and fast this year.*

Entry Clerk Program: *The entry clerk program was updated to require registration or TRN numbers for kitten entries.*

Genetics: *The goal of this project was to perform color validations on cats being submitted through eCat. We are integrating the genetics logic into the administrative side of eCat in July. This will give staff additional validation checks on the cats being registered.*

2025 eCat Projects: *These are new items that have been placed in the 2025-2026 budget.*

CatTrack Follow-up: *Automation to send reminders to individuals and breeders to complete unsubmitted CatTrack cat applications and unpaid shopping cart items.*

Subscription Service: *This program will be applied to recurring services and will allow eCat users to opt-in to automatic renewals. This will immediately apply to ePoints subscriptions and later applied to any other similar services developed.*

Microchip Recording: *Microchip numbers can be recorded to a cat's record and anticipated to be in place by August. The number can be included on the cat's registration, the subject for a pedigree (not all generations), and other items as required.*

My Files: *This will be an enhancement to the current eCat system which will allow users to store pictures and files for each cat such as vet records, contract, DNA test, Microchip certificate, etc. There will be a base (free) service included in eCat with limited storage and then paid tier levels that offer additional storage. This model closely follows many of the "cloud" storage types of services.*

***Electronic Show Data:** New application to capture Finals and Breed sheet data at the show by the Master Clerk. Data is then compiled into a file that allows Central Office to import the data into the scoring system.*

*Respectfully submitted,
s/James Simbro*

Mastin: James, you have IT System Optimization. **Simbro:** Sure. Thank you. Nothing additional to report on what I provided. If there are any questions, any of the proposed projects that are coming for this year? **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions for James? **Jensen:** Does this include the online kitten registration stuff? **Simbro:** What do you mean? **Jensen:** I registered a litter and I tried to send the registration to a person that is getting the kitten from me. I specifically checked the box that says that it can be for breeding, but then when we got the form, it didn't have – the area that had a PIN said non-applicable. **Simbro:** Right. With CatTrack, there is no PIN number. When you mark yes, when they register the cat, the cat will have breeding rights. **Jensen:** OK. Because that created a whole lot of confusion.

Mastin: Pauli, did you have your hand up? **Huhtaniemi:** Yeah. Actually, I heard about the show entry form. I heard a couple of entry clerks said that they have had problems because they are receiving AOV kittens. Is it possible to change the order in the drop-down menu so that it doesn't start with the AOV? **Simbro:** Yeah, we can change the order. **Huhtaniemi:** Because people pick up the kitten. They didn't think AOV. So the kitten would be the prior and the beginning of everything. **Simbro:** Yeah, we can change the order of that. We copied what the old entry form was. We used to have a website with that order. We can do that easily. **Mastin:** Pauli, do you have a recommendation you want to submit to James? **Huhtaniemi:** No, everybody already knows that. We're going to fix that. **Tartaglia:** We know what to do.

Mastin: Pam? **DelaBar:** I just want to say thank you, James, for getting the microchip number on the pedigrees and the registrations. It's really going to be a big help, especially in Europe, where we have the requirements to have this information, especially when cats are sold or transferred. And I'm looking forward to the My Files when you get that online. So, thank you. **Simbro:** OK. **Mastin:** Any further questions for James? OK, James and Allene, thank you again.

(6) JUDGING PROGRAM.

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: OK, Ms. Vicki Nye, you’re going to review the Judging Program. However, I need to do a couple of things in the beginning here. Russell, as Co-Chair, are you a standing motion on all action items? **Webb:** Yes. **Mastin:** Rachel, as Advisor Coordinator, are you a standing second on all action items? **Anger:** I am. **Mastin:** Great. OK, Vicki. **Nye:** Thank you all. Thank you, board members, for the time to address you all. I’m assuming that everyone has receipt of the report, so I don’t need to read through this.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

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

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Spring BAOS took place April 17, 18 & 20 in Bangkok, Thailand in conjunction with a two-day show held on April 19-20, 2025. Registrations were 25, representing seven (7) countries

Our two (2) Judging Program Application Administrators (Jodell Raymond and Leslie Carr) have been busy reviewing the seven (7) 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 June 10th, 2025 to discuss advancements and other business to bring before the board.

Leave of Absence:

None

Retirements/Resignations:

Liz Watson

Hello Vicki,

This is the letter I've dreaded writing but it must be done. Please submit my retirement to the CFA Board as of June 1, 2025. I want to thank this & past Boards for the privilege of representing CFA behind the table for 40 years. So many experiences, friends, beautiful cats all make for dear memories. It was a ride I thoroughly enjoyed. Even the airport.

Vicki Nye responded to Liz and accepted her retirement letter with regret.

Biopic of Liz's service to CFA provided by Rachel Anger, CFA Judging Program-Advisor/Coordinator

Liz Watson, retiring from the Judging Program? It just doesn't seem possible, but it is true. As of May, 2025, Liz will be retiring.

Like all of the best judges, Liz was quite an exhibitor, under her cattery name of Casein. I first met Liz when she was Liz DeMercurio, showing beautiful Russian Blues. Her cats were as elegant as she was and is to this day, including the famous GC/NW Jontue Rhythm & Blues of Casein (10th Best Kitten 1980-1981 and 10th Best Cat 1981-1982), and National Winners GC/GP/NW Heartbeeps Pistol Pete of Casein (2004-2005 2nd Best Premiership Cat), GP/NW Trikourii Maurinho of Casein (2010-2011 8th Best Premiership Cat) and NW Trikourii Bowie of Casein (2012-2013 8th Best Kitten). She also showed Sphynx, including GP/NW Majikmoon Marissa Toupe of Casein (2005-2006 3rd Best Premiership Cat), and Kitten of the Year GC, NW Enchantdlair NWA Cornflake Girl. Quite an amazing exhibitor resume!

Liz was accepted into the Judging Program in 1984 and judged her first show in May 1985 in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. Since then, she has judged in shows around the world, including Russia, Finland, Estonia, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Israel, Thailand, China, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Ukraine. She has also judged the CFA International Show numerous times.

I had the honor of clerking for her, not realizing it was her first show. She was such a natural that it felt like she had always been a judge. I will never forget her Household Pet final because it was so touching. As Liz presented her Best Household Pet, she talked about her very first cat, and how that cat lit the fire in her heart for all cats. She lived in

the country as a little girl, and her mother said her dolls were naked but the cats had clothes. Yes, she had doll strollers, but it was the CATS who got pushed around in them. She loved animals then and she always will. Dolls, maybe not so much! Today, Liz has a Trikourii Russian Blue and two dogs – Fais Do Do, an Italian Greyhound, and Cosette, the Toy Poodle.

She also served as a board member for 10 years, from 1998-2009.

Liz and her husband Mac moved from the Great Lakes Region to New Orleans in 2008. At home, Liz is very active with her needlepoint. She continues to serve CFA as Judging Program Faculty with the Associate Judges and serves on the CFA Historical Foundation board. You never know what Liz will be doing next! Unfortunately for us, it will not be behind the judging table, but don't count her out when you think of amazing adventures. Liz will be organizing the trip!

Thank you for your many years of outstanding service to CFA, Liz! You have been a good friend to us all, and we will miss your elegant handling and presentation, And now, for your appreciation and applause, thank you Liz Watson!

Cathy Dinesen

After being on her most recent medical leave from October 15, 2024 through June 1, 2025, the Judging Program Committee has received an email request for Cathy Dinesen's retirement. Vicki Nye, JP Co-Chair accepted with regret.

Jim and Cathy Dinesen started their cat fancy life in the Midwest, Leawood, KS. in 1972 with Persians under the cattery name of Fuzzyfoot. A few years later, with foundation cats from Marion Hall, they began breeding and exhibiting Manx. The Midwest shows of the 1980's and 1990's Jim and Cathy were ever-present exhibitors and obtained 2 Persian National winners with GC NW Fuzzyfoot Kalamazoo, a blue-cream Persian female and GC NW Fuzzyfoot Wizard, a CEW Persian male. Jim & Cathy entered the Judging Program at the same time in 2007, with Jim entering in Longhairs and Cathy in Shorthairs. They both fought several health issues through COVID, however Cathy most recently had another fall, breaking ribs and during her hospitalization suffered a stroke. Cathy expressed her ability to recover from her set-backs previously with the Judging Program and has worked through several rehabilitation stays. Cathy has decided that after 18 years with CFA's Judging Program, to submit her letter of retirement on June 3, 2025. It is Jim's desire to continuing to Judge for CFA.

Death of previously retired CFA Judges

Donna Fuller, CFA Allbreed Judge retired September 18, 2022 as a CFA Judge Emeritus

Dear Colleagues,

It is with a heavy heart I let you all know that Donna Fuller passed away April 9, 2025. Donna was born March 18, 1946, and was raised in Boone, Iowa. Donna graduated from Iowa State University and very recently endowed a professorship at her alma mater. Donna was married to

Charles (Chuck) Fuller and they resided most of their married life in Foster City and Hillsborough, CA. Donna's husband Chuck, passed away April 20, 2022.

Donna and Chuck bred Russian Blues under the cattery name of Tsar Blu, and Donna achieved her first national winner in 1974-75 with GC BW NW Velva's Cobalt of Tsar Blu soon to be followed by national winners with her Tsar Blue prefix, the first being in 1976-77 GC BW NW Tsar Blu's Fitzwilliam. Donna also had a Persian National winner, GC NW BW Jama Kats Lil' Dickens of Tsar Blue 1978-1979. Donna was accepted in the CFA Judging Program and began judging in 1985, traveling worldwide and oftentimes taking trainee judges. Donna also served on the CFA Board of Directors as its Treasurer 1996-2000. Donna retired from the Judging Program September 18, 2022 with the highest honor of Judge Emeritus.

In addition to her love of the Cat Fancy and all things Russian Blue, Donna was an accomplished needlepointer and belonged to ANG, American Needlepoint Guild.

Donna had made her wishes known to her family that she did not want any services. Donna's infectious laugh and her presence in the show hall and needlepoint stores will be greatly missed.

*Regards
Vicki Nye-CFA Judging Program Co-Chair*

Jean Grimm, CFA Allbreed Judge Retired in 2014.

Jean Grimm entered the CFA judging program in 1982 and retired in 2014. What many don't know was that Jean was previously an Air Force officer's wife. She travelled extensively and lived overseas, serving in medical capacities as well as hosting many military functions as the Base Commanders wife. Her cattery was Furrytails. She began in the fancy breeding and exhibiting Himalayans, then worked tirelessly on getting the Scottish Folds recognized in CFA. Her heart kitty was Scottish Fold GC, NW, Furrytails Elora Danan, 1990-91 - 20th Best Cat. She was extremely active in SF Rescue. Jean served as Regional Director for Region 2 and as a CFA Board Member. Jean wrote the chapter on Scottish Folds for the CFA Complete Cat book authored by Mordecai Siegal. I believe she was a founding member of The Perthshire Clan Cat Club which is still an active club today. Jean was born in the Great Lakes, raised in Texas and eventually returned to Texas, as her health began to fail. Jean spent most of her cat breeding, exhibiting, showing and judging while living in the Northwest and Southwest Regions, I think what many of us noted as exceptional in her judging were her handling techniques - so gentle and respectful with the ability to calm and encourage the very anxious ones. Jean also had a very keen wit in the judging ring and told great stories that entertained both the exhibitors and spectators,

Bio provided by Kathy Gumm

Nye: I do want to make notice and point out that we had two retirements, Liz Watson and Cathy Dinesen, and two deaths of previously retired CFA judges, Donna Fuller and Jean Grimm.

Service Awards 2025

5 Years

Oscar Silva-Sanchez

30 Years

Robert Zenda

45 Years

Larry Adkison
Nancy Dodds

15 Years

Etsuko Hamayasu
Doreann Nasin

35 Years

Pam DelaBar
Brian Pearson

50 Years

Diana Doernberg

25 Years

Jan Rogers

40 Years

Kenny Currle
Elizabeth Watson

Applications and Advancements:

Applications:

First Specialty Applications received by the February 26, 2025 deadline, for June 26, 2025 Board Meeting.

- **Charlene Jin** – Shorthair Associate Judge, First Specialty Shorthair, ID – Shanghai, China.
- **Yu (Leonie) Zhang** – First Specialty Longhair, ID – Chengdu, China
- **Stella Liu** – Shorthair Associate Judge, First Specialty Shorthair, ID – Shanghai, China
- **Makoto Wakamatsu** – First Specialty Shorthair, R8 – Yokohama, Kanagawa, Japan

Second Specialty Applications received by the May 15, 2025 deadline.

- **Grace Cheung** – Second Specialty Shorthair, ID – Hong Kong
- **Issariya Rattanaweerawong** – Second Specialty Longhair, ID – Bangkok Thailand
- **Oscar Silva-Sanchez** – Second Specialty Shorthair – R9 Vecindario, Gran Canaria, Spain

First Specialty Applications received by the June 4, 2025 deadline for October 4, 2025 Board Meeting.

- **Noelle Giddings** – First Specialty Longhair – R2 Coeur D'Alene, Idaho
- **Tuija Aaltonen** – First Specialty Shorthair – R9 Kerava, Finland
- **Carrie Feng** – First Specialty Shorthair – ID, Tianjin, China

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

Applicant – Regular Judging Program:

Accept as Trainee – 1st Specialty:

Makoto Wakamatsu – Yokohama, Kanagawa, Japan (Region 8) 18 yes
Shorthair 1st Specialty

Yu (Leonie) Zhang – Chengdu, China (ID-China) 18 yes
Longhair 1st Specialty

Accept as Trainee – 2nd Specialty:

Grace Cheung – Hong Kong (ID-Other) 18 yes
Shorthair 2nd Specialty

Issariya Rattanaweerawong – Bangkok Thailand (ID-Other) 18 yes
Longhair 2nd Specialty

Oscar Silva-Sanchez – Vecindario, Gran Canaria, Spain (Region 9) 18 yes
Shorthair 2nd Specialty

Applicant – from Associate Judge Program: .

Accept as Trainee – 1st Specialty:

Charlene Jin – Shanghai, China (ID-China) 18 yes
Shorthair 1st Specialty

Stella Liu – Shanghai, China (ID-China) 18 yes
Shorthair 1st Specialty

Advancements:

Eight (8) advancements to be presented in closed session

- **Agnes Sun** – ID – Shanghai, China – From Longhair Trainee to Longhair Apprentice
- **Siim Koppel** – R7 – Murfreesboro, TN – From Longhair Trainee to Longhair Apprentice
- **Allen Shi** – ID – Shanghai, China – From Apprentice Shorthair to Approval Pending Shorthair
- **Grace Cheung** – ID – Hong Kong – From Approval Pending Longhair to Approved Longhair
- **Issariya Rattanaweerawong** – ID – Nonthaburi, Thailand – From Approval Pending Shorthair to Approved Shorthair
- **Gavin Kai Cao** – ID – Chengdu, China – From Approved SH/Approval Pending LH to Approval Pending Allbreed
- **Emiko Misugi** – R8 – Saitama, Japan – From Approval Pending Allbreed to Approved Allbreed

- **Mie Takahashi** – R8 – Hyogo, Japan – From Approval Pending Allbreed to Approved Allbreed

Advancements:

Eight advancements to be presented in closed session:

Advancement – from Associate Judge Program:

Advance from Trainee to Apprentice Specialty:

Agnes Sun – Shanghai, China (ID-China)	18 yes
Longhair 1 st Specialty	

Advancements – Regular Judging Program:

Advance from Trainee to Apprentice Specialty:

Siim Koppel – Murfreesboro, TN (Region 7)	18 yes
Longhair 1 st Specialty	

Advance from Apprentice to Approval Pending Specialty:

Allen Shi – Shanghai, China (ID-China)	18 yes
Shorthair 1 st Specialty	

Advance from Approval Pending to Approved Specialty:

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

Issariya Rattanaweerawong – Nonthaburi, Thailand (ID-Other)	18 yes
Shorthair 1 st Specialty	

Advance to Approval Pending Allbreed:

Gavin Kai Cao – Chengdu, China (ID-China)	18 yes
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Advance from Approval Pending Allbreed to Approved Allbreed:

Emiko Misugi – Saitama, Japan (Region 8)	18 yes
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Mie Takahashi – Hyogo, Japan (Region 8)	18 yes
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Nye: We do have seven applicants that can be addressed in closed session, and also eight advancing judges, also addressed in closed session, and that's much of the report here as placeholders, so that we can do the reporting after the voting.

Elevation to Emeritus Status:

Elizabeth Watson (1984)

Vote sealed

[From end of executive session] **Mastin:** Before we continue, do you want to report on the judges? **Anger:** Yes. **Mastin:** Because I don't want to forget that. **Anger:** All the judges were approved, advanced, or accepted unanimously. Liz Watson was elevated to emeritus. So, good news to everybody. I haven't told Liz yet. **Mastin:** You can't say anything because Liz does not know. Our rule is, Rachel sends the emails out, she copies us, and then it's OK. So, you've got to send that email. **Anger:** I'm sending it now.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

- **Applications:**

First Specialty Applications received by the June 4, 2025 deadline, to be considered at the October 4-5, 2025 Board Meeting.

- *Advancements*
- *Plans for the October 9-12, 2025 BAOS in conjunction with the CFA International Show.*

Breed Awareness and Orientation School Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair: Barbara Jaeger

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The April 17-20 2025 BAOS was a great success with 25 attendees from 7 different countries in the International Division. Instructors were Vicki Nye, Anne Mathis and John Webster working in both the 2 days of classroom and the show hall handling session, coaching many first time handlers. This BAOS was also very successful financially due to the high attendance and the lower cost of doing business in Thailand, generating a profit of \$3,767.50

	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
1	<i>Chate</i>	<i>Ruengruglikit</i>	<i>Thailand</i>
2	<i>Pattama</i>	<i>Weeranon</i>	<i>Thailand</i>
3	<i>Kit</i>	<i>Fung</i>	<i>Hong Kong</i>
4	<i>Allen</i>	<i>Shi</i>	<i>Shanghai, China</i>
5	<i>Carrie</i>	<i>Feng</i>	<i>Tianjin, China</i>
6	<i>Ardinsyah</i>	<i>Ardinsyah</i>	<i>Indonesia</i>
7	<i>Yu</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Chengdu, China</i>
8	<i>Issariya</i>	<i>Rattanaweerawong</i>	<i>Thailand</i>
9	<i>Grace</i>	<i>Cheung</i>	<i>Hong Kong</i>
10	<i>Chris</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Shenyang, China</i>
11	<i>Nadia</i>	<i>Jaffar</i>	<i>Singapore</i>

12	Rio	Chandra	Indonesia
13	Kieu	Nguyen	Viet Nam
14	Thanaban	Authongmak	Thailand
15	Frietz F	Mandagi	Indonesia
16	Wu Wen	Ting	Taiwan
17	Wethanee	Thanitwet	Thailand
18	Sun	Wei	China
19	Tony (Tao)	Chen	China
20	Chalalai	Leebhumivanish	Thailand
21	Atcha	Yuenyadchai	Thailand
22	Zuns	Cruvongpaiboon	Thailand
23	Pachara	Saijaporameth	Thailand
24	Amir	Sariff	Malaysia
25	Pau Badia	Grimalt	Thailand

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Plans for the October 9-12, 2025 BAOS in conjunction with the CFA International Show in Cleveland, Ohio.

*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>Grebneva, Olga</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Rolandus</i>	<i>Kiev, Ukraine</i>	<i>2/1/25</i>
<i>Korotonozhkina, Olga</i>	<i>RUI</i>	<i>Rolandus</i>	<i>Kiev, Ukraine</i>	<i>2/1/25</i>
<i>Chan, Chrissie</i>	<i>Ed Class</i>	<i>Universal Feline Fanciers</i>	<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>4/12/25</i>
<i>Leung, Pak Hei</i>	<i>Seminar</i>	<i>Universal Feline Fanciers</i>	<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>4/12/25</i>
<i>Low, Phebe</i>	<i>Seminar</i>	<i>Universal Feline Fanciers</i>	<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>4/12/25</i>
<i>Misugi, Emiko</i>	<i>Groom show</i>	<i>Oriental Diamond CF</i>	<i>Chongqing, China</i>	<i>5/4/25</i>
<i>Sariff, Amir</i>	<i>Fun Show</i>	<i>FunCatshow - Sulthan</i>	<i>Jakarta, Indonesia</i>	<i>5/4/25</i>
<i>Sariff, Amir</i>	<i>Fun Show</i>	<i>Meo/Pet Universe/Nourish</i>	<i>Johor, Malaysia</i>	<i>5/17/25</i>
<i>Raymond, Allan</i>	<i>FCI</i>	<i>The Feline Club of India</i>	<i>Mumbai, India</i>	<i>5/25/25</i>

Weeranon, Pattama	Fun Show	CFCT Grooming Show	Westgate, Thailand	5/30/25
Fung, Kit	CCCA	NSW Cat Fanciers	Sydney, Australia	7/21/25
Nasin, Doreann	seminar	ACF/CCCoFA joint seminar	Sydney, Australia	7/21/25
Nasin, Doreann	ACF	FCCQ	Brisbane, Australia	7/27/25
Griswold, Marilee	Seminar	Scottish Fold Talk (WCC)	Hong Kong	8/1/25
Fung, Kit	ACF CCCA	Royal National Agriculture	Brisbane, Australia	8/9/25
Rivard, Lorraine	CCA-Denied*	Canadian Cat Fanciers Club	Toronto, ON, Canada	8/24/25
Raymond, Allan	ACF CCCA	Royal Agriculture Society (RASWA)	Perth, Australia	9/27/25
Griswold, Marilee	LOOF	Passion Alliance Feline	Orange, France	9/28/25
Rivard, Lorraine	CCA	Club Felin de Montreal	Laval, Quebec, CN	11/30/25
Newkirk, Darrell	ACF	Cats WA	Perth, Australia	5/3/26
Veach, Gary	ACF	Western Districts Cat Soc.	Clarendon NSW Aust	6/27/26
Veach, Gary	NZCF	Hamilton Cat Club	New Zealand	7/5/26
Fung, Kit	ACF	COAWA	Perth, Australia	10/26/26

*CFA Show within 500 miles.

CFA Club Requests to use a Guest Judge:

Judge	Assn	Sponsor/Club	City/Country	Date	Approved
Hamalainen, Satu	FIFe	Meowbulous CC	China	6/15/24	APP GJ - SS Update
Hamalainen, Satu	FIFe	Hong Kong Black Cat Club	Hong Kong	8/3/24	APP GJ - SS Update
Hamalainen, Satu	FIFe	Glamorous Int'l Ambass (GIA)	Hong Kong	8/24/24	APP GJ - SS Update
Merritt, Chris	CCCA	Soochow Riverside CF	China	11/9/24	APP GJ - SS Update
Hamalainen, Satu	FIFe	Vietnam Cat Club	Viet Nam	11/30/24	APP GJ - SS Update
Merritt, Chris	CCCA	Malaysia CF	Malaysia	12/7/24	APP GJ - SS Update
Hamalainen, Satu	FIFe	Central Breed CC	Thailand	12/22/24	APP GJ - SS Update
Merritt, Chris	CCCA	Oriental Crown CF	China	12/28/24	APP GJ - SS Update
Hamalainen, Satu	FIFe	Siam Blue-Eyed CF	Thailand	1/11/25	APP GJ - SS Update
Merritt, Chris	CCCA	Southwest Sweet	Malaysia	1/18/25	APP GJ - SS Update
Hamalainen, Satu	FIFe	Hong Kong Black Cat Club	Hong Kong	2/9/25	APP GJ - SS Update
Hamalainen, Satu	FIFe	China Dragon Town CFC	Malaysia	2/15/25	APP GJ - SS Update
Trautmann, Jurgen	WCF	Club Felino Espanol	Spain	2/22/25	SS Update - not pre authorized
Merritt, Chris	CCCA	CF Club of Thailand	Thailand	3/8/25	APP GJ - SS Update
Hamalainen, Satu	FIFe	Winterfell Club	China	3/15/25	APP GJ - SS Update
Merritt, Chris	CCCA	Winterfell Club	China	3/15/25	APP GJ - SS Update
Merritt, Chris	CCCA	Glamorous Int'l Ambass (GIA)	Hong Kong	4/5/25	APP GJ - SS Update
Hamalainen, Satu	FIFe	CF of Hawaii	Honolulu, Hawaii	4/19/25	APP GJ - SS Update
Merritt, Chris	CCCA	American Shorthair Club	China	4/19/25	APP GJ - SS Update
Merritt, Chris	CCCA	Hong Kong and Macao CC	Hong Kong	4/27/25	APP GJ - SS Update
Gubenko, Dmitriy	RUI	Maha Cat Club	Jakarta, Indonesia	7/13/25	app 5/2/25 WH
Gnatkevych, Olena	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	11/8/25	app 5/19/25 WH
Gubenko, Dmitriy	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	11/8/25	app 5/19/25 WH
Gubenko, Dmitriy	RUI	Exotics Fans Club	Hong Kong	11/16/25	app 5/7/25 WH

Mantovani, Gianfranco	FIFe	Dolce Vita Cat Club	Milan, Italy	3/7/26	app 5/22/25 WH
Billing, Jorgen	FIFe	Dolce Vita CC	Milan, Italy	3/8/26	app 5/22/25 WH

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.

Background: *As the Guest Judge Administrator approves each Guest Judging assignment, these are entered into a spreadsheet and reported in the JP Open Session reports six (6) times a year. Guest Judges are only permitted to Judge for CFA five (5) times per year, and 60 days prior to licensing the show, the Guest Judge Administrator must approve. The Club is to submit the Guest Judge Approval with their Show License request to Central Office, to be able to license a show with a Guest Judge. This practice was not followed with regard to Jurgen Trautmann for the February 22, 2025 Club Felino Espanol, so consequently, Mr. Trautmann judged 6 times for CFA during the 2024-2025 show season. The process for tracking assignments for Tier 1/Approved Guest Judges has been for the Central Office staff that handles show licensing to send an e-mail to the Guest Judging Administrator letting them know they are licensing a show which includes a Tier 1/Approved Guest Judge. The Guest Judge Administrator then adds these Tier 1/Approved Guest Judge assignments on to the spreadsheet and includes them in the Board Report. This tracking is done so that Guest Judges do not get approved for more than five (5) shows per show season, and Tier 1/Approved Guest Judges do not exceed the 10 shows per season limit as detailed in Show Rule 3.02 d.*

This past show season there was a change in Central Office staffing which moved these licensing and tracking functions to different staff members, and part of the notification between the Show Licensor and the Guest Judge Administrator did not occur. Consequently, two (2) Tier 1/Approved Guest Judges, exceeded the 10 shows judged per show season 2024-2025 limit, and one (1) Guest Judge exceeded the five (5) show limit. This came to light when Dick Kallmeyer provided end of season judging assignment statistics to Vicki Nye, and the overages were noted. A conversation has taken place between the JP Co-Chair Vicki Nye and Central Office Staff member to review this procedure.

Nye: So, the first section I would like to point you to has to do with the Guest Judging Program. Does anyone have any questions about any of the prior material that's in the board report up to the Guest Judging Program? OK, so in the Guest Judging Program, we work closely with Central Office and the show license staff, Jen Brahler and Crystal Thompson, and we have certain restrictions on how many times guest judges can judge for CFA. It's in Show Rule 3.01, that a Guest Judge that's considered as or has been elevated to an Approved Guest Judge, they may judge ten times per show season, and a guest judge that is just a Guest Judge status may judge five times per show season. The Judging Program Committee and the Guest Judge Administrator does not have to approve these Approved Guest Judges. They're already pre-approved, so when that show license comes in, we're reliant on notification from the licensor. There was a change in Central Office staff this last season, and those functions were moved to both Jen and Crystal, and there were a few things that slipped through the cracks, so we were not informed on some of the things that happened, and we exceeded the guest judging of five shows

per season on one individual, and also for the Approved Guest Judges, we have a couple that exceeded those limits. I have three motions here that I am presenting. In the meantime, I've had a long discussion to make sure that we're back on track with Jen and Crystal to get the notifications we need. The Judging Program Committee and the Guest Judge Administrator, we did not have – these have not officially been approved by us, and so I just want to have these approved by the board so that we are in compliance with the CFA Show Rules.

Motion: *Approve the Guest Judging of 6 shows in the 2024-2025 show season, exceeding allowable five (5) in Show Rule 3.02.c. for Jürgen Trautmann – this was not approved by the Guest Judging Administrator, though licensed nonetheless.*

Nye: So the first motion is [reads]. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Motion: *Approve the Guest Judging of 13 shows in the 2024-2025 show season, exceeding allowable ten (10) in Show Rule 3.02.d. for Satu Hämäläinen.*

Nye: Second motion, [reads]. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Pam? **DelaBar:** I have to abstain for conflict. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. I'll call the vote. If you're in favor, raise your hand. Once I call your name, you can lower your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar abstained with conflict.

Mastin: Rachel, John, Carol, Pauli, Kenny, Doreann, Vicki, Anne, Darrell, Marilee, Aki, Howard, Janet, Carissa, Kathy and Russell, If you're opposed, raise your hand. If you're an abstention with conflict, raise your hand. Pam. **Anger:** That's 16 yes, zero no, one abstention for conflict. **Mastin:** Motion passes.

Motion: *Approve the Guest Judging of 11 shows in the 2024-2025 show season, exceeding allowable ten (10) in Show Rule 3.02.d. for Christine Merritt.*

Nye: The third motion is [reads]. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously. **Nye:** Thank you.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Nye: I do want you to know that the Guest Judging Administrator does keep very close track on these. She sends out emails to those individuals that perhaps have four guest judging assignments that have been approved, letting them know that they allowed one more and in the case of an Approved Guest Judge when they're getting close to their 10. That's also what I report in this grid that follows the Guest Judging Report here every other month, so we are keeping track of these. We just were not aware that those other ones had been approved and that they did judge those shows. They were in the March-April time frame, so it was difficult for us to catch even if we were checking weekly because some of them were in the ID area where they are not licensing out like we do in the United States.

<i>Guest Judge Name</i>	<i># Shows</i>
<i>Balciunene, Inga</i>	<i>7</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>Gnatkevitch, Olena</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Gubenko, Dmitriy</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Hamalainen, Satu</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Ignatova, Elena</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Lanigan, Pamela</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Ling, Christine</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Mantovani, Gianfranco</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Matskevich, Natalia</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Merrill, Vicky</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Merritt, Chris</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Nazarova, Anna</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Pokhvalina, Viktoria</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Sadovinkova, Irina</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Slizhevskaya, Tatiana</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Trautmann, Jurgen</i>	<i>6</i>

The following Guest Judges had their paperwork reviewed and received correspondence on their review from Wendy Heidt during the 2024-2025 show season.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Month of Show</i>	<i>Year</i>
<i>Gleason, E</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>2024</i>
<i>Trautmann, J</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>2024</i>
<i>Ignatova, E</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>2024</i>
<i>Sadovnikova, I</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>2024</i>
<i>Lanigan, P</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>2024</i>
<i>Gnatkevych, O</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>2024</i>
<i>Merritt, C</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>2024</i>
<i>Gubenko, D</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>2024</i>
<i>Mantovani, G</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>2024</i>
<i>Slizhevskaya, T</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>2024</i>
<i>Ling, C</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>2024</i>
<i>Pokhvalina, V</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>2024</i>
<i>Bielova, N</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>2024</i>
<i>Billing, J</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>2025</i>
<i>Comorio, L</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>2025</i>

<i>Matskevich, N</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>2025</i>
<i>Merrill, V</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>2025</i>
<i>Christison, J</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>2025</i>
<i>Nazarova, A</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>2025</i>
<i>DeLuca, C</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>2025</i>
<i>Balciuniene, I</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>2025</i>
<i>Hamalainen, S</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>2025</i>

Of Note: Vasilieva, V had been approved to judge for Edelweiss 11/20/2024, but was never contracted.

Nye: I believe that is enough for open session. **Mastin:** Anybody have any questions? **Kenny?** **Currle:** I don't want to muck things up, but shouldn't those motions have been presented by a board member? **Mastin:** They were. Russell had a standing motion. **Currle:** He had a standing motion? **Mastin:** She can read the motion. **Currle:** You appointed him as your rep. OK. I didn't hear that. **Mastin:** She can read the motion. **Raymond:** It's the same as we do for Show Rules. **Currle:** Very good. I just wanted some clarity. **Mastin:** Allene does the same thing for Central Office. Rachel, you were the second, correct? **Anger:** Correct. **Mastin:** Any other questions for Vicki? Vicki, thank you.

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

(7) **CLUB APPLICATIONS.**

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

Mastin: Carol, before we begin, you are a standing motion on all your action items?
Krzanowski: Correct. **Mastin:** And Pauli, will you be a standing second? I see you're a committee member so I always want to go to the committee members. **Huhtaniemi:** Yeah, I'm going to be a second. **Mastin:** OK, Carol, go ahead. **Krzanowski:** OK, before I get into action items, I just want to comment that the deadline for clubs to submit their dues and membership lists was June 2nd, after which 21 clubs withdrew from our roster. I have this in my report, but I want to remind all clubs how important it is to notify CFA if your club elects new club officers at any time during the year following submission of their annual membership list. Doing so can alleviate some problems with communications and things like that.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

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

The deadline for clubs to submit their dues and membership lists was June 2, 2025, after which 21 clubs were dropped from the membership roster: one from Region 2, two from Region 3, two from Region 5, two from Region 7, one from Region 8, one from Region 9 and 12 from the International Division. One club sent their membership list but did not pay their dues, two paid their dues but did not send their membership lists and the remainder did not pay their dues or submit their membership lists.

As a reminder to all CFA clubs, it is extremely important to notify CFA if your club elects new club officers at any time during the year following submission of the annual membership list. Doing so will ensure that CFA records reflect the correct contact information for the club and will enable timely and uninterrupted communications on important CFA matters.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Club Name Change Request (Attachment A)

Current Name: German Catwalk (Region 9)

Proposed Name: Purrfect Paws Catwalk

Conflict with

Existing Names: *The new name does not conflict with any existing CFA club name.*

Reason: *The current club name reflects a geographical area that is no longer the center of activity for the club. The new name removes the geographical reference and more accurately reflects the spirit of the club and its current membership. The Europe Regional Director supports this change.*

Action Item: *Approve the request by the German Catwalk club to change their name to Purrfect Paws Catwalk, effective immediately.*

Krzanowski: Moving on, the first action item is a club name change request. It's from German Catwalk in Region 9 Europe. The proposed name is Perfect Paws Catwalk. The name does not conflict with any other club name and they provide a valid reason for requesting the change. The Europe Regional Director supports this change. My action item is to [reads].

Mastin: Pam, do you have any comments? **DelaBar:** Just that by saving the original club, we are opening up an entire new area in Region 9. The Baltic states have very strong shows in other associations, so we are very happy to be able to get our activity going in Latvia. Oh, and I would like to second the motion. **Mastin:** There's already a standing motion and a second. **DelaBar:** Oh, Pauli was the second. **Mastin:** Carol has a standing motion; Pauli has a standing second. Any further comments or discussion? Any objections? OK, seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

New Club Applicants

Action Item: *Approve the five new club applicants that were pre-noticed for membership (Attachment B). The applicants are:*

1. *Crown Jewel Cat Club, Region 3; Carissa Altschul, Regional Director*
2. *Royal Cat Club, Region 9; Pam DelaBar, Regional Director*
3. *Supreme Sphynx Club, International Division - Asia (outside of China); Marilee Griswold and Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Co-Chairs*
4. *Symphony Cat Club, International Division - Asia (outside of China); Marilee Griswold and Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Co-Chairs*
5. *Temiro Cat Fanciers, International Division - Asia & West Asia (AWA); Jan Rogers, Subcommittee Chair*

Club Statistics Pertaining to New Club Applicants (Attachment C)

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

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

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

Crown Jewel Cat Club
Gulf Shore Region; Little Rock, Arkansas, USA
Carissa Altschul, Regional Director

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 17 members. Four members are members of other CFA clubs and the vice president is president of another CFA club. Ten members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA cattery names and two members have show production experience. The remaining members are animal lovers and show enthusiasts. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce one show a year in Maumelle, Arkansas. The club also plans to work with the Maumelle rescue group and have a youth mentoring program, as well as sponsor clerking schools and breeding and grooming seminars. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to Maumelle Animal Control. This club was pre-noticed and one negative letter was received, to which there are several responses provided. Gulf Shore Regional Director supports this club.

[Secretary's Note: Discussion on this item originally occurred in executive session. A motion was made by **Ms. Altschul**, seconded by **Mr. Webster** and unanimously carried to move the report and vote into open session with no debate or discussion.]

Mastin: OK, Carol? **Krzanowski:** The first one is going to be discussed in the executive session. This club is based in Little Rock, the capital and largest city in Arkansas. Little Rock is situated in the center of the state. The city and the surrounding metropolitan area serve as a center for government, economic and cultural activities in Arkansas. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. If accepted, this club plans to produce one show a year in Maumelle, Arkansas, a city located to the northwest of Little Rock. The Gulf Shore Regional Director supports this club.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Royal Cat Club
Europe Region; Cherkasy, Ukraine
Pam DelaBar, Regional Director

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 15 members. Six members are members of other CFA clubs and the secretary is vice president of another CFA club. All of the members are actively exhibiting, ten are breeders with CFA cattery names and two are breeders registered with another association. Two members are CFA Guest Judges, four have clerking experience and four have show production experience. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to help promote CFA and attract new breeders in Ukraine by producing three to five shows a year, sponsoring a clerking school and a judges school (BAOS), and possibly hosting regional banquets and other CFA activities. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to animal welfare. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters were received. The Europe Regional Director supports this club.

Krzanowski: So, we will move on to the second one, which is the Royal Cat Club. This club is based in Cherkasy, a city in central Ukraine to the south of Kyiv with a population of over 269,000. Cherkasy is an important economic center of Ukraine and is home to various industries,

including the chemical, automotive and food industries. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. If accepted, this club plans to produce three to five shows a year in Ukraine and sponsor various CFA activities and programs. The Europe Regional Director supports this club. **Mastin:** Pam, comments? **DelaBar:** We're seeing a lot of our people from the Ukraine also having an effect over in other new areas such as Poland and they're active. They're trying to be very active, considering their situation right now, so I definitely support these people. They have a view of CFA being very strong within these country areas, especially once the war stops. **Mastin:** OK, any further comments? Any objection? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Congratulations to the Royal Cat Club.

Supreme Sphynx Club
International Division - Asia; Tuen Mun, N.T., Hong Kong
Marilee Griswold & Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Co-Chairs

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 17 members. One member is secretary of another CFA club and a member of another. Seven members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA cattery names. The remaining members own pedigreed cats or household pets, and many are exhibiting in CFA shows. One member has show production experience. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce two or more shows a year in Hong Kong. The club also plans to sponsor clerking schools, work with local rescue groups, and hold some breeding and grooming seminars to help promote CFA and encourage proper cat care in Hong Kong. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to an official charity group. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters were received. The International Division Committee supports this club.

Mastin: OK Carol. **Krzanowski:** The next application is from Supreme Sphynx Club. This club is based in Tuen Mun, an area in the western portion of the New Territories in northwest Hong Kong. The New Territories is one of the three areas of Hong Kong along with Hong Kong Island and Kowloon. Tuen Mun is a modern and mostly residential area with a population of approximately 540,000. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. If accepted, this club plans to produce two or more shows a year in Hong Kong. The International Division Committee supports this club. **Mastin:** Darrell, any comments? **Newkirk:** No. We support all three of the ID applications. **Mastin:** OK. Marilee, I see you on here as well. Do you have any comments? **Griswold:** We have heard nothing negative on any of these clubs. **DelaBar:** My question is, doesn't this give Hong Kong 16 clubs now? **Mastin:** Darrell? **Newkirk:** I'm not sure of the total number, but they're all being supported. **Marilee:** I think we lost some this year also out of Hong Kong. **Newkirk:** We did. I know one club, Pirate's Meow, did not renew. **Griswold:** Right. We lost some in Hong Kong this year. **Mastin:** Carol, do you know how many clubs this will be for Hong Kong? **Krzanowski:** I can check because Dick Kallmeyer submitted the statistics. Let me see if I can find that quickly. **Newkirk:** While Carol's looking for that, this would be zero net effect, because we lost one club and this would be adding it. **Mastin:** If there was 15 and we lost one and we add one, it should be 15. **Newkirk:** Yes, exactly. There would be no change to the total

numbers. **Krzanowski:** Currently 16. **Mastin:** OK, so they currently have 16. Does that include the one they lost, Carol? **Krzanowski:** No. **Mastin:** This will bring them back to 16. OK. Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Congratulations and welcome to Supreme Sphynx Club.

Symphony Cat Club
International Division - Asia; Nonthaburi, Thailand
Marilee Griswold & Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Co-Chairs

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 17 members. The president is the treasurer of another CFA club, and one other member is vice president of another CFA club. Six members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA cattery names and four members are registered breeders in another association. The majority of members exhibit in both CFA and another association, and the remaining members are cat lovers with an interest in showing and starting a cattery. Three members have show production experience. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce two shows a year in Nonthaburi or Bangkok, Thailand. The club also plans to work with local rescue groups and conduct breeding, grooming and health seminars to raise awareness of CFA in Thailand. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to an animal-related charitable organization in Thailand, such as Rakmaw Foundation or the Home for Handicapped Animals Foundation. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters were received. The International Division Committee supports this club.

Krzanowski: Our next application is from Symphony Cat Club. This club is based in Nonthaburi, the principal city of a province by the same name in central Thailand. It is located directly northwest of Bangkok and is part of the greater Bangkok metropolitan area. With a population of over 255,000, it is the most heavily populated city after Bangkok. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. If accepted, this club plans to produce two shows a year in Nonthaburi or Bangkok, Thailand. The International Division Committee supports this club. **Mastin:** Darrell? **Newkirk:** Yes, we got input from Allan [Raymond], who's the elected rep for there. Also, Bob and Marilee gave input and we support this. **Mastin:** OK, Marilee, any additional comments? **Griswold:** No. **Mastin:** OK, any discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, motion passed unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Congratulations and welcome, Symphony Cat Club.

Temiro Cat Fanciers
International Division - AWA; Istanbul, Turkey
Jan Rogers, Subcommittee Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 17 members. One member is a member of another CFA club. Eight members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA cattery names, and two members have catteries registered with another association. Two members have show

production experience and one member has clerking experience. The remaining members are cat lovers and owners. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce one or two shows a year in Istanbul, Turkey. The club also plans to sponsor a clerking school before their first show, as well as conduct breeding, grooming and health seminars to promote responsible cat ownership and welfare. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to one or more animal welfare organizations, cat rescue groups or shelters. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters were received. The AWA Subcommittee Chair supports this club.

Krzanowski: The last application is from Temiro Cat Fanciers. This club is based in Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey that is also the center of the country's economy, culture and history. Istanbul has a population of over 15 million, and the city is actually divided between two continents, with about 2/3 of its population living in Europe and the rest in Asia. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. If accepted, this club plans to produce one or two shows a year in Istanbul, Turkey. The International Division Committee supports this club. **Mastin:** Darrell, any comments? **Newkirk:** No, we support it. The problem with AWA, that area of the world, is the economies there are in the tank. The entry fees and the fees that they have to pay to put shows on is killer, but they want to try so I'm supporting and I hope you will support this club. **Mastin:** Discussion? Pam? **DelaBar:** I support the club and they have been going on for a couple of years trying to come to CFA. Originally, the group was with WCF. They've always considered themselves part of Region 9 for more than one reason. Yes, their inflation rate has been well over 80%. It was just off the wall, but it's a cultural issue that we have with our exhibitors. Some have to wear scarves when they're in Asia and they don't have to wear scarves when they're in Europe. We do have some considerations culturally that way, but I will support the club, though I believe it belongs in Region 9 instead of the AWA. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. **Newkirk:** You can have it. **DelaBar:** I don't want the inflation. Thank you. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Congratulations and welcome, Temiro Cat Fanciers.

Future Projections for Committee:

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

Time Frame:

June 2025 to October 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.

*Respectfully submitted,
Carol Krzanowski, Chair*

Krzanowski: That's all I have at present, thank you. **Mastin:** Anybody have any questions for Carol? **Altschul:** Can you reiterate the policy for clubs that did not get either their membership or their dues in on time? There is some issues with some clubs in my region. Members have reached out to me and asked for clarification on that policy, so I'd just like it to be on record for anyone who's listening. If they weren't able to get everything in on time, how they can be reinstated. **Krzanowski:** There is an amendment being presented at the delegate meeting tomorrow, sponsored by the board that will address that issue. It will streamline the ability for some of these clubs who mistakenly on their own part were dropped from membership. It'll streamline their process to try and get reinstated. It'll be up to the delegates to support it, and I fully support it. I think it's good. There are times when, as I mentioned earlier at the beginning of my report, when there's a miscommunication. Clubs elect new officers, but CFA is never notified. Communication goes to wrong people. The club finds out afterward that they've been dropped and they're not happy about it. They want to be reinstated right away. Currently, the only way to do that is to file a new club application and go through that whole process all over again, which seems unfair if the club has been an active club and really wants to remain a member of CFA. **Mastin:** Do you need to know what the current rule is? **Altschul:** No, there are some other issues. **Mastin:** You're going to talk about them later? **Altschul:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, very good. Any other questions for Carol? Carol, thank you.

(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*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Having served as Chair of the International Division for the past year, has given me the opportunity to observe and institute a few changes that I feel are needed.

I have created two files and shared them with the ID community. First is the essential list of items that must be listed on the show flyer to be compliant with the Show Rules. I also created a list of new show rules changes that affect the International Division for the 2025-2026 show season. Those two files have been shared with the ID clubs.

I have also created a groups.io email group for the CFA Entry Clerks that work for the CFA clubs.

I have created a Dropbox file for each International Division show being held. In that file I am listing a copy of the show license application, the show flyer, the breed summary, the online count and after the show has been scored, Cathy Dunham sends me the marked master clerk catalog for that show. If you have any questions about an International Division show, send me a request and I can provide any of the information that I have listed above.

We are in the final steps of completing planning for the combined CFA ID-China and CFA ID-Other banquet details that will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on November 3, 2025. This is further clarified in the ID-Other report.

Current Happenings Committee:

See above.

Mastin: Darrell, International Division. **Newkirk:** Thank you, Mr. President. I don't have any action items. This is basically an update for everyone. I've completed a year as Chair of the Committee, and I did some evaluations on some things that we could improve. As I state in the report, I have a Dropbox file for every show. I'm keeping a copy of the show license, the show flyers, the online entry count, and the breed summary. After the show is scored, Cathy Dunham sends me a copy of the marked master clerk catalog, and that also is included in the file. So, if anyone, starting with this show season, has a question about any show, I can provide that data to you. I also have instituted a groups.io for international entry clerks as a way of

communicating with them and, as I said with Allene, I will share with them the motion that we passed earlier about the TRNs, and reiterate to them that they have to collect those fees and send them in. As I said earlier, I wanted to move the discussion about the combined China and ID-Other Awards Banquet.

China Subcommittee

Subcommittee Co-Chairs: Russell Webb and Ellyn Honey

China has been busy in 2024-2025 Show Season, with a total of 59 shows produced.

West China produced 6 shows; North China Produced 10 shows and the balance of 43 shows in East China, mostly in Shanghai.

In 2025 the current show schedule shows that in West China we have 2 shows scheduled; North China has 0 shows scheduled, and in East China 20 shows scheduled. I am sure we will see more shows scheduled as the year progresses. There are also 2 shows scheduled for 2027 and 2028.

The activity in China is beginning to improve. Our representatives in East, West and North China are actively working to increase their shows and particularly in areas that do not have many CFA shows now.

Representatives for the different areas of China are as follows:

*China East 5D Wang
China West Gavin Cao
China North Allen Shi*

As always, with so many local associations putting on shows, it is sometimes difficult to get new people to try our CFA shows, but we are slowly making progress. We are thankful that we have loyal people who have stayed with our organization through all the trials and tribulations of Covid to bring CFA back to China.

To enhance this effort are our Associate Judges, many of whom have applied to the regular CFA Judging program, make it more economical to put on multiple shows. Although registrations are down at this point, our people in China are young, and enthusiastic, bringing in more new people every show.

We have several new Entry Clerks

<i>Country (ID-China)</i>	<i>EC Name</i>	<i>EC Email</i>
<i>China*</i>	<i>Jon Lee</i>	<i>Lee.jon66@outlook.com</i>
<i>approved by the BOD</i>	<i>Jiao Chen</i>	<i>95860428@qq.com</i>
	<i>Jerry Cao</i>	<i>Sinos09@hotmail.com</i>
	<i>Danny Zhou</i>	<i>Edsaovrn@qq.com</i>

	<i>Qin Yi</i>	qy9053@hotmail.com
	<i>Ray Ma</i>	Ray1987_m@sina.com

All entries must now be done through the CFA Entry Clerk program. This alleviates the issues of entries through email, which were causing concern as to the legitimacy of some entries.

Approval of shows is taking less time as our process continues to be streamlined.

We have a number of NGOs, which makes the obtaining of the show licenses much easier now.

NGOs are obtained through the following persons:

*Jon Lee
Howe Gao
Agnes Sun
Chris Lee*

All of these NGOs have recently been updated and are following China law.

No action items currently.

*Respectfully submitted,
Russell Webb and Ellyn Honey
Co-Chairs ID China*

Newkirk: The clubs in the ID, I put together a notification of what needs to be on your show flyer, and their show flyers were terrible. And really, they're starting to come around, and they're meeting the requirements in our Show Rules. So, that's happening.

Asia (other than mainland China) Subcommittee

Subcommittee Co-Chairs: Bob Zenda and Dr. Marilee Griswold

As shown below, the number of shows and entries present & competing during the 2024-2025 show season in International Division shows (excluding China) were down approximately 22% from the previous show season.

CFA INTERNATIONAL DIVISION (except China) 2024-2025 SHOW SUMMARY						
	FINAL PRESENT ENTRY COUNTS					
COUNTRY	Shows	Entries	Kit	CH	PR	HHP
Hong Kong	24	2248	313	1131	708	96
Indonesia	8	877	251	524	50	52
Korea	1	140	19	51	22	0
Kuwait	1	102	15	55	19	13
Malaysia	8	1113	513	435	68	97
Singapore	2	181	45	60	48	28
Taiwan	3	275	57	133	70	15
Thailand	13	1527	647	697	183	0
Vietnam	2	152	69	67	8	8
	Shows	Entries	Kit	CH	PR	HHP
TOTALS	62	6615	1929	3153	1176	309
	-21.50%	-21.90%	-26.60%	0.07%	-4.90%	-29.50%
2023-2024	70	7492	2625	3175	1254	438

I continue to maintain and share a spreadsheet containing all the dates clubs have reserved for shows based on information provided by Nadia Jaffar (our Show Scheduler) and updated as shows are reviewed by Marilee & I and approved in coordination with Jen Brahler. By the time of the CFA Annual meeting 8 shows will have already been held, 2 more have been licensed and 30 more show dates reserved for the rest of the 2025-2026 show season.

I have scheduled a series of continuing planning/update meetings via ZOOM for the 2025 ID Awards Banquet which will be hosted by HKLai and the Meowbulous Cat club on November 3, 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Participants include the ID Committee and the Banquet Managers. A committee has been formed consisting of representatives from a majority of the ID countries. ZOOM meetings were held on May 14th and June 4th. Another will be scheduled prior to the CFA Annual meeting, at which time we expect to have confirmation of the venue contract as well as a proposed budget. PET UNIVERSE NOURISH is the major financial sponsor for the Banquet, and the ID Fund is prepared to consider additional limited financial support based on the budget. HCLai, the Banquet Manager and Country Coordinator for Malaysia is planning to

attend the CFA Annual Meeting and will be available to provide up to the minute updated information.

Unfortunately, the following four clubs from the International Division (except China) were dropped from membership for non-payment of dues or submission of membership lists, despite numerous communications directly with club secretaries and presidents, Country Coordinators and direct email from Amber in Central Office:

*The Cat Fanciers of the United Arab Emirates – AWA
Hong Kong Pirates Meow – Hong Kong
Jelly Paw Cat Club – Korea
Malaysia Cat Fanciers Club – Malaysia*

After those losses, CFA's presence in the ID (except China) as still healthy with 47 active CFA Clubs.

COUNTRY	CLUBS
<i>Egypt</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>India</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Indonesia</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Korea</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Malaysia</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Singapore</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Taiwan</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Thailand</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Vietnam</i>	<i>1</i>
TOTAL	47

The good news is that applications for three new clubs listed below will be considered for acceptance at the June meeting, and are recommended for acceptance:

*Supreme Sphynx Club – New Territories, Hong Kong
Symphony Cat Club – Nonthanburi, Thailand
Temiro Cat Club – Istanbul, Turkey*

All the recent Show Rule changes affecting events in the ID were noticed to the Club Secretaries and Country Coordinators in ID Other via email, as well as emphasis on submission of Show Flyers with the Show License Applications that meet requirements of SR 5.01.

v/r,

Bob Zenda, Co-Chair

CFA International Division, Asia OTHER

Newkirk: Bob gave a good report. We also have the approved entry clerks for China listed on here, and Bob gave a list of the shows and the entries in his report.

AWA Subcommittee

Subcommittee Co-Chair: Jan Rogers

No report for this meeting.

CSA Subcommittee

Subcommittee Co-Chairs: Miguel Mariano Pina Rodrigues / Anne Mathis

No report for this meeting.

Future Projections for the Committee:

Continue to monitor shows and registration stats.

What will be Presented at the Next Meeting

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

I will be working with Show Rules committee on an update for the CFA show flyers, to institute a show rule that requires clubs to list the day a judge will officiate at their shows, when the schedule requires judges that will officiate on Saturday and a different list of judges will officiate on Sunday. This will assist the Judging Program Committee chairs and the ID chair to assign the duties of Bay Check-in when required by show rules. Currently, if the assignments are not listed on the show flyer, we have to email the show manager to obtain that information.

*Respectfully Submitted
Darrell Newkirk. Chair
CFA International Division*

Newkirk: I think that pretty much covers everything. I didn't have any action items for this one. I do want to work with Ed and Carol for working up a little bit of a change in the Show Rules. We still have bay check-in in the ID, and we've had a problem trying to figure out who's judging Saturday and Sunday. This was last show season. I can go in now to the contracts and see who's scheduled to judge on Saturday. So, before it's been an issue. I've had to try to get ahold of the entry clerk or the show manager to find out who was judging. So, one-day shows and six-by-six shows are not an issue, but two-day shows where you have a set of judges on Saturday, a set of judges on Sunday, I would like the show rule to state that the day that the judges are officiating must be listed on the flyer. So, that's something I want to work with Carol and Ed on for you guys to present in October. That should be an easy fix. **Mastin:** Darrell, you got anything else? **Newkirk:** Well, I went through all the new show rules and made a file. I basically collected Rachel's combined report on the rules that we presented, and then a few of the minor changes. I went through and listed all those that's been posted for the ID clubs and the closing date moving to Wednesday was very important and making sure that the online entry system is used. All this stuff is a learning process for a lot of the clubs over there because, you

know, English is not their primary language. So, we have problems with communication sometimes. So, if someone is not understanding, I've got to try to find somebody who can communicate with them in their native tongue, but we're working on things. I'm really, really happy that the show flyers are being improved. That's really a great thing that's happening in the ID right now. **Mastin:** Does anyone have any questions for Darrell? Darrell, thank you.

(9) **TREASURER’S REPORT SUMMARY.**

Treasurer Kathy Calhoun gave the following report:

May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025

Registration:

Total registration contributed \$665,476 to the bottom line. This represents 85.00% of the budget.

Mastin: Kathy, please do the Treasurer’s Report. We’re going to keep going. **Calhoun:** OK, I hope that you had an opportunity to review the Treasurer’s Report. Basically, the Treasurer’s Report end of season talks to three major income and expense. The total registration is 85% of budget. We continue to see registration decline. I really believe that registering a kitten or having a TRN number to show a kitten will make a significant difference in that number moving forward. I highly recommend that all kittens be registered, whether they are for show or not. Our total registration is 85% of budget.

Ordinary Income

Ordinary income, which comprises various income categories, excluding publications, marketing, and events, contributed \$1,590,400. This figure represents 87% of the budget.

The 2024 Annual Meeting in Coralville Summary

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Over/Under Budget</i>
<i>CFA Annual Meeting – Coralville, Iowa</i>	\$79,532	\$55,700	\$23,832
<i>CFACS - Expense</i>	\$145,279	\$156,900	(\$11,621)
<i>Net Income</i>	(\$65,747)	(\$101,200)	\$35,453

Calhoun: The other two major events that we had was the Coralville annual meeting last year, last season. Net income was negative \$65,747. So, be mindful that an annual is not an income-generating item. It is a celebration. I believe that the Coralville team did a very good job. Iowa is a more economic place to hold an annual than others. We move it around. So \$65,000 loss is considerably less than what we’ve had in the past. I would actually want to phrase that not as a loss, but a cost to have that meeting.

CFA International Show and Expo Summary

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Over/Under Budget</i>
<i>CFACS-Income</i>	\$447,254	\$384,225	\$63,029
<i>CFACS - Expense</i>	\$449,382	\$345,675	\$103,707
<i>Net Income</i>	(\$2,128)	\$38,550	(\$40,678)

Calhoun: The International Show came in at a \$2,128 loss as of the last review of the financials. I just looked again because we've made some changes and some adjustments. We would typically do that sort of thing. I know that the International Show Committee is doing a yeoman's job and working really, really hard at turning that into an income-generating event once again, so that is good news.

Bottom Line

As provided in the 2024 – 2025 pre-audited financials, the net operating loss is \$242,098.

Calhoun: The bottom line is that we will experience a \$242,000 net operating loss. This is far from ideal. This is not where we want to be. This is not what we can continue to be. This is better than prior year, so there have been some improvements made, but we need to put strategies around addressing this and turning it around. One of the strategies was the kitten issue, so I appreciate support on that.

*Regards,
Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer*

Calhoun: Basically, that's the report. I'm open for questions. **Webster:** So, how long can we keep doing this and stay solvent? **Calhoun:** I would take that to closed session. Good question. **Jensen:** Just so I can get it into perspective, what was the loss last year? **Calhoun:** It was in the range of \$400,000. **Mastin:** You're talking two years ago, correct? You say last year, last year just ended. **Jensen:** Yeah, prior year. **Calhoun:** The prior year. I've got the number. I can pull it up for you in seconds. **Jensen:** So, it is better? **Calhoun:** I would say it was better. **Mastin:** Any other questions? Kathy, any other comments? **Calhoun:** Not for open session. **Mastin:** Thank you, Kathy.

(10) NEW EXHIBITOR COMMITTEE.

Chair: Janet Moyer
Vice Chair: Howard Rowley
Committee Members: Todd Moyer, Martha Auspitz

Current Committee Initiatives:

The primary mission of the New Exhibitor Committee is to engage and retain new exhibitors in the cat fancy. We believe exhibitors leave the hobby for a variety of reasons, with the most common being:

- 1. Lack of Competitive Cats: Newcomers often become discouraged when they do not have cats of sufficient quality to succeed in competition. They often don't understand that this is the problem as they don't have a good comprehension of the breed standard.*
- 2. Lack of Inclusion and Support: New exhibitors frequently report that they do not feel welcome or supported by experienced exhibitors.*

Our initial focus has been on addressing the second issue: creating a more welcoming and supportive environment. To that end:

- Regional Coordinators are now reaching out weekly to new exhibitors at show closing, sending a welcome letter and informational packet.*
- These packets include detailed guidance on navigating the show process, from enclosures to point calculations.*
- Show helpers are assigned to act as friendly, accessible contacts at the show.*
- We are refining this process to include checks and balances to ensure follow-through, though verification is difficult for events I cannot personally attend.*

Addressing the First Challenge:

The issue of competitive quality is more complex. Traditional mentorship programs have proven ineffective. Therefore, we piloted a new format during the April Neosho show.

This initiative was inspired by a growing group of new Maine Coon breeders – many of whom were originally introduced at our show and have since brought in others. At the December show, we had over 30 Maine Coons exhibited, largely by young and enthusiastic new breeders.

After many conversations between myself and Martha Auspitz, we launched a Maine Coon Symposium, focused on:

- Breed standard*
- Grooming techniques*
- Color identification*

- *Breeding basics*
- *Q&A with attendees*

Martha Auspitz presented the seminar and brought one of her own cats for live demonstration. The 30-minute sessions were held during lunch on both show days.

Feedback and Response:

Pros:

- *23 breeders/exhibitors attended*
- *The symposium was extremely well received and energized participants*
- *Facebook promotion attracted spectators specifically for the seminar*

Sample Attendee Comments:

“Very informative. Good stuff. We need more of these things.”

“Loved this. Great and helpful information. So nice to be able to ask questions.”

“Very helpful for new and experienced breeders alike.”

“Martha did a fantastic job—covered colors, shampooing, and breeding. Many great tips!”

Cons:

A major challenge was ensuring judges took a hard lunch break. Despite prior agreement, one judge resumed judging early, and the large Maine Coon class was called during the symposium. This undermined the effectiveness of our efforts and frustrated attendees.

Mastin: Janet, please do the New Exhibitor report. **Moyer:** OK. I hope everybody had an opportunity to review the report and watch the video. My report outlines all the things that we’re currently doing for all the new exhibitor entries, including Regions 1 through 7. The breed symposium that we held at the Neosho show, which was by all metrics a huge success, and that was what the video showed. Does anybody have any questions? **Nasin:** I just wanted to make a comment. I liked that video, and I actually forwarded it to a new potential Maine Coon breeder. She tried to enter our show last week, did not know anything. So, I sent her to a bunch of people, and I sent that link of Becky, right? **Moyer:** Martha. **Nasin:** Yeah. Martha, who did the whole description. I was like, oh, that’s a good video. I’ll send that to her, because she had a ton of questions. So I just wanted to make a comment.

Future Projections:

Symposium Part Two is planned for a future Neosho show. Topics will include:

- Cattery setup
- Breeding program planning
- Further study of the breed standard

We will collaborate with Regional New Exhibitor Coordinators to:

- Identify similar opportunities across other regions
- Organize future breed-specific and general educational symposiums

A general exhibitor symposium is also under consideration, focusing on:

- Finding a quality show cat
- Basic grooming
- Showing fundamentals

The committee will reach out to the Judging Program to emphasize the importance of respecting scheduled hard stops when committee-led educational events are planned.

Video of the Maine Coon Symposium is attached. Please take three minutes to view. We welcome your feedback.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Moyer, Chair
New Exhibitor Committee*

Mastin: Kathy? **Calhoun:** I would like to make a comment on this program that Janet is spearheading. She is doing a wonderful job and this is how we grow, with boots on the ground, one person at a time, one kitty at a time, one outreach to help at a time. That's how we grow, and we need to have that front and center in all regions in all encounters that we have. Somebody says that they don't understand, we need to be open and take the time to help. **Mastin:** Howard? **Webster:** I have a new exhibitor coordinator, and she's working closely with you, and she's been doing an excellent job. Maybe she doesn't go to all the shows, but she's in touch with the people. **Mastin:** Howard, when you speak, speak louder. They can't hear none of that, OK? **Webster:** Sorry about that. I can talk loud. I was a teacher. Alright. Yeah, my new exhibitor [coordinator] is working closely with Janet and doing an excellent job keeping everybody informed. **Mastin:** Great. Any other questions or comments for Janet? Janet, do you have anything else? Well, thank you. Oh, Pam. **DelaBar:** I did have a comment. Janet, on the show scheduling, when you want to take that hard break, work with show management. They can often get a judge's attention that somebody else can't, OK? Because I don't know a single one of us, unless there's an earlier plane flight that we shouldn't have early plane flights, wouldn't take that opportunity to take a break and allow this to happen. **Mastin:** Any comments on that, Janet? **Moyer:** No. **DelaBar:** You worked with show management. It didn't work. **Moyer:** It didn't work. **Moyer:** You might want to talk to Vicki and Russell. How's that? **Mastin:** Pam, thank you. Janet, thank you again.

(11) CFA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Legislation Committee Interim Chair Alene Shafnisky gave the following report:

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee and Group Activities

We thank George Eigenhauser for his many years of dedication and hard work as Chair of the Committee. Most fanciers do not realize the amount of work, heartache, stress and sleepless nights go into trying to combat the many ways that we are under siege in local, state, federal and international legislation. His guidance will continue to be greatly valued and we wish him a relaxing time in his retirement as Chair.

While many state legislatures have concluded their legislative sessions, a few remain notably active. The calendar never ends for the more local levels of government, requiring a continued keen eye and the help of the fancy. For those unaware, the Pet Advocacy Network (PAN) provides us with lists of bill introductions at the state and federal level based on search parameters we provide. In recent years they have been able to include more local and administrative/regulatory matters. We then read through the bills, ordinances, or proposed regulations and select the most relevant for CFA tracking.

We additionally monitor multiple animal-related online lists, collaborate with other animal-friendly groups online, use online "alerts" and importantly, rely on our "grassroots" fanciers in reporting pet-related legislation in their area ("You are the eyes and ears of the fancy.") We continue to watch major Animal Rights groups, their websites and public events for information on upcoming legislative initiatives, as well as actively monitoring what is happening overseas as Europe is increasingly becoming a predictor of what is to come in the US. However, no amount of monitoring can replace fanciers as our source of information. Recently, each Region has been asked to designate one legislative liaison for urgent alerts to be circulated when topical legislation arises. We also will ask each Regional Director to include their legislative liaison or legislative topics at each Regional meeting to emphasize the importance of grassroots monitoring.

The CFA Legislative Group communicates with fanciers about legislation through email, the CFA newsletter, online mailing groups, its Facebook page, and its blog. The CFA Legislative News Facebook page provides cat fanciers with a source of current news articles on legislative issues and alerts. By posting various legislative articles from the news media or other groups focused on pet legislation, usually involving cats, fanciers can use the Facebook page as a first stop to check for news that may affect them. The Facebook page has over 1,000 followers as of June 8, 2025.

The CFA Legislative Group Blog was established in September 2018 to provide a holding place for work done by the Group that is available for easy reference to us and the public. In addition, CFA has now created space on the main CFA framework to feature CFA's Legislative Group and hosts regular "What's Hot" blog posts that have helped explain to the fancy and the public what new legislation was under consideration, provided explanations in plain text of the flaws in bills as written and given instructions on ways to express opposition. The CFA Legislative Group Blog also contains links information on why we oppose the bills we do from the Advocacy in Action series drafted by members of the Legislative Group. Further, it contains a simple flowchart to assist breeders in understanding why or why not they need licensing from USDA APHIS, and how to avoid running afoul of that requirement.

What many breeders and fanciers may not know is the additional wealth of information this site, and even its previous iteration, that we commonly receive questions about. Under our Resources tab, one can find out how to very simply write letters in opposition or support of legislation, position statements, including those in opposition to the recent movement to ban all brachycephalic breeds beginning in 2024 with New Hampshire HB 1102, and rationales for opposing things like cat licensing.

Current Happenings of Committee and Group:

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

Federal

HR 2253: "Puppy Protection Act of 2025". Would amend the Animal Welfare Act to add care requirements for dog dealers. Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.

HR 349: "Goldie's Act". Would expand enforcement provisions of the Animal Welfare Act, including requiring the USDA to provide a copy of all records documenting violations to state, local, and municipal animal control or law enforcement officials within 24 hours of such inspections or investigations. Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.

SB 1538: "Better Care for Animals Act of 2025." Would amend the Animal Welfare Act to expand and improve the enforcement capabilities of the Attorney General, and for other purposes. Referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

State

DE HB 131: Would provide that a retail pet store or broker may not sell, lease, offer to sell, offer to lease, barter, auction, transfer ownership, or dispose of any cats or dogs, but doesn't prohibit the showcasing of animals for adoption. Voted out of committee and on the ready list.

FL HB 1481: House Bills 1481, 1583, and 1585 would have created dog breeder certificates of registration and a dog breeding trust fund if enacted. Cats were not included in these bills. These bills (and the similar Senate Bills 1830, 1832, and 1834) were all indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration.

GA SR 255: Creating the Senate Study Committee on Combating Unscrupulous Companion Animal Breeding Practices; and for other purposes. Adopted.

HI SB 593: Would have established commercial dog breeding licensing regulations. Died.

IA SF 107: Would prohibit declawing of cats. Ended the session in committee. Iowa bills may carry over from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years.

KY SB 122: Regulation of pet shop dog and cat sales and preemption over local ordinances governing pet shop rules. Died.

MN HB 1296: Would modify the classification of commercial dog and cat breeder data collected and maintained by the Board of Animal Health; modify kennel and dealer advertising requirements; and require the Board of Animal Health to post certain kennel, dealer, and commercial breeder information. Similar to SF 1029. The 2025 session has ended, but bills may carry over from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years.

MN HB 1857: Would prohibit the elective declawing of cats. Similar to SF 1935. The 2025 session has ended, but bills may carry over from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years.

MN HB 2490: Would establish, provide duties, and appropriate money for the Companion Animal Board. Similar to SF 415. The 2025 session has ended, but bills may carry over from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years.

MN HB 2541: Would add a new Section 35.025 to state statutes abolishing the Board of Animal Health, transferring its duties to the Department of Agriculture, and establishing the Animal Health Advisory Council to advise on animal health matters. The 2025 session has ended, but bills may carry over from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years.

MN HB 2627: Would prohibit the sale of dogs and cats by retail pet shops. Similar to SF 1943. The 2025 session has ended, but bills may carry over from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years.

MN HB 2733: Provides that a person who injures another person's pet is liable to the owner of the pet for the cost of the injury, including medical bills, actual damages, emotional damages, and punitive damages. The 2025 session has ended, but bills may carry over from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years.

MO HB 185: Would amend the Animal Care and Facilities Licensing/Regulation Act to provide that commercial breeders shall maintain healthy breeding practices on all animals used for breeding to include genetic testing, USDA-recommended vaccinations, X-ray screening (for presence or risk of hip dysplasia), annual veterinarian examination of breeding males and intact females (with photographs), photographs of housing enclosures. It would also add consumer protection provisions and other mandates. Died.

NY AB 8653: Would redefine "pet dealer;" and add a definition for "broker, ". If enacted, it would redefine a pet dealer to mean any person who breeds animals and sells or offers to sell more than nine animals that are born and raised on such a person's residential premises directly

to a consumer. The proposed threshold is a lifetime threshold for licensing as a pet dealer. The current definition of pet dealer is any person who sells or offers to sell more than nine animals per year for profit to the public. But the bills would remove the current exception for any breeder selling or offering to sell fewer than 25 animals per year born and raised on their residential premise. Brokers would be added to the retail pet store sale prohibition for dogs, cats, and rabbits. Referred to the Assembly Agriculture Committee. Senate Bill 8252 was the same as AB 8653 but has since been amended to add back in the one calendar year period and has been recommitted to the Senate Agriculture Committee.

NJ SB 1406: Would prohibit declawing of cats and other animals. Same as AB 1180. Referred to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Assembly Commerce, Economic Development, and Agriculture Committee, respectively.

NV AB 487: Amends Title 50, Chapter 574 of Nevada Revised Statutes by adding a new section to prohibit a retail pet store from selling, offering to sell, bartering, auctioning or otherwise transferring ownership of any dog or cat. Died.

RI HB 5926: Would add authority for emotion-based damages to animal cruelty laws if enacted. Held for further study.

RI SB 325: Originally amended the definition of “hobby breeder” to restrict hobby breeders to limit the sale or offering for sale no more than two (2) litters of dogs or cats, or a combination thereof, in a three hundred and sixty-five (365) day period. On June 5th the bill was amended to restrict hobby breeders to whelping two litters of dogs or cat or a combination of cats and dogs in one calendar year. This was passed on the Senate floor. Up for House consideration.

RI SB 340: Imposes a sales tax on the purchase of animals for breeders. Referred to Senate Finance.

TX HB 562: would require that a licensed breeder provide to a purchaser a bill of sale for each animal sold or exchanged in return for consideration. Failed to meet House deadline. Died.

TX HB 2653: Would prohibit certain claw-altering procedures on cats, with exceptions for medical necessity or owner health protection. Failed to meet House deadline. Died.

TX HB 3458: Would prohibit the retail sale of dogs and cats in pet stores. Failed to meet House deadline. Died. Identical SB 1652 was left pending in committee.

VA SB 903: Would amend pet shop laws to include additional recordkeeping requirements and expand sourcing restrictions on dog sales to apply for all animals sold or offered for sale by a pet shop. Enacted.

VA SB 916: Adds a provision that local governing bodies may regulate or restrict the acquisition, marketing, and sale of animals in a pet shop, provided that such ordinance is consistent with state law. Died.

Local

Greeley, CO: Retail dog and cat sale prohibition for city pet stores. Adopted.

Windsor, CO: Ordinance amending the municipal code to prohibit the retail sale of dogs and cats in town. The prohibition does not apply to PACFA-licensed organizations. Adopted.

Leon County, FL: Prohibition on the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits by retail pet stores. Adopted.

DeKalb County, GA: An Ordinance that would require owners of female intact companion animals to obtain litter permits and add restrictions on the sale and transfer of dogs, cats, and rabbits. Adopted.

Dunwoody, GA: Retail Pet Store ordinance prohibiting the retail sale of dogs and cats. Adopted.

Beverly, MA: would prohibit the sale of live amphibians, birds, reptiles, or mammals in city pet shops. Adopted.

Detroit, MI: Retail pet store sales ban on dogs and cats. Adopted.

Oak Grove, MO: Retail pet store ban on the sale of cats and dogs. Adopted.

Las Vegas, NV: Limits the number of animals that can be sold by a pet shop or breeder to one person or household during a calendar year. Adopted.

Las Vegas, NV: Would establish the Animal Advisory Committee. Failed.

West Norriton, PA: Considering a Retail Pet Store ordinance prohibiting the retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits.

European Union

We are working with our liaisons and representatives to Region 9 as they attempt to combat laws introduced both in member nations and across the Union. We hope to be able to increase our assistance to them but face several hurdles with regard to information access in the US.

Litigation

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

Publications

The CFA e-Newsletter provides space for a "What's Hot" legislative column used to provide brief information on new and urgent matters of interest to the cat fancy. These began for inclusion as Cat Talk Almanac articles but continue in the e-Newsletter in order to produce

information on less time-sensitive matters with a focus on advocacy guidance. Articles since the February 2025 Board meeting:

- * CFA e-Newsletter, April 2025, **Rhode Island Legislation: Hobby Breeders, Sales Tax, and Emotion-based Damages**” by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. A proposed amendment to Rhode Island statutes regulating cat and dog breeders would increase the number of breeders subject to state licensing while eliminating the dog-only exemption. Senate Bill 325 amends the existing definition of hobby breeder but reduces the number of litters a breeder can sell and avoid classification as a breeder subject to licensing.

Also discussed was Rhode Island Senate Bill 340, which could also have a significant impact on Rhode Island breeders. If enacted, it would add the purchase of animals from a breeder to the many things subject to sales tax. This bill has been referred to the Senate Finance Committee, and House Bill 5926, which would add authority for emotion-based damages to animal cruelty laws if enacted, has been referred for study. While that often means the end of a bill, the Speaker of the House can bring it back for consideration. It should be noted that the speaker is also the bill sponsor. Emotion-based, or noneconomic, damages increase the cost of pet care for all while benefitting the rare few pet owners.

UPDATE: SB 325 was amended on June 5, 2025. See Current Happenings for the current status of the bill.

- * CFA e-Newsletter, April 2025 **“Oregon Legislation Targets Breeders for Licensing and Increases Fees for Shelters and Rescues”** by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. The Natural Resources and Wildfire Committee heard testimony in opposition and support at the public hearing held on March 18, 2025. Not surprisingly, most of the testimony from Animal Rescue Entities (AREs) opposed the license fee increase and supported licensing all breeders, whom they blame for shelter overcrowding issues. Yet the vast majority of dogs and cats in shelters are random-bred animals, not purpose-bred animals. Pedigreed cats represent only 3-5% of the cat population. It is incredulous to claim pedigreed cat breeders are responsible for the homeless cat population. Purebred dogs also make up a minority of the dog population. Considering that most owned animals are sterilized, responsible owners and breeders are not contributing significantly to the homeless animal population. Shelter animals are generally the victims of home retention failures. Oregon breeders are not to blame for overcrowding caused by the common ARE practice of importing animals from other states and even other countries – a fact proponents like to ignore. Homelessness for animals is a community problem and should be addressed that way.

In the April 8, 2025, work session, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire adopted the amended bill, SB 1076-1, in a 3- 2 vote. The amendments include changes to definitions and requirements in both the breeder licensing and animal welfare entities sections. For cat and dog fanciers, there is an important, if minuscule, carve-out for breeders to avoid licensing. The amendment requires licensing of cat and dog breeders who “during a 12-month period, sells or transfers or offers for sale or transfer

more than two litters”. It also authorizes the department to define the number of birds or small mammals sold during a 12-month period necessary for licensing. The A-engrossed (fair final copy of the first amended version of the bill) SB 1076 has been assigned to the Joint Ways and Means Committee.

- * CFA e-Newsletter, March 2025 “**New Jersey Bill Establishing a Working Group on Responsible Animal Breeding**” by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. New Jersey Assembly Bill 5173 aims to establish a working group on responsible breeding while not including cat breeders in the discussion at all, choosing instead to seat two representatives from the world of dog breeders and the remaining seats will be filled by representatives from an animal rights organization, the New Coalition of Responsible Pet Stores, and the New Jersey Farm Bureau. The working group would develop a framework for legislative, administrative, and policy recommendations to uphold ethical breeding practices statewide, eliminate unethical breeding, and devise a plan to implement their recommendations. It is crucial to recognize that these groups often advocate for licensing schemes that can unfairly burden small, in-home hobby breeders, which could stifle our community. Moreover, since cats have distinct needs that differ from those of dogs, relying solely on dog breeders to represent us is inadequate—they simply do not possess the specialized knowledge necessary to advocate for feline interests.

Meetings and Conferences:

Humane World for Animals (formerly HSUS); Animal Care Expo 2026, April 7-10, 2026, David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA. This conference provides positive networking with a variety of animal groups and leaders who are often unaware of our devotion to the welfare of cats and our common love of animals. Our continuing CFA presence at the Expos each year gives us an opportunity to reinforce CFA’s goal of promoting respect for all cats with an emphasis on public education. This conference provides positive networking with a variety of animal groups and leaders who are often unaware of our devotion to the welfare of cats and our common love of animals. While the Expo is often used to highlight upcoming HWA (HSUS) legislation, some of which is harmful to cat breeders, this year no new legislative initiatives were announced.

Future Projections for Committee and Legislative Group:

Upcoming conferences related to legislation –committed or pending:

Pet Week on Capitol Hill will be held in Washington, D.C. during the week of September 11, 2025. Unfortunately, it was not in the CFA budget to attend this year.

The event joins CFA with a coalition of pet-related groups, which have including HABRI, the Pet Food Institute, the Pet Advocacy Network, CFA, AKC, the World Pet Association (WPA), Animal Health Institute (AHI), Nestle-Purina, Mars Petcare, American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and many more. Many of the Pet Night sponsors work with us on joint legislative strategies on matters ranging from non-economic damages, pet shop bans, and other issues.

Participants provide us with legislative information, access to inside opinions of their lobbyists, and other help throughout the year. We hope to raise the funds to attend next year.

Ongoing goals -

- *Working on offensive strategies to share CFA's mission and positive work with respect to TRN, spay neuter campaigns, and positive, healthy breeding practices.*
- *Increasing use of social media to expand our reach to fanciers and the public and increase awareness of legislative issues on pet ownership.*
- *Networking with the sheltering community, aligned organizations, veterinarians and lawmakers so we better understand the problems and trends that cause homeless animals to be in shelters and develop ways to address the issues that motivate legislation detrimental to our interests.*
- *Continuing to find new methods for presenting perspective on the cat fancy views to those in animal related fields and government.*
- *Working with national and local cat fancy teams to defeat legislation/regulation detrimental to pedigreed cats, feral/unowned cats, CFA's mission and cat ownership.*
- *Enlisting professional help with strategic public relations and communication to build greater public awareness and gain more support for our opposition to mandated sterilization laws across the country.*
- *Increasing efforts to raise funds for the Sy Howard Legislative Fund and to help clubs present projects suitable for funding.*

Action Items:

None at this time.

Time Frame:

Ongoing.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates and pending legislative matters.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Alene Shafnisky, Interim Chair*

Mastin: OK, we're going to go on to CFA Legislative. Is Alene here? Come on up, Alene. You can sit here, right next to Rachel. We call that the hot seat. **Shafnisky:** That's awesome. **Mastin:** Right next to the attorney. **Shafnisky:** So, I've looked over the last few sets of minutes and it seems like some of you have questions as to what we as a Committee actually

do. There were some questions about why we ask exhibitors for help the way that we do. Right now, as a Committee, the three of us are tracking over 750 laws and regulations just at the state and federal level. Now, the U.S. has over 90,000 local government units and each of them has the ability to change their laws at any time. The problem is, most of them use like a photo PDF program to post their agendas and that's not searchable by normal web searches. So, we can set up all of the searches and alerts that we want online. They can't search those agendas. So, that's why we ask exhibitors to take a look at those and let us know when something's coming up. Most of those online materials are available early now, thanks to sunshine laws. So, we're receiving reports at least weekly, but since I've taken this on, this is a daily thing that we are working on. Our Committee is every day researching laws. Any alert we get, we want to make sure that when we put out an alert, it's 100% factually correct. We need to research the legislative calendars to make sure that everything is being alerted at the right time. And so, that is why it takes us a little bit of time and we sometimes lag behind, but we do need the help from exhibitors. So, does anybody have questions for me?

Mastin: Carissa? **Altschul:** In the past, I've criticized the Legislative Committee because I feel like there's a lot of, "oh, this happened", and I understand that you can't track everything, but some of the bigger laws and some of the bigger changes, I feel like things could have been done by exhibitors if they'd known in advance, but a big part of my criticism has been a lack of partnership with other animal registering bodies because I just don't understand why we can't be partnering, like your Committee reaches out to whoever is handling the legislative overview at AKC or other cat registering bodies, because AKC is on it and most bills that affect dogs, it's very easy for those bills to then say, "and cats." For example, in Texas, AKC successfully litigated and managed to get the breeder law an exemption for breeders who show, but it was only for dog breeders. We didn't know anything about it until it already had passed the legislative body. So now, dog breeders who show are exempt, but cat breeders who show in Texas are not. Even the person who does the inspections who came – because we're inspected, we're licensed – said, "well, I don't know why cats weren't included in this. It seems silly to me." Well, it's because nobody asked it. By the time we heard about it, it had already been passed. So, is there other plans for your Committee to try to reach out and coordinate your efforts with what's already happening so we don't have to start from scratch? **Shafnisky:** I will tell you that we already do. I meet with the AKC team by Zoom probably once a month to develop some strategies going forward. We have some things in the pipeline, but they are probably the most active, but we reach out to any other – or we work with TICA. We work with other organizations. There is no lack of cooperation with other animal registries. I think the real problem is that AKC employs a team of full-time attorneys – I think 11 of them. They have registered lobbyists. They have people who are really in there working the system, and they just don't feel like they know enough about cats in order to start advocating for us. Now, I can talk to them, and I do talk to them, but you have to understand that they're kind of the most powerful legislative team, and they're really just focused on dogs. They don't want to make a misstep by including cats in something that doesn't apply. So, I can tell you I intend to try to be more proactive in that sense. I'm not a registered lobbyist, though, so I'm not sure how far I can get. CFA can't afford to donate money to campaigns. That's a problem, you know. So, we are working together. We do work hard, so I want you to know that. **Mastin:** Carissa, do you have anything further? **Altschul:** No. **Calhoun:** Kathy? I wonder if it could be considered, because I get it. I fully get it that AKC is, they have the volume, they have the dollars, they have the politics, they have all of that that we don't have. But I just wonder if, not to go too far in this

discussion today, but maybe something to consider if, in fact, the cat registries could collaborate together, because what's a problem for one registration for a cattery registered in CFA in Texas is a problem for that cattery that is a TICA cattery. So, there would be more help. The more boots on the ground, noise you can make, money you can generate, town halls you can go to, the more people, the better. This might be an opportunity to do some collaborations. I'm just tossing it out there. I have not had any conversations with anybody regarding this, even if there is a desire to do something. **Shafnisky:** I can tell you that we communicate regularly with TICA's team as well. Pretty much anything that we get that's going to affect cats, we try to share with them, too. They bring things to us if they think we haven't heard about them. So, there is a communication line. There's certainly something that could be looked at in that sense, and certainly, let's put it this way, they're better at raising funds than we are right now, and that's across the board. So, it could be possible that, yes, we can take some ideas from them in order to generate some more dollars and maybe get some more attention on these issues for the cat breeders. **Calhoun:** From a financial standpoint, if in fact the cat world needs a lobbyist or whatever it is, we don't even know what that number would cost, what it would cost to implement that. To say whether or not it's a hands up or hands down, out of our range, or maybe not so much. Or maybe there's some moderation. So, I would appreciate, and I'm sure that all of us would appreciate, at least to have some idea of what that would cost. **Shafnisky:** Absolutely. **Calhoun:** For the next year.

DelaBar: Alene, you said that Pet Week on Capitol Hill is going to be the week of 11 September in your report. **Shafnisky:** Correct. **DelaBar:** A whole week. Not a pet night? No special pet night? **Shafnisky:** Well, Pet Night is usually what we attend. **DelaBar:** OK. **Shafnisky:** The cost has grown significantly to attend that. So, when the budget numbers came back this year, it was not – **DelaBar:** How much money do you need? **Shafnisky:** \$7,500. **DelaBar:** Wow. Really? **Shafnisky:** Yeah. That was kind of our reaction. **DelaBar:** Well, I mean, I've been to Pet Night. I've done it. So yes, you have hotel, you have meals, and it's in an expensive area. Transportation, the whole, you know. **Shafnisky:** That's just for the table. **DelaBar:** Oh, that's for the table? **Shafnisky:** Yeah. That's just for the table. **DelaBar:** That is for the table. And who gets that money? I want to know, does that come under Health and Human Services or does that come – Ag or what? **Shafnisky:** That's a very good question, but they sure are raising a lot of money with it. **DelaBar:** Thank you. **Shafnisky:** Just to let you know, there are some other conventions that we do go to that I'm going to come forward and ask, and they cost significantly less. **Mastin:** Any further questions? Alene, do you have any further comments? Thank you very much.

(12) **PRESERVATION BREEDING COMMITTEE.**

Committee Chair: ***Ginger Meeker (Chair); Jacqui Bennett (Vice Chair)***
Liaison to Board: ***Howard Webster***

List of Committee Members:

Judy Bemis (Recording Secretary)
Joy Yoders
Cathy Dunham
Martha Auspitz
Gwendolyn Lorch, DVM
Connie Hurley, DVM

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

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

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

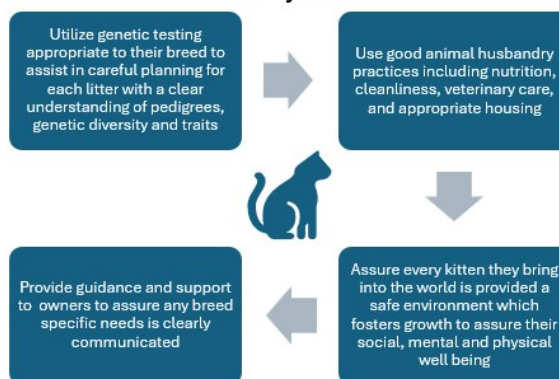
Preservation breeding is:

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

A Preservation Breeder is:

a responsible, educated and ethical individual who breeds to sustain and safeguard their breed to assure its continued existence and produce litters which meets the written breed standard

They will:



Current Happenings of Committee:

- *Countermeasure Status:*
 - *Public – We have created 29 public awareness videos showing 19 of the 45 recognized CFA breeds presented by a diverse population of breeders, judges and exhibitors. These videos, with the dedicated support of Melody Boyd, have accumulated over **1.8 million views in 3 social media platforms***

Description	Presenter	Date Posted	Instagram	Facebook	TikTok	Facebook Link
Sphynx	Jacqui Bennett	5/20/2025	17,610	12,896	9,331	https://www.facebook.com/reel/1366330974643885
Siberian	Kristen Junker	2/27/2025	30,059	7,030	16,108	https://www.facebook.com/reel/1015103443819049
Siamese	Cindy Yanez / Liz Armitage	2/7/2025	36,439	6,232	14,916	https://www.facebook.com/reel/1105683031289949
Bengal	Jacqui Bennet	1/17/2025	45,723	6,073	13,500	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1XsFRACIY9/
Selkirk Rex	Laura Jo Barber	1/6/2025	60,133	6,093		https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1X6hd54FnF/
Burmese	Jennifer Herr	12/30/2024	48,153	6,945	24,745	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/19n1C2a9wL/
Exotic SH	Hope Gonano	12/8/2024	58,308	15,942	19,476	https://www.facebook.com/reel/1610447572882494
Oriental SH	Lynne Von Egidy	12/4/2024	56,257	6,983	12,700	https://www.facebook.com/reel/6750324151726197
Tonkinese Part 2	Sheri Smalls	11/29/2024	63,358	7,877	17,806	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/17iiiG8o6c/
Tonkinese Part 1	Sheri Smalls	11/29/2024	44,921	8,799	10,724	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/15knh1K4i4/
NFC	Michael Shelton	11/23/2024	91,090	9,297	17,775	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1BxMxAaKLX/
What is PB - Exotic	Jacqui Bennet	11/14/2024	78,251	6,032	18,600	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/17w2PTivWU/
Japanese Bobtail	Anne Mathis	11/12/2024	70,277	10,438	20,200	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/15iIX65kRv/
Spmx	Don Williams	11/3/2024	92,155	19,238	45,700	https://www.facebook.com/reel/1547225929237015
HHP and PB	Jacqui Bennet	10/31/2024	49,539	16,000	36,700	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1DYElHVQqd/
BSH	Ginger Meeker	10/11/2024	32,055	8,544	12,890	https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1AdusHijet/
Russian Blue	Teresa Keiger	10/4/2024	20,379	4,600	12,063	https://www.facebook.com/reel/674262114849692
Abyssinian	Don Williams	9/28/2024	39,738	7,305	14,972	https://www.facebook.com/reel/1884280555399218
Devon Rex	Don Williams & Barbara Erie	9/26/2024	26,892	3,846	13,578	https://www.facebook.com/reel/905366371636617
Abyssinian	Martha Auspitz	9/13/2024	36,504	10,600	33,949	https://www.facebook.com/reel/1633361283904417
What is a Pbreeder	Text	8/30/2024	20,995	2,200		https://www.facebook.com/reel/532321159152816
Persian	Linda Lopiano	8/23/2024	37,817	9,971	15,168	https://www.facebook.com/reel/858988539115512
Maine Coon	Elizabeth Nolte	8/16/2024	22,524	2,900		https://www.facebook.com/reel/1466261954765510
Chartreux	Carla Bizzell	8/9/2024	40,800	5,365		https://www.facebook.com/reel/529521006163601
OSH	Ellyn Honey	8/2/2024	40,637	5,100		https://www.facebook.com/reel/514044764486625
Manx	Jacqui Bennet	7/26/2024	33,596	5,100	25,031	https://www.facebook.com/reel/1034759668345347
What is PB	Jacqui Bennet	7/25/2024	31,260	4,400	14,300	https://www.facebook.com/reel/737447125114272
Scottish Fold	Jacqui Bennet	7/19/2024	50,302	7,100	25,748	https://www.facebook.com/reel/1295548184595437
What is PB - Series Announcement	Text Only	7/16/2024	1,127	5,200		https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1YLMcwWUEM/
TOTAL			1,192,791	201,948	405,625	1,800,364

- *Exhibitors – Articles are being created for the “breeders tool box” for the Cat Talk Blog with the assistance of Teresa Keiger*
 - *Siamese and Color Points by Howard Webster complete*
 - *British Shorthair by Ginger Meeker and Kathy Dunham in progress*
 - *Abyssinian by Martha Auspitz in progress*
 - *Manx by Joy Yoder in progress*
 - *How to read a genetics report by Jacqui Bennett in progress*

Future Projections for Committee:

1. *Complete assigned articles for the Breeders Tool Box*
2. *Continue to create social media content*
3. *Work to create talking points for judges with the JPC (CFA Officials Pillar of Countermeasures)*

Time Frame:

2025

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Plans for “Breeder Tool Box” Page

*Respectfully Submitted,
Jacqui Bennett, Vice Chair*

Mastin: Jacqui Bennett, would you come up to the table here, please? Welcome to the meeting. **Bennett:** Thank you. **Mastin:** I saw you walk in. I know Ginger’s not here, so I’m – **Bennett:** I’m Ginger and me. **Mastin:** OK, great. Well, you’re up next. You have Preservation Breeding.

Bennett: Good morning, everybody. I will not take a whole lot of your time. I wanted to let you know the current status and success of the Preservation Breeding Committee. At this point, if you recall, when we first started this Committee, we developed a charter with five pillars, and we have focused very intensely on the first pillar, which is public relations, making sure that the public knows about what preservation breeding is on a breed standpoint and on a CFA standpoint, after we came up with approved definitions that you, the board, approved in one of our first meetings. With the incredible assistance of New Vision Cat Club and Melody Boyd, those videos that we have created – CFA breeders, CFA judges, and CFA exhibitors – have accrued more than two and a half million views on three platforms. They constitute over three quarters of our breeds done by exhibitors, as well as by judges and breed council secretaries, focusing on what preservation breeding is, emphasizing the definition, including preservation breeding videos on the importance of Household Pets as part of preservation breeding, with focus on not creating Household Pets, and spaying and neutering, and understanding pedigreed versus non-pedigreed, and purebred versus non-purebred, and understanding those definitions. We would like to go forward into the next pillars as we move forward into the next year, which includes educational information, both with talking points for our CFA judges, so that we are giving consistent messages in the rings, so everybody is using the same definitions, the same terms, and the same talking points, as well as education for professional organizations, such as rescue organizations, and working with the Marketing team for collateral. So, that is the extent of the Preservation Breeding Committee at this time. Are there any questions? **Mastin:** Pam?

DelaBar: Do you have anyone from outside the U.S. working on this Committee? **Bennett:** At this time, no. We haven’t had any volunteers from outside the U.S. **DelaBar:** Have you called for volunteers? **Bennett:** Yes, we have. **Mastin:** Pam, are you volunteering? **DelaBar:** Yes, I need more to do, Rich. Obviously, I’m – **Newkirk:** She’s just an RD. **Mastin:** I have some openings, so we’ll talk during the break. **DelaBar:** No, no, no. I just want to know, because, you know, there are different focuses that go on, on different continents, and we do have some people that would be, I think, work very well with this group. **Bennett:** We would love to have people from – **DelaBar:** I will make sure I give you their names. **Bennett:** Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. Any further comments, questions? Great job. Thank you. **Bennett:** OK.

(13) ANIMAL WELFARE/BREEDER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

We are continuing to provide rescue and downsize large groups of felines for CFA breeders. Most cases were 15-60 felines per cattery, one cattery had almost 100 felines to downsize (cats were well maintained and premises clean, Animal Control let us downsize as space was available over 9 months), provide vetting and S-N, adoption for a variety of factors.

We provided rescue to four (4) Animal Control cases. Animal Control did not know about BAP and were glad to work with our program. We found we had a couple seniors who were starting to experience dementia, family was unable to talk them into surrender of cats and utility companies notified Animal Control of issues. We have to work very gently through these type cases. It is like starting over every day due to breeder memory issues.

One abandonment case was very stressful as the Breeder disappeared. Family members sent cats to Rescue as they were in terrible shape and refused to talk to anyone. They sent co-owners who contacted them on wild goose chases. Co-owner breeders were in distress as we could not find where the family sent the cats, only one person was able to pick up a cat that was paid for and it was the wrong sex, they discovered at the Vet when shaved.

We provided food and litter to catteries in need including in Region 9. Breeds that went to rescue via our Breed Rescue Program are Long Haired Selkirk, Ragdolls, British Shorthair, American Shorthair, Persian, Tonkinese, Siamese, Ocicat, Bengals, Balinese, Mau, Himalayan, Aby, Maine Coon and Birman: Number of cats that our program handled ~ 472, Number of Purebred FIP kittens cats and kittens treated by our Rescue Partners~74. We have a lot of misinformation going around about FIP and newer Breeders find themselves with 2-3 litters of FIP kittens that need to get to Rescue as they do not have the resources to treat. Many Veterinarians do not have the current FIP information. We are still working to resolve Feline Purchaser sick cat Complaints.

Current Happenings of Committee:

We have been fortunate to work with Nicole Jacque, CA, who is at the forefront of FIP research and treatment with the new drug, GS-441524. She has written numerous papers with Niels C. Pedersen, DVM PhD, Distinguished Professor Emeritus at U.C. Davis, and dedicates her (spare) time to helping cure FIP+ cats and kittens. Nicole has been gracious and shared her knowledge with our Rescue Partners to teach them about the FIP treatment protocol and

breeders who want her help. Our Rescue Partners will also advise, guide and help any Breeders who want help, including the best places to buy the medications at discount.

We are updating our CFA Web pages and forms. Many of our intake forms had to have changes this year. Put are putting together FIP Contact information for anyone who wants help. Many Breeders and Veterinarians do not have the latest information, and this can help them as well to be able to contact Nicole Jacque with Niels C. Pedersen's Office.

Future Projections for Committee:

Research outside fund raising and grant opportunities. Update Web Page graphics.

Encourage all Breeders to get a kitten/cat they sell microchipped, dual register chip (breeder-purchaser) and note microchip # with Vet Health Certificate issued. (Required overseas with many feline sales.) It would help with so many issues. AKC uses microchips for many issues like hip certification etc., it is included with the registration. This will help reunite any lost or stolen felines with their Owners.

Researching other Registries and comparing their Guidelines and Standards to our CFA Standards.

Work on adding a valid Feline Health Certificate to our CFA Breeder Code of Ethics that will be acceptable. Many states like Florida have required Health Certificates for decades. A valid Feline Health Certificate (Current/valid as defined by sellers governing entity, signed by a veterinarian, certificate usually valid for 15-30 days).

Submit an update to the CFA Breeder Code of Ethics, our CFA Minimum Cattery Standards and our Cattery Inspection Form to submit to the CFA BOD. CFA has always been a Leader in these areas.

Time Frame:

TBD

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates from the research to update our forms.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene Campbell, Chair

cc: Linda Berg, President BAP-BRP

Mastin: Animal Welfare, Pam? I haven't seen Charlene yet. **DelaBar:** No, I haven't. **Mastin:** I think she's due in at noon, right? **DelaBar:** No, you told me – **Mastin:** I think it was afternoon, so, why don't you do the review of Animal Welfare? **DelaBar:** I can go through, and I'm sure she's got some points that she definitely wants to emphasize above and beyond this. **Mastin:** OK. **DelaBar:** But you saw how busy, especially the Breed Assistance Program has been. As our population ages, we are seeing in some areas some cognitive declines, but not

declines in the number of their cats. They have worked from anywhere from 15 to 60, in one case, 100 cats that needed to be placed because the breeder-owner could no longer take care of these animals. They have worked on four animal control cases. What happens, these are what we called civil process seizures, and that's when, for whatever reason, animal control comes in, takes the cats. In these cases, they didn't know about CFA's programs, and Charlene and her group were able to really educate them. They received lots of really good feelings from the authorities because of how CFA helped. They've handled approximately 472 cats. They've also been working with litters of FIP kittens and cats, in treating them and overcoming FIP. These are our volunteers that are working on this. They get the sick cat complaints that they follow up on. There's going to be an update on the site on the FIP, giving contact information. The group is also researching the fundraising and grant writing opportunities, because this is an expensive proposition. So again, we're asking for any kind of donations to the Breeder Assistance Program, and to help in these cases. It also works in well with our legislative efforts, because if we show that we're part of the solution rather than just being a problem, it really helps our standing, especially in local communities. Again, I'm going to say, and this is going to be going with Marilee's program, I know – please microchip your cats. If you take them in for a regular veterinary appointment, it doesn't cost that much to microchip. Those of us that have to do it mandatorily, it's just part of the life of being a breeder. Health certificates, at least in the state that we're in right now, it's required if you sell or transfer a cat. Again, these are things that happen in other parts of the world that become part of life. There are actions now at the World Cat Congress level that we're going to be seeing that address not only the legislative aspects of these, but also the health and welfare aspects.

DelaBar: There's no motions or action items at this time, but if you have questions, I would be happy to take them. **Mastin:** I know on the report, it's listed as an action item. I did reach out to Charlene earlier in the week, and she did say that it belonged under future projections, and it was her error when she put it there. As Pam said, no action items at this time. Does anybody have any questions for Pam? **DelaBar:** One other thing, as you know, we had a very prominent person in Europe have some extreme medical difficulties. Again, the cat fancy stepped in, first with the Breeder Assistance Program, on getting her six cats taken care of in a commercial type facility. [phone rings] Ah-ha. Kathy is coming over. **Calhoun:** Can you write me a check? **Bennett:** I set an alarm so I wouldn't be late, because Rachel told me 11:10. **Mastin:** We do not accept excuses. Notice is posted for all in the audience. It will be posted outside the room tomorrow, as well. We encourage you to turn them all on because Kathy wants money. Turn them all on. **Newkirk:** That's called deficit reduction. **DelaBar:** I do want you to know where that originated. **Mastin:** Tell us. We're ahead of schedule. Tell us. **DelaBar:** When I was president, Kathy was sitting there just taking in the dollars. **Mastin:** Continue, Pam. **DelaBar:** One of our well-known fanciers was able to take in the cats, and we are supplementing any veterinary costs there. On two different fronts, we have supported our own. **Mastin:** OK, great. Pam, anything else? **DelaBar:** That's it. **Mastin:** Alright. Thank you very much.

[From end of open session] **DelaBar:** You said that since Charlene came in, you wanted to see if she had anything added to the report. **Mastin:** Yes, yes, yes. Charlene, do you have anything you want to add in addition to your report? Pam reviewed it earlier. Was there anything you want to talk about? **Campbell:** Well, I did come prepared with a speech. **Mastin:** Well, come on up here. Allene, can Charlene sit in between the two of you so she doesn't have to walk all the way up here? **Tartaglia:** Sure. Well, here, why don't you just sit here? **Mastin:** Pam,

thank you for bringing that up. **DelaBar:** I may be old, but my mind has not gone. **Mastin:** Pam, you're not old, you're just getting older.

Campbell: Good morning, everyone. Good morning board members and delegates. I'm Charlene Campbell and the vice-president and the Breeder Assistance Chair on the CFA Animal Welfare team and I would like to give you a look into the Breeder Assistance and Breed Rescue work that we do day in and day out, year round. We are an organization of volunteers. We depend on your donations to continue our work. 98.35% of your contributions goes to assisting CFA cats, and the 1.65% remainder goes to insurance and government filings. Many thanks to all who have donated to the Breeder Assistance Program and the Breed Rescue Program over this and the past years, and to the board for your generous donations that enable us to continue our service.

Campbell: So, maybe you wonder what we do. We assist when breeders need help. It may be providing food and litter in times of need, such as the aftermath of hurricanes, fires or loss of income, or breeder illness or disability. Just an example, we did provide, with the help of CFA, to everyone that was devastated by the back-to-back hurricanes. We also assist overwhelmed or incapacitated breeders to downsize their catteries so that they may stay in CFA with a limited amount of cats, and we respond to assist when breeders are contacted by animal control to rescue and place CFA cats, so they don't go into an animal control shelter, because they do not fare well there. This year, we helped with rescues, downsizing quite a number of catteries – many catteries with 50-60 felines and one cattery with 100 felines to downsize. Fortunately, many of the cats were healthy and their living space was well maintained on the 100. It took us 9 months to move those cats out because they were in California, and as you know there were fires. With all the overwhelmed rescues, we were actually transporting them around the country. Sadly, some situations were so sad that none of us would want to see. In the past, Breeder Assistance and Breed Rescue provided rescue services for our animal control cases. Animal control did not know about the Breeder Assistance Program and was glad to work with our program to help cats go to fosters who understand pedigreed cats, and could help get some of them back to co-owners. We have dealt with situations with breeders experiencing dementia. That's one of the harder ones, which needs gentle help to surrender cats in one situation where the breeder's family actually called animal control, not knowing what else to do, because they were not aware of Breeder Assistance. So, we were able to step in and help bring those cats into our Program.

Campbell: In the past season, we assisted longhair Selkirks, Ragdolls, British Shorthairs, American Shorthairs, Persians, Tonkinese, Siamese, Ocicats, Bengals, Balinese, Egyptian Maus, Maine Coons, Birmans – all CFA cats. We assisted 472 surrendered cats that needed future care. When cats are taken in by our foster partners, they are vet checked, tested, treated as needed when they have a positive diagnosis. Our foster partners assure that they receive excellent care until they are adopted by appropriate families. Many of these cats that come from catteries that have fallen through the cracks are very sick. They can stay in the rescue from 6 to 8 months until they are rehabilitated, to be able to go to a proper home. We treated 74 cats and kittens with FIP through our fabulous rescue partners. Some of these cats and kittens came to us with 2 or 3 litters of kittens with FIP. Thanks to starting treatment quickly, only one did not survive. We're going to have a hand-out with FIP because there's a non-profit place for breeders to buy their medications which is less expensive. We are fortunate to work with Nicole Jacques, who is at the

forefront of the FIP research, and worked with Niels Pedersen, M.D., from UC-Davis. He spends his spare time working with rescue partners to teach them about FIP treatment protocol with the newest drug, the GS-411524. Thanks to her support, our rescue partners are up to date on FIP treatment and protocols, and are ready to help any breeder that gets overwhelmed with FIP kittens. They don't have to die. We can take them. Breed Assistance can help with information about the treatment protocols, the best places to buy medications, recommendations for your vet at a discount. So, if you have a breeder and they are unsure what to do, our fosters will actually hold their hands through the full 84 day process and help guide them along all the way through.

Campbell: Any of us may need help at some point. CFA Breeder Assistance and Breed Rescue, with your donations and help, is here to assist when life is so difficult that you need to think about asking for help. We are here to help CFA cats and their people with care and confidentiality. We breeders and exhibitors are a proud crew. You can be sure that we will help in complete confidentiality. If you or a breeder friend needs help, Breeder Assistance and Breed Rescue is here to help. This weekend, visit our table at the meeting Friday and we will look forward to answering any questions. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Charlene. Does anybody have any questions for Charlene? Charlene, thank you very much.

(14) SHOW HALL TECHNOLOGY.

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

The committee reported the following at the April 2025 board meeting. Additional updates are included below.

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.

Dynamic Edge has finished the electronic catalog and the committee members who are also entry clerks are currently reviewing and testing the electronic catalog. We are pushing the rollout date back to the second quarter of the 2025-2026 show season, so the committee has time to work with the show rules committee on needed additions/changes to the show rules. This work is in conjunction with the entry clerking program enhancement committee.

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.

All clubs, judges, master clerks, and entry clerks asked to participate in the beta test accepted the challenge. The committee would like to thank the following clubs and individuals for participating.

April 4-5-25 Cow Hill Cat Club

Judges: Marilee Griswold, Karen Godwin, and Jacqui Bennett

*Master Clerk: Paula Noble
Entry Clerk Sheryl Zink*

April 4-12-25 Show Ma Cat Fanciers

*Judges: Kathy Calhoun, Pam DeGolyer, and Kathy Black
Master Clerk: Jeff Phipps
Entry Clerk: Cathy Dunham*

April 4-19-25 North Texas Cat Club

*Judges: Darrell Newkirk, Rachel Anger, and Nancy Dodds
Master Clerk: Paula Noble
Entry Clerk: Sheryl Zink*

We would also like to thank Jan Rogers, Bethany Colilla and central office. Jan asked to try the one-part paper in addition to the judges in the beta test and Bethany experienced the one-part paper when her judges' book was printed backwards at a show. Also, a show in China did not receive their show package and had to use one-part paper for their show. Central office was a great help in determining all the forms that could be reduced to one-part for the show hall. The committee feels the test was a success with very positive comments from all involved. We are confident the judges will make the transition with minimal impact on their routine in the ring. This committee chair has been invited to the judge's workshop to talk about the process and answer any questions. I look forward to a lively discussion with our judges.

We have worked with the show rules committee on the affected show rules. Those changes will be presented for the board's approval during the show rules committee report.

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.

This project has been pushed back to the second quarter of the 2025-2026 show season so the show rules and programming can be finished.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The committee continues to work on projects 1 and 3 above

Future Projections for Committee:

Beta testing for project 3 will start in the second quarter of the 2025-2026 show season.

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: Cathy Dunham, come on up here to the hot seat and take us right to the first break, OK? You have three in a row here. You start with Show Hall Technology, correct?

Dunham: Good morning, everyone. The only addition I have to the Show Technology Committee report is something that just happened recently. Due to a personal issue of my own, I was the entry clerk for the Midwest regional show this past weekend, and I was unable to provide the multi-part paper to the judges as I would normally do. I did let all the judges know that, and so they all graciously took on the challenge of using one-part paper throughout the entire show. Now, a majority of those judges had already been part of the beta test that I talk about in the report, but there were judges that had not experienced it that took the challenge on, and I think handled it very graciously. So, that's the only update to this report I have. If you have any questions, let me know. **Mastin:** Questions? No questions.

(15) ENTRY CLERK PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE.

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Work continues with the IT department and the show technology committee to develop an electronic version of the catalog with a link that can be sent to exhibitors. It has been agreed upon to push the rollout date back to the second quarter of the 2025-2026 show season, so the committees have time to work with the show rules committee on needed additions/changes to the show rules for electronic exhibitor catalogs.

With the new show rules effective May 19, 2025 concerning all kittens must have a registration number or TRN to enter a show, the committee worked with the IT department to add additional checks and balances to the on-line entry form and the entry clerking program. The changes now alert exhibitors and entry clerks that a registration number or TRN are required to enter a kitten in a show.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The committee continues to review the program for areas of improvement. To help our entry clerks we are consulting with the IT department to determine if entries can be added to the entry clerking program in bulk instead of individually.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue to identify possible enhancements to the program.

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

Ongoing

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Update on ongoing projects.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Dunham, Chair*

Dunham: The second report is the Entry Clerking Program Enhancement Committee report. Really, I have nothing to add to the report, so if you have any questions, I'm happy to address them.

Mastin: Questions? Darrell. **Newkirk:** So, can you explain to me, and all of us, why is there a discrepancy between online and breed summaries? How can those numbers not align with one another? **Dunham:** Happy to address that. Typically, what happens is, entry clerks receive the entries into a database. That database is what calculates the online tally. So, it's just kitten entry comes in, it gets put in the kitten tally, championship comes in. What happens, though, is when I, as an entry clerk, look at the particular entry, it may be the wrong category. So, they may enter the cat as a kitten because the exhibitor thinks it's a kitten, but when I put it in the system because of the birth date of the animal, it's really an open in championship or an open in premiership or whatever. So, that does not translate to the tally, but it gets put in the breed summary correctly because I actually entered a cat correctly in the right category. So, that's one way a discrepancy can happen. Another way is, exhibitors get anxious about hitting the submit button on the online entry form and they might hit it a couple of times because they don't think it's going through fast enough and they're in a hurry and they're concerned about the closing deadline. So, it generates what we call "duplicate entries." So, I obviously am not going to put the cat in twice. The system won't let me do that. So, again, there could be a discrepancy because there's two entries in a tally, but I'm only processing one of them and I mark the second one as a duplicate entry. The third way something could be out of sync is, entry clerks ask exhibitors that are doing substitutions of animals to actually submit the entry for the substitution through the online system and put a – there's comments and they say, "I'm substituting A cat for B cat," you know, or whatever. So, those go into the tally, but they're not really an additional entry. We're just substituting cats in and out. So, those are the three main ways that a tally can be different than a breed summary. **Newkirk:** I've got two follow-up questions. So, once they submit an online entry, it's entered in that database and it's not taken out. So, it's there. OK. Is there a scenario where the online count would be less than the breed summary? **Dunham:** Less than the breed summary? You just should not be unless there's a manipulation that's going on that – **Altschul:** She just stated a time where it could, if somebody tries to enter one as a kitten and then she has to move it into championship. **Dunham:** Well, that's true. **Altschul:** And additionally, the show last weekend, somebody entered a cat in championship and when they got to the show, they went, "oops, it's actually a premier," so, it made the premier count at the show actually higher than even what the breed summary showed because they entered it the wrong class. So, those kinds of things would cause a discrepancy where someone did use the online entry form correctly, but they entered the wrong class. **Dunham:** Yes, and it happens. It happens. I'm not going to say that I'm not infallible as an entry clerk and I selected the wrong category and the cat went into it. I mean, it happens. Entry clerks are human, too. We make mistakes. That's why we ask you to check the confirmation. **Newkirk:** So, if a cat is entered with the online system and there's an error and even if you correct it, that would add another tick to the online count. **Dunham:** No. If the original entry came in in the scenario of a cat being in the wrong category, the entry is going to come in in the original category. So, if a cat was entered by the exhibitor as a kitten, it's always going to stay in the kitten tally no matter what I do on the breed summary side. So, then if I correct it and put it in championship, for example, where it's supposed to go, then the breed summary will have an extra cat in championship, but the tally will not because I'm not changing the original entry. That's staying in the database as it was submitted by the exhibitor. **Newkirk:** So, what happens when a show has an entry limit of say 90 or 100 and they get 130 entries through the online system? **Dunham:** OK, so entry clerks that have that scenario happen, they can shut the entry form down manually if we need to and that's a decision that's made by the club, not really the entry clerk. So, in that scenario, I would go to you, Darrell, and

say, “hey, Las Vegas Cat Club, I’ve reached your entry limit. What do you want me to do? Do you want me to take a waiting list, which means I would leave the entries open and they can still come in, but I know where I hit my limit in the software, or do you want me to close that form down so no more entries can come in and we’re not taking substitutions, we’re not doing anything. This is what the count is, this is it, we’re done.” That’s a decision the club would have to make and then I would abide by that. If we leave entries open in that scenario, then somebody could say to me, Exhibitor A could say, “hey, I can no longer show the cat I entered, can I substitute a cat?”, and I will say, “I’ll take your substitution, but I have to have another cat to do that.” You know, I won’t take a cat out unless I have a cat to put in when I’ve reached an entry limit. That’s the general policy that the entry clerks have used in the past. **Newkirk:** OK, so we have cutoff times for entries. **Dunham:** Yes. **Newkirk:** OK, so how can an entry clerk, once the online system is shut down taking entries, can an entry clerk go in and add cats? **Dunham:** Well, the system will allow you to do that. It’s a two-part system, and I think that’s where people are getting confused. The online entry form that an exhibitor submits their entry through, that’s the process that cuts off at a designated day and time. But, as an entry clerk, I may not get all those entries in at that designated day and time if I’m not sitting right on top of it. OK, so then I might work the next day and enter cats in the entry clerking program from that database, which I can do, and I still have other work to do for the club in the system. **Newkirk:** So, I understand that, but if a cat is not in that database, are they able to enter a cat outside when they were supposed to put it in the online entry? **Dunham:** Yes. The technical answer is yes. The policy is no. And I’m just being honest. **Newkirk:** Well, I mean, we’re having issues. **Dunham:** I understand. **Newkirk:** And so I’m trying to clarify this in my mind so I know how to respond. **Dunham:** Once that day and time is hit, no additional entry should be accepted once the online system closes. Now, you know, is there a scenario where I might take a substitution of a cat after the closing date and time? Maybe, you know, but it would have to be a pretty good excuse from the exhibitor. And I mean, pretty substantial for me to do that. Otherwise, when that day and time comes, I’m done taking entries other than what’s in the database and putting it in the show. **Newkirk:** So, in the ID, we have an issue with – I’m checking to make sure that the online link is on the show flyer for people to enter those cats in their show, but things are hard to change because they have entered by email and they have entered by WeChat for years, and so it’s a slow process trying to get these people – I mean, I have posted it a dozen times. **Dunham:** And I appreciate that. **Newkirk:** You have to enter online. So, I just want to make sure that I understand the process so that I know that people are cheating. **Dunham:** Absolutely, and I’m happy to join your I/O group for questions. I’m happy to be on any Zoom meetings you want. I mean, I’ll do whatever I can to help you do the education, because that not only helps them, but it helps us in Central Office when the show packets actually come in. **Mastin:** All set, Darrell? **Newkirk:** Thank you. Yeah, I’m set. **Mastin:** Thank you. Carol, you had your hand up earlier. **Krzanowski:** Carissa made the comments that I intended to make. **Mastin:** Marilee? **Griswold:** Is there any way to know if an entry clerk is entering entries that have not come from online? **Dunham:** There is. It would be something that that someone would have to request the data, the backside data, from the entry clerking software so that we could match up when those entries were actually entered into the system. **Griswold:** So, you can compare the online entry counts to the breed summary count? You can tell? **Dunham:** I can match that. The data from the entry clerking program, I can match to what was actually in the entry database. So, I can match them up and see what was in the database at the time it closed versus what was entered in the system. That’s how some of the previous discussions took place and how that research happened.

Griswold: So, the online entry count we see here, it doesn't have any cat information, obviously, but all of that is in your system somewhere if we need to go check and we can actually compare this entry, was it in the database. **Dunham:** Yes. Somebody just has to request that and I can work with James to have that data pulled.

Mastin: Vicki? **Jensen:** I have a question. You said that, you know, an example of when somebody enters a cat as a kitten, that it's really an open and you're doing a substitution.

Dunham: No, it's not a substitution. **Jensen:** Well, that's right. When you do that, you know, put that cat in, are you going in and entering it through the online system again or not? **Dunham:** No. It's the original entry, but in that example, based on the birthdate of the cat, the system won't let me enter it as a kitten if it's eight months old. It just won't let me do that. So, then I have to determine if it's an open in championship or an open and premiership. Sometimes that's an email back to the exhibitor saying, is the cat spayed, neutered or whole, or I enter it as I think it should be and when I send the confirmation back in the email, I say, "please check your confirmation carefully because there was a birthdate discrepancy and I have entered it as such and such."

Jensen: So the cat's not showing up twice? **Dunham:** No. **Jensen:** My other question, and I don't know if it's a question for you or for James, on the show entry online thing, you know, when you look at it, it has, *Note, these counts represent only entries submitted via the online form. They do not include entries that may have been submitted to the entry clerk in any other manner, such as regional or club online entry form, fax, postal, mail, etc.* I mean, if we're only accepting online entries, shouldn't we be deleting that note? **Dunham:** Well, we can delete the note, but I will say this. I personally, as an entry clerk, have not had it happen for a while, but I used to get email entries from especially exhibitors that were not technologically advanced and they were having trouble with the online system, and if I got that email, I went in and I put it through the online system. I have that ability. I mean, I can go in and do that anywhere. **Jensen:** No, but do you see how that might make people think that it's acceptable to send them in by fax? I mean, having that out there. **Dunham:** Yeah, it's just, that was the language that was out there to begin with because we were still accepting email entries and faxes at some point in time. But yeah, we can take it out. That's not a problem. **Mastin:** Vicki, thank you. Carol?

Krzanowski: Yes, I did have a question regarding substitutions and how those are handled. If the online entry system has been shut down, either by their prescribed date in time or before if the show is filled, how are substitutions handled after that point? If they cannot enter through the online system, do they send it to you via email? **Dunham:** They can, but I very seldom take them that way because I want it documented in the database that an entry came in. That's me personally as an entry clerk. Now, other entry clerks may take them via email and they may go ahead and do the substitutions, but the general policy is we don't do it after the date that's closed. **Krzanowski:** I understand, but if the show should happen to close earlier than the prescribed date, and they want to make the substitution. **Dunham:** That's a decision for the club to make. **Krzanowski:** And then entries would be accepted via email? **Dunham:** Yeah, probably. But I will say most clubs, if they hit their entry limit early, they will leave entries open until the actual true Monday at 11:59, so that we have the ability to take those. **Krzanowski:** OK. **Dunham:** So, it's a club decision, but very seldom do they ever close it early. **Krzanowski:** Thank you.

Mastin: Any further questions specific to the Program Enhancements? Do you have any additional comments you need to make, Cathy? Any additional comments on Program Enhancements? **Dunham:** No.

(16) ENTRY CLERK PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Work continues on the video library. The committee notified entry clerks of new show rules that affect their work clubs and exhibitors. This notification was done through our groups.io list. The committee has continued to answer questions for entry clerks as they arise.

Current Happenings of Committee:

We welcome Keiko Kishimoto, Japan, to the entry clerking family. To help train new entry clerks and provide refresher for all entry clerks, the committee is planning a series of zoom meetings throughout the balance of the 2025-2026 show season. All entry clerks are welcome to attend multiple sessions. Dates and times will be announced as they are determined.

Future Projections for Committee:

Planning the zoom meeting agendas and answering questions as needed.

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: Do you want to do Entry Clerk Program Committee? **Dunham:** It's pretty short and sweet. We're just adding new entry clerks to the system as they come up. We're working with one now from Japan and if you have any questions, let me know. I will say that going forward into the new cycle, the two committees are going to be combined into one. There's no reason to have two. **Mastin:** Any questions, Pam? **DelaBar:** I do remember when we came up with the requirement that everybody enter through the CFA entry clerk program, and with adding new areas to this requirement, that we said that at the beginning, we were going to be a little bit understanding, knowing that we're going into areas that did not use English as a primary language, and that this was an entirely new concept, because we had accepted even in the U.S.,

not everybody that goes to show has a computer and has access to enter through eCats, and that we were going to be a little bit more educational than protestable. I hope this is still carrying through. **Dunham:** That's the way I approach it. I view education as the key to any area's success. Like I told Darrell earlier, I'm willing to be on any Zoom meeting for any area to help educate. Just let me know. I'll make it work. **Mastin:** OK. Cathy, thank you.

Mastin: We're going to take a break, but we're going to need you to return for Show Rules, OK? **Dunham:** Yes. **Mastin:** 10:36. We'll break until 10:51.

BREAK.

(17) SHOW RULES COMMITTEE.

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

Mastin: OK, we're going to go on to agenda item #17, Show Rules. Before I turn it over to Ed, Carol, are you a standing motion on all action items? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I am. **Mastin:** I need a second. Kenny, I saw your hand first. You will be the second. Thank you. And Cathy is with us. Thank you. OK, Ed. **Raymond:** First of all, an apology. I really thought we were going to get through a meeting without you hearing from me about show rules, but it wasn't to be.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Committee was recently asked to investigate the Grand of Distinction (GOD) requirement for a cat in Hawaii for the 2020-2021 show season. SR 28.08 provides that, for cats in Hawaii, 10 finals were required for the 2020-2021 show season to count as a qualifying season, despite there only being two shows, with a total of 8 rings, held in Hawaii that season.

The Committee Chair reviewed all of the board minutes from 2019-2021 to gain an understanding of the COVID-era changes made to SR 28.08 and discovered the following:

10/5/2019 – Board lowered the GOD qualifying season requirement for Hawaii to 10 finals

4/1/2020 – Board reduced the GOD qualifying season requirement for Hawaii to 6 finals for the 2019-2020 show season (20 finals for everyone else)

12/1/2020 – Voting on a motion presented by a special committee of Pam DelaBar and Sharon Roy, the Board approved substitute language for SR 28.08 which, for the 2020-2021 season, reduced the numbers of finals required for Hawaii to 5 (15 for everyone else)

2/6/2021 – Show Rules Committee (Monte) brings forth a show rule change that purports to incorporate the previously passed changes. It restates the non-COVID requirements of 10 finals for Hawaii and 30 for everyone else but states that those requirements are halved for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 show seasons. This brings the requirement for Hawaii down to 5 finals for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 seasons. Board passes this motion by unanimous consent.

3/16/2021 – Central Office brings motion requesting clarification of the 2019-2020 requirement – 20 finals as passed on 4/1/2020 OR 15 finals as passed on 2/6/2021. Board takes position that 20 finals was the requirement for 2019-2020 and fails motion to reduce to 15 rings. No mention of Hawaii is made but, based on the foregoing, it is assumed that the Hawaii requirement for 2019-2020 remained at six.

4/20/2021 – Board passes motion to continue the 2020-2021 requirements for GOD for the 2021-2022 season.

10/2/2021 – Show Rules Committee report (Monte) includes a show rule change which purports to effectuate the change approved at the April 20, 2021 meeting and which brings SR 28.08 to its current language. However, the actual language of the show rule change was not voted on because the belief was that the change has been approved at the previous board meeting.

Phillips: #5 I don't know if you need to vote on it. It was already voted on basically in April of this year. It's the Grand of Distinction requirements for the 2021-2022 show season. The decision back then was to make them the same as they were for the 2020-2021 season. That's what this does. There's two rules associated with Grand of Distinction; one for Household Pets, one for everybody else. **Newkirk:** And they have already been amended. Is that correct, Monte? **Phillips:** Correct. **Newkirk:** So I don't think we need to vote on it. **Phillips:** No. I think it has already been passed. We're done with that one. **Newkirk:** Yes, let's go to the next one.

Unfortunately, the language which this "motion" amended was NOT the language that the Board approved on 2/6/2021. Instead, it seems to amend a prior version of the show rule which leaves out the 5 finals requirement for Hawaii for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

The Committee has prepared the show rule change set forth below for the Board's consideration to reflect how SR 28.08 should read, based on the Board's prior votes.

If this change passes, the cat on whose behalf the question was raised, Samwell Tarly, will achieve GOD status because it made 6 finals in the 2020-2021 show season, thereby giving the cat three (3) qualifying seasons. Given the reduced requirements for qualifying seasons in Hawaii for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, Central Office will need to review its records to see if other cats in Hawaii also achieved qualifying seasons in 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

Board Action Item:

1. Amend Show Rule 28.08 retroactive to May 1, 2020, to correct the number of finals required for a qualifying GOD season in Hawaii for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 show seasons.

Article XXVIII – Obtaining Titles – Grands, amend 28.08	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
28.08 Any cat that achieves 30 or more top 10/top 15 finals per season in three separate seasons is eligible for the "Grand of Distinction" title (abbreviated GCD or GPD). At least 20 of these finals in each season must be in Allbreed rings. Exception to be made for Hawaii to achieve a Grand of Distinction title: any cat that achieves 10 or more finals per season in three separate seasons shall be eligible to claim the "Grand of Distinction"	28.08 Any cat that achieves 30 or more top 10/top 15 finals per season in three separate seasons is eligible for the "Grand of Distinction" title (abbreviated GCD or GPD). At least 20 of these finals in each season must be in Allbreed rings. Exception to be made for Hawaii to achieve a Grand of Distinction title: any cat that achieves 10 or more finals per season in three separate seasons shall be eligible to claim the "Grand of Distinction"	

title. Nine of the ten finals must be Allbreed rings. These finals may be achieved in either championship or premiership class, or a combination, in each season. Exception for ring requirements also to be made for the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 show seasons. For the 2019-2020 show season, the requirement for finals is 20, except for Hawaii, where the requirement is six. For the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 show seasons, the requirements for finals is 15 total rings. For the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 show seasons, there is no requirement that any final be achieved in a particular type of ring (allbreed or specialty). For a final to count toward this award, there must be at least two cats in that final. The “of distinction” suffix will be added to the title corresponding to the class in which the cat competed in the third season with the requisite finals. Cats who have achieved this title will still compete in the regular Grand Champion/Grand Premier classes. This title will be automatically added to a cat’s record once the requirements have been met.	title. Nine of the ten finals must be Allbreed rings. These finals may be achieved in either championship or premiership class, or a combination, in each season. Exception for ring requirements also to be made for the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 show seasons. For the 2019-2020 show season, the requirement for finals is 20, except for Hawaii, where the requirement is six. For the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 show seasons, the requirements for finals is 15 total rings, <u>except for Hawaii where the requirement is five.</u> For the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 show seasons, there is no requirement that any final be achieved in a particular type of ring (allbreed or specialty). For a final to count toward this award, there must be at least two cats in that final. The “of distinction” suffix will be added to the title corresponding to the class in which the cat competed in the third season with the requisite finals. Cats who have achieved this title will still compete in the regular Grand Champion/Grand Premier classes. This title will be automatically added to a cat’s record once the requirements have been met.
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Raymond: The first item that we have was a request that came from Howard to look at the Grand of Distinction requirements for a cat in Hawaii for the 2020-2021 show season. The show rule requirement for that show season for Grand of Distinction in Hawaii required a cat to achieve more finals than there were rings in Hawaii. Where is Howard? **Mastin:** I don’t know. I think he stepped out. **Raymond:** I went through and did some research and went through the board minutes from 1999 through 2021, and the Grand of Distinction requirements changed a number of times, but the final version that is currently in the show rule came before the board in 2021, and there was a belief that the language had already been approved in prior board meetings, and therefore it wasn’t voted on the actual language of the show rule. It turns out that language that was proposed and is currently in the show rules omitted the exception for Hawaii for a lower Grand of Distinction requirement for two seasons. So, going back, I presented to you as item #1 an amended show rule to correct the number of finals required for qualifying Grand of Distinction season in Hawaii for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 show seasons. If you pass this, the cat in question that prompted this evaluation will achieve a Grand of Distinction based on that season, and Central Office will need to take a look at other cats in Hawaii to see if they also might have any other cats that might have achieved a Grand of Distinction because of this change.

Mastin: Questions? Any discussion? I wish Howard was here, because he was – Vicki? **Jensen:** So, this is about a cat from four years ago? **Raymond:** It’s about that. So, Grand of Distinction requires that to achieve a certain number of finals in each season over a three-season period, and those three seasons do not need to be consecutive. **Jensen:** Is there a reason that this wasn’t brought up before? **Raymond:** No idea. **Mastin:** I don’t think it was discovered until

recently. I don't know. That's why it wasn't brought up before. I'm going to make a recommendation that we table this until Howard comes back in the room. **Jensen:** OK. **Calhoun:** He's coming. **Mastin:** Is there a fee if you don't return to the meeting in time, Kathy? **Calhoun:** It wasn't pre-noticed. **Mastin:** You might want to think about that. Sorry Vicki, I don't have all the answers. This came to us from Howard. **Calhoun:** He's coming. **Jensen:** So should we skip it until he comes back? **Mastin:** Yeah, let's table. Carol, are you OK tabling this? **Krzanowski:** Yes. **Mastin:** Kenny, you OK? **Currle:** No problem. [Transcript goes to Item #2]

Mastin: Howard, welcome back to the meeting. We tabled the first item. Kathy is working on a fee for you not being here on time. She'll get with you later in the day. **Webster:** Sorry, folks. **Mastin:** There are questions. There is a question on this first action item. It came from Vicki. So, Vicki, go ahead and ask your question. **Jensen:** Oh, well, my first question was, this is about a cat from four years ago. And my second question was, is there a reason this wasn't brought up four years ago? **Webster:** I don't know why that wasn't. It was just brought to my attention this year, and they asked. **Mastin:** Is it a cat from four years ago? **Webster:** Yeah, it was almost finished when they hit the three-year mark, or the pandemic. **Mastin:** OK. And you don't know the answer to the other question. Cathy Dunham, do you know, maybe? **Dunham:** I think I do. The cat in question had two seasons before the pandemic, one of which is the season that the information was omitted from the show rule. The third season the cat just completed, but when we looked at the cat, it appeared that it needed X number more finals to complete and the owner brought it to our attention that the show rule was inaccurate. Howard was informed of that and we're just trying to correct the show rule on what it should be for all seasons so that this cat can go ahead and be a Grand of Distinction and we'll review any other cats that fall into that category. **Mastin:** Great. Thank you, Cathy. Darrell? **Newkirk:** So several years ago, maybe just before the pandemic, Donna Fujie, I was judging one of her shows, and she is the one that informed me that there was an impossibility for a cat from Hawaii to reach its Grand of Distinction because the number required was more than the number of total rings they had in Hawaii. They have three shows and there's usually four rings, occasionally five. I think last year they had four shows. So, I brought this to the board a long time ago and I thought it was all taken care of but apparently something was missing or overlooked. You know, these things happen, as they say, so we're doing the right thing here. It doesn't matter when it's brought to the board. It's an issue. There was a mistake. We need to correct it and so I'm fully supportive of this. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. Is there any further discussion? Are there any objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Brief Summation of Other Committee Activities:

The Show Technology Committee and Central Office have been piloting the replacement of multi-part show forms with single sheet forms. The following show rules changes are required to effectuate that change, which will be effective on August 1, 2025.

Mastin: Ed, let's go on to the second one. **Raymond:** OK. The remainder of the show rule changes that you have in this packet deal with changing show rules as a result of the migration from multi-part paper to single sheet paper at shows. So, both the forms the judges use and the catalog correction slips that exhibitors would fill out.

Board Action Item:

2. *Amend Show Rule 10.23 to provide a way for exhibitors to retain a copy of a correction slip.*

Article X: Benching/Check In – Amend 10.23. c		Show Technology Committee and Central Office	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
10.23 Correction of entry information: a. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility, upon arrival at the show, to confirm that the registration number, region/area of residence, the color/tabby pattern, and other entry information as printed in the catalog is correct. b. Transfers of ownership must be reported to the master clerk, and a correction slip must be filled out by the new owner, or agent indicating the correct name(s) of the owner. c. If any of the entry information as printed in the catalog is in error, or a registration number has not been printed in the catalog, it is the exhibitor’s responsibility to provide corrections of the information printed in error and/or the lacking registration number to the master clerk or the Entry Clerk or their designee (individual handling check-in), as appropriate. An official catalog correction request form must be used and the exhibitor submitting the form must obtain a copy of the catalog correction form signed by the master clerk, or designated representative, showing the correct information has been supplied for corrections of erroneous or missing entry information involving the name, registration number, birth date, ownership, region of residence of the cat, or competitive category (Novice, Open, Champion, Premier, Grand Champion, Grand Premier, Household Pet). This receipt should be retained by the exhibitor in the event any question might arise at a future date regarding an entry. For erroneous information regarding sex, age, col or/tab by pattern, color class, competitive category (changes to or from Grand Champion/Grand Premier only) or competitive class of the cat, the correction must be made on the absentee/transfer sheet with the entry clerk or their designee (individual handling check-in), or, if check-in is completed, with each ring clerk prior to the cat being judged. Correction of		10.23 Correction of entry information: a. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility, upon arrival at the show, to confirm that the registration number, region/area of residence, the color/tabby pattern, and other entry information as printed in the catalog is correct. b. Transfers of ownership must be reported to the master clerk, and a correction slip must be filled out by the new owner, or agent indicating the correct name(s) of the owner. c. If any of the entry information as printed in the catalog is in error, or a registration number has not been printed in the catalog, it is the exhibitor’s responsibility to provide corrections of the information printed in error and/or the lacking registration number to the master clerk or the Entry Clerk or their designee (individual handling check-in), as appropriate. An official catalog correction request form must be used and the exhibitor submitting the form must obtain a copy <u>(photo)</u> of the catalog correction form signed by the master clerk, or designated representative, showing the correct information has been supplied for corrections of erroneous or missing entry information involving the name, registration number, birth date, ownership, region of residence of the cat, or competitive category (Novice, Open, Champion, Premier, Grand Champion, Grand Premier, Household Pet). This receipt <u>(photo)</u> should be retained by the exhibitor in the event any question might arise at a future date regarding an entry. For erroneous information regarding sex, age, color/tabby pattern, color class, competitive category (changes to or from Grand Champion/Grand Premier only) or competitive class of the cat, the correction must be made on the absentee/transfer sheet with the entry clerk or their designee (individual handling check-in), or, if check-in is completed, with each ring clerk prior to the cat	

erroneous information regarding the sire, dam, or breeder is not required. Changes to titles within the Bronze/Silver/Gold tiers of Champion and Premier are not required. d. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to submit the completed catalog correction request form to the master clerk no later than four (4) hours prior to the published or announced closing hour on the final day of the show. The master clerk is not required to accept catalog correction requests submitted after the cutoff time specified above.	being judged. Correction of erroneous information regarding the sire, dam, or breeder is not required. Changes to titles within the Bronze/Silver/Gold tiers of Champion and Premier are not required. d. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to submit the completed catalog correction request form to the master clerk no later than four (4) hours prior to the published or announced closing hour on the final day of the show. The master clerk is not required to accept catalog correction requests submitted after the cutoff time specified above.
RATIONALE: With the implementation of one-part paper for judges and master clerks effective August 1, 2025 the show rules need to provide a way for exhibitors to retain a copy of a correction slip.	

Raymond: #2 is an amendment to Show Rule 10.23 to provide a way for exhibitors to retain a copy of a correction slip. That would be by taking a photo of it, once it's signed by the master clerk. **Mastin:** Cathy Dunham, comments on this? **Dunham:** Nope. **Mastin:** OK, questions, discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3. *Amend Show Rule 12.01 to remove reference to multiple copies of forms.*

Article XII: Show Recordkeeping – Amend 12.01	Show Technology Committee and Central Office	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
12.01 All judges' color class sheets must be signed by the judge. All judges shall mark the Best and Second Best of Breed or Division as well as Best Champion of Breed or Division and Best Premier of Breed or Division on the judges' color class sheets, if the judge determines these awards at the completion of judging the breed or division. If the breed or division wins are not awarded at the completion of the breed or division, the judge's sheet will be submitted to the master clerk without the wins marked. All judges must initial all error corrections. All judges' finals sheets must be completed, including the titles for cats receiving finals awards in the Championship and Premiership classes, and signed by the judge at the completion of finals. Judges' color class sheets and finals sheets must be checked and initialed by the chief ring clerk. The official CFA (white) copies of the judges' color class sheets must be checked and initialed by the chief ring clerk and the master	12.01 All judges' color class sheets must be signed by the judge. All judges shall mark the Best and Second Best of Breed or Division as well as Best Champion of Breed or Division and Best Premier of Breed or Division on the judges' color class sheets, if the judge determines these awards at the completion of judging the breed or division. If the breed or division wins are not awarded at the completion of the breed or division, the judge's sheet will be submitted to the master clerk without the wins marked. All judges must initial all error corrections. All judges' finals sheets must be completed, including the titles for cats receiving finals awards in the Championship and Premiership classes, and signed by the judge at the completion of finals. Judges' color class sheets and finals sheets must be checked and initialed by the chief ring clerk. The official CFA (white) copies of the judges' color class sheets must be checked and initialed by the chief ring clerk and the master clerk.	

clerk. The judges' finals sheets must be checked and signed by the master clerk. The master clerk must immediately post the sheets in a manner readily accessible to all exhibitors. Awards as posted are final and may not be changed except as provided by show rule 12.15.	The judges' finals sheets must be checked and signed by the master clerk. The master clerk must immediately post the sheets in a manner readily accessible to all exhibitors. Awards as posted are final and may not be changed except as provided by show rule 12.15.
RATIONALE: With the implementation of one-part paper for judges and master clerks effective August 1, 2025 the references to multiple copies need to be removed from the show rules.	

Mastin: Ed, #3. **Raymond:** #3 amends Show Rule 12.01 to remove references to multiple copies of forms. **Mastin:** Cathy Dunham, any comments? **Dunham:** No. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

4. *Amend Show Rule 12.03 to remove reference to multiple copies of forms.*

Article XII: Show Recordkeeping – Amend 12.03	Show Technology Committee and Central Office	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
12.03 The first complete set of signed judge's color class sheets and finals sheets must be given by the judge to the chief ring clerk at the completion of judging, who will review for accuracy and forward to the Master Clerk.		12.03 The first complete set of signed judge's color class sheets and finals sheets must be given by the judge to the chief ring clerk at the completion of judging, who will review for accuracy and forward to the Master Clerk.
RATIONALE: With the implementation of one-part paper for judges and master clerks effective August 1, 2025 the references to multiple copies need to be removed from the show rules.		

Mastin: Moving on to #4. **Raymond:** Amend Show Rule 12.03 to remove references to multiple copies of forms. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

5. *Amend Show Rule 12.04 to remove reference to multiple copies of forms.*

Article XII: Show Recordkeeping – Amend 12.04	Show Technology Committee and Central Office	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
12.04 The second complete set of signed judge's color class sheets and finals sheets and the judge's copy of the marked catalog must be retained by the		12.04 The second complete set of signed judge's color class sheets and finals sheets and the judge's copy of the marked catalog must be retained by the

judge for at least forty-five (45) days.	judge for at least forty-five (45) days.
RATIONALE: With the implementation of one-part paper for judges and master clerks effective August 1, 2025 the references to multiple copies need to be removed from the show rules.	

Raymond: #5 amends Show Rule 12.04 to remove references to multiple copies of forms. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

6. *Amend Show Rule 12.07 to provide that the ring clerk must complete a consolidated breed summary for the judge's records and must take the judges catalog to the Master Clerk for check out verification.*

Article XII: Show Recordkeeping – Amend 12.07		Show Technology Committee and Central Office	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
12.07 The chief ring clerk shall mark a catalog as the ribbons and rosettes are placed on the cages, indicating 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best/Second Best of Color Class, Best/Second Best of Breed/Division, Best Champion/Best Premier of Breed/Division, Merit Awards for HHP (mark M in judge’s book/catalog) and Veterans (mark V in judge’s book/catalog) and all Finals awards. All absentees and transfers including competitive transfers after the first day of a two day show must be clearly marked. The chief ring clerk must NEVER mark his catalog using the judge’s color class sheets.		12.07 The chief ring clerk shall mark a catalog as the ribbons and rosettes are placed on the cages, indicating 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best/Second Best of Color Class, Best/Second Best of Breed/Division, Best Champion/Best Premier of Breed/Division, Merit Awards for HHP (mark M in judge’s book/catalog) and Veterans (mark V in judge’s book/catalog) and all Finals awards. All absentees and transfers including competitive transfers after the first day of a two day show must be clearly marked. <u>The chief ring clerk will complete a consolidated breed summary for longhair and shorthair breeds to include kittens, championship, and premiership. If the consolidated breed summary pages are not part of the printed catalog the individual pages must be included with the catalog. Upon completion of judging the completed catalog shall be taken to the master clerk by the chief ring clerk for check out verification and signature.</u> The chief ring clerk must NEVER mark his/<u>her</u> catalog using the judge’s color class sheets.	
RATIONALE: With the implementation of one-part paper for judges and master clerks effective August 1, 2025 the judges will need a complete copy of the breed summary sheets for their records of the show and the chief ring clerk needs to know to take the judge’s catalog to the master clerk for check out verification.			

Raymond: #6 amends Show Rule 12.07 to provide that the ring clerk must complete a consolidated breed summary for the judge's records and must take the judge's catalog to the master clerk for checkout verification. **Mastin:** Cathy Dunham, comments? **Dunham:** No.

Mastin: Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously. Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

7. *Amend Show Rule 12.08 to provide that the ring clerk must provide a fully marked catalog signed by the master clerk to the judge, indicating that the judge has been checked out and can leave the show hall.*

Article XII: Show Recordkeeping – Amend 12.08	Show Technology Committee and Central Office
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
12.08 The chief ring clerk shall provide a fully marked catalog to the judge for his ring at the close of the show.	12.08 The chief ring clerk shall provide a fully marked catalog <u>signed by the master clerk</u> to the judge for his ring at the close of the show. <u>The signature of the master clerk will serve as notification that the judge has been checked out for the show.</u>
RATIONALE: With the implementation of one-part paper for judges and master clerks effective August 1, 2025 the judges will need to know they have been checked out and can leave the show hall.	

Raymond: #7 amends Show Rule 12.08 to provide that the ring clerk must provide a fully marked catalog signed by the master clerk to the judge indicating that the judge has been checked out and can leave the show hall. **Mastin:** Cathy Dunham? **Dunham:** No. No comments. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

8. *Amend Show Rule 12.11 to remove reference to multiple copies of forms.*

Article XII: Show Recordkeeping – Amend 12.11.b. and d.	Show Technology Committee and Central Office
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
12.11 a. The chief ring clerk shall check the judge’s color class sheets against the marked catalog and shall advise the judge as soon as prudently practical of any discrepancies. b. The chief ring clerk shall check and initial the official (white) copy of the judge’s color class sheets as each sheet is completed. This copy shall then be turned over to the master clerk. c. If a judge defers hanging of Divisional/Breed	12.11 a. The chief ring clerk shall check the judge’s color class sheets against the marked catalog and shall advise the judge as soon as prudently practical of any discrepancies. b. The chief ring clerk shall check and initial the official (white) copy of the judge’s color class sheets as each sheet is completed. This <u>These</u> copy <u>sheets</u> shall then be turned over to the master clerk. c. If a judge defers hanging of Divisional/Breed

awards for a later time, the color class sheets, showing only those awards which were made, must be checked for accuracy, initialed by the chief ring clerk and forwarded promptly to the master clerk. d. The chief ring clerk shall check and initial all three copies of the judge's finals sheet before delivering them to the master clerk. e. The chief ring clerk shall verify titles (NOV, CH, GC, PR, or GP) which the judge has entered on the finals sheets for cats receiving finals awards in the Champion ship and Premiership classes prior to submitting the sheets to the master clerk.	awards for a later time, the color class sheets, showing only those awards which were made, must be checked for accuracy, initialed by the chief ring clerk and forwarded promptly to the master clerk. d. The chief ring clerk shall check and initial all three copies of the judge's finals sheet before delivering them <u>it</u> to the master clerk. e. The chief ring clerk shall verify titles (NOV, CH, GC, PR, or GP) which the judge has entered on the finals sheets for cats receiving finals awards in the Champion ship and Premiership classes prior to submitting the sheets to the master clerk.
RATIONALE: With the implementation of one-part paper for judges and master clerks effective August 1, 2025 the chief ring clerks will be handling single copies of all the judge's paperwork in the ring.	

Raymond: #8 amends Show Rule 12.11 to remove references to multiple copies of forms. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

9. *Amend Show Rule 12.13 to make clear that the master clerk will only have one copy of all paperwork.*

Article XII: Show Recordkeeping – Amend 12.13.a. and b.	Show Technology Committee and Central Office	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
12.13 a. The master clerk is authorized to make corrections in the official catalog to entry information that is printed in error and/or to add registration numbers where not printed in the catalog (see rule 10.23). When such a correction is made, the original copy of the catalog correction request form must be sent to the Central Office with the official catalog. b. The master clerk shall print the corrections and added registration numbers legibly in red ink in the fully marked official catalog to be submitted to the Central Office and the club, and retained by the Master Clerk. When an NCR condensed catalog is used for scoring the show, the master clerk shall make all corrections and registration number additions to the NCR condensed catalog only, and shall not mark any corrections in the blank copy of the official show catalog to be sent to the Central		12.13 a. The master clerk is authorized to make corrections in the official catalog to entry information that is printed in error and/or to add registration numbers where not printed in the catalog (see rule 10.23). When such a correction is made, the original copy of the catalog correction request form must be sent to the Central Office with the official catalog. b. The master clerk shall print the corrections and added registration numbers legibly in red ink in the fully marked official catalog to be submitted to the Central Office and the club, and retained by the Master Clerk. When a an NCR condensed catalog is used for scoring the show, the master clerk shall make all corrections and registration number additions to the NCR condensed catalog only, and shall not mark any corrections in the blank copy of the official show catalog to be sent to the Central

Office.	Office.
RATIONALE: With the implementation of one-part paper for judges and master clerks effective August 1, 2025 the master clerk will only have one copy of all paperwork.	

Raymond: #9 amends Show Rule 12.13 to make clear that the master clerk will only have one copy of all paperwork. **Mastin:** Cathy Dunham? **Dunham:** No comments. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

10. *Amend Show Rule 12.15 to make clear that the master clerk will only have one copy of all paperwork.*

Article XII: Show Recordkeeping – Amend 12.15	Show Technology Committee and Central Office	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
12.15 The master clerk is responsible for initialing and posting the official (white) copies of the color class sheets that have been fully checked. The sheets should be available upon request by an exhibitor. Once the master clerk has completed checking the color class sheets and has initialed the sheets, the awards can only be changed as follows: If a mechanical error is discovered after the master clerk has initialed the sheets, the error may be corrected by the judge. The judge’s written confirmation of the correction must be provided with the show records. The only other method of changing the awards after they have been posted is by action of the CFA board.* *If a mechanical error is discovered after the close of the show, the Central Office will void the affected win(s). The proceeding notwithstanding, a mechanical error not discovered until after the master clerk has initialed the sheets may be corrected by the judge. A judge’s written confirmation of the correction must be provided with the show records.		12.15 The master clerk is responsible for initialing and posting the official (white) copies of the color class sheets that have been fully checked. The sheets should be available upon request by an exhibitor. Once the master clerk has completed checking the color class sheets and has initialed the sheets, the awards can only be changed as follows: If a mechanical error is discovered after the master clerk has initialed the sheets, the error may be corrected by the judge. The judge’s written confirmation of the correction must be provided with the show records. The only other method of changing the awards after they have been posted is by action of the CFA board.* *If a mechanical error is discovered after the close of the show, the Central Office will void the affected win(s). The proceeding notwithstanding, a mechanical error not discovered until after the master clerk has initialed the sheets may be corrected by the judge. A judge’s written confirmation of the correction must be provided with the show records.
RATIONALE: With the implementation of one-part paper for judges and master clerks effective August 1, 2025 the master clerk will only have one copy of all paperwork.		

Raymond: #10 amends Show Rule 12.15 to make clear that the master clerk will only have one copy of all paperwork. **Mastin:** Cathy Dunham? **Dunham:** No comments. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

11. *Amend Show Rule 12.18 to provide a way for the master clerk to indicate to the judge that all the paperwork has been verified and the judge is free to leave the show hall.*

Article XII: Show Recordkeeping – Amend 12.18	Show Technology Committee and Central Office	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
12.18 The master clerk will check each judge’s finals sheets and breed sheets for mechanical accuracy and sign the documents before the judge leaves the show hall. The judge’s copy of his/her finals sheets and breed sheets should be returned to the judge as promptly as possible, but in any event before the judge leaves the show hall.	12.18 The master clerk will check each judge’s finals sheets and breed sheets for mechanical accuracy and sign the documents before the judge leaves the show hall. The judge’s copy of his/her finals sheets and breed sheets should be returned to the judge as promptly as possible, but in any event before the judge leaves the show hall. <u>Master clerks will sign the judge’s catalog including printed name, signature, and date. This signature will serve as notification that the judge has been checked out for the show.</u>	
RATIONALE: With the implementation of one-part paper for judges and master clerks effective August 1, 2025 the master clerk must have a way to indicate to the judge that all the paperwork has been verified and the judge is free to leave the show hall.		

Raymond: #11 amends Show Rule 12.18 to provide a way for the master clerk to indicate to the judge that all paperwork has been verified and the judge is free to leave the show hall. **Mastin:** Cathy Dunham? **Dunham:** No comments. **Mastin:** Discussion? **Jensen:** I have a question. **Mastin:** Vicki? **Jensen:** So, this is assuming that the master clerk is going to compare the judge’s catalog that the clerk prepares to all of the paperwork that has been turned into the master clerk? **Mastin:** Cathy Dunham, can you address that? **Dunham:** No, it’s just a notification that a completed book is being provided back to the judge and that the master clerk is signing off that they have the ability to leave the show hall to catch a flight or start their drive home or whatever it is. **Jensen:** OK. **Mastin:** Any additional discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

12. *Amend Show Rule 13.06 to reflect changes in the master clerk collation process at the end of a show.*

Article XIII: Show Completion/Cat Removal/Late Fee Collection – Amend 13.06	Show Technology Committee and Central Office	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	

13.06 Upon completion of the show, the master clerk shall assemble, arrange, group and verify the completeness of all show records he is responsible for turning over to the show secretary pursuant to rules 12.16, 12.19 and 13.07 thru 13.09. The master clerk shall separate multi-part forms and arrange the copies of the master catalogs and forms according to the prescribed distributions into the sets to be sent to the Central Office, to be retained by the show secretary as the club's record, and the master clerk's own set. The assembled and checked sets shall be enclosed in envelopes or otherwise bound and labeled to identify the destination of each set, i.e., "Central Office Copy" and "Club Copy," when turned over to the show secretary. Records sent to Central Office will include the pedigrees (or CFA registration numbers of parents if allowed by rule 6.16) submitted for all cats competing with temporary registration numbers, the application forms, and the associated fees, stapled together for each associated cat. The master clerk's responsibilities for the show terminate when the assembled sets of show records are turned over to the show secretary.	13.06 Upon completion of the show, the master clerk shall assemble, arrange, group and verify the completeness of all show records he/she is responsible for turning over to the show secretary pursuant to rules 12.16, 12.19 and 13.07 thru 13.09. The master clerk shall <u>collate</u> separate multi-part forms and arrange the copies of the master catalogs and forms according to the prescribed <u>order</u> distributions into the sets to be sent to the Central Office, to be retained by the show secretary as the club's record, and the master clerk's own set. The assembled and checked sets shall be enclosed in envelopes or otherwise bound and labeled to identify the destination of each set, i.e., "Central Office Copy" and "Club Copy," when turned over to the show secretary. Records sent to Central Office will include the pedigrees (or CFA registration numbers of parents if allowed by rule 6.16) submitted for all cats competing with temporary registration numbers, the application forms, and the associated fees, <u>stapled paperclipped</u> together for each associated cat. The master clerk's responsibilities for the show terminate when the assembled sets of show records are turned over to the show secretary.
RATIONALE: With the implementation of one-part paper for judges and master clerks effective August 1, 2025 the master clerk collation process at the end of show will change.	

Raymond: #12 amends Show Rule 13.06 to reflect changes in the master clerk collation process at the end of the show. **Mastin:** Cathy Dunham? **Dunham:** No comments. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

13. Amend Show Rule 13.09 to reflect changes in the submission of the show package to Central Office following the implementation of one part paper.

Article XII: Show Completion/Cat Removal/Late Fee Collection – Amend 13.09	Show Technology Committee and Central Office	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
13.09 The show secretary MUST send the following to the Central Office by one of two methods: scanning and emailing files (contact Central Office for specific instructions) or EXPRESS MAIL Next Day Service (Not Priority		13.09 The show secretary MUST send the following to the Central Office by one of two methods: <u>1. The preferred and safest method is scanning and</u>

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RATIONALE: With the implementation of one-part paper for judges and master clerks effective August 1, 2025 the show secretary must send the show package in the most efficient means possible to ensure the documentation arrives at central office in a complete format.	

Raymond: #13 amends Show Rule 13.09 to reflect changes in the submission of the show package to Central Office following the implementation of one-part paper. **Mastin:** Cathy Dunham? **Dunham:** No comments. **Mastin:** Discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

14. *Amend Show Rule 24.01 to remove reference to multiple copies of forms.*

Article XII: Responsibilities of the Certified Ringmaster – Amend 24.01	Show Technology Committee and Central Office	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
24.01 a. The certified ringmaster (CRM) is in charge of officiating at the ring and is responsible for the placement of the obstacles. b. The CRM officiating shall have an agent showing for him/her if he/she wishes to enter the judging competition. If there is more than one CRM officiating, one of them may leave the ring to show in another class. c. The CRM officiating is allowed to compete with his/her cat for exhibition or scores in agility (for Regional/Divisional/National) but must not compete for prizes in agility for the show in which	24.01 a. The certified ringmaster (CRM) is in charge of officiating at the ring and is responsible for the placement of the obstacles. b. The CRM officiating shall have an agent showing for him/her if he/she wishes to enter the judging competition. If there is more than one CRM officiating, one of them may leave the ring to show in another class. c. The CRM officiating is allowed to compete with his/her cat for exhibition or scores in agility (for Regional/Divisional/National) but must not compete for prizes in agility for the show in which	

he/she is officiating. d. No food or treats are permitted in the agility ring at any time. e. During the timed run, the handler must not touch the cat. f. The CRM shall provide blank CFA Feline Agility Competitor claim forms and sign the completed form certifying that the named feline is qualified for the Agility Competitor (AC) title. In addition, the claim form may also be printed in the show catalog. g. The CRM must complete the Agility Ringmaster's Score sheet and deliver the first copy of it to the master clerk for inclusion in the show package. The Ringmaster should retain the second copy of the scoresheet and deliver the third copy of the scoresheet to the Show Manager along with any fees collected. h. The CRM must give the club an evaluation sheet for them to send to the designated person. i. Each CRM will complete and pass a test every year to maintain certification. The test will be administered by the CFA coordinator for ringmasters and training.	he/she is officiating. d. No food or treats are permitted in the agility ring at any time. e. During the timed run, the handler must not touch the cat. f. The CRM shall provide blank CFA Feline Agility Competitor claim forms and sign the completed form certifying that the named feline is qualified for the Agility Competitor (AC) title. In addition, the claim form may also be printed in the show catalog. g. The CRM must complete the Agility Ringmaster's Score sheet and deliver the first copy of it to the master clerk for inclusion in the show package. The Ringmaster should retain a the second copy <u>(photo)</u> of the scoresheet and deliver the third copy of the scoresheet to the Show Manager along with any fees collected. h. The CRM must give the club an evaluation sheet for them to send to the designated person. i. Each CRM will complete and pass a test every year to maintain certification. The test will be administered by the CFA coordinator for ringmasters and training.
RATIONALE: With the implementation of one-part paper effective August 1, 2025 the references to multiple copies need to be removed from the show rules.	

Raymond: #14 amends Show Rule 24.01 to remove references to multiple copies of forms. **Maxtin:** Discussion? Objection? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

15. Amend Article XXXVI, National/Regional/Divisional Assignment #9 to provide a way for exhibitors to retain a copy of a correction slip.

Article XXXVI: National/Regional/Divisional Assignment – Amend 9	Show Technology Committee and Central Office	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
9. A catalog correction may be made at a show to change the national area/region/divisional area listed in a catalog. The only acceptable proof(s) of a catalog correction are: a) that the master catalog received in the Central Office has been marked to indicate the change, or b) the exhibitor has a		9. A catalog correction may be made at a show to change the national area/region/divisional area listed in a catalog. The only acceptable proof(s) of a catalog correction are: a) that the master catalog received in the Central Office has been marked to indicate the change, or b) the exhibitor has a

properly executed copy of a catalog correction request form. a. A kitten is assigned to the national area/region/divisional area which is listed in the catalog of either: a) the last show in which it earns points as a kitten, or b) the last show in which it earns points as a kitten prior to and including the first full show weekend in January, whichever show (a or b) occurs first. b. A “split season” kitten is assigned to the national area/region/divisional area which is listed in the catalog of the last show in which it earns points as a kitten.	properly executed copy (<u>photo</u>) of a catalog correction request form. a. A kitten is assigned to the national area/region/divisional area which is listed in the catalog of either: a) the last show in which it earns points as a kitten, or b) the last show in which it earns points as a kitten prior to and including the first full show weekend in January, whichever show (a or b) occurs first. b. A “split season” kitten is assigned to the national area/region/divisional area which is listed in the catalog of the last show in which it earns points as a kitten.
RATIONALE: With the implementation of one-part paper for judges and master clerks effective August 1, 2025 the show rules need to provide a way for exhibitors to retain a copy of a correction slip.	

Raymond: The last one, amend Article XXXVI, National/Regional/Divisional Assignment, #9 to provide a way for exhibitors to retain a copy of a correction slip. **Mastin:** Cathy Dunham? **Dunham:** No comments. **Mastin:** Discussion? Vicki? Speak loud, Vicki. **Jensen:** Would the master clerk have an ability to give somebody a copy if they don’t have a phone to take a picture? **Dunham:** All the master clerk would have to do is just do a copy of the correction slip. **Jensen:** OK. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? **Jensen:** No. **Mastin:** Objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Anger: Do you have a clarification on the effective date of all these rules? Is it all August 1st? **Raymond:** Except for the first one. #2-#15 are August 1. **Mastin:** Did everybody hear that at the far end? OK, great.

Future Projections for Committee:

Central Office and the Show Technology Committee are working on allowing electronic catalogs and allowing master clerks to use an electronic file to enter show data, with a go live date sometime in the second quarter of the show season. Show rule changes to accommodate these technology changes will be presented either August or October.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Raymond, Chair*

Mastin: Does anyone have any questions for Ed or Carol? Ed, do you have anything further? **Raymond:** No, just a heads up that the Central Office and the Show Technology Committee are working on allowing electronic catalogs and allowing master clerks to use an electronic file for show data. We’ll probably have to come back in August or October for more weird things. We’re not done with this yet. **Mastin:** So, while we’re discussing that, Cathy, can you just brief the board on how that’s going, if your clubs that are submitting everything

electronically, scanning? **Dunham:** The scanning is going wonderfully. I encourage all clubs, whether they're in the United States or internationally, please scan your shows. It saves you money and it saves us having to track show packages down. Then as far as the actual data entry, Gavin Cao, I put in the report earlier, is working with us to develop a file that master clerks can enter data for us, which will be an upload into the scoring system. That will be fantastic when it's complete. We are very, very close to, again, beta testing electronic exhibitor catalogs. We just need a few tweaks and some timeline changes. So, that'll be worth it. **Nasin:** I just have a quick question. When we do the scanning for the clubs, because I'll report back to base about it, is there any way we can do this where we can go through like Staples or Kinkos or something? **Dunham:** Absolutely. All you have to do is take it in and get it scanned and send us the link. **Nasin:** OK. And then on using the CFA, maybe they can give discounts. I don't know how to look into it. **Dunham:** I can send you the scanning instructions. It tells you who to send the package to. **Nasin:** OK. Alright. Thank you. Because I'll send it to the clubs. **Dunham:** Thank you.

Mastin: Thank you. Ed, do you have anything further? **Raymond:** No. **Mastin:** Ed, #2-#15, did those all come from Cathy? **Raymond:** Yes. **Mastin:** Cathy, great job. Thank you for submitting all that. That's wonderful. **Dunham:** More to come. Sorry, but more to come. **Mastin:** Great. Thank you. Ed, thank you.

(18) PROTEST COMMITTEE REPORT.

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

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

Brief Summation/Current Happenings of Committee:

The Protest Committee met via Zoom on May 27, 2025. Participating were George Eigenhauser, Dick Kallmeyer, Betsy Arnold, Brian Moser, Howard Webster, and Karen Lawrence. Victoria Nye participated in three matters, Kathy Calhoun participated in four matters.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Ongoing protest investigations and recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
Protest Committee Chairman

Mastin: Howard, # 18, we already announced that's just a placeholder so we're moving on. **Webster:** Yes.

(19) **JUNIOR FANCIERS.**

Committee Chair: Sheri Shaffer – Albert Sweitzer
Liaison to Board: Anne Mathis
List of Committee Members: Rhonda Smith, Albert Sweitzer, Beth Grant-Field, Brian Tripp, Maria Morales Doucedame, Frank Schaefer

Mastin: Is Sheri here? Sheri, come on up. Welcome to the meeting. **Shaffer:** Good morning. How is everyone? **Mastin:** It's still morning. I'm doing OK. I don't know how the rest are doing, but I'm doing OK.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Junior Fanciers had eight Juniors participating in the 2024 CFA International. The Junior Fanciers' fee was lowered to \$30 per entry plus one half-cage. Our Juniors enjoyed themselves, and the parents of our Juniors helped to pay for their travel to the International by working at the local 4-H events.

Over the past show season, we have had nine active JF participants in the NAR. They participated in the 2024 CFA International by showing their cats and stewarding. Our JF also helped with the March 2025 Fabulous Feline Festival Show in Trucksville, PA by running the food stand, helping with hospitality, and helping with set up and tear down of the show.

The NAR will recognize our nine Junior Fanciers at their Regional Awards show, and we have Rosettes for each Junior.

JF has a new Regional Coordinator, Frank Schaefer, in the Great Lakes Region. Frank has met with both Sheri and Albert and will be reaching out to our JFs in R4. There are three active JF participants in the Great Lakes Region.

JF has thirteen cats who have been shown as 4-H project cats, with five of these cats achieving RW in HHP.

Shaffer: So, this last year, we had over 14 participants, mainly up in the North Atlantic Region. We had several clubs on the east coast who offered our Junior Fanciers a fee, which usually was around \$30 for their entry, plus a free half page. We've had several of the parents of our Junior Fanciers who helped out in things like stewarding and learning to clerk, things like that. We've had nine regional winners, I want to say. Does the report say eight in the Household Pet? And several in other classes. We just got a new Region 4 coordinator. His name is Frank Schaefer. He seems very excited and I want to try and get him to reach out to a local 4-H club and see if he can get us going in the mid-Ohio area.

Future Projections for Committee:

The JF Art Project has been put on hold at this time due to the amount of funding it would require. We hope to reconsider this project in the future.

The 10 Rosettes we ordered for the NAR Regional were a total of \$200. JF had an anonymous sponsor who wanted to pay for these expenses, and so we did not request any funds from CFA for this year.

Shaffer: We had 10 rosettes that we bought for our kids in the North Atlantic Region to recognize them. I understand that most of them were at another event, but one was present last weekend. And then I had an anonymous donor to cover the cost of our rosettes.

Board Action Items: *None. Report submitted to update Board and CFA on activities of JF Program.*

Shaffer: I just don't know if I'm asking you guys for anything this year. And as far as the art contests, that's been put on hold because of the expense. **Mastin:** OK.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting: *None expected at this time.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherilyn S. Shaffer (Sheri)

Sheri Shaffer, M.A., CFA Junior Fanciers' Co-Chair

Mastin: Does anybody have any questions for Sheri? Thank you.

Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees

None.

Mastin: Rachel, do we have anything from Special Committees? **Anger:** No Special or Ad Hoc Committees have submitted a report.

Reports of Affiliates

(20) WORLD CAT CONGRESS.

Delegate: Pam DelaBar
Advisor: Rachel Anger

Brief Summation of Past Activities:

The World Cat Congress (WCC) will be hosted by the Hong Kong Black Cat Club. The WCC business meeting will be held on 31 July and a free seminar for attendees, breeders/exhibitors and sponsors will be conducted 1 August. A CFA show will be held on 2-3 August in conjunction with the Hong Kong Cat Expo (a huge event) in the Hong Kong Convention Center.

On 31 May, CFA Board Members received a copy of the CFA proposal to the WCC to establish a working committee to fight restrictive breed and breeder laws. This was done in partnership with TICA and a collaboration between the TICA Attorney and the CFA Delegate.

Current Happenings of the Committee:

All judges for the 10 ring show have been contracted: there will be 6 CFA judges and 4 guest judges, one each from TICA, FIFe, World Cat Federation, and the Southern African Cat Council. The schedule for the seminar is being finalized, with attendees able to learn about the WCC member organizations, breed presentations, health studies, and programs sponsored by the WCC sponsor, Royal Canin. Final arrangements for delegate/advisor airport transportation, dinners, and perhaps some trips to the Night and Ladies' Markets for those interested attendees. The onsite committee headed by Phebe Low and Leona May have done a meticulous job in developing sponsors for our various activities. Swag bags are personalized for each association attendees so they will have a keepsake of their time spent with CFA in Hong Kong and the WCC.

Rachel Anger and I will be arriving a day before the other attendees arrive to go over the various arrangements, ensure meeting rooms are set, along with break and meal service. Audio-visual equipment has already been sponsored, and meeting and seminar set. Both Rachel and I will have a chance to preview the arrangements, correct as needed, and we also have the opportunity to start after-action reports on this event.

What Will Be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Rachel and I will be staying over after the show is done. We will assist the onsite committee members to wrap up any problems, etc., and start with the after-action report to the WCC officers and the CFA Board. Please note the 5 August CFA Board meeting is 2 days after the closing of the Cat Expo. A finalized report will be ready for the 4-5 October 2025 CFA Board Meeting.

*Respectfully submitted:
s/s Pam DelaBar, WCC Delegate
s/s Rachel Anger, WCC Advisor*

Mastin: So we're going to go to Reports of Affiliates, World Cat Congress, Pam.

DelaBar: Or Rachel, even. As you can see, Phebe is here. Phebe, Rachel and I will be meeting during our time here to firm up all of the timelines, activities, schedules for the World Cat Congress, especially dealing with the seminar, the dinners, etc. We have a 10 ring show over two days that is in conjunction with the huge pet fair that goes on at the Hong Kong Convention Center. Rachel and I are going in on Tuesday. We will be with Phebe and her committee checking out every last little issue or whatever to make sure that everything is in order. On Thursday, we will have the World Cat Congress business meeting and that's where our proposal that all of you got to see that got sent in for discussion. I can tell you that FIFe is coming in with one that deals with health, that will work together with what we want to do. We will probably have at least one election going on during the business meeting. These meetings are open unless we get into personnel matters, which we do have some this year. I can go over those a bit when we're in executive session. We have wonderful dinners planned, wonderful gifts for each delegate and advisor. Just to let you know, there are nine associations worldwide that belong to the World Cat Congress. CFA is one of the initial during Don Williams' time that became in 1995 the starting charter members of the World Cat Congress. For Friday, we have our seminar and this is open free to exhibitors, breeders, of course, everybody from all the other associations. As part of the seminar, the associations do get up and say what has happened significantly in their associations during the year and can take questions. So, there's a lot of audience and advisor-delegate interaction. Plus, we have Marilee that's giving a report and it appears Leslie Lyons was not available. She has a family function. So, it appears we will possibly be having me fill in, especially for Royal Canin who cannot attend this year. Royal Canin is the sponsor of the World Cat Congress. On Saturday and Sunday will be the show, five rings each day. We have six CFA judges and we have a judge from FIFe. We have a judge from WCF. We have a judge from TICA and one from the Southern African Cat Council who judged for us at the Las Vegas WCC event. So, any questions? And Kathy, we're keeping things really, really low on budget.

Calhoun: I'm tracking it. **Mathis:** You knew she was. **DelaBar:** I knew. **Mastin:** Can you tell us the names of the six CFA judges? **DelaBar:** Sure. Hang on just a second. I've just got to find the right papers. Darrell is one, Allan Raymond is one, Rachel is one, I'm one, Marilee, Suki Lee Wong. **Mastin:** OK, great. Thank you. Does anybody else have any questions? No action items.

DelaBar: No action items. OK. Rachel, do you have any additional comments? **Anger:** No. Pam did a great job. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. **DelaBar:** You're welcome.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

(21) UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mastin: Rachel, do you have Unfinished Business and General Orders? **Anger:** We have no items under Unfinished Business.

[**Secretary's Note:** The following discussion originally occurred in executive session. A motion was made by **Mr. Newkirk**, seconded by **Ms. DelaBar** and unanimously carried to move the report and vote into open session with no debate or discussion.]

(a) *Show Scheduling Objections.*

BACKGROUND: *At the June 11, 2025 teleconference, a discussion was had regarding the Great Lakes Region holding a 2 day (back to back) 8 ring show, the second weekend in February (February 14/15, 2026) in Columbus, Ohio. The Region would like to use this weekend as a fundraising show and a traditional date. The motion was amended to eliminate the request for a traditional date, as the request violates various Show Rules. The show request was published in the CFA News on June 6, 2025, with comments open until June 13. The motion was amended, a vote was taken and the motion failed.*

MOTION: *Approval show date request for the Great Lakes Region ~~to have a traditional date~~ the second weekend in February, commencing February 14/15, 2026. Colilla, DelaBar and Webster voting yes. Jensen abstained.*

Therefore, the Show Scheduling Committee will or has likely approved the date. In accordance with the Show Scheduling guidelines (www.cfa.org/regional-show-schedulers/), Regional Directors and clubs have the right to take scheduling disputes to the CFA Board for final resolution. Region 7 objects and is taking its objection to the board for a ruling.

RATIONALE: *The show will impact all shows in CFA. To allow its occurrence will severely impact Region 7's club's planned show in Newport News, Va.*

MOTION: *Due to Region 7's objection to the Great Lakes Region holding a 2 day (back to back) 8 ring show, the second weekend in February (February 14/15, 2026) in Columbus, Ohio, deny the request which was submitted to the Show Scheduling Committee.*

Mastin called the motion. **Tie Vote.** President Mastin broke the tie by voting no. **Motion Failed.** Altschul, Anger, Currle, Griswold, Nasin, Newkirk, Tamura and Webb voting yes.

(22) **OTHER COMMITTEES.**

Anger: We have no items under Other Committees. We made up for it in New Business.

(23) NEW BUSINESS.

Mastin: OK, so we've got New Business, right? **Anger:** Yes. **Mastin:** Alright. What do we have under New Business?

(a) *Three One-Day Shows in the Same Location.*

BACKGROUND: *Three clubs would like to hold a Friday/Saturday/Sunday event on September 25-27, 2026 in Orange, France (Region 9). They are requesting an exception to Show Rule 4.06.a.3. to allow three one-day shows in the same location, each with a format of 5 AB/1 SP. All three clubs hosting the shows are CFA: Orange Cat Club, Universal Cats Club, and UK Cat Fanciers. Exhibitors can enter 1, 2, or all 3 of the shows.*

This 3-day format is being used by other organizations in Europe and is gaining in popularity – and entries. There have been 3-day shows in the US, though most were champion/premier rings on Friday with the remainder of rings on Saturday and Sunday, and were sponsored by the same club.

Anger: The first one is Pam DelaBar's action items on the three one-day shows in the same location. **DelaBar:** It's not coming up on the finalized thing I have here. **Anger:** It's there in the compiled reports. **DelaBar:** Let me go back in and see if I can – **Mathis:** Yeah, here's mine. **DelaBar:** Yes, can I use your iPad? Thank you. We're passing the iPad. **Mathis:** There we go. **DelaBar:** There are some things that were not totally understood, so let me first go to the first motion.

MOTION: *Grant the Orange Cat Club, Universal Cats Club, and UK Cat Fanciers an exception to Show Rule 4.06.a.3 and allow three one-day shows in the same location, each consisting of 5 AB/1 SP, on September 25-27, 2026 in Orange, France (Region 9).*

3. Two one-day shows in the same location consisting of up to six rings held on the first day and up to six rings held on the second day with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry each day. To be licensed, the shows are required to have one specialty ring for both longhair and shorthair specialties in kittens, championship, and premiership. The specialty rings can be divided between the two shows (one each show) or held on one day with no specialty rings on the other day. The use of Super Specialty rings will not meet the requirement for specialty rings.

DelaBar: We have three clubs, and I need to correct, it's not the American Shorthair Lovers of Europe. It's the UK Cat Fanciers Club. Three different clubs putting on shows three different days. Starting on Friday, there will be one club with a six-ring show, five allbreed, one specialty. On Saturday, there will be another club with a six-ring show, five allbreed, one specialty. On Sunday, there will be another club, five allbreed, one specialty. And that's three different show licenses and fees, Kathy. Yeah, something like that. We have been seeing within Europe – in fact, one of the independent clubs that we have accepted to work with their pedigrees and allow myself to judge for them and Michael Schleissner as well, three-day shows are really coming into play with different organizations. We had the concept before, years ago, and it used to be that they would do a special championship and premiership on, like, Fridays and maybe start a little later on Friday afternoon or whatever. But it was truly a three-day show, but it was

sponsored by one club. These are three clubs going together to put on this show. Now, because of the war situation in Russia and Ukraine, we no longer have the elegant Grand Prix that brought in 35,000 spectators and five or six different organizations going together to put on these shows. We don't have that anymore, but we certainly can start the concept coming back in in Central Europe; that being, in Orange, France. So, we are asking – the show rule reads, you know, the clubs we can have two days. I'm asking for the exception to have that as three days so these three clubs can use the same facility and have these shows. **Mastin:** Rachel? **Anger:** Second. **Mastin:** Thank you. Discussion? Ed, do you have any comments or concerns? **Raymond:** No, no concerns. **Mastin:** No concerns. Very good. Are there any objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

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BACKGROUND: *CFA Attorney Ed Raymond recommended requesting an exception to Show Rule 4.05. The Show Rules define the permissible formats for which Central Office will issue a license and would be limited to 10 rings unless the board approves an exception.*

MOTION: *Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.05 and allow the Orange Cat Club, Universal Cats Club, and UK Cat Fanciers to allow cats or kittens to be entered in more than 10 rings to be held concurrently on September 25-27, 2026 in Orange, France (Region 9); i.e., 5 AB/1 SP in each of the three shows.*

Any club or Regional Director(s) may sponsor any type or number of rings to be held concurrently provided that a cat or kitten may not be entered in more than ten rings all to be held concurrently. When shows are held of a nature that would permit certain cats or kittens to be eligible for entry in more than ten rings, the show committee may so state on the show flyer and entry form in which shows such cats or kittens are to be entered.

DelaBar: The second motion is going to be withdrawn because there's nothing concurrent in these shows. This is what I talked to you yesterday about, Ed. There's nothing concurrent. I would like to withdraw the second motion because I don't believe it pertains to the situation. **Mastin:** Very good.

Withdrawn.

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BACKGROUND: *Passion Alliance Feline, a LOOF club, would like to hold an in-conjunction show in the same location as the three-day event in Orange, France on September 25-27, 2026.*

On 5 June 2025, the board granted permission for Orange Cat Club to hold an in-conjunction show with this same club/organization for the upcoming Region 9 show and awards banquet September 27-28, 2025. There are no changes to the personnel for either organization and no suspensions.

16.	<i>Anger Huhtaniemi 06.05.2025</i>	<i>For its back-to-back show in Orange, France (Region 9) on September 27/28, 2025, grant the Orange Cat Club and Universal Cats Club permission to hold an in-conjunction show with Passion Alliance Feline Club (LOOF), on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).</i>	<i>Motion Carried.</i> <i>Griswold abstained for cause.</i>
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MOTION: *For its three-day show in Orange, France (Region 9) on September 25-27, 2026, grant the Orange Cat Club, Universal Cats Club, and UK Cat Fanciers permission to hold an in-conjunction show with Passion Alliance Feline Club (LOOF), on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).*

*Pam DelaBar, Director
CFA Region 9 (Europe)*

DelaBar: Third motion is to allow Passion Alliance Feline, which is LOOF. If you're not familiar with LOOF, that is a French government registry, that all cats born in France must be registered in LOOF. I wrote the agreement between CFA and LOOF. Michael Schleissner signed. We have a very good relationship, I would say, with LOOF right now. In the Orange area, the LOOF club likes to put on a show the same time we put on shows. There seems to be some migration occasionally, but it's a working relationship I would like to continue. Our regional show, the last weekend of September, will be also held in conjunction with LOOF and that was approved by this board for this very same club and that's what the motion is. It's to allow the in-conjunction show. **Mastin:** Do we have a second? Rachel? **Anger:** Second. **Mastin:** Thank you. Discussions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

DelaBar: One other comment, Rich. Last year's annual, we passed a rule that allowed Region 9 people to show into Regions 1 through 7 and be able to earn regional points and vice versa. So, those of you in the U.S. that would love to come over, I can tell you Orange is a wonderful city and you would get wonderful hospitality and the chance to enter one, two, possibly three shows over the same weekend. Thank you.

(b) Cattery of Excellence

Mastin: Next New Business item. **Anger:** We are skipping section (b), the Cattery of Excellence motions and putting them into executive session.

[Secretary's Note: See Sunday discussion on Cattery of Excellence]

(c) Joint Show with Whole Council of the Cat Fancy/WCCF Global Cat Association)

14.	<i>Anger Webb 05.23.2025</i>	<i>Grant the Angel Fairy Sphynx Club permission to hold an in-conjunction show with a WCCF club in Qingdao, China (ID-China), on October 25/26, 2025, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).</i>	<i>Motion Carried.</i>
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BACKGROUND: Panda (WCCF), Carrie (Angel Fairy Sphynx) and Gavin Cao have had several discussions regarding the upcoming October 25/26, 2025 Qingdao show for CFA, using Jon Lee's NGO license. The requirements for NGOs in Wuhou District, Chengdu, China have become very strict. Their procedures are difficult and take a long time to complete. In order to ensure the smooth progress of the event, the organizers must take every step correctly and avoid any problems. Due to the multi-organizational event, Jon Lee's NGO license was rejected. In addition, Carrie is concentrating on her Judging Program application, so her club is willing to give up the event to another CFA club that has stepped forward.

Given the complexity of organizing this event and the number of details involved, they have mutually agreed that it may be in everyone's best interest to change the hosting club to **Xijing Cat Club** (Tony Chen's club) and to use **Sunny Sun's NGO license** for the show.

MOTION: For the in-conjunction show with a WCCF club in Qingdao, China (ID-China), on October 25/26, 2025, substitute the Xijing Cat Club in place of the Angel Fairy Sphynx Club, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).

Anger: So (c) would be the joint show with the WCCF Global Cat Association. I guess I will present this one. **Mastin:** OK. **Mastin:** There have been some changes. The board approved CFA having an in-conjunction show with a WCCF group at a big event they're having in Qingdao, China, the end of October. There have been some changes and it's been decided by the planning group that rather than the Angel Fairy Sphynx Club being the CFA host club, that it would move to the Xijing Club, Tony Chen's club, and also, John Lee's NGO did not cover this event because of increased requirements in NGOs and there being a number of international judges coming. So Sunny Sun's NGO license will cover it. So the motion is, [reads]. **Mastin:** Darrell, will you second? **Newkirk:** I second. **Mastin:** Thank you. Darrell, any comments? **Newkirk:** No. I think this is going to be a good event for us and I've been asked to judge that show. So, anyway, I think things are going to go pretty good. **Anger:** They will go pretty good. **Newkirk:** They will. **DelaBar:** They are going to. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Hearing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

BACKGROUND: A question has arisen regarding usage of the CFA logo in connection with the WCCF event. The CFA website directs people to Teresa Keiger if they have logo questions. Currently, the CFA logo is displayed alongside other logos in instances such as the World Cat Congress event. Can the CFA logo appear on promotional flyers and online platforms alongside other affiliated organizations? The organizers are seeking the consent of CFA to ensure that their subsequent publicity will not contain errors.

Most of the organizers' flyers are in Chinese (because they are more targeted at Chinese exhibitors), but they can make an English flyer for CFA. A massive advertising campaign will take place from June to October. There will be many pet shows, government associations, media accounts, TV stations, subway advertisements, and airport advertisements in China to help promote the event together.

Event schedule:

1. On the evening of October 23, 2025, a Chinese and overseas breeder exchange dinner will be held, and it is planned to invite cattery owners from different organizations to participate, with a total of 200-300 people;

2. On October 23, 2025, different organizations will hold shows (the CFA show is scheduled for October 25);

3. On October 23, lectures and cat shows will be held at the event site during the day;

4. On October 26, the Best of the Best awards and the World Champion competition will be held at the event site. The first place winners from different organizations will enter the World Champion finals, and 10 cats will be selected to receive the world winner title. This is similar to the Moscow grand prix event which CFA participated in, in the past.

- The WCCF would like to display the CFA logo alongside the logos of other associations who are participating in the event in the days before the in-conjunction show on October 25.*
- The WCCF would like to display the CFA logo at the breeder dinner on October 23.*
- A “cooperation medal” is being struck, to award to sponsors. The WCCF would like to include the CFA logo on the medal.*

MOTION: *For the October 23-26, 2025 event in Qingdao, China (ID-China), allow the CFA logo to be used in the advertising for the event alongside other participants, for the October 23 breeder dinner and included in a “cooperation medal” being struck to award to sponsors.*

Anger: The second motion has to do with use of the CFA logo. They have a number of events that will be held in connection with this big cat gala. I just want you to know how important they find the participation of CFA to be. They’ve been wanting to partner with us for quite a long time. This opportunity arose and the board approved it. Thank you very much. Now you’ve approved the amendment. Part of their advertisement, which is going to be released this weekend, is their hope that they can include the CFA logo in their advertisement, along with the logos of other associations, similar to what we do for the World Cat Congress with the nine associations there. The guidelines for logo usage are a little vague. It just says, talk to Teresa Keiger. They don’t know who Teresa Keiger is, unfortunately, but I’ve laid out here what they’re doing and what they want to use our logo in connection with. The first point is, they would like to display CFA alongside the logos of other associations who are participating in the event in the days before our participation on October 25th. The WCCF would like to display the CFA logo at the Breeder Dinner on October 23rd. There’s going to be 200 or 300 participants. And then they’re also striking a special commemorative medal and they would like to have our logo on this medal. It’s going to be a big medal. So, I think it would be wonderful and help advertise our association, and this is something that they want to do. They’re very proud to have us be a part of it. **Mastin:** Is that your motion? **Anger:** That is my motion, [reads]. **Newkirk:** I would second the motion, but apparently someone on the board thinks that it’s a conflict of interest because I’m judging. I don’t think my judging has anything to do with – **Currie:** I’ll second the motion. **Newkirk:** OK. **Mastin:** Thank you, Kenny. Discussion? Ed, is there something in any

show rule that doesn't allow the CFA logo to be used with specific associations? **Raymond:** No, the only thing in the show rules are some instances where the logo must be used – on rosettes, on show flyers, on catalogs, no. This is just a use of trademark question. **Mastin:** Very good. I just wanted to make sure we didn't have anything in there. Darrell, do you have any comments on this? **Newkirk:** No. **Mastin:** Does anybody else have comments? Rachel? **Anger:** I'll just close it by saying they wanted full disclosure so that everyone knows what they're using our logo for. **Mastin:** Great. Objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Anger: Thank you. And I do want to say that this is going to be huge advertising on the level of our CFA international show.

(d) Japan Region In-Conjunction Show

Motion: *Grant the Japan Region permission to hold a 6 ring show in conjunction with TICA Japan Region (TICA Asia East Regional Director Hisae Tasaki) in Tokyo, Japan (Region 8) on April 26, 2026, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).*

Anger: Our next item in New Business is the Japan region in-conjunction show. **Tamura:** Yes, we are planning to hold the CFA Japan regional show on April 26, 2026, the very end of the season. The show hall is going to be at Tokyo Bigsite East Hall, and that show hall is huge. That's 7,000 square meters. Huge. Then, we're planning to have an in-conjunction show with TICA, sponsored by Royal Canin. The show area is totally different. TICA and CFA is totally different. But, you know, this is the fifth time in Japan we are holding same shows. We got a lot of visitors came into this show every year. So, you know, we would like to do this show for the very end of April, but it needs approval for this event. **Mastin:** Aki, what city is this in? **Tamura:** It was in 2026. **Mastin:** No, what city? **Tamura:** It's at Tokyo. Tokyo Bigsite. **Mastin:** I'm going to open it up for discussion. This is your motion, correct? **Tamura:** Oh, yes. **Mastin:** OK. Darrell? **Newkirk:** I'll second the motion. **Mastin:** Thank you. Open for discussion. Pauli? **Huhtaniemi:** You said it's going to be with the TICA. Do we know the TICA clubs and who the members are? **Tamura:** The TICA region. The Japan TICA region. **Huhtaniemi:** OK. That's fine. **Mastin:** Rachel? **Anger:** I just want to clarify. Pauli reminded me of this the first time I made an in-conjunction motion. We have new requirements now where we have to list the officers and confirm whether or not any of those people are currently under suspension or disciplinary action.

4.08 No member club may hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show in conjunction with one licensed by any other similar organization without the prior approval of the Executive Board, which may impose such conditions as the Board may deem appropriate. (See CFA Bylaws, Article XII). Requests for approval should be submitted to the CFA Secretary prior to the show being licensed and must include the name and association affiliation of the partner club, the names of that club's officers, and pertinent details about the proposed shows. Given that the Board may impose conditions that it deems appropriate, no show license will be issued until Board approval is granted.

Anger: So, we will need that information, the specific names. **Tamura:** It's like, you know, the CFA Japan and also the TICA Japan. So, you know, they're not suspended at all. And the TICA

Asia East Regional Director is Hisae Tasaki. She is the director of the TICA region, TICA Japan region. **Anger:** And when I publish the motion, I'll add those names. But just as a reminder to everyone, when we come forward with in-conjunction shows. **DelaBar:** Isn't the intent to make sure that we don't have people who are suspended from CFA going over to these other groups who are wanting to do in-conjunction shows with us? Not particularly people who have been died in the wool with their own association established people. I thought that was the original intent of what we were doing. Not to go and check and say, oh gee, they had a punishment from TICA or whatever. That was not our intent. Ours was to make sure that we didn't have CFA people running over to other associations and then subsequently putting on shows. **Mastin:** You want to speak on that? **Anger:** No. She's looking at me. **Mastin:** She was looking at you. **Anger:** Pauli or Ed would be a much better resource. **Huhtaniemi:** Yeah, I think that the reason we have the rule is that we have some people in CFA who are suspended, maybe lifetime suspension, and they have filed into TICA clubs or something, and we don't want to co-work with them. That's why we are asking this background information. **DelaBar:** Basically, that's what I said, Pauli. **Huhtaniemi:** Yeah, a little bit different tone. **Mastin:** So Pam, you got the answer you're looking for? **DelaBar:** Yeah. Aki and I talked about it earlier. **Mastin:** OK. Further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, motion passed unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

[Side discussions regarding a phone going off and the related penalty were not transcribed.]

(e) Importance of Sending a Delegate

Anger: Next, we have Ed Raymond with the importance of sending a delegate. **Mastin:** Oh yes. Go ahead, Ed. **Raymond:** I just wanted to, since this is out on the Facebook broadcast at the moment, I wanted to remind all the clubs out there of the importance of sending a delegate to the annual meeting. Our bylaws require a quorum of at least 50% of the clubs that are entitled to vote. If we don't get 50% tomorrow, we can sit around and talk all day, but we cannot do any business. So, even if your club can't send a club member, name a delegate and then find a proxy. A proxy counts the same as a delegate. So, I just wanted to encourage that participation. It seems like our delegate count is getting smaller each year. **Mastin:** Carissa? **Altschul:** How many clubs are eligible and how many delegate forms were sent in? Where are we? **Raymond:** There are 510 eligible clubs, so the quorum is 255. I do not know how many are checked in. We'll find that out tomorrow. **Altschul:** How many were registered? **Raymond:** I do not know. **Altschul:** You don't know. **Mastin:** Based on the information I have from Nancy [Dodds] – Kenny, I'll let you speak after I'm done. **Currle:** I've got something to say. **Mastin:** OK. Raise your hand, alright? I touched base with Nancy earlier in the week and she told me there's 57% which is why this is on the agenda for this weekend. So, Ed and I have already talked about this. It's extremely important when we do the amendments and resolutions that we maintain a quorum and the number, as Ed said, is 255. Once we do not have a quorum, we are just talking. We're going to talk about the weather. We're going to talk about Disney World and everything else, but it's very important we have a quorum. Does anybody have any other questions for Ed? OK, Kenny? **Currle:** Are we at the end of our New Business, Rachel? **Mastin:** I'm not sure. Is anybody else? **Anger:** This is the last item I had. **Mastin:** Darrell? **Newkirk:** I just want to make one comment. For the past several years, I've tried to put delegates from clubs that aren't going to attend with a

proxy. I did three this year. That was it. There are absolutely zero – zero – delegates from Japan. I have talked to Aki about this and those clubs in Japan used to be loyal supporters of us. I would do 20 to 25 proxies for the Japanese clubs. This year, it was zero.

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Mastin: Does anybody else have anything for open session? Kenny, do you have something for open session? **Currle:** Yes. As Regional Director of the Southern Region, I want to welcome personally the board and board members, Central Office employees here today. I want you to enjoy the weekend. I want you to have a really good time. And Rachel, I am going to take your advice. I'm not going to mention the Cat Week show on September 13-14 in Daytona, Florida. We'd love to see you all there. **Mastin:** Thank you, Kenny. Does anybody else have anything for open session? Allene? **Tartaglia:** This is from the hotel. We have three people who made reservations who didn't check in last night. I want to see if anybody knows who they are, because they're going to release their rooms. So, if they don't check in tonight, they won't have a room. So the three people are Cheryl Flake, Mark Hendricks, and Doug Welch. Does anybody? **Currle:** I know Cheryl. I don't know her personally. **Tartaglia:** Does anybody know what their plans are? Because I'm going to release their rooms. **Mastin:** Allene, Carissa is going to reach out to two people from her region. **Tartaglia:** Great. Thank you. **Mastin:** Can you give us a little time so they can reach out? **Tartaglia:** Yeah, I'll ask them to give a few minutes. In the meantime, can they roll the lunch in? **Mastin:** Let's finish up here, and then we'll bring it in, OK? Darrell, you had your hand up. **Newkirk:** I was going to be a smart ass. I know, such a shock. **Currle:** Darrell, you don't need to practice. **Mastin:** We're ahead of schedule, so if you want, you can go ahead. **Newkirk:** No, I'm just going to thank Kenny for not bringing up his show in September. **Currle:** September 13th and 14th. In Daytona. **Mastin:** Anything else for open business?

Mastin: Before we adjourn, I just have a couple of comments to say. First, I want to start out by thanking George Eigenhauser from this board for his many years of service as committee member and Chair of the Protest Committee for 25 years. George has worked with the Legislative Committee as a committee member and Chair for 26 years. I also want to thank Darrell Newkirk, current Director at Large, past president and board member for 17 years. Darrell, thank you for your commitment, dedication, guidance and continued work and leadership as a committee chair and vice-chair. So, I want to thank you. You and I are friends, so thank you very much. [applause] This being the last open session board meeting for this board, I also wanted to take a moment to thank the entire board. I also want to thank Ed Raymond, our Legal Counsel, and Allene and James and all the employees and contractors for CFA. I want to thank everybody for everything they have done over this past year. With that, we are going to break. We'll come back at 1:00 and we will be in executive session, so let's go have lunch.

The Thursday open session meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

The Thursday executive session meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary
The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.*