

2025 CFA ANNUAL MEETING
Friday, June 27, 2025

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(30) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PRESIDENT’S WELCOME.**

CFA ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA June 26-29, 2025 All Times in Eastern Standard Time			
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.	Delegate Bag Swag – Cash Giveaway	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	

President Richard Mastin called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Mastin: Good morning, everyone. Welcome to the Cat Fanciers Association June 26th through June 29th, 2025 Annual Meeting, Region 7 Hospitality Night and the Awards Banquet here in Orlando, Florida at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. It is a pleasure to have everyone here today. Before I continue, just a couple of reminders. We have a few delegates that have yet to pick up their clickers in the back of the room. They will hand you your clicker when you sign it out. The other thing I’d like to point out is, I don’t know if you noticed, either on your way in or on your way out of the room, there are signs on the door letting you know the cost of when your cell phone goes off – whether it is one time, two times, or three times. Kathy Calhoun has instructed me to tell you to turn on all your phones. She will go out and collect some money.

Mastin: I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to Region 7 Regional Director Kenny Currle, the amazing Annual Committee, and all the clubs within Region 7, the Southern Region, for their gracious and hard-working, dedicated support in making this event possible. Your commitment will surely make this year's annual event enjoyable and memorable for all in attendance. A warm welcome to our new and returning delegates, as well as to all board members, both past and present, including our newly-elected members, who will be announced later today. I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge CFA's past president and long-serving board member, Darrell Newkirk, for 17 years. Darrell has been a steadfast member of the Executive Board, an esteemed CFA allbreed judge, and a true friend to many of us. As he steps away from the board this year, please join me in thanking Darrell for his dedication and unwavering commitment to CFA. Here's to you, brother. **Newkirk:** You got it, brother.

Mastin: Speaking of dedication and commitment, I would be remiss if I did not recognize the service of George Eigenhauser, our Legislative and Protest Committees. George is stepping down after 26 years on the Legislative Committee and 25 years on the Protest Committee. Thank you, George.

Mastin: At last year's Delegate Meeting, I shared that our online CFA Official Discussion Group had over 7,500 members. As of this morning, at 4.30 a.m., we just turned 9,200 members. I know it's not a big number in comparison to some of the other discussion groups out there, but it is growing, and I'm very appreciative of all the people that post on the discussion group and for the moderators and admins within the group. So, thank you to all of them. Since last year's Delegate Meeting, CFA released the new website, eCat 2.0, and received the long-awaited approvals from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the slogan, "We Know Cats®," and the CFA logo. All enhancements over the past 52 weeks should be of greater value to our CFA participants in providing higher levels of efficiencies and user-friendly tools.

Mastin: This year's CFA International Cat Show and Expo will take place on October 11th and 12th at the I-X Center in Cleveland, Ohio. You can find the show flyer in your delegate's book. Entries are now open, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Linda Murphy, our Show Manager, and Ed Raymond, our Committee Chair. They are both here in this room. So, when you have questions, please reach out to them. While we have important business to conduct over the next few days, we also have our annual award celebration banquet tomorrow evening, where we will honor the dedication, unwavering commitments, and high-achieving accomplishments from last year's show season. I will say it now, and then again many times tomorrow evening – Congratulations to all those we will honor at this year's awards banquet. Don't forget that tonight at 7 p.m. we have Region 7's Hospitality Costume Contest and party. I can't wait to see you all in costume, including Region 7's Regional Director. He's trying to tell me he's going to be a judge. Hope, you need to get on this. Please get our Region 7 Regional Director in a costume. Kenny, you have one hour during lunch to get a costume.

Mastin: This week has a lot to offer. I encourage you to fully engage in the various meetings and discussions, enjoy the camaraderie, make new connections, and experience the wonders in Orlando, Florida. Thank you all for being here this week. Now, let's get down to business.

(31) **SOUTHERN REGION WELCOME MESSAGE.**

Mastin: Please give a very warm welcome to Kenny Currle as he comes up to stage to share his words of wisdom and welcome address.

Currle: Before I begin, I just wanted to tell Rich I told him I was coming as a judge, but also dressed as CFA's president. Ladies and gentlemen, fellow CFA cat fanciers, and esteemed guests. It is with great joy and excitement that I and the Southern Region welcome you to the 2025 CFA Annual Meeting of cat fanciers from all corners of the world. Today we unite not just as individuals who share a common passion, but as a vibrant community that celebrates the beauty, grace, and charm of our feline companions. Throughout this event, I encourage you to connect with one another, to exchange stories and ideas, to learn from the diverse perspectives that each of you bring to CFA. I want to personally thank Karen Lane, Hope Gonano, and all the members of the various committees who have worked tirelessly to create what our region hopes is a magical weekend for all of you. Finally, thank you all for being here, for your dedication to this wonderful hobby, and for your unwavering love for cats. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Kenny.

(32) DECLARE THE DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.

(A quorum is representation from 50% plus 1 of our clubs, or 255).

Mastin: I have just been given word we have a quorum. 283 delegates have checked in. We needed 255. This meeting is called to order.

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Quorum Rules for the Meeting and Motions

It is important that all delegates remain for motions and engage in the voting process to help CFA meet the quorum requirements for each motion.

1. For the meeting to be held, the presence of a delegate or proxy from one-half (1/2) of the member clubs entitled to send a delegate shall constitute a quorum. The Credentials Committee has established that the quorum for the 2025 Annual CFA Meeting is **255**.
2. For all motions to proceed, a quorum of 255 votes must be cast on each individual motion. Absentee Votes (choosing not to vote) because of a conflict of interest to a specific motion are counted to meet the quorum. If a motion does not meet the quorum on the “yes” and “no” votes cast, then the CFA President will poll the floor to see if there are any absentees due to a conflict of interest. If any motion receives less than 255 total “yes” votes, “no” votes, and “abstentions due to conflict”, the motion fails and no further action will be taken on the motion.

Vote Count Rules:

1. For purposes of counting the vote, only the total votes cast of “yes” and “no” are counted to determine passage of a motion. Absentees of any kind are not counted.
2. Passage of a motion is based on either an affirmative majority of more than 50% or 2/3 of the total “yes” and “no” votes as required for the type of motion.

Vote Count Examples:

- a. Total “yes” and “no” votes cast = 310.
 - 156 “yes” votes are needed for the affirmative majority (more than 50%) and 207 “yes” votes are needed for the 2/3 affirmative vote.
- b. Total “yes” and “no” votes cast = 290.
 - 146 “yes” votes are needed for the affirmative majority (more than 50%) and 194 “yes” votes are needed for the 2/3 affirmative vote.
- c. Total “yes”, “no”, and “abstentions due to conflict” votes cast = 252.

- The motion fails because the quorum of 255 wasn't met.

[**Secretary's Note:** The Credentials Committee final count of seated delegates was 283 (when the meeting was called to order) out of 510 eligible to vote. There were 510 clubs which had paid dues and membership lists were received by June 1.]

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
44 Gatti	Nancy Dodds
A New Hope Cat Club	Vincent Pina-Crupi
Abyssinian Breeders Int'l	Michael Shelton
Abyssinian Midwest Breeders	Ellyn Honey
Agua Caliente Cat Club	Beth Feininger
Alamo City Cat Club	Elizabeth Armitage
All Chiefs No Indians Cat Club	Teresa Land
All States Burmese Society	Art Graafmans
Almost Heaven Cat Club	Ann Marie Bingham
American Gothic Cat Club	Yvonne Credit
American Shorthair Lovers of Europe	Ulrike Knueppel
Americans in Paradise	Howard R. Webster
Americans West	Carol W. Johnson, DVM
Angel Fairy Sphynx	Cyndee Hill
Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers	Sabrina Grisier
Arkansas Feline Fanciers	Pamela Bassett
Arklahoma Feline Fanciers	Taylor Huffman
Atlanta Phoenix Cat Society	Charlene Munro
Atlantic Himalayan Club	Jim Land
Basic Black Cat Club	Kathy Calhoun
Beverly Hills Cat Club	Darrell Newkirk
Black Diamond Cat Club	Jeri Zottoli
Black Tie and Tails Cat Club	Carrie Bechard
Bombay Enthusiasts of America	Joy Dey
Buccaneers Cat Fanciers	Doug Welsh
Buffalo Cat Fanciers	Beth Reilly
Burmese South Cat Club	Chuck Prater
Burmilla Enthusiasts of America	Keith Kimberlin
Cable Car Cats	Mark Campbell
California Silver Fanciers	Howard R. Webster
Call of the Wild	John Webster
Camino Real Cat Fanciers	Susan H. Truesdell, DVM
Canusa Cat Club	Megan Wang
Capital Cat Fanciers	Beth Yoakum
Carolina Sophisticats	Vivian Baylor

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Cat Club of the Palm Beaches	Karen Lane
Cat Fanciers of Finland	Pauli Huhtaniemi
Cat Fanciers of Hawaii	Donna Fujie
Cat Fanciers of Washington	Michael Slivinski
Cat Nation Fanciers	Christine Brown
Catalinas Cat Club (The)	Dorothy L. Olsen
Cat'n on the Fox	Cathy Dunham
Cat's Incredible Inc.	James Land
Cats Ink	Cheryl Coleman
Cats Kansas City	Brian Pearson
Cats of The Rising Sun	Karen J. Bishop
Cats of Wisconsin Cat Club	Jon Brubacher
Cats Royale	Vicki Jensen
Central Carolina Cat Fanciers	Teresa Keiger
Chamberlin on The Bay Cat Fanciers	Leslie Herman
Champagne Cat Club	Linda Murphy
Chartreux International	Fuge Christine
China Kiwi Fanciers Cat Club	Joe Vollen
Chocolate City Cat Club	Caroline Melia
City Cats	Gayle A. Hand
Classy Cats Society	Leslie Ann Carr
Cleveland Persian Society	Dianne Dodd
Club Felins Fleur De Lys	Carrie Bechard
Coastal Cat Club	Mike Altschul
Coastal Empire Cat Club	Barbara Lee Leffler
Coastal Paws Cat Club	Shirley Peet
Cochise Cat Fanciers	Robert Zenda
Colonial Annapolis Cat Fanciers	Donna Clas
Colorado Cat Fanciers	Mandie Fick
Constitution City Longhair Club	Megan Wang
Cotton States Cat Club	Cynthia A. Lewis
Crab and Mallet Cat Club	Shirley Peet
Crafty Cat (The)	Teresa Keiger
Crow Canyon Cat Club	Vicki Jensen
Crown City Cat Club	Marsha Johnson
Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club	Annette L. Wilson
Damn Yankees Cat Club	Vincent Pina-Crupi
Devon Rex Breed Club	Bobbi Irie
Diamond State Cat Fanciers	Kathryn Sain
Emerald Cat Club	Cindy Walker
Emerald Coast Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Carla Bizzell
Empire Cat Club	Robert Clark

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
European Burmese Cat Club	Lauren Castle Flynn
European Shorthair Club	Kenny Currle
Exotic Breeders	Teresa Sweeney
Exotics Fans Club	Alex Luk Chun Lap
Feline Fanciers of Benelux	Peter Vanwonderghem
Feline Forum of Greater NY	Teresa Land
Felinus International	Peter Vanwonderghem
Fenix Cat Club	Tuija Aaltonen
Finicky Felines Society	Cheryl Lorditch
For The Love of Cats Cat Fanciers'	Dennis Ganoë
Fort Worth Cat Club	Leah Dow
Freestate Feline Fanciers	Elizabeth Yoakum
Friends & Family	Diana Heinzen
Fyfe and Drum Himalayan Club	Patti Debiasse
Galaxy Cat Club	Virginia Liu
Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey	Geraldine Fellerman
GEMS	Laurie Coughlan
Genesee Cat Fanciers Club	Carmen Johnson Lawrence
Glacier Peak Cat Club	Robert Irvine
Glamorous Int'l Ambassador (GIA)	Fanny Ng
Golden Gate Cat Club	Laura Gregory
Golden Triangle Cat Fanciers	Carmen Johnson Lawrence
Golden West Cat Club	Sue Swaim
Grassroots Cat Fanciers	Debra Duncan
Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees	Martha Auspitz
Great Lakes Great Maines	Bethany Colilla
Great River Cat Fanciers	Beth Grant-Field
Greater Baltimore Cat Club	Caroline Melia
Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers	Laurie Coughlan
Greater NW Cat Fanciers	Judith Bemis
Gulf Shore Consortium	Jan Rogers
Half Moon Cat Club	Elaine Magee
Hallmark Cat Club	Lisa Mastin
Happy Alternative Cat Club	Mike Altschul
Happy Trails Cat Club	Shayla Copas
Havana Brown Fanciers	Doug Welsh
Hawkeye State Cat Club	Brian Pearson
Hemet Feline Fanciers	Cynthia Byrd
Hidden Peak Cat Club	Lyn Knight
High Plains Cat Club	Rebecca Galloway
Hong Kong and Macao Cat Club	Nicholas Pun
Hong Kong Cats	Gloria Leung

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Houston Cat Club	Becky Galloway
Hudson Valley Cat Club	John Adelhoch
Hugger Mugger Feline Society	Carissa Altschul
Huntsville Cat Club	Elaine Fry
Illini Cat Club	Chai Wuttivorrvattana
Indy Cat Club, Inc.	Pam DeGolyer
International Egyptian Mau Society	Timothy Fowler
International Somali Cat Club	Charlene Munro
International Toybob Cat Club	Judith Bemis
JA Club	Jacqui Bennett
Japanese Bobtail Fanciers	Linda Donaldson
Jiang Nan Cat Fanciers Club	Gavin Cao
Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers	Bruce Mueller
Just Cat-In Around Cat Fanciers	Anne Mathis
Kentucky Colonels Cat Club	Martha Auspitz
Kino Kat Klub	Barbara A. Jaeger
Kittyhawk Felines	Ginger Gunlock
Lance and Bertha Cat Fanciers	Betty Bridges
Land Of Oz Cat Club	Carissa Altschul
Land of the Sky Cat Fanciers	Teresa Voigt
LaPerm Society of America	Dennis Ganoe
Las Vegas Cat Club	Cynthia Yanez
Liberty Trail Cat Fanciers	Jill Archibald
Lilac City Cat Fanciers	Leicy Bartlett
Lilac Point Fanciers	Mary Kolencik
Lincoln State Cat Club	Geraldine McKerlie
Lincoln State Longhair Fanciers	Holly Mueller
Lincoln State Shorthair Society	Geraldine McKerlie
Lone Star Cat Club	Mark Henrichs
Long and Short of It Cat Club	Nancy Petersen
Long Island Cat Club	Shayla Copas
Los Colores Cat Club	Debbie Cavanaugh
Lucky Penny Cat Club	Orca Starbuck
Lucky Tomcat Club	Sherri Shaffer
Mad Catters (The)	Lyn Knight
Magnolia State Cat Club	Kathryn Sain
Maha Cat Club	Yvonne Credit
Maine Attraction Cat Fanciers	Pat Pomphrey
Maine Coon Cat Club	Elaine Magee
Maine Street Cat Club	David Bennett
Malibu Cat Club	Marsha Johnson
Marina All Breed Cat Club	Cynthia Byrd

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Mckenzie River Cat Club	Gayle A. Hand
Meowy Wow Wow Cat Club	Bethany Tod
Metroplex Allbreed Cat Club	Sheri Shaffer
Metropolitan Cat Fanciers	Dilka Slivinski
Mid South Cat Fanciers	Alvin Green
Midlands Cat Fanciers	Tom Lukken
Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers	Michael A. Slivinski
Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers	John Colilla
Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers	Sabrina Grisier
Midwest TGIF Fanciers	Lucy Drury
Mississippi Belle Feline Fanciers	Diana Heinzen
Mohawk Trail Cat Club	Bruce Mueller
Mo-Kan Cat Club	Todd Moyer
Monroe Shorthair Club	Joan Daily
Morris and Essex Cat Club	Christine D'avirro
Mount Laurel Cat Fanciers	Timothy Fowler
Mountain Mist Cat Fanciers	Patricia Stewart
Nashville Cat Club	Kaige Xiang
National American Shorthair Club	Carol W. Johnson, DVM
National Birman Fanciers	Jeri Zottoli
National Maine Coon Cat Club (The)	Beth Csomay
National Siamese Cat Club	Betsy Arnold
Nat'l Alliance of Birman Breeders	Stephanie Boulter
Nat'l Alliance of Burmese Breeders	Vivian Baylor
Nat'l Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club	Margaret Hoffmeister
New England Meow Outfit	Donna Wiedemeier
New Millennium Cat Club	Michael Shelton
New River Cat Fanciers	Dilka Slivinski
New Vision Cat Club	Melody Boyd
North Texas Cat Club	Paula Noble
Nova Cat Fanciers Inc	Jill Archibald
Ocicats International	Jacqui Bennett
Ocicats of North America	Venus Devoe
Ohio State Persian Club	Kim Thomas
Oriental Crown Cat Fanciers' Club	Stephen Olszewski
Oriental Shorthairs of America	J'aime Lerner
Oriental West	Beth Grant-Field
Osnaburg Shorthair Club	Jodell Raymond
Ozark Cat Fanciers	Amy Sutherland
Paper Tigers	Michelle Smith
Paul Raines Cal Solid Color Cat Club	Andrea Bohren
Pawprints In The Sand	Leslie Herman

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers	Chad Copher
Perthshire Clan (The)	David Bennett
Pfanciers United For Fun, Inc.	Gary Martin
Phoenix Feline Fanciers	Sande Kay
Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers	Charlene Campbell
Poinsettia City Cat Club	Cheryl Jorgenson
Polaris (The)	Joe Vollen
Poppy State Cat Club	Heidi Murphy
Ragamuffin Cat Society	Laura Gregory
Ragdoll Breed Club	Susan Charles
Ragdolls Around the Globe	Sue Swaim
Rainbow Plumes	Russell Webb
Ramapo Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Perry D. Coleman
Rebel Rousers Cat Club	Melanie Nichols
Roadrunners Cat Fanciers	Denise McDermott
Rocky Mountain Cat Fanciers	Mandie Fick
Rome Cat Forum	Leslie Ann Carr
Russian Blue Fanciers	Stephanie Grady
Russian Blue West	Michelle Smith
Sacred Cat of Burma Fanciers	Joann Brubacher
Saintly City Cat Club	Stephanie Grady
San Diego Cat Fanciers	Clinton Parker
Sanguine Silver Society	Mike Pina
Santa Clara Valley Cat Fanciers	Debbie Allgire
Santa Monica Cat Club	Art Graafmans
Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance	Robert Irvine
Seacoast Cat Club	Marilyn Conde
Sherwood Manx Club	Tuija Aaltonen
Shorthairs Unlimited	Betty Bridges
Show and Tell Cat Club	Jan Rogers
Show Me Cat Fanciers	Janet Moyer
Siberian Cat Club	Lucy Drury
Sign of The Cat Fanciers	Karen Bishop
Siouxland Cat Fanciers	Janet Moyer
Soochow Riverside Cat Fanciers' Club	Stephen Olszewski
Sophisto Cat Club	Pam DelaBar
Southeastern Cat Fanciers	Kenny Currle
Southeastern Persian Society	Melanie Morgan
Southern Dixie Cat Club	Melanie Morgan
Southern Indiana Longhair Society	Kathy Calhoun
Southwest Japanese Bobtail Fanciers	Jennifer Reding
Southwest Scottish Fold Fanciers	Victoria Nye

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Sphynx Without Borders	Tera Domaradzki
Starry Sky Cat Fanciers' Club	Yu Zhang
Stars & Stripes Tabby & Tortie	Jim Charles
Steel City Kitties	Hope M. Gonano
Sternwheel Cat Fanciers	Bethany Colilla
Sunkat Feline Fanciers	Victoria Nye
Sunshine Cat Club	Pauli Huhtaniemi
Superstition Cat Fanciers	Laurie Albert
Swire Cat Fanciers' Club	Agnes Sun
Tabby Fanciers of America	Diana Rothermel
Tails and No Tales Cat Club	Jo Ann Cordes Brown
Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Laura Barber
Texoma Cat Fanciers	Kathy Black
That's My Point Cat Fanciers	Venus Devoe
Thumbs Up Cat Fanciers	Anne Mathis
Tigers Lair Feline Fanciers	Susan Charles
Tonkinese Breed Association	Deborah Parker
Tonkinese East	Clinton Parker
Topeka Cat Fanciers	Allene Keating
Touch of Class Cat Fanciers	Tracy Roberts
Triple Crown Cat Fanciers	Kaige Xiang
Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l	Alene M. Shafnisky
Twin City Cat Fanciers	Kathie Hunt
UK Cat Fanciers	Ulrike Knueppel
United Feline Odyssey	Russell Law
United Persian Society	Cathy Dunham
United Silver And Golden Fanciers	Aisha Aoki
United Singapura Society	John Colilla
Universal Feline Fanciers Cat Club	Leung Pak Hei
Utah Cat Fanciers	Erin Cutchen
Valley Cat Fanciers	Leicy Bartlett
Valley Empire Cat Fanciers	Cherylee DeYoung
Vermont Fancy Felines	Tracy Roberts
Victor Valley Cat Club (The)	Pau Badia Grimalt
Warwick Valley Feline Fanciers	Marilee Griswold
West Hills Cat Fanciers	Karen Thomas
Western Reserve Cat Club	Annette L. Wilson
Wichita Cat Fancy, Inc.	Paula Noble
Wild Blue Yonder Cat Fanciers	Sheryl Flake
Wild Rose Cat Club	Tom Lukken
Wildcatters Cat Club	Jim Charles
William Penn Cat Club	Carol Krzanowski

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
World Lykoi Association	Tera Domaradzki
World Wide Feline Fanciers	Patti DeBiasse
Worldwide European Burmese Society	Wendy Klamm

Clicker Review

Mastin: You all received your clickers assigned to the clubs you are representing. If you are voting for two clubs, you should have two clickers, one for each club. First, to wake up your clickers, press any button. For those of you who were here last year – not here, but at the Annual Meeting last year – we’re going to go through the same process we did last year. For all the new people, we’re going to go through the same process. It’s also to make sure your clickers are working. You should see an icon in the top left of the LCD screen. Now, we’ll do some practice questions to get all of us comfortable with the method of voting. James is going to display the voting screen. You can now see the first question on the screen. Keep in mind, you won’t vote until I open the voting. When voting is open, you’ll see the open indicator in green at the top of the screen, and your clicker will indicate a flashing R, which indicates it’s ready to receive your vote. Voting is now open. Please cast your vote for the first question I’ll read in a second. A for yes, B for no. Your clicker will display a 1 for yes or 2 for no.

Mastin: Question number 1, is this your first annual? Press A for yes or B for no. After you click A or B, your clicker will say OK, indicating the receiver has received your vote. If you look at the screen up front, you will see boxes change colors, indicating a vote has been received. James Simbro will answer any questions. Does anyone have any at this point? **Raymond:** James is showing question 2 instead of 1. **Mastin:** James, you’re showing question 2 instead of 1. James, we have a question. **Simbro:** I will show #1, and then we’ll re-do #2. **Mastin:** OK, you’re going to show number 1, and then you’re going to show number 2. Well, what was the question from the audience? OK, so one of the questions from the back of the room is, they can’t see the question, so I will announce the question as soon as I get it on my script. I’ve got to follow the script. Allene told me I have to follow the script. So, if I mess up, it’s all about the script. James, before we continue, I still have another question from the audience. Kathy, what is it? What if the clicker does not say OK? James? **Simbro:** They will have to come back and swap it out. **Mastin:** OK, go back to the back of the room and swap it out. So, if your clicker does not say OK, go get a new one. Now we’re going to try this again. Is this your first annual? A for yes, B for no. After you click A or B – James, what are you doing? Are we good now? Now it’s open. OK, A for yes, B for no. After you click A or B, your clicker will say OK – remember, if your clicker does not say OK, swap it out – indicating that the receiver has received your vote. If you look at the screens up front, you’ll see boxes change color, indicating a vote has been received. When it’s about time to close voting, I will give a 10-second warning. There are 10 seconds until voting closes for question 1. So, I’m counting down right now. 3 seconds, 2, 1, close the vote.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Test Question 1				
283 Delegates Registered	27	231	0	258

Mastin: 27 yes, 231 no. To the 27 people for being here for the first time, welcome. [applause] We are glad and thankful you are here. James, don't close the screen yet. I want to point something out to everybody in the room. The total number is 258. This number in the total is very important, and I need to tell you why. That number has to be – every time we vote on amendments and resolutions – has to be at least 255. If we do not have 255, we are not conducting business. That number is super important. 258, to me, I don't know about the rest of the people in this room, I know for Nancy and I know for our attorney, is scary. That could only be two people that stepped out of the room, one holding two clickers, one holding one. So, when we get to the amendments and resolutions, I hope everybody is back in the room.

Mastin: OK, I need to move on to question #2. Question #2, does Florida have more alligators than people? If you were at the annual in Iowa, it was a trick question. Were there more pigs than people? Remember? Ten seconds. Yes. Three, two, one. Close voting.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Test Question 2				
283 Delegates Registered	147	113	0	260

Mastin: We have 147 yes, we have 113 no. The answer to the question is, there is approximately one alligator for every 10 to 15 residents. While encounters with alligators are common in Florida, the human population significantly outnumbers alligator population. You may not agree with that answer, but it's on the script.

Mastin: Question #3, are Mickey and Minnie Mouse married? So we had 258 and we had 260. **Raymond:** It's going in the right direction. **Mastin:** It's going in the right direction, but I would be more comfortable with 270. **Raymond:** I would, too. **Anger:** And there's 283. **Raymond:** 283 delegates checked in. **Mastin:** When we get to 255 is when I go ten seconds. Ten seconds. Three, two, one. Close the voting.

Mastin: Hi Mary Kay. **Kolencik:** Hello. I don't think the mics are turned on yet so I thought I would come up here. How do we abstain? **Raymond:** Just don't vote. **Kolencik:** But then you have to get to 255. **Raymond:** If the number does not hit 255, we will call for abstentions. That's the only time abstentions matter. **Kolencik:** OK. **Mastin:** The answer is, some of you may know the answer, I didn't, and I was surprised. The answer is, both answers are correct. Here's the answer. In private life, they are considered married, according to Walt Disney. However, in their on-screen appearances, they are typically portrayed as a couple, but not explicitly as husband and wife. I never knew that. I need to go back to Disney to learn that. It's a practice. We got to get to 255, so the number is slowly going up.

Mastin: OK, the next question. Run, James, run. The next question is going to be, is Florida known as the Orange State? I'm being told that the clickers are a little slow to respond, and I should leave the votes open a little longer. And if everybody's paying attention, I've been calling 10 seconds once we get to 255, because 255 is the number we need. This is just a practice run. Come on, people. We need 255. It's our magic number. There we go. Close the vote.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Test Question 4				
283 Delegates Registered	105	115	0	260

Mastin: 105 yes, 155 no. Total votes, 260. Florida is known as the Orange State due to its large citrus industry and the fact that oranges are a significant part of Florida's identity. OK. Next question, and I believe this is the last one. The next question will be, have you ever worn Mickey Mouse ears? 10 seconds.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Test Question 15				
283 Delegates Registered	139	128	0	267

Mastin: Close the vote. This is our highest number – 267. 128 no, 139 yes, 267 total. That's a lot of Mickey Mouse ears. Now I got a new vision, looking out – everybody in Mickey Mouse ears. OK, just a reminder on the clickers. Remember to return the clickers at the end of today's meeting. There will be several folks at the back of the room collecting them. Those who do not return the clickers, Kathy will be taking your \$100. It's on the script.

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

Mastin: OK, now we got to get down to some serious stuff. I appoint Ed Raymond as CFA parliamentarian and ask him to come up here.

(34) SPECIAL RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE.

President Mastin had **Parliamentarian Edward Raymond** advise the delegation of the special rules of parliamentary procedure which they would be asked to adopt for the meeting:

Raymond: Good morning, everyone. The quorum for this meeting will be established pursuant to the CFA Bylaws and the New York Not-for-Profit Law which governs CFA business. If the number of delegates or proxies registered as present is one-half or more of eligible member clubs, a quorum has been declared for the entirety of the meeting. Rich Mastin has already mentioned that we have 283 people registered as delegates or proxies. The actual quorum needed, as Rich has mentioned, is 255.

Raymond: Let me read to you the special rules of parliamentary procedure that will govern this meeting.

Special Rules of Parliamentary Procedure:

Here are the Special Rules of Parliamentary Procedure:

1. *The agenda for this meeting will be the agenda as proposed by the chairperson and distributed to all of the delegates.*
2. *Motions (a) to table or, (b) to move the previous question or, (c) to postpone indefinitely shall not be permitted.*
3. *Motions to substitute will be treated as other amendments.*
4. *The seconding of motions is not required.*
5. *The sponsor of a debatable motion will be permitted a closing statement after the close of debate.*
6. *Recommendations from member clubs may be discussed even though no motion is pending.*
7. *When not inconsistent with the foregoing general rules, the Bylaws of the CFA, Inc., its Certificate of Incorporation, and applicable rules of law, and the Democratic Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of this meeting.*
8. *Pursuant to New York Not-for-Profit Law, each motion shall be determined by the votes cast on that motion. An abstention is not considered a vote cast.*
9. *While all are welcome to attend and listen to the discussion, only registered delegates or proxies may speak from the floor.*

Raymond: A flyer has been passed out for you which outlines the quorum rules for this meeting and the voting procedures. It's important that you remain for all motions and engage in this voting process to help us with the quorum requirements for each motion. For this meeting to

be held, the presence of the delegate or proxy from one-half of the member clubs constitutes a quorum. As we said, the Credentials Committee has established that at 255. Absentee votes choosing not to vote because of a conflict of interest to a specific motion are counted to meet that quorum, but they are not counted in the results of the motion. If a motion does not meet the quorum on the yes or no votes cast, then CFA President Rich Mastin will poll the floor to see if there were any absentee votes due to conflicts of interest. If a motion receives less than 255 total yes/no/absentee votes due to conflict, the motion fails and no further action will be taken on the motion. For purpose of counting votes, only the total number of yes and no votes are actually counted for passage. Absentees of any kind are not counted for passing the motion. Passing of the motion is based either on an affirmative majority of more than 50% or 2/3, depending on the type of motion. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Ed.

(35) APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING.

Mastin: We need a motion to approve minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting. **Currle:** So moved. **Mastin:** Thank you, Kenny.

(36) **2025 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CFA BYLAWS.**

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

Number of CFA member clubs represented: 283

Number of votes for a simple majority: 142

Number of votes for a two-thirds majority: 185

*[**Secretary's Note:** The final delegate registration number was 283]

**The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
2025 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS**

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

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

Mastin: We start first with our bylaw amendments. Bylaw amendments must be passed by at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by the delegates present at this meeting. An abstention counts as a no vote. Bylaw amendments are effective immediately unless stated otherwise in the amendment. They must be voted on as pre-noticed. They cannot be amended or brought from the floor and can't be changed by the board. The sponsor will be allowed to make a closing statement. The sponsor brings their first point up, then they get the closing statement. If you are to come to the mic, you must identify yourself by your name and your club. I will limit each individual to speak to the mic no more than two times. Remember, only delegates and proxies are allowed to speak. Ed has already mentioned this.

– 1 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, Section 5 – Dues and List of Members, to provide a method for dropped clubs to reapply for membership, as follows:

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

Section 5 – Dues and List of Members

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

Each member club shall, with the payment of dues, forward to the Central Office of this Association a complete list of club members together with their addresses, and a list of the then current officers of the club, which lists shall be certified by the Secretary of the member club.

A member club that has failed to pay its dues and submit the list of club members and officers by the first day of January of any year will cease to be a member in good standing and will so continue until the delinquent dues are paid and the list of club members and officers is filed with the Central Office. However,

a member club that remains delinquent in payment of dues and/or fails to file a list of its members and officers past the first day of June shall be automatically dropped from membership.

A club which has been automatically dropped from membership for failure to pay its dues or file a list of its members and officers in a timely manner has until the first day of September of that year to apply for reinstatement pursuant to guidelines formulated by the Executive Board. After that date, a club applying for reinstatement must follow the procedure outlined in this Article for new club applicants.

RATIONALE: There have been times when clubs dropped in June wish to reapply immediately upon learning they were dropped. Typically the annual membership requirements were not met by the deadline due to a misunderstanding or miscommunication among the club members, and the club does not learn they were dropped until June. The CFA Bylaws currently do not provide an option for dropped clubs that wish to reapply, other than to submit normal new club application documents and associated fees. Because the CFA Bylaws require that new club applications be pre-noticed and applications are considered only at the February, June and October meetings, there can be quite a delay before a former club's reapplication can be presented to the Board. This amendment would provide a more streamlined approach to reinstatement of former clubs.

Mastin: We're going to go on to our first amendment. I think the switch is right on top, Carol, maybe? Is there a little switch? **Carol Krzanowski [William Penn Cat Club]:** The first amendment is actually presented by the CFA Executive Board, and I'm presenting it on behalf of the entire board. It's an amendment to Article III – Membership, Section 5, Dues and List of Members. I'll read the additional paragraph that we wish to add. [reads] The rationale for this is that over the years we've been faced with situations where clubs have been dropped inadvertently due to an internal communication issue within the club, election of new officers. They find out when they're dropped that either the secretary didn't send the membership list or the treasurer did not pay the fee. Oftentimes they wish to be reinstated right away, but currently our bylaws do not have any provision to reinstate a club. They must go through the new application process, which can be quite lengthy because we only consider new club applications at the three major board meetings each year – February, June and October. So, this would provide a more streamlined method for clubs to apply for reinstatement. They would have to meet certain requirements to be reinstated, and those requirements will be implemented by the CFA Board. Then they will be considered for reinstatement in October. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Carol. Do we have any speakers?

Mastin: Carol, we have no speakers. No need for you to do a closing statement. I'm going to call for the vote. Ten seconds. Three, two, one. Close the voting. 262 yes, 11 no. Total 273. Motion passes. Thank you.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 1				
283 Delegates Registered	262	11	0	273

Carried.

– 2 – *CFA Executive Board*

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

ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1 – Annual Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

Mastin: Amendment #2. Kathy Calhoun [Basic Black Cat Club; Southern Indiana Longhair Society]: This is also a CFA Executive Board-sponsored amendment. I will read the changes. I trust that you’ve all read through the amendment in totality. ... *the Executive Board, in the exercise of sound business judgment, determines that such a change is warranted.* Currently, the statement is *circumstances outside the control of the association arise.* I would like to add to the rationale that we are in a global world where things change. Business decisions need to be made and our elected board needs to have the ability to change when the organization needs to, using sound business decisions that best suit and benefit the organization.

Dennis Ganoe [For the Love of Cats Cat Fanciers; LaPerm Society of America]: I agree that the board needs to have more flexibility to respond to the economic situations and political situations in the world. However, they need to have checks and balances within that responsibility, and this provides none. It is a great idea, poorly worded, and gives the board carte blanche to basically change our annual meeting as necessary, they say. It doesn’t necessarily have to be in person. It doesn’t necessarily have to be the fourth weekend in June. It can be held

on Zoom and there are no restrictions as to notifications to the delegates and the membership about this. It mean, in a worst case scenario, they can cancel and reschedule the annual meeting the week before it was scheduled. That may be necessary, but it has to be within acceptable parameters, and I see none in this proposal. I urge us to vote no. **Mastin:** Is that Mary Kay back there? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]:** This is Mary Kay. I know I'm a bit unrecognizable. I was going to say a lot of what Dennis said, but I just really have a question, because he did bring up some of the things I was going to ask. I don't understand what change means. Is that once it's announced, you can change it, or can you change it like when we pick the annual five or six years before? Is that when you change it, or are you going to be able to change it up until a week before the annual? What he raised is the questions that I have. I do support the board being able to have this ability, but we need a little bit more parameters before I can decide how to vote. **Mastin:** Thank you, Mary. Mike, before I call on you, I'm going to have Ed Raymond come up and speak on this from a legal perspective, specific to the bylaws in New York State, not for profit, so we can clear up what Dennis's concerns are, shared by Mary. **Raymond:** So, the notice provisions in the bylaws are not changing. I believe the bylaws require 50 days' advance notice of the date and location of the annual meeting. You will still get whatever mandatory notice is provided within the bylaws. So, the board cannot change something a week before the annual meeting is scheduled. **Mastin:** Thank you, Ed. I believe somebody has their phone playing something, and it may be just – Kathy, you're nearby. It may be, if I'm correct, a past president of this association. Sheri and Anne, do I have that correct? You witnessed it firsthand, correct? OK. **Shaffer:** He's still on the phone. **Mastin:** He's still on the phone, yes. Mike, sorry for this interruption, but this is classic. This is, I mean, this is absolutely classic, Don. He can't speak because he's not carrying a delegate. He's here having a good time, and he is interrupting this meeting. I apologize to everyone. Hand over your money, Don. **Newkirk:** You're going to have to sell another car, Don. **Williams:** My telephone didn't ring. I'm on the telephone, but it didn't ring. **Mastin:** That is true, it didn't ring, but you were playing a movie or something. I can hear it all the way over here. You're a good speaker. You're a far better speaker than I am. This logic is not working. Honest to God, it's not working. Allene, you need to add to the sheet, anybody who's playing a video is \$50. [**Williams** pays the tax] **Mastin:** Don, thank you. Kathy, next time, take it away. They do it in schools these days. You just take the phones away. **Calhoun:** He paid \$20 though. I just want you to know that it's a donation and a fee. **Mastin:** Thank you, Don. Thank you. Mike, I'm sorry for the interruption. Please proceed. **Mike Shelton [Abyssinian Breeders International; New Millennium Cat Club]:** All righty then. The previous concerns having been addressed, I still have some concerns about this; mostly; that any board, although they may be acting in good faith, and I'm not concerned about a board doing anything not in good faith, it may be that in their view, the best business decision is to leave the annual meeting in a single place for an extended period of time, and that, based on the current economics in this country, the west coast may never see another annual again. Annual meetings take on the flavor of their host region and the more difficult it is for all regions of CFA to be represented in an annual meeting, the more likely it is for policies and rules to be adopted that do not reflect the overall needs of CFA. I can't support this as it is. I do see the need for possible changes to be made, but not this way. **Mastin:** Mike, thank you. There's a bad shadow on mic #3 and #4, so I'm sorry if I don't know your name, so I'm just going to call the mic. The person at mic #3, please speak. **Becky Galloway [Houston Cat Club; High Plains Cat Club]:** We have questions about this amendment and the voting. Normally our voting takes place in June, the new board takes effect in June, but if this is delayed, how is that going to work? Does

the current board extend their terms into November, or just, you know, questions, more questions. **Mastin:** To answer that question, the attorney for me, the new board takes place whenever the annual meeting takes place. So, if it is the third weekend in June, or the fourth weekend, I think the bylaws currently take us out possibly to the first weekend in July. Is that, Laurie? Hi Laurie. **Laurie Coughlan [GEMS; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** Hi Rich. I urge the delegates to carefully consider the financial situation CFA is in right now, and how our hobby is fading. We all want a cheap place to get to, we all want reasonable room costs, we all want to be able to get vendors to our annual. There are a lot of things we all want. We have elected a board, we are represented by this board, we all have a say on who it is that is going to make these decisions for us. I say we need to give them the option to make some changes and some choices. There's still a time guideline in here about rotating locations, there's still a time about notification. This just gives the board some wiggle room to perhaps save us \$50 a night in a room, or not having to fly to – and it was a nice place – Iowa, which is a secondary airport and therefore anything we saved on the room we lost on airfare. This gives the board the chance to save us money, save CFA money, and to make things work better. So, I encourage people to put aside the understandable fear that you might have to travel a little bit farther for the annual, and have faith that the board will look out for all the regions. **Mastin:** Thank you Laurie.

Mastin: Kathy, there are no more speakers. **Calhoun:** I would encourage the delegates to support this. There is a reason why the CFA Treasurer is the person who is speaking to this. As Laurie said, we have faced over the last – but Laurie, I'll say this – we have faced, and you will see in my report that we have faced challenges over the last three seasons. Significant challenges, and we need to be able to address and do the things that are in the best interest of the organization. Currently the bylaw says "circumstances outside of the control of the association arise." We need, and the only reason that a board of people that you elected would make a decision – any decision – is not personal. It is to the benefit of the organization. So please, please support this for CFA. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you Kathy. We are going to open the voting. Ten seconds. Three, two, one, close voting. 274 total votes, 129 yes, 145 no. Fails.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 2				
283 Delegates Registered	129	145	0	274

Failed.

– 3 – Ocicats International

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

ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1 – Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held commencing ~~on the third, fourth or fifth (if applicable) Friday in June, or the first Friday in July,~~ between June 1 and November 1 of each year in each of the

regions listed below successively (excluding the Japan and Europe regions) beginning in 1982 and in the following order:

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RATIONALE: Over the past 2 years we have been challenged to reduce costs associated with the annual to both CFA and the delegates. This proposal will provide a larger window to identify locations at a reduced cost when off season with a 5-year advance window to accommodate any affected clubs to allow for rescheduling or taking a year off without counting against their traditional date. By expanding the window for the annual meeting, we can assure all regions continue to be involved while keeping costs reasonable.

Mastin: OK, on to #4. I'm sorry, #3. Jacqui? Go ahead, Jacqui. **Jacqui Bennett [JA Club; Ocicats International]:** Good morning, I won't read the whole amendment to you. The only change in this amendment is to remove the requirements of the specified three weekends and expand it from June through November. Why is this important? As Kathy told us last year and just told us, finding a reasonable cost for the annual can be difficult, especially in high tourist season, which is summer. Orlando ain't cheap at the end of June. By giving them more weekends for an annual that is chosen five to seven years in advance, Helms Briscoe and the board stands a much better chance of finding a reasonable cost location for everyone. It gives additional flexibility. It allows us to move out of high tourist season. Let's face it, Tucson was lovely. It was also 115 degrees. It might be more comfortable in September. For clubs that are impacted, they have five to seven years to find another weekend or take a weekend off. It simply gives additional flexibility to the board, while assuring that all regions still have a rotation and the flavor and the culture of the annual, reducing costs for the CFA board and reducing costs for the CFA clubs. **Mastin:** Thank you, Jacqui. Mary Kay? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]:** I support this, but I have a question. I missed it in the last question. The board meets in June and the election takes place then and the new seats happen then. If we move the annual to – OK, say November 1st is the annual. When do the new board members take their new seat? **Raymond:** The bylaws provide that the new board takes effect on the Sunday of the annual meeting. So, if the annual meeting is November, the new board will switch in November. **Kolencik:** OK, that makes a huge difference because then that misses the October meeting. So, we've got the old board for two more meetings in all those months. So, that makes a big difference and I can't support this. **Mastin:** Thank you, Mary. **Mastin:** Jacqui, I see no more speakers. You have closing. Hang on one second. Howard? **Howard Webster [Americans in Paradise; California Silver Fanciers]:** I think we have to take a different stance. We're dealing with financial issues here and we have to be able to make changes. I know change in CFA is like everyone wants to be back in the 1950's. We can't be there anymore. We have to move into the 21st century. We have to make allowances for money shortages, and if we don't start making incremental, even small changes, it's not going to happen. So, I think we need to wake up, smell the coffee, and realize that we have issues financially and it needs to be addressed. It may not be perfect, but we have to start focusing on what we need to do to keep this organization viable. I've been here 47 years. It's a part of my life and I'd really hate to see it go away. **Mastin:** Thank you, Howard. Kate? **Kate Sain [Diamond State Cat Fanciers; Magnolia State Cat Club]:** I guess I've got a comment combined with a question. I do support having the flexibility of dates. My question is for the board and our Treasurer. What is the current fiscal year of CFA and would that still stay in place, or would it be adjusted to the annual meeting? **Mastin:** The fiscal year will remain as is. **Sain:** And what are those? Is it July 1st? **Mastin:** It begins on May 1st and ends on April 30th every year. Same as the show season. There's no change to that. Good question. **Sain:** Thank

you. **Mastin:** Go ahead. **Tera Domaradzki [Sphynx Without Borders; World Lykoi Association]:** My concern is for clubs, if we have to skip a year, some of us will lose our venue. In certain areas, we have a hard time finding a venue to hold our shows each year. So, when that changes, how do we get that back if we move it too far out? Maybe if we narrow the window more? Because once you start getting in, we've tried to even move a show. Trying to find another weekend to move the show to a different one conflicts with something else. **Mastin:** Good point. I do not have an answer for that question. My guess is that the board will not pick a date that already has a show scheduled. Now it may impact a traditional date, I understand that. So, that's a great question. Thank you. **Mastin:** OK, Jacqui, no more speakers. Please do closing comments. Oh, Kathy, you have one? Sorry, Jacqui. **Kathy Calhoun [Basic Black Cat Club; Southern Indiana Longhair Society]:** I ran across a statement from someone who is far smarter than me, and a little bit older. It says, but we need to think about this. We need to internalize this. The statement is, *It is not the strongest of the species that survive. Not the most intelligent, but the most responsive to change.* And that was a statement by Charles Darwin. **Mastin:** Thank you, Kathy.

Mastin: Jacqui. **Bennett:** I would remind everyone, we select locations for the annual five years in advance. There may be clubs that have impact where, if they do not reserve that show hall on that specific weekend, they could theoretically lose the venue. I'm sure we can come up with a solution for that in five years, even if it's reserving it for a pet expo or anything to preserve the weekend for the club. This is five years in advance. It simply gives the board additional flexibility to find a location at a lower cost, giving them more ability to save you money and to save CFA money. Please support it. **Mastin:** Thank you, Jacqui. Please open the vote. Ten seconds. Three, two, one. Close voting. 277 total votes. 178 yes votes. 99 no votes. Fails.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 3				
283 Delegates Registered	178	99	0	277

Failed

– 4 – *Lucky Tomcat Club, Tiger Lair Cat Fanciers, American Gothic Cat Club, Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees, Cat'n on the Fox, Huntsville Cat Club, and United Persian Society*

RESOLVED: Effective with the election held in June 2027, amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 –Titles, and Section 2 – Elections, subparagraphs e. and f., to reduce the number of Directors-at-Large from five (5) to three (3), and ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING, Section 1 – Membership, as follows:

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1 –Titles

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

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

No person shall hold more than one office.

Section 2 – Elections

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e. Election Procedure. On or before April 25 of each election year, the Central Office shall send by electronic means or mail to all member clubs in good standing and eligible to vote, ballots listing all candidates for whom timely declarations were received. Central Office shall establish procedures, subject to approval by the Executive Board of Directors, for optional electronic voting which shall include securing, printing, and appropriately destroying electronic ballots. Returned ballots must be received by the Central Office by June 1 of such year in order to be counted. Ballots returned by mail shall remain sealed until the Annual Meeting, at which time duly appointed inspectors will supervise the opening and counting of the ballots. Electronic ballots may be tabulated electronically or individually printed by Central Office and brought to the Annual Meeting to be tabulated by the inspectors with the mailed ballots. Ballots that are illegible, incomplete or those containing write-in candidates shall be considered void. Ballots in elections for Directors-at-Large selecting less than ~~five (5)~~ three (3) candidates (or less than all declared candidates if fewer than ~~five~~ three) shall be considered incomplete. Results shall be announced at the Annual Meeting as soon as the ballots have been tabulated. Ballots shall remain under the control of the inspectors until a motion to destroy the ballots is passed at which time the ballots shall be destroyed under the supervision of the inspectors. No person other than a duly appointed inspector shall have access to the ballots until after they are destroyed. If the duly appointed inspectors are unable to conduct in-person tabulation of ballots, the Board shall establish a procedure to assure ballots are tabulated by a neutral audit firm with results reviewed and approved by a subcommittee appointed by the chair of the Credentials Committee.

f. Tie-Vote Procedure. In the event of a tie vote in voting for any officer or Regional Directorship, or for the ~~fifth~~ third position in Director-at-Large elections, a special ballot will be conducted as provided herein. No new candidates shall be eligible to run in the special election. Any club in good standing at the time the original election ballots were mailed shall be eligible to vote in the special election, whether or not it voted in the regular election. The Central Office shall send by electronic means or mail special ballot forms to each eligible member club on or before July 15 of the election year and shall establish procedures for optional electronic voting as in e of this section. Returned ballots must be received by the Central Office by September 1 in order to be counted. The opening, inspection for regularity (legibility, completeness, write-in candidate disqualification, etc.), counting of the ballots and reporting of the election results shall be conducted under procedures specified by the Executive Board of Directors, with any seated Board member who is directly involved as a candidate in the tie vote being required to remove themselves from the determination of said procedure. In the event the special election also results in a tie-vote, the office in question shall be resolved by lot by the presiding Chairman of the Board.

If the balloting for one or more Regional Director results in a tie-vote, the presiding Chairman of the Board shall determine by lot, from among the tied candidates, which shall represent the affected region(s) from the time the tie-vote is declared until a winner is determined by the special mail ballot described above.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING

Section 1 –Membership

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

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

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

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

Mastin: OK, let's go on to the next. Let's go on to #4. **Cathy Dunham [Cat'n on the Fox; United Persian Society]:** #4 changes the number of DALs that would be elected to the board starting with the election cycle for 2027. I'm not going to read the whole thing because it's pretty lengthy, but the rationale in the spirit of financial responsibility for the association, this reduction would reduce some expenses related to board meetings. The work is still getting done, so we're proposing this reduction as we potentially look at the future and the potential of putting on new regional directors as different areas decide to approach the association to become a region. So, we hope that the delegation will support this and allow the board to be able to reduce DALs and make some room for additional positions as they become available. **Mastin:** Thank you, Kathy. Darrell? **Darrell Newkirk [Beverly Hills Cat Club]:** I am not in support of this. As Rich said this morning, I have been on the board of directors for 17 years. There is a lot of work to be done. Most of our cost reductions have been by going to Zoom meetings. So, our one annual meeting is a meeting where the board gets together face to face. So, there's a lot of work to be done. There's a lot of committees to be assigned, and by cutting back two of the directors, all you're going to save is two meetings on the end, or two days; two people for the annual meeting. I think you're going to cut the board short with a lot of responsibility, some really, really good talent that we will be missing if you cut back two of the people. Years ago, we had seven directors. We cut it down to five. I do not think we need to pare this down to three. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. Mary K? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]:** You all know me. You've seen me come here for over 20 years and every year I bring you change after change after change. I support changes. I cannot support this. So far, we've had some good ideas come up and the reason why I haven't supported them is because the proposals were flawed. This one? OK. We went from seven to five, and I opposed that. This just exacerbates the problem that we created there. Right now we have 18 board members. Each club has a say in 10 seats. We have a say in the officers, one regional director and five directors-at-large. There are eight seats on the board that each club has absolutely zero say in. This would change that ratio to eight and eight.

Half of the board – we would have no vote in half of the board. That to me is unacceptable. If we want to reduce the board, if that’s the goal, and I appreciate trying to reduce the board to save money, let’s reduce the regional director seats. I know people are going to say, “oh, but what about the regional awards? We like the regional awards,” etc., you know. The regional awards are defined in the show rules. We could keep the current regional award structure and change the board structure in the bylaws. There’s a way to do this, to reduce the seats on the board, keep the awards that we have if that’s what everybody wants, but we do not have to dilute our votes. We do not need seven regions in the United States. We could fix that problem, reduce the board seats, and keep the award structure. This does not do it. That’s all. Thanks. **Mastin:** Thank you, Mary. Kenny? **Kenny Currie [European Shorthair Club; Southeastern Cat Club]:** I can’t support this. We are a global organization. Having been on the board for the past seven years, I can tell you that these DALs do a tremendous amount of work with zero compensation. They are our voice. They are our face globally. We need to keep them active, and we need to keep them in office. Mary Kay, regional directors are very important. **Mastin:** Thank you, Kenny. Pam? **Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club]:** I’ve been on the board a few years and I can tell you, each board member has more than enough to do for this organization. We cannot afford not to have people doing these jobs. Why is it important for a board member? A board member has fiduciary responsibility to the organization. A chairman off the board does not have that same fiduciary responsibility to you. So, I am opposed to this particular amendment to reduce the board, especially the directors-at-large. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. Keith? **Keith Kimberlin [Burmilla Enthusiasts of America]:** I’m not in favor of reducing the number of board of directors, but I would be in favor of making the expenses for the board of directors being paid by those individuals and not by CFA. So, that would be the way to reduce the expense and still have our board of directors. **Mastin:** Thank you, Keith. Marilee? **Marilee Griswold [Warwick Valley Feline Fanciers]:** So, my thought process on directors-at-large. We have our regional directors. They are voted on and supported by the people in the region, but we are a global organization. We have many clubs all around the world that are not involved in a specific region. They would like a little bit of representation, and the directors-at-large are their – I see it as that’s part of the purpose, to be able to have that connection to the board, to have a voice, and bring up issues as they arise. So, I cannot support this myself. Regardless of what happens going forward, I hope you still allow our international divisions to have a voice.

Mastin: Thank you, Marilee. Cathy Dunham. **Dunham:** I understand all the concerns that were raised, and I get the global aspect of the association, but the finances of this organization are pretty intense right now. I would just encourage the delegation to remember that, and in any way that we can help reduce those expenses, it goes towards our future of moving forward, and potentially bringing all of those back. You know, we need to do what we need to do now, and then look to the future to make changes accordingly. **Mastin:** Thank you. Melanie, I’m sorry. The discussion was done. Cathy had closing comments. I like the walk backwards. Thanks, Melanie. Please open the vote. Ten seconds. Three, two, one. Close the vote. 55 yes, 224 no. Motion fails.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 4				
283 Delegates Registered	55	224	0	277

Failed.

– 5 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING, Section 2 – Meetings, to reduce the notice required for meetings, as follows:

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING

Section 2 – Meetings

The Board shall meet from time to time at the call of its Chairman or of any ten (10) members of the Board. The call shall be mailed or provided by electronic means to each member of the Board at least ~~thirty (30)~~ fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting and shall specify the approximate agenda, time, and place of the meeting, which, if held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, may be held at any place; other Board Meetings to be held within the United States or Canada.

RATIONALE: The thirty-day notice requirement harkens back to the time when meeting notices were mailed to Board members. That is no longer the case. A shorter notice period will allow the Board more flexibility to meet to address critical issues as necessary.

Mastin: #5, Pam. Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club]: Speaking on behalf of the CFA Executive Board. I will not read all this. What we are doing is trying to modernize our announcement of meetings, going from the mailed meeting announcements to emailed and electronic meetings, and going from 30 days out to 15 days. This really speeds things up and I urge everyone to support this. **Mastin:** Seeing no comments, please open the voting. If you're having issues with your clickers, please let us know. Ten seconds. Three, two, one. Close voting. 262 total. 240 yes, 22 no. Passes.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 5				
283 Delegates Registered	240	22	0	262

Carried.

– 6 – Victor Valley Cat Club, Beverly Hills Cat Club, Abyssinian Midwest Breeders, Ocicats International, Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance, Santa Clara Valley Cat Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING, Section 5 – Voting, subparagraph (a), to require that the voting results are included in the published minutes of open session agenda items considered by the CFA Board of Directors, as follows:

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING

Section 5 – Voting

(a) Each member of the Executive Board shall have one vote. Executive Board members shall not vote by proxy. Every Board Member has the right to abstain, i.e. not vote, on a particular issue. The vote of each Board Member, including any abstentions, and such abstention shall be documented in the meeting minutes. For the purpose of tabulating votes only, a Board Member not voting for any reason will be considered absent from the meeting when calculating the total affirmative votes required for passing a particular proposal.

RATIONALE: The voting results of the CFA Board of Directors should be reported in the official minutes of open session Board of director meetings. This ensures that there will be full transparency in the voting process of our elected Officers and Directors.

Mastin: Let's go to the next one, please. Darrell. **Darrell Newkirk [Beverly Hills Cat Club]:** This is just adding a clause in our bylaws that requires the vote on any open session item to be published in the minutes. There's a parliamentary maneuver to seal the vote that the board can take. I don't think that's fair, for transparency's sake, for the clubs. So, I think that the votes have to be published. Sometimes we vote to move something in closed session to open session, and this just protects you so that you know how the board members voted on an issue that should be published in open session. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. Seeing no comments, let's open the voting. Ten seconds. Three, two, one. Close voting. 278 total. 265 yes, 13 no. Passes.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 6				
283 Delegates Registered	265	13	0	278

Carried.

– 7 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE XII – SHOW LICENSES, to remove the last sentence, as follows:

ARTICLE XII – SHOW LICENSES

The Executive Board shall have power in its full discretion to grant or to withhold from each member of the Association a license to hold a cat show. No member club shall hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show not licensed by this Association; nor shall such a club hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show licensed by any other organization. No member club shall 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. At the request of any Regional Director, a show license or licenses may be issued for a show or shows to be sponsored by his Region. ~~No club shall be denied a show license because its show does not include Household Pets as a competitive category.~~

RATIONALE: Household Pets are the only class mentioned Article XII. This housekeeping change simply puts the Household Pet class on the same footing as every other class when it comes to show licensing. This change does NOT require shows to include Household Pets.

Mastin: #7. Carol Krzanowski [William Penn Cat Club]: This is a change to Article XII – Show Licenses, that is a housekeeping change. The change is to delete the last line in this paragraph, and I’ll read that. *No club shall be denied a show license because its show does not include household pets as a competitive category.* It was brought to our attention recently that that’s the only competitive class that’s not only mentioned in the show license paragraph, but mentioned in the entire bylaws, and it seems inappropriate to single out a single class over the others. This change does not indicate that a club has to include household pet competition. It also has no effect on special format shows such as open/premier, special breed shows, things like that. It’s strictly the housekeeping change to eliminate this line. **Mastin:** Thank you, Carol. Laurie? **Laurie Coughlan [GEMS; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** I point out that we had a big discussion about this issue a number of years back where clubs were excluding household pets, and that’s why this wording is in here in the first place. If we say it’s the only category that’s distinguished this way, then what we’re saying is that any category could be excluded from a show license without some sort of special board approval. I just want to be sure that this is not going to open the door to a bunch of people trying to save money on household pet prizes. A whole lot of us came into CFA via the household pet route, and we would like to keep that pen. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Laurie. Mary K? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]:** The last sentence of the rationale says, *This change does not require shows to include household pets.* Yes, you can license a show right now excluding championship. I remember going to a show that was just premiership and just kittens. You already can do that. This just takes out this needless sentence. It doesn’t change anything that you can do, so I fully support this. **Mastin:** Thank you, Mary K.

Mastin: Carol? **Krzanowski:** Once again, I just want to reiterate that this does not require a show to include the household pet category. It’s strictly a housekeeping change to remove this line and also the fact that that’s the only class that’s singled out in the bylaws. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Carol. Please open the vote. Ten seconds. Three, two, one. Close voting. 270 in total. 231 yes. 39 no. Passes.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 7				
283 Delegates Registered	231	39	0	270

Carried.

– 8 – JA Club

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE XIV – JUDGES, to remove the last sentence, as follows:

ARTICLE XIV — JUDGES

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Until he reaches the status of “Approval Pending Judge,” each person going through the CFA Judging Program is in a probationary status. The Executive Board may suspend from the Judging Program any person in a probational status without notice or hearing.

With the exception of disciplinary action as defined in Article XV, any action to drop, permanently suspend, or reduce in status any individual in the Judging Program shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Executive Board present. The vote of the individual Board members shall be reported in the public minutes of the meeting.

~~No judge may be an officer, director or judge of any other organization having objects similar to those of this Association.~~

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RATIONALE: The current requirement to resign from existing associations prevents talented and experienced guest judging from joining CFA In emerging locations, this requirement forces potential judges to give up their hobby where no local CFA shows exist. By allowing them to maintain the relationship with the parent organization, CFA can increase licensed judges and licensing income as well as improve consistency of judging performed by current “guest” judges as they would participate in CEUs and tests required for CFA judges.

Mastin: OK, we’re going to go on to #8, Jacqui. **Jacqui Bennett [JA Club; Ocicats International]:** I won’t read this entire amendment, but I will spend the majority of my time answering some questions that have come up to us. The purpose of this amendment is to remove the requirement that a guest judge or a judge of another association who chooses to apply – note that word, apply – to be a CFA judge. It removes the requirement that they resign as any officer or judge of another association. Why is this important? Our judging panel is an aging panel. We have fewer judges in North America than we have had in a very long time. We have guest judges. These are judges that we trust to represent CFA as guest judges. At this point, we hand those guest judges our CFA rules, our CFA standards, and say, “go forth and conquer.” All this would do would be to allow those guest judges who wanted to, to get dual licensing. Why is that important? There are several continents that have no CFA shows – Africa, India, South America, no CFA shows at all. Australia, no CFA shows. We do have guest judges from those areas. Is it fair to ask those guest judges who want to be CFA judges to give up their hobby in entirety? Because that’s what we’re doing. So, let me answer a few questions that have come up from this. One, how many judges supported this in the JA Club? It’s important for you to remember that not all CFA judges are members of the JA Club. They’re all welcome, but they aren’t all members. So this is a sampling. We did two polls. The item came up by a JA Club member. First, we voted whether or not to even submit it. Second, we had a second poll of whether or not to support it. Let’s go with the numbers on the second poll. 38 judges participated in that poll. I can’t force everybody to vote. Look at the United States elections. Is 38 a statistical sampling? Is it statistically valid? Forgive me for putting my numbers nerd hat on. It’s what really makes me happy. 38 members of the current JA membership is a statistically valid poll. There is a 95% likelihood that those 38 people, 68% of them supported this measure with a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5%. There is an 85% likelihood that those 38 sampled people represent 68% support of the CFA Judging Program as a whole with a plus or minus 3.5% margin. That means, statistically, there is a high level of confidence that even for those who did not vote in this election or were not eligible because they are not members, that they support it. The second question that has come up. Would this allow current judges to apply to be judges in other associations? This, in and of itself, does not specifically allow or restrict an existing judge from doing so, assuming the other association allows for it. Would judges become confused about what rules if they are held to two different standards? Confusion is the responsibility of the

individual. I am an ISO certified auditor in four different standards. When I go and audit, I have to know what standard I'm auditing to. That's my responsibility. CFA shows must comply with CFA rules. I don't care how many other licenses you have. Does this cheapen being a CFA judge? The standards of application and acceptance are governed by the Judging Program and the CFA board. This doesn't change that. An individual whose acceptance is deemed to lower those standards should not be accepted, regardless of whether they are licensed anywhere else or not. Four, if they judge for another association, are they really available for CFA shows? Ladies and gentlemen, no CFA judge is available 100% of the time already. We have a life. We have critters. We have families. Any other association, they're human beings too. When we become a judge, we don't go into a monastery. Question #five, what if the applicant comes from an association CFA has issues with? Again, the final decision to accept or reject an applicant is the decision of the CFA board with the recommendation of the JPC. This doesn't change that. How does this help judges in the U.S.? By removing the restrictions, judges from other North American associations can apply – again, note the word “apply” – thereby increasing potentially the overall pools available, the same as any other continent. Seven, what about the 30 plus pipeline individuals who have expressed an interest in CFA? This doesn't affect that pipeline. Applications are taken as they're accepted. There's not a waiting list. You don't go to the bottom of the pipeline and it isn't accepted until you get to the top. Eight, would these judges need to do training assignments? Of course they would. This does not change anything about the application status. It just opens the pool to additional judges. Nine, why do you assume it will improve consistency? Because CFA judges have continuing education requirements. CFA judges have to take tests. CFA judges are evaluated and re-licensed by the board. Guest judges are not. In summary, this change only allows CFA to have a larger presence in currently underserved areas and allows judges who are currently guest judges who want to become CFA judges but don't want to give up their history to have that right. That's all it does. **Mastin:** Thank you, Jacqui. Vicki? **Vicki Nye [Southwest Scottish Fold Fanciers; Sunkat Feline Fanciers]:** I cannot support this move. When you become a CFA judge, in my opinion, you owe your allegiance to CFA. You sign the Judges' Code of Ethics. There's a number of reasons that I can't support this. Yes, you can continue to guest judge for CFA if clubs desire to hire someone, but this opens up a can of worms. Currently, we don't accept guest judges from other associations in the United States such as TICA or ACFA. This doesn't, in the United States, I don't think it would even partially apply to anyone here. It might apply to judges in other European areas but not in the United States. As I said, I believe when you become a CFA judge, there's a lot of show rules and standards. You're held to that higher standard. You don't have to try and remember what are the rules, what can I do with social media and my first licensing association, besides what I can do in CFA. Again, I urge you all to vote no on this request. Thank you, Vicki. Darrell? **Darrell Newkirk [Beverly Hills Cat Club]:** As someone who was a judge in another association, ACFA, before I applied and went through the training program in CFA, I will not support this because we're the best and I don't need to go someplace else. If they want to judge for us, then they can resign their membership and their judging and come over here and train. My training was easy because I'd already learned the process of handling and I had a system down, so it was easy for me to go through the Judging Program here. I love CFA. Let's stick with us. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. Dennis? **Dennis Ganoë [For the Love of Cats Cat Fanciers; LaPerm Society of America]:** I'm going to speak on behalf of non-judges who want to apply to the CFA Judging Program. I have made 35-plus years exhibiting and breeding the rarer breeds in CFA. I have a view into what that entails. The LaPerm has probably fewer than a handful of breeders

worldwide. I have a very talented cohort who happens to be the chair of the LaPerm section in TICA. As that chair, she is doing great work keeping my breed alive in that organization. This change would allow her to apply to the CFA Judging Program. She is currently barred from doing that because she is considered an officer of the TICA organization. I support this because we are limiting the ability of otherwise very talented individuals from joining the CFA ranks and I think it got lost when Jacqui was emphasizing the word “apply.” They still have to go through all of the training and meet all of the requirements of the CFA Judging Program and follow all those rules. We’re simply opening the door for them to possibly walk through it. Thank you.

Mastin: Melanie, hang on one second. We have an interruption. It’s in the back room somewhere. They’re pointing. Phone went off. It was a phone alert. Somebody owes Kathy some money. **Morgan:** A ringy dinky. **Mastin:** Were they playing a video? Because playing a video is \$50. Go get them, Kathy. She’s got a little jog going. OK, while Kathy is collecting some money for all of us, hi Melanie. **Melanie Morgan [Southeastern Persian Society; Southern Dixie Cat Club]:** Hi. Past Chair of the CFA Judging Program. I’m really proud of the CFA brand. I made a choice when I came to CFA and I’ve never regretted it. I think that we started some programs that address the issues that this resolution is trying to address, and I think that Vicki and her team is doing a fabulous job continuing that program and expanding our exposure with judges who are so incredibly talented. I’ve had the pleasure of training some of these Associate judges in areas all around the country and they make me just beam with pride because they’re so good. We have mechanisms for doing this, but CFA is something special and we should own that. Own that we are something that is supremely special. I said that word about a million times, but at any rate, it’s something that should be celebrated and owned, that we have that kind of talent out there. And you know what? If you want to come to CFA, choose CFA. **Mastin:** Thank you, Melanie. Mary K? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]:** I don’t know if you all have noticed, but the cost of putting on a show has skyrocketed. In Florida – I used to be able to get national wins when I lived up in Maryland. I moved to Florida. I’ve got five shows a year that I can easily drive to. I can’t campaign a cat anymore. So, it’s incredibly difficult for clubs to hold shows, and the board just cut the sponsorship money. We need judges that are nearby. Now, I don’t know how to do that. I don’t want warm bodies, I want people that know how to handle a cat. And about CFA being such a great organization, I have only been to one other association show in my entire life. I went to a TICA show. Yes, I’ve chosen CFA. I love CFA. I love all of our judges, but we’ve got to do something. Our clubs are dying. We need help. We don’t need the board to keep cutting money and we don’t need people to say, “oh, but our judges are, you know, they have to pick one.” All this does is say that these judges from other associations can apply. It doesn’t mean they’re going to get through. They have to go through the process. They can apply. The board looks at what they can do, and if they can meet what CFA requires, they can get in. It doesn’t say that they are going to be lesser judges. They have to go through the process. I was kind of ambivalent on this because I am a CFA loyal purist and I do really not like the other associations. But you know what? The clubs are dying and we need some help. **Mastin:** Thank you, Mary K. Peter? **Peter Vanwonderghem [Feline Fanciers of Benelux; Felinus International]:** I have a question. If we accept dual licensing for guest judges or judges from other associations, is this going to open the door for CFA judges to ask for dual licensing with other associations? Because that’s something I would not want. **Mastin:** Thank you, Peter. I think I know the answer to the question, but I’m going to leave it up to Jacqui. Pam? **Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club]:** One, I want to apologize to the judges from other associations that are sitting in this hall from some of the remarks that people building up CFA may try to

make them a bit feel inferior. This concept is very – it's ongoing in Europe and covers a lot of judges. LOOF also has judges from TICA. FIFe has a judge from TICA. WCF has also dual license judges from other associations. I personally sat in on the electronic streaming of the FIFe judges workshop, which was a day long. Excellent training and we need to look at the cat fancy overall, especially in Europe, if we're going to survive. I will tell you right now, Europe Region 9 gives more registration than any other region. We're looking to expand. We're looking to get more of these people coming in from FIFe, from WCF, from LOOF, from the several independent organizations. Let's not discount a possible market that we have to build this organization which I have been a loyal member of for many, many years, and also add the chance for a little bit more money in that treasury. So, let's look at how we can expand using our own qualifications, using our principles and our ethics and go forward. **Mastin:** Thank you Pam.

Heidi? **Heidi Murphy [Poppy State Cat Club]:** As a member of this organization for 31 years and now somebody that's been working extremely hard to rebuild the west coast, especially in California, build our shows back up, I know how costly it is, as Mary K said, to put on a show, to get judges to fly in because we lose judges every year. When I started 31 years ago, we used to have a show in the Bay area every weekend. We have six or seven in the Bay area a year and most of them now, at least half of them, Poppy State puts on. So, do I agree with Jacqui that we need to open the organization up for these guest judges? Yes. Why? It will help our costs overall. We are dying. I've heard it for 20 years, at least for the last 15, and I see it. I hear it from the board. I hear it from our finances. We are losing hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. How do we change this? This is one way. If we can open up the judges where we find judges that are closer, it saves clubs money, it helps those clubs again put on more shows. If we have more shows, that means people show, that people register their kittens, that expands the financial burden to CFA. So, I totally agree with what Jacqui wants. I know that people on the Judging Program disagree, but again, they said they have to apply. They have to go through the Judging Program. So, it's just going to help expand CFA judges, help our clubs get our judges in on a cheaper cost, and in return, it gives the exhibitors places to show their cats and if they're showing, they'll register. It's just a financial advancement for CFA. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Heidi. Howard? **Howard Webster [Americans in Paradise; California Silver Fanciers]:** Come on, Martha, let's hitch up the horses and we can go into town. Again, not wanting to change, not wanting to do anything. Let's look at the average age in this room. Let's look at the average age of the judges. Come on, folks. We need a way that they could possibly come in. We're not saying we're going to let them all in, but give them a chance, not eliminate them before they get there. Why are we stuck in the 50s or the 1860s? Let's move it on. **Mastin:** Thank you, Howard. Clinton? **Clinton Parker [San Diego Cat Fanciers; Tonkinese East]:** Most of you probably know, I'm not from the west coast. San Diego Cat Fanciers voted. They really, really are in favor of this resolution for a lot of the points already made. I just wanted to stress that on behalf of the club since I'm representing them this year. It's a big deal for them and I'd like the people here in this hall to consider that. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Clinton.

Darrell? **Darrell Newkirk [Beverly Hills Cat Club]:** First of all, I want to acknowledge that Howard Webster is older than I am. And second, I've got more hair than he does. **Mastin:** Darrell, point of order here. **Newkirk:** Yes. **Mastin:** Just reminding you what we are supposed to be talking about. **Newkirk:** Yes, sir. My apologies. I apologize to the delegation. **Mastin:** Just so everybody knows, that's one of Darrell's responsibilities during the board meeting is when we go adrift, I have instructed Darrell to call point of order and he does. So, Darrell, point of order. **Newkirk:** Thank you, sir. I acknowledge the point of order. Folks, there's an easy fix to this

without changing our bylaws. Let's change the policy on domestic registries being able to guest judge for us. We don't need a bylaw change. What we need is a change in the policy of the Judging Program. So, I don't understand why, during COVID, we allowed TICA and ACFA to guest judge for us and we stopped that. If you think that we need more judges, then let's change the policy at the Judging Program level and not mess up our bylaws. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. Is that Sue at four? **Sue Swaim [Golden West Cat Club; Ragdolls Around the Globe]:** I like Darrell's idea. However, if that's not going to be the case, I think – I'm a nurse. I'm proud to be a nurse. I've worked OR, ICU, PACU. You have to learn the different skills to work in those areas. This proposal is saying they have to take the test, they have to do CEUs. So, I don't know why we're not being open to supporting something to get more judges. I live in California. Like Heidi, we have very few shows and when we do have shows, we have to pay extremely high fly-in costs. So, if this would help us get more judges in our areas, I'm all for it. **Mastin:** Thank you, Sue. Mary K? **Kolencik:** I'm not as old as Darrell and Howard, but I am old enough to remember that in the past we did bring up changing the policy to allow more guest judges and the board would not do it. The board gets to determine that. This is something we can determine. Once again, I just want to reiterate that it's just removing one barrier. The other judges from other associations would still have to apply and go through all of the requirements that the board sticks on them, so this is just removing one barrier. We have tried the other ways before. **Mastin:** Thank you, Mary K. Tracy, you're going to be the last speaker, then I'm going to turn it over to Jacqui. **Tracy Roberts [Touch of Class Cat Fanciers; Vermont Fancy Felines]:** I have had several guest judges come in guest at some shows that I've recently put on. I have one guest judge bring 22 exhibitors that have never judged [*sic*, exhibited] in CFA before. I would really like to implore that we consider to allow to continue to have our guest judges come in and to also consider what these guest judges also bring – new exhibitors. That's all I got. **Mastin:** Thank you, Tracy.

Mastin: Jacqui. **Bennett:** OK, let me answer a few questions. Would this allow current judges in CFA to judge in other associations or be licensed? This has nothing to do with that. This is for them to apply into here. The JPC owns the JPC rules. The board approves those. If the board doesn't want CFA judges to apply for it, they can put it in the rules. Number two, let's face some facts. The foremost expert on American Curly in the world recognized by every association is Satu [Hämäläinen]. She's a FIFe judge. Are we applying that Satu should not be allowed? If she wants to – I'm not making you do it. She is probably one of the foremost guest judges we have in CFA. She knows our rules. She does it exceptionally well. If she wants to be a CFA judge, why shouldn't she? She shouldn't have to give up her association in FIFe to do that. But as a CFA judge, she would have to take our test. She would have to pay our dues. She would have to do our continuing education units. She does that voluntarily now. She would be required to. That's a plus. Remember, four continents in this world that have no CFA shows, but they do have judges from other associations that judge for us. If they were to become CFA judges, we could have a population to help our growth in those areas. South America, Australia, India, Africa. Brenda [Neukircher] from South Africa has come to the U.S. and judged CFA shows. She's one of the experts on Persians. She's incredibly intelligent and one of the best breeders of Persians in her area. If she wanted to be a CFA judge, why not? This is an application barrier removal. That's all it is. They still have to go through the process. They still have to be approved. We have to know their reputation. If it's an association we don't want that person coming from, then don't accept the application. It doesn't limit TICA. If a TICA judge wanted to apply by removing this, they could, which means judges from California who are in TICA could apply. It

doesn't mean necessarily that they'd be accepted. It just removes a barrier for application to give clubs a larger population of potential judges. That's all it does. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Jacqui. Please open the vote. Ten seconds. Three, two, one. Close voting. James, we have at least one or two people that cannot vote. They're having issues with their clicker. Sherri, you got it in okay? Kenny, did you get yours in okay? We're going to have to swap that clicker out. 277 total votes, 184 yes votes, 93 no votes. Motion fails.

First vote:

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 8				
283 Delegates Registered	184	93	0	277

Failed.

[inaudible unidentified speaker] **Mastin:** We will confirm it. Jacqui, we need 185. That one's not working also? **Webster:** Let's check this again. Let's re-vote. **Mastin:** Close the vote. Kenny, go get your clicker fixed. Over here, is it Jill's? OK, go get your clicker fixed. We will re-do this vote. Does anybody else need their clicker swapped out? While we're waiting to have the clickers swapped out, we will have Dr. Vicksman come up to the EveryCat presentation, and then after that, we'll go to break. James, are you ready to open the vote? OK, we're going to re-open the vote. Come back into the room. We are not on break. The break will occur after Dr. Vicksman does his presentation. We need to get through this vote. The vote is open. Please cast your vote. Ten seconds. Three, two, one. Close the vote. It's one less vote. 276 total votes. 180 yes, 96 no. Fails. It is not two-thirds.

Re-vote:

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 8				
283 Delegates Registered	180	96	0	276

Failed.

Mastin: Alright, thank you all for doing the voting of the amendments.

(37) EVERYCAT HEALTH FOUNDATION.



Mastin: I'm going to introduce Dr. Vicksman from EveryCat Health. [A video presentation was made, the transcription of which follows] **Multiple Video Speakers from EveryCat Board:** The work that we do is truly global. We're enabling cats to have longer, healthier, happier lives, and we get to share that with them. It allows me to practice better medicine because of the studies that have been done through EveryCat. I thought, you know what? I want to be part of that. There is almost no aspect of a cat's entire life and well-being that hasn't been researched through grants that EveryCat has made. So I'm just sitting in and listening to all of us and just how far we have come. The potential of increasing the lifespan of cats is within reach. Probably our biggest breakthrough has been finding a treatment for FIP. I think to compare it to the human world would be the eradication of smallpox. Feline infectious peritonitis kills so many kittens, mostly kittens, which is why it's so heartbreaking. We funded Dr. Niels Pedersen and others. They couldn't even figure out what FIP was, how it worked. It's that complex. It took them years to figure that out. Fast forward the clock to 2019. There I was at a symposium and I was the guy up there who made the announcement. "FIP is no longer fatal. It is now considered treatable." And I look around and tears in the eyes of all of these veterinarians. Something that many of them thought could never happen has happened. We are almost a 60-year-old organization. And that entire time we have been true to our mission and our vision to help all cats everywhere. One of the big things as a feline veterinarian is, I found that a lot of the research was more dog focused. Cats have always been sort of the underdog. What we knew about dogs so far outweighed what we knew about cats. I will be here for hours talking about the difference this organization has made, but we're not done yet. In fact, I would argue we're just beginning. There's so much in behavior, kidney disease, antibiotics. I envision a world without cancer. And I believe EveryCat Health Foundation can lead us to cures. To supplement and continue the search for that 10th life for cats. I see it every day is the passion from every individual on the board and every one of the team members. I love that everyone is focused on one thing, and that is to provide the best research, the best health – period – for every cat in the world. If there's one thing I want in this world, it's more time with the things I love. If we could facilitate that for ourselves and our cats, that would be wonderful. [applause] **Dr. Dean Vicksman:** Thank you. I'm Dr. Dean Vicksman. I'm the chair of the board of the Every Cat Health Foundation. I also want to introduce Jackie Ott Jaakola, who is the president and CEO of the EveryCat Health Foundation. And she's in the back, waving her hand back there. So, good

morning. Thanks for your patience and thank you for all you do on behalf of cat health and well-being.

EveryCat Health Foundation Recent Accomplishments

2024/25 - 18 grants - 7 countries \$1M+

Oncology: treatment for oral SCC, mammary cancer, and lymphoma

Internal/General medicine: new biomarkers for kidney disease, refined pancreatitis diagnostics, cognitive dysfunction studies, biomarkers for aging

Cardiology: new treatment for congestive heart failure

Virology: possible treatment for FIV, refined treatment for FIP, non-invasive FeLV testing



Vicksman: So, we are honored to report that great impact was made through granting towards research in the last year. We were able to fund over \$1 million in research in over seven countries on critical topics such as cancer, cardiology, virology, genetics, and general medicine. This is a record-setting year for EveryCat, and thanks to supporters such as yourselves.

Highlighting Collaborations for Cats - Research!

- **Doris Day and Terry Melcher Foundation** - genetics.
Thank you, Dr. Roger Brown!



- **Animal Grantmakers**
 - Philanthropy's leading affinity group for animal funders
 - Board Member
 - Membership Committee
- **Shelter Medicine and International FIP studies with Morris Animal Foundation**
- **Community Veterinary Outreach (Canada)**

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Vicksman: Collaborations are key to our success, especially in genetics. I'd like to particularly call out Dr. Roger Brown, who I know is not here. We'd like to thank him on behalf of the Doris Day and Terry Melcher Foundation for continuing to support the great work of Dr. Leslie Lyons and her BioBank, as well as other genetic studies which benefit cats throughout the world. Every year, EveryCat is honored that our executive director represents us at the International Grantmakers Board of Directors. We continue to have strong relationships with Morris Animal Foundation and are exploring programmatic education opportunities with veterinarians in Canada. In addition, our Dr. Maggie Plasser, who is our veterinary services program manager, is on various committees of the American Veterinary Medical Society and also the Feline Veterinary Medical Association.

Highlighting Collaborations for Cats - Research!

Cyprus/FIP epidemic - What are we learning?

Development of antibodies and point of care diagnostics against FCoV-23:

- Update: Antibodies have been developed against this strain of the virus.
- Goal: Development of bench side testing for FIP and possibly a vaccine with these results. The research may aid in identification of similar viruses encountered in the future.

Epidemiology - What is unique about this strain of virus?

- Update: Evaluation ongoing
- Goal: advancements in understanding the virus helps with accurate diagnosis and tracing of origin and route of infection



Vicksman: So, on to one of everybody's favorite topics, FIP. Initial findings of our work on FIP in Cyprus showed that out of approximately 1.5 million cats in Cyprus, 15,000 were initially confirmed to have FIP. This means likely that many more were affected, but we were unable to confirm that in those cats. First-year studies are well underway and reporting is due back this fall.

Highlighting Collaborations for Cats - Research!

Cyprus/FIP epidemic - What are we learning?

FCoV BioBank – International effort to collect, store and study samples

- Update: 564 samples from Cyprus from the original outbreak.
- Goal: Biobanking samples allows for reduction of animal use and creates a unified sample storage and collaboration.

Safety, efficacy and monitoring of cats being treated for traditional feline infectious peritonitis (FIP) versus FCoV-23 FIP

- Update: Evaluation ongoing
- Goal: advancements in understanding the virus helps with accurate diagnosis and tracing of origin and route of infection



Vicksman: Two slides, these two slides in detail, just some of the highlights, and more will be discussed in the upcoming collaborations at this symposium at CSU. One thing that I did want to highlight on this slide was the BioBank that was created. This BioBank, actually, we were able to acquire 407 serum samples from cats with FIP, 69 peritoneal and pleural fluid samples, 37 whole blood samples, 24 CSF, 9 pericardial aspirates, and 17 various other samples. Having these samples available to researchers around the world will only make research in FIP just that much better for everybody.

Highlighting Collaborations for Cats - Education!



Vicksman: We hope that you can join us this fall. This event will be in-person and virtual. I think it's important to note that all of this occurred while we were wrapping up our symposium on HCM with North Carolina State earlier this year. And that was, by the way, a very successful symposium in April.

Highlighting Collaborations for Cats - Scholarships!



PLUS
Technician
Scholarships for
Ultrasound
Workshop !!

Vicksman: Other ways EveryCat continues to highlight education is by promoting the future of feline veterinarians. Through collaborations with Feline Veterinary Medical Association, formerly AAFP, here are two scholarship recipients for 2025. They will receive stipends to help their schooling, as well as support travel to the annual conference. Additionally, we are honored to support technicians through scholarships and CE workshops.

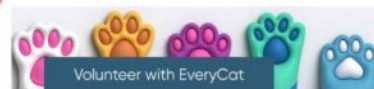
Highlighting Collaborations for Cats - Award



Vicksman: Just as important as facilitating the research and education, we value the efforts in getting the word out. We honored Stacy LeBaron of the Community Cats podcast with the Steve Dale Every Cat Communications Award and her efforts in doing just that. Additionally, EveryCat experts have been featured lately in dozens of top-tier media – Chewy, Better Homes and Gardens, Newsweek, the New York Times, and more. We also greatly appreciate the help of CFA by publishing our information and offerings in their membership correspondence. It truly takes all of us together to help cats throughout the world. The importance of education continues through all of our volunteers.

Highlighting Collaborations for Cats with EveryCat and our Community Volunteers

July 19-21 - AVMA
 July 26 - CatFest in Colorado Springs
 August 2,3 - CatCon in Pasadena
 August 16-17 - Popcats
 Sept 6-7 - FIP Symposium at CSU
 Sept 13 - The Cat Show Live, UK
 Sept 18-21 - FVMA Annual Conference
 Oct 11-12th- CFA International in Cleveland
 Oct 15-17th- Animal Grantmakers
 Oct 27-29 - MARS Veterinary Health Summit
 Nov 9 - Denver Catfest



EveryCat Health Foundation's
official volunteer program is here!



...and more!

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Vicksman: Many of you are in the room here. We are represented in a variety of venues, including some listed on this slide. We are happy to send you and your clubs information and swag. Just don't ever hesitate to reach out to us and we will make it happen.

Highlighting our AdvoCats

33 active Volunteers

- 17 US States
- Belgium
- Canada
- Azerbaijan



2024: 500 volunteer hours \$16,500 In-Kind
January – May 31st,
2025: 500 hours
\$17,400 In-Kind



Contributions

- Events and Outreach
- Content Creation
- Admin Support
- Program Oversight



Vicksman: We have currently over 33 outreach volunteers in four countries who help us regularly with a variety of activities as we continue to grow and support cats worldwide.

Paws and Applause Program

- *To acknowledge and appreciate the dedication, time, and talent of our volunteers.*
- *To celebrate their contributions and accomplishments while fostering long-term engagement and motivation.*



Vicksman: We have newly created a program to continue to inspire and recognize our volunteers. It's called the Paws and Applause Program, and there's more on that to come in the following months.

Upcoming Webinar Schedule - Join Us!

- August 27th
 - **How to Gild Your Cat's Golden Age**
 - Dr. Carney
- October 7th
 - **Obesity**
 - Dr. Ward
- October 16th
 - **Cat Friendly Handling**
 - Dr. Gottleib
- November 8th
 - Paws-itiely Healthy
 - **Healthy needs for cats and kittens**
 - With National Kitten Coalition
- December TBD
 - **Cancer Round Table**
 - Dr. Kitchell et al



Vicksman: A reminder of our upcoming webinars, which are free to view, so please keep an eye out for information in your newsletters. We have one on August 7th on how to guild your cat's golden age, October 7th on obesity, October 16th on cat-friendly handling, November 18th on healthy needs for cats and kittens, and finally, the date to be determined in December, but it will be a Cancer Roundtable with Dr. Kitchener.

Coming up...

August and September



Feline Cancer



Vicksman: Finally, I want to highlight the need for this year's Cures 4 Cats fundraising campaign, which is actually going to focus on cancer funds. So, it's important. If you guys can help, that would be great.



Vicksman: Finally, thanks for all you do to celebrate and educate and support cats and the people everywhere. Have a great weekend in Orlando, and congratulations to all of you on your programs' awards and coming together to help EveryCat. **Mastin:** Thank you, Dr. Vicksman for your presentation.

Mastin: We will now take a 15-minute break, and let's return at 11.35 a.m.

BREAK.

Mastin: Welcome back, everyone. Please take your seats so we can continue. Let's get back to business, please. I have been very patient for everybody returning. I gave you an extra 10 minutes. At this time, I'd like to extend my gratitude to those who sponsored this year's National Award rosettes for Regions 1 through 9. Rosettes for Regions 1 through 9 were sponsored by Teresa Voigt, Leslie Carr, and Sheryl Flake. [applause] The rosette designer and producer, Sherry Kern, who went above and beyond for producing the rosettes in a very short time frame. [applause] The ID, including China and all other areas, are sponsored by a large group. Please be kind and let me announce this group. Hold your comments. Stop your discussions, please. This large group consists of Darrell Newkirk, Matthew Wong, Russell Webb, and the following ID clubs; Dear Meow Exotics Cat Club, Galaxy Cat Club, Hong Kong and Macau Cat Club, Hong Kong Black Cat Club, Hong Kong Cats, Persian and Exotic Cat Club, Starry Sky Cat Fanciers Club, Top World Feline Club, Universal Feline Fanciers. [applause] Thank you again for your generosity, everyone.

(38) BOARD MEMBER SERVICE AWARDS.

Mastin: Our next order of business, I will present our Board Member Service Awards.

Board Member Service Awards

5 Years

Carissa Altschul
Howard Webster



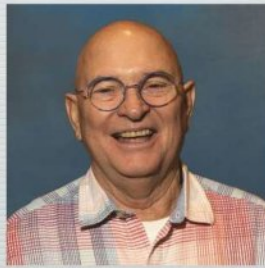
2025 Service Awards
Board Members

5 Years



Carissa Altshul

5 Years



Howard Webster

Mastin: Congratulations, Carissa. Congratulations, Howard. Thank you.

(39) **TREASURER'S REPORT.**

Mastin: The next Order of Business is Kathy Calhoun. She will give the Treasurer's Report.

CFA Delegate Meeting

June 27, 2025



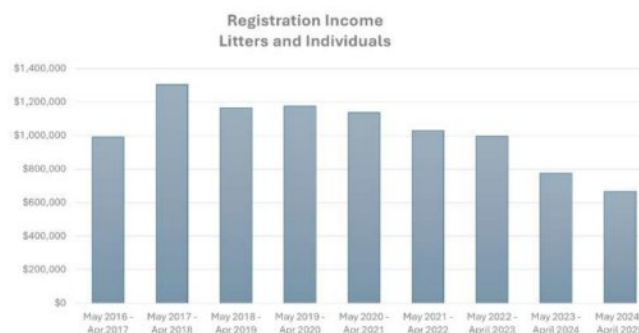
CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION Treasurer's Report

2024 – 2025

Calhoun: Can you see me above my screen? I'm a little short. I'll do my best. The Cat Fanciers Association Treasurer's Report.

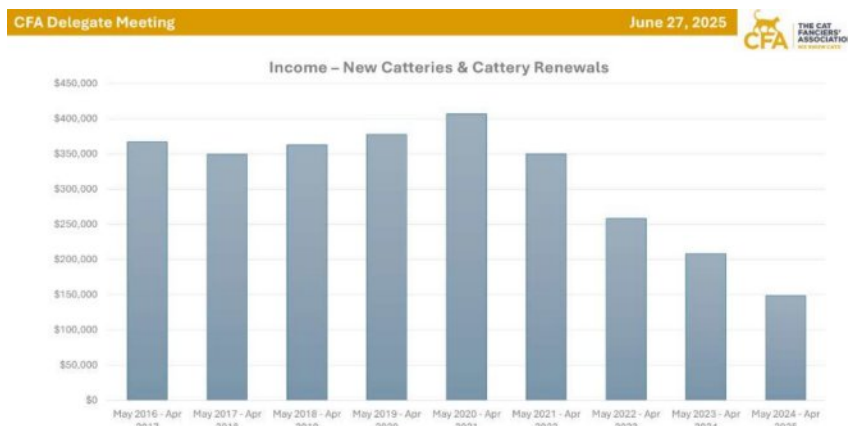
CFA Delegate Meeting

June 27, 2025

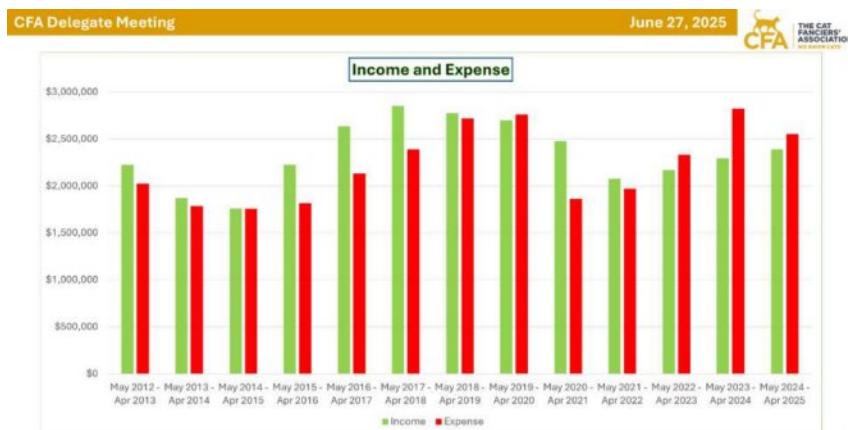


Calhoun: *Trends in Registration, May 2016 through April 2025 – A Narrative of Rise and Decline.* Between May 2016 and April 2025, the trajectory of registration tells a story marked by remarkable growth, a peak and then a gradual descent. The data illustrates that registration numbers reached their highest point in 2017 and 2018, a time often viewed as a golden era fueled by enthusiasm and favorable circumstances. The high did not last indefinitely. From May 2021 onward, registration entered a period of steady decline, which continues through 2025. Several factors contributed to this downturn. The COVID-19 pandemic played a significant, though sometimes underestimated role, not only through its immediate impacts, but also by prompting many breeders to leave the fancy entirely. Additionally, the rise of competing activities reduced the pool of dedicated breeders, and unfortunately, new and younger breeders have not emerged in sufficient numbers to replace those who left. Further compounding these challenges were declining registration numbers in China and a tightening of discretionary cash

worldwide, both of which put further pressure on registration figures. The most recent reflection of these continued influences is the fact that registration dropped 85% of the budgeted expectation. From the heights of 2017 to 2018, to the measured but persistent decline after 2021, the chart is more than just data. It is a reflection of shifting interests, demographic changes, and the powerful ripple that affects global events on a specialized community.



Calhoun: Income from new and renewed catteries reflects broader registration patterns. This slide focuses on another critical aspect of registration-related financial performance. The income generated from both new cattery registration and renewals of existing catteries. These two revenue streams provide valuable insight into the vitality and engagement within the community. When comparing the 2023-2024 season to the 2024-2025 season, the Cat Fanciers Association experienced a notable 24% decline in income from cattery registration and a 41% decline in cattery renewals. This decrease mirrors the broad trends observed in registration numbers. Underscoring the ripple effect that shifting interests, economic pressures, and demographic changes continue to have across all facets of the organization’s operations. Much like the decline documented in overall registration, the reduction in cattery income further illustrates the interconnected challenges faced by the breeding community. The financial health of new and renewing catteries has proven to be an accurate barometer reflecting the same downward trajectory and the lasting impact of recent years in CFA’s world and community.



Calhoun: *A 13th season perspective.* The financial performance of CFA over the last 13 seasons reveals an organization that, by and large, has an amazing amount of resilience. The comparative analysis of income and expenses, as illustrated in this slide, employs green bars to indicate income and red bars to denote expenses. This visual representation underscores the general trend of financial health. *Profitability trends.* For the majority of the past 13 seasons, CFA has ended each fiscal year in the black, but it is important to note that the last three fiscal years, CFA has experienced significant losses. *Key factors affecting financial results.* The most significant factor, as we all know, contributing to the reduction in profitability during the most recent season was a decline in registration income.

CFA Delegate Meeting

June 27, 2025



The Bottom Line is that CFA ended the year with a net operating loss of \$242,098. This was primarily driven by a significant reduction in registration.

Next Steps

- Register every litter and every kitten in every litter.
- Encourage the acceptance of new breeds and colors.
- Innovative sustainable cost savings
- Execute a strategic plan and be accountable to that plan.

Calhoun: *Call to action.* Stewardship and shared purpose. The work ahead is not the responsibility of the board alone, and I would like to note that the board is not “them.” The board and the people on the board is “us” – not them, us. The board alone, nor a single community or club, can take on the challenge of the future. It is a shared endeavor, a call to action of every individual who loves and champions cats. Every registration, every show, every positive interaction with a spectator is an act of stewardship. Be proactive. Seek out opportunities to introduce new people to the fancy, whether online, in your community, or at events. Support fellow fanciers. Foster an environment of mutual respect and encouragement, recognizing that success of one is a gain for all. *Embrace change.* The future will require adaptation, flexibility, and courage. Let innovation be a guiding principle, not a source of apprehension. Build resilience in a vibrant future.

Calhoun: *Conclusion: Building a Resilient and Vibrant Future.* The challenges facing CFA are real, but not insurmountable. With prudent financial management, a relentless focus on registration and income, a spirit of innovation, and a united commitment to our mission, CFA will emerge stronger, more vibrant, and more influential than ever before. Let us remember the welfare of cats is our purpose, and their champions, and the community of breeders, exhibitors, judges, and enthusiasts are the soul of this organization. Together through shared vision and collective effort, we will ensure that CFA not only recovers, but thrives for generations to come.

Calhoun: *CFA Annual Financial Summary and Strategic Path Forward – Evaluating the Net Operating Loss and Paving the Way for Organizational Resilience.* The Cat Fanciers Association concluded last fiscal year with a net operating loss of \$242,000 – a significant financial outcome influenced primarily by a marked reduction in the registration numbers. In an

organization where financial stability and growth depend heavily on registration, marketing, and continued engagement with breeders and enthusiasts, it is critical and necessitates both candid evaluation and decisive action. The need for a deep dive into underlying causes of this net loss unpacks the implication of CFA's ongoing operations and sets forth a robust plan of next steps designed to rejuvenate the association's financial health. The recommended actions focus on increasing litter and kitten registration, welcoming new breeds and color varieties, developing innovative and sustainable cost-saving measures, and ensuring rigorous execution and accountability within a strategic framework.

Calhoun: *Root Causes: Declining Registrations.* As we said before, root causes of declined registration include:

- **Demographic Shifts:** An aging base of breeders with fewer new entrants to the hobby may be causing a slow contraction in activity.
- **Economic Uncertainty:** Broader economic and legislative pressures might have led breeders and pet owners to defer or forgo the registration of litters and kittens.
- **Competition:** Other organizations or informal breeding networks could be drawing potential registrants away from CFA.
- **Perceived Value:** If breeders and owners feel that the benefits of CFA registration do not outweigh the costs, they may not complete the registration process.
- **Administrative Barriers:** Complex or opaque registration procedures may deter individuals from registering their litters, cats and kittens.
- **Demographic shifts:** An aging base of breeders and fewer new entrants to the hobby, economic uncertainty, broader economic and legislative pressures have led breeders and pet owners to defer or forego registration of kittens, litters, and kittens. We need to make it simple and easy.

Calhoun: *Other Contributing Factors.* While registration is the primary driver, it is prudent to examine other elements that may have amplified the financial shortfall.

- **Event Participation:** Decreased attendance at CFA shows or events impacts associated income streams from the standpoint of exposure to the general public.
- **Operational Costs:** Even with declining revenue, fixed or rising operational costs can quickly tilt the financial balance into negative territory.

Calhoun: *Strategic Steps.* What are our strategic steps? Register every litter and every kitten. This is critical.

- **Outreach Campaigns:** Launch targeted campaigns to educate breeders and kitten owners on the importance and benefits of CFA registration.

- **Streamlined Processes:** Review and simplify the registration process to remove unnecessary barriers and improve user experience.
- **Incentive Programs:** Offer discounts, loyalty programs, or other incentives for breeders who consistently register their litters and kittens.
- **Digital Transformation:** Invest in online platforms that make registration more accessible, including mobile-friendly portals and get the numbers out quickly.

Calhoun: *Encourage Acceptance of New Breeds and Colors.* Expanding the CFA registry to include new breeds and color varieties has the potential to attract fresh interest and participants.

- **Welcoming Innovation:** Proactively seek input from breeders and international partners regarding emerging breeds and unique color patterns.
- **Transparent Criteria:** Clearly articulate the requirements and scientific backing necessary for breed and color recognition.
- **Promotional Activities:** Feature new breeds and colors prominently at CFA events and in publications to generate enthusiasm and visibility.

Calhoun: *Innovate Sustainable Cost Savings.* While increasing revenue is essential, equally important is the pursuit of sustainable cost savings to ensure long-term viability, which would include:

- **Operational Audits:** Conduct thorough reviews of all operational expenses to identify areas for reduction or elimination without sacrificing quality.
- **Vendor Negotiations:** Revisit contracts and agreements with third-party vendors to secure better rates or improved service packages.
- **Embrace Technology:** Implement digital solutions that automate routine administrative tasks, reducing labor costs and improving accuracy.

Calhoun: *Execute a Strategic Plan with Accountability.* A well-crafted strategy is only as good as its implementation. CFA must ensure every element of its plan is executed with transparency and measurable outcomes.

- **Clear Objectives:** Set specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART) goals for registration, breed acceptance, cost reduction, operations and growth.
- **Regular Progress Reviews:** Schedule routine check-ins to assess progress and recalibrate strategies as necessary.
- **Leadership Engagement:** Ensure board members and staff are fully invested and accountable for delivering results.

- Feedback Loops: Create channels for breeders, members, and stakeholders to provide input and alert leadership to emerging challenges.
- Educational Programs: Offer workshops, webinars, and resources to support breeders in best practices, animal health, and responsible ownership.
- Youth Outreach: Develop programs aimed at younger generations to foster the next wave of CFA members and registered breeders.
- Partnerships: Collaborate with veterinary organizations, animal welfare groups, and pet industry stakeholders to amplify CFA's visibility and impact. Cost savings. While increasing revenue is essential, equally important is the pursuit of sustainable cost savings to ensure long-term viability, which would include operational audits to conduct through reviews of our operational expenses to identify areas of reduction or elimination without sacrificing quality.

These all play critical roles in making CFA the best cat registry on the planet.

Calhoun: So I'll end this with something that I went over there and said. We have to be open to change. It is not the strongest of the species that survive, per Charles Darwin. Not the most intelligent, but the most responsive to change. That is what we have to be all about. Thank you.

Thank You!

The Budget Committee
Mathew Wong
Allene Tartaglia
Rich Mastin

And Thank You to All of You
The Chief Operating Faces of CFA
and
Team Purr!

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~Charles Darwin

(40) **PRE-NOTICED RESOLUTIONS.**

PROPOSED SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

Deleted text is shown with a ~~striketrough~~ and new text is underscored. Unless otherwise stated any Show Rule changes are effective at the beginning of the next show season.

***Note:** At the Board's request, information pertaining to the cost to implement resolutions have been provided by the Central Office after the rationale, if applicable.*

Mastin: OK, we now move on to Show Rules Resolutions. Pre-noticed Show Rule Resolutions which pass by two-thirds vote are sent to the board for ratification. Pre-noticed show rule resolutions which pass with more than 50% of the vote but less than two-thirds are sent to the board with a favorable recommendation. Show Rule Resolutions which are amended before being voted on must pass by more than 50% and are advisory only.

– 9 – 44 Gatti

INTRODUCTION: The title of Kitten Winner (KW) is awarded to any kitten that achieves 5 or more top 10/top 15 finals Allbreed/Specialty. At least three (3) of these finals must be in Allbreed rings. The finals must be won under at least three (3) different judges. There is no limit to the number of shows where the kitten can earn 5 or more finals. Only shows with at least 20 kittens allbreed present (or 20 kittens longhair/shorthair present for specialty rings) will be considered for a final to count towards this award. This title will not appear in the show catalog and in the judge's book, and only one competitive class for kittens will remain (kitten class, divided between Longhair and Shorthair). The title of Kitten Winner is placed *after* the cat's name and will not be confirmed to the cat's record (pedigree, Herman online, ...) until the Central Office has received a Kitten Winner claim form and appropriate fees. Kittens shown with a Temporary Registration Number will have the title confirmed subject to a permanent registration number.

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 7.07, and add new Show Rules 27.01 through 27.03, to add a Kitten Winner title, as follows:

7.07 An official CFA championship claim form/kitten winner claim form and application to obtain a Companion Cat Registration Number, or facsimiles thereof must be printed or inserted in the show catalog or be made available at the Master Clerk's table.

ARTICLE XXVII – OBTAINING TITLES – KITTEN WINNER/CHAMPION/PREMIER

27.01 Any kitten that achieves 5 or more top 10/top 15 finals Allbreed/Specialty is eligible for the “Kitten Winner” title (abbreviated KW). All these finals must be in Kitten class. At least 3 of these finals must be in Allbreed rings. The finals must be won under at least three (3) different judges. Only shows with at least 20 kittens allbreed present (or 20 kittens longhair/shorthair present for specialty ring) will be considered for a final to count towards this award. There is no limit to the number of shows where the kitten can earn 5 or more finals

27.02 The title of Kitten Winner will not appear in the show catalog and in the judge's book. Kitten Winner is listed in show catalog and in the judge's book as kitten.

27.03 This title may be claimed by filing the appropriate form with the Central Office, and paying a fee. There is no time limit to claim the Kitten Winner title. This title will be automatically added to a cat's record once the requirements have been met, and is placed *after* the cat's name.

[Renumber subsequent paragraphs]

RATIONALE: To achieve the title of Regional Winner in kitten class is needed to join 6/7 shows on average. In some Regions, this can mean an economic burden that not all exhibitors can sustain. In addition, the Regional title is limited only to a few kittens and to show a kitten with the awareness of not achieving any title could be unmotivating for the exhibitors only joining in the local shows. There are many high quality kittens shown successfully in few shows that can't achieve any title although they are called in more finals. Maybe the prospect of achieving a title for high quality kittens could lure in more local exhibitors at CFA shows, widening the potential number of exhibitors. The Kitten Winner title encourages exhibitors who only join local shows, and are not campaigning throughout the show season in their Region, to show their kittens. The Kitten Winner (KW) is a title to assign to all kittens that achieves at least 5 or more top 10/top 15 finals Allbreed/Specialty. Generally, this target could be met in 2 or 3 shows (of course during the 4 months of a kitten age as set by show rules). This achievement is affordable also for occasional exhibitors who usually show in other associations. The introduction of this title could bring new exhibitors at CFA shows all around the world, especially in areas where other associations are widespread and already offer titles for kittens. The KW title could encourage many new and old exhibitors to come back in the show halls or show their kittens until the end of the season. The cats shown are always less and less and the kitten class is strongly affected by this decline. During the 2023-2024 show season we had only 10,148 entries in kitten class; they were almost 20,000 18 years ago. This year we again propose this proposal because we are yet more sure of its potential and benefits it could provide to our shows. This proposal could be a first step to try to change a system that isn't able to attract as many new exhibitors as it should. Dear delegates, we need your support for this proposal, please. Below a summary report from 2006-2007 show season to 2023-2024 show season.

TOTAL ENTRIES FOR KITTEN CLASS	
2023-2024	10,148 (280 show)
	4,147 (120 show R1-7)
2022-2023	10,501 (225 show)
	4,538 (119 show R1-7)
2021-2022	7,757 (206 show)
	4,754 (106 show R1-7)
2020-2021	1,911
2019-2020	8,697
2018-2019	11,601
2017-2018	12,892
2016-2017	13,662
2015-2016	13,808

2014-2015	12,126
2013-2014	13,043
2012-2013	13,662
2011-2012	14,489
2010-2011	15,228
2009-2010	15,669
2008-2009	16,726
2007-2008	18,526
2006-2007	19,287

Mastin: OK, we're going to go on to number nine. **Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club]:** Are you ready, Rich? **Mastin:** Hi, Pam. I am. I think I'm ready. **DelaBar:** Let me apologize for the sinuses. Those of us who live in Finland right now are not used to air conditioning because we don't need it. We have clean air, fresh water, and right now sinuses that are bugging us from the air conditioning. I am presenting this proposal at the request of 44 Gatti Cat Club from Italy. We just heard some very sobering news from our CFA Treasurer, and I have at least one person in my region who intensely studies CFA history, and that's Domenico Granata. He took a lot of time coming up with the background of possible ways that we can invite people, attract people to our CFA shows, not only in Europe but worldwide. We face another challenge this year because every kitten that enters our shows must have either a TRN or registration number. So, have your clubs thought about how you're going to keep your kitten entries up? 44 Gatti is proposing basically a very simple program; that is, Kitten Winner, KW, that would go behind the kitten's name once they made five finals, allbreed or specially final, in a top 10 or top 15 final in a CFA show. If you go to the second page that has all of the figures on it, you see at least a 40% reduction in the kittens entered in our shows in the past 10 years. This is a proposal. Let's help bring it up. We have people that want the recognition, people that would enjoy having this recognition and it doesn't really cost us that much money. I don't have a firm figure on how much it costs to put the KW after a kitten's name in our system, but it is a tool for us to use to get people in our show halls, to get new exhibitors, and hopefully new breeders who are registering all the kittens in all their letters. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. Carissa?

Carissa Altschul [Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Land of Oz Cat Club]: I kind of like it when a resolution defeats itself and its own points. Do we need more titles for 50% less kittens being shown? No. Also, this proposal puts the title at the end of the cat's name, which for many of us is sacred for DM. There is only one title that comes after a cat's name. I understand they want to encourage people to show more, but adding more titles and trying to mimic other associations who have more letters for titles than the cat's name is not the solution. Making a single final at a show for many people is the carrot they need. If you want to encourage more people at your shows, have more specialty rings, Europe. Please vote no. **Mastin:** Thank you, Carissa. Mary K? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]:** I appreciate that the authors did some statistics here and looked at the history. In the history of CFA since I've been in CFA, adding titles has never increased entries. Never, not once. This title, I appreciate wanting to do

something like this, but it is so easy. I would think 95% of the kittens that I have ever shown in CFA would qualify for this title in one show, maybe two. If we look at our scoreboards and I know that I'm not just speaking to the people here, but to the authors of this resolution. Look at the scoreboards all across CFA. How many kittens at each show make five finals? You would be handing out these titles like candy in most of CFA. There are some areas of the world where it's not that easy and I appreciate that. Then make a title for those areas, but when you apply this kind of title to all of CFA, you give such a diluted title when it has no meaning and it accomplishes nothing, except that it also devalues all of our other titles. So, I have to object to this. **Mastin:** Thank you, Mary K. Dennis? **Dennis Ganoe [For the Love of Cats Cat Fanciers; LaPerm Society of America]:** I applaud the idea of trying to bring in more entries and possibly adding titles, but I object to the paragraph 27.03 because it's self-contradictory, in my reading. You have to claim the title and pay a fee, but it's automatically added to the cat's record. I would encourage the author to either withdraw and bring this back with a better procedure for adding any title and also be able to address the other instances or other objections that other speakers have brought up. As it is right now, I would vote no on it. **Mastin:** Thank you, Dennis. Karen? **Karen Thomas [West Hills Cat Fanciers]:** I just have a question. It says 20 kitten minimum for allbreed and 20 kitten minimum longhair/shorthair. Does that mean total? Like if there's 15 longhair kittens and 5 shorthair kittens, all 5 of those shorthair kittens are going to make the final. Is that how that works? Well then, you need to clarify that. **Mastin:** Microphone #4. **Beth Csomay [National Maine Coon Cat Club]:** I support this endeavor. I think kind of like the previous resolution we looked at in which we would have more accolades to judges, this would encourage other cat breeders and other associations to want to take their kittens to other shows. The fact that this might be more easily attainable does not devalue our other titles, but it may be the carrot on the stick that is needed to bolster young breeders in my generation that would like to join CFA. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you. Alene? **Alene Shafnisky [Turkish Angora Fanciers International]:** I agree with what most of the speakers have said. I applaud the idea behind this effort. I really do. I just think that this needs some work and I think it needs to be more like their championship resolution where it is some number of final under five different judges and some minimum number of shows because if we're now just kind of giving away a title that can just happen at one show, we're not really going to be able to prove that this is serving as an incentive for more people to enter, so that's what I would do. **Mastin:** Alene, thank you.

Mastin: Pam, do you have closing comments? **DelaBar:** The minimum, as stated, was 20 allbreed kittens or for a specialty final, longhair/shorthair specialty final, also another 20. So, it's not any combination there. I can't change or withdraw. As Regional Director, sometimes you get charged to put things forward that you didn't write and I do applaud 44 Gatti for coming forward with these. We need new carrots. We need new people and what drew us to the cat fancy back more years than I really want to admit, what drew us is not the same motivation that is drawing the people in the market that we're looking to come in to join us. That is why we're coming up with programs to hopefully bring people to us to join our CFA family. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. Before I open this for a vote, you may need to wake up your clickers. OK, James, please open the vote. 10 seconds. Three, two, one. Close the vote. 271 total votes. 39 yes. 232 no. It failed.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 9				
283 Delegates Registered	39	232	0	271

Failed.

– 10 – Ocicats International

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 2.23.f., the HOUSEHOLD PET (HHP) CLASS, as follows:

2.23 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

...

f. The HOUSEHOLD PET (HHP) CLASS is for any domestic kitten (altered/unaltered) or altered cat entry. Household pets, or Companion Cats, are eligible only for awards in the Household Pet Class. Pedigreed cats with a CFA registration number can be scored as Household Pets if the registration prefix is changed to the Household Pet color class prefix (0892H/0893H). This color class transfer is a one-way transfer; reversal is subject to approval by the CFA Executive Board. Within these rules, the terms Companion Cat and Household Pet may be used interchangeably as they refer to the same class. Household pets are to be judged separately from all other cats, solely on beauty and condition. Wild cats ~~or wild cat – domestic cat hybrid crosses~~ are not eligible for entry. Cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural mutations, or any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc. but not including coat length) with one or more structural mutations, are not eligible for entry. For ~~Bengals~~ known wild cat – domestic cat hybrid crossed to enter this class, they must have a CFA registration number. (See Article VI – Entering the Show) or be at a minimum of 5 generations from wild cat cross.

RATIONALE: There are several domesticated breeds with origins of wild cat (for example the Toyger) with significantly less wild blood contribution than our accepted wild cat – domestic cat hybrid cross (the Bengal) which, per our current rules, are not allowed to compete. By removing the specific breed limitations and the requirement for only one breed of pedigreed cat to need a CFA registration number, we can standardize our policy based upon data and statistics and increase our HHP entries as well as public exposure to CFA.

Mastin: Going on to number 10. Hi, Jacqui. **Jacqui Bennett [JA Club; Ocicats International]:** Hi, Rich. The purpose of this proposed show rule change is to, one, remove the specific breed Bengal from the household pet rule. We have 45+ breeds in CFA. We don't call anybody else out. And to simply list known wild hybrids at a minimum of five generations. Why five generations? CFA established, when they accepted the Bengal at five generations away, the difference between a wild hybrid and a domestic. This would let us be consistent. This resolution also allows cats who happen to be wild hybrids but with less wild blood than the Bengal to show in household pets. The Toygers have less wild blood than the Bengals. The Spangles. Yeah, it's a Spangle, and I have no idea what a Spangle is, but it's a hybrid from the Bengal. It has less wild blood than the Bengals. The Cheetoh. Yes, there's a breed called the Cheetoh. It has less wild blood than the Bengal. Right now, as a hybrid, they are not allowed in household pet. We're begging for more entries. I know for a fact that there is a beautiful mackerel tabby cat showing in household pet who looks exactly like a Toyger. I don't have his paperwork. Am I supposed to

disqualify him, or do we encourage people and be consistent and go by CFA standards and say, no, wild hybrids have to be at least five generations away, and just call a spade a spade, and also in case you didn't notice, the current rule says a Bengal must have a registration number. It doesn't say a CFA registration number, so does that mean a TICA F1 with a registration number can show but a Bengal that's only four generations away and doesn't have a registration can't? Basically, this just cleans things up and opens household pets for additional entries which also opens us for more exhibitors and more money to CFA. **Mastin:** Jacqui, thank you. Dennis? **Dennis Ganoe [For the Love of Cats Cat Fanciers; LaPerm Society of America]:** I would support this if it didn't have the last sentence added. If you have a known wild cat/domestic hybrid and it has a registration number, that ensures it has the five generation right now. You cannot get a CFA registration number without the five generations away from the wild cat outcross. That is what the policy change we made about seven years ago said. Adding the "or at a minimum five generations from wild cat cross," in the household pet class, we cannot prove that. And that was what our policy was all about, was to make sure we had predominantly nearly six sigma of domestic cat showing up. And a registration number doesn't necessarily mean that Bengal can be shown in household pet because there is other rules that says it has to have a disqualifying feature in its breed. Otherwise, the judge is supposed to N/A it or not award it. I support the idea of changing it from Bengals to all wild cat outcrosses, but I don't support the "or minimum five generations," because we have no way to prove it. **Mastin:** Thank you, Dennis.

Mastin: Jacqui, there's no one else at the microphone. Closing comments, please. **Bennett:** OK, again, the current rule says "have a registration number." It doesn't say "have a CFA registration number," which means technically a TICA registration number with an F2 Bengal can show in household pet by the current rule. And it specifies Bengal. CFA came up with the five generations when they accepted Bengals because at five generations, any single ancestor has less than a 3.25% probability – yeah, I'm a numbers nerd – of impacting it. That's our cutoff. All this does is make it consistent and say, no cat who's closer than five generations to a wild cat should be shown in household pet. We can't prove it now. We have to trust people to follow the rules. We're not the gene police. No judges sitting there with a DNA tester or demanding to see registration numbers. It just lets cats such as the Toyger and the Cheetoh – God help us – and the Spangle – who names their cat after a snack food? – and lets these people show in household pet and it drives consistency. That's all it does. Currently it says registration number. It doesn't say CFA registration number. This adds CFA, which means it's at least five generations, and for those that we don't have a registration number, it sets a specific standard that we expect people to comply with. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Jacqui. James, please open the vote. Ten seconds. Three, two, one. Close the vote. 274 total votes. 159 yes, 115 no. Goes to the board with a favorable recommendation.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 20				
283 Delegates Registered	159	115	0	274

Carried with a Favorable Recommendation.

– 11 – Southern Dixie Cat Club; Southeastern Persian Society, New River Cat Club, Mount Laurel Cat Fanciers, Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers, and GEMS

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

11.24 Disqualified by the judge.

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c. A judge must disqualify and dismiss from his ring any cat or kitten that bites, cannot be judged in the judging ring, or that is, in his/her judgment, behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner. This rule does not apply to cats after the completion of judging of color classes. When a judge makes a disqualification based on having in fact been bitten, the judge shall record on the judging color class sheet “DISQ/BITE,” otherwise indicate just DISQ if the disqualification is based on recalcitrant or threatening behavior. (See paragraphs 11.19.c and 11.19.d). “BITE” shall not be recorded in instances in which the cat was not behaving in a recalcitrant manner; for example when the cat hits a hand when attempting to grab a toy. Judges shall have discretion to not record BITE if there are extenuating circumstances that cause a fear response in the cat – e.g. fire alarms going off, cages falling over, or extreme public address system feedback.

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

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RATIONALE: There is a difference between a cat that is recalcitrant and dangerous to others and a cat that by mistake gets a hand when going for a toy, or a cat in the ring that responds in fear when something scary happens, like cages falling over, public address systems shrieking, or the cat next door having a loud meltdown. Cats that deliberately bite need to be removed from the show hall, but use of the DISQ/BITE when there are extenuating circumstances rather than recalcitrance opens the door to inappropriate and unfair results. Cats should be handled with understanding of their natural responses to scary situations. This amendment clarifies that judges have discretion to excuse incidents that are not the result of recalcitrant behavior, but rather of extenuating circumstance.

Mastin: Let’s go to number 11. **Laurie Coughlan [GEMS; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** This is a proposed amendment to Show Rule 11.24, which is the anti-bite rule, and we certainly want to keep that. It represents a clarification. As we all know, in a show hall, sometimes scary things happen if you’re a cat, like a bank of cages fall over, or the PA system squawks right over your cat’s head or whatever. This clarification is meant to clarify that the judge does not have to write Disqualified – Bite if there’s an unusual circumstance that a normal creature would respond in fear to. It’s, *“BITE” shall not be recorded in instances in which the cat was not behaving in a recalcitrant manner; for example when the cat hits a hand when attempting to grab a toy. Judges shall have discretion to not record BITE if there are extenuating circumstances that cause a fear response in the cat – e.g. fire alarms going off, cages falling over, or extreme public address system feedback.* Again, we don’t want recalcitrant cats in the show hall, and they need to be taken away, but we don’t want to penalize a cat for a normal fear response that is not likely to happen again. Thank you, Laurie. **Teresa Keiger [Central Carolina Cat Fanciers; The Crafty Cat]:** Judges already do this, and I would like to think that myself and my fellow

members of the judging panel can distinguish between a cat that bites because if something happened, and a cat that really shouldn't be there. We don't need a show rule for this. We don't need a show rule for everything, and an item like this really is better coming from the Judging Program. The meetings that we have, just like last night, we constantly are reminded to think about this, think about this. So, we are aware of it, but not everything needs a show rule. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Teresa. Alene? **Alene Shafnisky [Turkish Angora Fanciers International]:** I agree that judges are already doing this. I also don't like rules that have very specific examples in them because then you get locked into some things and not others. I think the better idea for this is to rework it and if you change the word "when" in like the third sentence from "when" to "if," "if a judge makes a disqualification based on having been bitten," then that would codify the fact that judges have the discretion to do it, yes or no, and you don't have to do any of the rest of these changes. **Mastin:** Thank you, Allene. Jacqui? **Bennett:** Judges already have this discretion. It's in the word "recalcitrant." A scared cat is not being recalcitrant. A recalcitrant cat is saying, try it and die, bitch. We know the difference. **Mastin:** Thank you, Jacqui. There might be a swear jar fine for that. You need to check with the Treasurer. Is it something like – Nancy, do you know if there's a fine for that? Is it like \$5? There should be, right? You know, we're in the – I can't make a motion. I can't. And we're already in the middle of a motion. We may have to come back to that when it comes from the floor.

Mastin: OK, Laurie, no other speakers, please. **Coughlan:** I don't have to identify myself again, right? **Mastin:** I believe you do. **Laurie Coughlan [GEMS; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** I will say, I understand the comments. A very similar motion was put forward last year and was withdrawn out of respect for the fact that judges can make their own decisions, but a bunch of people came up to me afterwards and said, why did you withdraw this? This can be a problem. It says, "judge shall," and I spoke to some CFA judges for whom I have the greatest respect, and they said it's worth putting it in to clarify. So, this is not meant in any way to disparage the judging crew or their own judgment on the breeding of the cats, it is just to clarify that it is not required that you disqualify a cat that bites because it's acting like a cat. So, thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Laurie. Please open the vote. Ten seconds. Three, two, one. Close the vote. 267 total. 109 yes, 158 no. Fails.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 11				
283 Delegates Registered	109	158	0	267

Failed.

– 12 – Sternwheel Cat Fanciers, United Singapura Society

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 20.01 to adjust minimum compensation for licensed ring clerks and master clerks, as follows:

20.01 a. The CFA licensed certified clerk performing the function of master clerk shall be compensated at the rate of ~~eight (8)~~ ten (10) cents for each catalog entry in each judging ring. A CFA master clerk shall be compensated at ~~ten (10)~~ twelve (12) cents for each catalog entry in each judging ring. A CFA master clerk instructor shall be compensated at fourteen (14) cents for each catalog entry in each judging ring. It is strongly recommended that for a six ring, one day show a club engage

either two licensed master clerks or one licensed master clerk and one certified clerk who is working towards their master clerk license, assisting the licensed master clerk in charge. The minimum compensation for each person working as a master clerk shall be ~~sixty (60)~~ sixty-five (65) dollars per weekend or ~~forty (40)~~ fifty-five (55) dollars for a one day show. (A Best of the Bests ring is not considered as an additional ring requiring compensation.)

b. Payment schedule shall be based on the status of the clerk on the date a contract is signed. If no contract exists, payment schedule shall be based on the status of the clerk on the first day of the show. CFA licensed certified clerks performing the chief ring clerk function shall be compensated according to entries as follows, or in lieu of compensation, the clerk may be provided a complimentary entry in the show:

Under 150 entries	\$30.00 <u>\$35.00</u> per weekend
151-250 entries	\$45.00 <u>\$50.00</u> per weekend
251-350 entries	\$60.00 <u>\$65.00</u> per weekend
351-450 entries	\$75.00 <u>\$80.00</u> per weekend
1 day shows with 1, 2, 3, 4 rings	\$35.00 <u>\$40.00</u>
225 <u>limit</u> back to back shows <u>(6x6)</u>	\$40.00 <u>\$50.00</u> per day
1 day, 6 ring shows	\$45.00 <u>\$50.00</u>

NOTE: These are minimal compensations; more can be given ~~per negotiated rate with clerk~~ at club's discretion. If the Ring Clerks receive additional pay, the same additional pay must also be given to Master Clerk.

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b. c. Clerking fees must be paid before the clerk leaves the show hall at the completion of his or her assignment. Payment must be in U.S. currency, unless otherwise agreed in advance.

e. d. If payment in a foreign currency is involved, a prior agreement and contract between the club and the clerk is recommended.

RATIONALE: Since the delegation voted to give the judges a raise in 2024 based on the fact we ask more of them, the Clerks and Master Clerks are also doing more work and for very little pay. There has not been a raise for the clerks in probably 10 years.

Mastin: Going on to number 12, Bethany. **Bethany Colilla [Sternwheel Cat Fanciers; Great Lakes Great Maines]:** I'm not going to read the whole thing. It's in front of you. This is to help the Clerking Program. I was corrected on the rationale. It's probably been about 20 years since the Clerking Program has had a raise. We're not asking for a lot. It's about a \$5 raise for the clerks on each entry level. We're asking for a two cent raise for the master clerks and a third tier for MCIs. There are not that many MCIs out there. That's all I'm going to say for right now. I'll let anybody else who wants to speak go ahead and speak. **Mastin:** Thank you, Bethany. Cheryl? **Cheryl Coleman [Cats Ink]:** I wholeheartedly support this. Being a master clerk over 30 years, I think the last time we got a raise was the time I was the clerking chair. That's been

like 15 years. The judges get an increase. I think the clerks should. I know a lot of clubs, the last time I had brought this up said, “oh, that’s going to cost us more money,” but I think getting good clerks, good master clerks, and I know how much time I spend master clerking. I think they deserve a raise. **Mastin:** Thank you, Cheryl. Microphone #4. **Holly Mueller [Lincoln State LH Fanciers]:** Hi there. As someone that is very proud to say that they have hit below average in terms of the age group here, very brave and proud of that, I am super excited about seeing this as someone that has been clerking for several years and has happily been invited to master clerk at several shows. It’s not about the money, as my bosses would wholeheartedly warn you. It’s all about supporting the clubs and everything, and this is a really nice opportunity to support some of our new clerks and master clerks that are eager to get started for the association. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Holly. Melanie. **Melanie Morgan [Southeastern Persian Society; Southern Dixie Cat Club]:** I thought that it might be good to hear from the judging side. I work with clerks nearly every weekend. They work so hard. They’ve done this, you know, they don’t have any time really to spend with their friends. They sit there at our sides and make everything seamless for us. It’s been a long time since they’ve had a raise. I’m also part of show producing clubs. I understand how hard it is to make ends meet, but these people deserve that respect and the recognition for everything that they put into making a CFA show move like clockwork. **Mastin:** Melanie, thank you. Bethany, I don’t see her. She’s gone. **Karen Thomas [West Hills Cat Fanciers]:** I’m very much in agreement that master clerks should be paid more, but master clerks are paid exactly what it says in the show rules. Ring clerks usually are paid more than what it says in the show rules. In fact, I can’t remember when I’ve been paid anywhere near as little as this, and I do it because I love to do it and I don’t really – should I say this out loud? – don’t care how much you pay me because I like to do it, but I think codifying how much ring clerks get in the Show Rules encourages them to pay us less than what they are paying us, and because there seems to be very few people wanting to clerk nowadays, I would like to leave it open to the show producing clubs to negotiate with their ring clerks as to what they would pay them. If they need to pay them more to get them to clerk, then they should do that. But master clerks get paid exactly according to how many cats there are, just like judges, and I think they definitely deserve a raise. **Mastin:** Thank you. Mary K. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]:** I’m confused about one of the additions here. For the 225 limit back-to-back shows, this adds, in parentheses, six by six, but not all back-to-back shows are six by sixes, because right now, when I clerk at a back-to-back show, I get paid each day, and I don’t know if that would change just because it’s not a six by six. Do you understand? OK. **Mastin:** Thank you, Mary K. **Carmen Johnson-Lawrence [Genesee Cat Fanciers Club; Golden Triangle Cat Fanciers]:** I have two points on this. First, I want to say, I wholeheartedly support increasing the recommended amount paid to the clerks. That, I think, everyone needs to remember. This is a recommended amount. This doesn’t say you have to pay your clerks that much. There are a number of clubs out there that do pay their clerks a lot more. And their stewards, too. My first comment is in section b., the very last sentence that appears to have been in the show rules for a while. *The clerk may be provided a complimentary entry in the show.* And I thought at one point, we tried to avoid giving away free entries for shows to kind of alleviate that appearance of, we’re going to entice you to enter our show and give you a free entry. The other thing that I wanted to bring up, though, again, I support this, but I feel like this needs to be done in two separate parts, because the master clerk and the entry clerks, they are paid based on the entry. As someone already mentioned, this would increase them to 12 cents and 14 cents per entry. It’s a given. The clerks, it’s a recommendation. So I think we need to look at this separately as to how much do

we want to pay our master clerks and how much do we want to recommend paying our clerks. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Carmen. Keith? **Keith Kimberlin [Burmilla Enthusiasts of America]:** I don't see a reason to change this. As being a show manager in many shows, we usually tend to pay more than what the minimum is and it should be up to the discretion of the club because of the expenses involved in putting on a show. I would actually like to see a resolution that said that clerks could put out a tip jar. Thanks. **Mastin:** Thank you, Keith.

Mastin: Bethany? Closing comments? **Colilla:** This is not a recommendation. This is a minimum. You must pay the clerks and master clerks a minimum of these amounts, just to be clear. So we are saying you have to pay at least this. This is what's already been standing in the show rules. Yes, you are welcome to pay them more, but we are saying you must pay them at least these amounts, is what we're trying to get passed. If you were in any – yes, this is a hobby, this is a weekend thing, but if you were in any job and you hadn't had a raise in 20 years, how many of you would be happy? It's hard to find clerks. Many people complain they can't find clerks. We just increased the judges' fees last year because they were doing OCP rings and super specialty rings. Well, with that, the clerks are also doing those rings. The master clerks are also doing that extra paperwork and checking those mechanics. So, if we're willing to give the judges a little extra, shouldn't we at least approve to be willing to give the master clerks and the clerks a little bit extra with that? And, sometimes clerks are given extra, yes. The master clerks are not given any extra sometimes. There have been times where the master clerk makes less than the clerks. This is all we're asking for. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Bethany. Please open the vote. Ten seconds. Three, two, one. Close the vote. 272 total. 245 yes, 27 no. It passed. Congratulations.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 12				
283 Delegates Registered	245	27	0	272

Carried.

– 13 – JA Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 20.04 – Judges Expenses, subparagraph a. as described below:

20.04 Judges Expenses

- a. All judges, irrespective of status, and Trainees used to judge Household Pet Classes will be reimbursed for traveling expenses (transportation, hotel, meals, taxis, transportation to and from the airport, parking fees, and tips) in the amount not to exceed that actually expended or the amount defined within the GSA per diem rates as defined each year at <https://www.gsa.gov> (whichever is less).

RATIONALE: Feedback has been received from both clubs and judges expressing concern around the significant variability of judge's bills in costs entered and the inability of the club to budget based upon a standard value, as exists with the mileage rate. By utilizing the GSA travel per diem values, clubs will be able to budget more effectively and judges will not be pressured to not include items such as \$10 for a

breakfast at the airport. The GSA per diem rates are global, evaluated annually and are based upon costs within the given area.

Mastin: Moving on to number 13, Jacqui. **Jacqui Bennett [JA Club; Ocicats International]:** This recommendation is to establish essentially a per diem for judges. The logic behind it, and it comes from both judges and clubs. From the judges' experience, I've had several anecdotes of a judge having his bill challenged because he put \$10 down for a breakfast at an airport. The answer was, aren't you a member of one of those fancy airline clubs? Well, guess what? One, we pay for the membership in those fancy airline clubs, either in miles or cash. But two, have any of you tried to eat breakfast at an airport for \$10? From the clubs, I've heard, we can never estimate. We can't budget. We don't know what the judges are going to charge us. So, the JA club person looked at it and said, we already use a government website, [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov), to determine mileage rates, and we are instructed to charge mileage or reasonable airfare, whichever is less. By using the GSA website, this is a global website that the amount is updated every year based on postal code for the average cost of food – breakfast, lunch, and dinner – in an area. If a club takes a judge out to dinner, guess what? The judge isn't going to charge you separate on their bill. If for some reason a judge's expense exceeds the amount, this rule simply says, give us the receipt. It lets judges know what they can bill for food. They don't have to charge all of it. We all give you donations, but it gives them a limit and it allows the clubs to budget the maximum amount they should expect for food on judges' bills. That's all it does. The GSA website is available and open to the public, anybody in the world. It has postal codes all over the world. It gives an amount for food for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, so a club can budget and so a judge doesn't have to say, please give me \$10 for a cup of coffee because I'm taking a 5 a.m. flight out to save you \$200. That's all it says. **Mastin:** Thank you, Jacqui. Seeing no one at the podium. Karen Thomas. **Karen Thomas [West Hills Cat Fanciers]:** I don't know all the particulars on the website and I don't think this proposal is clear that all we're talking about is meals, the way I read it. And the other thing is, I pay judges' fees for two shows a year and some judges, I get some meals and air, and some judges I get transportation to and from the airport and parking and meals and anything else that they want to add. And so, I like the idea of there being some consistency in how we're paying the judges. I think it would be nice if we had a more detailed breakdown of what they should and should not charge for, and that would help us. **Mastin:** Thank you. Laurie. **Laurie Coughlan [GEMS; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** I just think it's important to know that the federal government has divided us all up in lots of little spaces and your rate for your show in this city is going to be different from Rich's and his show, and where the judge starts travel and where the judge ends travel. Basically, a club will have to sit down with that website and look up the rates for all aspects of the judge's travel. It is a good starting point. It could be very useful, but it's not just look up per diem and mileage for the whole country. As Jacqui pointed out, there are different postal codes and you have to figure out what applies for your club, but that can become part of your general judge orientation package for your show. **Mastin:** Thank you, Laurie. Pam. **Pam DeLaBar [Sophisto Cat Club]:** Let it be known, this is only for U.S. zip codes. Over 53% of our CFA judges live outside the North American continent. We have postal codes and we're not covered under the [.gov](https://www.gsa.gov) website. **Mastin:** Is that Pau at #4? **Pao Badia Grimalt [Victor Valley Cat Club]:** I just checked the CFA rates very quickly. They are not easy to find out. I don't think that, it's not about \$10. It's about the meals in Bangkok, for example. It says \$95, for example, for a meal. This GSA, usually a meal in Thailand is \$2, \$3 maximum. This would kill a club if a judge decides to charge these per diem rates that are on this website. We don't have any sponsorships anymore or

very little that will be possibly withdrawn as well. I don't think that this is very clear. I think we have never had a problem of \$10 with any judge so far in ID, but if the rates are like the ones that I saw just a few minutes ago, this would kill the clubs in ID. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you. Mike? **Mike Altschul [Coastal Cat Club; Happy Alternative Cat Club]:** I've worked with several clubs on this per diem because at first value we thought, well, this sounds good and standardizes everything. But then we started looking up the GSA per diem rates that a judge can put down and includes the food and the parking and other incidentals. If you go to GSA.gov on their per diem, for instance, Kansas City is \$135 a day per diem. Houston was \$128. Out-of-state Missouri, it was \$110 a day. All of a sudden, the clubs are going to have to budget a lot more money for the judges that choose to put down per diem and they can do that. If you look at the clubs, the show managers that work with judges, they've never had a judge's bill come in like that. OK, and we're going to have a hard time affording it. We really are. That's it. **Mastin:** Thank you, Mike. Mary K? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]:** I worked for the federal government for over 30 years, so I'm quite familiar with the GSA per diem. Whenever I traveled somewhere, including trips to Europe, which is a different zip code, I got the per diem for that area. So, I don't know what the point was there. But also, I want to draw attention to the last three words, "whichever is less." So, if the per diem on the GSA website is \$135, but the judge only spends \$20, they get \$20, not \$135. So, that's very important, the "whichever is less." Long ago, I was talking to a friend, and I'm like, we were figuring out budgeting for judges, and I'm like, why don't we just do this with the GSA schedule and give them a per diem? I think that's the smart way to go. So, I support this. **Mastin:** Thank you, Mary. John? **John Adelhoch [Hudson Valley Cat Club]:** Just for clarification, please, Jacqui, correct me if I'm wrong. For those of you that don't know, we are paid from the minute we leave our home to the minute we return home. That entitles us to meals and travel. When I used to do shows, what I would do is I'd sit down and I'd look to invite a particular judge, and I'd sit there and I'd think in my head, well, they should be charging at that time, and still myself, \$25 for dinner, then you have breakfast, and then you have lunch. But I would sit down and I'd look and see what I feel they should be charging for flights within a radius. You can go on and say, John Adelhoch lives here, and he's going to go to here. This is what your flight could be. That could give you a generalization of what it should cost you. You can also, if you're really nitty-gritty, John Adelhoch lives in Warwick, New York. He travels to Newark Airport. You can figure out exactly what he'd be charging. If you're that intuitive about what it's going to cost, sit down and figure it out. Marilee and I just spoke, and if you're going to go with this proposal, there are areas, if you come, say you judge in New York, the average dinner in New York could be \$75. If you allow me to charge you \$75, I would not, but there are particular judges that may choose to do so. So, I would think very carefully about that. If, as I was always told years ago, if you feel that the judge is charging too much for his meals or anything else, you are not obligated to invite us. Very important. You are not obligated. If you see that all of a sudden this individual is charging every little penny as some judges did 30 years ago, then it is your choice not to invite us. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, John.

Mastin: Jacqui, closing comments. **Bennett:** Again, this is a guideline, and the last three words are "whichever is less." If a meal costs \$2 in Thailand and a judge charges \$95 for that meal, that judge should have a protest filed against them. It's a guideline. We don't want judges being challenged on their bills over a \$10 coffee. And guys, it's happening. This just allows a club to have a budgeting tool that their bills should not exceed X. If this doesn't work, that's fine, but we need to have the conversation about what is reasonable and what is not, because

right now there is no guidance, and one judge, as somebody said, is charging every single penny for every single line item, and another judge is only charging this, which I've actually had some people claim is reverse solicitation. "You know I charge less, so you're going to hire me." We're just trying to give some guidelines. That's all it is. **Mastin:** Thank you, Jacqui. Please open the vote. Ten seconds. Three. Two. One. Close the vote. 274 total votes. 130 yes, 144 no. Fails.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 13				
283 Delegates Registered	130	144	0	274

Failed.

– 14 – *JA Club*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 20.05 as described below:

20.05 Clubs are required to provide individual hotel accommodations for each judge for the night before the beginning of a judge's judging, the night after the completion of a judge's judging, and for each night in between, if any. Accommodations provided must include a door that locks and a private bathroom. Meals are to be provided within this same time frame; meals and beverages must also be made available at the show. Clubs shall not ask judges to share rooms (although judges may volunteer to do so).

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RATIONALE: There have been occasions where judges have been set up in hotels or apartments for multiple judges (of both sexes) without prior knowledge or approvals that have a communal bathroom and in some cases no door locks to assure privacy and safety. This creates an unsafe environment for judges.

Mastin: Jacqui? **Jacqui Bennett [JA Club; Ocicats International]:** Proposed is to add a sentence into the accommodations required. Currently, 20.05 says clubs are required to provide individual hotel accommodations. We've had judges being given individual accommodations, so to speak, that do not have en suite bathrooms and do not have locking doors. How would you like to travel and be put up in a youth hostel at the airport without an individual bathroom or a locking door in a country that you don't speak the language? How would you like to be put up in an apartment with three or four other judges of both sexes, some of whom you may not know because they're guest judges, with bathrooms in the hallways and no locking doors? Ladies and gentlemen, it's not safe. Please support this. **Mastin:** Thank you, Jacqui. Seeing no one at any of the mics, please open the vote. Ten seconds. Three, two, one. Close the vote. 274 total. 258 yes, 16 no. Passes.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 14				
283 Delegates Registered	258	16	0	274

Carried.

INTRODUCTION: The Continental titles are awarded to any cat shown in Championship/Premiership or Household Pet class that achieves a minimum of 10 or more top 10/top 15 finals during at least 3 shows held in the same continent or same CFA Region (Reg 1-7; Reg 8 + Asia; Reg 9; ...). At least five (5) of these finals must be in Allbreed rings. The finals must be won under at least five (5) different judges. There is no limit to the number of shows or show seasons where the cat can earn the 10 or more finals but in order for a final to count toward “continental title”, at least 30 cats in Championship must be present in the show (or 30 cats longhair/shorthair present for specialty ring), at least 15 cats on Premiership class (or 15 cats longhair/shorthair present for specialty ring) and at least 15 cats for Household Pet class. This title will not appear in the show catalog and in the judge’s book. These titles are placed after the cat’s name. When a cat is eligible for a continental title, the Central Office will inform the owner. The title will be confirmed to the cat’s record only when the Central Office has received the appropriate fees. Cats shown with a temporary registration number will have the title confirmed subject to a permanent registration number. The same cat can achieve one or more continental titles.

List of continental titles:

NAW (North America Winner) for cats shown in Reg 1-7;

SAW (South America Winner);

ASW (Asia Winner) for cats shown in Reg 8 + Asia;

EW (Europe Winner) for cats shown in Reg 9;

AFW (Africa Winner);

OW (Oceania Winner) for all cats shown in Australia, Melanesia (including New Guinea), Micronesia and Polynesia (including New Zealand).*

*CFA does not yet have clubs or activities in these territories (estimated population: about 40 million people).

RESOLVED: Insert a new Article XXIX OBTAINING TITLES – CONTINENTAL TITLES, by the addition of a new Article, as follows:

Article XXIX
OBTAINING TITLES – CONTINENTAL TITLES

29.01 A cat eligible for and shown in the Championship/Premiership or Household pet class will compete for the Continental Titles.

29.02 A minimum of 10 or more top 10/top 15 finals during at least 3 shows held in the same continent or same CFA Region (Reg 1-7; Reg 8 + Asia; Reg 9; ...) are required to obtain the title. At least five (5) of these finals must be in Allbreed rings. The finals must be won under at least five (5) different judges. There is no limit to the number of shows or show seasons where the cat can earn the 10 or more finals but in order for a final to count toward a “continental title”, at least 30 cats in

Championship must be present in the show (or 30 cats longhair/shorthair present for specialty ring), at least 15 cats on Premiership class (or 15 cats longhair/shorthair present for specialty ring) and at least 15 cats for Household Pet class.

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OW (Oceania Winner) for all cats shown in Australia, Melanesia (including New Guinea), Micronesia and Polynesia (including New Zealand).

29.03 This title will not appear in the show catalog and in the judge's book. These titles are placed after the cat's name. When a cat is eligible for a continental title, the Central Office will inform the owner. The title will be confirmed to the cat's record only when the Central Office has received the appropriate fees. Cats shown with a temporary registration number will have the title confirmed subject to a permanent registration number. The same cat can achieve one or more continental titles.

For example: GC, BWR, NW Pamphili's Bernini, NAW, AW, EW, DM

RATIONALE: A Regional or National award requires effort and sacrifices (time, money, ...) that not everyone is able to do, especially nowadays. For this reason these prestigious awards are for a few. At the same time we have many outstanding cats shown a few times than, also if they stand out in the shows and they pick up GC/GP points, they will never reach an award. Maybe the time has come to add more levels of competition in our system, to pick up and involve new exhibitors toward our shows. The continental titles want to do this and to encourage also the occasional exhibitors to show their cats again in our shows all around the world. Currently if a cat wins one or more finals but the owner can't show the cat in many other shows during the same season, there will be nothing that certifies the value of the cat. This could discourage the owner/exhibitor from showing the cat once again in other CFA competitions especially if the cat is already Grand (and if it is possible to obtain many other titles in other associations!). If in addition to the Grand title the owner had also another aim, easily accessible, maybe his motivation to show the cat again could increase. To attract new exhibitors we also need easier titles that reward quality cats! Thanks to the introduction of these titles the exhibitor that doesn't want to reach Regional or National awards could anyway consider the possibility to show his own cat to more shows (at least 3) to reach another title. These new titles could be also little consolation for all cats that stayed out of the Top 25 of Regional Awards. These cats would not have only the Grand title but also a Continental title. In addition, as the same cat can achieve one or more continental titles, a cat could be shown also during more show seasons and shown in more regions. A cat already EW could be shown in 3 or more shows in North America the next show season to obtain also the title of NAW, and so on. In addition, participation in more shows could bring the exhibitors to run also for higher titles. These new titles are not interesting for a campaigner but could be very interesting for all exhibitors that can't show every weekend. Unfortunately the cats shown are always less and less and we have the duty to find the solutions to reverse this negative trend. Maybe these new titles will not be the solution but it would be interesting to understand the reception by exhibitors. Certainly these new titles don't reduce the value to the other titles but in contrast could encourage many new and old

exhibitors to come back in the show halls. Dear delegates, we need more cats in our shows so support this proposal, please.

[Renumber subsequent Articles]

Mastin: Hi, Pam. Welcome back. **Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club]:** Presenting on behalf of the 44 Gatti Cat Club. This provision that was also written by Mr. Granata focuses more on the retention of exhibitors within our fancy. When we did a study several years ago, we found that the average life expectancy of someone in the cat fancy as a breeder or exhibitor was five years. Somehow, I never picked up on that some 40 odd years ago so that didn't count. But we're still looking for ways not only to entice people to join us but to keep joining us. This comes up with wins by continent. Basically, this was looking forward to going to different larger shows per continent to entice people to come to these larger shows. We're missing those in Europe now where we used to have an absolutely huge show in Moscow which would bring in 35,000 spectators with five or six different organizations and this would be a very honorable title to get. I'm not going to read through all of these. They go by the different continents. That is basically it. I was given an example. An individual who has shown cats has gotten the regional win but due to the fact that we have some countries in my region where having certain cats is against the law. Himalayan breeder in the Netherlands just was fined 3,000 Euros for having a litter of Himalayan kittens. Another person with Exotics, once her Exotics die, she cannot have another one per the law. We're trying to keep people interested, keep them invested in the cat fancy and specifically into CFA. This is just another program and I know Carissa is coming up here to say that she doesn't want titles behind the names of the cats and that is her opinion. We're looking for carrots to keep people. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. Mary K. **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]:** I appreciate the difficulty of breeding cats in other countries and I want to answer a point that Pam asked during an earlier question about what drew us to the cat fancy. What keeps us here? What keeps us showing? My answer for what keeps me showing cats is the difficulty in achieving some of our titles. I went for years without ever having a national win and I worked my butt off to get one and the reason is because it was difficult. If we just hand out titles like candy, they're meaningless. I don't want to do that. I'll leave the hobby if we start doing that. So far, CFA hasn't been too bad on that. We haven't been handing out titles like they are participation trophies, but if we adopt things like this, that's what we're doing. Another point that I want to make, when you need to be a cryptographer to decipher the titles on a cat, we have a problem. Look at the last line of the resolution. What the heck? I – yeah but that's really overkill. **Mastin:** Thank you Mary K. Carissa. **Carissa Altschul [Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Land of Oz Cat Club]:** This bears repeating. The title after a cat's name, it is reserved for DM because DM has such an incredible meaning in our association. Additionally, this lovely example, if you look in your books, it shows an example of a cat that could get these titles and the number of letters in the titles exceeds the number of letters in the cat's name. I know why they are thinking this and I understand it, but to be honest it is not titles that keeps me showing. It is that I get to see my friends at cat shows and I get to show off my beautiful cats. If titles are the only thing that are keeping you in a cat show, you need to make some friends. Be nicer to people and they will be your friends. But, I go to cat shows, I come to the annual not always because I have an award. I come here because I want to be with my friends and I want to be with like-minded individuals. And sometimes I like pretty rosettes, but I don't need more titles and the people who I mentor, the new exhibitors I sell cats to, they don't need more titles. I also don't think more titles are going to encourage people in Europe to break the law. I feel very bad for

those people who are struggling because their countries have passed laws that have made it illegal to own certain breeds of cats, but I don't think adding a couple of titles after a cat's name is going to encourage them to keep getting more fines. Please vote no. **Mastin:** Thank you, Carissa. Sue? **Sue Swaim [Golden West Cat Club; Ragdolls Around the Globe]:** I agree with everything Carissa said. If we want to encourage people to join CFA and stay in CFA, I think we need to focus on airline tickets which have gotten outrageous for your cats, more local shows to encourage the younger people that can't fly to come to your shows, and being nicer to each other. Those are the things I think we need to focus on. **Mastin:** Thank you Sue. Orca? **Orca Starbuck [Lucky Penny Cat Club]:** I appreciate the efforts of 44 Gatti to recognize the achievements of more kittens and cats, and to encourage more exhibitors. I want to remind the delegation and 44 Gatti that we already have CFA awards that don't add a title to a cat's name. Think of second best of breed, third best of breed. These are actually awards. We recognize them. We put pictures of the cats on our website, but they don't result in an explosion of titles on cats' names. Perhaps 44 Gatti could propose awards that are recognized either regionally or even internationally but do not add titles to cats' names. I think this might be a better direction. **Mastin:** Thank you, Orca. Melanie? **Melanie Morgan [Southeastern Persian Society; Southern Dixie Cat Club]:** A few minutes ago we heard a really, really enlightening report from our CFA Treasurer talking about the state of affairs for the cat fancy and for CFA. I remember when I was on the board, we passed a motion that basically required that Central Office would provide costs associated with proposed changes or resolutions. I must admit, I try to follow the board meetings but I certainly am not privy to everything that's in closed session, etc., so I don't know if the minutes are out on that but I don't remember hearing that that has been changed. I don't see anything on the cost here. Frankly, right now, I don't think this is the time to be adding any cost to our bottom line. One, my question is, what happened to the motion that we passed about having costs provided for the delegates so that we can make informed decisions on changes that might potentially affect our bottom line? Two, I have to agree with what Carissa and the others said about adding titles. Orca is right. There are other ways to recognize people. If we want to involve new people, I encourage us to think a little bit out of the box. I know we've tried a few experimental formats. Rachel's done a great job spearheading that where we've had some interactive classes where we actually engage new exhibitors with a judge so that they can actually have some feedback, even if they don't have a cat that's making a top 10. So, I think we need to be creative and we need to be cost minding. **Mastin:** Melanie, thank you. Dennis? **Dennis Ganoe [For the Love of Cats Cat Fanciers; LaPerm Society of America]:** I do software quality assurance for a living, so I'm used to looking at requirements and seeing, does the proposed solution fit the requirements. This one says the requirement is basically to encourage people to continue showing. I think there are unintended consequences for the way this is written. In my profession, we have a bunch of people who have done nothing but try to get more letters behind their name. I've got a friend who ended up getting his certification for American Society of Quality, and then he went to IEEE and got those, and then he went to another association and got those. This has a plethora of titles that can be added to the end of a cat's name and it specifically says you can get multiples of these on the cat. You will have someone taking their cat everywhere to try and get these titles when you put it in. That's an unintended consequence. Maybe a beneficial unintended consequence is the fact that it has titles that we can't earn. You cannot right now get an Africa winner. You cannot right now get an Oceania winner and it would be very difficult to get a South American winner because there aren't any shows down there. How are you going to get your shows? And they have to be CFA shows, so it's not like you can go to another association. And then the really

picky QA person in me has to pick on the example. That looks like a real cat name with all the titles at the end of it. Don't enshrine that into the show rules. At least use a generic cattery Fluffy rather than a real cattery name. There's just multiple things wrong with this proposal. Let's just not vote for it. **Mastin:** Dennis, thank you. You are the last speaker.

Mastin: Pam, you have closing comments. **DelaBar:** We in Region 9 will keep looking for ways to increase participation in CFA. We do come up against the associations that preceded us in Europe. FIFe in 1949, WCF 1988, and a plethora of independent associations. I don't want to take people from those associations. I want them to join us. And we have been, especially in Finland and some of our other Baltic countries, very successful in doing so. We will continue to look for new, exciting programs. What I want to ask each of you, especially those talking, to think and join us in trying to find new, exciting programs to bring people into CFA, to bring them in as exhibitors and then as breeders. That's it. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. Please open the vote. Ten seconds. Three, two, one. Close the vote. 275 total. 21 yes, 254 no. Failed.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 15				
283 Delegates Registered	21	254	0	275

Failed.

Mastin: Before we go on to #16, I have some announcements to make. Bear with me. The first announcement is, Breeders Assistance Program is offering a 50-50 raffle, and it's growing amount is looking very nice at currently already over \$1,000. Also, they have a Sturdi carrier, room party baskets and bracelets from Touchstone. Drawing will be held before the close of today's meeting. Please visit Cindy and Charlene over there. It's to my right in between the doors. Thank you for all that Cindy and Charlene are doing for the Program. I was given word that our North Atlantic Regional Director, Doreann Nasin, today is her birthday. Happy birthday. So, Pam and Paulie's birthday is coming up on Sunday. When I know that, we have to sing happy birthday. Sorry. Let's join me in singing happy birthday to Doreann. Ready? [The delegation sings Happy Birthday] Third message. I'm going to break for lunch after resolution #16. This message is a reminder to either pick up your award if you already submitted a request or put in a request to pick up the award. The request and pick up area is in the foyer right outside the ballroom. So, when you go out for lunch, do that. And then the last message. This is from Hope [Gonano]. This is in an effort to get you back into the room. There is a cash prize giveaway after lunch. So we want you to come back in, but also she wanted me to mention that there are delegate bags for sale for \$20 in the delegate registration area.

– 16 – *44 Gatti, American Shorthair Lovers of Europe, Cat Fanciers of Finland, Feline Fanciers of Benelux, Felinus International, Fenix Cat Club, Orange Cat Club, Sherwood Manx Club, Sunshine Cat Club, Sophisto Cat Club, UK Cat Fanciers and Universal Cats Club.*

RESOLVED: Amend the Addendum – Show Rule 28.04 providing an exception to the grand point requirements for cats in the International Division, Ukraine, and Russia west of the Ural Mountains

for the 2025-2026 show season to reduce the number of points required in Region 9 for a Grand Champion title to 150 and for a Grand Premier title to 50, as follows:

28.04 For the 2025-2026 show season, the requirements to obtain the grand title in the International Division outside of China are modified to require 75 points for the Grand Champion title and 25 points for the Grand Premier title, in Region 9 150 points for the Grand Champion title and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, in Ukraine to require 100 points for the Grand Champion title and 25 points for the Grand Premier title, in Russia west of the Ural Mountains to require 100 points for the Grand Champion title and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, and in China to require 175 points for the Grand Champion title and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, as noted in the following table.

Country/Area	GC Pts Rqd	GP Pts Rqd
Regions 1-98 except as noted	200	75
Region 9	150	50
Maritime Provinces of Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Hawaii, Mexico, Russia east of the Ural Mountains, Ukraine, International Division (except China)	75	25
Ukraine	100	25
Russia west of the Ural Mountains	100	50
China	175	50

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

Mastin: OK. On to #16. Pam? **Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club]:** Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, retired. It’s LTC, USA, RET. A bunch of letters. I’ll keep them. And this was to be presented by others from Region 9, but as Regional Director, I am presenting it. This came up over unique circumstances that you all don’t have. We have several countries who have outlawed our breeds. Exhibitors going in to shows in Austria, cleared by the inspecting veterinarian, waiting to go in to be judged had a veterinarian from an animal rights group come in and disqualify the cat. They were unable to show. Gods forbid that you should show a blue-eyed white Persian or a blue-eyed white anything in some states in Germany. If you breed a cat such as Devon Rex, Cornish Rex, Japanese Bobtail, some Persians, though you can get a veterinarian letter to show a Persian or Exotic, Manx, in Switzerland, in Holland, where we no longer have a cat club anymore, will not allow hairless cats. At least the EU Parliament is coming up with some rules that all of us currently follow if you’re in the EU. We must microchip. We must give

health certificates. We must give registrations and pedigrees on our kittens and cats that we sell. Now go to the obvious. We have one country you cannot get into without a visa and you can't pretty much get into it anyway because of the US-EU and other sanctions that are against that country. They had three shows this last year. The other country is one that is being bombed, and we have had breeders turned into the proverbial pink mist because of the missiles and the bombs in that country. Our proposal is trying to come up to bring everybody up to the same standard on grand points. Now, mind you, a cat coming from Ukraine into let's say Poland cannot come in without a rabies titer, and we have other requirements of cats going from one area to another. If you're in with the EU, you can travel with a pet passport which contains all the cat's vaccinations, etc. This last year, we had 189 grand champions in Region 9. If I strip out Russia and Ukraine from where people cannot go – and I only live 250 miles away from the Russian border – if we strip those out, then we're looking at 103 grands, which basically puts us into an overall category. Ukraine had its first three shows since the war started this year. The cats were all championship, and they had 39 one-show grands. We're asking for about a year's consideration. This would go into the addendum to try to even things up in an area that it is exceedingly hard to show. We talk about airfares, driving thousands of kilometers to get to a show from one area to another. We've got it, plus the fact of several of the popular breeds within CFA being controlled or virtually outlawed in many of our countries within our region. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. Peter? **Peter Vanwongerghem [Feline Fanciers of Benelux; Felinus International]:** First, I really need to confirm that what Pam is saying is not the request of a few people. This is a serious request of all the clubs in Region 9. We're facing difficulties. It's not going to get any easier, and we really want to keep on going. There's clubs that had to stop organizing shows for the very simple reason that local legislation makes it impossible for exhibitors to participate, and we really need the push in the back, and I think this is the right thing to do. **Mastin:** Thank you, Peter. Carissa? **Carissa Altschul [Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Land of Oz Cat Club]:** This proposal came before the board, and it was defeated before the board for a very good reason. There are two parts to this proposal, and I really wish they had been presented as two separate resolutions, because the first part of the resolution I actually agree with. We need to increase the grand points in Ukraine. They had 55 grands last year in that country alone, 39 of which were one-show grands. I saw a post from a reader in Ukraine who had 12 one-show grands at one show. While I appreciate the situation they are in, it does not necessarily impact everybody who lives in that country. That part of the proposal I agree with, and if this fails, I hope they will bring it back from the floor and give the delegation a chance to pass that. But the part where we're lowering the grand points for the rest of Europe, when the average grands per show in Europe is greater than the average grands per show in Regions 1 through 7. In Europe, they grand 5.4 cats per show without Ukraine. We add Ukraine in, it's going to be even higher. In Regions 1 through 7, it is either 4.8 or 4.5. Sorry, I get up to the mic and my brain goes, whoop! As Pam said, there was 189 grands in Europe, including Ukraine last season. The Region 1 through 7 that had the most amount of grands was Region 7, with 105. They don't need their grands to be any easier than they already are. As I said at the board table, if you are concerned that the competition is so tough in Europe that most cats cannot compete, which I think they can because they're granding a lot, have more specialty rings. Have OCP rings. Those formats are available. I think the exhibitors in Europe are very encouraged because they're already getting more grands than the rest of us. As far as distances, if you actually track the distances between the most common locations in Europe, they are closer than the distances in the shows in the U.S. They have the EU passport, so the majority of the going in

between the countries is no more difficult than it is for us to go in between states. Yes, there's different languages and different currencies, but people in Europe are far more accustomed to traveling between those than we are, than necessarily going between U.S. and Canada and U.S. and Mexico. It's normal for them. They have their challenges, yes, but we don't need to lessen our title of Grand Champion or Grand Premier when they're already accomplishing more than the rest of the regions. In fact, accomplishing more than several regions combined over here.

Mastin: Thank you, Carissa. Dennis? **Dennis Ganoë [For the Love of Cats Cat Fanciers; LaPerm Society of America]:** As I read this proposal, not seeing the background in the written word about the situations in Europe – the economics, the languages, the restrictive legislation – I see this as a big simplification of a complex part of our Show Rules. Right now, Region 9 is broken up by point totals as Ukraine, Russia west of the Ural Mountains, east of the Ural Mountains, and other divisions. I see this as simplifying this portion of the Show Rules. Yes, it does seem to decrease the points for most of Europe for granding, but it unifies them under the same set of numbers. The quality professional in me just says simple is usually better. It may not be perfect, but I think unifying it is in the best interest of CFA. **Mastin:** Thank you, Dennis.

Alene? **Alene Shafnisky [Turkish Angora Fanciers International]:** You know, I just want to emphasize something that Pam said and I wish we didn't have the echo in here because I think it's really important. All of Europe is really about to face something very bad. Some of our major breeds with the highest counts have already been basically legislated out of existence in some countries. So, we can't use the past as a predictor of the future right now in Europe because of the way that these laws are progressing. So, I think that not only do I agree with Dennis that I think putting everybody up at the same level is a good idea, I think you're going to see these counts drop very soon. People are going to have to travel further because if you have, let's say, a Persian you can't show in Germany, so you're going to maybe have to travel to Spain for your show and soon maybe not Spain. I just think that's something that really should be taken into consideration what Europe is facing right now and I think this is a positive move to help them keep the fancy alive. Alene, thank you.

Mastin: Pam, closing comments? **DelaBar:** To give you an idea of distances that we travel, there was a study done and it did show that exhibitors driving from show to show within Europe drove at least one and a half times as long to get to a show as those did in North America. Madrid to Helsinki. Now we had four shows in Helsinki last year. That is 3,913 kilometers, which equates to about 2,444 miles. One way to go to a show. And you're lucky if you get to take a ferry because they're fun and have duty free. To give you an example of what not only our potential but what we have done, yes, excuse me, Carissa, there was a mistake, it was 187 grands last year with 51 one-show grands. Taking out Russia and Ukraine was 102 with 9 one-show grands. Mind you, Ukraine comes up, they had not had shows, they still had cats even though many that we worked with, especially with the Breeder Assistance Program, were able to get out of Ukraine and with foster or new homes. Region 9 had 28 clubs last year. 14 of them put on shows. 50% of our clubs worked to put on shows. Three years previously, 17 of our clubs put on shows. That's 67.7% of our clubs putting on shows. We contributed last year 2,523 registrations to CFA. To give you an example, Region 7, 175 grands, 10 one-show grands. 68 clubs, 19 of which put on shows, for 27.9 as opposed to 50% of Region 9. Region 7 was the closest to us in registrations with 2,113. We are trying our best to support CFA and, for at least the next year, the 26 clubs now in Region 9 would like to have your support to keep building and this is one way we think we can do it. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Pam. Please open the vote. 10 seconds. Three, two, one. Close the vote. 271 total votes. 105 yes, 166 no. It fails.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 16				
283 Delegates Registered	105	166	0	271

Failed.

Mastin: OK, we are going to break for lunch. Please return at 2.30. Thank you. Yes, you're keeping your clickers because we have resolutions from the floor. So hang on to your clickers.

BREAK.

PROPOSED NON-SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

Deleted text is shown with a ~~striethrough~~ and new text is underscored. Any non-show rule resolutions only become effective if/when adopted by the CFA Board and effective on such date as the Board may set.

None.

(41) DELEGATE BAG SWAG – CASH GIVEAWAY.

Mastin: Thank you all for returning. I hope you had a good lunch. I have a couple announcements to make before we get back to business. North Atlantic Regional Annual 2026 pins are available for \$20. See Tracy at the back of the room. The Egyptian Mau Breed Council meeting will be in the back of the room immediately after the close of the delegate meeting. OK, if we could all take our seats. Linda, are there people out in the hall? Great, thank you. OK, I need to ask for “Kenny’s Angels” to please come to the stage. That is Hope [Gonano], Stephanie [Boulter], and Karen [Lane]. Kenny’s Angels. **Lane:** And Kenny. I want to personally thank everybody that’s here today. We really appreciate the great turnout that we’ve had. We have a little bit of business to do, first with Kenny. I have a gift for Kenny because we are so thrilled that he gave us all this work to do. But, when we called him, he continued to answer the telephone, because I thought for sure it would ring and ring and ring sometimes and he wouldn’t hear our problems, but he was always here for us and we’re always here for our region. **Currie:** Thank you. **Lane:** One of the other reasons we’re up here is, everybody that got a delegate bag was asked to sign a ticket, and that is your raffle ticket. We are going to award 14 people \$100 each. We fundraised for the delegate bag and for many other things. All the donations were given for the delegates. We were lucky enough to over-fundraise in some areas. We were lucky enough that we sold all of the delegate bags that we had left over. So, we are taking that money and we’re giving it back to you. So, we are going to be calling 14 numbers here and please come up and get your money. One more thing. **Gonano:** I just want to thank Linda Peterson. She chaired this committee and the reason you guys are getting the money back is because you donated it to come to the delegates. That’s why only delegates could put tickets in the hat. So the only way we could figure it out was because we had those 20s. Hey, did anybody in the room not have a \$20 bill in their envelope? Anybody? We do have somebody that didn’t have one? Yes or no? I need to know. No? OK, did anybody in the room have two slips of recognition papers with the names of the clubs that donated to the delegate bag swag? Anybody have two slips of papers in their envelope? I’m trying to give extra money away. OK, well, anyway, Linda taught me a lot. I think we could actually double this next year if whoever is doing it wants to take some of our notes. Anyways, we’re going to start so we don’t take up too much extra time. But thanks to Linda, everybody, for this. **Lane:** We really want to have Kenny come and join me up here so he can call the names. Stephanie, our assistant treasurer, is holding a hat. I’m drawing the tickets and I’m handing them to Kenny, so Kenny can read the names. We would like to have him involved a little bit. **Currie:** Now you know what these angels think of me. Our first winner, please come up to the stage and get your money. Shirley Pete. How about Annette Wilson? Vicki Nye. Vincent from our Southern Region. Vincent Pina. Yeah, you know him. Come on up, Vincent. Teresa Voigt. Judy Bemis. JoAnn Brubacher. Carissa Altschul. Melanie Nichols. Joe Vollen. Jill Archibald. If there’s more money to give away, please hang on. Holly Müller. Bobbie Irie. And our #14 is Sabrina Grisier. **Gonano:** Jill didn’t show up yet. So who’s going to see Jill? Will she be coming in right after you guys? **Currie:** I once again want to thank these three people and the many committees that we did. For those of you who have ever staged an annual, you know how difficult it is. I also want to thank Central Office, the Board of Directors for supporting our Southern Region. We, of course, think we’re the best in CFA, but why would we think otherwise, right? Okay, we show up. Again, I want to thank you all for coming. Once we’re done with our business, I hope you enjoy the rest of the weekend, because it’s going to be a party. Thank you very much, and we’ll turn the meeting back over to Mr. President. **Anger:** Don’t mention your show, Kenny. **Lane:** We’ll see everybody tonight at the costume contest. It’ll be a doozy.

Curle: Rachel told me not to say anything, but I do want to advertise the Daytona Beach show. We call it Daytona Cat Week. September 13th, 14th of this year. We welcome all of you to enter your cats. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Hope. Thank you, Stephanie. Thank you, Karen. Thank you, Kenny. Thank you, the Southern Region, for all you have done. Great job.

(42) **JUDGING PROGRAM REPORT.**

CFA Delegate Meeting

June 27, 2025



CFA Judging Program

Introducing the CFA Judging Program Committee

7/2024-6/2025 Accomplishments

7/2024-6/2025 Judges Accepted

7/2024-6/2025 Retirements

7/2024-6/2025 Judge Emeritus

7/2024-6/2025 Advancements

6/2025 Judging Panel Statistics

Mastin: OK, Vicki Nye, will you please come up? **Nye:** Hello, everyone. President Mastin, esteemed board members, delegates, and spectators. Thank you on behalf of the Judging Program Committee for the opportunity to address you regarding the work of the Committee. For those who do not know me, my name is Vicki Nye, and I am the co-chair of CFA's Judging Program.

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Vicki Nye

Co-Chair CFA Judging Program



Russell Webb

Co-Chair CFA Judging Program

Nye: I would like to first introduce you to the members of the Judging Program Committee. As I call your name, please stand and remain standing until the committee is introduced. I would like to recognize you for all the time you dedicate to your service to CFA's Judging Program and to CFA, starting with my co-chair, Russell Webb.



Rachel Anger
Advisor & Coordinator



Anne Mathis
Continuing Education & Associate
Judge Administrator

Nye: Rachel Anger serves the Judging Program Committee as our advisory coordinator and is invaluable to this Committee due to her years of service in the Judging Program Committee, including holding the position of chairperson in the past. Anne Mathis is administrator of the Associate Judging Program and Continuing Education.

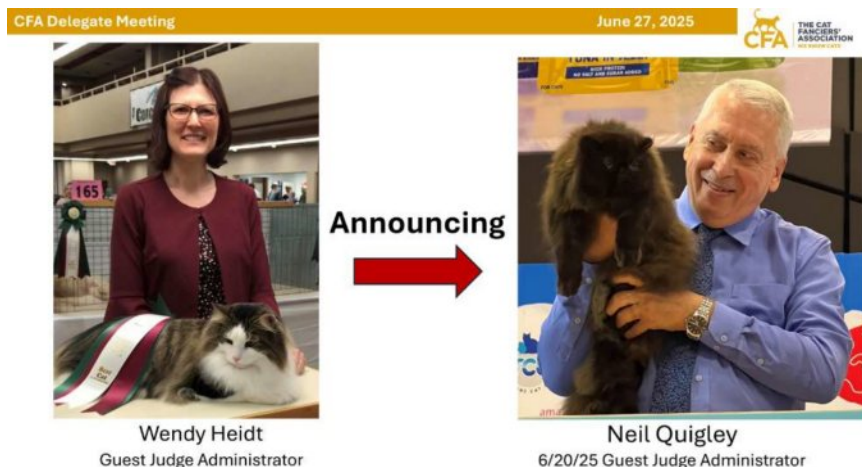


Nancy Dodds
File Administrator

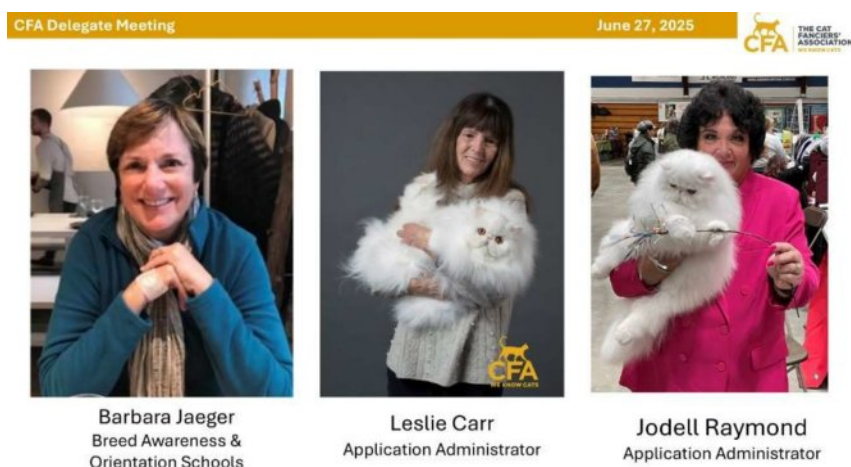


Marilee Griswold
File Administrator

Nye: The next two individuals on the Judging Program Committee are the file administrators. Nancy Dodds and Marilee Griswold work with our trainees and advancing judges, managing their journey through the Judging Program, now with 16 individuals under their guidance.



Nye: Wendy Heidt is currently the Guest Judging Program Administrator. However, Wendy is stepping down, and I would like to introduce you to Neil Quigley. Neil has accepted the appointment to the role of Guest Judging Administrator as of July 1, 2025, and I would like to thank Wendy for your dedicated service the last two years to the Judging Program as Guest Judging Administrator.



Nye: Barbara Yeager manages the Breed Awareness and Orientation Schools and all the files and teaching materials associated with that role. Leslie Carr and Jodell Raymond are the exhibitor members of the Judging Program Committee. These two individuals are the Application Administrators and are the first point of contact for applicants to CFA's Judging Program. Leslie interfaces with applicants from Regions 1 through 9, and Jodell manages applications from China and the International Division.



Teresa Sweeney

Mentor Coordinator & CFA Judging Program Recruitment



Carla Bizzell

Judging Program Ombudsman

Nye: Our Mentor Coordinator and Head of CFA's Judging Program Recruitment is Teresa Sweeney. In this day and age, with our shrinking judging panel, Teresa has been proactive in her recruitment efforts and also delivered training at last year's Judges' Workshop on How to Be an Effective Mentor. To complete the Judging Program Committee, Carla Bizzell is the Judging Program Ombudsman. Carla graciously accepted the appointment to this role in June of 2024, and has served in the past year with fairness, integrity, and lots of time at the computer keyboard, responding to emails. My heartfelt thanks to each of you for all you do in keeping the Judging Program running smoothly. Thank you.

7/2024-6/2025 JPC Accomplishments

- A comprehensive review of the CFA Judging Program Rules was undertaken by our committee members. Past additions, and edits were done by section only, leaving incorrect information in other sections. There were discrepancies with information between the Judging Program Rules and the Show Rules, and within the document itself. Words now defined in the Judging Program Rules, such as Pre-Applicant are now updated. in the all sections. Pronouns were revised, terms that were inconsistent in the Judging Program Rules were. edited to use only one term such as Board of Directors to Executive Board. Section two (2) was revised to. present an easier to understand flow of the judging program application requirements. Additionally, all eighteen (18) documents on the CFA Website under Judges Resources—Applying to the Judging Program were updated. Our goal was to make the Judging Program Rules easier to use.
- Two well attended Breed Awareness and Orientation Schools occurred, the first in Cleveland, Ohio at the CFA International Show and the most recent in April 2025 attended by 25 passionate individuals in Bangkok, Thailand.
- The JPC welcomed 15 applicants into the CFA Judging Program.
- The Judging Program Committee with CFA Board feedback addressed the trainee error policy with a focus on the fact that these sessions should indeed be TRAINING. Improvement from session to session addressing any shortfalls along the journey should be the goal. Learning from mistakes made while training is indeed training.

Nye: Our Judging Program is second to none, and I would be negligent for not also thanking our President, Rich Mastin, members of the board, Central Office staff, show producing committees, and clubs, exhibitors, and CFA's judging panel. Without your input, cooperation, and work, the Judging Program would not be able to function and move our applicants through the Judging Program. I would like to mention some of the Judging Program accomplishments that occurred in the past show season. A comprehensive review and rewrite of the Judging Program Rules was undertaken by our committee members. Section 2 was revised to present an easier-to-understand flow of the Judging Program application requirements. Additionally, all 18 documents on the CFA website under Judges' Resources – Applying to the Judging Program were updated. Our goal was to make the Judging Program Rules easier to use. Two well-attended

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7/2024-6/2025 Welcome to the CFA Judging Program

Siim Koppel – Murphreesboro, TN, USA --Longhair Trainee
Chris Lee – From Associate Judge SH – Shenyang, China – Shorthair Trainee
Laura Gregory -- 2nd Specialty – Florida R7 USA--Shorthair Trainee
Phebe Low – From Associate Judge SH – Fotan, Hong Kong– Shorthair Trainee
Jon Lee – Chongqing, China — Longhair Trainee
Agnes Sun – From Associate Judge LH – Shanghai, China– Longhair Trainee
Alex Luk Chunlap– 2nd Specialty – Hong Kong– Shorthair Trainee
Yi Chang – 2nd Specialty -- Beijing, China– Shorthair Trainee
Xin (Charlene) Jin– From Associate Judge SH – Shanghai, China – Shorthair Trainee
Yu (Leonie) Zhang – Chengdu, China – Longhair Trainee
Stella Liu – From Associate Judge SH – Shanghai, China – Shorthair Trainee
Makoto Wakamatsu – Yokohama, Japan – Shorthair Trainee
Issariya Rattanaweerawong– Second Specialty Longhair – Bangkok, Thailand –Longhair Trainee
Grace Cheung – 2nd Specialty-- Hong Kong – Shorthair Trainee
Oscar Silva-Sanchez – 2nd Specialty From Associate Judge SH – Gran Canaria, Spain – Shorthair Trainee

Nye: Accepted into CFA’s Judging Program this past show season. Moving into the activity and changes to our judging panel since our June 2024 annual in Coralville, Iowa, I offer my congratulations to the following 15. As I call your name, please stand to be recognized. These individuals have been accepted to the CFA Judging Program or added their second specialty during the past year. Siim Koppel, Chris Lee, Laura Gregory, Phebe Low, Jon Lee, Agnes Sun, Alex Luk Chunlap, Yi Chang, Charlene Jin, Leonie Zhang, Stella Liu, Makoto Wakamatsu, Istzy Rattanaweerawong, Grace Cheung and Oscar Silva-Sanchez. This is an exciting time that we have with the Judging Program growing in this manner.

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7/2024-6/2025 Retirements, Resignations & Judge Emeritus From the CFA Judging Program

RETIREMENTS

Robert Salisbury - AB Judge - Effective 11/23/2024

Liz Watson – AB Judge – Effective 6/1/2025

Cathy Dinesen– AB Judge – Effective 6/3/2025

RESIGNATIONS

Angel Sun -- Associate LH Judge – Effective 2/3/2025

JUDGE EMERITUS



Nye: Unfortunately, our growth in the judging panel has been impacted by the following retirements and resignations. On behalf of CFA, I thank the following four individuals for their service to CFA behind the judging table. Resignations, Angel Sun. Retirements, Robert Salisbury, Liz Watson, and Kathy Dinesen. I am delighted to announce during this past show season,

following the retirement of Liz Watson, the CFA board acted to elevate Liz to Judge Emeritus status. Liz, why don't you stand up? You're in the hall.

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7/2024-6/2025 Advancements - Judging Program

Longhair Trainee to Apprentice Longhair
Kadri Koppel -- Agnes Sun -- Siim Koppel -- Yukiyo Matsushita

Yi Chang -- Longhair Apprentice to Approval Pending Longhair

Longhair Apprentice to Approved Longhair
Alex Luk Chunlap -- Grace Cheung

Approval Pending Longhair to Approved Longhair
Osca Silva-Sanchez -- Chate Ruengruglikit -- Pattama Weeranon

Shorthair Trainee to Apprentice Shorthair
Chris Lee -- Eugene Jeong -- Laura Gregory

Allen Shi -- Shorthair Trainee to Approval Pending Shorthair
Issaraya Rattanaweerawong -- Shorthair Trainee to Approved Shorthair
Gavin Cao -- Approved SH & Apprentice LH to Approval Pending Allbreed

Advanced to Approved Allbreed
Emiko Misugi -- Mia Takahashi -- Lyn Knight -- Rick Hoskinson

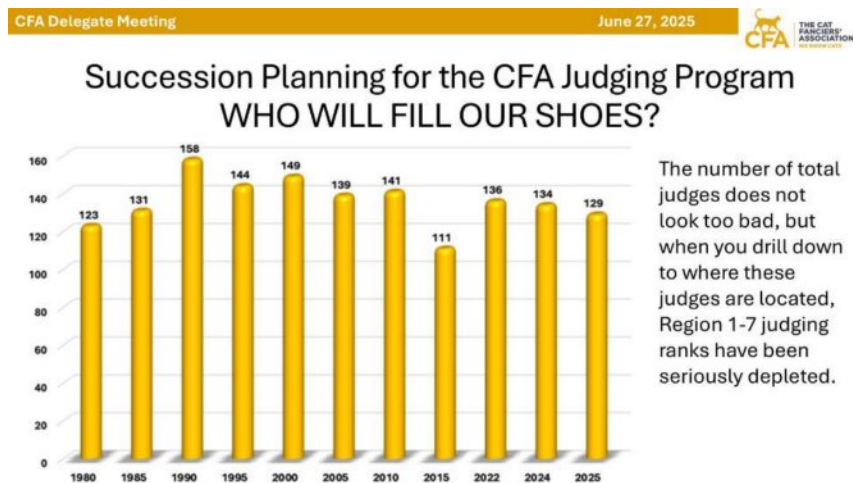
Nye: I mentioned earlier the role of our file administrators who now have 16 trainees and advancing judges to oversee. The status shown reflects their last advancement. Please stand as I announce your name. The following four individuals moved from Longhair Trainee to Apprentice Longhair. Kadri Coppel, Agnes Sun, Siim Coppel, Yukio Matsushita. Moving from Longhair Apprentice to Approval Pending Longhair, Yi Cheng. Advancing from Apprentice Longhair to Approved Longhair were both Alex Chunlap and Grace Cheung. Advancing from Approval Pending Longhair to Approved Longhair, both Oscar Silva-Sanchez, Chate Ruengruglikit and Pattama Weeranon. Advancing Shorthair Trainee to Apprentice Shorthair, the following three judges, Chris Lee, Eugene Jeong, and Laura Gregory. Allen Shi was advanced from Shorthair Trainee to Approval Pending Shorthair. Istzy Rattanaweerawong was advanced from Shorthair Trainee all the way to Approved Shorthair. Gavin Cao advanced from Approved Shorthair and Apprentice Longhair to Approval Pending Allbreed. And our final pinnacle moving to Approved Allbreed were the following four judges this season. Lyn Knight, Rick Hoskinson, Emiko Misugi and Mia Takahashi. Congratulations to you all.

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Succession Planning for the CFA Judging Program WHO WILL FILL OUR SHOES?

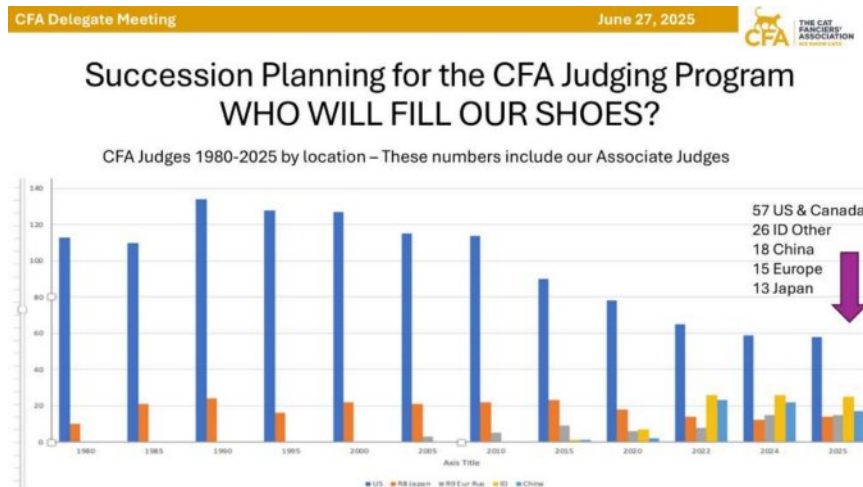
- What is needed for a sustainable show environment? Entries, clubs, show production individuals, clerks, master clerks and JUDGES.
- We need to think of succession planning for our Judging Panel.
- As our very experienced judges retire, that not only leaves a void behind the table judging, but these retirees are also our very valued trainers that work with our trainees in color classes.
- These are big shoes to fill.
- I challenge you to think what you can do for CFA.
- This is your Association too, and in order for it to survive and thrive, there are many roles that need to be filled.

Nye: In order for a healthy organization to sustain itself, thought must be given to who will replace those individuals who have either left the cat fancy or changed roles. We have talked for years about being nice and welcoming to new exhibitors to expand our exhibitor base for entries at our shows and sustain our hobby. The same can be said for the roles of board leadership, clerks, master clerks, and judges. Who will fill our shoes? When one of our very seasoned allbreed judges retires from the Judging Program, not only does that leave a void behind the table of judging, but also as a valued trainer who has worked with our trainees in color classes. As a consequence of someone realizing their dream of applying to the Judging Program and acceptance, we also impact their role as a clerk and in some cases the master clerk program. Though I am here representing the CFA Judging Program, I challenge you all to think about what you can do for CFA in order for our association to survive and thrive. There are many roles that need to be filled. We have a healthy number of applications these last couple of years, but these new judges are coming from the ranks of Associate judges in China and the ID, and applications for Region 1 through 9 are sorely lacking behind. If you have the desire and the dream, it's time to step forward.



Nye: Now I want to show you a historical look at the numbers of our judging panel since 1980 over the last 45 years. Overall, these numbers have been fairly stable. However, we must take a closer look at what drove the numbers since 2020. During the start of the 2020 COVID pandemic, CFA accepted and Zoom trained 10 active and well-known exhibitors from China as Associate judges. These 10 Associates plus two allbreed judges from China are what allowed CFA to continue to put on shows in China. In 2021, 20 individuals from the ID countries of Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Singapore were accepted into the Associate Judging Program and trained also via Zoom. These countries were still shut down and there were only two allbreed judges living in Thailand to sustain that area of the ID. In 2022, CFA accepted and Zoom trained 10 additional Associate judges in China. The number at the end of 2022, 136 judges included 40 Associate judges. In 2023, CFA accepted and trained 10 Associate judges from Hong Kong and an additional six from Europe. We've had some resignations from the Associate Judging Program and three of these Associate judges already held a single specialty license in CFA. The remainder of these Associate judges are all still single specialty. Looking at our 2025 numbers, currently 129 judges, 23 are Associate judges. In the last two years, 15 Associate judges have moved from the Associate Judging Program to applying, acceptance, and going through the regular CFA Judging Program and training, with more Associate judges getting ready to apply.

Congratulations to you. I am thrilled with that piece of information. Additionally, CFA has added to its judging panel four Guest judges who had judged extensively for CFA. I'm encouraged that those in the Associate Judging Program have decided to step forward and apply to the regular CFA Judging Program. This is great news for the International Division and Europe where we had an Associate Program. I hope that there are those of you out there sitting and listening, think about, is the CFA Judging Program for me? And I'm hoping your answer is yes.



Nye: After seeing the historic view of the CFA judging panel totals from 1980, the next slide breaks down where the members of our judging panel reside. In 1980, we had 113 judges residing in Regions 1 through 7 and just 10 in Japan. In 1985, we saw the number of judges in Japan more than double to 21. Fast forward 20 years. 2005, Europe boasted three CFA judges and moving to five by 2010. In 2015, our judging panel extended into the ID in China with one CFA judge in each area. In 2020, we saw growth with our panel in the ID with newly accepted judges from China. And in 2022, the 10 Associate judges from China appear on this chart. Current numbers in 2025: 57 U.S. and Canada, 26 ID-Other, 18 China, 15 Europe, and 13 Japan. Now in 2025, just 57 judges reside in Regions 1 through 7. CFA really needs to grow this number to support the show-producing clubs in Regions 1 through 7. There are individuals out there, successful breeders and exhibitors who would be a huge asset to CFA in the judging ring. Now is the time to move in that direction. On the recruitment front, Teresa Sweeney is managing our extensive list of pre-applicants who are diligently working to fulfill their application requirements.

The Judging Program Committee is proud of our CFA Judging Panel. Our judges devote countless hours to training, continuing education, travel and practicing their craft. Our judging panel is respected worldwide.

Thank you, CFA Board Members, Delegates and attendees for your attention to this presentation, and remember —

If you have the dream and desire to become a CFA Judge, come talk to one of the Judging Program Committee Members.

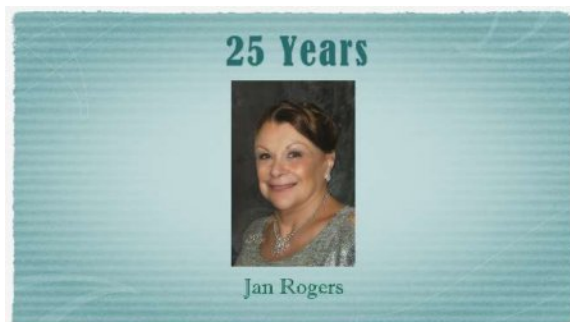
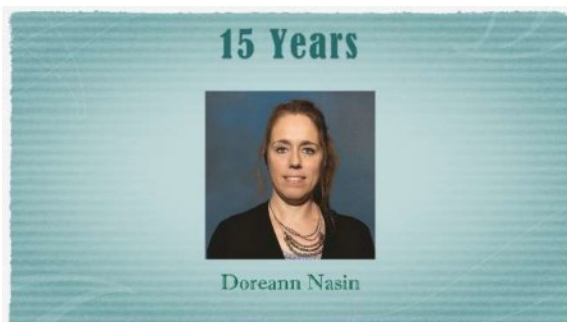
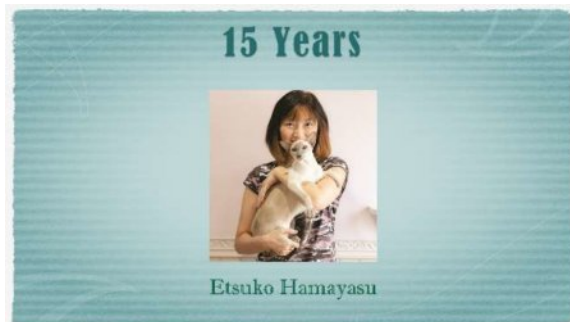
This could be you



Nye: The Judging Program Committee is proud of our judging panel. Our judges devote countless hours to training, continuing education, travel, and practicing their craft. Our Judging Program is respected worldwide. Thank you CFA board members, delegates, and attendees for your attention to this presentation. And remember, if you have the dream and desire to become a CFA judge, come talk to one of the Judging Program Committee members. This could be you. Thank you all.

(43) **JUDGING PROGRAM SERVICE AWARDS.**

Mastin: Co-Chairs Vicki Nye and Russell Webb will be presenting the judges awards. Those judges that will be receiving an award, please come to the stage on your right, which is my left, up the ramp.



30 Years



Robert Zenda

35 Years



Pam DelaBar

35 Years



Brian Pearson

40 Years



Kenny Currle*

40 Years



Elizabeth Watson

45 Years



Larry Adkison

45 Years



Nancy Dodds

50 Years



Diana Doernberg

Mastin: Congratulations to all the judges who received their awards.

(44) **JUDGES' ASSOCIATION SPOTLIGHT AWARD.**



Mastin: Jacqui Bennett will present the Judges' Association Spotlight Award. **Bennett:** Good afternoon, everybody. Certainly, no member of the CFA Judging Program is a stranger behind the bench, but our 2025 Judges' Association Spotlight Award winner is undoubtedly one of the most well-known, and that's partially because they've been around for a while. The Judges' Association Spotlight Award focuses not just on the individual judge. It's intended to shed a spotlight on the contributions to CFA as a whole – the Judging Program, our board, our exhibitors. This judge has made so many contributions over their very long career in CFA. Before she was a CFA judge, she bred and exhibited Russian Blues under the cattery name of Casein. I hope I pronounced that right. She won so many regional and national awards for both Russian Blues and Sphynx. She entered the Judging Program in 1985. That's 40 years ago. She retired just last month, and we are going to miss her. During her tenure, she trained so many of our current judges, myself included. She served as a trainer in the ring, part of the Breed Orientation and Awareness School, and is an amazing mentor to all of us. During the COVID shutdown, she was a valued member of the new Associate Judges Program, helping us start a whole new branch of our Judging Program, and continues to train new judges. She served on the CFA board from 1998 to 2009, and currently serves as a key member of the CFA Historical Foundation Board. In addition to judging around the world for CFA and many other associations, she's also judged our International Shows so many times. But, just because she's retiring doesn't mean that she's gone. She continues to work with our judging education, and will continue to write about CFA's breeds for Cat Talk.

Bennett: Ladies and gentlemen, I am thrilled to announce Liz Watson. **Mastin:** Thank you, Jacqui, and congratulations to Liz.



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(45) **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.**

Mastin: Next, Alene Shafnisky for a Legislative Report presentation. **Shafnisky:** Good afternoon. As he said, I'm Alene Shafnisky, and I'm the new Chair of the Legislative Committee. I have some very big shoes to fill, but I'll do my best.

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Shafnisky: We are having a Legislative Roundtable tomorrow at 1 o'clock in Salon 16. I will say that multiple times. We will have you ready, out in time, for you to get ready for the annual, no problem. So come to Salon 16 at 1 o'clock. Everyone's welcome to the Legislative Roundtable.

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The days of mandatory spay/neuter still exist, but we have a much larger problem now



Bills such as NH HB1102 have shown us that the European style ban-as-you-go legislation is trying to make headway in the US.

We need to get AHEAD of these laws!



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Shafnisky: Many of the traditional issues still exist that we're fighting. We have laws coming in every day about mandatory spay and neuter, about breeder limits, about breeder licensing, but what happened in New Hampshire last year was a real wake-up call, because this was a new way of coming at the breeding community. We need to get ahead of these laws, which are a European style, almost ban as you go breed bans.

Qualzucht “torture breeding” Began in Germany “Promoting traits that cause pain, suffering or harm”

They are making the “suffering” traits up as they go along
Some traits are being misunderstood or deliberately misconstrued
They are not using science to confirm that there is any harm or suffering
Norway, Austria, Switzerland, Germany and the Netherlands have passed these laws and they are under consideration at EU level

The ban on “torture breeding” is now the law in Ojai, California
These are CRIMINAL laws with CRIMINAL penalties

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Shafnisky: It started in Germany. I’m not even going to try to pronounce that, but it translates to “torture breeding” and that means promoting traits that cause pain, suffering, or harm. Now, the key here is, who gets to define that? Right now they’re making up the traits as they go and, as with most laws, we predicted, they come back every few years once these laws are passed and expand them. So, we began first with the cartilage mutations in the Scottish Fold, the short muzzle cats on the Persians, and then came back and added the hairless cats. Several nation states in Europe have now banned the dominant white gene. That covers all breeds if you have solid whites. They’re illegal in several countries in Europe. You may not know that. The next target, oddly, is the bobtail – all of the bobtails. Now, we’ve known this mutation has existed for at least seven centuries, right? In the wild and domestic populations, but they’re acting as if we just made it up in order to do harm to these cats. They are calling these bobtails “torture breeding”. Now, a scientific study just came out that showed that the evolution of the bobtail mutation actually exists in an island setting with low grass for hunting prey. So that’s the science, but the people who are making these laws don’t care about the science. They are looking at appearances. They are just looking at things that they can say might hurt a breed or might cause harm. Now, there is a city in California where this is now the law, so this has come to the U.S. They tried to do it in New Hampshire. They swung a little bit too big, but they did pass it in Ojai, California.

Their plan is to divide and conquer.

Our plan has to be to unite.

Think an issue only concerns breeds with short muzzles? Or maybe just those with mutated coats or cartilage?
This has already expanded to include any coat mutation, the dominant white gene, and shortened tails of any kind.
Do you want to wait and take the chance that when they get to your breed you’ll be fighting alone?

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Shafnisky: You have to remember these are criminal laws with criminal penalties, and Pam talked about it a little bit earlier. We have lost breeders in Europe already because the criminal penalties are so exorbitant to pay. So, what are they doing? Well, it's divide and conquer. They are going breed by breed. So, what do we have to do? We have to unite. This is maybe an easy thing to ignore if you don't have a breed that's brachycephalic. I don't know if I pronounced that right, but that's until you know that in certain countries the British Shorthair fall into that category. You may feel bad for the hairless breeds – the Sphynx, the Peterbalds – but then you find out that because of their fur pattern growth as kittens, Devon Rex are considered hairless. It's now been expanded to all the Rex breeds, in case you were wondering. Breed by breed, divide and conquer. Now, the point of this is really to stop breeding, but this is a new path for them. What we face, in case you're inclined not to get involved, is that this has a ripple effect. If they can manage to ban these breeds, especially here, the more popular breeds in CFA, that means registrations are going to go down. If breeding a breed is illegal and you're risking criminal penalties for it, you're going to stop. If those registrations go down, what happens to CFA? There's a ripple effect. We can't pay our bills. We're here this week to celebrate our national winning cats. All of this will go away as they pick off one breed after another. You don't want to be the last one left standing.

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We want to help legislators understand the facts when it comes to animal legislation. Every one of you can help.



Keep your calm, but it's ok to be nervous.

Realize that we are the experts when it comes to animal husbandry.

Get your information across in a calm and informative, positive way.

If you don't know something – admit it. You can find the answer later.

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Shafnisky: So how can we do this? Well, you have facts that legislators don't have. They don't understand what we do and they don't understand how we do it. But fortunately, everybody in this room is an expert on animal husbandry. You can offer that kind of expert opinion. Let me tell you something else about your elected officials. They are not the polished, fancy lawyers that you see in the District of Columbia. They are like you. They work in warehouses and they're laborers and they're social workers. These are people who want to serve their community and so they ran for public office. Well, we want to help them do that by offering our expertise. Relax when you talk to them. If you hear any of the misinformation that floats around out there sometimes coming from the animal rights extremists, you can correct them, but make sure you do it gently. Don't raise your voice. Don't argue. Remember, you are the expert. You are the grown-up in the room. This is not an exaggeration.

Meet Your Local Officials. They're running for re-election. They have reason to listen.

We have more friends than we think.

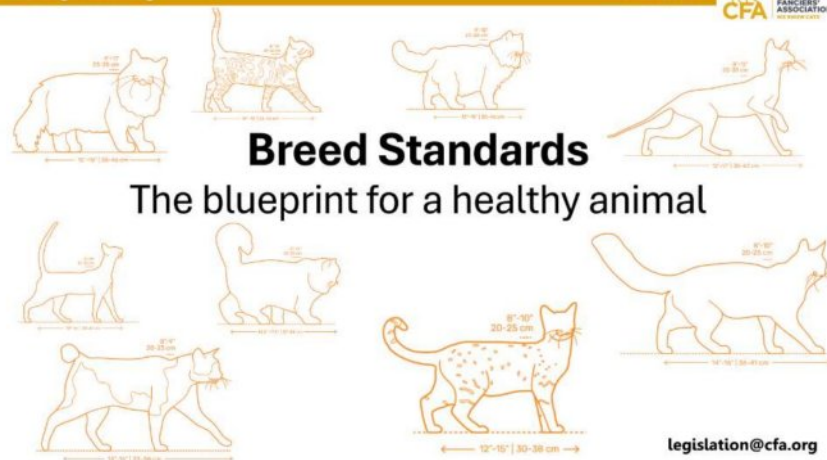
We have built successful coalitions with other local groups of fanciers, dog breeders, animal lovers and more.

Don't assume anyone is the enemy.

Don't be an enemy of anyone.

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Shafnisky: Most local officials run on two- and four-year election cycles. That means they want to talk to you, they want to listen to you, they want your vote. They will take the time, and just so you know we're not alone out there, we pair with dog breeders, rabbit breeders, farmers, hunters, sometimes rescues, veterinarians. So, we are all working together to make circumstances good for animals without adding unreasonable restrictions on responsible breeding programs.



Shafnisky: So, what do you, as a non-legal-minded person, say to your elected official? That's the number one question that we get asked. Well, we're working with AKC on a new offensive strategy, and that's our breed standards. The breed standards are a blueprint for a healthy animal. We are all mentored when we start. You build the house before you paint it. This isn't just about a predictable aesthetic, it's about a predictable sound structure. Now, you don't have to know every breed standard. You just have to know they all have one. So, you can go to your elected official and point out that, "hey, the first few pages of our breed standards outline the healthy characteristics of a well-bred animal – ease of breathing, movement without pain." All of these things are covered for all of our breeds.

Breed Standards

contain our definition of perfection – and
only a healthy cat can meet that standard

Breed standards have been improved over decades and reflect the unique
history and development of each breed

Created and continually monitored and updated by the Breed Council
members, the most experienced and respected breeders in CFA

Join your Breed Councils to stay updated

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Shafnisky: The breed standards are the definition of perfection, and an unhealthy animal cannot meet a breed standard as a result. Now, we have our breed councils who have worked, in many cases, over decades to refine our standards, basically looking at the history and the evolution of our breeds, trying to make sure everything stays consistent with especially the historical natural breeds. I'll throw that in there. By the way, join your breed councils because not only is it the mark of a quality breeding program, it allows you to take part and vote on fine-tuning your breed standards. Some breed councils are already using DNA in their registration rules and their standards. So, keep in mind that's another thing we have. Why? Because we believe in science. Now, one thing everyone can talk about is this model of a perfect example of the breed. This model of a breed standard that cannot be met with an unhealthy cat means that there is no way we are engaging in torture breeding. We can prove that we are building healthy animals because we have the blueprint to do it, and those are our breed standards.

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Our legislative monitoring can only go so far

Ask us how we can help you get involved – talking points, letters, monitoring your town

Contact us at legislation@cfa.org for help or information

Most agendas at all levels are required to be posted online before a meeting



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Shafnisky: But, we need you to be part of our team. We can help you, whether it's talking points or maybe you're trying to figure out how you can monitor your town or your county, which, by the way, Fresno County, California, anyone within the sound of my voice, you are next. There are alerts that have already gone up. We can help you with all of those things. Due to sunshine laws, most municipalities in the U.S. have to post their agendas online before

they can hold a meeting, and so that's how you know what they're talking about. You just periodically monitor that page, but that's something we can teach you how to do and how to find. After that, really, don't be afraid of those elected officials. Trust me. I work with them every day. They are just normal people like you.

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Shafnisky: So one of the things I will say is if you want to learn specifics on how to respond is contact us. First of all, we have a meeting, the Legislative Roundtable, tomorrow at 1:00 in Salon 16. The breed council secretaries are going to hear all about it, too. You can also contact anybody who's on our list here that you see. Now, you may recognize some of these names. We certainly couldn't let it pass without being deeply grateful to George Eigenhauser for the 25 years he spent really as the backbone of this Legislative Committee. So, my message today is let's all stand for all breeds. Let's not leave anyone behind. Let's get ahead of these laws because they're much easier to stop than they are to be reversed once they're passed. So please reach out to legislation@cfa.com. We are on the CFA website now. We have a Facebook page that's very active. So, if you have any questions, you can look at any of those locations. You can e-mail us, or you can attend our legislative roundtable tomorrow at 1:00 in Salon 16. Thank you.

Mastin: Thank you, Alene.

(46) CLERK SERVICE AWARDS.

Mastin: Bethany Colilla, Chair of the Clerking Program, can you make your way up here? I need CFA clerks who are listed on the service award page in a delicate booklet, page 4, to please line up on the right side of the stage.

5 Years

*Alex Luk Chun Lap
Cao Jun
Holly Mueller
Cristiano Perillo Marcone
Sun Wei
Douglas L Welsh*

10 Years

*Patrick Au
Jiao Chen
Indra Faizal
Joan Fradenburgh
Linda Hammer
Miyako Ikegami
Vicki Jensen
Yukiko Kuramochi
Shoji Matsushita
Crystal Wood
Andy Yeung
Izaddin Syah Yusof*

15 Years

*Yi Chang
Grace Cheung - as of 2024
Linda L Flanigan
Pauli Huhtaniemi
Eva Librianti
Yin Ling Phebe Low
Sharon Mckenzie
Jeff Phipps
Karen Thomas
Brian Tripp
Mulin Yang
Marjokaisa Ylinenpaa*

20 Years

*Katsuko Fujikawa
Jennifer Herr
Brad Newcomb
Paula Noble
Alene M Shafnisky
Kumiko Taniguchi
25 Years
Kay Bertrand
Susan Blevins
Mark Campbell
Makiko Munemura
Terumasa Nagayama
Nicholas Pun
Katsuhide Sakurai*

25 Years

*Kay Bertrand
Susan Blevins
Mark Campbell
Makiko Munemura
Terumasa Nagayama
Nicholas Pun
Katsuhide Sakurai*

30 years

Rika Inatomi

35 Years

*Edward Minoru Maeda
Cheryl Thieler*

45 Years

*Gary L. Veach
Jeri Zottoli*

50 years

Carol Krzanowski

35 Years



Edward Minoru Maeda

35 Years



Cheryl Thieler

45 Years



Gary L. Veach

45 Years



Jeri Zottoli

50 Years



Carol Krzanowski

Mastin: Thank you, Bethany, and thank you to all the clerking recipients for their awards.

(47) **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE SERVICE AWARDS.**

Dodds: We have a service award in the Credentials Committee. We have celebrated 10 years of service to the Credentials Committee by Donna Andrews. Charlene Munro has graciously agreed to come and accept the award on behalf of Donna, and she will be sure that it gets to Donna's family. We hope that they'll be very proud of what Donna has done in our Committee. **Mastin:** Please join me in thanking Nancy and the Credentials Committee.

**Credential
Service Awards**

10 Years



Donna Andrews

(48) CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTION RESULTS.

Mastin: OK, a little change of plans here. Let me move to my script. Nancy Dodds and her Credentials Committee is ready, so we're going to bring them in so they can enjoy the rest of the meeting. Vicki [Nye] is going to patiently wait until Nancy is finished. So, Nancy, when you're ready, come up. **Dodds:** Hi, everybody. I'm Nancy Dodds. I'm Chair of the Credentials Committee. To start off, though, I just want to say this. I'm older than Darrell. I'm older than Howard. I'm not as old as Don Williams. But I have more hair. Who said it's only a number? The Credentials Committee receives our agenda for what we do at the annual from Central Office. They detail the number of clubs added, the clubs dropped, and we're provided with the number of CFA clubs as of June 1st or June 2nd of this year. We independently verify that information. I create an extensive Excel file combining the club information, voting, and delegate numbers. We're kind of like the auditors, making sure that everything is in place and that we agree with everything. We matched our totals this year. We found only one minor adjustment to make. The details will be provided in the minutes, and I'm not going to read the minutes. You're welcome. The eligibility to vote in our election is determined by membership, dues, and lists provided to CFA by the deadline. What's that deadline? February 1st. That deadline entitles your club to have a vote as long as you pay your dues and send that membership list to CFA by that deadline. Voting is free. It doesn't cost you anything. But this year, 484 clubs could vote. There were 396 ballots received by the deadline, and that's about 82% of the number of clubs, which isn't really too bad when you consider it. These are the people that you elect that make decisions at the board table and in the best interests of CFA. Congratulations to all the clubs who voted, and in 2025, this is a record year, because 100% of the votes that were cast were done online. To Region 4, I salute you. You had a 94% voting return. Region 9, you had 92%. Region 7, 91%, and 90% for Region 1. I know that the Regional Directors and International Reps worked behind the scenes to get clubs from being dropped. Last year, we ended with 578 clubs. There were 9 new clubs added. 12 resigned and 23 were dropped. We now have 552 clubs in CFA.

Dodds: This Committee couldn't do its work without the support from Allene Tartaglia and her staff. We're thankful that Central Office provides whatever information we needed, whenever we needed. I'm also thankful to the members of this Committee – these folks right over here – who give their time freely. They give their time freely to support me and to CFA. To Rachel, she's our liaison. Thank you. To Ed Raymond, that I have questions on legal issues. Thank you, Ed. And finally, to our President, Rich Mastin, for allowing me to be the Chair of this Committee.

Dodds: I only have a few minor statistics to give you. In 2015, we had 424 clubs eligible to vote, and there were 16 candidates for 7 board seats. This year, there were 9 candidates. We had 396 clubs voting. I was asked to say a little bit about delegates. We calculated the delegates based on the number of clubs that we have, and as I mentioned a little bit ago, we have 552 clubs. 510 of those clubs were eligible to send delegates to the annual meeting. The quorum is 255, which is one-half of that, and we needed that quorum in order to be able to conduct business. Of the clubs that were all registered by the deadline, only 57% of the clubs that were eligible were registered to be delegates. That's a very, very slim margin. I know I'm speaking to the choir here, because you're all here, but please take the word back that we need your support to keep CFA running, or we would not have an election and an annual meeting.

Election Results were as follows:

Election Results for CFA Officers for the term June 2025-June 2027 were as follows:

CFA DIRECTORS AT LARGE: (396 votes tallied)

*Jacqui Bennett, Tenaha, TX.....262**
Hope Gonano, Wilbur-By-The-Sea, FL135
*Marilee Griswold, Blythewood, SC306**
*Pauli Huhtaniemi, Akaa, Finland235**
*Carol Krzanowski, Manahawkin, NJ272**
Anne Mathis, Fowlerville, MI206
*Vicki Nye, Salinas, CA235**
Jan Rogers, Stephenville, TX180
Alene Shafnisky, Trexlertown, PA.....145

**** Elected***

Dodds: OK, now for the good news. You're going to open your books to the page of voting results. I'll give you a minute. It's not too far from the front of the booklet. Who's not ready? OK, Jacqui Bennett, 262. Oh, and by the way, there are no abstentions allowed in the Director-at-Large ballot. You didn't see it on your online vote, and you won't see any numbers put in the abstain line here. Hope Gonano, 135. Marilee Griswold, 306. Pauli from Finland, 235. Carol Krzanowski, 272. Anne Mathis, 206. Vicki Nye, 235. Jan Rogers, 180. Alene Shafnisky, 145. Elected, Jacqui, Marilee, Pauli, Carol, and Vicki.

**The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
Credentials Committee Meeting Report**

Thursday, June 26-29, 2024
Rosen Plaza Hotel Orlando, FL

Meeting called to order by Nancy Dodds, Chairperson at 10:37 AM on June 26, 2025. Cheryl Peck was appointed Secretary. All members signed the signature forms and reviewed the Oath of Delegates to the Committee. The Chairperson outlined the procedure regarding electronic tally and adding hard-copy votes. There are no hard-copy ballots this year to count.

CLUB INFORMATION

CFA Clubs added between June 1, 2024 and June 2,2025: 9

Club Number	Clubs Added by Name	Region
1796	Baobei Cat	ID-CN
1797	Cat Advocates And Troupers Society	ID
1798	China Champion Cat	ID-CN
1799	Fenix Cat Club	9
1800	Malaysia Cat Alliance Society	ID

1801	Sapphire Stars Feline Club	ID-CN
1802	Southwest Sweet Cat	ID-CN
1803	A New Hope Cat Club	7
1804	Elite Cat Fanciers Confederation	ID

Clubs dropped (for failure to pay dues and/or submit membership list by June 3 or resignation: 35

Requirements outlined in Article III, Section 5, of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. Constitution

Club #	Clubs Added by Name	Region	Reason Dropped
428	North American Blues Allbreed Cat Fanciers	2	Resigned
809	Fancy Thai Cat Club	2	Resigned
866	Country Faire Cat Fanciers	1	Resigned
1100	Wenatchee Valley Cat Club	2	Resigned
1197	Longhair Japanese Bobtail Breeders	2	Resigned
1104	Muskogee Cat Club	3	Resigned
929	Ocicat Society	4	Resigned
460	Jazz Cats	4	Resigned
651	Southeastern Michigan Cat Fanciers	4	Resigned
681	Oakway Cat Fanciers	4	Resigned
653	Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers	3	Resigned
566	International Havana Brown Society	3	Resigned
1712	Al Andalus Cat Club	9	Dues not paid/membership list not received
1389	Southern Traditions Cat Club	7	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
0209	Puget Sound Cat Club	2	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
0975	Cowboy Country Cat Fanciers	3	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
0183	Fancycat Cat Club	5	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
0588	Sandcastle Cat Fanciers Society	5	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
0906	Abyssinian Society of the South	7	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1506	Independent Cat Club	8	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1453	Abyssinian Breed Club Europe	9	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1796	Baobei Cat	ID-CN	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1692	Cat Fancier's of United Arab Emirates	ID	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1793	China Awl Cat Fanciers Club	ID-CN	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1739	China Star Shiny Exotic Fanciers Alliance	ID-CN	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1794	China Yantze River Cat Fanciers Club	ID-CN	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1710	Hong Kong Pirates Meow Club	ID	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1772	Jelly Paw Cat Club	ID	Dues not paid/Membership list not received

1721	Malaysia Cat Fanciers Club	ID	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1734	Shanghai Crown International Cat Club	ID	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1652	Tian Jin Mao Yuan Love Cat Club	ID-CN	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1620	West Lake Cat Club	ID-CN	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1641	Yun Nan Love Cats Team Club	ID-CN	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
0362	Foot of the Rockies Cat Club	3	Membership list not received
0887	Hotlanta Cat Club	7	Membership list not received

- **Clubs in ID Division which paid dues, submitted membership list by February 1 deadline and held a show: 53**
- **Clubs in ID Division which paid dues, submitted membership lists and did NOT hold a show but could vote for representative: 25**
- **Clubs in ID Division that did not meet voting deadlines or have a show but remain on roster: 14 (total of 92 ID clubs left on roster).**
- **CFA Clubs as of June 2, 2025 (after clubs dropped): 552**

of Clubs determining a quorum: 510 (clubs eligible to send a delegate)

of Club Delegates necessary to be checked-in to meet the quorum: 255

of Club Delegates checked-in for meeting by 9 am: 283

Delegate Forms

No challenges or issues.

Ballots for CFA Regional Directors and Officers – General Info

- 1. Ballot information and link to vote emailed: March 25, 2025**
- 2. Ballot reminders emailed: May 30, 2025**
- 3. Ballots cast online: Daily**
- 4. Deadline for voting or receipt of ballots: June 2, 2025**
- 5. Electronic ballots for Directors-at-Large received by deadline: 396**
- 6. Ballots received via method other than online: 0**
- 7. Club which sent an electronic and paper ballot: 0**
- 8. Ballots received after deadline: 0**
- 9. Ballots received TOTAL: 396**
- 10. Clubs eligible to vote for Officers and Regional Directors: (includes clubs in ID-China and Other-which had a show): 484**
- 11. Clubs which sent a ballot but cannot vote: 0**
- 12. Final discussion on any unresolved topics**
- 13. Nancy will provide Credentials report and election results on Friday, June 27, 2025 after lunch.**

Results of election for Director's at Large:

Jacqui Bennett: 262

Hope Gonano: 135

Marilee Griswold: 306

Pauli Huhtaniemi: 235

Carol Krzanowski: 272

Anne Mathis: 206

Vicki Nye: 235

Jan Rogers: 180

Alene Shafnisky: 145

Elected Directors at Large highlighted in RED

Respectfully submitted:

Cheryl K. Peck, Secretary

Mastin: I would like to thank our board members for their years of service. Anne Mathis, two years as a board member. And, once again, Darrell Newkirk, 17 years as a board member. I want to welcome to the board Jacqui Bennett and Vicki Nye. Congratulations and welcome.

(49) CATTERY OF DISTINCTION AWARDS.

Mastin: Next are the Cattery of Distinction Awards. I'd like the recipients listed on page four of the delegate booklet to please line up on the right side of the stage.

Tier V

100 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

COONALLEY

Owners: Elaine & James Magee
United States

JOBARA

Owners: Barbara M. Irie & Jade Noelani Kleider
United States

Tier V Superior

100 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers; 8 Distinguished Merit

RUSSMANIA

Owner: Russell Law
Hong Kong

TEHY

Owner: Terry Hyde
United States

Tier VI

150 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers

CASTLKATZ

Owners: Paul & Ginger Meeker
United States

Tier IX Superior

300 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers; 25 Distinguished Merit

D'EDEN LOVER

Owners: Frederic Gaspard,
Lydie Battesti & Valery Boucher
France

Mastin: Congratulations to all our Catteries of Distinction.

(50) **STAR AWARDS.**

Mastin: Cathy Dunham will present this year's Star and Diamond Award recipients. As each recipient's name is called, please proceed to the stage. **Dunham:** Good afternoon. I would like to thank all of the nominees that were submitted. We had a wonderful selection for this year's Star and Diamond Star Awards. The Committee was very impressed and we were honored to present them to the board for ratification. We would also like to thank the board for seeing what we saw and ratifying all of the nominations presented. The Star Award is presented to nominees for their dedication and service to CFA throughout the year. This dedication ranges from promotion of CFA to helping an individual fancier in a time of need. The Diamond Star Award is presented to an individual for their work and dedication in a specific area within CFA. The minimum years of work required are 5 years. This year we have nominations that have been in their role ranging from 5 to 10 years plus. Congratulations to all the award winners.



Crystal Al-Shatti, dedication and support of CFA in Kuwait.



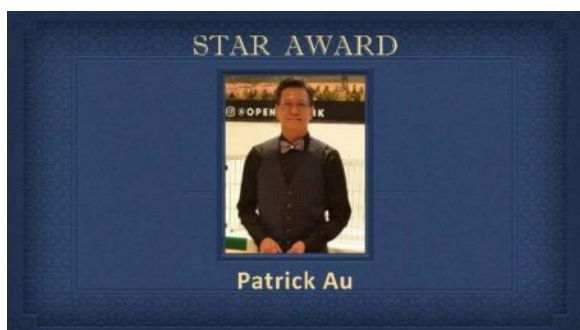
Ardi Arden Sayah, support of CFA in Indonesia.



Mary Auth, for excellent work and commitment to show scheduling for Regions 1 through 7.



Jim and Susan Charles, 2024 Annual Co-Chairman. Congratulations to both of you.



Patrick Au, dedication and support for Persian breed and CFA in Hong Kong.



Susan Cook Henry, dedication and lead copy editor for Cat Talk.



Melody Boyd, promotion of CFA through video production on social media.



Park Daram, dedication and support of the Norwegian Forest Cat Breed and CFA in South Korea.



Leah Dow, work as Cat Talk copy editor and writer.



Rain Fung, dedication and support of the Bombay breed and CFA in Hong Kong.



Beth Feininger, support of Cat Fanciers in need after Hurricane Helene.



Hope Gonano, fundraising in support of CFA's 2025 Annual.



Donna Fujie, dedication and promotion of CFA in Hawaii.



Mohd Hafizul Mew Hamzah, promotion of CFA in Malaysia.



Michael and Jennifer Herr, support of Cat Fanciers in need after Hurricane Helene.



J'amie Lerner, development of the scoring app used to provide unofficial show reporting.



Allene Keating, 2024 Annual Fundraising.



Cindy Lewis, support of Cat Fanciers in need after Hurricane Helene.



Selma Kessler, 2024 Annual Decoration Chair.



Virginia Liu, dedication and support of the Maine Coon Cat breed and CFA in Hong Kong.



Paul Meeker, for excellent work and commitment as Ombudsman.



Siska Nino, support of CFA in Indonesia.



Pam Mosier, for excellent work and commitment to show scheduling for Regions 1-7.



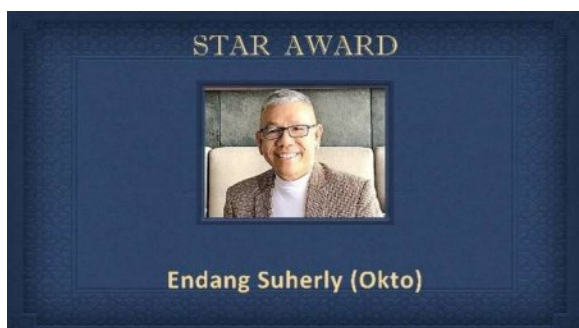
Michelle Pellegrino, support of a Cat Fancier in need during a life crisis.



Kathryn Mueller, 2024 Annual Hospitality.



Kate Preston, mastery of the English language and superb editing skills for Cat Talk.



Endang “Okto” Suherly, support of CFA in Indonesia.



Teresa Voigt, support of Cat Fanciers in need after Hurricane Helene.



Ikuyo Takase, dedication to and promotion of the Singapura and Region 8.



Chai Wuttivorrattana, support of the relief effort in Ukraine, promotion of “We Are CFA” Premiership and his fundraising efforts for the 2024 Annual.



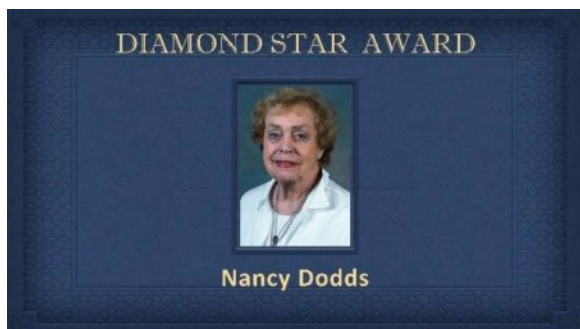
Diamond Star Awards. This award honors those who have demonstrated continued outstanding work in the same area for at least five years and have already received at least one Star Award for the area indicated. Congratulations to the following recipients:



Charlene Campbell, tireless efforts for BAP and Breed Rescue.



Julie Keyer, Region Coordinator for CFA Breed Assist and Breed Rescue Program.



Nancy Dodds, dedication and support of the CFA Judging Program.



Karen Lane, for the organization and distribution of annual awards.



Cathy Dunham, for commitment and work on the Show Rules Committee.



Denise Mangold, Region Coordinator for CFA Breed Assist and Breed Rescue Program.



Vicki Nye, for work and commitment as Co-Chair to the Judging Program.



Annette Wilson, dedication and support of CFA's Breeds and Standards Committee.



Agnes Sun, dedication and support of CFA in China.

Mastin: Thank you Kathy and congratulations to all the Star recipients for their service.

(51) **RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.**

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

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Mastin: The next business item is Resolutions From the Floor. All resolutions from the floor, including Show Rule resolutions which are brought from the floor, must pass by more than 50% and are advisory only.

– 17 – Felinus International, Feline Fanciers of Benelux

RESOLVED: Amend the Rules for Registration, Section 9 – Signature Requirements, to implement a policy that will protect all the registered owners of a cat in case one or more of the original co-owners is/are not respecting any kind of mutual agreement concerning the co-ownership of that cat.

Section 9 – Signature Requirements: LITTER REGISTRATION: Litter applications must be signed by both the owner of the sire and the owner of the dam. For all new registrations after January 1st, 2026: If a parent cat is co-owned, the signature of ~~only one owner~~ all the registered co-owners is required. At any time of a transfer of the ownership of a cat, the new co-owners of that cat must tick one of the two available boxes on all CFA documents (paper or online):

- ☐ All co-owners agree that the signature of all co-owners is required at the time of a litter registration. (DEFAULT)
- ☐ All co-owners agree that only one signature of a co-owner of the cat is sufficient to register a litter with this cat being the sire or the dam of this litter.

When the sire of a litter is on lease, a copy of the lease agreement signed by all registered owners of the cat must be sent to CFA prior to or in conjunction with the processing of the litter application.

TRANSFER: All owner signatures are required to effect the transfer of a cat.

CATTERY: The signatures of all current registered owners are required in order to add an owner to an existing cattery record. The written permission of the person being removed is required in order to remove an owner from the record.

In the case of a deceased person, CFA can complete a service at the signed request of the person handling the estate upon receipt of proof of authority to sign and/or proof of death, which can include:

1. A copy of the death certificate.
2. Public notice of death (newspaper).
3. A copy of the will detailing cat ownership and executor.

RATIONALE: The ultimate goal of this proposal is to protect the best interests of all the co-owners of a cat.

We realise that some friendships can stand the test of time but we should also realise that sometimes, due to unforeseen circumstances, one or more co-owners see an opportunity in the fact that only their signature is sufficient to allow an outside breeder to register a litter out of the co-owned cat.

Male cats have been withheld from some co-owners and “disappeared” because one of the original co-owners decided to give stud services to a third person that is not a registered owner of the cat. And this very much against the will of the other co-owners.

We have to be realistic, not all breeders follow the same rules of ethics. Some people with bad intentions hunt for famous lines and they are successful in manipulating one of the co-owners of such a valuable cat to give them stud service.

In our documented case an outside breeder used a Persian male from July 2020 till August 2022 and registered under his cattery name 34 kittens (11 litters in 24 months) and 16 grandkittens (so far). The offspring can now be found in breeding programs all over the world.

We are sure that this case is an exception, rather than a standard rule. And we encourage breeders to work together, in the best interest of their breed. But -to our own shame- we have experienced that we were not protected by the current rules for registration. It happened to us, it can also happen to you.

With this new wording, we want to make sure that all co-owners of a cat are protected. And for those of you that swear by their friendships, we have added to possibility to opt out of this “all signatures are required” setting.

It would not be realistic to make corrections to the status of all co-ownerships that date from before the cut-off date. A 2/3rd support from the current (living) co-owners should be required to change the status from “one signature” to “all signatures”.

Suggested cut-off date: Active by January 1st, 2026.

Mastin: Peter? Peter Vanwonderghem [Feline Fanciers of Benelux; Felinus International]: A resolution from the floor concerning the Registration Rules and, more particularly, co-ownership of cats. Resolved, [reads]. In the co-ownership rules, there are two instances where all co-owners have to sign. One is transfer of ownership; the other one is if the sire of a litter on lease, there has to be a copy of the lease agreement and it needs to be signed by all the co-owners. In case of a litter registration, today the rule is that a parent that is co-owned, the signature of only one owner is required to register the litter, so in a situation where you have multiple co-owners, one co-owner can give a stud service and sign for it, and the owner of the female can register the entire litter in their name. This is something we think should be prevented. We want to protect the rights of all the registered owners of the cat, not just one. So, as it reads today, the signature requirements on the litter registration, litter applications must be signed by both the owner of the sire and the owner of the dam. If a parent is co-owned, the signature of only one owner is required. That is the situation today. We would like to amend that, *For all new registrations after January 1st, 2026: If a parent cat is co-owned, the signature of all the registered co-owners is required. At any time of a transfer of the ownership of a cat, the new co-owners of that cat must tick one of the two available boxes on all CFA documents (paper or online):* The two boxes are, *All co-owners agree that the signature of all co-owners is required at the time of a litter registration.* This is the default solution. All co-owners have to sign. The other option is, *All co-owners agree that only one signature of a co-owner of the cat is sufficient to*

register a litter with this cat being the sire or the dam of this litter. So, basically, the default is that all the co-owners of the cat have to sign in the case of a stud service to an outside owner of the female. Rationale, [reads]. In our documented case, which comes from a bad experience, Persian male was – I’m going to say the term “leased out” – it was used by an external breeder. One of the co-owners signed for it, and the two other co-owners disagreed completely but had no say in this. This outside breeder registered 34 kittens, 11 litters in 24 months and 16 grandkittens so far. The other two co-owners of the male had no say in this, disagreed completely, spoke for a long time about this with the third co-owner and the person using this male for outside services. We think it is unfair to the other co-owners and the suggestion of a change to the Registration Rules that all co-owners should sign. The two boxes leave open the option that if all people in the co-owners group still trust each other and are very, very close friends and are very comfortable with the situation, that they can tick the box that one signature is enough. The default is that all the co-owners have to sign for all outside stud services. **Mastin:** Peter, thank you. Are there any comments? **Mary Kolencik [Lilac Point Fanciers]:** Peter and I discussed this quite a bit on the internet. He asked for my opinion of it. At first, I was like, this is going to cause a lot of problems. I co-owned my cats with other people, and if we all had to sign on every litter registration, it was going to be a hardship, especially for Central Office. So, we talked about it and chatted about how to do this. That’s where we got the idea of having two options. The first option is as is. Only one person has to sign. If two people co-own the sire, only one of you has to sign. If multiple people co-own the dam, only has to sign. So, that’s the way it is now. What Peter is asking for is to create a second option that when the person registers the kitten, you would have a flag that says everybody has to sign – for this particular cat, it requires everybody to sign. So, it’s creating an option where, if you’re afraid of something happening in the future where you lose control of a cat that you co-own with somebody else, that person wouldn’t be able to register kittens out of the cat. So, this just creates the option. When I put a lot of thought into how this would be done programmatically, I don’t think it would be that hard to do. It would just be another flag added to the cat’s registration record. I think it would add a lot to people that have these co-ownerships where they want to share but they’re not necessarily people that they know that well. There’s a trust relationship that you have to establish, and so it’s going to be up to you whether or not you want to do this. **Mastin:** Thank you, Mary. Speaker at mic #4. **Beth Csomay [National Maine Coon Cat Club]:** I have a comment and a concern. For many of us in the United States who have a cattery, I currently co-own my cats with my ex-husband. I never took his name off the paperwork. We haven’t had contact for a long time, so I’m thinking, like if you have co-ownership or perhaps a cat that is co-owned and they still have active breeding programs, and perhaps relationships have evolved, how does that affect registration rules? I would like more details moving forward that would deal with that particular situation. **Mastin:** Thank you. Jacqui? **Jacqui Bennett [JA Club; Ocicats International]:** My question is, I love the concept. I absolutely support the concept. However, we’re an aging population. What happens if the co-owner is incapacitated? What happens if the co-owner is declared not capable of making that decision? What happens if the co-owner is dead? It does count, it does matter. So, I think this really needs to be thought out. I love the concept, but I would like to see it thought out and spelled out with these concerns addressed, possibly at the next annual. **Mastin:** Jacqui, thank you. Laurie? **Laurie Coughlan [GEMS; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** I have to agree with Jacqui. As someone who avoids co-ownership at all cost, I have at some point co-owned cats in Ukraine and all across the United States. The logistics of this, as presented, sounds pretty difficult. I am not comfortable voting on this without seeing a good deal more detail than

we get here. I was of the impression that proposals from the floor were supposed to be presented in printed form. I'm just a visual person and I like to see that, so I am not prepared to support this at this point, because it's not clear to me that it would work. **Mastin:** Laurie, to answer your comment, the Parliamentarian Ed Raymond says there is no requirement to produce a copy form. **Coughlan:** Thank you.

Mastin: Peter? Closing comments? Address any questions that you can.

Vanwonderghem: There is currently a document, Registration Rules, which covers some of the questions that were asked, including the situation of a deceased person. The rule says today, *CFA can complete the service at the request of the person handling the estate upon receipt of proof of authority to sign and/or proof of death, which can include:* and then there's a list of situations that you have proof of the person. So, that's already covered in this Registration Rules. This is not a bylaw amendment, this is a resolution from the floor that addresses Registration Rules, so this will always go to the board as a recommendation to consider. The message is, we need to work out a system that is more honest to all the co-owners of the cat and not create a situation where one of the co-owners can sign for outside stud service and that some people are going to greatly benefit from the situation. **Mastin:** Thank you, Peter. Peter, please present a written copy of your resolution to CFA Secretary Ms. Rachel Anger if you have an extra copy.

Vanwonderghem: She has one. **Mastin:** Great, thank you. OK, you may need to wake up your clickers. Please open the vote. I'm going to close the vote in five seconds. Four, three, two, one. Close the vote. 259 total votes. 117 yes, 142 no. It fails.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 17				
283 Delegates Registered	117	142	0	259

Failed.

Mastin: Do we have any more proposals from the floor?

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Mastin: Thank you all for attending the annual meeting. Meeting is adjourned.
[applause]

The Annual Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

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