

CFA ANNUAL AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS
JUNE 14-18, 2006

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at the Reno Hilton, Reno, Nevada. President **Pam DelaBar** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present:

Ms. Pam DelaBar (President)
Ms. Kitty Angell (Vice-President)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Ms. Debbie Kusy (NAR Director)
Mr. Dick Kallmeyer (NWR Director)
Mr. James Watson (GSR Director)
Mrs. Loretta Baugh (GLR Director)
Ms. Regina Shaffer (SWR Director)
Ms. Linda Berg (MWR Director)
Ms. Peg Johnson (SOR Director)
Mrs. Kayoko Koizumi (Japan Regional Director)
Mr. Stan Barnaby (Director-at-Large)
Ms. Jo Ann Cummings (Director-at-Large)
George Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)
Ms. Joan Miller (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Elizabeth Watson (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)

Also present were Ms. Allene Tartaglia, Acting Executive Director/Director Special Projects; Mrs. Carol Krzanowski, Associate Director; Ms. Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Public Relations; Fred Jacobberger, Esq., CFA Legal Counsel, Connie Sellitto, Data Processing Systems Analyst/Programmer, and Mrs. Sumako Solenberger, Japanese Translator.

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

(1) CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS TO THE MINUTES.

No corrections to the February, 2006 minutes having been submitted, **Barnaby** moved to accept the minutes. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MOTIONS.

Mr. Eigenhauser moved to ratify a name change request for a kitten already registered. **Motion Carried.**

Mr. Newkirk moved to ratify the appointment of Virginia Wight to serve as interim American Wirehair Breed Council Secretary to fill the vacancy left by the unfortunate death of Sheryl Pistulka. **Motion Carried.**

(2) **APPOINT INSPECTORS OF ELECTION/CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.**
Credentials Chair Eve Russell presented the following report:

The Credentials Committee will meet on Thursday, June 15, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. At this meeting we will discuss any problems relating to seating of the club delegates.

We will meet again on Friday, June 16, 2006, at 7 a.m. to open/count the ballots for the CFA Officer election and Regional Director election.

Our 2006 membership includes the following persons: Geri Fellerman; Bill Frew; Ken Brown; Paula Watson (who will not participate in the counting of ballots with James Watson running for regional director); Cheryl Thieler; Eve Russell; Barbara Schreck; Nancy Dodds; Hilary Helmrich; Mary Beth Minkley; Nancy Petersen; Pat Lichtenberg; Yvonne Griffin.

Karen Crooke will not be coming as of now. There is the possibility that she may have a change of plans.

*Respectfully submitted,
Eve Russell, Credentials Chair*

Angell moved to approve the following tellers: Eve Russell (Chair), Ken Brown, Nancy Dodds, Geri Fellerman, Bill Frew, Yvonne Griffin, Hilary Helmrich, Pat Lichtenberg, Mary Beth Minkley, Nancy Peterson, Barbara Schreck, Cheryl Thieler and Paula Watson (recused from counting any votes for Region 3). **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(3) TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer Kathy Calhoun gave the following report using a standing motion with the right to vote no:

This report is based on financial reports for the period beginning May 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006.

Key Financial Indicators

Ordinary Income-Registrations and related services. This year's revenue generated from total registration is 6% lower than last year. This is a consistent negative trend.

Unfortunately, the majority of the remaining categories that contribute to income were down, including revenue generated by cattery inspections, leases, transfers, certificate framing, sales from booklets and forms, and website sponsorship. As a result, the overall income generated in this category was down more than 10% compared to last year.

Yearbook and Almanac. Yearbook sales of the current volume and advertising are down compared to last year at this time.

Almanac expenses were down but a large portion of that was due to salary allocation between the two publications. On the revenue side of the ledger both subscriptions to the print magazine and advertising were down compared to last year. The Online Almanac remains healthy and increased circulation.

CFA Sponsored Events. Both the International and Madison Square Garden suffered losses this year. Unfortunately there were unprecedeted and unavoidable events that caused a decline in revenue generated by the gate. Sponsorship was below the prior year which included Genetic Savings and Clone. Expenses were actually lower than prior year due to a reduction in Publicity and Advertising expense but the net effects were a loss of more than \$60,000. The International show final financials reflect a loss of approximately \$15,000.

Operating Expenses. Central Office expenses, which includes salary, and benefits, building maintenance and insurance ended the year approximately \$3,000 over budget.

Computers. This category was negatively impacted by equipment depreciation which was caused by using an accelerated depreciation method. In the future, we will accept the auditors recommendation to use straight-line depreciation which is the practice of most non-profit organizations.

Marketing. This category contributed \$98,570 in sponsorship against \$34,390 in expense and \$26,300 in disbursements to clubs.

CFA Programs. Annual meeting expenses last year came in over budget. Breed Council expense was also over budget, and finally, the personnel committee had unbudgeted expense. Over all this category was \$15,400 over budget.

Corporate Expenses. CFA incurred unbudgeted professional expenses which were captured in this category. Those expenses include supplemental audit costs and legal fees. Those one-time charges the category largely drove the category \$43,000 over budget.

Legislative. Legislative expenses came in approximately 6% under budget. This was largely due to conference fees, conference travel and committee meeting expenses coming in lower than budget.

This was an unprecedeted year of multiple losses. The one time charges include:

Legal Fees.....	\$10,000
Professional Fees.....	\$35,000
Depreciation accounting practices.....	\$50,000
Total one time negative effects.....	\$95,000

The other operational losses are being addressed by pursuing other revenue streams, the show committee and publications. In addition, increased focus on registration innovation and simplification should have a positive impact on registration.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Calhoun*

In order to allow the CFA Treasurer time to reconcile figures received from CFA's accountant and the audit company, and tie those figures into the budget, **Barnaby** moved to table approval of the report. DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** [NOTE: The above report was submitted subsequently.]

DelaBar: Thrifty behavior starts above and works down. We are keeping board meetings in the middle of the country where it is much cheaper than flying from coast to coast. The board members are going to be put on a per diem for meals at our board meetings. **Barnaby** moved to accept a \$30 per diem for board member meals at normal board meetings, adjusted by cost of living for the area, if necessary. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Tartaglia: When we book hotels for our events, included in our room rate is the meeting space, which we use a lot of. **Angell:** Delegate room fees include the break-out rooms, the banquet hall, the meeting rooms, etc. If delegates opt to stay at a different hotel, we are going to have to charge them a surcharge. In another organization I belong to, you pay one price if you stay in the hotel, you pay another price if you stay somewhere else. **Johnson:** They've got to stay in the room blocks so we don't get hit with an attrition charge.

(4) CLUB APPLICATIONS.

Club Membership Chair Jo Ann Cummings submitted the following club applications for approval on standing motion, reserving the right to vote no:

*THE MONTICELLO CAT CLUB
Region – Seven*

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.

Twelve members.

Two members belong to another CFA club.

Club Interest

- *Applying for Allbreed status.*
- *Sponsor and host CFA annual shows.*
- *Shows to be held in Charlottesville, VA*

Club activities

- *Intends to work with Charlottesville and Albemarle SPCA, and the feline foundation – getting cats/dogs adopted or volunteering their time at the shelter.*
- *Donate funds to the local shelters.*

Objectives:

- *To stimulate, sponsor and promote the welfare of cats.*
- *To conduct sanctioned cat shows under the rules of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.*
- *To offer any and all assistance to new members and breeders.*
- *To cultivate friendship among, and promote the interest of the owners, fanciers, and breeders of cats.*
- *To encourage the spaying and neutering of pet cats.*
- *To discourage the selling of cats through pet shops and backyard breeders.*
- *To cooperate with area veterinarians in improving the diagnosis and treatment of feline diseases.*
- *To cooperate with the local SPCA and other similar organizations in sponsoring the welfare of cats.*

As of this date (January 4, 2006) one letter was received from Star City Cat Fanciers signed by the Club President, David Blevins. A rebuttal letter was received from Rebecca K. Carrion, Prospective Secretary for the Monticello Cat Club.

Approval or Disapproval by Southern Regional Director – Peg Johnson.

Johnson: I have a real dichotomy on accepting new clubs. It has to do with growth in CFA. My region is very saturated with clubs. How do we balance growth if our members are clubs and we can't accept new clubs because we don't have show dates or we're saturated? The sole purpose of this new club is to put on a show. I don't have a single date for them to hold a show. I encouraged them to work with other clubs and they're not interested. I can't support this

club, but I want growth to continue in CFA. **Eigenhauser:** Maybe we should add an essay section to the club application on why members are unable to join or work with the existing clubs in the area. There are a lot of reasons, but the burden should be on the applicants to tell us why the existing clubs are not suitable for them and why the members can't work with any of the other clubs. At the time of application, we should make it clear that our assumption is, there are a lot of clubs out there. What is the reason the existing clubs are not suitable for you? **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

*CHINA INTERNATIONAL CAT CLUB
Region - International Division*

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.

Sixteen members.

One member belongs to another CFA club.

Club Interest

- *Applying for Allbreed status.*

Club activities

- *Sponsor and host CFA annual shows.*
- *Sponsor cat seminars and study classes.*
- *Promote CFA shows in mainland China.*

Objectives

- *To promote the welfare of all cats.*
- *To promote the breeding of pedigree cats to the Standards as accepted by CFA.*
- *To sponsor cat shows, clerking schools and workshops and promote interest in and knowledge of cats through educational propaganda.*
- *To cultivate sentiments of friendship and common interest among cat fanciers.*
- *To advance in every way possible the interests of breeders, exhibitors and club members.*

Statement:

- *We look forward to holding a high-quality cat show in Beijing and would like to welcome excellent cats from all over the mainland of China and Hong Kong to join us.*

As of this date (May 3, 2006) no letters negative or positive have been received.

Approval or Disapproval by International Chairman – Mr. Darrell Newkirk.

Newkirk: The China group is supportive of one another. They want more shows and more clubs. They are really set to take off and grow over there. I am in favor of this club.

Barnaby: Are there problems with the government having control over what the clubs can do?

Kallmeyer: The government is not necessarily opposed to people having pets. There has to be government approval to hold a cat show. **DelaBar:** They have to clear that there is no conflict

with any other type of governmental function going on at the time. **Newkirk:** It's not a problem getting cats into China. **Kallmeyer:** You see a lot of pedigreed dogs there, so they are coming into the country because of the new middle class. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

FRANCE CAT FANCIER
Region – International Division

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.

Thirteen members.

One member belongs to another CFA club.

Club Interest

- *Applying for Allbreed status.*

Club activities

- *Sponsor and host CFA annual shows in France.*
- *Help non-English speakers in their administrative papers with CFA.*
- *Develop CFA pedigrees in France.*

Objectives

- *To promote the welfare of all cats.*
- *To promote the breeding of pedigree cats to the Standards as accepted by CFA.*
- *To sponsor cat show and exhibits.*
- *To help members in their relation with CFA and transport them to CFA shows.*
- *To promote sportsmanship and friendship among cat fanciers.*

Statement

- *First Year (2006), we intend producing a two-day show in the city of Avignon (South of France), where our President lives and some contacts to obtain a big show hall in “Palais des Papes.”*

As of this date (May 3, 2006) no letters negative or positive have been received.

Approval or Disapproval by International Chairman – Mr. Darrell Newkirk.

Letter received from Club:

Madam, Sir,

France and its breeders are for a very long time members CFA. In love with work well done, our breeders introduced the most beautiful lines of National Winners and are for some of them became partners of work and friends of the largest American breeders. In spite of that and for various reasons, exposures CFA could not be established durably in our country.

Anxious to answer waiting of very many French but so Spanish and Italian breeders, we wished creates France Cat Fancier, which wants to be to be carries it flag of CFA to France and Europe of the south.

We wish administratively to help the breeders who do not control English and who needs to draw up papers at CFA

We also wish to go on Co-conveyance and journeys grouped for exposures CFA in the most prestigious Europe and in the USA.

We also want that our first exposure is an exposure of “prestige”, we wished not only one sponsoring of quality and prestige but also that the local authorities and “the State” of Provence-coast of Azur is at our sides to accommodate you.

For this reason Avignon, “city of the popes” in Provence will have the honor to be the first to organize an exposure CFA since years.

Moreover, as for the Olympic Games, we wish that the president of CFA (or one of its representatives) be able to be this day with us there to represent CFA officially and we will invite also an American breeder who will be able to represent with dignity the whole of American breeders CFA James Warden (ARTEMIS) who is a friend of the French president will have this heavy privilege

France and France Cat Fancier will be proud to make float the American flag at the sides of the flags of the various countries present.

We could not be the spokesman of CFA in this country which shares with you the love of the cats and so much of other things.

Cummings read a very nice letter received from the club. **DelaBar:** We are getting our feet back into France. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

*PHILIPPINE CAT LOVERS SOCIETY, INC
Region – International Division*

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.

Eighteen members.

One member belongs to another CFA club.

Club Interest

- *Applying for Allbreed status.*

Club activities

- *Sponsor a CFA licensed show in the Philippines.*

Objectives

- *To promote the welfare of all cats.*
- *To promote the breeding of pedigree cats to the Standards as accepted by CFA.*
- *To sponsor cat show and exhibits.*
- *To promote sportsmanship and friendship among cat fanciers.*

Statement

- *We intend to produce at least one CFA show a year. Initially, all shows shall be all-breed. As the number of cats in the Philippines increase, specialty rings may be considered. Most, if not all, shows will be held in the greater Metro Manila area.*

A letter dated April 14, 2006 was received from Vivian Qian, President of Shanghai Cat Lover Club, they are supporting the membership of Philippine Cat Lovers Society.

A letter of support was received from Diana Rothermel.

Approval or Disapproval by International Chairman – Mr. Darrell Newkirk.

Newkirk: They have been going to some of the other Asia shows, clerking and getting themselves attuned to what CFA is all about. **L. Watson:** I met Charmaine and her husband. Both have been educated in the United States. They speak very good English. They travel to different shows throughout Asia and are very enthusiastic about CFA. **Kallmeyer:** The nice thing about the Philippines is that they have great cats from Hong Kong and Malaysia. It's a good club. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

*TAIWAN CAT FANCIER
Region - International Division*

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.

Fourteen members.

None of the members belong to another CFA club.

Club Interest:

- *Applying for Allbreed status.*

Club activities

- *Hold cat shows to introduce cat breeds and breed standards.*
- *Hold cat seminars.*
- *Promote CFA in Taiwan.*

Objectives:

- *To encourage the breeding to standard of the cat.*
- *To hold cat shows, lectures and promote interest in and knowledge of all cats through educational propaganda.*
- *To sponsor cat show and exhibits.*
- *To cultivate sentiments of friendship and common interest among the members, and with foreign countries.*
- *To advance in every way possible the interests of breeders and exhibitors and to promote the welfare of all cats.*

Statement:

- *One show per annual at first beginning but aim to have twice per annual. City/cities we anticipate could be Taipei/Kaohsinng.*

A letter from Formosa Top Show Cat Club was received and they are not in favor of granting Taiwan cat club membership status.

Two negative letters were received: from Larry Adkison and Becky Orlando.

Satina Wang has responded to the letter from Formosa Top Show Cat Club. (Attached)

At last contact Ms. Wang was waiting to receive from Marion Donohue copies of the additional two letters

Approval or Disapproval by International Chairman – Mr. Darrell Newkirk.

Ms Wang response regarding Formosa Top Show Cat Club letter.

Dear Officers and members of the CFA Board of Directors:

This is Satina Wang, Secretary of Taiwan Cat Fanciers' Club, writing in response to the letter from the Formosa Top Show Cat Club (FTCC) objecting to our new club's application. I would like to provide information regarding:

- (1) *The cat world in Taiwan*
- (2) *The gap between Taiwan and surrounding countries*
- (3) *The necessity of new club(s) in Taiwan*
- (4) *The perspective of Taiwan Cat Fanciers' Club, and how it would benefit the promotion of CFA in Taiwan, and*
- (5) *My personal competence and strength regarding the promotion of CFA.*

Taiwan is a CFA developing country located in Asia. There are many so-called purebred cats; however, very few of them are pedigreed or with registration papers. People tend to identify breeds by appearance, not by pedigree. There are few CFA registered catteries. Many people have never heard of CFA, and say nothing of cat shows.

There are two CFA clubs in Taiwan. The only active CFA club, the Formosa Top Show Cat Club (FTCC), was established in 1998. As the name stands, FTCC focuses on promoting "top show cat" and "cat show". In May 1999, FTCC held the first CFA show in Taiwan: a two-day, six-ring show. Since then, it held four more shows from 2004 to 2006, which were all one-day, one-ring shows. Through 8 years, FTCC has hosted 5 shows for a total of 10 rings. Till now, CFA is still rarely known in Taiwan.

Some people may say that since Taiwan is a small and CFA developing country, and that it should have only one active club to ensure people work together. They say that two or more active clubs would not benefit the promotion of CFA in Taiwan. But we ask: does the size of a country or the number of active clubs dictate the outcome of CFA promotion and growth? Please have a look of the table below.

Country	Size	Active Club	Established Year	Show		Day (Ring)	Show Count/ Total Entry
1. Taiwan	36,188.04 Square Kilometer	Formosa Top Show Cat Club (FTCC)	1998	1	May 1999	2 (6)	*108
				2	Oct. 2004	1 (1)	30
				3	Mar. 2005	1 (1)	37
				4	Oct. 2005	1 (1)	49
				5	Mar. 2006	1 (1)	45
Hong Kong	1,102 Square Kilometer	Hong Kong Cat Lovers' Society (HKCLS)	1998	1	Nov. 1998	1 (2)	94
				2	Apr. 1999	1 (2)	87
				3	Dec. 2000	2 (4)	139
				4	May. 2001	1 (2)	136
				5	Dec. 2001	2 (5)	161
				6	Dec. 2002	2 (4)	183
				7	Dec. 2003	2 (4)	270
				8	Dec. 2004	2 (4)	274
				9	Aug. 2005	2 (4)	301
		Hong Kong Millennium Cat Club (HKMCC)	2000	1	Dec. 2005	2 (4)	292
		Hong Kong Cat Fanciers' Club (HKCFA)	2005	1	Oct. 2005	1 (2)	146

*Data is from FTCC website not CFA official website.

Hong Kong is about 33 times smaller than Taiwan with three active clubs. Last December, at a meeting in Tokyo, the International Chairman, Darrell Newkirk, admired Hong Kong as the most successful CFA promotion example in the International Division. Does the size of a country or the number of active club matter to the growth and promotion of CFA? Should Taiwan have only one club because of its size? Would two or more nearby clubs inhibit the growth and promotion of CFA?

Both FTCC and HKCLS were established in 1998, but developed quite differently. What was the difference? HKCLS did not object to the establishment of additional clubs in Hong Kong and embarked on a program of continuing educational events for the public, in addition to hosting the most successful shows in the Asia/Latin America CFA International Division. On the other hand, the FTCC concentrated primarily on sponsoring cat shows. I have exhibited two of my own CFA registered cats in Taiwan at shows hosted by FTCC on Oct 28, 2005 and Mar 18, 2006; not just one show as FTCC stated in their letter objecting to our club application (photos for your reference). As a result of my clerking experience, attendance at a CFA Clerking School, attendance at CFA shows in Hong Kong and Japan, as well as exhibiting at two local FTCC shows, I can generalize the following two main factors:

1. **Inadequate education to both exhibitors and spectators.** Unlike Hong Kong and Tokyo, exhibitors and spectators in Taiwan cannot get enough information regarding show rules directly from show catalogs or the FTCC website. Many exhibitors and most spectators don't even understand the scoring procedure, including the meaning of ribbons or rosettes, after attending the shows. The only way to get the information is asking experienced exhibitors or visiting CFA's official website. Since many people lack any

proficiency in English, they cannot understand the information. As a result, they start losing interest of CFA.

2. ***Insufficient clubs/shows.*** *There is only one active club in Taiwan, which hosted 4 one-day, one-ring shows from 2004 to 2006. According to the show rules, it would take at least two years for an excellent cat to be a Champion without any competition. As a result, after promoting CFA for eight years, two cats in Taiwan finally completed their Championships in Mar 2006. We have no idea how long it would take for a cat to be a Grand Champion if the cat competes only in Taiwan. A female cat may never obtain the title. More and more breeders have noticed the problem and have decided to compete in other countries.*

I have discussed the factors above privately with members of FTCC, but in vain. In order to promote CFA successfully in Taiwan, we have to improve the situation by educating the true meaning of CFA. CFA is not an association of only hosting cat shows or issuing registration papers, but a wonderful association, which cares about the welfare of ALL cats, both pedigreed purebred cats and homeless street cats, in the world. For this reason, I invited some of my friends to establish a new club “Taiwan Cat Fanciers’ Club” with the following goals and objectives:

1. *To encourage the breeding of cats to CFA Standards.*
2. *To hold cat shows, lectures and promote interest in and knowledge of all cats through educational events, a robust web site and the distribution of CFA materials.*
3. *To cultivate sentiments of friendship and common interests among the members, and other CFA clubs throughout the Asia/LA CFA International Division.*
4. *To advance in every way possible the interests of breeders and exhibitors and to promote the welfare of all cats.*

Having two or more active clubs would benefit the promotion of CFA in Taiwan as follows:

1. *Having more activities regarding CFA promotion, ex: cat shows, lectures, which would benefit not only exhibitors but also all cats and cat lovers in Taiwan.*
2. *Drawing people’s attention. The more the people get to know CFA, the more the people would love this wonderful organization, and eventually begin to participate in CFA club activities.*
3. *Sharing resources as well as expenses with the other club(s). All members in CFA are a family and should work as a team. Co-operation and sharing make things go smoothly.*

Finally, I’d like to talk about my personal competence and strength regarding the promotion of CFA. First of all, I have been working as the leader of the Taiwan branch of an Australian manufacturing company for over 13 years. My professional specialties are management, customer service, sales and marketing. I’ve been trained to understand and satisfy customer needs and have considerable experience dealing with suppliers. Therefore, I clearly understand how to serve exhibitors as customers as well as find and work with and attract potential sponsors. Creating a win-win situation is always the KEY. I believe that the cultivation of more satisfied and happy exhibitors and sponsors would go a long way toward promoting the growth

of CFA in Taiwan; the result being not only the success and growth of the new club but also of the existing club-FTCC.

Next, English is my basic communication tool, since I have been working for an international company for over 13 years. The main barrier of CFA promotion in Taiwan is language. Since many people are lacking of English abilities, they have difficulties understanding information written in English. The main duty of a club is to be a bridge for cat fanciers and CFA. For this reason, the VP of our club and I have been working on translating the CFA constitution, CFA forms, breed standards, show rules, cattery planning as well as feline health articles from the official CFA website. Our goal is to translate as much information as we can into Chinese to share with all cat lovers. Thus, people in Taiwan would have no difficulties in understanding CFA.

Moreover, I am very enthusiastic about CFA activities. I had two entries in each of the two shows hosted by FTCC (Oct. 2005 and Mar. 2006). Last December, I was invited by a club in Beijing as an interpreter to the first CFA Asia/Lain American meeting in International Division held in Tokyo. I have been to several cat shows in Hong Kong and Tokyo as a spectator, attended a clerking school and clerked at the large CFA show last December in Hong Kong. I am planning to exhibit two of my cats at a CFA show in Tokyo in June and also serve as a clerk for the club. I believe learning is a continuing process. Learning, sharing and communicating with local and foreign clubs are the key to promote CFA in Asia.

Finally, I must clarify the signatures on the letter submitted by FTCC. I talked to some of the members who signed the letter as soon as I received it from the CFA Central Office. Those exhibitors (not members!) indicated that they did not know they were signing letter objecting to this new club application, since they were asked to sign it at the FTCC 5th Cat Show on March 18. They told me that FTCC only showed them the last page of the letter, and that there was nobody explaining the purpose to them. Therefore, they thought they were signing to check in the show, and those exhibitors proposed a counter sign to object to their previous signatures. However, feeling that such an act would only promote dissention, I decided not accept their offer (unless such proof is desired by the CFA Board of Directors). I believe co-operation, not opposition, is what we need in promoting CFA in Taiwan. The above is disclosed because you all have right to know the truth.

Thank you all for your kind attention. I respectfully request that you look upon our club application favorably. All of our members look forward to becoming a part of CFA family! We wish that you have a good and productive meeting.

*Truly Yours,
Satina Wang and all members of Taiwan Cat Fanciers' Club*

Kallmeyer: The new club has no experience to promote our breeds in Taiwan. They don't have the depth of experience that we need to drive the Taiwan area. Only one of these members has exhibited in Taiwan, beginning in October of 2005, and has registered one litter. The new club is about 40 miles from the existing club. The past and present officers of the current club have registered 300+ cats. In 1999, they had the first show. Since then, they

translated all of the breed standards and show rules into Chinese. That was the foundation for bringing in our Shanghai club and Beijing club, so they have been developing the market and have done the right things. The current club recruits new cats into the fancy by encouraging people to register in CFA, they work with the animal adoption agencies. We have to be careful of how fast we want to grow in Taiwan. If the cats aren't there to begin with, are we going to create a market and not be able to fulfill it? That's not a growth strategy. The new person is great. She is involved, going to shows, but we've got to develop a strategy. **DelaBar:** You're asking us to put qualifications on this club that we haven't asked of any of our other International Division clubs. I don't want us to put restrictive criteria on one area that we're not putting on another.

Kallmeyer: At the same time, it seems like we are starting a new club with little experience in an area where we have an existing club. **Newkirk:** Satina came to the first Asia/Latin America meeting in Asia in December at the Tokyo show. She has been traveling to Japan and clerking. She was interested in forming a new club and had a lot of questions. She's a very bright lady and very interested in supporting CFA. Marketing is her line of work, which is a valuable asset to promote our cats there. She wants to put on shows in areas where she can attract a lot of gate and expose a lot of people to CFA cats. Taiwan is huge, compared to Hong Kong. Hong Kong has 3 cat clubs; Taiwan has 1. There aren't enough rings for people to champion a cat. If they want to make their championship, they've got to fly to Japan. I look at this club as complimenting the existing club, to produce enough rings so that people have the opportunity to show and grand their cats. If we turn down somebody who is young, bright, energetic and is really interested in promoting our cats over there, I think that would be our great loss. **Shaffer:** One of the biggest problems I have with this club is the location of these shows within 40 miles of the existing club. The second problem is the number of pedigreed cats from 108 down to 30, 37, 49, etc. Third, their constitution says, "No person shall be eligible to serve as an officer of this club who is a member of a club or association affiliated with or a member of an organization with purposes and objectives similar to our own." How can she be secretary of this club when she is in violation of her own constitution? **Johnson:** It sounds like this club has no experience holding shows, because they haven't assisted other clubs. I have a problem that they're going to learn as they go. We hold clubs here to very high standards. **Eigenhauser:** If we put too many clubs in an area, that's a problem. It over-saturates the market. It hurts all the clubs, but if we have too few clubs in an area, you can't grand a cat, you can't get anything done. Then, people do other things. They either join other associations or they stop showing altogether. My feeling is that with one club in the area putting on a couple of shows a year, granding a cat without a second club in that area is going to be a real challenge. Too much competition and they destroy each other, but a little bit of competition is a good thing. I don't think we have reached critical mass in Taiwan to be self-sustaining with just the one club. What would help the most is having another show so people have a purpose in showing their cats. You can grand your cat, you can accomplish things within CFA because now there are enough shows to make it worthwhile to belong. **Cummings:** This young lady is articulate, organized and ambitious. **Miller:** The letter from the Formosa club is articulate, too. They make it clear that they invited the new group to join their club. **Newkirk:** Satina gave them suggestions. She has exhibited her cats at the Formosa shows. They have different views on how a cat show should be. I don't think there is going to be an issue of them sponsoring a show and pulling off a good event if we give them a club. It's worth giving them a chance, and hopefully there will be more rings for more people to compete in and hopefully champion and grand their cats. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion**

Failed. Angell, Calhoun, Newkirk, Eigenhauser, Cummings, Baugh and Wilson voting yes.
Koizumi, L. Watson, Anger and DelaBar abstained.

*CAT FANCIERS OF FINLAND
Region – International Division*

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.

Eleven members.

None of the members belong to another CFA club.

Club Interest

- *Applying for Allbreed status.*

Club activities

- *The club members are attempting to organize a show.*
- *Planning educational trips to other CFA countries.*

Objectives

- *To promote the welfare of all cats.*
- *To promote the breeding of pedigree cats to the standards as accepted by CFA.*
- *To sponsor cats shows and exhibits.*
- *To promote sportsmanship and friendship among cat fanciers.*

Statement:

- *There has never been any CFA shows in Finland before, so it is going to be our main goal to produce the first. We are aiming for a full six ring/to day show, and because of connections we have to locate it to one of the major cities either tampere or Helsinki*
- *Some of us have been showing cats actively in Germany, and we have also been in the United States at CFA-International. We have had lots of support and encouragement from both, by building up new a kind of club we want to offer another choice for cat friends in Finland.*

As of this date May 3, 2006 no letters negative or positive have been received.

Approval or Disapproval by International Chairman – Mr. Darrell Newkirk.

Newkirk: The young couple that is starting this club came to the International Show last year and I had an opportunity to chat with them. They are very interested in getting a club. They were also at the Cat Friends of Germany show in April, and I had an opportunity to talk to them further. They've got everything lined up and are ready to go. It's a good opportunity for us to get into Finland. I am in favor of this club. **DelaBar:** I've gotten a lot of enthusiastic posts from this group. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

*REX CLUB
Region – International Division*

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.

Eighteen members.

Three members belongs to another CFA club.

Club Interest

- *Applying for Allbreed status.*

Club activities

- *Organizing cat shows and making the cat breeds and CFA known in Russia.*

Objectives

- *To promote the welfare of all cats.*
- *To promote the breeding of pedigree cats to the Standards as accepted by CFA.*
- *To sponsor cat show and exhibits.*
- *To promote sportsmanship and friendship among cat fanciers.*

Statement:

- *We on producing one to four cat shows per year. We plan on producing four, six or eight ring shows. The main cities where we plan on sponsoring shows will be: Moscow, Saint Petersburg, Ekaterinburg, Nizhnevavovsk, and Zelenograd.*

As of this date (May 3, 2006) no letters negative or positive have been received.

Approval or Disapproval by International Chairman – Mr. Darrell Newkirk.

Newkirk: I'm in favor of this club. This club is going to move their shows around the country to different locations. Hopefully, that will get some interest in areas outside of Moscow and help with growth in Russia. **L. Watson:** We've had no action in St. Petersburg. **Miller:** So, there would be no conflict with the existing Moscow club? **L. Watson:** You have to remember, most of the Russian people do not show outside of Russia. I don't see that this would be a problem. **Newkirk:** Moscow or St. Petersburg, it doesn't matter. We need more shows and more rings. That's the bottom line. **Eigenhauser:** Their bylaws say that their officers are appointed for life. I'm not sure how a club that has officers appointed for life is conducive to bringing in new members and involving new people, and opening the doors to greater participation. **Berg:** I belong to an existing club right here that has officers for life. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Eigenhauser voting no.

I failed to acknowledge the following letter of Thanks in my last report.

Dear Ms Rachel Anger,

I really appreciate for your full support and will do my best for CFA.

Tomorrow is one of the biggest holidaies, Lunar new year day, in Korea.

Be happy and healthy all the time.

Best regards

Jaehyung Heo

Corea Allbreed Cat Club

I was asked to submit a club exit idea and the following is what came to my mind. I thought maybe it could be printed in the Almanac along with an additional statement.

“Hi Marge, this is Sophia, how are you?” “I am fine Sophia, did you hear from Harold?” “Yes, I did and he feels that the time has come to give up our CFA club, ‘The Golden Paws.’” “You know we are the only ones paying the dues now; after our last donation to the Winn Foundation, our reserves are gone.” “Yes, I know that,” said Marge. “What else did Harold say?” “Well, he says that we have not sponsored a show in over five years, and that we are no longer an active club. For over 25 years we held quality shows and donated to the Winn Foundation, the Sy Howard Foundation and to various no-kill charities throughout the years.” “We had some wonderful times and great shows through the years,” said Marge. “I know we did Marge, we had a great group of people, but we are the only three left, the rest have retired, I think it is time to dissolve the club.” “I know you are right Sophia, just hate to see it go, but I agree it is time.” “OK, Marge, I will write the Central Office in the morning, and we will remember the good times.” “Bye Marge” “Bye Sophia”

*Respectfully Submitted,
Jo Ann Cummings, Chair*

Wilson: We seem to have a lot of issues about clubs not doing what they say they are going to do after they are accepted. We should consider taking clubs on a trial basis where they would have a chance to prove themselves. **DelaBar:** The Committee would have to come up with criteria on how to measure what clubs say they are going to do and see if they actually do it.

(5) **INTERNATIONAL DIVISION REPORT.**

International Committee Chair Darrell Newkirk gave the following report:

Committee Chair: *Darrell Newkirk*
Committee Members: *Linda Berg, Liz Watson, Dennis Lysterburg (European Rep), Wilson Ng (Asia/LA Rep), Rob Loot, Robert Zenda, Alenka Unk, Yaeko Takano, Manfred Pszak, George Cherrie*

Recent Happenings in the International Division:

International Division Representative Election results

The International Division has elected their new representatives to serve their areas of the International Division. Wilson Ng was elected by the Asia/Latin America area of the International Division and Dennis Lysterburg was elected by the European Area of the International Division. Congrats to the winners.

2006 International Awards shows

Hong Kong Cat Lovers Society will host the first Asia/Latin America show in Hong Kong on August 5-6, 2006. This will be a 6 ring show. Cat Friends of Germany will host the European Awards show July 15-16, 2006 in Colon, Germany. Rob Loot and Henny Wintershoven will be assisting with the awards show.

News from Thailand, Linda Galloway

The president of the CFA Thai Cat Club in Bangkok is organizing a CFA show coming up in the summer of 2006 and was hoping to pull together a 5 ring show this year. But I don't know any more about the status of this. Salle was involved in helping Mr. Surat (the president), but with Salle on hiatus, I can't say how things will go. The idea I had from Salle when I saw him in October or so was that we in SE Asia were trying to organize shows in tandem in Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia so that the same judges might be circulated around if possible.

News from Hong Kong

December 26th is the boxing day to all cat fanciers in US, but it was the first day show of 2005 HKMCC Cat show in Hong Kong. It was the first show being held by the Hong Kong Millennium Cat Club. There were 371 entries entered to the show, and many new records were created. 9 clubs from different countries were involved in this show, and trophies were sponsored by 6 cat clubs from different countries, and there were also clerks from 5 countries for backing up our show. We would like to say "Thank you" again to all those clubs from Beijing, Shanghai, Thailand, Taiwan, Slovenia, Netherlands, Philippines, Malaysia and US. We would like to show our appreciation for the guidance and supports all through these years from our very special friends, Richard Kallmeyer (regional director of CFA region 2) and his wife Debbie Kallmeyer. Without them, our show would never be a successful one.

As it was the show being held on Christmas day, we specially tailored made all cages in white and also providing double cage for all exhibits without extra charge. A contest of "Best Cage in show" was also held and sponsored by the sole-sponsor "Royal Canin", all 20 finalists were wonderful, and the winner was superb. You will seldom find the materials which they employed for the show cage designs in other countries.

A new record of kitten entries of 106 was achieved, and more than 90% of attendance of exhibits was reached in all 4 groups. Granding a cat seemed to be a legend and might take many years in Hong Kong in late 90's, but the new records of champions (45) and premiers (22) presented from the show have proven it is the reality. Many exhibitors were celebrating their new grands at the show, how encouraging it was!!

We were so excited when seeing the big entries of 55 cats in the premiership.

It was also the first time for promoting a cat show with a cartoon cat "ANJOLICO". ANJOLICO was providing vitality and life force to those SARS patience in Hong Kong 2002. It is very meaningful for having such a momentum towards the promotion of our pedigree cats, as well as the welfares of cats in our country. Our club has designed colorful ANJOLICO t-shirts and watches for celebrating this very special cat show.

The show was a 4-ring show, and we had John Colilla, Bob Zenda, Liz Watson and Gary Veach as the judges for us. Our cat fanciers were so excited to meet these wonderful judges again, as John, Bob and Gary are so familiar to Hong Kong Cat Fanciers, while Liz was her first time judging for us. All 4 judges did gracefully with their sense of humor and professionalism at the show, and we all wait for their judging again for us in the future.

2005 was a very special year of pedigree cats in our country. Cat Fanciers over the World could witness the rapid growth of CFA shows in Mainland China and there were more than 4 shows for the past 4 months held in Beijing, Shanghai, and Hong Kong respectively. Tomorrow I will be set-off for Beijing for the 4th CFA show of China Cat Fanciers which to be held on Jan 21-22. May God bless the country and the feline!

International Division Meeting held in Germany April 2006

There was a brief meeting held in Haltern, Germany in April during the Cat Friends of Germany. Of major concern to the European exhibitors was the requirement for the number of winners ribbons to make a champion in Russia and the Ukraine. During the December Ukraine show an open made his championship on Saturday and was transferred, along with about 25 other exhibits, to champion. The cat then completed the requirements for Grand Champion on Sunday. Since that meeting many have commented on this on the European list. When the show rules were changed in October 2004, to include the Ukraine, the Ukraine was not listed to those countries that only require 4 winners ribbons. I have spoken to Gary Veach who was the show rules chair at that meeting, and Gary related to me that this was an oversight, and that the Ukraine was to be listed there. The Ukraine club, Rolandus, sponsors 8 rings shows, 4 rings back to back. It would seem logical that they should meet the same requirement as the other clubs in Europe, as there are enough winners ribbons to make a championship in their shows. There has also been a discuss to require Russia to meet the same requirements for championship and

grand championship (6/200). However looking at the show counts and rings, I do not support this move at the present time. The Russian clubs do not have the show counts necessary for advancement at this high level.

I will include an action item on this at the end of my report.

China Report:

China Cat Fanciers (Beijing) held a 2-ring show on January 21-22, 2006 that was judged by Wayne Trevathan and Cheryl U'Ren.

Formosa Top Show Cat Club (Taiwan) held a 1-ring show on March 18, 2006 that was judged by Larry Adkison.

Corea Allbreed Cat Club (Seoul) held their first CFA Championship show on March 26, 2006. It was judged by Yaeko and Kenji Takano and show management assistance provided by Masanari & Takako Kojima from Tokyo, Japan.

Feline Fanciers of Singapore will hold a 1-ring show on July 2, 2006 and have invited Wakako Nagayama. This show is a fund-raising event and I will meet with Felix in Singapore shortly after the show to discuss future show plans.

Feline Society of Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur) will host the first 8-ring CFA show to be held in the Asia/Latin America Division on July 8-9, 2006. Advertised as MiCATz 2006, this show will feature 7 AB and 1 LH/SH Specialty ring with judges from the USA, Japan, Belgium and Australia. As of this writing, exhibitors from Thailand, Philippines, Hong Kong, Indonesia, China and Ireland have already confirmed their participation. I will also be conducting a clerking school prior to the show on July 6, 2006.

Cat Fancies of Thailand (Bangkok) will hold a 3-ring show on July 23, 2006 and have invited Yukiko Hayata, Wakako Nagayama and Bob Zenda.

Hong Kong Cat Lovers Society will host their 10th CFA Championship show and Cat Expo on August 5-6, 2006. This 6-ring AB show, held at the spacious Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre will be judged by Darrell Newkirk, Jan Stevens, Carla Bizzell, Donna Fuller, Aki Tamura and David Mare. Dick Kallmeyer will serve as Master Clerk and has agreed to provide an opportunity for aspiring clerks in the Asia/LA Division to gain some assistant Master Clerking experience.

Shanghai Cat Love Club will hold a 2-ring show in October, 2006 and have invited Becky Orlando and Cheryl U'Ren.

Formosa Top Show Cat Club will hold a 2-ring show in October, 2006 and have invited Pam DelaBar and Becky Orlando.

China Cat Fanciers (Beijing) is planning a 4-ring show for October 28-29, 2006.

China Cat Fanciers (Beijing) is planning a 4-ring show for January 6-7, 2007.

Shanghai Cat Love Society is planning a 2-ring show for March 2007.

Four individuals declared their candidacy for the position of Asia/LA International Division Representative and Wilson Ng (Malaysia) was elected.

Preparations are underway for the first CFA Asia/Latin America International Division Awards Banquet, which will be hosted by the Hong Kong Cat Lovers Society On August 7, 2006. Since none of the club members have ever participated in such an event, considerable "hand-holding" will be required to pull it all together. Darrell and I are in almost daily contact with them to provide the required information and assistance. The Northwest Region was kind enough to let me have a copy of their OTRA and Awards presentations and I sent that material as well as copies of Awards Booklets from several regions to be used as examples. Darrell and I will both participate in this event and they have also invited Kayoko Koizumi, Dick Kallmeyer, Wilson Ng and Richard Katris as guests of honor

Three new clubs in Asia/LA have applied for CFA Membership:

*Taiwan Cat Fanciers Club
Cat Fanciers of China
Philippine Cat Lovers*

If accepted for CFA membership, the new club applicant in Beijing (Cat Fanciers of China) is planning to host a Clerking School and their first CFA Championship show in September 2006.

If accepted for CFA membership, the new club applicant in Manila (Philippine Cat Lovers) is planning to host a Clerking School and their first CFA Championship show in August 2006.

This report obviously has not been restricted solely to activities in China, but I thought it best to be all inclusive just in case you did not have access to the information from some other source.

*Bob Zenda
CFA International Division Liaison for China*

Translations Update

Karen Lawrence sent the following excel file for the translations that have been updated.

CFA FORM TRANSLATIONS

additions in red - removals in blue

as of May 06

	Mike Gao	Desiree Loot	Olivier Grin	Juergen Steinbrenner Chris Braun	Bruno Picasso	Evy Kjernsli Roy Henricksen	Alenka Unk	Natalia Gfeller	Miguel de Medellin	
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Breed Council Membership	x	X								
CATS Application Form	x	X	x	x			x			x
CATS Program Details	x	X		x						x
Cattery Name Application	x	X		x					x	x
CH/PR Claim Form	x	X	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Club Application	to do									
Entry Form	x	X	x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Entry Form Instructions									x	
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Litter Application Instructions	x	X		x					x	convert PDF
Responsibilities of Exhibitors	x	X		x				x		
Rules for Registration	x	X		x					x	
Spectator Guide	x	X		x				x	x	
Winn Feline Foundation - ad text	x		x	x	x					x

CFA BREED STANDARD TRANSLATIONS

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Problem with these is how to get updates done as needed

	English in Word	Chinese	Dutch	French	German	Italian	Norwegian	Slovenian		Spanish
American Shorthair	x	needs update								
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Exotic	x	needs update	needs update							
Japanese Bobtail	x			needs update						
Maine Coon	x		X							
Ocicat	x		X							
Persian	x	needs update								
Selkirk Rex	x	needs update								
Siamese	x	x								
Singapura	x		X							
Turkish Angora	x			needs update						

Future Happenings

Plans are underway for three new clubs that are forming in the International Division. There is an Exotic club forming in Hong Kong and should be presented at our next meeting. There is an Allbreed club forming in the Baltics. There is an Abyssinian/Somali breed club forming in Europe.

We regret to report the loss of 4 clubs in the International Division this year: Cat Fanciers of Israel, Club Amici Per I Gatti, Portugal Cat Club and Sina Cat Club.

Action Item:

I am asking the Board for a policy change in regard to the winners ribbons requirement for the Ukraine. In review of the show rules, the Ukraine was left out, apparently by oversight, for the requirement for 4 winners ribbons for a cat to complete the requirements for Championship. The Ukraine has hosted 8 ring shows and this has caused much discontent in Europe. I am asking that the Scorer in Central Office advise the Ukraine that they will be required to meet the same requirements as the rest of Europe for 6 winners ribbons until such time that we can correct the show rules.

Newkirk: I want to leave Russia as it is, because they only have 4-ring shows. **L.**

Watson: If the cat comes from Russia and is exhibited in the Ukraine, will it need to have 6 winners ribbons? **Newkirk:** Yes. That's already in effect. If they come to Germany, they have to have 6 winners ribbons. **Baugh:** We need to clarify all of the wording because we say "residing and competing". **Anger:** There are no shows there between now and October. We can address this at the October show rules meeting. **DelaBar:** That's your [Show Rules Chair Loretta Baugh] action item to have squared away by October.

*This report is respectfully submitted by,
Darrell Newkirk, Chair
CFA International Division Committee*

Japan Region Report

Current Happenings in the Region:

1. *I am so excited that three of the new Allbreed judges are from our region, Hisako Komota and Ayumi Ueda are Allbreed Approved and Edward Maeda is Allbreed Approval Pending. I have not heard many negative opinions of their advancement.*
2. *We are getting ready for our Regional Award Banquet on July 8th at the Kyoto Tower Hotel where we previously had the big problem between Mr. and Mrs. Mori and Ms. Sakurai. The manager of the hotel is very pleased to have our banquet there this time.*
3. *Yoshiko Moriya and I have been working on stopping the transfer without restrictions of clubs from another Regions to Japan. We would like to change some parts of the article of Designation of a new Secretary of Record in the CFA constitution just for Region 8. Even though*

a new club application may not get approved in Japan, an existing club can now be transferred from another region to Japan without any information given to the Japan Region. Since Japan is a small country, if this happens it can cause problems. We would like to have your understanding and support.

3. *In the Almanac it looks like the first penalty of the docket #04-025, the case of M. Sakurai versus Kunio and Hatsue Mori, has been completed and has disappeared from the Almanac. According to Diane Vetterl, they have not paid the \$2,500 to CFA. But they have paid 100,000yen to Sakurai according to Yoko Imai, our Protest Committee Liaison. Almanac subscribers are getting confused. We would like the Central Office straighten this out, please. They have not paid the second penalty of \$5,000 (the docket #04-048) to CFA, either.*

DelaBar: We discussed putting suspensions on the CFA website and nothing would drop out. **Krzanowski:** I conferred with George Eigenhauser on this and we changed the way the disciplinary listings are noted.

4. *There are many professional pet shops that sell kittens and puppies. Some CFA breeders are selling kittens they bred to such shops. They never sell show quality kittens to the shops. The breeders usually give shops certified pedigrees from Japanese domestic societies because they do not want to register pet quality kittens to CFA and they do not want that kittens to be shown at CFA cat shows. They believe if both Dam and Sire were CFA registered, the kittens would not be registered to CFA by new owners (buyers) according to the CFA RULES FOR REGISTRATION.*

Section 3 - Registration via Certified Pedigree

Application for registration can be made via certified pedigree if the cat's records meet the following requirements:

1. *The Sire or Dam is not CFA litter or individually registered,*

AND

2. *The breeder is not currently a CFA registered breeder.*

3. *A cat is not eligible for individual registration by pedigree if:*

1. *The parents are both CFA registered,*

AND

2. *The breeder is a CFA registered breeder.*

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However, I have heard from a CFA Scottish Fold breeder living in Japan that while both Dam and Sire were CFA registered, a kitten she sold to her friend's pet shop with a pedigree of Japanese domestic cat club related to TICA was registered to CFA via another pedigree of

Japanese domestic society organized by CFA judges. A breeder's name on both pedigrees was her mother's name. Usually, she sells pet quality kittens with her mother's name as a breeder.

She sent a letter to CFA Central Office asking to remove registration records of that Scottish fold from CFA record because she believed that if both Dam and Sire were registered to CFA, the kitten could not be registered via pedigree.

But, Merilee of CFA Central Office explained different opinions of "exceptions of the registration rules for outside U.S". According to Merilee, CFA Central Office accepts individual cat registration via pedigree in the case of outside U.S. even if both Dam and Sire were CFA registered. I have never heard such exceptions. I've never seen any written paper about exceptions. When were the exceptions made?

My opinion, as a director for Japan region, is that Japan is the 8th Region of CFA, almost equal to regions in the mainland U.S. I think those "exceptions" are unfair, because the CFA Central Office has not informed Japanese breeders about the exceptions. Even if exceptions were authorized by board meetings before, Japan as CFA Region 8 no longer needs exceptions for individual cat registration via pedigree. We ask that this practice be stopped completely for Japan.

Eigenhauser: They don't want cats registered by pedigree in Japan when they come out of CFA cats. **Tartaglia:** For a number of years, we have allowed cats outside the US to be registered using a pedigree. The dam may be registered in CFA and so may the sire, but if the breeder doesn't use our services, we feel it's not right to just send the new owner away. The board endorsed this policy a number of years ago. It applied to areas outside the US and included Japan. We have been doing this for years. **Miller:** The Japanese don't have people come into their homes to buy kittens. They turn them over to a broker or a pet store, which are really very well run in Japan. Their system is completely different than what we have here. They don't want their pet quality cats to be shown when they come from a pet store or a broker. **Eigenhauser:** Koizumi is asking that Japan apply the same rules as the other 7 regions, in terms of not registering from pedigree if one of the cats is already CFA registered. I would like to see CFA get the registration dollars instead of a Japanese registry, but they need some assurance that that cat is not going to be shown. My motion is that Japan registrations be treated the same as they are in the U.S. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Future Projections:

1. *Regional Award Banquet at the Kyoto Tower Hotel on July 8.*
2. *Smooth transfer of the director duties to a new successor.*

*Respectfully submitted,
Kayoko Koizumi*

(6) CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.

CFA Acting Executive Director Allene Tartaglia gave the following report:

Tartaglia: I would like to thank the board for my employment as Acting Executive Director and the confidence that you have put into me. **Eigenhauser** made a standing motion to approve all of the action items on the Central Office Report, reserving the right to vote no.

1. Out of Region Show Request

<i>a)</i>	<i>Club Name:</i>	<i>The Educated Guess Cat Fanciers</i>
	<i>Home Region:</i>	<i>Northwest Region (2)</i>
	<i>Show Date:</i>	<i>January 6-7, 2007</i>
	<i>Proposed Location:</i>	<i>Brockport NY (Great Lakes Region 4)</i>

Baugh: Educated Guess will be moving the show an hour and a half further west into the Great Lakes Region and further away from the Vermont club. I hope you will support it.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. Show Format Requests

a) *Abyssinian Breeders International – July 16, 2006 Show*

In one (1) Allbreed ring, the Club wishes to award Best through 10th Best of Breed ribbons in each class of Somalis and Abyssinians (kittens, championship and premiership).

Shaffer: I belong to this club and it's something we do every other year. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

b) *Great Lakes Great Cats – October 7-8, 2006 (Cleveland Persian Society Show)*

Request to award top 5 placements for Maine Coons in the Championship, Kitten and Premiership classes in conjunction with the Cleveland Persian Society Show October 7-8, 2006

Baugh: Has Cleveland Persian indicated a willingness to do this, since they're the sponsoring club? I was not aware that they intended to do this. **Eigenhauser** moved to approve it, pending approval from Cleveland Persian? **DelaBar** called the motion, as amended. **Motion Carried.**

c) *National Birman Fanciers – October 21-22, 2006*

Request to award top 5 placements for Birmans in Championship, Kitten & Premiership classes in each ring.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

d) *M.E.O.W.S. – July 29-30, 2006*

Request to award up to 10 placements for Sphynx in Championship, Kitten and Premiership in each ring. They would like to have permanent permission to do this.

Berg: They get a tremendous turn-out of Sphynx from all over the country. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

After discussion of the February 2006 “not for breeding” registration issue, **J. Watson** moved to maintain (until October 2006) our system of using PIN numbers which is currently in place until additional information is gathered on the benefits to CFA. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Computer Room Maintenance. *There are two rooms centrally located in the middle of the Central Office dedicated to computer hardware and software. Originally, both rooms were protected by Halon Fire Suppression Systems. However, Halon systems are now defunct, no longer maintained or sold. The rooms must also be made air tight, which they are not. Therefore, these rooms require attention in order to maintain the integrity of these critical areas in case of a fire or other catastrophic event.*

Tartaglia: Construction cost would be \$10,000 and to add sprinklers is about \$2,000. **J. Watson:** We absolutely need a second opinion. **DelaBar:** Is our data saved remotely every day? **Tartaglia:** We have a back-up system where the tape is taken off site. We do not have a back-up that physically goes automatically to a remote site. **J. Watson:** It doesn’t cost us anything to do the current tape back-up. It is going to cost us to have it done off site. **Tartaglia:** We’ll get a second company to come in and also look into our off site back-up. **Johnson:** The data is just a small portion of what we should be backing up on a daily basis. If we don’t back up all the programs in a way that we could load them somewhere else, they will not be meaningful. The IT Committee should work with you on developing a back-up plan.

Computer Upgrade. *We have for some time been considering options for replacing the current Hewlett-Packard 3000 computer system. CFA runs their main registration system on an HP3000 A400, which is scheduled to be dropped from HP Support at the end of December, 2008. Please be assured there are no hardware or software limitations per se, which will prohibit running the system beyond the Dec. 2008 EOS date. We currently have third party support for software, and are already in contact with the many hardware vendors in the after-market arena. However, we appreciate the need to move to a supported platform and recognize the need to move forward, both to replace the older hardware and to provide more online services in a timely manner. The goal is to maintain security and data integrity, while providing the user community (both within Central Office and via the web) with additional access and flexibility.*

The IT committee (Dick Kallmeyer, Peg Johnson, Connie Sellitto and myself) has investigated several options, and recommend CFA migrate to an HP Itanium system running under HP-UX 11.0. We plan to purchase Migration tools and a new database system, and gradually convert our existing COBOL applications to run on this new platform. In addition, we will be investing in training for our in-house IT staff to take advantage of open solutions and enable CFA to rely less on outside contractors, and offer a faster time-to-market for proposed new projects.

Tartaglia: I would ask that we not upgrade our system at this time. It works fine. We're not experiencing any delays as far as our users in the office. **Johnson:** Do we have a new accounting system in place? **Tartaglia:** I will speak with [Budget Committee Member] Chuck Gradowski before we continue that upgrade to a better accounting software system.

Owner Name Fields. The owner's name field in a cat's record is unformatted, i.e. the first and last name fields are not separate. This provides a free-form owner name. We'd like to initiate a change to separate the fields, allowing a maximum of 3 owner names (AKC allows only 2 names). Two people with the same last name would be considered two names. We allow three names on a cattery record. There are more and more cats being registered with last names only and sometimes owners even try to abbreviate last names in an effort to have as many co-owner names as possible. It is important we at least have a first initial so that we know the correct person is signing a transfer statement. Beyond that, having structured and separate name fields will allow more accurate and specific searches of our database.

Tartaglia: The owner name field is currently unformatted. When people sign off on a transfer, we're not sure who owns these cats because we allow such a free form field. I'm asking that we move to a formatted name field that allows a maximum of 3 owner names per cat.

Eigenhauser: How many characters per owner name? **Tartaglia:** It will be a reasonable amount. Another problem is, our certificates and awards are only so large and we have only so much space to print. **Baugh:** Are you talking 3 last names, or three people? **Tartaglia:** Three people.

Johnson: I move to allow a maximum of three owner names per cat, to take place after the current stock of forms is depleted. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Baugh abstained.

Office Matters. In general, the office is operating as usual since Tom Dent's departure earlier this year. As always, the staff is cooperative and everyone has offered to help in any way they can. We are fortunate to have very little employee turnover and I will strive to maintain this number. Should you ever have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at any time.

Tartaglia: Everything is operating in the office as usual. Everyone has been quite helpful. The good news is, our insurance rates have not gone up. We have a strong relationship with the carrier. **DelaBar:** I have complete gratitude towards every single person in the Central Office and the way that everyone has stepped up to the plate. It is a phenomenal group and they work together so well and have phenomenal morale, so thank you!

(7) **WINN FELINE FOUNDATION.**

Winn Feline Foundation Chair George Eigenhauser presented the following report:

*President: Dr. Susan Little
Liaison to CFA Board: George Eigenhauser
Executive Director: Janet Wolf
Board Members: Hilary Helmrich, Thomas Dent, Betty White, George Eigenhauser, Fred Jacobberger*

Brief Summary of Immediate Past Activities:

At our annual grant review meeting on Feb. 3, 2006 in Houston TX, Winn awarded 11 research grants for a total of \$131,364. This represents an increase in funding of over \$20,000 compared to 2005 and was made possible by generous support from CFA, breeders, pet lovers and our own board members. Grants were awarded for a wide variety of projects, including furthering our knowledge of the feline genome, improved assessment of critically ill cats, new treatments for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and feline herpes virus, as well as breed-specific research focused on progressive retinal atrophy and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. We thank our expert grant review panel for their invaluable assistance in selecting the best projects for funding.

As part of our efforts to improve Winn's visibility within the general pet owning public as well as within the media and the veterinary community, we now have a Winn newsroom on GoodNewsForPets.com. Winn also has public relations support from Germinder and Associates, a high profile PR firm for our target audience. Germinder also provides media support for organizations such as the Cat Writers' Assoc. and the National Assoc. of Veterinary Technicians in America, as well as corporations such as Fort Dodge Animal Health and Hill's Pet Nutrition. These services were made possible through a donation from a Winn board member.

Winn is now able to issue regular media releases to inform journalists and the public about our activities. Recent releases featured the 2006 Winn grants, and announced the speakers and topics for the Winn Symposium in June.

We have also been fortunate to be mentioned or acknowledged as an information source by writers for articles in Cat Fancy magazine, Cat Watch newsletter, Purina ProClub newsletter, as well as on Steve Dale's Pet Central WGN radio show (Mar. 18 and Apr. 30) and in his syndicated pieces.

The publication of Royal Canin's A Practical Guide to Cat Breeding has provided several opportunities for promotion of Winn to overseas breeders, such as at Royal Canin's International Convention on feline reproduction held in France on Mar. 8-9, 2006. Similar conferences are being held in Spain (June 3 in Madrid, June 4 in Barcelona) and in Toronto, Canada (Oct. 14). I will represent and promote Winn at each of these meetings, with expenses generously paid by Royal Canin.

Current Happenings:

Since our February 2006 board meeting, most of Winn's activities have been focused on revision of procedures in order to install our first Treasurer outside of CFA's Central Office.

Our Executive Director, Janet Wolf, has been working very hard on targeted mailing campaigns to solicit donations, both within and outside of the cat fancy. Our second direct mailing has just been distributed, with a third including a solicitation scheduled for June. Over time, we hope to develop a new donor base in the pet owning public. For the second year, we hope a campaign aimed at CFA National Winners will provide generous donations to Winn in celebration of success and accomplishment in the show ring. In February, we had a successful mailing to our existing donor base who responded positively to our new efforts and continue to support Winn's efforts to improve feline health. Winn has just been notified that it has been accepted for the National Combined Federal Campaign for another year. Support is growing and we hope with an expanded press release program we can continue to grow this donor source.

Winn's Executive Director has also been working to update our brochures and several were produced over the last few months. We hope to expand this effort over the coming months as education is an important initiative for Winn. Our spring newsletter was distributed in early May.

Winn board members have various projects and goals they continue to work on, such as developing guidelines for breed-specific projects (Hilary Helmrich), writing articles and newsletters (Betty White), estate planning (George Eigenhauser), and Winn's legal issues (Fred Jacobberger).

The 28th Annual Winn Symposium will be held the afternoon of June 15, 2006 in Reno NV. Dr. Kathryn Meurs (Washington State University) will present "An Update on the Genetics of Feline Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy." Dr. Leslie Lyons (University of California, Davis) will present "Color Genetics in Cats and DNA Tests."

Winn is also pleased to co-sponsor the Third International Conference on Advances in Canine and Feline Genomics and Inherited Diseases to be held August 2-5, 2006 at U.C. Davis. This conference will once again bring together international researchers and promises to highlight recent advances in feline genetics.

The call for proposals for our Miller Trust round of funding has been issued with a deadline of July 21, 2006. We expect to have many excellent proposals to consider for our fall grant review meeting. The call for proposals for the 2007 round of Winn grants will be issued by the end of June.

Future Projections:

Two major projects for Winn this year involve our public image. One is a major revision to our website, including a new look and re-organization. One goal is to create a new section for veterinarians in order to share the results of Winn-funded research and promote our Pet Memorial Program. Currently a handful of veterinary clinics provide strong support for this

program, and there is great potential for growth. The other important project is a new logo for Winn. A graphic designer from Germinder and Associates has provided Winn with several choices for a new look. We have narrowed down the selection and we are working with Carol Krzanowski of CO to ensure the final choice will reproduce well on CO equipment. A Winn board member provided the funding for the new logo.

We also expect to see things happening for Winn's newest special fund, the Bria Fund for FIP research. This fund was established with help from Susan Gingrich, who is working on various projects to support and promote the fund. The first large donation to the Bria Fund was received in May from a cat club in Denmark. With support from cat owners, breeders and fanciers, we hope the Bria Fund will realize its first research grant in 2007.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Winn is receiving increasing interest from breeders for the establishment of very specific research goals. Winn's current policies are inadequate to meet these demands for funding breed-specific research. To provide the type of support cat breeders need to investigate problems within breeds, and to handle the volume of such requests, we are developing new policies that we expect to have in place shortly after our June meeting. A fact sheet will be provided to assist breeders in setting up these projects, and to help them understand Winn's policies and requirements. The information will be disseminated via clubs and breed councils.

This meeting will be our first with our new Treasurer, Betsy Gaither. We are excited to have Betsy join our board. She is already hard at work on the arrangements required for her to take over management of Winn's finances. Together with the groundwork supplied by Tom Dent, our outgoing Treasurer, we are assured of a smooth and successful transition.

At this board meeting, we will sadly say goodbye to Tom Dent, who has served Winn with dedication and skill since its inception. Tom's guidance and knowledge will be missed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dr. Susan Little
President, Winn Feline Foundation*

Eigenhauser: Last night we held our annual meeting and election of officers. We welcomed our new Treasurer, Betsy Gaither, who is now a board member and treasurer. Susan Little was elected President, Betty White is Vice President and I am the new Secretary. All of our current board members who were up for re-election were re-elected.

(8) **CFA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.**

Legislation Committee Chair Joan Miller gave the following report:

Committee Chair: Joan Miller
List of Committee Members: George Eigenhauser, Fred Jacobberger,
Phil Lindsley, Dawn Shiley-Danzeisen
CFA Legislative Group: Joan Miller, Sharon Coleman, George Eigenhauser

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Attached is a general overview of the CFA Legislative Group activity during the prior fiscal year 2005-2006.

The CFA Legislative Committee's new member - Dawn Shiley-Danzeisen helped with legislative lobbying on the PAWS bill and we look forward to her adding new perspective and expertise to our efforts. Dawn, since 2001, has been the marketing and communications director for Association and Society Management International, Inc. (ASMI), a Washington, DC area company. She authors articles, press releases, prepares marketing materials, exhibits for clients and is the webmaster for ASMI and the International Aviation Ground Support Association. Previously Dawn has held other positions with various associations including director of public affairs, which covered international trade issues, and communications. She has also managed congressional issues and was a registered lobbyist. She has been the CFA Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Council Secretary since 1997, is active in show production and is the Show Manager for the October 2006 CFA-Iams Cat Championship Show.

We regret the loss of Tom Dent as a member of the Legislative Committee. He has been actively involved since 1990 and helped establish much of CFA's guiding philosophy that continues today regarding public affairs and CFA's approach to grassroots efforts. Tom was the first President of the National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy representing CFA as a founding member for 13 year. Under his leadership the diverse groups making up the council were able to find common ground, mutual respect and successfully work together on animal related issues and research.

Opposition to the federal Pet Animal Welfare Statute of 2005 ("PAWS") continues. Senator Santorum finally issued the long awaited "discussion draft" in March with language changes that did rectify some of the problem areas of the bill. However, this draft also outlined an inspection program proposed by the AKC that would allow an alternative entity to inspect those who would have to be USDA licensed breeder dealers. These inspectors would be required to meet USDA certification requirements that would be determined later through regulation changes. The other major amendment was that cats were added to the restriction on importing of dogs. Sharon Coleman prepared an integrated document incorporating the "discussion draft" provisions with the previously introduced SB1139/HR2669 language into the existing Animal Welfare Act. This document was released to the fanciers on March 19, 2006 and is on the CFA website. We are concerned with implications inherent in the USDA certified inspection scheme

and continue to urge fanciers to ask their congressional representatives not to cosponsor these bills or to withdraw their support.

The Doris Day Animal League, one of the original supporting organizations, officially changed their position in early April to “Oppose”. They expressed objection to the proposed certified third party inspection amendment. Since mid April there has been no further activity on PAWS. We are waiting to see if there will be further changes and when the bill will be revised and considered again in the Senate. AKC and HSUS are determined to see this bill become law.

Legislative page – CFA Fanc-e-Mews recent articles –

- *March/April 2006 issue – “....AND CATS” – Legislative Afterthought Can Create Concerns for Cat Lovers, by George Eigenhauser.*
- *May/June 2006 issue – “Bird Flu Panic Threatens Cats in Germany and Austria” (CFA Legislative Group)*

Current Happenings of Committee/Legislative Group:

Western Veterinary Conference – Allene Tartaglia, Roeann Fulkerson and I attended this scientific convention in Las Vegas February 19-23, with the CFA booth. This is a huge gathering of veterinarians and corporate exhibitors/sponsors and an excellent setting for networking.

HSUS Animal Care Expo – George and I attended this conference in Anaheim, California, March 8-11, 2006 with Linda Berg who handled the CFA booth. We attended interesting sessions, including “Environmental Enrichment for Cats”, “Shelters Helping Feral Cats” and “Animal Hoarding”.

The USDA/APHIS Animal Care Microchip meeting report - George and I attended this all day meeting held May 5, 2006, in San Diego, which was the last in a series of public forums to allow input of information and dialog regarding the “Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking” (ANPR) on Animal Identification Standards. We attended hoping to learn the latest information and issues related to microchips and this federal rulemaking. There were 30 speakers. Written comments to the USDA are due by September 6, 2006. My report on the presentations made at this meeting will be made available to fanciers upon request. CFA’s stance on this ANPR will have to be discussed and determined.

The National Council on Pet Population Study & Policy meeting was attended by George Eigenhauser in Houston, May 11 – 12, 2006. I was able to “attend” through teleconferencing – two days of 6 hours each on the telephone. I serve on the “Scientific Issues Committee” for this organization. George has replaced Tom Dent on the National Council as CFA’s Alternate Member.

The NCPPSP website is: <http://www.petpopulation.org/>

The Council received reports and presentations on several interesting projects completed or underway. A pilot study executed in Texas, which is completed and soon to be published,

involves the population dynamics of freeroaming/feral cats and was presented by Margaret Slater, DVM and Dr. Roel Lopez, wildlife biologist. Julie Levy, DVM, reported on her study published in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association (JAVMA) on Trap/Neuter/Return in Florida. Several studies are now just beginning including one to determine the impact of low-cost spay/neuter programs and monitoring of spay/neutering practices in communities. The major, long term "Shelter Population Index" study phase I is now funded and ready to begin. The purpose is to provide reliable information on the number of dogs and cats entering and leaving animal shelters in the United States. The first step is to determine feasibility of the data collecting system, which is an index concept designed to represent national demographics by collecting accurate data from selected shelters (similar to how the Dow Jones Index works).

The National Council has accepted the invitation from the Alliance for Contraception in Cats and Dogs to participate in the third ACCD international symposia related to contraception science. This will be held November 9-11, 2006 in Alexandria, Virginia.

Previous work of the National Council has led to valuable information to define the problems of homeless cats and dogs and this data has been helpful in combating legislation and in providing alternatives to solve community pet population problems. At each meeting the various member organizations discuss their activities on behalf of animals. The sheltering professionals in the Council are especially interested in CFA's Feline Agility program and are eager to see and have a video.

Shelter outreach - I presented two talks in February at Iowa State University School of Veterinary Medicine on cats in the shelter environment to students in the Maddies' Shelter Medicine Program, local shelter staff, volunteers and faculty members. (All expenses paid by the University) I also presented a full day of training on handling of cats in the shelter environment and the basics of feline color/pattern to the staff of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, CA, shelter in San Bernardino County at the invitation of Nathan Winograd, No Kill Solutions consultant.

Future Projections for Committee:

Networking with the sheltering community, veterinarians and lawmakers is ongoing. The purpose is to understand the problems and trends motivating legislation. We continue to find ways to provide perspective on the cat fancy views to those in animal related fields and government.

I have an all day training of shelter staff scheduled for June 5, 2006 for the City of Los Angeles at the invitation of Ed Boks, General Manager of LA Animal Services.

CFA will again be an affiliated sponsor for Pet Night on Capitol Hill, which will be held September 12, 2006 in Washington, DC. This event includes congressional members and staff, USDA staff, veterinarians and pet industry representatives. We will need to raise funds for the Sy Howard Legislative Fund to cover our sponsorship and gift item for 900 attendee. The coalition on health and public affairs will meet the next day in the Animal Health Institute's offices to

discuss legislation related to non-economic damages and other issues of mutual interest to the various aligned organizations.

We are monitoring a federal bill that relates to considering pet evacuations in emergencies. The concept of this bill is positive but language is being amended, possibly to include mandated microchipping. We will determine an appropriate stance and provide guidance when more information is available.

Action Items:

None at this time.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

We will present updates on the PAWS bill and other pending legislative matters.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Miller, Chair*

(9) **ANIMAL WELFARE/PUREBRED RESCUE.**

Animal Welfare/Purebred Rescue Chair Linda Berg gave the following report:

ANIMAL WELFARE

Committee Chair: Linda Berg

I attended the HSUS Convention in Anaheim, CA in March with Joan Miller. It was again a wonderful tool for me to meet and greet Animal Control Officers. I was also able to attend seminars during the times I did not have to be in the booth, which are always beneficial.

This year I brought CFA Purebred Rescue Brochures (printed up at our own expense) and a CFA Purebred Rescue Poster (again at our own expense). As Joan can attest we heard many compliments on what a wonderful job this group and Linda Mercer does. They were also really impressed with the Operation Nobel Foster Program (we just finished the brochure on it!).

Current Happenings of Committee:

I am trying to work out ways to make the gathering of information easier. I've discussed with you that it is more and more difficult to get the court records etc. I'm wondering if we can turn this around ... the people are already suspended because in most cases we know AC has gone in. Could we put the burden of proof on the person that is suspended? They would have to provide me with court information that shows what happened. Obviously if they were convicted they wouldn't provide it to me and would remain suspended. If the information I had received was not correct I'm sure they would get me copies of the information to prove their innocence. They have easy access to the information I am seeking and instead of me trying to get someone to do the legwork to go into the different courthouses they would do it themselves. Does the board think this is a workable solution?

Eigenhauser: I have an issue with teaching the burden of proof and that you're guilty until proven innocent. Those principles are part of our culture now instead of strict legal rulings. We created a solution [mandatory cattery inspections] to this problem a few years ago that is working. By the same token, our standards are different from Animal Control. We discipline for violating our values, our ideals and our standards. If the facts are there to show they violated our standards, it doesn't matter what Animal Control did. There's too much focus on what happened in court. **Berg:** I am asking that in cases where we suspect a problem, we ask them to do an inspection every 3 months or every 6 months, rather than just one time. **Shaffer:** Probationary status and doing cattery inspections on a more frequent basis is a good idea. **Eigenhauser:** The solution we created is a work in progress, so I see this as an incremental upgrade. We have to come up with a policy.

We have our 75+ kittens from February. The numbers were up again and they do NOT want to do the inspections. I've also had two large scale catteries that I asked to do a cattery inspection and worked with the local AC to try and clean them up... the first one from 2004 at the time had 80 cats and they were just shut down this month with 323 in horrible condition. The second one is a COE and for the inspection last year she had 62 cats and when USDA went in there were

close to 200. We are a registering body but when is too many cats too many? In both of these cases the problem was there and we worked with AC to help them clean it up and obviously it escalated. I'm thinking in cases like this when we know there has been a obvious problem that we could ask them to do an inspection every three months or every six. Would the board feel we were invading their privacy?

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue to work with Purebred Rescue and the different Animal Agencies. We have gained so much respect in the past years and continue to do so each time we work with someone new on these cases.

Action Items:

Input from the Board on the above questions/suggestions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Berg, Chair

Breeder Assistance Program

Definition: This is for catteries that find themselves overwhelmed for various reasons. Under no circumstance is this to be called rescue; it is breeders helping other breeders and their cats, not rescue. Reasons for such requests for help include:

- Number of Cats beyond care capacity
- New Legislation in the area that affects their numbers
- Cases of Illness, Temporary or Permanent Disability
- Temporary loss of home
- Acts of Nature
- Death without provision for the animals.

Who will coordinate:

- Head of Committee who will contact Regional Coordinators

Each region will have a coordinator for Breeder Assistance who will contact for help:

- Breed Clubs/Council
- CFA Clubs
- Individual breeders in the assistance area

Interventions for overpopulation: If possible, perform an "intervention" to downsize cattery when breeder will continue breeding. Such interventions to occur ONE TIME ONLY. Also, provide advice on advertising cats and help with re-homing. The breeder when able will help financially with some of the costs. (**Interventions of this type to be followed up with regularly scheduled monitoring for 6 months to a year to prevent recurrence**)

CFA Purebred Rescue will forward info of this kind to the Breeders Assistance Coordinator as long as A/C is not involved and there has been no seizure.

Breeders Assistance will contact CFA Purebred Rescue if the numbers are too large for them to handle on their own, if A/C is involved, or if the conditions are so bad and the animals so ill they cannot handle it.

Each Region will start a website or share one website searchable by region or state specifically for retired kitties to help breeders place cats no longer needed in a breeding program.

(Alternatively, Committee might investigate working with Fanciers.com and/or breedlist.com.). There will be an appropriate disclaimer to avoid liability. Individuals will have the ability to list their own and pictures, and remove them as they are placed. Funding will be needed for advertising this website, which could be organized similar to Petfinder.com. The Committee will evaluate local resources and plan for resources that will be needed to accomplish this. This may take some trial and error initially as the network expands and situations present themselves.

Committee will provide guidelines for placement for cats.

Committee will have a legal advisor.

Funding will be needed for veterinary services and possibly janitorial services in serious cases.

All information provided to the committee shall remain confidential within the committee.

Berg: This has come about because Purebred Rescue is involved in situations where there are other breeders' cats that are not microchipped and there is nothing to prove who the cats are. I've set up a program that's going to be called the Breeder Assistance Program. Each region will have a coordinator. **Miller:** This has good potential. We could work out some of the terminology. The concept is good. **Eigenhauser:** We have always been lacking getting to people before Animal Control gets them. When we know somebody has been a problem and they need help, we need to put together that help and get it to them before it gets out of control. **Calhoun:** Do you have any idea about the level of funding? **Berg:** I expect donations to be raised from the breeders themselves. They would help us financially. This isn't going to be a free service.

PUREBRED RESCUE

Committee Chair:

Diana Engelbert

Liaison to the Board:

Linda Berg

List of Committee Members:

Linda Pollack Mercer, MD President & Rescue Coordinator of PCBR

Diana Engelbart, Treasurer of PCBR

Wanda Roe, President, Persian and Himalayan Rescue

DeLynne Satimore, The International Cat Association, Inc. (TICA) Liaison and Chair of the TICA Rescue Committee

Warren Cox, Retired - previously Director, SPCA of Texas (Dallas, TX); Montgomery Co. Animal Shelter (Dayton, OH); Director of Animal Protection for the American

*Humane Association (Denver, CO); now at SunCoast
Humane (FL) on an interim basis
Jaimie Christian*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

- *Approximately 500 cats rescued*
- *\$5,414.02 in donations*
- *\$5,361.59 in veterinary and rescue related expenses, including some bills from last year*
- *\$1118.00 in printing expenses (\$1,000.00 to be reimbursed by TICA)*

Current Happenings of Committee:

- *Established fundraising partnerships with Amazon.com CashForCritters and Pampered Chef*
- *Initiated tracking of rescues by breed and location*
- *Developed brochure for Operation Noble Foster*
- *Developed and printed brochures for CFAPR/Purebred Cat Breed Rescue and Hoarding*
- *Participated in Pentagon concert event and had booth there that was well received*
- *Participated in HSUS Expo with presentation of Pamphlets and materials at CFA Booth*
- *Developed emergency contact magnets for fundraising*
- *Received proposal for liability insurance*
- *Prepared and submitted request for PetSmart “Leader of the Pack” grant – received initial approval.*

Future Projections for Committee:

- *Further develop fundraising activities*
 - ◊ *Deploy Amazon.com, Cash for Critters and Pampered Chef fundraisers*
 - ◊ *Prepare “Leader of the Pack” application for funding for booth(s) and pamphlets through PetSmart Charities*
 - ◊ *Develop other fundraising items*
- *Continue to develop rescue/breed tracking system*

Action Items:

- *Deploy Amazon.com, Cash for Critters and Pampered Chef fundraisers*
- *Identify possible additional fundraising items to develop/implement*
- *Obtain liability insurance*
- *Request CFA Pamphlets be provided free for our booths:*
 - ◊ *Neuter and Spay, It’s the Humane Way*
 - ◊ *Your Cat is Safer Indoors*
 - ◊ *Your Pet Can Survive a Disaster*
 - ◊ *Myths and Facts About Cats*

- ◊ Winn Feline Foundation
- ◊ Changing Laws affect Pet Ownership
- Request Regional Directors encourage regional shows to hold fundraisers
- Request "Vendor" Booth at International, preferably near entrance
- Develop Limit Law brochure that focuses on rescue issues

DelaBar: Since they are a 501(c)(3), they have no action items that concern this board.

Time Frame:

May-August

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Status of above items.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Diana Engelbart, Chair*

SPRINGTIME FOR CFA AND NOBLE FOSTER TOO
By Allen Scruggs; Nekomo Cattery

The opportunity to be a part of CFA Purebred Rescue Inc., to show the world the bright, compassionate side of The Cat Fanciers' Association and to provide a much-needed service to cats and to America's service men and women who love them is time well spent. Having been invited by the board of CFA Purebred Rescue to represent Noble Foster at two events sponsored by America Supports You, a group who coordinates efforts of many groups who support our troops here and overseas, was a great honor. I have attended two events at The Pentagon where I even met Donald Rumsfeld. Before too much more is said I must tell all that our work with Noble Foster is not a political one! It is in fact in the best interests of those cats that need temporary foster homes while their owners serve in Iraq, Afghanistan etc.

The first event was a media event where Don Rumsfeld gave a talk and recognized the efforts of the entire group who support our troops. We were given a fascinating tour of the Pentagon, the preliminary memorial for those who died in 9/11, the 17 miles of corridors, and the huge shopping mall (yes, that right –the huge shopping mall with restaurants, shops, etc.). We had our picture taken with Rumsfeld. I need to thank Kathy Porhashimi for getting me home from that event.

For the second event in April, I talked Michele Cooney into joining me to help pass out brochures, talk to as many attendees as possible, to get information out about Noble Foster, and to meet and learn from other groups that were represented and understand what their contribution is to those who serve the military. A splendid bright day made it all the more appealing. Held in the commons of the Pentagon, which is truly lovely in the spring, we set up our display and brochures.

A nice lunch was served provided by the Department of Defense. Gary Senise, fresh back from Afghanistan the previous day, provided rock music, signed autographs (Michele got one for her friend Phyllis Hunt, a big Senise fan). Rumsfeld spoke in appreciation of all the groups and what they provide for the service people, many of whom stepped out into the crowd, as did he himself and shook hands with those attending. I got to shake Rumsfeld's hand again. The crowd all loved the music and got to learn more about the many facets of support for those in service who need it most. They gained a deeper understanding of CFA's role and just how much we love and work for cats.

Many who took our literature had no previous knowledge of our efforts but were clearly delighted to learn about it. Nine out of ten would simply say "What a great idea". My own personal response some time ago was exactly the same. CFA Purebred Rescue's important work for pedigree cats and cats in general was duly recognized. Lots of people were receptive to Noble Foster's idea, which promises to be further publicized through the media we met and who interviewed us. Not only will Noble Foster benefit from the coverage but CFA will as well. A video of the entire day was to be produced for the Department of Defense by the USO. You should have seen the sound boom. It must have been fully 20 feet or more long while slowly passing over the whole event. All these interviews, film, Senise's concert, Rumsfeld's talk, our own interviews will be included and offered world wide to our troops. Now that's great for CFA, great for pedigreed cats and great for us all. Did I forget to mention that Gary Senise' is one of the cast members of CSI, a personal favorite TV show- I hope that made up for not liking the rock music. You can't please all the people all the time! Along with the service people a number of hard hatters who were repairing the building's pediments, windows and exterior walls appeared to like the music. I must say there was something for everyone.

I would certainly like to think that these events as well as our other efforts help save animals and comfort the war weary. I have mentioned pedigreed cats many times in this piece, but it applies to all cats, pedigreed and non-breed specific. There are others doing the same with dogs, birds and other pets. Clearly Americans love their animals. They give so much to so many. They well deserve our love and full support.

(10) JUDGING PROGRAM.

Judging Program Chair Rachel Anger presented the following report and made all standing motions with the right to vote no:

Committee Chair: *Rachel Anger – Letters of Complaint; Board of Directors Meeting Reports; General Communication and Oversight*

List of Committee Members: *Norman Auspitz – Representative on the CFA Protest Committee; Judging Program Rules and Updates; File Administrator; Judges' Education (Breed Awareness and Orientation School)*

Carla Bizzell – Domestic File Administrator

Ellyn Honey – Mentor Program Administrator

Becky Orlando – Japan and International Division Trainee and File Administrator; guest judges (CFA judges in approved foreign associations, licensed judges from approved foreign associations in CFA)

Neil Quigley – New Applicants (inquiries, queries, follow ups, counseling); Teach Judging Application Process at Breed Awareness & Orientation School

Donna Jean Thompson – Domestic Trainee Administrator

Annette Wilson – Domestic File Administrator

Bob Zenda – Judges' Education (Workshops, Judges' Test)

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

At the February 2006 board meeting, the CFA Board of Directors disbanded the JPC and reverted the Judging Program to a committee structure. Although the JPC was a beautiful concept and served us well for many years, the CFA Board voted to implement this change because they felt the committee format would better serve their needs at this time. Therefore, the Judging Program was (re)formed and populated with the above personnel. It has been a slow process which is still ongoing and evolving.

Thank You Messages: The Judging Program Committee has received notes of appreciation from Holly Ayers, Dee Dee Cantley and Carolyn Lyons for their recent advancements.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Soon, Ellyn Honey will add to her Judging Program duties by joining Donna Jean Thompson as a Domestic Trainee Administrator. We are looking at a large batch of trainees in the near future, and it is simply too much work for one person. The logistics of the Co-Trainee Administrator position are yet to be worked out. Becky Orlando will continue to be the Japan and International Division Trainee Administrator.

International/Guest Judging Assignments: Permission has been granted for the following:

CFA Judges to Judge International Assignments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>City/Country</u>	<u>Date</u>
Donna Fuller	Cat Assoc of Tasmania	Tasmanian Smooth & Fluffy	Hobart, Tasmania	8/19/06
Donna Fuller	Gov.Council of the Cat Fancy	The Birman Society	Melbourne, Victoria	8/26/06
Donna Fuller	New Zealand Cat Fancy	Kapiti Cat Club	Kapiti, New Zealand	9/3/06
Jody Garrison	CCCA	NSW Cat Fanciers	Sydney, Australia	7/16/06
Jody Garrison	FCCV	Feline Cat Victoria	Melbourne, Australia	7/23/06
Jody Garrison	LABCC	Launceston CC	Tasmania	7/30/06
Nancy Dodds	FIFE	Ostkallen Club	Norrkoping, Sweden	10/21/06
Kim Everett-Hirsch	WARATAH	Sydney Pet & Animal Expo	Sydney, Australia	11/9-11/06
Kim Everett-Hirsch	WARATAH	Mad Catters CC	Sydney, Australia	9/1-2/07
Kim Everett-Hirsch	WARATAH	Mad Catters CC	Brisbane, Australia	9/8-9/07

Non-CFA Judges requesting permission to guest judge CFA shows:

<u>Judge</u>	<u>ASSN</u>	<u>CFA Show</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Olga Rakytnyh	RUI	Nika Feline Center	Moscow, Russia	4/8/06
Allan Raymond	FCCV	Feline Society of Malaysia	Malaysia	7/8/06
Cheryl Pollock	FCCV	Feline Society of Malaysia	Malaysia	7/8/06
Michael Schleissner	WCF	Feline Fanciers of Benelux	Brussels, Belgium	10/1/06
Andrea Ustinov	RUI	Rolandus Cat Club	Kiev, Ukraine	11/11/06
Inna Shustrova	RUI	Rolandus Cat Club	Kiev, Ukraine	11/11/06
Olga Arsenkina	RUI	Rolandus Cat Club	Kiev, Ukraine	11/11/06
Victoria Pohvalina	RUI	Rolandus Cat Club	Kiev, Ukraine	11/11/06
Michael Schleissner	WCF	Dutch Purrpuss CC	Wychen Netherlands	3/4/07

Acceptance/Advancements: The following individuals are presented to the Board for acceptance/advancement: [NOTE: Treasurer Calhoun was up for consideration for acceptance into the Judging Program, and she chose to recuse herself from all deliberations, so “abstain” will appear in each instance as her vote.]

Accept as Trainee:

Kathy Calhoun (LH – 1 st Specialty)	18 yes; 1 abstain (Calhoun)
Dennis Ganoe (LH – 2 nd Specialty)	18 yes; 1 abstain (Calhoun)
Teresa Keiger (SH – 1 st Specialty)	18 yes; 1 abstain (Calhoun)
Sharon Powell (SH – 2 nd Specialty)	18 yes; 1 abstain (Calhoun)
John Webster (SH – 2 nd Specialty)	18 yes; 1 abstain (Calhoun)

Advance to Apprentice Specialty:

B. Iris Tanner (SH – 2nd Specialty)

14 yes; 3 no (Johnson, Cummings, Barnaby); 2 abstain (Koizumi, Calhoun)

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

*Marsha Ammons (SH – 1st Specialty)
Marjorie Collier (LH – 2nd Specialty)
Ed Davis (LH – 2nd Specialty)
Megumi Yamashita (LH – 1st Specialty)*

*18 yes; 1 abstain (Calhoun)
18 yes; 1 abstain (Calhoun)
18 yes; 1 abstain (Calhoun)
18 yes; 1 abstain (Calhoun)*

Advance to Approved Specialty:

*Vicki Baylus (SH – 1st Specialty)
Dennis Ganoe (SH – 1st Specialty)
Barbara Jaeger (LH – 1st Specialty)
Jeff Janzen (LH – 2nd Specialty)
Kazuko Kurokawa (SH – 1st Specialty)
Edward Maeda (LH – 2nd Specialty)
Jo Ann Miksa-Blackwell (SH – 2nd Specialty)
Sharon Powell (LH – 1st Specialty)
John Webster (LH – 1st Specialty)
Beverly Wood (SH – 2nd Specialty)*

*18 yes; 1 abstain (Calhoun)
18 yes; 1 abstain (Calhoun)*

Advance to Approval Pending Allbreed:

*Jeff Janzen
Edward Maeda
Jo Ann Miksa-Blackwell
Beverly Wood*

*18 yes; 1 abstain (Calhoun)
18 yes; 1 abstain (Calhoun)
18 yes; 1 abstain (Calhoun)
18 yes; 1 abstain (Calhoun)*

Advance to Approved Allbreed:

*Kathy Black
Hisako Komota
Jan Rogers*

Ayumi Ueda

*18 yes; 1 abstain (Calhoun)
18 yes; 1 abstain (Calhoun)
12 yes; 6 no (Cummings, Barnaby, DelaBar, Angell, Shaffer, J. Watson)
1 abstain (Calhoun)
18 yes; 1 abstain (Calhoun)*

Anger moved to grant a one year leave of absence to Judge Steven Gardea, with the caveat that he must take the judges' test prior to returning from leave. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Anger, Chair*

(11) PROTEST COMMITTEE.

Protest Committee Chair **George Eigenhauser** gave the Protest Committee report containing recommendations for disposition of pending matters (see item #47).

<i>Committee Chair:</i>	<i>George Eigenhauser, Jr.</i>
<i>Committee Members:</i>	<i>Philip Lindsley; Chuck Reich; Betsy Arnold</i>
<i>Japan Liaison:</i>	<i>Yoko Imai</i>
<i>European Liaison:</i>	<i>Peter Vanwonderghem</i>
<i>Animal Welfare Liaison:</i>	<i>Linda Berg</i>
<i>Judging Program Liaison:</i>	<i>Norman Auspitz</i>
<i>Legal Counsel:</i>	<i>Fred Jacobberger</i>

Upon standing motion, **Eigenhauser** moved that all items on the Protest Committee Report not in dispute be accepted. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried [vote sealed].**

Publication of Suspensions:

As we migrate to online, it was noted that although permanent suspensions (as well as the “permanent temporary suspensions”) are published in the hard-copy Almanac, they do not appear online. I have requested they be published in the Online Almanac, which is password protected. However, this does not protect the general public, who may be harmed by catteries suspended by CFA. I would request, after consultation with our attorney, that the Board adopt a policy allowing publication in an area of the web site accessible to the public.

Action Item:

*That individuals and catteries under suspension from CFA (other than temporary Animal Welfare suspensions pending investigation) be listed in an area of the web site accessible to the public, along with such disclaimer as may be necessary. Temporary suspensions when done as punishment (i.e. other than temporary Animal Welfare suspensions pending investigation) should be listed until CFA services are restored. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.***

*Respectfully Submitted,
George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
Protest Committee Chairman*

(12) CFA/IAMS CAT CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW.

Liaison Pam DelaBar presented the following report:

<i>Committee Chair:</i>	<i>Pam Huggins</i>
<i>Liaison to Board:</i>	<i>Pam DelaBar</i>
<i>Committee Members:</i>	<i>Dawn M. Shiley-Danzeisen (Show Manager)</i> <i>David White (Assistant Show Manager)</i> <i>Allene Tartaglia (CFA Director of Special Projects)</i> <i>Roeann Fulkerson (CFA Director of Corporate Marketing and Public Relations)</i>

Huggins: Show Manager Dawn Shiley and I would like to thank the board for this opportunity. We'll try very hard to bring this show in successfully so that we have a much better trade-off on the publicity and media event that it presents our cats and CFA.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The new Committee Chairperson, Pam Huggins, and Show Manager, Dawn Shiley were named following the February 2006 Board Meeting and would like to thank the Board for their continued support of this show. After accepting the positions, we:

- ◊ *immediately initiated “information gathering” actions, and*
 - *requested copies and reviewed all contracts and financials for the 2004 and 2005 shows;*
 - *conducted a zero baseline review on income and expenses;*
 - *spoke at length with previous show management and committee personnel;*
 - *confirmed and followed through on commitments and obligations of previous show management;*
 - *sought bids or proposals for competitive selection of hotel, decorator, and website maintenance;*
 - *identified and invited fanciers to work on the 2006 show; and,*
 - *finalized an estimated realistic budget.*
- ◊ *met with CFA Director of Special Projects, Allene Tartaglia to:*
 - *refine procedures for a cooperative team approach with a proactive philosophy to focus on upcoming needs and goals, rather than past requirements and outcomes;*
 - *identify problem areas and probable solutions;*
 - *discuss change in floor plan, reduction of certain events, and personnel requirements.*

Huggins: David White will be the assistant show manager. We are trying very hard to use all North Atlantic Region people. We are bringing Agility down to the main floor so more people can participate. The website is being updated.

Current Happenings of Committee:

- ◊ *Contracts Signed:*

- *Metro Exposition (Decorator);*
- *Affinia Hotel;*
- *PDC (Peter Collins, PR); and,*
- *Mid Atlantic Show Service (cage service, agility set up, and entry clerk service).*
- *Judges contracts (signed and returned to Central Office). Clerking contracts in progress.*

◊ *Contracts Under Negotiation:*

- *Website maintenance (draft edited and returned);*
- *Madison Square Garden (committed, waiting formal contract); and,*
- *Printing services for possible contract (gathering estimates).*

Action Items:

- ◊ *Continue working closely with Director of Corporate Marketing for budget requirements.*
 - *Director of Corporate Marketing is negotiating with approximately 14 companies to secure sponsorship for the show.*
 - *Money firmly committed at report time is \$139,500 (includes commissionable and non-commissionable allocations). Information as of 7 May.*
- ◊ *Document and refine expenses as more information becomes available.*
- ◊ *Continue working closely with Director of Special Projects to finalize show flyer, web site maintenance contract and update information on web pages.*
- ◊ *Implement new “Benefactor Program” (replaces Stars on Broadway) for personal, club, or other donations to support the show. Those contributing will receive recognition in show hall and show catalog.*
- ◊ *Confirm additional show personnel roles and obtain commitments. Actively seeking more NAR personnel for positions.*
- ◊ *Determine Centennial Celebration plans and commitments to be included in MSG show.*
- ◊ *Modify show hall floor plan as sponsor, vendor, special events requirements are confirmed.*

Shiley: We have an action item, to select the 2007-2008 judging assignments. **J.**

Watson: We voted to move forward with the CFA-Iams New York show this year on a temporary basis, so why are we planning 2 years in advance? **Shiley:** So the judges can take assignments or not. **Huggins:** The judges are not actually contracted until the board makes a decision.

2007	2008
Kitty Angell	Rachel Anger
Wain Harding	Larry Atkison
David Mare	Walter Hutzler
Darrell Newkirk	Lois Jensen
Barbara Sumner	Wayne Trevathan
Gary Veach	Don Williams
Jo Ann Cummings – Best of the Best	Kim Everett-Hirsch – Best of the Best

Future Projections for Committee:

- ◊ *The committee's goal is to re-engineer all areas to produce a well run, well attended show/media event without significant budget loss to CFA.*

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

- ◊ *Updated Information on expenses, sponsorship, special events, publicity, and any additional information applicable to the show.*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Huggins, Chair*

Barnaby: I would like to compliment Pam and Dawn on a report that makes a lot of sense. They have told us where they have investigated and tried to find ways to save money that was maybe being overspent last time, and they have given us an overview of everything that they are looking forward to doing. I think that they should be complimented on this report.

(13) CFA INTERNATIONAL CAT SHOW.

International Show Committee Chair Debbie Kusy gave the following report:

Kusy: The Game Show Network is going to be taping at the International Show this year. **Fulkerson:** CFA is a super organization to sell, and there's a tremendous amount of interest from so many people and companies. Jim Casey is the executive producer hired by Game Show Network to produce the show for CFA to be televised. **DelaBar:** This is the man who put on the Eukanuba Tournament of Champions in dogs. **Fulkerson:** He feels very confident that he will project the best interests of the cat fancy. **Johnson:** We've worked for years to try to figure out how we can make ourselves friendly to producers of shows and capitalize on that publicity. There might be some adjustments we can make to be more pet friendly and build to a climax. **Kusy:** I want to make sure we have free reign to do this. **Eigenhauser:** This is essentially a reality show, and we've got to be cooperative about setting up scenes to create an over-all good flow as to what is going on at our cat shows. **Johnson** made a motion to give the International Show Committee leeway to start planning the entertainment, procedures and systems related to taping of the show by the Game Show Network. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(14) CLERKING PROGRAM.

Clerking Program Chair **Regina Shaffer** gave the following report:

*Committee Chair: Regina Shaffer
List of Committee Members: Nancey Thomas-Abbott, Marsha Ammons, John
Hiemstra, Teresa Keiger, Gina Lehman, Rob Loot,
Yoshiko Moriya, Becky Orlando, Neil Quigley, Pam
Sogge, and Cheryl Thieler*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Since my February 2006 Report we have added eight (8) clerks to the Clerking Program. We currently have 349 clerks of various levels: Master Clerk Instructors (MCI) we increase by one to a total of 26, Master Clerks (MC) increased by two to a total of 135, and Certified Ring Clerks increased by five to a total of 188. We increased by twenty-nine clerks during the last year (+2 MCIs, +11 MCs, +18 RCs).

Statistically, our greatest numbers of clerks reside in Region 7 and 8 with 18.9% & 18.1% respectfully. The least number of clerks by area are located in the International Division with 5.7%. The remaining Regions (R1-R6) range between 8% & 10.3%. Basically our ratio of clerks per region is roughly the same split as last year.

The interest in the Clerking Program continues to grow as we have had 22 clerking schools since the last Annual. These schools were mostly in the States however we had 7 schools in the International Division and 5 in Japan. Since my last report we have had 8 clerking school covering seven states and one in Japan. These schools were taught by six MCs working towards their MCI and 2 MCIs. We have six schools planned in the coming months including one in Malaysia.

During the last year we also conducted two Entry Clerking Schools. Both of these seemed to be well received by those attending.

Current Happenings of Committee:

We did complete and print all three clerking manuals: Clerking Guidelines & Procedures, Clerking Manual, and Master Clerking Manual. I would like to thank my Manuals Committee: Marsha Ammons, Pam Sogge, Rob Loot, and Teresa Keiger for helping to put what we feel is excellent resource material for anyone interested in the clerking program as well as necessary for those already in the program. We reformatted the manuals with all the procedures necessary for advancing & training now located solely in the Guideline & Procedures while the Clerking & Master Clerking Manuals now contain only information related directly to those functions. All three of these manuals have also translated into Japanese, thanks to Yoshiko Moriya.

The biennial Clerking Test was mailed to all currently paid licensed clerks in April along with the above clerking manuals. We had 90 questions for Certified Clerks and an additional 10

questions for our Master Clerks & Master Clerk Instructions. Passing scores are 85% for Certified Clerks and 90% for Master Clerks & Master Clerk Instructions. I would like to thank my Clerking Test Committee for the outstanding job they did in providing a variety of questions: Marsha Ammons, Pam Sogge, Gina Lehman, Cheryl Thieler, and John Hiemstra, I would like to include a special acknowledgement to Marsha Ammons for her extensive work formatting this year's test. A necessary part of any test is to Beta test it. Thanks to our Beta Testers: Becky Orlando, Pam Sogge, Neil Quigley, and Nancey Abbott. I offer my sincere Thanks to everyone that worked on this project – A job well done!

Future Projections for Committee:

In conjunction with the 2006 CIS in San Mateo, we again will be holding an Entry Clerking School, as well as an accredited Ring Clerking School.

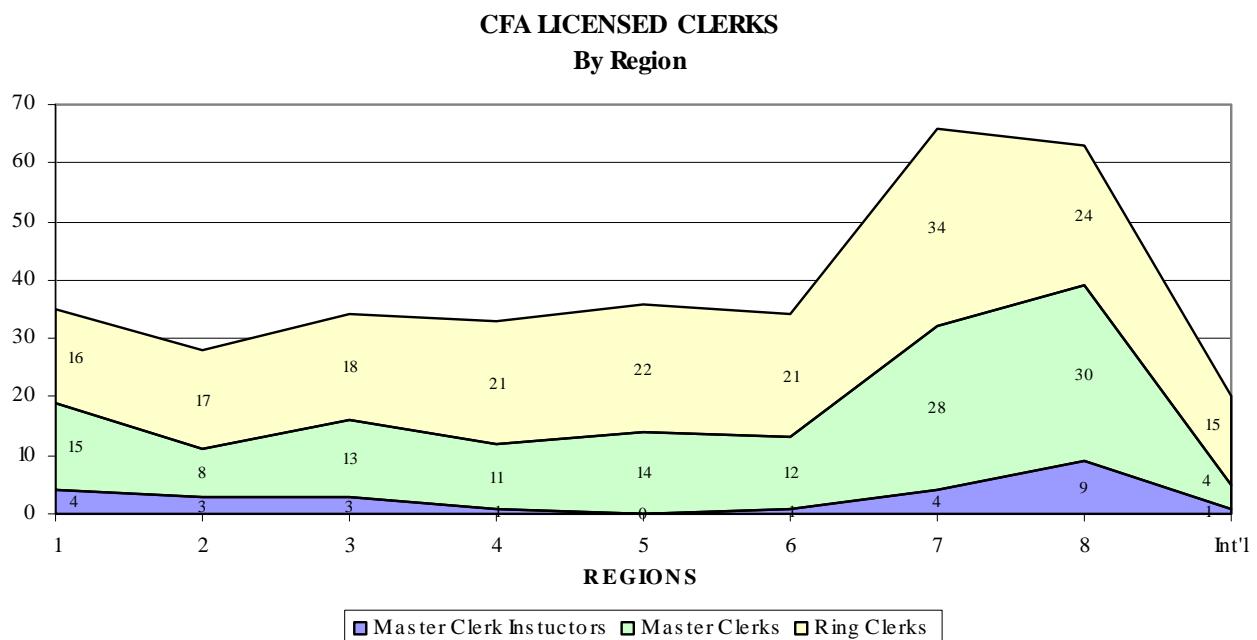
Action Items:

None

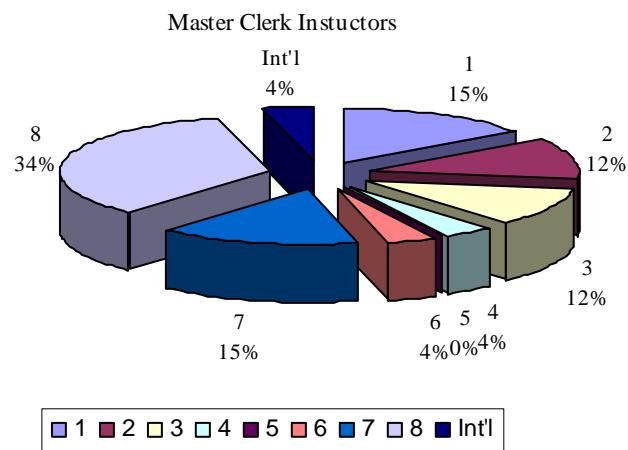
What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

For the October meeting, I will review the results of the 2006 Clerking Test.

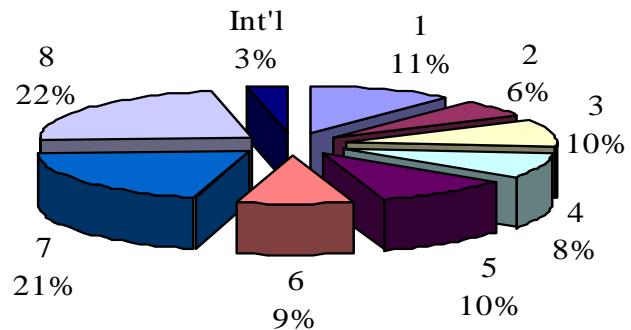
*Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Shaffer, Chair*



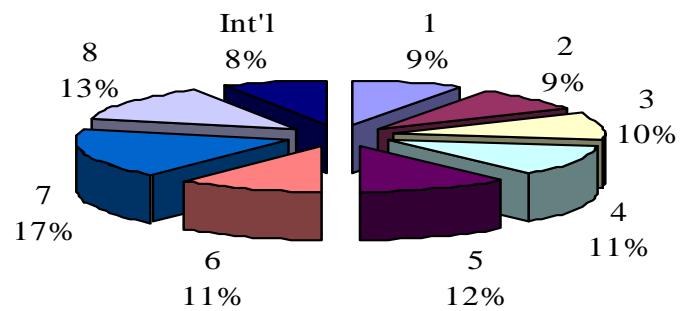
Clerks By Region



Master Clerks



Ring Clerks



(15) BREEDS AND STANDARDS.

Breeds and Standards Chair Annette Wilson presented the following report with a standing motion and the right to vote no.

Committee Chair:Annette Wilson

List of Committee Members:Debbie Kusy, Peg Johnson

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

February, 2006 Board Meeting

- *Breed Council ballot items were presented, discussed and voted upon.*
- *American Bobtails were advanced from PROV to Championship Status*
- *Siberians were advanced from PROV to Championship Status*

Current Happenings of Committee:

1. *The February, 2006 Board Meeting was the first time any breeds advanced to championship since the formation of **Breed Committees**. Are breed committees automatically converted to Breed Councils? Does the Breed Committee chair automatically become Breed Council Secretary for the remainder of the term (until the next scheduled BC election)? Breed Committee chairs are elected in the same manner as Breed Council Secretaries. Recommend the BOD approve this policy (see action item #1 below).*
2. *Should CFA consider having a standard definition for Domestic Shorthair and Domestic Longhair? There are breeds that outcross to domestic cats and a BC Secretary has suggested there be a standard definition (i.e., non-pedigreed, no wild blood). Though this only affects a few breeds (American Curl, Sphynx) it is on the agenda for the BCS meeting with the BOD on Thursday. Suggested: **DOMESTIC LONGHAIR/SHORTHAI**R: Any cat belonging to *Felis domesticus* not registered, nor readily identifiable, as a recognized breed by an registry body.*
3. *Outcross extensions seem to be coming up in email inquiries from breed council secretaries. The question most frequently asked is how many years before the “expiration” date should a BC ask for an extension; also, can a breed ask for (and expect to get) an “indefinite” outcross period.*
4. *Email correspondence requesting information on application for Snowshoes, Munchkins and Napoleons (I always thought that was a pastry). Referred to cfa.org pages with information on acceptance of new breeds for registration. Do not appear to be any organized groups; just inquiries by individuals.*
5. *Common color description project is underway with volunteer Cheryl Coleman putting a spreadsheet together of the various descriptions by breed. Several other volunteers willing to work on this project.*

6. *PROV/MISC Breed Report forms – still working on ideas for revisions.*

Future Projections for Committee:

- *Continue working on Provisional and Miscellaneous Breed Report forms*
- *Continue organizing Color descriptions*

Action Items:

Confirm Breed Committee Secretary in place at time a breed advances to Championship status will continue as Breed Council Secretary until the time of the next Breed Council Secretary election.

Wilson: In February, we advanced two breeds to championship. Does the breed committee chair automatically become the breed council secretary for the remainder of the term?

DelaBar: It makes sense not to spend money to put on another election. **Wilson** moved to confirm that the Breed Committee Secretary in place at the time a breed advances to Championship status will continue as Breed Council Secretary until the time of the next Breed Council Secretary election. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

October, 2006 – Updates on current projects.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Wilson, Chair*

(16) PUBLICATIONS.

Publications Chair **Donna Brawner** presented the following report:

*Committee Chair: Donna Brawner
Liaison to Board: Kathy Calhoun
List of Committee Members: Elizabeth Gaither, Chris Willingham, Allen Scruggs*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

- I. *In February 2006, the Board approved writing a book proposal and cover letter to be sent to various publishers for bids on a National CFA book.*
- II. *At the same time, approval was given to bid out the publication of the Almanac in an inexpensive format.*

Current Happenings of the Committee:

The book proposal was written based upon the criteria suggested in How to Write the Perfect Book Proposal. The book was submitted to twelve publishers who did not require a literary agent. The committee is now waiting for responses to these proposals.

Bids to print the Almanac are included with the report under Addendum A. That proposal was based upon these specifications:

*Paper size: 8.5 x 11, back and front, black and white,
Paper weight: 60#
Print Method: Offset
Binding: collated and stitched
Number of copies: 2000
Printers were asked to submit two bids: one for 40 pages and one for 80 pages.*

Future Projections for Committee:

Upon receipt of bids from publishers for the national book, the Director of Corporate Marketing and Public Relations (DCMPR) will be contacted to review proposals for the most advantageous offer for CFA. Proposals will then be submitted to the board for their perusal, input, and final approval.

A printer for the Almanac will be selected. Plans to combine subscriptions to the online Almanac and print Almanac will move forward.

After reviewing book proposals and Almanac format, new job descriptions will be written by the Publication Committee with James Watson's assistance. Also, additional staffing should be considered if the board approves a national book.

The Yearbook

Proposals:

1. *Advertising contracts should be retooled to meet the requirements for a national book and to facilitate meeting deadlines.*
2. *With input from the publisher of the national book and prior to the sale of advertising, a user friendly template should be designed. This should be made available to all advertisers through mailings and on the CFA website.*
3. *Standards for photo submission for the national book should be established to facilitate meeting deadlines and to save staff time in preparing and proofing ads for publication.*
4. *A study of the different types of software should be conducted to determine which software would be the most appropriate for our needs in publishing a national book and the Almanac.*

Action Items:

1. *Board approval for the Publication's Committee to review bids for national book with DCMR to determine the viability of the proposals. The most promising proposals will be submitted to the board for selection.*
2. *Retool advertising contracts to meet requirements and deadlines of a national book with a projected November publication.*
3. *Publication Committee to design a user friendly template for advertisers.*
4. *Publications Committee to review and establish standards for photo submissions.*
5. *Publications Committee to suggest appropriate software for national book/Almanac.*

DelaBar: I want to clarify that we're talking about publications that will come out over 2 years from now, show season 2007-2008 (two years from this coming November). **Brawner:**

I'm very encouraged that we have several book publishers that can get it out there for us.

Calhoun: We realize we've got a lot of work to do. We've got to turn around the financials, we've got to understand the margin of the distributors, the margin that the stores will take, and all that has got to be built in to what the overall price will be. We need to put all those things together into a concrete proposal for the board. **Barnaby:** I move the board's approval on all 5 action items. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Benefits:

1. *Once the Board approves the bid for the national book, the Yearbook Committee, with input from the DCMR and Associate Director, can move forward on finalizing details for publication.*

2. *Updated advertising contracts with specific requirements will facilitate meeting deadlines.*
3. *Creation of an online template for advertisers will facilitate meeting deadlines and save the staff production time.*
4. *With standards for photo submission, cat color and other issues will be addressed to save staff time and meet deadlines.*
5. *With the appropriate software, the staff will save time.*

IMPLEMENTATION

1. *The Publications Committee will review bids and finalize the package with the input of the DCMR.*
2. *After reviewing what has worked previously with the current contract, soliciting suggestions from Associate Director, the Yearbook Committee and the DCMR, new advertising contracts will be written.*
3. *The creation of an ad template would be overseen by the Associate Director, the Webmaster, and the chairman of the Yearbook Committee.*
4. *Based upon publisher's recommendations, standards for photo submission will be established.*
5. *Suggestions, solicited from publishers/printers, will aid in exploration of advantages/disadvantages of software programs. Findings and recommendations will be presented to the Board.*

The Almanac

Proposals:

1. *Bids should be reviewed for the appropriate publisher for the Almanac.*
2. *Subscriptions to the online Almanac and the printed Almanac should be combined. One flat rate which covers all production costs allows access to both publications.*
3. *The content of each publication should be reorganized.*

Action Items:

1. *Board approval of recommended printer.*
2. *Board approval to study combining subscriptions to online and print Almanac.*
3. *Board approval to determine what topics should be included in Almanac with input from Associate Director and DCMR.*

Eigenhauser: I would like to see a presentation, even if it's just a summary of what these companies are about, with testimonials from other clients, references, ratings, etc. The cheapest bid is not always the "cheapest bid". **Shaffer:** I would like to know how long they have been around. **Kusy** moved to table this until October, to get additional information to the board. **DelaBar** called the motion (to table). **Motion Carried.**

Benefits:

1. *Reduced printing costs will reduce debt incurred by the Almanac.*
2. *Maintaining a print Almanac will allow the DCMPR to use it as a marketing tool. Members of the Fancy will have something that they can "curl up in bed and read." It will also serve as an archive for CFA.*
3. *Combining subscriptions to both types of the Almanac will keep the publications solvent. It will give members of the Fancy the best of both worlds-print and electronic media.*
4. *Specifying what topics and information will be included in the print Almanac will prevent redundancy in all publications. It will save staff from duplicate effort of moving some information from one medium to another. Each publication will have its own personalized content in certain areas.*

Implementation:

1. *With Board approval, a date can be determined to begin production on the print Almanac. The Fancy will be advised of revisions and projected publication dates.*
2. *In conjunction with item #1, the combination of subscriptions to the online Almanac and the print Almanac will be considered. The Publications Committee, the Webmaster or a member of the web staff, and Associate Director will provide input.*
3. *After the date has been set for the Almanac to print in its revised form and the pricing for both publications has been established, the Publications Committee, the DCMPR, and Associate Director will determine the content of each publication.*

Time Frame:

The time frame is based upon CFA's commitment to these proposals.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

(Progress reports will be provided to the Board on an interim basis.)

Based upon the above approval, the following will be provided:

- *publishing contracts, both yearbook and Almanac,*
- *revised advertising contracts*
- *advertising templates*

- *software recommendations*
- *Almanac pricing*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Donna R. Brawner, Chairperson Publications Committee*

(17) **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.**

Business Development Team Chair Kitty Angell presented the following report with a standing motion and the right to vote no:

Committee Chair: Kitty Angell

Committee Members: Roeann Fulkerson (Director of Corporate Marketing and Public Relations), Donna Jean Thompson, James Watson, Kayoko Koizumi

Action Item: *The Business Development Committee has the authorization from the CFA Board of Directors to create an appropriate document to all interested companies (to be evaluated on a company-by-company basis) that lists a fee of a minimum of \$100 per year paid to CFA for this right to use the logo.*

Rationale: *We need to know how the Board wants us to handle the use of CFA logos. An example is: Companies that want to use the logo for production of goods. In the past, some companies have been required to pay this fee and others have not. A vote by the Board would put this policy in place for use with all companies.*

Johnson: The value of our logo is going to be different for different size companies. Let's establish a minimum, because the royalty situation needs to be addressed. **Angell** moved for approval of the action item. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(18) **MANAGEMENT/MARKETING TEAM.**

Management/Marketing Team Chair James Watson presented the following report:

Committee Chair: James Watson
List of Committee Members: Annette Wilson, Anne McCulloch, Peg Johnson, Gloria Hoover

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

1. *This committee has compiled and completed the basic CFA Board of Directors' Guidebook and was approved at the February 2006 board meeting.*
2. *I have visited Central Office and interview the employees concerning the needs of their current job and received input from them to improve workflow. We also discussed problem areas.*
3. *A committee was established to explore the options to replace the current computer system and upgrade the current software to allow future expansion of CFA services. The IT Committee and Central Office IT Manager, Connie Sellitto will direct this project.*

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Management Committee is currently looking at the requirements for a replacement for Executive Director. The title is still under discussion and will be presented to the board for approval. The current job description of E.D. will be the basis for the new hire.

Future Projections for Committee:

A review of Central Office was done two years ago and recommendations were made to have a professional company review and implement good business practices at Central Office. It is time to complete what was started.

This committee has started developing functional job descriptions for each of the Committees. Some of these have already been submitted and we will start with the established committees first. All new committees should submit a report with an outline of the goals of that committee and structure of the committee. These will be added to the Guidebook as addendums.

Action Items:

1. *Approve the title of the position to replace the E.D. or keep the same.*

J. Watson: The Committee feels as though "Executive Director" is the name we want to stick with. DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Barnaby voting no.

2. Approve the Management Committee to start a search for the replacement.

DelaBar: This has to be done in conjunction with the Personnel Committee, which is made up of the officers of this association (meaning the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer). **J. Watson:** Absolutely. We need the framework to start this employment search process. **Newkirk:** Will this be an appointed position every year, or are we hiring someone full time? **DelaBar:** Per our Articles of Incorporation, the Executive Director is to be reappointed every year. **J. Watson:** It would be my preference from a management standpoint that this be a hired position and not one that's subject to annual appointment. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Carried.

Time Frame:

As soon as possible.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Depending on budget approval, the selection of a company, or individual, to proceed with the implementation of good business practices at Central Office.

Addendums to the Board Members Guidebook as they develop.

*Respectfully Submitted,
James Watson, Chair*

(19) CFA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION REPORT.

Chair **Liz Watson** presented the following report:

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Centennial Celebration is well under way. The challenge was very successful and voting is now going on for the "Cat Idol". Congratulations to all participants. A huge thanks to Kay Janosik and her committee; Alene Shafnisky, Teresa Keiger, Karen Lawrence and Marcie Baturin, for organizing and running the challenge. A special thanks to Marcie who, also, did the regional awards for the winners. Barbara Sacco of Purr-fections has donated the 100 year jewelry to the Best of the Best winner.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The challenge was so well received that inquiries have been made about running it again this year. It would run on the same format but start in September. Kay will be writing an article featuring the challenge for the Almanac.

Action Item:

Vote on running the challenge again for the 2006-07 show season & funding the regional awards.

L. Watson: Roeann might possibly be able to get funding for this. **Johnson:** Are we going to get guidelines published in time to select shows and so regional directors aren't caught unaware? **L. Watson:** Of course. It would start in September. **Tartaglia:** The Central Office was involved in the scoring and it was very labor intensive, so we need to look at how we are going to do that. **Kallmeyer:** I recommend Connie Sellitto be on this committee to give us a reality check. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Newkirk voting no.

Many thanks to the people who worked on the Centennial committee: Carolyn Scott, Michael Tucker, Eric Won, Barbara Sacco, who did so much work bringing the 100 year jewelry into being. It is for sale on the CFA website under the Centennial Celebration and through Barbara's website. I urge all to buy a piece of the celebration. Barbara is donating 25% of the price to CFA.

Although the new ring signs were voted on at the February board meeting, I haven't seen them at the shows. I hope they will arrive soon so that spectators will know we are celebrating 100 years.

We have received samples from two companies regarding the lapel pins. However, no decision has been made.

We have been approached by Sturdi Products who would like to participate in the celebration by doing 50 white and 50 black Sturdi show cages with the celebration logo. These are being offered to us at a reduced price. We would like to propose that CFA purchase these cages and sell them on the CFA web site. A number could be set aside for clubs that wish to purchase one for their raffle. The rest would be on a first come first served basis.

Action Item:

Vote on purchasing the Sturdi bags and selling them on the CFA web site.

*Respectfully submitted,
Liz Watson*

L. Watson: The other thing is that we have been approached by Sturdi Products. They would like to participate in the celebration by producing 50 white and 50 black Sturdi show cages with the Celebration logo. We propose that CFA purchase these cages and sell them on the CFA website. **Calhoun:** Do we know what the price is? **L. Watson:** We haven't gotten that yet. I move that we table this until we explore cost and marketing. **DelaBar** called the motion (to table). **Motion Carried.**

(20) TECHNOLOGY/WEB SITE COMMITTEE.

Technology Committee Chair **Dick Kallmeyer** gave the following report:

Committee Chair:

Dick Kallmeyer

Members:

Karen Lawrence, Connie Sellitto, Allene Tartaglia, Peg Johnson (IT system replacement)

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The existing HP system has reached the end of its service life. A proposal was submitted to the budget committee for the migration/transition to a new system within the next 18 months.

It had been planned to launch the new Online Litter Registration (OLR) in time for this annual meeting, but there is still some work and testing to be done.

The CFA web site had 6.6 million page loads, up 42% over a year ago.

After spending \$18,000 for the development of the Online Confirmation system, fewer than 10% (557 cats since September 27, 2005) of confirmations are being processed online. Approximately 75% are coming in via show packets.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Replacement of Current HP IT Infrastructure

Originally, HP (our current system vendor) had announced end of support for the Central Office HP system at the end of 2006. However, HP announced in December 2005 they were extending support for MPE-IX and the HPe3000 A class through the end of 2008. Since the CFA IT systems migration could take up to one year, it's time to start positioning CFA for the future.

We DO have a little breathing space, but a migration path typically takes 12-18 months for the number of applications that we have. Automation can reduce this time period. Equipment and software acquisition and training would be in the 6 month range.

There are interim solutions which would enable us to continue to run our day-to-day operation on the 3000 platform. However, we recognize the benefits of moving to a vendor supported platform. The goal is to maintain security and data integrity, while providing the user community (both within Central Office and via the web) with additional access and flexibility.

CFA currently has a substantial investment in existing applications developed for our current system. Current Central Office applications are listed in Appendix A. These applications are written in COBOL (still useful after all these years) and are tightly integrated with the HP 3000 SW. Data is stored in multiple databases making cross referencing possible but complicated and difficult.

We have submitted a preliminary budget and are continuing to explore possible alternatives. We estimate acquisition of equipment, software and training to be on the order of \$79,000. Actual

migration/conversion of existing programs using our in-house staff will be on the order of 12 months.

Online Litter Registration (OLR)

The OLR system under construction at this time provides for the on-line registration of litters where the sire and dam are already CFA-registered. The first release will handle both the case where both parents are owned by the same breeder(s), as well as when the sire is owned by someone else (via an email approval cycle). In lieu of an actual signature, the breeder is required to check off a box signifying the entry of "True and Accurate" information.

As with our current Online confirmation system, PDF documents (litter certificate and blue slip) will be available to the breeder upon completion of the registration process. CFA will not mail litter registration documents to the breeder.

Kallmeyer: There's a significant advantage for CFA – saving labor costs, saving postage. **Newkirk:** The on-line championship confirmation is wonderful. I got to show once this year, to champion my cat. When I got home, right on line, it printed out my confirmation just like that. It was fabulous. **Eigenhauser:** When you do it on line, Central Office gets to it a lot faster. **J. Watson:** Do you have to be a subscriber to the on-line services to get that, or is that available to anybody? **Sellitto:** You have to have an on-line user account, yes. That's free, but we need an email address and an on-line account to determine who this person is, because we have a difference in requirements for winners' ribbons. **DelaBar:** We need to make this more public because I wasn't aware of that. **Johnson:** It would be great if we could put out something in the CFA-News about exactly how you use it.

The first OLR release will not allow the registration of a kitten simultaneous with the litter registration – this feature is planned for release in conjunction with the Cat Registration project later this year.

WEB

PAGE LOADS:

February	2,244,518
March	2,270.876
April	2,101.920

This is a 42% increase over the same period in 2005! Of those numbers, 1,252,873 are first time visitors.

FANC-E-MEWS

The May/June edition of Fanc-e-Mews, CFA's free online magazine, has numerous exciting articles this month - CFA's Legislative Group reminds us that the greatest risk to cats in Europe may be bird flu panic; we have a feature on the CFA top 10 most popular breeds; a profile of photographer Ginger Buck; a story about how two Abyssinians helped save their owner's life; our health area details tips on healthy habits for pets as well as dental care; and, a look at the

Winn Feline Foundation's new Bria Fund. We also have cartoons and a poem, as well as two new press releases. Reports and slideshows of photos for both the CFA-IAMS Cat Championship and International Show were included, along with numerous other articles of interest.

FOR KIDS ... ABOUT CATS

FOR KIDS had 138,042 page loads in the February through April time frame.

We are supplying The Humane Society of Sarasota County, FL with 150 copies of the "My Cat Journal" brochure from the kids web site, and they will be using them in conjunction with their annual Adoptathon and handing them out to adoptees. Karen Lawrence also sent them numerous links to coloring pages and puzzles for kids for use at the adoptathon. These will be shared with their Education Director for use with their children programs.

The Putnam County Animal Control in Eatonton, GA is holding a Pet Festival on October 14, 2006. They were also sent links to a number of puzzles and coloring pages for them to use in conjunction with this event.

ONLINE CATALOG SALES

Online catalog sales have increased 12% over the previous year. Certified pedigrees and annual function reservations have been added to the catalog sales.

NEW ON THE SITE:

Added:

- Annual information
- Press release on bird flu
- Top 10 breeds
- New issue of Fanc-e-Mews
- List of 2005-2006 National and Divisional winners
- Numerous translations of CFA forms

User comments:

Thank you for including pictures of the Lillies on your website. I had no idea that the beautiful flower I got was such a flower.

- Chris & Michelle Barbour

I wanted to write a little note of thanks for the wonderful website and all the information my son is in 4-h and his project was on cat care and breeds if it wasn't for you guys and your website i dont know how he would have gotten it completed and he learned so much i have a domestic short hair and i recognize the most commen of breeds but not all of them he had to do a poster on the breeds and have their pictures showing so again thank you for all your help!!!

- Christina Persinger

Future Projections for Committee:

HP migration issues will continue to be pursued.

The current plan is provide a OLR prototype for beta testing by a limited number of breeders in the next couple months. User feedback will help to determine the actual roll-out of the production version.

The new opening page has been designed and will be published after some graphics work is still to be designed.

Action Items:

None

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Kallmeyer, Chair*

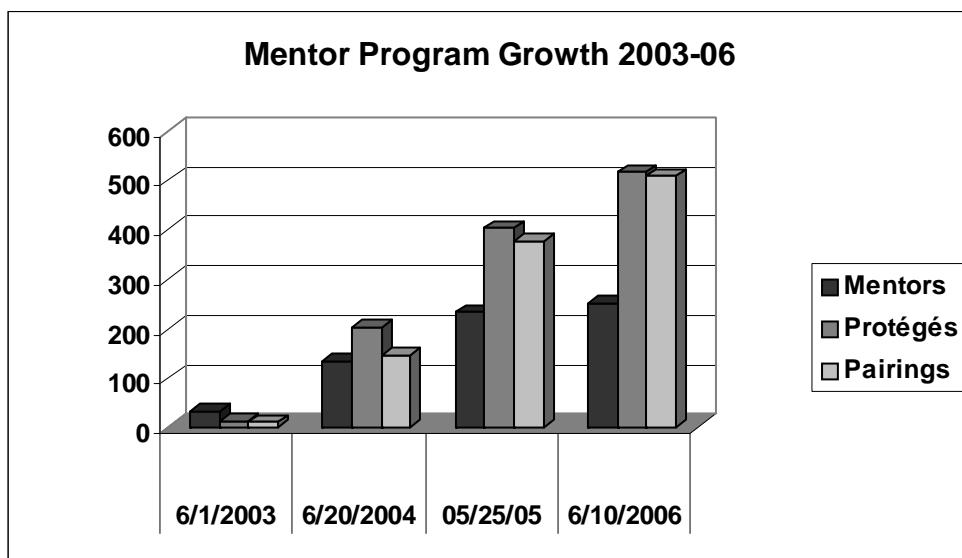
(21) **CFA MENTOR PROGRAM REPORT.**

Mentor Program Liaison Liz Watson presented the following report:

Committee Chair: ***Pat Jacobberger***
Liaison to the Board: ***Liz Watson***
List of Committee Members: ***Willa Hawke, Karen Helmold, Marva Marrow, Mandi Wooldridge, Eric Won***

Current Happenings of the Program:

- *The program continues to grow.*



The numbers represented by the graph above are as follows:

	6/2003	6/2004	6/2005	6/2006
Mentors	33	133	233	250
Protégé s	14	204	403	516
Pairings	11	145	376	508

*As I have pointed out many times there are several mentors who are working with 2-4 protégés! These people have been **major** contributors to CFA and to the program! Mandi Wooldridge will be attending each Breed Council event to seek further mentors. We see the CFA Breed Councils as being the major source for new mentors to the program.*

On Friday, June 16, 2006, Donna Isenberg only will conduct a Persian Grooming Clinic for Protégés. This event is open only to those not attending the CFA Annual Meeting as a delegate.

There are 20 participants and two alternates and it filled within a few days. We are so fortunate to have Donna as the instructor for this clinic. Her skills in grooming and mentoring are well known. We hope this will be the first of many clinics related to the practical aspects of breeding and exhibiting.

Friday evening, a Dessert and Coffee event is scheduled. The presentation includes a panel of high profile mentors with more than one protégé. They will each share their experiences and answer questions from the audience. There are 26 participants signed up at this point.

The CFA Mentor at the CFA International Show 2005.

Once again, Kitty Search" was a major hit with visitors to the show. And, once again, visitors to the Mentor Program display were given free gift from the Hartz Mountain Corporation.

Future Projections for the Committee

- *The growing demand for mentors needs to be addressed. This is the one necessary element that will make or break this program.*
- *How does CFA develop a "mentor culture?"*

What Will Be Presented at the Next Board Meeting

- *The Mentor Program Core Committee will, once again, have a planning meeting in September or October. We will be addressing the report and request to the Hartz Mountain Corporation for funding from June 2007-June 2010. The Board should expect a full report.*

THE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Current Happenings of the Program:

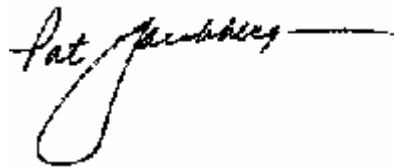
- *There are people from every region enrolled in the Ambassador Program. The program has coordinators representing all regions in CFA, including Japan and the International Division.*
 - *Region 1 - North Atlantic: Geri Fellerman*
 - *Region 2 - Northwest:*
 - *Geree Martin*
 - *Mark Rowe*
 - *Region 3 - Gulf Shore - Amy Haden*
 - *Region 4 - Great Lakes - Marianne Toth*
 - *Region 5 - Southwest - Mary Sietsema*
 - *Region 6 - Midwest - Sue Gleason*
 - *Region 7 - Southern:*
 - *Ann Strople*
 - *Karen Helmold*
 - *Linda Petersen*

- *Region 8 - Japan - Hiroshi Shinmoto*
- *Region 9 - International Division - Alenka Unk*
- *A general meeting was held on Saturday of the CFA Annual Meeting in Atlantic City. A representative from Japan was among the attendees.*
- *The Ambassador Handbook has been translated into Japanese.*
- *Ambassadors led the tours at the International Show. They were a major attraction and have been asked to lead the tours at the show in November 2006.*
- *There are job descriptions in place for Regional Coordinators and the Program Team Leader.*
- *Currently, the mission statement is being reviewed and rewritten.*
- *The new Ambassador e-mail list is now in place.*
- *Recently, Sheila Parvin found it necessary to step down as the Team Leader for the Ambassador Program. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Sheila for it was she who provided the passion and the spark that got this program up and running. In her place, Willa Hawke appointed Jodell Raymond from Region 4. Jodell is an energetic individual who owns her own company. She is already working with Willa to reshape the program.*
- *The CFA Ambassadors will hold a meeting on Saturday, June 17, 2006 in Reno.*

Lastly, I am stepping down as the chair of the CFA Mentor Program. To have the opportunity to put my vision for the program into reality has been an incredible dream come true. The reason I am stepping down is that I don't believe I can take the program to the next level. I am one those people who can develop a vision, plan the implementation and then operationalize and execute the project. Once that is accomplished, I have difficulty seeing and operationalizing the next steps. It has taken me a fair number of my years on this earth to realize this – call it growth. Thank you all for your support and interest in our work and the program.

As always, I take incredible pride in being associated with the people who give their time and energy to the CFA Mentor Program and CFA Ambassador Program. They are incredible! I know you will say "Thank you!" to them when you have a chance.

Respectfully Submitted,



*Pat Jacobberger, Chair
CFA Mentor Program*

L. Watson: Patti Jacobberger is stepping down as Chairman of the Mentoring Committee and I would like the board to give her a “thanks” for having done such a fine job with the Committee and helping it to grow. [applause]

(22) **NATIONAL SHOW SCHEDULING REPORT.**

Liaison Debbie Kusy presented the following report:

Committee Chair: Gina Lehman

Liaison to Board: Debbie Kusy

List of Committee Members: All Regional Directors and their schedulers

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The committee has been sharing show scheduling information as new shows are added to the regional calendars and existing shows are changed to different weekends. We worked with Gwen at Central Office on 41 different show changes.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Coordinating regional show schedules with regional directors and schedulers.

Future Projections for Committee:

We are working to standardize procedures for all facets of show scheduling across regions. We plan to have more specific guidance for show location changes on traditional dates. This is a bigger problem in some areas of the country than others. We are currently defining the scope of this problem.

Action Items:

N/A

Time Frame:

N/A

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Further recommendations for show scheduling procedures as related to locations of traditional shows.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Gina Lehman, Chair*

(23) **FELINE AGILITY.**

Agility Committee Liaison Pam DelaBar presented the following report:

Committee Chair: Kim Everett-Hirsch

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Since the beginning when the CFA Feline Agility Competition (FAC) was only an idea, Wayne Mull and myself worked on it in December, 2004 as a possible optional “fun” show format clubs could use if they so desired. We worked up a proposal to submit to the CFA Board of Directors to allow FAC to be accepted on a trial basis. The Board did allow the program to go forward on a test basis with regular committee reports being submitted at each Board meeting.

The first two test (trial) shows were held in February, 2005; one put on by Oregon Cats, Inc. in Portland, Oregon and the second by Cincinnati Cat Club, Cincinnati, Ohio. Both FAC events were successful and this new show format was off and running with clubs in 8 of the 9 regions having held or are booking the FAC format.

Current Happenings of the Committee:

All 9 FAC Regional Representative positions have been filled.

*Doreann Nasin Region 1
Jay Collins Region 2
Becky CarrazoneRegion 3
Wayne Mull Region 4
Barbara Reimer Region 5
Mary NewmarchRegion 6
Dave Peet Region 7
Kenji Takako Region 8 (Japan)
Henny WintershovenRegion 9 (International)*

We have an ever-growing list of Certified Ringmasters and Assistant Ringmasters in the program.

The committee has set up job descriptions as follows:

*Agility Coordinator (Chairperson of the CFA FAC) appointed by the CFA President.
Coordinator for Ringmasters and Assistants.*

Scorer/Regional Scorers.

Agility Equipment Coordinator.

Regional Representatives - 1 through 9.

Publicity, public relations and awards coordinator.

Junior Handler Coordinator.

Photography/video Coordinator.

Webmaster.

The number of FAC shows has increased with several more being scheduled.

We have FAC spectator handout sheets to be given out to the public at the shows and we have added the agility t-shirts and sweat shirts for sale which can be purchased at these events.

Future Projections for Committee:

Cultivate the Junior Handler Program. Go out to schools to promote the FAC format as one of “fun” and get young people involved in the cat fancy. Junior Handling is not only for children showing their cats but is a training program on how to handle cats in this new competition. We hope to train our young people so they can also show cats for exhibitors who may not be physically inclined to do so or may be exhibiting their cats in other classes and don’t have the time available. Our goal is to encourage good sportsmanship and keep FAC a fun competitive event and as one to help increase the gate for our CFA clubs.

Action Items:

The Committee would like the permission of the CFA Board of Directors to consider the CFA FAC format as a permanent format as part of the CFA Show Rules. This new format has been used on a trial basis which excellent success for two years now.

The individual items to consider be adopted are:

Type of course: Beginner, Standard and Advanced.

Agility equipment : Sizes vary so more clubs, including those with smaller show halls can take advantage of including the CFA FAC format. Safety is very important. Equipment must be kept in top shape by the equipment vendors.

Scoring: Standardized for all CFA FAC shows. The scoring system is in place.

Regional CFA FAC Awards: Optional at the discretion of each Region.

Titles: The committee felt as an incentive titles should be allocated to cats competing in this format. We are suggesting they be: Novice, Junior Master and Master. Cats will be identified by their call name. In keeping with CFA Show Rules, all HHP’s must be altered by 8 months of age. Any cat or kitten with known wild ancestry may not compete in CFA FAC.

The CFA website, <http://www.CFA.org> for the CFA Feline Agility Competition includes a link to the CFA FAC website, <http://www.cfafelineagility.741.com>. Karen Lawrence has done a spectacular job with the CFA site and Wanda Martin has as well with our FAC website. The FAC website has continual updates, photos and video photos and the committee feels it would be advantageous to create a link to our website off the CFA website. (PLEASE GO TO THESE WEBSITES TO REVIEW ALL THE LATEST INFORMATION).

DelaBar: We have already talked about putting it into the show rules, so the action items are taken care of.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

An update of all the CFA FAC shows held and those scheduled and report all new developments with the various CFA FAC Committees.

In closing, I want to express my personal thanks to the CFA Board of Directors for allowing this new show format to be tried and to all the FAC Committee.

Due to my increasing busy schedule I have found it necessary to step down as chair of the CFA FAC Committee. It is a huge job and takes more time than I can now give. I will, however, continue to support this program and will work on publicity and PR for it's continued success as needed. I am 100% supportive of this "fun" format and feel it will continue to grow.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kim Everett-Hirsch, Chair*

DelaBar: [Chair Kim Everett-Hirsch] is coming off the Committee. She has done an outstanding job. When we wanted to get Agility off the ground, I asked Kim to take it on. She not only developed the program, she helped design the courses, came up with a complete booklet of rules, regulations, awards, etc. I am reluctantly retiring Kim off of Chairmanship of the Agility Committee, but I would like everybody to thank her for a job well done.

(24) OMBUDSMAN REPORT.

Liaison Pam DelaBar presented the following report:

Committee Chair: *Sigfrid (Sig) Hauck*

Liaison to Board: *Pam DelaBar, President CFA*

List of Committee Members: *None*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Eight cases are currently in process. Five were opened during 2005, three in 2006. One case involves a complaint against a show manager by an exhibitor. One case involves a breeder who requested assistance in working with other breeders to help her with severe cattery health issues. Four cases involved complaints against breeders by other breeders who purchased cats to show or breed. One case involves a pet owner complaint against a breeder. One case is a complaint against CFA involving a CFA award.

For reasons of confidentiality, details of individual reports are not included. Detailed reports may only be obtained through the direction of the President of CFA.

Background for Action Items:

In August of 2005, The Chairman of the Protest Committee requested that I take on cases he referred to as Breeder-Breeder cases. He hoped this would lessen the number of protests filed. I agreed to do so. Initially, I was successful in bringing the cases to a successful conclusion.

However, one of the cases led to the need for me to seek direction. I appealed to the CFA President. I was advised that this legal matter was best addressed by the Chairman of the Protest Committee. I asked for advice from the Protest Committee Chairman and was advised to file a protest myself against the party. This was a case of a party trying to obstruct an investigation I was conducting by deceptively lying and providing proven falsified documents to me and to CFA Central Office. Additionally, this party elected to gain the support of judges, CFA Officers, and CFA Board members to assist her in supporting her assertion that I was investigating her activities unjustly rather than acting responsibly and investigating complaints received by several breeders accusing her of unethical and illegal activities.

I filed the protest as advised. The decision of the Board was to formally close the case for "lack of evidence." I have been informed that this decision was advanced to the Board by the Protest Committee. The Program and the Association would have been better served had it been suggested that I withdraw the case if the Protest Committee Chairman did not support it.

The "victor" wasted no time in sending me a very obscene email message that threatened legal action against me. I may have been placed in a position of personal legal liability by the Board's action.

At the time of the Board's decision, I was investigating two separate cases involving her brought by breeders that had no knowledge of each other. This individual also has a past record of behavior that has decidedly not been in the best interests of CFA.

There is no written directive establishing guidelines for CFA Central Office personnel to follow when receiving requests from the Ombudsman for information or other requests. The Ombudsman has no written job description.

The future success of the Program requires that a more comprehensive study be done by the Board as to the purpose of the Program and the degree of support it should receive from the Board to assure its success and avoid problems similar to those in this case from undermining the good intentions of CFA.

Action Items:

Action Item #1:

I suggest that the Board formally accept the Ombudsman Program and provide a written description. I am a member of the United States Ombudsman Association and have included a model suggested by the USOA for such a program below.

I believe that the Program, if supported by the Board, will help move CFA away from inadvertently rewarding bad behavior toward a framework of welcoming, well-intentioned, enthusiastic service to honest folks that enjoy breeding and showing.

Legislative Model (This model has been copied from that suggested by the United States Ombudsman Association)

In its effort to promote and encourage the establishment of ombudsman offices, the USOA specifically promotes and encourages the establishment of offices that manifest the following characteristics:

1. *a governmental office created by constitution, charter, legislation or ordinance*
2. *an office with the responsibility to receive and investigate complaints against governmental agencies*
3. *an office with freedom to investigate on its own motion*
4. *an office which may exercise full powers of investigation, to include access to all necessary information both testimonial and documentary*
5. *an office with the authority to criticize governmental agencies and officials within its jurisdiction and to recommend corrective action*
6. *an office with the power to issue public reports concerning its findings and recommendations*
7. *an office directed by an official of high stature who*
 - o is guaranteed independence through a defined term of office and/or through appointment by other than the executive and/or through custom*

- o is restricted from activities constituting a personal, professional, occupational or political conflict of interest*
- o is free to employ and remove assistants and to delegate administrative and investigative responsibility to those assistants.*

Additionally, if the Board wishes the Ombudsman to conduct mediation between breeders and/or exhibitors, or handle other cases that do not involve complaints against CFA, provisions should be added to the model above.

Action Item #2:

I have attached my resignation, effective on June 1, 2006.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sigfrid Hauck
CFA Ombudsman*

Resignation

To the President and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers Association

The effort required to provide the fair treatment of cases presented to me as Ombudsman has been extraordinarily time consuming.

In order to fulfill this responsibility, I have chosen to give up or curtail other activities that have a high priority in my life.

I wish to thank the President of CFA for trusting such important work to me and hope that I have not failed to provide those that requested my services with an effort at least equal to their expectations.

I respectfully request that the resignation of my position as Ombudsman for the Cat Fanciers Association, effective June 1, 2006, be accepted.

I will, of course, work with a successor to provide a smooth transition in handling incomplete cases if so requested.

*Signed:
Sigfrid Hauck
CFA Ombudsman*

BREED COUNCIL SECRETARIES' MEETING
Thursday, June 15, 2006

I. Welcome and Introductions

Breeds and Standards Chair **Annette Wilson** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following Breed Council Secretaries and Breed Committee Chairs (or their representatives) present, in addition to the CFA Board of Directors: **Norman Auspitz**, Abyssinian; **Diane Clark**, American Curl; **Bob Zenda**, American Shorthair; **Terrie Smith**, Balinese; **Sig Hauck**, Bombay; **Catherine Dunham**, British Shorthair; **David White**, Cornish Rex; **Gary Amundson**, Devon Rex; **Melanie Morgan**, Egyptian Mau; **Ann-Louise Devoe**, European Burmese; **Norma Placchi**, Havana Brown; **Erika Fetz**, LaPerm; **Martha Auspitz**, Maine Coon; **Sande Willen**, Manx; **Dawn Shiley**, Norwegian Forest Cat; **Neil Quigley**, Ocicat; **Rob Miller**, Russian Blue; **Mary Fran Marron**, Scottish Fold; **Wendy Heidt**, Siberian; **Debbi Stevenson**, Siamese; **Nicki Ruetz**, Singapura.

2. Communication Project – BC members to CFA judges and vice versa

Wilson: We are looking for a way for exhibitors, through their breed councils, to share comments or ideas or complaints or issues with the judges, and vice versa. Carla Bizzell has written a communication project. **Bizzell:** It needs to concern an issue that relates to the standard. **Wilson:** The breed council secretary would send it to me. We did this with a Persian issue, and it was a very helpful discussion. It facilitated an understanding. **Cook-Henry:** It would be interesting to get feed-back from the judges, as well, in terms of being a two-way street. **Wilson:** When Carla formalizes this, we could send it out to everyone. **McIntyre:** I hope judges will be made aware of this forum, and go through the breed council secretary and then to the judges' list, rather than a personal one on one.

3. Common Color Description Project - a reorganization of color and pattern descriptions within the CFA Breed Standards – scope and impact

Wilson: Cheryl Coleman has put together an Excel spreadsheet, listing all the colors and which breeds have the same color description for that color. We're trying to address the colors that are common among more than one breed and ideally, we will put these at the front of the standards. Any breed that has a different description, it will still be printed under that breed. **DelaBar:** The World Cat Congress has also taken on this project. We're looking at this worldwide. **Wilson:** We will send out Cheryl's next revision to everybody for review. No breed will be asked to change anything.

4. Outcross Extensions (list of with outcross cut-off dates listed below)

Wilson: Several breed council secretaries have asked if they can have permanent outcrosses with no extension and no cut-off date. If they want to request a cut-off extension, how soon should they request it? Don't wait until the last minute. **Patton:** The Sphynx has 5 more years. I was looking for a guideline to start asking for an extension. **DelaBar:** You're going to have to show the board that you need further genetic diversity in your gene pool, and give a rationale why you want to extend the cut-off date for your outcross. **Eigenhauser:** I don't think

there is a “too soon”. This is not part of the breed standard and it does not require anybody to give it 60%. The breed council vote on this is advisory. **Wilson:** If you’re going to put it on your ballot, then the parent breed would also put it on their ballot. You should put it on the ballot when you think you have reason to support an extension. The rationale needs to be explained to the parent breed also. You need to relate why you need to use that breed and why you need an extension, convincingly explaining it to them and to the board. **Miller:** There are other options coming along. Some breeds that exist in other parts of the world that could help expand a gene pool. There are DNA tests available. There are other options breeds can look into, other than continuing to outcross to another breed. Think about outcrossing or expanding the gene pool by an outcross within the breed in some other area of the world or other association.

5. *Definition of Longhair Domestic Cat and Shorthair Domestic Cat (breeds that outcross to these: American Curl, LaPerm, Sphynx)*

Wilson: Paul Patton’s suggestion is: Domestic longhairs, domestic shorthairs, any cat belonging to *felis domesticus* [or *felis silvestris*] not registered nor readily identifiable as a recognized breed by any registering body. This should be discussed among the breeds that it applies to. Board feed-back was positive. By specifying *felis catus* it would eliminate wild blood. **Bellavance:** Is there an outcross program committee that looks at the resulting generations to make sure it’s going in the right direction? **Wilson:** There’s no formal process. **Clark:** With the American Curl, we send in the registration form for a domestic saying “parent unknown” and it comes back as a registered cat. **Sylvia:** The American Bobtails require three people to sign off: the Breed Council Secretary, one Allbreed judge and the Standards Chair to approve a cat coming into the program. **Patton:** Central Office only requires \$20. There is no guidance or written policy now. **Wilson:** That’s something you could work out in the registration rules for your specific breed. We don’t want to make registration rules for every breed, based on what you need for your breed. A number of breeds have different rules for registration. **Angell:** Only the American Curl, LaPerm and Sphynx outcross to domestics. I would hope that in the future we get to the point where we use no domestics. This goes against everything we stand for. I personally don’t want to see domestics used. **Miller:** American Shorthair has a limited outcross to domestics. There are still barn colonies that exist if the American Shorthair breeders want to use them. This is our American cat. I don’t see anything wrong with it. **Zenda:** In the last 10 years we have had only 2 requests to do that. Neither went forward to CFA. **Cook-Henry:** It’s very difficult to find the rules of registration. They should be more accessible to the breeders of CFA. **Martino:** How do registration rules get changed? They are not printed like the standards are. **Wilson:** Central Office will send you the registration rules for your breed. You would put proposed changes on your ballot. **Eigenhauser:** If a breed originated in the random-bred gene pool, there is nothing wrong with continuing to outcross to that gene pool for as long as it takes to develop that breed so it has the diversity necessary before we look at ending outcrossing. Our first and foremost thought in deciding when to set the cut-off would be what’s best for the health of the animal. **Angell:** You stand as much chance of bringing in a hereditary disease. **Wight:** We’re trying to get genetic diversity in our cats. When you bring in an unknown domestic and there is a deleterious gene, it gets diluted. The more diversity, the better we are going to have health in our cats, even if those deleterious genes are there. **Sylvia:** A higher fee would cause only the most serious breeders to bring in a cat they thought would improve their program. **McIntyre:** I believe it’s \$40 to bring in a cat from another association. Why is an unknown less?

Wilson: Every breed sets its own price. **Johnson:** We need to have our rules and processes more accessible to our breeders and exhibitors, and also look into consistent registration fees for all unknown cats.

6. *Brief Definition of AOV for each applicable breed (i.e., tailed cat for Manx; pattern for Ragdoll; longhaired for Exotic) – include in standard?*

Wilson: The standards give a color class number but it's not always clear what the AOV class is for. If you have an AOV class that was established for a particular purpose, you need to find out what the purpose was. Are you willing to put this on your ballot and define AOV in your standard? **Johnson:** We all know that "color class" means competitive category. What does AOV mean? We might be able to enhance our registration rules by providing better descriptions. **Miller:** If the purpose of showing AOV's is to advance to championship, then AOV's are in the same position as provisional breeds. According to our 1979 rules of acceptance of new breeds and new colors, new colors are supposed to go through the same process as a new breed. If AOV's are being shown because they want advancement, judges should be filling out evaluations. When new colors come to the board for acceptance, we have no information on how they have been evaluated. **DelaBar:** I used to show an AOV Colorpoint Shorthair occasionally to show people what I was using in my breeding program, with no motive to ever get them recognized for championship. **Morgan:** We thought AOV's were used to track the AOV colors. **Zenda:** Cats should be registered by CFA with the correct AOV prefix number so we can track them. **Cook-Henry:** Pedigrees are a tool. If you have a cat in your pedigree with an improper prefix, how is that a tool? Cats need to be registered as what they are genetically and not just a prefix that does not represent that cat, and therefore ends up in pedigrees erroneously. **Johnson:** If advancement to championship is being sought, AOV is a stepping stone. An evaluation form is the missing link that we need. **Wilson:** Different reasons for different breeds. **Bellavance:** Having some kind of description or standard for the judges to evaluate these cats is very important. **Wilson:** If the AOV class is used as a means of advancing cats per the advancement matrix, then we have to have information for the judges that the breed council agrees on. **Newkirk:** If that comes up before the board on the ballot, will the AOV descriptions be included in the breed standard? I think that is something we need to discuss. I personally believe it should be in the standards. **Wilson:** The AOV color class specifically says it's for cats that don't conform to the accepted standards. I'm hoping we can find a way to handle it administratively that will work for everyone, and provide a means of input.

7. *Breed Standard Changes – frequency/limitation*

Wilson: We have a number of breeds that have been in CFA for 100 years. Why do you need to change your standard? **Johnson:** It's not a requirement for breed council secretaries to put in a ballot change every year. It's OK not to. **Willen:** We are clarifying a point that may be misinterpreted. It doesn't affect what our cats look like, but may be a clarification. **Wilson:** When that happens, the first thing to consider may be using the communication process as an educational tool for the judges. **Eigenhauser:** On the subject of frequency, let me just say two words: "common sense". The more often you change it, the less it seems like you know what you really want. You're going to confuse judges and that says your own vision of your standard is a little cloudy. You should work on clarifying it before you ask the board and the judges to change

their vision of what your standard is supposed to be. **Newkirk:** We are ideally set up to consider longhair breeds one year and shorthair breeds the alternate year. **Johnson:** A newer breed would have a few years to firm up their standard. **Baugh:** We want to be cautious that we're not changing our standards to meet the cat, rather than breed the cat so it meets the standard. **Wilson:** You can't let judges dictate your standard. If there's a problem with educating judges, we address it as an educational issue. **Hooker:** We have been looking at tightening up our standard so it truly defines the ideal cat. **Wilson:** That is exactly the purpose for a ballot and a breed council.

8. *What is the “essence” of your breed?*

Miller: This would be the idea vision of the breed, what it is that makes each breed distinct from all the other breeds, expressed in one or two sentences or sound bites easily understood by the general public. **Anger:** That's what it's all about when you are presenting cats to the public. They want to know, what is this breed all about? What's the purpose of this breed? What makes this a breed? I would love to have a sound bite that each breed council endorses. I encourage the breed councils to consider this philosophy and help us help you to tell these people what your breed is all about. **Miller** presented an experimental pamphlet on this order. Shelters love it. The media loves it. **Wilson:** This is a concept to think about, and see what you can come up with. **Johnson:** The essence of the breed would also be a guideline for the breeders of tomorrow to understand how the breeds came to be and what they were meant to be.

9. *CFA Breed Referral Listing – qualifications, accuracy*

Quigley: To be on the Breeder Referral List, my suggestion is to have requirements. **DelaBar:** We've got to take this on a case-by-case basis. This is not a recommendation, this is a listing. **Eigenhauser:** Under CFA's new definition of conduct detrimental to the fancy, if there is a pattern of consistent problems, they can be brought before the Protest Committee and the board. **Morgan:** Pet people aren't going to be stepping forward. They don't want to get involved. **Eigenhauser:** We are tracking those that have multiple contract complaints against them.

10. *Mentorship – each BC consider identifying a “point person”*

Wilson: Mandi Wooldridge would appreciate each breed council appointing one contact for mentorship coordination.

11. *BREED COUNCIL RENEWALS – encourage membership to renew by 8/1/06!*

Berg discussed the breeder assistance program (see index item #9). Each regional director will appoint someone and will set up a website. We will create guidelines for placing the cats.

Breeds with Outcross Cut-off Dates:

American Curl (1/1/2010)

Colorpoint Shorthair (1/1/2019)

Devon Rex (5/1/2013)

LaPerm (1/1/2010)

Ocicat (1/1/2015)

RagaMuffin (7/15/2006)

Selkirk Rex (1/1/2010 and 1/1/2015)

Sphynx (12/31/2010)

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION MEETING
Thursday, June 15, 2006

International Division Chair Darrell Newkirk called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. with International Division guests Peter Vanwonderghem, George Cherrie, Paulo Carnivaletti and Fredrick Gaspard, and International Division (“ID”) Committee members Bob Zenda, Liz Watson and Linda Berg present, in addition to the CFA Board of Directors.

Newkirk updated the attendees on the Asia/Latin America ID email list. Newkirk and Baugh will develop show rules to address the number of winners’ ribbons required in the ID.

Novice Class. Cherrie: The novice class has caused a lot of discussion recently. There seems to have been a bit of misuse of the novice class. The class was intended to be a means to get new people to come in and taste CFA; if they like the style, they can go through the registration process, claim their championship and then go on. We’ve got to make sure that happens. **Vanwonderghem:** It is very important to say that we need the novice class. **Newkirk:** We had an example with littermates in the same color class, one registered and one in the novice class. They both made their championship. One of the potential solutions is amending the show rules to exclude entries in the novice class that were born from CFA registered parents. The cat should be legitimately registered and compete with the other opens, because it’s actually a CFA cat, not brought in from another association. **Cummings:** When they accept this entry as a novice, how will the entry clerk know if the parents are registered? **Vanwonderghem:** The exhibitors know, and Central Office will know a mistake has been made. **Cummings:** It will be voided in Central Office. **Newkirk:** CFA people are going to know what the rule is. It is discouraging for people who go by the rules. **Johnson:** We’ve got a majority of people who follow the rules. Do they think this is a good idea? **Vanwonderghem:** They just want the problem to be solved. It’s up to us to find a solution.

ID Show License and Club Applications. **Newkirk:** The show license fees are waived for ID clubs. We will not waive late fees. Club application deadlines are firm. The rules on that apply to everyone.

Asia Pet Passport. **Zenda:** Wilson Ng, the newly-elected representative for the Asia/Latin America Division, expressed his regrets that he could not be here today. The issue that is of primary interest to Asia is the Asian Pet Passport, and they would like us to consider what the leadership of CFA can do to help them work out something with the various animal control agencies in each of the countries. **DelaBar:** The World Cat Congress is compiling the requirements for entry into the different countries. The 9-member organization can then approach it area by area. **Johnson:** Would it be possible for us to provide an endorsement in the meantime? **DelaBar:** Yes, but I want to coordinate the total effort. **Zenda:** They will be delighted to know that they have been heard and we are determining the requirements.

Zenda mentioned his collection of photos from shows in Korea and Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia, Hong Kong, Beijing and Shanghai, and that they will be integrated into the “On the Road Again” presentation to give everyone an understanding and appreciation of how much CFA is growing in Asia. It is absolutely tremendous. Rarteo Lo and the Hong Kong Cat Lovers’

Society are undertaking the first Division awards banquet. No one there has ever seen one of these events. It's going to be a fun experience, but they are up for it and there's an interest. Thank you so much for supporting and listening and being aware of what's going on there. It's important to CFA's future.

DelaBar brought up the constitutional provisions requiring ID clubs to be show producing in order to have the privilege to vote. **Vanwonderghem:** I believe that only show-producing clubs should have voting rights. We have the ability to stop paper clubs in Europe. **Johnson:** It's an excellent idea – having clubs with real purpose to be voting. **Cherrie:** I agree, but certain caveats are vital. The last thing we need in Europe are paper clubs. **Vanwonderghem:** The expertise and experience is in the active clubs. They understand CFA and are motivating new people and new clubs in different countries to set up shows. This is where our growth has to come from. More shows will lead to more registrations, will lead to more people interested in CFA. We need to encourage that. Keeping the voting rights with them is encouragement.

ID Show Scheduling. **Cherrie:** We do everything to share the show schedule to avoid conflicts with other associations' shows. **Angell:** Hopefully, if we work with the WCC and some of these organizations, maybe we can come to an understanding and coexist. I would like to try.

Russia. **L. Watson:** We just took in a club in Russia. They hope to put on shows in various areas of Russia. Many of the European exhibitors travel to Russia and Ukraine because they no longer need a visa in order to enter the country. **Carnivaletti** explained about the rabies requirement. The club that organizes the show does everything for you, so it's very well organized, but you must know exactly what the rule says. You need a passport, a microchip, rabies shot and blood test.

Grand Points in Ukraine and Russia. **Carnivaletti:** A cat came to the show Saturday as an open, won 4 winners' ribbons, transferred to champion and then on Sunday makes its grand champion. It is unfair for a cat to become a champion and grand champion in one show. I like the same requirements for all CFA. These rules are for everybody. **Newkirk:** It was an aberration. I would not want to see the requirements for Russia change until they have more growth. Ukraine has 8 ring shows, and they are getting a bigger entry. **Carnivaletti:** A solution would be to require 6 winners ribbons. **Vanwonderghem:** Europe has an ambition to be recognized as a CFA region. 7 or 8 years ago, it was almost impossible in Holland and Belgium to become a grand champion in 2-3 show seasons. The Italians convinced us that accepting the lower points would put us in a position where we could never become a region. We had to change the growth of CFA in our country. Germany came next and we added more shows in our countries. The people in the European part of the ID firmly believe that we can create enough growth and make CFA important enough to become a region one day. For that reason, we believe that we should not have some countries within Europe with special rules.

2006 CFA ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, June 16, 2006

(25) **President Pam DelaBar** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., with the following State of the Organization address:

DelaBar: *Buenos días. Bonjour. Buon giorno. Guten Morgen. Ohayo gozaimasu. Dacha hau. And I would be very remiss if I didn't say goo'day mate. Good morning CFA. First off, I want to give Iams a big round of applause for sponsoring that nice continental breakfast we had this morning. [applause] The 2006 Annual Business Meeting is now called to order. We have entered a new century for CFA. We have a new vision and a new goal, and that is to raise the value – the intrinsic value of all cats; specifically, our pedigreed cats. I'm looking at having a multi-disciplinary approach. Public relations – public relations is two-fold. One, you use PR of all sorts of types, whether it be TV appearances, be it movies or whatever, to raise the public's awareness of CFA and pedigreed cats. We also use our public relations in advertising to be lead producing. When I'm talking about lead producing, I'm talking about those people that wish to obtain one of our pedigreed cats, and those cat lovers and soon-to-be cat lovers that walk into the doors of our shows. We are starting a community outreach and education program. This is going to involve veterinary schools, regular public schools, animal welfare organizations and holding breed awareness seminars wherever the animal-loving public is convened. We have developed and will be developing further partnerships with commercial interests. These are our organizations, such as cat food. Any type of organization that is interested in working with us. We will also have increased legislative presence at all levels. In-house efforts. It is my goal to maintain and increase our services without raising fees. [applause] Thank you. One of these that you're going to see within the next couple of months – on-line litter registration, followed by on-line cat registration [applause]. Please be aware that this comes at a price. On-line litter registration cost us no less than \$18,000. We are going to cut the fat where needed, and essentially, the treasurer, Kathy Calhoun and I have put the board on a diet. We are now doing per diem for food. We are meeting at our most cost-effective places to hold our board meetings. I also want you to be aware that you have a 24/7 board – 24 hours, 7 days a week. We conduct a lot of business electronically and then ratify what we have done electronically at our next face-to-face board meetings. We have a promotion of our branded goods and services to increase and supplement our income. Our Business Development Committee will give you a very in-depth program today, and some of you have already noticed our CFA branded toys and other products. Plus, we are going to make it easier for people to participate in the fancy. Our grass roots level – this is when I'm talking about our club level. How can our clubs help the organization and thus help themselves? We need the clubs and individual breeders to promote the registration of our cats and kittens. This is our basic charter. This is our basic mission, is to provide a history of cats. We need to welcome new members into our clubs. The only way that we can grow is by replacing ourselves. It's not so much for me to ask you how many litters or cats you have registered. It is more important to ask, how many new breeders have you brought into the fancy? We want to push our CFA products at our shows, such things as our Pet Partners Insurance Program. This is preaching to the choir. Everybody that comes to a cat show must love cats and they would be very, very interested in taking part in our insurance program, and this is our insurance program. We need people to become involved and committed. I don't know if you have heard the difference or a good illustration between what is it to be involved and what it is to be*

committed. To be involved is like ham and eggs. The chicken is involved by laying the egg. The pig is committed. We need to raise our Mentor Program. Each one of you has years and years of experience and can provide valuable expertise in helping new people come into our fancy. We need you desperately as legislative liaisons. When I go home from this annual meeting, I immediately have to attack the new mandatory neuter/spay programs in my home town of San Antonio, Texas. Finally, we need to be proud to be cat breeders. We have lovely animals, we're responsible, we help support shelters, we help support disaster relief, we help support feline health studies. It's time for us to be proud, rather than hiding in the shadows. Nothing is so important than our 100th year history. Happy birthday CFA! And remember, nothing is impossible. Thank you all very much.

(26) DECLARE THE DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (ROLL CALL IF DESIRED).

DelaBar declared a quorum, with 451 delegates checked in.

(27) CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF 2005 MINUTES.

Eigenhauser moved to approve the minutes from the 2005 Annual Meeting. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** B. Belfatto voting no.

(28) APPOINT PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR THE 2006 ANNUAL MEETING.

DelaBar appointed Fred Jacobberger as Parliamentarian for this Annual Meeting.

(29) SPECIAL RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE.

CFA Attorney and Parliamentarian for the 2006 Annual Meeting, Fred Jacobberger had **Secretary Anger** advise the delegation of the special rules of parliamentary procedure which they would be asked to adopt for the meeting: (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 are other amendments. (4) The seconding of motions shall not be required. (5) The sponsor of a debatable motion will be permitted a closing statement after a closing debate. (6) Recommendations from member clubs may be discussed even though no motion is pending. (7) An affirmative vote of no less than 100 votes is required to compel a roll-call vote. (8) When not inconsistent with the foregoing general rules, The Constitution of the CFA, Inc., its charter, bylaws and applicable rules of law, and Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the proceedings of this meeting. **Eigenhauser** moved to adopt those rules. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(30) TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer Kathy Calhoun:

Good morning. CFA had a very challenging year – very, very challenging, and although the future looks extremely promising, it's important for this delegation to understand the activities of last year, so let's begin by understanding the activities of our core business. We're looking at this in two buckets. We have operating income and operating expenses. Under income, income includes registrations of litters, individuals, all the other registration services, which includes championship confirmation, pedigrees, transfers, those sorts of things, breed council,

clubs and shows, and booklets and forms. Those activities generated about \$1.4 million in revenue. Then there are operating expenses to support those activities. Those operating expenses include salaries, building maintenance and utilities at Central Office, supplies, systems, all the CFA programming and legislative. Those activities cost about \$1.5 million. Expenses exceeded revenue. Let's peel the onion back just a little bit further and look at our core competency around litter registration and individual registration. Those categories declined about 5%. Comparing the last two seasons, we registered 29,639 litters in 2004-2005. The past year, 2005-2006, we registered 27,417 litters which caused a reduction in revenue of about \$17,000. The scenario is similar regarding individual registration revenue and counts. In the 2004-2005 show season, 40,598 individual cats were registered. This past season, that number dropped to 38,836, which is approximately 1,700 fewer cats. Again, we had a reduction in revenue. These are trends that we have experienced over the past couple years. Coupled with the decline in registration, we experienced about a 10% decline in all of the associated registration services, totaling a very significant impact to the bottom line.

Let's take a look at Publications. Unfortunately, the Almanac lost \$27,000 last year. This was primarily in the print edition, as the on-line edition actually experienced an increase in revenue of approximately \$8,000. The Publications Committee is working very hard to address this and one of the things that they are doing is conducting a study evaluating alternative publishing houses in a cost-savings effort. All this will have a positive effect on the bottom line. The Yearbook also suffered a loss, but that committee, the Publications Committee again, will be meeting with the delegation today and they've got some exciting news about the future of the Yearbook. But, here's a little advertisement. The 100th Anniversary edition is coming up, and there are deadlines for advertising that will be upon us shortly. It's very important to participate in that and make sure that your activities, your cats, your catteries, your accomplishments, are a part of that book, so that's my commercial.

Onto the two CFA sponsored shows. The International Show moved to San Mateo and although it was a very successful show with great gate, exhibitors fully supporting it, the show did lose money – about \$15,000. As with any new venue, there are logistical issues that need to be worked out, so next year's show is expected to be profitable. One thing to keep in mind, that the International Show's loss does include a \$5,000 donation to the Winn Foundation. The New York show also lost money. The gate was dramatically reduced, due to issues completely out of the control of the show committee. The show committee in place for the next show in the fall is aggressively addressing cost and we do anticipate a successful show. As stated before, this show creates a tremendous amount of publicity and our sponsors are committed to making this a success.

So, that's the top line and as I stated before, we did have a tough year. That being said, it's very important for this delegation to understand that a large portion of that loss was based on one-time occurrences. These negative occurrences will not occur again. Those occurrences include a supplemental audit, incremental legislative services and a change in the depreciation method. So, what are we going to do about that? As Pam said, what we are not going to do is increase fees. We're doing everything that we possibly can to maintain the current price structure. What we will do regarding registration is innovate – make it simple, make it fast. What we all can do to support our hobby by supporting CFA is to register our litters, register all of our kittens and, as Pam said, bring new people into the fancy. It is critical that we replace

ourselves. Publications, we are actively pursuing cost-savings, we are looking at new publishing houses, we are doing these activities without compromising content or quality. In addition there, what we all can do is subscribe – subscribe to the Almanac, print or online, or both, and buy a Yearbook. It's important if we want to see these publications survive, the people in this room have to support it. The shows – Madison Square Garden and the International – we are working with very, very conservative budgets; budgets that we feel are realistic. We are pursuing existing levels of sponsorship and increasing levels of sponsorship. What can we do? Support those shows – support in attendance and support in conversations between ourselves when we talk about both shows. Programs – what are we doing there? No unnecessary spending. We are only moving forward on required programs and as Pam said, the board is on a diet. We have a daily per diem and we will stick to it.

All of these efforts will total a far better picture next year, and before I close this segment of the Treasurer's Report, as always I would like to thank the Finance Committee for all their work, all their new ideas, all of their planning throughout the year. Jim Thompson, Chuck Gradowski, Bob Molino, Allene Tartaglia and Pam DelaBar. Thank you so much for your support. Thank you to this delegation and have a great annual.

(31) BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

Business Development Team Chair Kitty Angell:

Before I begin my report this morning, I would like to introduce my committee members to you. On my committee are Roeann Fulkerson, the CFA Director of Marketing and Public Relations, James Watson, Donna Jean Thompson, and Kayoko Koizumi.

Before we begin this presentation, I would like to give you a cameo update on the progress of CFA during the last 100 years. From our humble beginnings in February, 1906 with five member clubs to the present membership of 650 clubs in every continent except Australia and Africa, CFA has become the gold standard of excellence in pedigreed cats.

We have progressed from 2 judges in 1906 to 136 in 2006. Initial assets of \$41.50 have grown to over three million dollars. Our first central office was Jean Rose's kitchen table. In 1980 we progressed to our first owned facility in Ocean Township, New Jersey. From this location we have realized a dream come true in our totally owned debt-free building in Manasquan, New Jersey.

Our cats have also gone through a major metamorphosis as our beautiful breeds were constantly improved, perfected, and new ones added.

Through the years CFA has enjoyed many mutually beneficial partnerships with cat related businesses. It is this nurturing of outside business interests and corporate sponsorship that caused Pam DelaBar to create the Business Development Committee in 2004. I was appointed chair of this committee and was fortunate to be allowed to work with an extremely dedicated Central Office employee, our Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Roeann Fulkerson.

We will now update you on our on-going programs, share new programs, and what our goals are for the future.

Programs Already In Place:

From this time last year when the Business Development Committee gave you our presentation, many significant accomplishments have occurred for CFA. From June 2004 through current June 2006, "31 new companies have partnered with CFA." These companies previously had no association nor did they have any committed revenue to CFA.

The Business Development Committee has put contracts in place and has secured ongoing revenue and Corporate Sponsorship funds for CFA reflective during this period and over the next thirty six months in excess of \$1,000,000.00. These are contracted funds of which some have obviously already been paid.

4-Kids Entertainment Products is our branding and licensing company. Please take the time after our presentation to go see the actual products that are over there. [Pictures were shown of new CFA branded products. The products were also on display for the delegates to observe.]

4-SIGHT – Is the new adult division of 4-Kids Entertainment and will be our division of branded marketing in the future.

CFA has another new Licensee for branded products and this is Dakota Collectibles <http://www.dakotacollectibles.com/comm/default.asp> Dakota Collectibles is the world's largest supplier of stock embroidery designs. These are high quality embroidery design collections for use with computerized sewing machines, on CD's, PC's and 3.5" disks. We will soon see our 41 CFA breeds represented as a choice to the public and the Fancy.

Dates for products going into stores.

- a. *PetSmart will have 6 CFA cat toys on their shelves starting in September.*
- b. *Petco will have 9 toy items on their shelves, starting August 1st.*

900 Goody Bags for Pet Night on Capitol Hill ~ CFA will again be an affiliate sponsor for the Animal Health Institute's "Pet Night on Capitol Hill" held in Washington DC, September 12, 2006. Inserted in the 900 goody bags to be distributed to Congress and their staffers will be our very own CFA branded cat toys. Jakks Pacific Inc., also known as JPI, is donating the CFA products. JPI is one of CFA's primary licensees and we are very pleased they have generously agreed to provide these CFA branded cat toys.

CATBANK.ORG

The CatBank program was shared at the March, 2006 annual meeting of the World Cat Congress held in Hatfield, United Kingdom, just outside London. Pam DelaBar is President of the WCC. Worldwide cat registries represented at this meeting included TICA, FiFe (Europe and the UK), WCF (Europe), NZCF (New Zealand) and ACF (Australia). GCCF (UK), CCCA

(Australia), and SACC (South Africa) were admitted for membership at this meeting, and they also attended. Kitty Angell represented CFA and talked to the group about the importance of DNA parentage testing to cat registries and the CatBank program, including the value and significance of what CatBank has to offer to worldwide registries. CatBank was very well received.

CFA PET HEALTHCARE

CFA's Pet Healthcare program, which you already heard us mention a couple times this morning, received some changes and expansions in the past couple of months. Previously this insurance was not available in all states due to pending state regulations. This issue has been resolved and our Pet Health Insurance is available to everyone in all states as of May this year.

Adjusted premiums in two of the previously offered insurance plans have reduced their cost.

CFA Pet Healthcare Insurance is a wonderful opportunity for all breeders to cover kittens going to new homes by purchasing the 60 Day Trial Plan for only \$20.00. This plan covers up to fifteen hundred dollars of medical coverage for your kittens in their new homes.

Now our Present Activities:

Petmate/CFA Raffle Program

Petmate® and CFA have renewed their partnership so member clubs can again enjoy another year of free raffle prizes.

Clubs receive a generous prize package in exchange for a Petmate ad in their show catalogs. In its fourth year, the program is better than ever with exciting new Petmate products and is limited to the first 150 shows that sign up. Interested show coordinators should act soon by contacting Allene Tartaglia at at@cfa.org.

Dr Elsey's Precious Cat Litter has been a faithful sponsor of CFA for the past three years. I hope you noticed in your delegate bags a product sample of their very effective cat litter additive. This company has continued to increase their dedication and presence with CFA and it is very exciting for me to be able to announce Dr. Elsey made a decision the first of June to move his very large annual budget previously allocated to advertising in Good Housekeeping magazine, over to The Cat Fanciers' Association!!

Centennial Promotions

With the help of 4Kids Entertainment, CFA will take part in the ringing of the bell at the New York Stock Exchange to celebrate our 100-year birthday. This event will take place shortly before the CFA/Iams Cat Championship at Madison Square Garden in New York City. A beautiful CFA Centennial lapel pin will be given to New York brokers on the day CFA rings the bell at the stock exchange. The Iams Company has agreed to supply these pins.

Lapel pins have been included in your delegate bags. These have been generously funded by Royal Canin. Let's please give Royal Canin a big thank you!

Cat-Owner "Look-A-Like Contest" (contest rules will be posted on the CFA/Iams Cat Championship web site). This project was the brainchild of 4-Kids Entertainment. It will be held in conjunction with the CFA/Iams Cat Championship and will provide an excellent publicity tool to involve the public.

Show Sponsorship

1) CFA/Iams Cat Championship

The Iams Brand from Proctor & Gamble Company has stepped forward in 2006 by significantly increasing their contribution to the CFA-Iams Cat Championship. Let's please give Iams a huge thank you! In addition to the Iams Company's generous sponsorship, we have added new sponsors such as major pharmaceutical companies, litter manufacturers, and other non-pet food companies. We are not finished working on sponsorships, and we are excited about the additional companies partnering with CFA for this event.

2) CFA International Show

The CFA International show will be held again in San Mateo, California and NOW will be televised! Recently it was announced on the CFA News group, a contract with Game Show Network was signed in June to begin production of the show which will be aired on TV. Jim Casey of Painless Productions is the Executive Producer, and was also the producer of the 2005 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship televised from Tampa, Florida on January 15 and 16. It aired for the first time live on Animal Planet and The Discovery Channel. Last year's simulcast of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship on Animal Planet and The Discovery Channel was the No. 1-rated dog show in their history. We are looking forward to working with Jim Casey in the TV production for CFA's International show this year.

While we are always in a friendly competition with the dog fancy, CFA enjoys an outstanding relationship with AKC and both organizations are committed to helping each other.

3) Major Show Sponsorship

A CFA-News bulletin recently announced shows that are receiving national corporate sponsorship. These large shows are held in massive venues and have demonstrated very large spectator attendance.

From July 2006 through the end of March 2007, the following shows will receive corporate sponsorship in funds and/or in kind:

*Garden State Cat Club, Garden State Exhibition Center
Los Colores Cat Club, Pasadena Center Exhibition Hall
Mo-Kan Cat Club, Kansas Expo Center
National Capital Cat Show, Dulles Expo Center
Cotton States Cat Club, Gwinnett Civic Center*

*Dayton Cat Fanciers, Hara Arena
Phoenix Feline Fanciers, Phoenix Civic Plaza
Houston Cat Club, George R. Brown Convention Center
Absolutely Abyssinians Cat Club, Jacksonville, Florida
San Diego Cat Fanciers, Del Mar Fairgrounds
Oregon Cats Inc., Portland Metro Expo Center
Cincinnati Cat Club, Cincinnati/Cinergy Convention Center
Crab & Mallet Cat Club, Show Place Arena
Western Penn Cat Fanciers, Pittsburgh Expomart
Cat N' On the Fox, Arlington International Racecourse
To this list we have added:
Seacoast Cat Club, Concord, New Hampshire
Malibu Cat Club, Costa Mesa, California
Crafty Cat Club, Charlotte, North Carolina*

More clubs are presently being considered for major corporate sponsorship as they send us their club information.

4) CFA Corporate Sponsor Recognition Program-

Last year we started a new recognition program for our major corporate sponsors. We decided to award different levels of participation and used jewels to denote those labels. To refresh your memory, Pearl is the entry level sponsorship at \$5,000. Followed by Sapphire at \$10,000; Diamond at \$50,000, Ruby at \$100,000 and Emerald at \$250,000 plus. I would like to recognize the following companies:

<i>Petco Foundation</i>	<i>Pearl</i>
<i>World's Best Litter</i>	<i>Pearl</i>
<i>Hartz Mountain Corporation</i>	<i>Pearl</i>
<i>PetsMart</i>	<i>Pearl</i>
<i>Ultimate Pet Products</i>	<i>Pearl</i>
<i>Bio-Pro Research, LLC</i>	<i>Pearl</i>
<i>Innova EVO Cat and Kitten</i>	<i>Pearl</i>
<i>Cats Rule</i>	<i>Sapphire</i>
<i>Bowtie Publications</i>	<i>Sapphire</i>
<i>Petmate Pet Products</i>	<i>Sapphire</i>
<i>Pet Ecology Brand</i>	<i>Sapphire</i>
<i>S&M NuTec, LLC-Greenies</i>	<i>Diamond</i>
<i>Dr. Elsey's Precious Cats</i>	<i>Ruby</i>
<i>Royal Canin</i>	<i>Ruby</i>
<i>The Iams Company</i>	<i>Ruby</i>

I was going to ask you all to give a great big hand, but you have already done that. [May we please have a big hand for these wonderful corporate sponsors!]

In February of 2006 our board approved the formation of an “unmanned” email notification system designed to distribute information to people wishing to subscribe and receive breaking news about CFA and its programs. We provide up-to-date news about CFA and its accomplishments. This includes press releases, new products, new contracts that have been signed, and many other business related features. Keeping you, our constituents, informed of our progress as quickly as possible is very important to your officers and board of directors.

Pet Oxygen Mask Distribution to Fire Departments across the US

Our Disaster Relief Fund, headed by Pam DelaBar, was aided by Roeann Fulkerson in funding “300 Surgivet’s Animal Oxygen Masks.” These oxygen masks come in three sizes. The masks will be distributed to Fire Departments throughout the United States. The CFA Disaster Relief Fund underwrote the project and both Pam and Roeann worked closely with “H.E.L.P. Animals”, a Daytona-based 501(c) 3 tax deductible organization. To see these masks in use go to: <http://helpanimalsinc.org/media/dogrescue.wmv> .

Future Projections

What are we planning for the future? First, we would like to thank all the people who shared their invaluable ideas with our committee for developing and marketing CFA. The first year our committee focused on programs that would bring in extra money for CFA to help ease the financial burden of our organization. Last year we concentrated on spotlighting major shows by adding corporate sponsorship and more media coverage. It is through our large venue shows that we are able to reach out and educate the people. Media introduces us to audiences of millions. Our goal is to create pedigree breed awareness so all our breeds become household names with the instant feature recognition of the Siamese and Persian. Obtaining media coverage for our banner shows was a major coup for CFA.

Large corporate sponsors want the most “bang for their buck”. They are more interested in the size of the show hall and how many spectators walk through the door than anything else. Our large, spectacular shows play a very important role in the projection of CFA’s image as a whole.

In the coming year it is our goal to concentrate on helping smaller clubs improve their financial status. Exceptional ideas were abundant at the “Meet the Board Members Meeting” yesterday and we will be incorporating them into a manual for show producing clubs. Even though not all major corporate sponsors can afford participation in the smaller shows, there is no reason why local pet-related businesses cannot help sponsor these shows. Larger clubs can “adopt” smaller clubs and help financially by sponsoring a ring. Small clubs can band together and put on one show instead of three. For the future of CFA, it DOES take a village, and together we can accomplish this goal.

As an ongoing mission in the Business Development Committee, we are constantly investigating new ways of bringing in outside revenue to CFA. As a 100-year-old company, with the most highly valued cats in the world, we have the ability to offer premium status to products bearing our name and give our seal of approval.

We will continue to explore new ways to bring in revenue for CFA and promote our beautiful cats. We will also keep in mind that a stronger financial stream and an active media presence will benefit ALL cats not just our pedigreed cats.

In closing we would like to thank two very special people who have made this presentation possible: Donna Jean Thompson, our fearless editor, and James Watson, who pulls our Power Point presentation together. Also, Allene Tartaglia and Carol Krzanowski put up with our endless questions and requests for additional pictures. Guys, we couldn't have done it without you!

And finally to you, our constituents, we pledge to work harder each year to ensure CFA's place as the world's leader in pedigreed cats. The cat fancy is our passion and we love the cats as you do. Together we can make this next century even greater than the one before.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kitty Angell, CFA Vice-President, Business Development , Chair
Roeann Fulkerson, CFA Director of Marketing and Public Relations*

(32) JUDGING PROGRAM.

Judging Program Chair Rachel Anger:

We don't have any fancy graphics or Power Point programs for you today. All we have is a panel of some of the finest cat judges on earth. From our newest trainee to our most senior judge, you will find individuals who are dedicated to providing educated and respectful judging to your cats, promoting breed identity and hopefully a little entertainment, too. And I don't mean just Kim and Walter! You are about to meet some of those individuals.

For each judge in the CFA Judging Program, the journey began with a dream. Each dream was as unique and individual as our judges, but the journey itself has been relatively the same. An application was submitted, and most judges will testify to the feeling that their entire lives were put on display for the world to see. A board meeting was held, at which each application was voted on. Finally, in most cases, a congratulatory telephone call is received and off they go to train. I would like to acknowledge the judges who were accepted as trainees since we met last year. If each person would stand as I call their name, please, and remain standing. By the way, we will do this "drive through" style, and some of you may know the rules in that case – the 5 clap rule. 5 claps for each person.

Accept as Trainee:

*Kathy Calhoun (LH – 1st Specialty)
Dee Dee Cantley (SH – 1st specialty)
Dennis Gano (LH – 2nd Specialty)
Barbara Jaeger (SH – 2nd specialty)
Teresa Keiger (SH – 1st Specialty)
Sharon Powell (SH – 2nd Specialty)
B. Iris Tanner (SH – 2nd Specialty)
John Webster (SH – 2nd Specialty)*

Trainees work in the ring with a training judge, and wouldn't you just LOVE to know what they are saying in those discussions! After a trainee completes the necessary training sessions and receives a favorable recommendation from the trainee administrator, they go back to the board for advancement, to begin their judging. Judges who have completed their training and who are now apprentice judges are as follows. Again, "drive through" style please.

Advance to Apprentice Specialty:

B. Iris Tanner (SH – 2nd Specialty)

Peter Vanwonderghem (SH – 2nd specialty)

Clubs evaluate these judges, and after eight satisfactory evaluations, they revisit the board for an additional advancement to approval pending. Judges in that status are as follows:

Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:

Marsha Ammons (SH – 1st Specialty)

Marjorie Collier (LH – 2nd Specialty)

Ed Davis (LH – 2nd Specialty)

Megumi Yamashita (LH – 1st Specialty)

The final step of approved is a long-awaited time that the advancing judges look forward to very much. Success here means that they get to throw away the postage paid envelopes to their file administrators, and no more club evaluations! This is a large group, so here we go:

Advance to Approved Specialty:

Vicki Baylus (SH – 1st Specialty)

Dennis Gano (SH – 1st Specialty)

Barbara Jaeger (LH – 1st Specialty)

Jeff Janzen (LH – 2nd Specialty)

Kazuko Kurokawa (SH – 1st Specialty)

Carolyn Lyons (LH – 2nd specialty)

Edward Maeda (LH – 2nd Specialty)

Jo Ann Miksa-Blackwell (SH – 2nd Specialty)

Sharon Powell (LH – 1st Specialty)

B. Iris Tanner (LH – 1st Specialty)

John Webster (LH – 1st Specialty)

Beverly Wood (SH – 2nd Specialty)

The journey isn't over yet. When our specialty judges have successfully completed all levels of the program, they are then advanced to approval pending allbreed. Nine judges have joined the allbreed ranks this year:

Advance to Approval Pending Allbreed:

Holly Ayers

Carla Bizzell

Kathy Black

Richard Hoskinson

Jeff Janzen

*Edward Maeda
Jo Ann Miksa-Blackwell
Aki Tamura
Beverly Wood*

Finally, the judges with the biggest smiles are those who have achieved the highest level in the CFA Judging Program – approved Allbreed. Please help me congratulate the following individuals on attaining this most coveted level:

Advance to Approved Allbreed:

*Kathy Black
Ellyn Honey
Hisako Komota
Jan Rogers
Yoshiko Sada
Ayumi Ueda*

I would now like to honor all of our CFA judges by having them stand, as Liz Watson says, “for your appreciation and your applause”.

At the February 2006 board meeting, the CFA Board of Directors disbanded the JPC and reverted the Judging Program to a committee structure. We would like to acknowledge the following JPC members who served until that time:

*Chuck Gradowski
Sharon Roy*

Although the JPC was a beautiful concept and served us well for many years, the CFA Board voted to implement this change because they felt the committee format would better serve their needs at this time. Therefore, the Judging Program was (re)formed and populated with the following personnel, who are dedicated to the continued excellence of the Program:

Rachel Anger – Letters of Complaint; Board of Directors Meeting Reports; General Communication and Oversight

Norman Auspitz – Representative on the CFA Protest Committee; Judging Program Rules and Updates; File Administrator; Judges’ Education (Breed Awareness and Orientation School)

Carla Bizzell – Domestic File Administrator

Ellyn Honey – Mentor Program Administrator

Becky Orlando – Japan and International Division Trainee and File Administrator; guest judges (CFA judges in approved foreign associations, licensed judges from approved foreign associations in CFA)

Neil Quigley – New Applicants [inquiries, queries, follow ups, counseling); Teach Judging Application Process at Breed Awareness & Orientation School

Donna Jean Thompson – Domestic Trainee Administrator

Annette Wilson – Domestic File Administrator

Bob Zenda – Judges’ Education (Workshops, Judges’ Test)

The Breed Awareness and Orientation Workshop was held in conjunction with the International Show, and also an excellent workshop was held just last night on Persians, Exotics and American Shorthairs, following the Judges’ Association meeting.

The Judging Program has taken some heavy hits in the past few years, through the passing of several of our judges who were very dear to us. We have also accepted with regret the resignations of still more very cherished judges. Apparently, the gods have smiled on us by granting a reprieve this past year, with no retirements or deaths of active judges.

On behalf of the Judging Program and all the judges who achieved advancements this year, we would like to thank the board for your continued support.

I began by talking about the dream each of our judges had - to become a CFA Judge. I know there are those of you out there who also have the same dream. If you have a deep and life-long love of cats, a life-long commitment to CFA, enjoy travel and working with some very unique co-workers, have I got a job for you! Thank you all for your time.

(33) PROTEST REPORT.

Protest Committee Chair George Eigenhauser:

Good morning everyone. I’m George Eigenhauser. I’m Chairman of the CFA Protest Committee. I hope that none of you ever gets involved in a protest, either as someone who feels aggrieved and needing to file one, or someone for whom the protest is coming from the other direction, so what I’m going to do this morning is, rather than going into the nuts and bolts of how a protest proceeds, what I would rather do is talk to you a little bit about what kinds of matters are suitable for protests and what matters are not. Probably the most common question I get is, someone will come up to me, relate a litany of facts and say, “George, is this a protest?” Hopefully, I’ll give you enough information today that you’ll be able to answer that question or at least have an idea of where you should go, so the first question is, what are protests?

Protests are CFA’s ways of enforcing its own rules and its own values. The closest metaphor I can come up with is, protests are to CFA what the criminal justice system is to society as a whole. If you look at that metaphor, that would make the Protest Committee a lot like a grand jury. We investigate matters, we look at the evidence and then we make a recommendation up to the court system which in this case is the CFA board. The CFA board is in fact the judge, jury and executioner of our system. They are also the only court of appeal. This is because they are given that power under the CFA Constitution, which says the executive board has exclusive jurisdiction to handle protest matters, and we do so in order to preserve the integrity of this organization.

I want to focus in on two words: exclusive jurisdiction. That means, nobody else is authorized by our Constitution to impose punishment for violation of our rules. This isn't usually a problem but occasionally we have people getting into self-help, some kind of vigilante action and it doesn't always work out that well. Two of the situations that come up from time to time, people are involved in a relationship with someone else (a breeding relationship, a co-ownership relationship, some other relationship), somebody decides they are now on the short end of the stick and they are going to fix it by forging the other party's name to a litter application or a registration or whatever it takes to balance the scales. That may balance the scales in your book, but it doesn't fix the problem, so please, if you're going to engage in self-help, if you're going to solve the protest – which I encourage you to do; if you can solve a protest without us, go for it – don't violate the rules in doing so.

Another situation that comes up from time to time is clubs who feel they have the right to pick and choose which exhibitors are worthy of attending their shows. If you're going to exclude somebody from your show because they violated the rules, the correct procedure is for the club, under the show rules, to investigate the matter, package it up, then send it to the CFA board for disciplinary action. If you take action against an exhibitor or breeder on your own, you do so at your own risk because only the CFA board has the authority to impose discipline.

So, who is subject to discipline by CFA? Well, we are an organization of member clubs, so any member club is subject to discipline. This may be for a show rule violation for a show producing club. A common one that comes up is misappropriation of a club treasury, diversion of club monies away from your charitable purpose. Also, any clerk or judge obviously is subject to clerking rules or judging rules. They may be subject to multiple rules – a judge is subject to judging rules while they're judging, but if they are also an exhibitor they are subject to show rules, if they're also a breeder they are subject to breeding rules. And a breeder/exhibitor or show official is subject to CFA rules. By the way, this is all from CFA's Constitution, Article XV. And then finally, we have the catch-all: anybody who, by their voluntary participation in CFA activities subjects themselves to our rules. This is both a long-arm statute that reaches out and enables us to bring people in, but it's very much a limitation on our authority, too. If you don't have anything to do with us, we have no power over you.

What kinds of matters do we deal for protests? Well, we have violation of CFA rules themselves. These may be show rules, judging rules, Clerking Program rules, any violation of the CFA Constitution and as I said before, one of the common ones is diversion of club funds in a manner inconsistent with our charitable purpose. Another matter that can come up is cruel and inhumane treatment with respect to felines. Next would be misrepresentation in connection with a registration or abuse of CFA services in connection with the sale, lease or transfer of a cat. Then comes our catch-all: any act or conduct seriously or patently detrimental to the cat or to the Cat Fanciers' Association. So, those are the people.

What kinds of problems does the protest process solve? None. We don't solve problems. We enforce rules. That's not the same thing. Let me give you an example of the difference that might help you understand. Let's say you're driving your car and you are doing everything right. Your hands are at 10 and 2 on the wheel, your car is well maintained, you follow every rule of the road and down some side street is someone who's head is crooked to the side because they have their cell phone on, and the reason they're holding their cell phone with their shoulder is

they've got a super gut buster drink in one hand and comb in the other hand, and they can't see the road because they're leaning over going through their CDs, and you have an accident. They run the stop sign, you have an accident. The police get called to the scene. Are the police going to (a) repair your fender, or (b) write that person a ticket? If you're lucky, they'll write that person a ticket but they're not going to solve your problem, which is the creased fender. Now, there may be circumstances where enforcing rules does in fact solve your problem, but that's not what protests are for. The primary goal is to enforce CFA rules.

What kinds of things are not covered well by protests? First of all, contract disputes, and again, using kind of the criminal law metaphor, if you can't get to work because somebody stole your car, you call the cops. If you can't get to work because the dealership sold you a lemon, you call the Better Business Bureau or you call your lawyer, but the criminal justice system isn't really designed for contract disputes and neither is our protest process. In addition, if the board were to try to deal with contract disputes, we would run into a number of problems the first of which is, CFA does business in a bazillion countries, many of whom have states and cities and other political subdivisions, each of whom has their own laws. For example, if we were involved in a contract dispute with some parties in Florida, we would have to apply Florida's pet lemon law which imposes on every contract for the sale of a cat in Florida certain rules about health certificates, warranties, return policies. Lawyers couldn't keep up with all of this, and the CFA board couldn't either, so we don't handle contract disputes and that would include sick kitten complaints – you sold a kitten to somebody and 2 weeks later they are complaining the cat has the sniffles. Generally speaking, the protest process is not well suited to these.

Personal disputes. We can't make anybody like you and we can't make you like them. Whatever kind of bad blood exists between you and somebody else, unless it manifests itself as a violation of a show rule or some other CFA rule, there's not really much we can do, and that also includes political matters, and this would also include internal club fights. Generally, we're not well suited for dealing with political disputes. Number 1, the way our Constitution is set up, clubs are separate legal entities from us. Some are corporations, some are unincorporated associations, some may be limited liability companies, but they are separate legal entities with their own internal rules for how they elect their officers, how they elect their members, and if we were to try to impose our will on those, first of all it would violate the separation constitutionally between us and the club, and would also put us in the position again of having to learn the laws of hundreds of jurisdictions, and we're just not well suited to that kind of a resolution. Finally, we don't enforce anybody else's rules or values. The way my mama used to put it, just because all your friends jump off a bridge doesn't mean you have to jump off the bridge. Just because somebody else does something doesn't mean we have to follow their rules. The Boy Scouts have taken it upon themselves to decide certain people aren't worthy of belonging to their organization. That may be their values. That's not our values, so we only impose our values and that's what we look at in the protest process.

Now, there are always exceptions. Contract disputes may involve other matters that do raise our attention; for example, there's a forgery involved in the contract dispute. Sick kitten issues sometimes get our attention if there were circumstances where somebody said, "well, I told them the kitten was sick when I gave it to them at the cat show." Bingo, we've got a show rule violation. Personal disputes sometimes spill over into cat shows, they become disruptive, they become poor sportsmanship complaints. Political matters, sometimes if there's a diversion

of club funds away from their charitable purpose, it will come up before the board. Then, enforcing other values. This is an area that I think causes a great deal of confusion within the cat fancy. One of the set of values that we don't enforce is the law. On the other hand, we can't say, go out and break the law. We can't conspire with you to break the law, we can't encourage you to break the law, but it's not our job to enforce every law that's written everywhere for every person. That's not our job. We only enforce our values. Now, there's sometimes going to be an overlap. Somebody abuses a cat, that's a violation of the law, that's a violation of our values, but we're not punishing them because of the violation of the law. We're punishing them because it's a violation of our values. Because of that, we don't necessarily track lock step with what happens in the criminal process if there is an animal abuse or animal neglect case. For example, an acquittal in criminal court does not mean you're off the hook with us. There are a lot of reasons why you might get off – there was insufficient evidence to prove it beyond a reasonable doubt, it may have been plea bargained, the prosecutor may have decided he didn't have enough money to pursue the case. An example out of the criminal system, the OJ civil case. OJ was acquitted in criminal court, but when you got into the civil wrongful death case, you have different rules of evidence, different elements of proof, a different burden of proof, you come to a different result. It also cuts the other way. Just because you were convicted in court doesn't necessarily mean we are going to punish you. We look not at the fact that you were convicted, but at the acts that you committed. So, for example, you go into court and they say, this happens to be a jurisdiction where they have a 2-cat limit and you have 3. You're an evil person under their laws. That doesn't make you an evil person under our rules, so even a conviction in criminal court doesn't guarantee that there would be a disciplinary action against you in CFA.

Now, I want to go on to conduct detrimental to the fancy. In October 2004, we extended conduct detrimental to include things that while individually may not be sufficient to justify a protest, may when they accumulate to a certain point trigger a protest. A couple of areas where we talk about these are the contract disputes. I said before that we don't deal with contract disputes and that's generally true for the board. However, if you have chronic problems with contract disputes, that will get our attention. Anybody can have a dispute sometime in their life, but if we see 3 or 4 or 5, it's going to come to our attention. Same thing with the sick cat problems. Anybody can have a cat get the sniffles when it goes to a new kitten home, but if we have 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 of these, and again it's on a sliding scale. We haven't specifically said, "2 you're scott free, 3 you go to jail." It depends on the severity of the situation, it depends on how close they are in time, it depends on whether they are related or not. If you place 4 kittens out of a litter and they all break with the sniffles, that doesn't mean you did 4 bad things. It may mean you had one stroke of bad luck.

And finally, we have stalking behavior and that's the only way I can describe it. We normally don't get involved in personal disputes, but there are some people out there who are just plain nasty and I mean, sometimes it goes way beyond. You know, it's not just, they are an unpleasant person, but they are going out of their way to deliberately harm other people, either with harassing emails, harassing them at home, calling government agencies to try to harass them. If you really want to hurt somebody, get out of here. We don't appreciate that kind of behavior. [applause]

So, if one of these things comes up, how do we punish people? Well, that's pretty much up to the board and we try to some extent to tailor it to the crime. If it's a relatively minor

infraction, if you've got a relatively clean record, it may be just a warning from the board, some sort of administrative remedy, or it may be some sort of a formal reprimand. We can always fine you. That's one of the things we do, and it's fairly common. We can suspend CFA services, in whole or in part. Occasionally we will try to tailor this. There have been situations where someone is involved in something in show production that violates our rules, so rather than suspending them from exhibiting, which has nothing to do with what they did wrong, we suspend them for show production. Likewise, if a judge does something in the capacity as a judge; let's say they were rifling through a catalog when they weren't supposed to while they were judging, that may result in a disciplinary action on their judging but they would still be permitted to breed and show. Finally, the ultimate punishment CFA imposes is death. OK, maybe not literal death, but we expel them from CFA permanently and that is a form of civil death. It's like certain religions that when you are ousted from that religion, they shun you. You no longer exist to us. Your money is not good to us to enter a cat show. We will not accept any kind of club filings with your signature on it. You are dead to us, and that is the ultimate punishment that CFA can impose.

So, how do you get started on a protest? If you believe you have sufficient grounds to file a protest and you come to me and say, "George, should I or shouldn't I?" My recommendation always is, file it. I would rather have you file it, have us look at the facts, make a determination based on the fact, rather than give you one person's opinion. To get started, you file a protest form. One of the reasons why we ask people to use the form rather than do it free form is because we used to get some really interesting protests in. You know, hi, my name is such-and-such, my cattery name is such-and-such, the name of each cat I bred over the last 20 years is, and by page 10 or 12, you're trying to figure out, what's the problem? So, we created a form that helps people focus in. Right away we ask, what show rule are you complaining about? Is it a constitutional provision you're complaining about? What is the focus? Along with the form, you need to file whatever you have in support of your claim. If you have witness statements, if you have documentary evidence, in the case of a forgery we ask for examples of your signature, those all go in with the initial protest. You have to sign the protest form. We don't take anonymous complaints, we don't punish people for anonymous complaints. If you don't have the courage of your convictions to put your signature on it, we're not going to consider it. We also don't consider gossip, so when you're presenting your evidence, "everybody knows" is not proof. We like to see the words, "I heard", "I saw", something that indicates that you actually have some knowledge. Print or type neatly. If you have little scrawly handwriting, remember this is going to be photocopied over and over, distributed to the committee members, ultimately to the board, we're all older, we have weak eyes. Print neatly in dark ink. Please do not use highlighters on your protest form. That bright pink – that shows up real great on yours and then when we photocopy it, it's a black line and it looks like something the NSA released – everything is blacked out. Include all of the evidence necessary to prove your case. That's one of the reasons why we have the form. We want you to focus in. If the show rule violation is, 3 kittens in a cage, don't talk to me about the state of health in their cattery, OK? Focus in, what is it I am trying to prove, what are the elements of that charge and be as complete as possible so that somebody who knows nothing about the case and is picking this up cold, which is the way I'm going to get it, can understand where you're coming from. Finally, don't over-do it. Brevity is the soul of wit. Keep it short, keep it simple, keep it to the point. Years ago, I used to do criminal law and when I did defense work, it's not defense's job to prove your client innocent. It's your job to muddy the

waters enough that they can't prove it beyond reasonable doubt. If you're filing the protest, in essence you're the prosecution. Defense wants to make things murky. The murkier you make it, by emptying your waste basket into the protest file rather than just giving us the highlights, the harder it is for us to follow. If we can't follow it, tie goes to defense. So, say everything that's necessary to say, but keep to the point, don't wander, don't meander.

That's basically the overview of protests. Some of you actually came up to me earlier yesterday and today with questions. I know some of you might also have questions. If the meeting gets over early, I'll hang around for a little while after the meeting. If you have specific questions about protests, I'll be willing to take them then. Thanks for your time.

(34) CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AND ELECTION RESULTS.

Credentials Committee Chair Eve Russell gave the following report:

Good morning. The Credentials Committee met Thursday morning, June 15th. Delegates from the following clubs were not seated because of late postmarks: Spokane Cat Club, Region 2; London Cat Fanciers, Region 4; Topeka Cat Fanciers, Region 6. The delegate from Turkish Angora Breeders Union was missing the delegate and the presidential signature, so that delegate was not seated. The delegates from All States Burmese Society was not seated because the club fees were not paid by the deadline of April 27th, so that's Region 1 had one delegate not seated, Region 2 had one, Region 3 gets a star – zero problems. [applause] Hold on, it won't last. Region 4 one, Region 5 zero – a star. Region 6 one and Region 7. The ballots received after June 1st deadline were from Lewis & Clark Longhair Specialty, Region 2; Rocky Mountain Cat Fanciers, Region 3. Ballots that were in the wrong envelopes and not clearly marked. Now, if you can't find the envelope, there is a way to cast your ballot, but please indicate it on the envelope in a very clear manner, so Nutmeg Cat Fanciers, Formosa Top Show Cat Club of the International Division, and Vantastic Cat Club, those three ballots were included, of course. Fantastic Cat Club wins the prize because they did the same thing last year. OK, so please make sure that they're marked. Now, we encountered a different problem this year. We had a total of 22 clubs who don't know the name of their cat club. They did not include it on the ballot. Therefore, the ballot was not complete. We had 10 other ballots that were not counted for an assortment of reasons. One of the ballots would have something like no vote for the regional director or didn't vote for one of the officers, or voted for too many, so in Region 1 we have three spoiled ballots; one with no club name and we're going to name those clubs on purpose – New Hampshire Feline Fanciers, no club name, one incomplete ballot and one ballot faxed. If you read on the ballot, it says "fax ballots not accepted" so we can't take a fax ballot with faxed signatures and that's that. Region 2, we had 9 problems. 7 of them were no name – Cornish Rex Breed Club, Barberry Coast Cats, Crowe Canyon Cat Club, All Chiefs No Indians Cat Club, Katnip Cat Club, Northwestern Siamese Breeders, Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance, plus two incomplete ballots, so that's 9 ballots from Region 2. Region 3 who had a total of 7 ballots – 4 no club names, Tijas Siamese Cat Fanciers, Siberian Cat Club, Cowboy Country Cat Fanciers and Bluff City Cat Fanciers, plus three incomplete ballots for a total of 7. Region 4 – there were two bad ballots, one with no club name, Cincinnati Cat Club, and one incomplete ballot. Region 5 – three with no club name, Las Flores Cat Club, Marina Allbreed Cat Club, Hemet Feline Fanciers. Region 6 was winning the race until the very end – one incomplete ballot. Region 7 – 5 no clubs names, Fallen Timbers Shorthair Fanciers, Domesti-Kats Cat Club, Atlanta American Shorthair Cat Club, Atlanta Allbreed Cat Club and Freestate Feline Cat Fanciers. So there's a

total of 7, two of them were incomplete. Region 8 – no club name for Tokyo Feline Fanciers. International Division wins the prize – there were no incomplete ballots. All ballots for the International Division were counted. So, we have a total of 32 invalid ballots. Again, 22 no club names and 10 for other reasons. OK, we're ready with our results. For the officers, we had a total of 432, for the regional directors 422, the difference being 10 ballots because the International Division did not vote for a regional director.

Election Results were as follows:

CFA OFFICERS:

Office of President:

Pam DelaBar*	391
Abstain	41

Office of Vice President:

Kitty Angell*	387
Abstain	45

Office of Secretary:

Rachel Anger*	417
Abstain	15

Office of Treasurer:

Kathryn M. Calhoun*	397
Abstain	35

REGIONAL DIRECTORS:

North Atlantic (1):

Debbie Kusy*	40
Abstain	15

Northwest (2):

Richard Kallmeyer*	46
Abstain	1

Gulf Shore (3):

James Watson*	37
Abstain	2

Great Lakes (4):

Loretta Baugh*	36
Abstain	13

Southwest (5):

Regina Shaffer*	28
Abstain	9

Midwest (6):

Kay Janosik*	45
Paul Patton	31
Abstain	1

Southern (7):

Peg Johnson*	44
Wayne Trevathan	29
Abstain	1

Japan (8):

Teruko Arai	9
Yayoi Satoh*	34
Abstain	2

Russell: That concludes our year. Please write the name of your club on your ballot.
Thank you. **Eigenhauser** moved to destroy the ballots. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Belfatto voting no.

DelaBar: I would like to recognize our only two outgoing board members – Linda Berg who, in my recollection, has been the longest serving director of the Midwest Region. Another bright spot on the CFA Board of Directors has been Kayoko Koizumi. She was very instrumental back in January of '95 when a devastating earthquake hit Kobe and she helped direct relief efforts for animals into Kobe. We will miss her very, very much. Let me welcome Satoh-san and Kay Janosik for our new board members.

(35) PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE.

Publications Committee Chair Donna Brawner:

Good morning everybody. I'm Donna Brawner, I'm Chairperson of the Publications Committee. I realize that I am not well known in CFA and I though you all would like to put a face with the name, so here I am. When it was announced that I was Chairperson of the Publications Committee, I am sure many people are wondering who in the heck is Donna Brawner and why was she made Chairperson of the Publications Committee? So, without boring you too much with a summary of my life, I'm going to give you a few details. I became involved with CFA when the first pedigreed cat I owned was shown as a kitten. At first, I was pretty iffy about this show cat business, but then after he won his first rosette, I became totally resolved that this is what I wanted to do. I loved it. My mentor and I embarked on the wonderful adventure of running a cat. Now, this is how green I was. The first time somebody came up to me and said, "are you running that cat?" I just looked at them and thought, I have to exercise this thing? How do you exercise a cat? Do I run it up and down the stairs? Then when I asked this person that, they looked me right in the eye and they said, "boy, you are new, aren't you?" So, that was my introduction to running a cat. I'm glad to know I didn't have to exercise him. Then, when we finished running Butler Jr., or BJ as he was known to his friends. In 2004-2005, he ended up as 6th Best Cat in Premiership nationally, as well as winning several other awards and I have to tell you this – my classroom and my office at school are just bejeweled with rosettes

everywhere, so I have gotten a lot of use out of his rosettes. As far as my publication experience, I have been a large high school in Texas, 5A yearbook sponsor for 24 years. During those years, I have also sponsored the high school newspaper, as well as teaching journalism and photojournalism, so I bring some experience to the table with publications. I also conduct a seminar in the summer for high school students and sponsors that is called Marketing officially, but I have nicknamed it, "How to Keep Your Publications Out of Debt." I feel like I have some experience with this, because it seems like at every high school I have ever taught at, I inherited yearbook debts or newspaper debts. In fact, in one high school during my job interview, I looked at the principal's records and said, "your yearbook is \$40,000 in debt, did you know that?" You can imagine the look in his face during that interview, and I got the job and my staff and I cleared that debt within three years. They did an excellent job. So, I have up close and personal experience with the problems that publications face.

I want you all to know that I love publications. I think anybody that does this job with the pressure of deadlines, pulling bits and pieces of paper and pictures together from all corners of the globe, either they are masochists or they truly love their job, so my hat is off to these people. When I found out that CFA had two publications, I wanted to in some way volunteer any amount of expertise for the organization. I wanted to pay back CFA for all the friends I have made, for the wonderful times I have had with this organization, and for just what an enriched lifestyle it brought to me, and I felt maybe I could do something, so I mentioned to a board member at the last annual that if there was any small way I could help out, you know, please call on me. Well, you can imagine my surprise when the next day, Pam DelaBar walks up to me and says hey, you're our new Publications Chairman. I almost had a heart attack. But, I wanted to try to do the best job I could and so the Publications Committee and I have put a lot of time and effort into what we hope will be some long-term solutions.

When Pam gave me this job, her mandate was to retool the publications and fix the financial problems for the future, and that is what we wanted to do. The Almanac was in debt and the Yearbook is in debt. Subscriptions and ad sales for the Yearbook are experiencing a downward trend. The Committee and I were instructed to develop plans to halt the financial drain. We are not involved in the publication of the Yearbook or the printed Almanac. The production of the Yearbook and the Almanac is a Central Office function. As stated in our mandate, we were to devise a plan to keep both publications financially sound for the future.

The most critical problem concerned the printed Almanac debt. The second problem was the decline in Yearbook sales and advertising sales. Although various solutions that had been proposed had worked for the short term, such as cutting the number of pages or cutting the number of color pages in both publications, a long-term solution had not been found. The previous Publications Chairperson implemented successful short-term solutions which we have built upon. To solve the financial problems facing the Yearbook, the Publications Committee realized that the audience for the book needed to be expanded beyond CFA and we're very excited about this idea. Approximately 90 million people own cats in the United States alone. Think about it – 90 million people. We felt that CFA needed to tap this market with a book that not only appeals to current CFA members, but would appeal to a national and international audience. A coffee table book that would feature hundreds of pictures of exquisite cats with appropriate articles and content was the niche that CFA is uniquely qualified to fill. CFA has the exhibitors, the exhibitors have the pictures and CFA has a book already in place that just needs

tweaking to appeal to a world-wide audience. To ensure that everybody in the world would know that this is a CFA book, we chose for the name of the book a play on the acronym of CFA – Cats For All, and then as a subtitle to appeal to all cat lovers, we added on – All For Cats, so the title will be “Cats For All, All For Cats”. We have a solid proposal for one publisher who produces not only yearbooks, but fine books to be sold commercially. Another exciting prospect is Bow Tie Press, the publishers of the Cat Fancy Magazine, and The Dog Bible, a best seller in the dog world. I was contacted by their acquisitions editor for additional information concerning our book for his presentation at an upcoming board meeting. He had planned to present this on June the 8th, but when he received copies of our previous two yearbooks, he was so impressed with the quality of the books that he felt like he needed more time to produce a bigger build-up for his board meeting. I found that highly encouraging and we were very excited about it. Bow Tie has access to Barnes & Noble, Borders, Amazon.com, not to mention PetCo and PetsMart, so we are waiting to see what their board of directors is going to decide.

The Publications Committee also addressed the question of how to make each volume unique that would attract not only new customers each year, but keep the old customers coming back. We have suggested a collectible item to be sold as a set with the book and I have a sample of it if you would like to look at it later on when I’m helping sell raffle tickets, and we have suggested the collectible item be sold as a set with the book. Customers however would be able to purchase either the set or the book alone. The collectible will only be sold with the book, however. We plan for the book to be in stores for holiday sales, although there are many details to be worked out and changes to make in certain areas, such as advertising procedures, the advantages of selling to a world-wide market are many and I’m sure I don’t need to point them out to all of you people, but I’m going to anyway. It’s a teacher thing. CFA name recognition would increase; new people would be attracted to CFA; advertising revenues would increase, as well as book sales, plus advertisers would be reaching more than just CFA members. They would be reaching a national and international market. Just the thought of seeing our book in a Barnes & Noble and Borders is thrilling. With our CFA family support and the production talent in the Central Office, a book that appeals to the worldwide audience could become a reality.

Although publication for Volume I of Cats For All is not planned until 2008, we realize that this date seems like a long time away. However, this date was based upon publishers’ recommendations and we accede to their expertise. As for the Almanac, we recognize there is a need for a printed Almanac, although in the future it will not be produced in the expensive form it is now. We have bids from several printers and the selection of a printer is our next step. The date of the publication under the new format will be developed with the new printer. Over the years, many hours and days have been spent by numerous volunteers developing this plan. We have freely given of our time, our money, plus some blood, sweat and tears. The Publications Committee and I hope you are pleased with our efforts and I welcome any suggestions or comments. Thank you for your time and enjoy your lunch later.

(36) MENTOR PROGRAM:
Mentor Program Chair Pat Jacobberger:

Good morning. Our numbers are up again in the Mentor Program. From our very humble but determined beginnings, we have grown significantly in the past 3 years. We now have 516 protégés enrolled in the Program. What does that mean for you and for CFA? It means

that 516 more people are looking for a show to show their cat at. It means that 516 more people are looking for cats to exhibit and breed. It means 516 more people potentially are registering cats, kittens and litters, and using CFA services. And, it means that 516 more people are out there who want to join your club and help you put on your show. We have 508 pairings in place. That means, of all those 516 protégés, they are connected with a live human being in one form or another. But we only have 250 mentors.

You might be wondering, how does that happen? How do you connect all those people with only 250 mentors. Well, this is how it works. First of all, Mandi Wooldridge doesn't take no for an answer. She has worked very, very hard to convince people to take more than one protégé, she has convinced people to become mentors and you will be seeing her this weekend visiting your breed council meetings and other events associated with CFA's annual meeting, strong arming people to enter the program as mentors. Then there are some people who are finding a way to help more than one protégé and there are some people that are handling up to 4, 5 and 6 protégés. Some of these folks have really developed interesting methodologies for doing that. Patricia Day up in Canada, who is a Ragdoll breeder, has a course and she enrolls protégés on an on-going basis in her Ragdoll course and she mentors them every step of the way. I would like to recognize all of our mentors who are here today, so if you are a mentor in the CFA Mentor Program, please stand up. [applause] Thank you.

What does a protégé group look like? Every region in North America is represented, as is the International Division. We have a lot of Asian fanciers enrolled as protégés. There are protégés looking for or paired with a mentor in nearly every recognized breed in CFA. Persians continue to be the breed of choice by newcomers to the cat fancy and 30% of those folks want to work with Himalayans. There are 192 protégés working with Persians. 45, the next highest group, is the Maine Coon protégés. We have 45 protégés working with Ragdolls, we have 39 working with Siamese and we have 26 working with that bare naked cat, the Sphynx.

What does the mentor group look like? Once again, every region in North America is represented, as well as the International Division. There are mentors in nearly every breed and there are still far too few mentors. What does a mentor group look like graphically? 76 mentors for Persians handling 192 people. 22 mentors of Maine Coon cats, 19 for Siamese, 13 for Ragdolls. Strong work, you guys.

Let's compare things. There are 192 people looking to work with Persians and once again only 76 mentors working with Persians. So, what does that mean? We need mentors. We need your help. Right now, a lot of mentoring is being done on the CFA Mentoring email list. We have 444 participants in that email list, and there's always an intriguing, interesting conversation going on, on that list – everything from showing your cat for the first time to, my cat has had one kitten and it's been 12 hours since that's happened. What do I do next? To, what size do I make my cage drapes to what litter should I get, etc., etc. From the very, very basic to the very, very advanced. Maria Parisi is our moderator and she does a wonderful job. She makes sure that it's a very safe list, that people don't get put down for asking the very, very basic questions, and I have to say that that doesn't happen but maybe 2 or 3 times a year. The people who are enrolled as mentors on the CFA Mentoring List are incredibly patient, incredibly kind and incredibly knowledgeable, and I thank each and every one of you. As wonderful as that on-line support is, it still doesn't replace the touch of a personal mentor – someone to call, someone

to confide in, someone to ask for help and someone to share the good stuff and the bad stuff. So, if you're sitting out there wondering if you can be a mentor, let me tell you, you can do it. I know you can do it. You have what it takes to be a mentor. If you are an experienced CFA individual, you can be a trusted friend, a counselor and a teacher, you can do it. It's not hard and actually it's kind of fun.

So, let's move on to another program under the Mentor Program umbrella – the CFA Ambassador Program. The Ambassador Program is under the auspices of the Mentor Program. The Program continues to provide an arena for people who want to actively interface with the public to answer their questions, and the Program continues to grow. At every show I judge, I see our ambassadors walking about with their buttons pinned on, answering questions, talking about pedigreed cats and about CFA, telling people, "you might want to consider thinking about this if you are looking for a pedigreed cat", helping people understand that they shouldn't put their fingers in the cages, in a kind, sensible and sensitive way. The ambassadors that we see in our program come from every region – every single region, including the International Division. The Ambassador Handbook this year was translated into Japanese and the ambassadors led the tours at the CFA International Show in San Mateo, and they were quite a hit. If you saw people walking around with flags and large groups of people with them, that was an ambassador leading a tour of the CFA International Show. Their dance card was filled, from the start of the show to the end of the show. They did a great job.

With anything dynamic, there's always changes happening, and there's been a number of changes of personnel in our ranks. Susan Cook-Henry stepped down from the core committee last year and we miss her. She did a fantabulous job. Susan, thank you very, very much. She was really, really great. We replaced her, if you can replace Susan Cook-Henry, with Karen Helmold from Florida, a Birman mentor with a large protégé group, someone who has that mentor knack as well. Sheila Parvin stepped down from her role as Team Leader of the Ambassador Program and was replaced by Jodell Raymond. Jodell was appointed by Willa to replace Sheila. Sheila did a fantastic job getting the Ambassador Program up and running, and we couldn't have done it without her – without her passion, without her vision, and if you would just recognize Jodell and Sheila for their hard work with the Ambassador Program. [applause]

The last change is that I'm stepping down as the Chair of the Mentor Program. I'm an idea person. I get a vision, I figure out how to plan it, I figure out how to implement it, and I figure out how to operationalize it. And then I run out of steam. If you can recognize that in your adult life, the kind of individual that you are with regard to projects, etc., then you are quite a few steps ahead of the pack, I think. The Mentor Program is ready to go to the next level. We're organized, we have a matrix, we have a system for connecting people, but we're ready to take it to the next level of function. Our new chair has the ability and passion to do that, and her name is Mary Sietsema. I'm not going to abandon this group, because you just don't abandon your children, you know. My intention is to stay through the planning process for the next 3 years of funding, which will start in 2007, and to mentor Mary as she assumes the role as the Chair of the Mentor Program. So, thank you. Some kudos go to Willa Hawke, Program Chair of the Ambassador Program. Our core committee consisting of Willa, Mandi, Marva Marrow, Karen Helmold, Eric Won, Sheila, Maria and Jodell – all those folks, please join me in giving them a great big round of applause. [applause] They have done some hard, hard work. And of course, the CFA Central Office. They are always ready to help us out with all kinds of things, and of

course, we couldn't have done it without the sponsorship of the Hartz Corporation. This year, due to all the activities associated with the 100 year celebration of CFA's birthday, as well as the ever-growing number of events associated with the CFA annual meeting anyway, the Mentor Program dinner has been replaced by a dessert and coffee event tonight. It's at 8:00 and I believe there's still room, so if you're looking for a place for dessert and coffee, come on. We have a panel of several mentors who are going to share their expertise with the group. We're going to have open questions from the floor of the room and we're going to have a wonderful time.

Additionally, this afternoon, Donna Isenberg is conducting a Persian grooming clinic for protégés. This is the realization of yet another goal associated with the Mentor Program – educational events occurring at the CFA annual meeting. Donna is a world class groomer known for her gentle ways with newcomers, and I want to thank Donna so very, very much and I also want to thank the Persian cat who this afternoon is going to be the center of attention. This clinic filled up at 20 very, very quickly and because of course it's held at the same time as the CFA annual meeting, the people who are attending it are not delegates. They are attending as a school, as an educational opportunity, but once again we could not have done it without the sponsorship of the Hartz Mountain Corporation. Lastly, I want to say thank you to the CFA Board for the continued support of the CFA Mentor Program and of me as their Chair. Thank you. [applause – standing ovation]

(37) **ANNUAL MEETING 2011.**

Southern Regional Director Peg Johnson:

Welcome delegates. It seems like only yesterday that we were in Orlando celebrating with Mickey, two years ago I think, and we have been preparing awhile for our 2011 annual in the Southern Region again. One of the things I thought I would do, there seemed to be a lot of myths about how the annual location and hotel come about. No, there's not a hotel in every city in the US with the space for a really good price, available when we want it that likes us and our cats, for us to choose from. It's really a very dedicated search. I enlisted Donna Jean Thompson, and she helped me put together some ideas and worked with Central Office. We are going to use a few minutes just to let you know how we select the annual hotel and location, and I promise it will be quick. I want to thank everybody else who provided input, because I had a lot of input. I have very shy folks in the Southern Region and I have a hard time getting them to tell me anything.

For those of you who don't know, and if you can imagine all the meetings you have been to here and all of the space, there's not a lot of hotels that have the space we need so one of the first things is, we have to find hotels that have available space and are available in our time frame and have the 10,000 square foot room we need for our banquet and all of the ancillary meeting spaces for our other programs and organizations. One thing about cat fanciers, we all are tight to the budget. We look for a good price and value for you. We also need to find somebody who is willing to look out 5 years. In the convention world, we're a rather small group. Hotels like to wait out for the big guys, the big fish, and we're just a little kitty, so to speak, and so we have to find somebody who is willing to work with us. Sometimes that works to our advantage, as Allene has notified me or let me be aware of.

The second part is the location. How do we find the city where we might want to go? First, we have to find available hotels. We did an extensive search in the Southern Region, but hotel availability is first. We also look at where the annuals have been in that region in previous annual years. Another thing we like to look for is an airport that has large, national carriers. That makes it easy for a lot of the folks to fly in and then attractions. Cat fanciers seem to like to eat, especially the Russian Blue fanciers. We love to eat, so we look for good restaurants, shopping and other area attractions that might make it worthwhile for you to spend an extra couple days in the area. In the Southern Region, we looked at the last 5 annuals. We've been in Florida twice, we've been in the middle, in Tennessee and Georgia, and it was 30 years ago almost that we were up in the northern part of the region, so we focused our attention on some of the northern locations in the region. We searched a lot of cities. Allene made a lot of phone calls, we got ideas from people, we checked out those hotels. Many of these cities didn't even have a single facility large enough for us. Many of them had facilities where the price was more like \$200 a night. That wiped it right off of our search, so what we focused in on, we found three facilities in the Washington, DC area willing to work with us.

The Hyatt Regency in Reston. It's got a couple restaurants. It's the middle of a little village. You can walk outside the hotels and there's a bunch of stores. There's Chico's for all of us cat fanciers. We've got a lot of Chico fans. Starbucks, and there's a shuttle to Dulles as it's access to the Metro for those of you who want to do some sightseeing. They have all the meeting

rooms on one floor for us old people. It's free valet parking, so you have a lot of options. It's a lovely facility.

The second property is a Sheraton Premiere in Tysons Corner, Virginia. They have a restaurant in the hotel. It's located between the Dulles and National airports. It's close to a lot of restaurants and I have heard fabulous shopping. There's meeting rooms, free space and there's even a car rental on site, so it has a lot of attractions for us.

The third choice is the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center in Alexandria, Virginia. It's got a restaurant, free shuttle to Regan National, free shuttle to several of the area attractions, meeting rooms on two floors and again free parking for all our delegates. This is our last option in the Washington area.

While we haven't zeroed in on a final selection because negotiations are continuing to go on, Allene is working closely with those three hotels to get the best value for the fanciers. Any one of these three choices will make an excellent selection for our 2011 Annual, and so the Southern Region hopes everybody will be excited, want to attend our Annual in the Washington area. It will be really easy to get into, and so we're looking forward to hosting another Annual in 2011. Thank you.

(38) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Legislation Committee Chair Joan Miller apprised the delegation of recent updates in the legislative world.

(39) WINN FOUNDATION.

Winn Foundation President Susan Little DVM, DABVP:



Good morning. My first year as Winn's President has certainly been an exciting one. With your help, this has been a banner year for Winn, and I am very pleased to bring you this report on our activities.

In the last fiscal year, donations to Winn have increased by 40%. These donations came from within the cat fancy, as well as from ordinary cat owners, veterinarians, and corporations. Thirty-one donors gave \$1000 or more to Winn in the last fiscal year. We would particularly like to thank Houston Cat Club, Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers, Oriental Shorthairs of America, the Siamese Breed Council and the Western Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers for their donations.

Donations from the Combined Federal Campaign increased by 66%. Winn's interest income grew by over 50%, and the value of our Endowment Fund is now just under 1.1 million dollars. Overall, Winn's total income increased by 33%.

CFA continues to provide both financial and operational support to Winn that is invaluable. Our thanks go to the CFA board members for their generosity and their commitment to the health of all cats. On the other side of the balance sheet, I am pleased to report that due to the diligence of Winn's staff and board members, total expenses increased only in line with inflation. All this means that Winn was able to award over \$93,000 more in grants this year, representing an increase of 67% over the prior year. Eighteen projects were funded, totaling over \$230,000. We are happy to make available copies of our financial statement. If you are interested in having a copy, please see me or Winn's Executive Director, Janet Wolf.

Advances in feline genomics have led to increased interest in breed-specific studies to identify genes that cause disease. Winn is receiving more inquiries than ever before from breeders for assistance with these genetic studies. In order to be more responsive to these needs, Winn has made changes to the policies governing breed-specific research. For example, the \$15,000 limit on these studies has been removed. Overall, the changes will allow Winn to meet the needs of breeders by funding more projects. A fact sheet providing guidance for development of breed-specific projects will be available soon on our website, and will be distributed to breed council secretaries.

Winn is exploring new opportunities to increase our visibility and to expand our donor base. This year, we started our first direct mail campaign to reach out to the cat-loving public. We are also increasing our efforts to reach our known supporters through special mailings, including a regular newsletter. These efforts would not be possible without support from Central Office, especially from Allene, Carol, Diane, Connie, and Marion.

Winn now has professional media support from the PR firm Germinder and Associates. Media support is helping to raise awareness about Winn in a broader target audience. Please visit the Winn Feline Foundation newsroom on GoodNewsForPets.com for our most recent press releases.

It only seems fitting that with these new successes should come a new look for Winn. It is my pleasure this week to launch Winn's official logo, which will appear on Winn's publications, CDs and other items in the future.

One of Winn's commitments is to support educational conferences on feline health, for breeders, veterinarians and scientists. The Third International Conference on Advances in Canine and Feline Genomics will take place in August at the University of California at Davis and is co-sponsored by Winn. Several of the scientific presentations will be based on Winn-funded research.

Last evening, Winn held its 28th Annual Symposium on Feline Health to a full house. Dr. Kathryn Meurs from Washington State University presented "An Update on the Genetics of Feline Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy". Dr. Leslie Lyons of the University of California at Davis discussed "Color Genetics in Cats". Both are Winn-funded researchers who have been

instrumental in recent breakthroughs in genetic diseases. Their work will assist breeders to design healthier breeding programs.

On Tuesday evening, Betsy Gaither joined Winn as a board member for the first time. Betsy brings her valuable skills in financial management to Winn and all board members are very pleased to have her with us. This year, Winn says goodbye to Tom Dent, a board member for over 30 years. We will surely miss Tom's guidance and knowledge.

At our board meeting this week, Winn held its annual election of officers. I am pleased to present to you our officers for the coming year:

<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>George Eigenhauser</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Betsy Gaither</i>
<i>Vice-President:</i>	<i>Betty White</i>

And it is my honor to be elected for another term as President.

Finally, Winn thanks each and every one of YOU for your continuing support. YOU make OUR successes possible. Thank you very much.

**(40) CFA FOUNDATION:
Foundation President David Mare:**

About two years ago, Pam and I were judging a show together in Denver and she said to me, "David, I would like you to think about chairing the CFA Foundation." I have a great deal of respect for Pam and I would do anything to support her as our then-new president and I thought to myself, well, I would love to do that but I have no idea what it is, so I called my best resource in CFA, and she's usually right there with the information and I said, "Willa, what's the CFA Foundation?" She said, "oh, I don't know, David. Just say you'll do it." Those of you that know Willa as well as I do, and I imagine there are several of us here, know that when Willa says you do it, you do it so I did it and I did find out what it is and I'm going to tell some of you folks today what it is in case you don't know what the CFA Foundation represents.

The CFA Foundation was established in 1990 by the CFA board. Probably the reason I didn't know what it was is that I was in my 10-year absence from the cat world in those days and I would like to tell you that the purpose of the CFA Foundation was for the education to the public about the existence and the history of the cat, and the cat fancy. So, they established the Jean B. Rose Memorial Library and Museum. Our mission, like our counterpart, the Dog Museum of America, is the collection, preservation and exhibition of works of art and literature related to the cat and the cat fancy. There are currently 8 members of the committee. It's a fairly large committee and between the 8 of us, we have nearly 200 years' experience in the cat fancy. I don't want any of you to ask how much Don Williams and I contribute to that 200 years.

Here's a brief look at some of the wonderful holdings that we currently have in the Foundation. We have an 1874 book on Cats, Their Points and Classifications by W. Gordon Sables, with chapters on feline ailments and remedies, which I think would be wonderful to read today, and how to train for performing tricks. Obviously, some of us have never read that book.

We have an 1880's to 1900's scrap book compiled by Samuel C. Perkins, whomever that might be, containing a multitude of items related to cats. We have an 1889 medal and collar awarded to Cosey. This is one of our favorite acquisitions. He was a brown tabby Maine Coon. It was awarded at the National Cat Show at Madison Square Garden. We have a third prize rosette awarded to Daisy at the first annual cat show in Northampton England in 1886, and even that's a little bit before I was born. We have a sterling silver chalice from the 1904 Sheffield Cat Show in England. Earlier today, you saw the evolution of some of our breeds. I'm going back even farther. The photographs of prizewinners at the cat show in New York in 1916. Yes, we have come a long way. Publicity photo for best cat awarded by the Empire Cat Club, one of our oldest, of course, in the 1918 show in New York City. We have a medal awarded at the Crufts Cat Show in England from the 1920's. Catalog from the second annual championship cat show sponsored by our own Buffalo Cat Fanciers, still of course a very active and valuable CFA Club. Note that it cost 25 cents in those days. I wonder if they could do that today. We have a 1927 cat show committee pin for the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto Canada, and a 1941 first place ribbon from the Columbian Cat Fanciers show. When we look at these antiques and see some of these things are actually younger than I am, I feel kind of bad. We have some wonderful historical advertising shots using cats as companion animals. We have the very famous and I think most of you have probably seen the Harry Winston photographs using beautiful cats to display his beautiful jewelry in their advertising campaigns.

Now, in 1990 the Foundation started with just under 100 cat books, stud books, Almanacs and other CFA publications. Today, we have grown that over ten fold. We have over 1,000 today, but we really need your help. What we're looking for and what we will gratefully receive from you as individuals and from clubs are historical cat sculptures and antique related cat items, ribbons, rosettes, trophies from the early cat fancy, whether they are CFA or not. Anything which explains the evolution of the cat fancy to us, anything that explains the evolution of CFA, are extremely sought items. If you have any items of interest, you can contact us at cfa@cfa.org and it's the Committee's current plan to develop a mobile museum. Since most of us unfortunately don't get to Manasquan as often as we would like, we would like to bring some of these wonderful things to the general public and we're thinking of moving them to the International, perhaps a display at the Madison Square Garden show and some of CFA's larger venues on both ends of the coast. That is an objective that we have, and we're hoping to accomplish that as early as this coming show season. Consistent with that, we welcome donations of any size from individuals. I refer to cash donations, either from the estates or from the club proceedings. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization and we'll be very happy to discuss with you what tax advantages that might offer you or your estate.

I thank you for your time and attention. I wish you all a very successful annual meeting.

(41) ANNUAL MEETING 2007.

Southern Regional Director James Watson:

In 2007, the Annual will be held in Austin, Texas, hosted by the Gulf Shore Region. Our theme is the CFA Walk of Stars. We have been carrying that for the last couple of regional awards programs, and it has been very successful. We also put in a little quick plug here for our t-shirts that we have for the CFA Annual in Austin, Texas for the Gulf Shore Region and that's one of our fundraisers.

The event hotel is the new Hilton Austin, located just off the historic Sixth Street entertainment district. You all have a brochure for Austin, Texas and for the Hilton in your delegate bag, along with a formal invitation from the Gulf Shore Region to attend the 2007 Annual. I have a few pictures of the hotel, just some various areas there. Registration area, the pre-event area, the vendor hall that we set up for the vendors, one of their meeting rooms, the banquet hall, the Finn and Porter Restaurant for fine dining. They also have dining outside on a patio overlooking Austin, Texas. The Java Court is for more casual dining, and it's just around the corner from the lobby bar. After dining and drinking, there's a terrace pool for relaxing. They also have a fine health club. Most of the rooms are equipped with wireless and wired internet. Texas is known for its fine and varied food, plus their night life. When you come Austin, of course, it's the cat fancy and everyone needs to eat. Austin has it all, from bar-b-que at Stubb's Bar-B-Que to Maggie May's Rock and Roll Sports Bar English Pub with Art Gallery. these are located in the Sixth Street entertainment district, which is right around the corner from the hotel. Also is B.D. Riley's Irish Pub and for those who like Italian food, they've got a 4 Star Italian restaurant there that's absolutely outstanding.

After all that eating, you'll need a segue. You can rent a segue to tour around Austin so that you don't have to walk. These are available in group tours, but that seems like a really fun thing to try. Also, they have free transportation around the Austin area that's provided by their Dillo Bus System. I assume that's a short version of "armadillo" but the bus is free. It takes you downtown to some of the scenic areas around town, to the downtown district. They've got moonlight, starlight tours and they'll drop you off and pick you up wherever you want to go in the area.

*This is our 100th year for CFA, so be sure and take lots of pictures for those special events in your region during the next year for our On the Road Presentation. Willie has been a part of our On the Road program for a long time. **Willie Nelson:** I would like to thank the Gulf Shore Region for inviting me to introduce the outstanding On the Road Again segment for the 2007 CFA Annual here in Austin, Texas. **J. Watson:** OK, that's all you're going to get right now. If you want to see the rest of it – if you want to see the real presentation, be sure to come because we're going to have a really great On the Road program. So, come to Austin, Texas for the Gulf Shore Region's Walk of Stars in 2007. Now, one other thing we've been doing for a fund raising program is selling raffle tickets for a \$1,000 gift certificate for Circuit City. Royal Canin kindly provided this swell bucket to draw from, and I'm going to ask our legal person [Fred Jacobberger] over here to draw the ticket. And the winner is, Becky Fussell. So, we'll take care of getting the certificate to Becky after we get back from the Annual. Thank you very much.*

(42) 2006 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Determination of a Quorum:

Number of CFA member clubs represented: 451 (301 = 2/3)
Number of votes for a simple majority: 226
Number of votes for a two-thirds majority: 301

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

-1– Abu Simbel Cat Club, Rex Oriental Cat Club [presented by Yoshiko Moriya]

RESOLVED: amend the CFA Constitution, Article III – Membership, Section 4 – Regional Assignment as follows:

Designate the existing paragraph of said section as “a.”

a. New members of the Association will be assigned to the Region in which is found the mailing address of the Secretary of the new member at the time of application for membership. Any club, for which the secretary(s) has resided outside of the current assigned region for a period of five (5) years, and/or the activities of the club have been conducted outside of the current assigned region for a period of five (5) years, shall be reassigned to the region of the current secretary’s residence.

AND add a new paragraph “b.” to the section as follows:

b. Reassignments of member clubs from other Regions to Region 8 shall not be effective until approved by a majority of the then existing Region 8 clubs. The Regional Director of Region 8 shall, within thirty (30) days after having been so requested by the Secretary of the club seeking reassignment, poll the existing Region 8 clubs seeking their approval or disapproval. The poll may be conducted, and responded to, by mail, fax or email. Responses must be received by the Regional Director of Region 8 within thirty (30) days after the poll has been initiated in order to be counted. The results of the poll shall be reported promptly by the Regional Director of Region 8 to the CFA Central Office.

RATIONALE:

1. The normal procedure for forming a new CFA club is that existing clubs have a chance to submit comments pro or con before the next CFA Board meeting as the CFA Constitution requires. However there have been two clubs transferred from another Region without prior notification. We did not have any chance to discuss them. We do not understand how this happened.

2. It is very unfair that the existing clubs in Japan are only notified after a club has been transferred from another Region. It is only fair that the existing clubs have a chance to consider if they should support or not support the transfer.

Therefore, we would like to add the new sentences above to the CFA Constitution.

Takako Kojima (Portland Cat Club): Portland Cat Club transferred to Region 8 (Japan), June, 2002. This is its 4th birthday in Region 8. Our club has held 5 quality shows since 2003 which include clerking schools, Junior Showmanship, and breed and grooming workshops. Junior Showmanship is very popular in Japan and one of our winning students went on to win her division at the CFA International Show in San Mateo this past year. We take a great deal of pride in putting on the best shows we can for CFA and to encourage new cat fanciers into breeding and showing and caring for their cats properly. The State of Oregon governor Ted Kulongoski, and the Bureau of Tourism has supported our club and show each year. Representatives of the State of Oregon come with products from Oregon and Japan. Governor Kulongoski will come to Japan the end of June where a reception will be held at the Teikoku

Hotel in Tokyo June 28th. The President and Secretary of Portland Cat Club have received an invitation to attend this party. It is our desire to continue this close relationship which is good for our club and most importantly for CFA. CFA's Constitution has allowed CFA clubs to move into other regions with the provision they must wait for a period of 5 years before they become part of the new region they have moved to. Voting privileges for the CFA board and officers does not change; only, they may not vote for the Regional Director in their new region but they may vote for the Regional Director in the region they came from. Over the years there have been other CFA clubs in all parts of CFA that have moved for one reason or another, often because members move or a club is going to go inactive for lack of enough members to keep it going. Looking at the minutes of CFA board meetings, it has been noted that keeping existing clubs going rather than forming a new club has been encouraged. This is what we have done with Portland Cat Club. This club is 44 years old and one of the first 3 clubs formed in the Pacific Northwest of Region 2. It was then called Portland Shorthair Club. The other specialty club was called Columbia River Longhair Club. The rules at that time when a club wished to apply for an allbreed club stated that they must also have a longhair and a shorthair club. The allbreed club was Oregon Cat Fanciers, Inc. (name has now been changed to Oregon Cats, Inc.). Columbia River Longhair Club is now Columbia River Cat Club and is in the State of Washington and active and Oregon Cats, Inc. is in Portland, Oregon and is active. We were able to get Portland Cat Club with the provision we would hold only top shows and be a credit to CFA. The members of Portland Cat Club agreed the club should come to us in Japan to keep this club alive. CFA voted to recognize Japan as a separate region. We were previously part of Region 5. We feel CFA has given Japan a place of honor by having our own region and we must make every effort to raise our level to the same as all other CFA regions. This proposed amendment wishes to separate Japan from other region rules governing clubs coming into their region. We feel this is unfair as all CFA regions should be treated the same, under the same Constitution and we should all abide by the same rules. We urge you to vote no on this amendment. **Pauline Joy (Black Tie & Tails):** We would like this to include all the regions. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers):** It's not a bad idea but it needs to address, and be more detailed about, what happens to the club if it can't move. **Kayoko Koizumi:** I am in strong support of this proposal. We wish please make correctly and new rules. **Kim Everett-Hirsch (Oregon Cat Fanciers, Inc.):** This particular club was turned over to Japan on June 24, 2002. This was done very carefully to preserve this club, rather than add a new club. What disturbed us was that this proposal seemed to have a personal connotation of negativity, rather than basing the issue on a problem. Every region in CFA has had movement of clubs going to other regions. With the responsibility of becoming a region, Region 8 abides by the rules of all our CFA regions. This particular amendment is asking for special consideration, which I feel is improper. **Yayoi Satoh (Royal Allbreed Cat Club):** I am wishing you please think about new rule under your calmest and good decision. **Darrell Newkirk (Abyssinian Midwest Breeders):** If we're going to change our Constitution, it has to apply to all of us. We can't single out one area and give special considerations. **Yoshiko Moriya:** CFA Japan situation is very terrible situation. 60 clubs are in Japan. Our country is not so large. We don't need any club. If regional director could receive information about new club, we could discuss inside in Japan.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

-2- Rome Cat Forum, Western Reserve Cat Club, Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club, Atlanta Phoenix Cat Club, Lakeside Cat Fanciers, Sophisto Cat Club, Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club, Western Reserve Cat Club, Marina Allbreed Cat Club, Las Flores Allbreed Cat Club, Sushi Cats Cat Fanciers, Paul Raine Solid Color Cat Club, Hemet Feline Fanciers [presented by Kitty Angell]

RESOLVED: amend the CFA Constitution by modifying Article VI – Officers and Directors, Section 2 – Elections, to change the term for elected officers and directors from 2 years to 3 years as indicated below:

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 2 - Elections

a. General. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Regional Directors shall be elected every three years starting in 2008 in even numbered years. The Directors-at-Large shall be elected every three years starting in 2007 in odd numbered years. The term of office for every position shall begin on the Sunday following the close of the Annual Meeting of the Association.

All elections shall be conducted by mail ballot, each eligible member club having one (1) vote. The candidate receiving the most votes for an office or regional directorship shall be deemed elected, regardless of the number of candidates running. Once elected, an officer or director shall serve for a term of three (3) two (2) years, or until his/her successor is elected and qualifies, except as provided for in paragraph f. of this Article.

RATIONALE: In 2005, an independent consultant (George S. May International) reviewed CFA organizational structures including the CFA Board of Directors. The result of this review was a recommendation modifying the board members' terms from two to four years.

Our consultant observed that a two year term for officers and directors was too short. With a board consisting of elected officials, a two year term can result in too much turnover and too much focus on re-election. This leaves little time for board members to focus on the business of CFA. It also does not afford board members the continuity and time to work through new programs.

The purpose of a longer term for CFA Board Members is to provide a more stable governing body, reduced expenses and effort spent on elections, and more time to focus on CFA business. This change provides for a more stable and stronger CFA Board. It also provides CFA Board members the time they need to establish sound working relationships and time to work for CFA.

This change proposes that CFA Officers and Regional Directors and Directors-at-Large are elected for three year terms. Three year terms would start in 2007. Elections would be held two out of every three years.

2007 – Director-at-Large Election for 2007–2010

2008 – Regional Director and Officer Election for 2008–2011

2009 – No election

2010 – Director-at-Large Election for 2010–2013

2011 – Regional Director and Officer Election for 2011–2014

2012 – No election

Kitty Angell (Hill Country): This is brought forward because of a recommendation from the company CFA hired to do a business assessment of our organization to help us run CFA more efficiently. They felt we had a tremendous turn-over in our board of directors. It was in a constant state of flux and they didn't see how it would be possible for us to get much done. This came up last year and the delegates recommended a three-year term, so that is what we are presenting to you. **Bob Belfatto (Domesti-Katz):** You should issue the whole report. There may be other things in there that people might like to see. **Annette Wilson (Western Reserve):** There was a report issued and it's in the minutes of the board meeting following that analysis. **Norm Auspitz (Kentucky Colonels):** I don't see all the turn-over that they are talking about. Very rarely are incumbents unseated. **Jim Thompson (Lone Star):** Any time you extend the term beyond 2 years, you also have to have in your amendment a provision for removal of directors or officers for just cause. **Peg Johnson (Rome Cat Forum):** It isn't every 2 years the board has changes, it's every single year that we get a disruption. The folks running are distracted from the work they're doing for CFA to go out and re-run for office. There are expenses and Central Office personnel required to carry out the election.. **Pauline Joy Black Tie & Tails):** I don't see the disruption.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

Proposed Show Rule Resolutions

2/3 affirmative vote sends the show rule to the board for ratification, 50% sends it to the board with a favorable recommendation.

–3– *Cat Club of the Palm Beaches, National Alliance of Birman Breeders, Cornish Rex Breed Club, Oil Capital Cat Club, Canada's Capital Cat Club, Pounce 'N' Paw Cat Fanciers, Treasure Coast Cat Club, Fyfe and Drum Himalayan Club* **[presented by Karen Helmold]**

RESOLVED: amend CFA Show Rules by adding the following:

ARTICLE X, ACHIEVEMENT WINNER (The current Article X and subsequent articles will be advanced one number.)

10.01 A cat eligible for and shown in the Kitten, Championship, or Premiership Class will compete for Achievement Winner (AW) points in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed Specialty.

10.02 Determination of show points.

a. Points will be allotted the same as Regional/National points.

1. Best cat/kitten - one point for each cat/kitten defeated.

2. 2nd Best cat/kitten - 95% of the points awarded to Best cat/kitten, 3rd Best cat/kitten 90%, 4th Best 85%, 5th Best 80%, etc.

3. Best of Breed/Division - one point for each kitten/cat/premier defeated within the breed/division.

4. 2nd Best of Breed/Division - 95% of the points awarded to Best of Breed/Division.

5. Points achieved in individual rings are added to determine an entry's total points for the show.

b. In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring - that which carried more points.

10.03 Any registered kitten placing in the Finals, or receiving Best or Second Best BOB/BOD, will receive points toward Achievement Winner.

a. 500 points are required for Achievement Winner in Mainland US, Canada, Japan and the International Division. 200 points are required in Alaska, Hawaii, Russia, Asia (except Japan), Mexico, Central America, South America, and United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland).

10.04 Any cat in the Championship Class, after achieving the title of Grand Champion, will receive points toward Achievement Winner.

a. 1000 points are required for Achievement Winner in mainland US, Canada, Japan and the International Division. 400 points are required in Alaska, Hawaii, Russia, Asia (except Japan), Mexico, Central America, South America, and United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland).

10.05 Any cat in the Premiership Class, after achieving the title of Grand Premier, will receive points toward Achievement Winner.

a. 500 points are required for Achievement Winner in Mainland US, Canada, Japan and the International Division. 200 points are required in Alaska, Hawaii, Russia, Asia (except Japan), Mexico, Central America, South America, and United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland).

10.06 Wins made in Kitten competition may not be transferred to Championship or Premiership records. Wins made in Championship competition may not be transferred to Premiership records. However, titles won in Kitten or Championship are retained.

10.07 Points must be won under at least three (3) different Judges.

10.08 Cats that have completed the point requirement for Achievement Winner will automatically be confirmed by the Central Office. Certification of confirmation will be mailed as soon as possible after show records are received and wins have been recorded. *

10.09 Kittens, Grand Champions and Grand Premiers that have received the AW title will continue to be shown in the same Class.

10.10 For C.O. computer cat name prefix space purposes, the title of AW will be superseded only by the titles of RW or NW.

*A scoring fee of \$.50 per entry/per show is currently in place.

AND

amend CFA Rules for Registration as follows:

ARTICLE II - REGISTRATION

Section 4 - Cat Names

Titles - One or more official CFA titles, as outlined below, may appear as part of a cat's name.

GP: Grand Premier, equivalent title to Grand Champion for an altered cat.

AW: Achievement Winner, title for a Grand Champion that has achieved 1000 points in Mainland US, Canada, Japan and the International Division, 400 points elsewhere; title for a kitten or Grand Premier that has achieved 500 points in Mainland US, Canada, Japan and the International Division, 200 points elsewhere.

RATIONALE: For showing a championship or premiership cat, there is no seasonless title achievable after granding. Limited seasonal campaigns are for a Regional or National win; or the Breed Winner title which is awarded to one cat. For kittens, there is no achievement or title available except the seasonal campaign for a Regional or National win, no matter how excellent the kitten. The AW title recognizes not a win, but a seasonless title of achievement by the merit of the cat.

Karen Helmold (Cat Club of the Palm Beaches): We have no title that allows a kitten, cat or premier to have a lifetime achievement. This is the first of three proposals aimed at giving exhibitors or breeders goals which are not obtainable right now. **Norm Auspitz (Kentucky Colonels):** The assumption is, the more awards you give, the more people are going to come to shows. That may have been true at one point. It's no longer true. **Lori McClain: (Roses for Felines):** BW is a national award. I don't believe AW should be in front of that. It doesn't say if you have one year or 10 years to get an AW. **Sue Robbins (Delaware River):** We already have too many awards in CFA and we have devalued the wins that we have. When everybody gets an award, no award means anything. **Pauline Joy (Black Tie & Tails):** If this gives the little person something to strive for, I'm all for it. **Sybil Malenki-Hoffman (Magic City):** The backbone of our shows are the local breeders who don't go out weekend after weekend to get even one of our awards, even if they show occasionally. We are losing entries, and this is one way that we can give the little exhibitor something to strive for. **Loretta Baugh (CanUsa):** The points are way too low so it's too easily attainable. Too many awards cheapen the value. I'm also concerned with the number of initials we're going to have on our cats. **Valerie Hull (Tejas Siamese):**

When we give everybody something, we're losing sight of excellence. **Jean Grimm (Perthshire Clan):** I love the challenge and the things that CFA offers. We have to work hard for what we have. **Elizabeth Rymph (Just Cat-In Around):** We don't want to reward people for not showing the best possible cat they can show. That's not what our fancy is about. We need to focus on mentoring, not more awards. **Al Phillips (McKenzie River):** This is a lifetime learning process. Mentoring, supporting ourselves and increasing our programs is our answer, not cheapening things. **Norm Auspitz (Kentucky Colonels):** Improving our breeds is what I thought this association was about. **Ann Segrest (Korats Unlimited):** We have titles that are not dependent on a single show season (Champion, DM, etc.). We have that for achievement. I don't see that we need any other titles beyond that. **Karen Helmold:** This change is to help people get started in our fancy.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

**—4— *Front Range Cat Fanciers, High Plains Cat Club, Wild Blue Yonder Cat Fanciers*
[presented by Jim Thompson]**

RESOLVED: amend the Show Rules, Article XII – Show Licenses, Section 12.07a. as follows:

Cats/kittens entered in a one day show on Saturday and in a one day show on Sunday of the same weekend shall not be considered a violation of the provisions in Paragraph 2.14.

Veteran Classes may not be held in conjunction with a six ring, one day show.

RATIONALE: The board has recently removed the restrictions that previously had prevented clubs from producing a one day 6 ring show on any Sunday that was not followed by a Holiday which will significantly increase the opportunities for clubs to secure a show hall on a date that does not compete with other CFA clubs.

The proposed resolution would allow exhibitors to choose to support one or two, one day 6 ring shows on the same weekend. Exhibitors will have more choices of the formats of the shows that they choose to support with their entry fees.

If two shows were held on the same weekend at the same location or near each other, an exhibitor choosing to enter both shows could get more judging rings for their travel and lodging dollars.

If two clubs produce two shows on the same weekend and at the same location, they could share the expenses of producing the show including show hall setup, equipment rental, exhibitor transportation, concession services, advertising and show supplies.

Jim Thompson (Lone Star Cat Club/Wild Blue Yonder): If we have two clubs willing to come together, the exhibitor will get a bigger bang for the buck. **Barbara Schreck (Anthony Wayne):** The Cat Fanciers' Association's first goal is the welfare of the cat. I fail to see how that meets this goal. **Jim Thompson:** It's up to the exhibitor how many rings they choose to show in. We need this as a way of saving a lot of clubs with shows that they can combine together in the interior part of this country.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

-5- *Front Range Cat Fanciers, High Plains Cat Club, Wild Blue Yonder Cat Fanciers*
[presented by Jim Thompson]

RESOLVED: amend the Show Rules, Article XII – Show Licenses, Section 12.07b. as follows:

b. A two day show which permits up to ~~eight~~ ten judgings per entry over two days of the show and a maximum of ~~four~~ five judgings (five judgings per day for ~~eight, nine and ten~~ ring shows) per entry day. It is recommended that a judge shall not be scheduled to judge more than 250 cats on either day. Two days shows offer a variety of formats:

1. one day Specialty shows where Longhairs are present one day and Shorthairs are present the other day;
2. a show where non-championship and premiership classes are present one day and championship classes are present the other day;
3. a format where the entries are present for two days and the judge is present only for one day and is succeeded in the ring by another judge the second day (back-to-back show);
4. a show where the judge is present for two days and the entries are also present for two days. (Entries may be judged up to ~~four~~ five times each in one day [~~five times a day~~ in ~~eight, nine or ten~~ ring shows], and ~~eight~~ up to ten times over the two days).
5. The above #2, #3 and #4 described shows may have any combination of Allbreed or Specialty rings.

RATIONALE: The proposed change would allow clubs to produce a two day show with 8, 9 or 10 judging rings on the same weekend.

The proposed change would provide exhibitors the opportunity to get more judging rings for their travel, lodging and entry dollars.

The proposed change would allow show producing clubs with limited budgets to jointly produce a show and to share the expenses of producing the show including show hall setup, equipment rental, lodging, transportation, concession services, advertising and show supplies. In addition, the appeal of the format may help clubs attract more exhibitors and entries to their shows and help the clubs generate additional income.

Jim Thompson (Wild Blue Yonder): This is another way that we're trying to help with the entry. We're still inside the 450 show limit entry on this proposal.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

-6- *Cleveland Persian Society, Champagne Cat Club, Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers, Sternwheel Cat Fanciers, Western Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers*
[presented by Sharon Powell]

RESOLVED: amend Show rule 13.05 d as follows

The CFA licensed certified clerk performing the function of master clerk shall be compensated at the rate of ~~seven (7) cents~~ eight (8) cents for each catalog entry in each judging ring. A CFA master clerk shall be compensated at ~~eight (8) cents~~ ten (10) cents for each catalog entry in each judging ring.

RATIONALE: Since the last increase in pay to Master Clerks, additional work-load has been added in the form of additional breed win sheets and additional Final positions to verify for mechanics, the collection of transfers from open to champion/premier with accompanying payment to be sent in the CFA packet and Sunday champion/premier to grand transfers and open to champion/premier transfers. The increase for a licensed Master Clerk amounts to \$12.00 per 100 cats entered for a 6 ring show.

Sharon Powell (Champagne Cat Club): There have been a number of changes that require additional work for the master clerk and we feel that this compensation is justified.

Nancey Abbott (Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance): The ring clerks have been given several raises, but not the master clerks. **Jim Thompson (Lone Star):** Everyone that functions at a show needs a raise. Unfortunately, most shows are not making money. We all have to be willing to work for this association at our current compensation rate. **Sharon Rogers (Victor Valley):** Our club would rather go in the hole than short our people. **Vicki Baylus (Tarheel Triangle):** I don't think there's enough money you could pay me to clerk if I didn't do it out of love for CFA and the cat fancy.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried** with 2/3.

-7- Responsible Cat Fanciers of the Northwest, North Pacific Siamese Fanciers, Underground Gourmet Cat Fanciers, Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance [presented by Mary Francis Marron]

RESOLVED: amend Show Rule 13.05d., regarding master clerk compensation:

The CFA **licensed** certified clerk performing the function of master clerk shall be compensated at the rate of ~~seven (7) cents~~ eight (8) cents for each catalog entry in each judging ring. A CFA master clerk shall be compensated at the rate of ~~eight (8) cents~~ ten (10) 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) dollars per weekend or forty (40) dollars for a 4 ring, one day show; fifty (50) dollars for a four ring, one-day show; seventy-five (75) dollars for a six ring, one-day show, and one hundred (100) dollars for a six ring, two-day show or eight ring, back-to-back show.~~ (A Best of the Best is not considered as an additional ring requiring compensation.) 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** clerks performing the chief ring clerk function shall be compensated according to entries as follows:

Under 150 entries	\$30.00 per weekend
151-250 entries	\$45.00 per weekend
251-350 entries	\$60.00 per weekend
351-450 entries	\$75.00 per weekend
1 day shows with	\$35.00

1, 2, 3, or 4 rings

225 back to back shows	\$40.00 per day
1 day, 6 ring shows	\$45.00

RATIONALE: While both judges and licensed ring clerks have received raises in recent years, licensed master clerks have not. At the same time, the amount of work required of master clerks has increased, especially with the introduction of six ring, one-day shows and breed sheets for both premiership and kitten classes. Master clerks bear responsibility for the accuracy of the results in all judging rings; their work is multiplied by the number of rings in a show. Available licensed master clerks have dwindled in number along with available licensed ring clerks. There must be enough difference in the amount of compensation paid to licensed ring clerks, ring clerks assisting master clerks, and licensed master clerks to reflect the additional responsibilities of master clerking **and** to encourage ring clerks to seek advancement. Licensed master clerks are the most versatile of all clerks—they have the experience and the certification to perform any clerking role, and should be compensated accordingly. At the proposed ten (10) cents per cat per ring, the three minimum compensations ensure that a master clerk is paid for the equivalent of a 125-cat entry.

Mary Francis Marron (Responsible Cat Fanciers of the Northwest): Our Resolution is very similar to the one previous. Our proposal has minimum compensation equivalent to a 125 entry show. **Monte Phillips (Cat'n On the Fox):** If I have an assistant master clerk and I'm the master clerk, does that mean both of us get \$50? **Dennis Ganoe (For Love of Cats Cat Club):** This would require \$150 payment for the master clerk as a minimum. **Mary Francis Marron (Responsible Cat Fanciers of the Northwest):** This says that two master clerks are recommended for the 6-ring, one day shows.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

-8- Midwest Enthusiasts of Wonderful Sphynx, Cat'n on the Fox Cat Club, Packerland Cat Fanciers [presented by Paul Patton]

RESOLVED: Change Show rule 13.11 to allow a total of 250 entries in a one-day or back-to-back formatted show with an explanation of allowed entries. The changes to show rules 12.07 and 13.05 would be a housekeeping change with the addition of the reference in paragraph 12.07 a. to enable a reader to easily find the governing show rule.

13.11 Number of entries permissible:

a. No club shall accept more than 450 entries to be judged by any one judge over a full two-day period. For shows where the judge will not have a ring or the entries available for more than one

day, no club shall accept more than ~~225~~ 250 entries. No allowance shall be made for absentees. All one-day Sunday shows MUST...

b. The 250 entry limit specified in paragraph above is further limited as follows: 1-225, any combination of championship or non-championship class entries. 226-250, any combination AOV, Miscellaneous, Provisional or HHP entries.

bc. Where, after the show announcement has been...

12.07 a. 2. a one-day show format consisting of six rings held on Saturday or Sunday with an entry limit of ~~225~~ 250 (see 13.11 b.) cats.

13.05 d. ~~225~~ 250 back to back \$40.00 per day...

RATIONALE: There were many clubs that stopped allowing HHP entries when they went to a one-day format, although some still do, in order to provide more numbers for the competitive class. When you talk to exhibitors, there are still a lot of people who started showing in HHP and then moved on to pedigreed cats. That is the 'door' this proposal is trying to open back up. As far as judging 250 in one day – Show Rule 12.07b. allows 250 cats to be judged in one day of a two day 450 limit show anyway, so this rule is not 'really' asking them to do anything the current show rules allow for in some instances.

Paul Patton (M.E.O.W.S): A lot of people started in the cat fancy with household pets. We felt this resolution would help bring new people into the purebreds. **Loretta Baugh (CanUsa Cat Fanciers):** Putting another 25 cats in a 6-ring, one day show is putting a lot of pressure on your judges. **Lois Jensen (Dimes and Dollars Cat Club):** Does the exhibitor want their cat judged? I resent the fact that I can't get the cats on the table in the final and show off their best attributes. I am a big advocate of household pets. Have a two-day show. **Tom Lewis (North Texas Cat Club):** Some clubs have household pets judged by a separate judge. **Paul Patton (M.E.O.W.S):** It's just an option that clubs don't have to take. Judges have the option not to accept the show when they see it's a 250 limit.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

-9– Tonkinese East [presented by Clinton Parker]

RESOLVED: amend the Show Rules as indicated (effective immediately):

Under Article XVI, Responsibilities of the Show Secretary, add the following:

16.13 The show secretary or a designated representative must provide a count of entries in the show to the CFA Central Office within 24 hours after the close of entries or if the show is not closed 48 hours prior to the scheduled starting time of the show, the current count at that time and the final count as soon as the show is closed. This count must also be available to exhibitors by phone.

For purposes of this rule, count is defined to be the number of entries in the following categories: Longhair Kittens, Shorthair Kittens, Longhair Championship, Shorthair Championship, Longhair Champions, Shorthair Champions, Longhair Premiership, Shorthair Premiership, Longhair Premiers, Shorthair Premiers, Provisional, Miscellaneous and Household Pets.

AND Under Article XIX, Show Announcement, add to Paragraph 19.01:

t. The phone number where exhibitors can access the count when available (See Paragraph 16.13).

RATIONALE: This is already done by the vast majority of clubs. With the rising cost of travel and other show expenses, it is time that all clubs be required to provide this information. This allows all exhibitors to make an informed decision on whether to attend the show or not.

George Eigenhauser (Maine Attraction): I'm going to speak on 9, 10 and 11 all at once. #11 requires the entry clerk to disclose it once, rather than the other two that require the entry clerk to either disclose it whenever asked or remain by the phone to answer all phone inquiries. Publishing counts has unintended consequences. Some clubs believe that by publishing the count, you encourage double and triple entering, you encourage stuffing, you encourage manipulation. It should be up to each club to decide that for themselves. Choice is the essence of free enterprise and capitalism. Clubs are struggling to maintain their traditions and identities. Let's not take their choices away. **Pauline Joy (Black Tie & Tails):** It's unfair to want the exhibitors' money and their entry and then not release your count. **Sande Willen (Colonial Annapolis):** I would not like to have to respond at 3:00 in the morning when someone calls me wanting the count. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers):** None of these say you have to answer your phone at 3:00 in the morning. **Jill Archibald (Liberty Trail Cat Fanciers):** It's fair, as long as everybody has access to it. **Debi Kallmeyer (Katnip Kat Klub):** You pay your money, you take your chances. **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East):** You do take your chances either way, but it's reasonable to have fair information for everybody. It's an expensive hobby. This proposal is to avoid playing games. We are trying to make a fair and equitable level playing field for everybody.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

-10- Lilac Point Fanciers [presented by Mary Kolencik]

RESOLVED: amend the CFA Show Rules, Article XVII, Responsibilities of Show Entry Clerk by adding the following paragraph:

17.07 After the close of the show, the entry clerk cannot refuse to disclose a preliminary count to any exhibitor that has entered that show. A preliminary count is the entry for the show in the same format as the Master Clerk's unofficial count. The entry clerk is not required to release any count information other than a preliminary count.

RATIONALE: Most entry clerks automatically disclose the count to anyone who asks, but a few have withheld counts based on club policy. Exhibitors that have already entered a show have the

right to know the count. This information can affect whether or not they attend the show, sometimes at considerable expense. And while it is not the club's responsibility to assist exhibitors in their travel decisions, it is the club's responsibility to be fair to all exhibitors that have entered their show. Some clubs have withheld the count from some exhibitors while disclosing it to others solely to affect competition by keeping campaigners away, sometimes so that a local campaigner can benefit from a stuffed show. This gives an unfair advantage to some exhibitors. Our scoring system was designed with the intent that anybody can enter and attend any show and all exhibitors can equally benefit from the points at a particular show. Preventing exhibitors who have entered a show from having full knowledge of the count while allowing other exhibitors to have that knowledge effectively destroys that design. There is no good reason to withhold the preliminary count after the show has closed from someone who has already entered the show.

Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers): It's fair to give out the count to everybody, not just some people. **Regina Shaffer:** It should be the club's decision. **Sharon Rogers (Victor Valley):** It is my responsibility as an entry clerk to help the exhibitors in any way I can. **Loretta Baugh (CanUsa):** If a club doesn't normally post their count and you have a problem with that, then don't enter next year. **Monte Phillips (Cat'n On The Fox):** "After the close of the show" is when I have turned in the show package to the show secretary.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

-11- *Lilac Point Fanciers [presented by Mary Kolencik]*

RESOLVED: amend the CFA Show Rules, Article XVII, Responsibilities of Show Entry Clerk by adding the following paragraph:

17.08 Within 48 hours after the close of a show, the entry clerk, show manager, or any club member shall send the preliminary count to the CFA webmaster by e-mail to post on the CFA website. The preliminary count is the entry for the show in the same format as the Master Clerk's unofficial count. The entry clerk is not required to release any count information other than a preliminary count.

RATIONALE: The rationale for this resolution is the same as the previous resolution requiring entry clerks to disclose the count to exhibitors who have entered the show. This resolution goes further by requiring the entry clerk to make the count available over the internet. Using the CFA website to host the preliminary counts means there is a central place where all exhibitors can go to find the counts without bothering the entry clerk. The CFA website already includes a page for preliminary counts and the webmistress already posts those counts when she receives them. Our scoring system is only fair when all people have access to the same information. This resolution would require that information to be posted in the same place and accessible by everyone.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

-12- *Wild Blue Yonder Cat Fanciers [presented by Jim Thompson]*

RESOLVED: amend the CFA Show Rules, Article XVIII, Responsibilities of Clerks, by adding a new rule 18.09.1 as follows:

18.09.1 The chief ring clerk in each ring will make sure that their fellow clerks' cats are given the opportunity to participate in the judge's ring by informing the clerk in another ring that their cat is to be judged, if the exhibit's clerk does not hear the call. Failure to inform their fellow clerk of their exhibit being called to a judging ring will result in that clerk's ability to have their cat's class reopened.

RATIONALE: Clerks are performing a job for the club and should not be penalized for not hearing their exhibit's number called to judging or a final.

Withdrawn.

–13– Wild Blue Yonder Cat Fanciers [presented by Jim Thompson]

RESOLVED: amend the CFA Show Rules, Article XVIII, Responsibilities of Clerks, by adding a new rule 18.11.1 as follows:

18.11.1 The master clerk will provide to all chief ring clerks a list of the other clerks' exhibit numbers.

RATIONALE: Clerks are performing a job for the club and should not be penalized for not hearing their exhibit's number called to judging or a final.

Jim Thompson (Lone Star): We do this as a courtesy now. This is a housecleaning mechanism that will help all of our clerks. **Dennis Ganoe (For the Love of Cats Cat Fanciers):** There is no mechanism in place for the master clerk to know all the ring clerks' cat numbers. **Vicki Baylus (Tarheel Triangle):** This is not a master clerk function. This should be a show committee function. **Bob Belfatto (Domesti-Katz):** The master clerk has a lot to do. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers):** Why does everybody keep trying to put more on the master clerk? **Dan Bridges (Slinky Cats Cat Club):** CFA provides a data form in the show package for each clerk to fill out and provide to the other clerks. This rule does not need to be. **Donna Hinton (Brazos Valley Cat Club):** Whenever I get ready to call a third call, I look in the catalog to see who the owner is. If it's another clerk, I make an effort to tell them I need their cat. **Kathy Black (Texoma Cat Fanciers):** It's the exhibitor's responsibility to let the other rings know they are a clerk. **Tom Lewis (Sphynx Breed Club):** We are each other's resources, so let's make use of that. Let's not put burdens on the master clerk. We could take care of this amongst ourselves.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

–14– Wild Blue Yonder Cat Fanciers [presented by Jim Thompson]

RESOLVED: amend the CFA Show Rules, Article XXVIII, Judging Procedures, by adding a new rule 28.04.1 as follows:

28.04.1 For any finals held after the posted show hours of any one day or two day show, all exhibits placed in those finals will be granted their finals awards and scored for points regardless of their presence.

RATIONALE: Show hours are given on the show flyer for the exhibitors' benefit so as to plan for transportation home. A show that goes past the written show hours places the exhibitor at risk of missing flights, shuttle services and other modes of transportation. An exhibitor should not be penalized for a missed final, if the final is held after posted show hours.

Janet Wolfe (Garden State): We want your cats there because the gate makes a difference, whether we make money or lose it. **Sybil Malenki-Hoffman (Magic City):** People are going to abuse this rule if it passes. Be proud of your cat – accept your award. **Kim Everett-Hirsch (Oregon Cats):** I would love it if there was a way we could hang the ribbon if another judge won't release the cat. **Regina Shaffer (Las Flores):** I would agree with it if we were still doing ring point averaging. Towards the end of the day, a lot of people will go home and our judges will have empty cages for their finals. I don't believe that's what we want to see. **Donna Hinton (Brazos Valley):** I would like to see something on one-day shows where we hang on the cage to loosen up the schedule. **Connie Pelham (Mo-Kan):** If clerks would put the numbers up, then people could know if they can go home, but I don't think you should hang a rosette on an empty cage.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

-15- *Mo-Kan Cat Club, Santa Fe Trail Shorthair Cat Club, Topeka Cat Fanciers, Wichita Cat Fanciers* [presented by **Connie Pelham**]

RESOLVED: add Show Rule 28.12.i as follows:

28.12.i. When reasonable, as in a regular weekend show as opposed to the International or some larger show, it is expected that judges will attempt to play with all kittens, preferably on the judging table, but in the judging cages if the kitten is excessively frightened.

RATIONALE: The judging table is the training ground for future show cats. This is where they learn that showing can be fun. Some judges attempt to play with almost all kittens and others do not. From the exhibitor's side of the table, we might wonder why the judge did not attempt to play with our kitten and maybe did with others. We also wonder if encouraging our kitten to play would make a difference for our show cat in the future.

Laurie Coughlan (Global Egyptian Mau Society): I trust the judges to read the cat and decide if my kitten wishes to be played with or not. Leave this up to our judges. **Connie Pelham (Mo-Kan):** That's why it was written in this manner.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

-16- *Cat Club of the Palm Beaches, National Alliance of Birman Breeders, Cornish Rex Breed Club, Oil Capital Cat Club, Canada's Capital Cat Club, Pounce 'N' Paw Cat Fanciers,*

Treasure Coast Cat Club, Foothills Felines, Fyfe and Drum Himalayan Club [presented by Karen Helmold]

RESOLVED: amend CFA Show Rules, Article XXXVII, NATIONAL/REGIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, Scoring, (first paragraph) as follows:

At the completion of the show season, a cat will be credited with the points from its highest 100 individual rings ~~(40 for kittens)~~. A kitten will be credited with the points from its highest 40 individual rings. Kittens may be scored in their initial show season, or the subsequent show season if the kitten has been shown at least once in the subsequent season. To score a kitten in the subsequent show season, the Central Office requires notification by the owner, by letter or fax, and received by April 1st of the initial show season. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the owner to ascertain the request has been received in the CO.

RATIONALE: Kittens are currently penalized by their date of birth versus show season recognition dates. Many of these kittens are not shown, or they are shown only briefly for ring experience. This proposal allows kittens their full four months to be shown, with probable increased entries for shows.

Laurie Coughlin (Global Egyptian Mau Society): I cannot support it if you leave it up to the individual to choose which season. **Charlene Smith (Maritime Feline Fanciers):** I don't have females that will agree to breed when I want them to breed. I gain nothing by showing a kitten in March and April. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers):** I would like to know from Central Office, what happens if you miss sending in that letter? How are you going to score that kitten? **DelaBar:** It can be accommodated. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers):** I don't think you need to make accommodations and special rules for kittens because they're kittens. **Barbara Sinbine (Treasure Coast):** I think this will increase entries, and I don't see how it could possibly hurt anything. Give kittens a full 4 months to get their points. **Lori McClain (Roses for Felines):** This is unnecessarily complicated. Kittens should be shown in the last season they are scored in. **Monte Phillips (Cat'n On The Fox):** I always bring my kittens to shows, regardless of whether they are going to cross over seasons because I want them to show decently as adults. **Karen Helmold:** We have a beginning and an end to a kitten's time to show. It is 4 months. We tried to level the playing field within any sort of competition. Why do we penalize the breeders and these wonderful cats that might deserve a different title, a different place in the history books of CFA?

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

-17- Land Of Oz Cat Club, Fort Worth Cat Club, Ozark Cat Fanciers, International Havana Brown Society [presented by Marsha Ammons]

RESOLVED: amend Show Rule XXXVII, Regional Assignment, paragraphs 2 and 4 as follows:

2. The region listed in the catalog must be the site of the cat/kitten's custodial residence of the owner or any the one of the co-owners who houses the cat/kitten in-between travel to/from shows during the majority of the shows for each competitive category. It is not necessary that the region listed in the catalog match the address contained in the official show records.

4. No change to the regional assignment of a cat/kitten will be permitted after the first full show weekend in January. Transfers of ownership which would cause a change in regional assignment must be received in the Central Office prior to the first full show weekend in January. A cat/kitten whose ownership has changed after the first full show weekend in January may continue to compete and earn points, however, any awards achieved will be received by the custodial owner(s) on CFA records as of the first full show weekend in January. Owner(s) who maintain residences in more than one region must identify the region of custodial residence of the cat/kitten by the first full show weekend in January as the region in which the cat/kitten is to be assigned by listing the custodial region of residence in the catalog of the last show in which the cat/kitten earns points prior to or on the first full show weekend in January. A cat/kitten whose owners' residence moves from one region to another after the first full show weekend in January, will be assigned to the region where its owner(s) maintained custodial residence of the cat/kitten as of the first full show weekend in January evidenced by the region number listed in the last show in which the cat/kitten earned points prior to or on the first full show weekend in January.

RATIONALE: Clarifies the region of residence for RW consideration to always be the custodial residence of the cat/kitten during the weekdays in-between travel to/from shows, of the owner or co-owner with whom the cat/kitten actually lives, for the majority of the shows during any competitive category (i.e. kitten, championship or premiership).

Dennis Ganoe (For The Love of Cats): Our records have registered owner, not custodial owner on it. We don't have any records to track custodial owners.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

-18- Land Of Oz Cat Club, Fort Worth Cat Club, Ozark Cat Fanciers, International Havana Brown Society [presented by Norma Placchi]

RESOLVED: amend Show Rule XXXVII, Regional Assignment, paragraph 3 as follows:

3. To be eligible for a regional award, a cat/kitten must be shown at least onee twice in the competitive category in the region of final assignment. Exhibiting at the CFA International Cat Show does not satisfy this requirement.

RATIONALE: Raises the requirement for in-region shows in the region of final assignment from one to two shows.

Linda Martino (San Diego Cat Fanciers): I'm not sure that this solves any problems. In reality, this can actually cause a problem, when there are no shows in your region.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

-19- Front Range Cat Fanciers, High Plains Cat Club, Wild Blue Yonder Cat Fanciers [presented by Jim Thompson]

RESOLVED: amend the Show Rules, Article XXXVII – National/Regional Awards Program, Regional Assignment Section, Paragraph 3 as follows:

3. To be eligible for a regional award, a ~~cat/kitten~~ must be shown at least once in the competitive category in the region of final assignment. Exhibiting at the CFA International Cat Show does not satisfy this requirement.

AND amend the Show Rules, Article XXXVII – National/Regional Awards Program, Regional Assignment Section, Paragraph 4 as follows:

4. No change to the regional assignment of a ~~cat/kitten~~ will be permitted after the first full show weekend in January. Transfers of ownership which would cause a change in regional assignment must be received in the Central Office prior to the first full show weekend in January. A ~~cat/kitten~~ whose ownership has changed after the first full show weekend in January may continue to compete and earn points, however, any awards achieved will be received by the owner(s) on CFA records as of the first full show weekend in January. Owner(s) who maintain residences in more than one region must identify by the first full show weekend in January the region in which the ~~cat/kitten~~ is to be assigned by listing the desired region of residence in the catalog of the last show in which the ~~cat/kitten~~ earns points prior to or on the first full show weekend in January. A ~~cat/kitten~~ whose owners' residence moves from one region to another after the first full show weekend in January, will be assigned to the region where its owner(s) maintained a residence as of the first full show weekend in January evidenced by the region number listed in the last show in which the ~~cat/kitten~~ earned points prior to or on the first full show weekend in January.

AND amend the Show Rules, Article XXXVII – National/Regional Awards Program, Regional Assignment Section, Paragraph 6 as follows:

6. ~~A kitten is assigned to the region which is listed in the catalog of either a.) the last show in which it earns points as a kitten, or b.) the last show in which it earns points as a kitten prior to and including the first full show weekend in January, whichever show (a. or b.) occurs first. of the permanent residence of the owner(s) of record on the date that the kitten reaches 4 months of age. In the event that there are two or more owners of the kitten on the date that the kitten reaches 4 months of age, and the owners reside in or maintain residences in multiple regions, the owners must choose the region of one of the owners. In each case, the assigned region for any kitten is reported to the Central Office by listing the assigned/selected region in the catalog for the first (and subsequent) shows in which the kitten is entered. To be eligible to receive a regional award, a kitten with owners residing in or maintaining residences in multiple regions must have competed as a kitten in a minimum of four shows in the selected region. The assigned or selected region is also referred to as the final assignment as used in the other paragraphs of these show rules.~~

AND amend the Show Rules, Article XXXVII – National/Regional Awards Program, Regional Assignment Section, Paragraph 9 as follows:

9. The regional assignment for any cat/kitten which first scores points within a competitive category at a show occurring after the first full show weekend in January, will be the region listed in the catalog of the first show at which the cat/kitten earns points.

RATIONALE: Paragraph 3 places a minimum limit of a single show to establish the region of assignment for cats and kittens. The limit for kittens is increased in the resolution and the references to kittens should be stricken from this paragraph.

Paragraph 4 defines rules and limits for transfer of region and cats and kittens. Transfer for kittens is not allowed in the resolution and the references to kittens should be stricken from this paragraph.

Paragraph 6 assigns the region of competition for regional awards based on the owner's selection of the last show that the kitten competes in before the first full show weekend in January versus the region that the kitten has competed in for a significant number of judging rings.

Paragraphs 9 assigns the region of competition for regional awards based on the owner's selection of the first show that the kitten competes in after the first full show weekend in January versus the region that the kitten has competed in for a significant number of judging rings. The resolution addresses the regional assignment for kittens before and after the first full show weekend in January in Paragraph 6, and the references to kittens should be stricken from this paragraph.

The best measure of merit for a kitten is that obtained by considering many competitions against the kittens in the region where the kitten is primarily shown and not in the region where one competition was conducted. Most exhibitors know this and voluntarily choose to compete for regional awards in their region of residence.

Unfortunately, some exhibitors choose to exploit the rules and choose to show their kitten one time in a region where the points they have earned elsewhere will allow them to obtain a win they could not achieve in their own region at the expense of the exhibitors of another region. This allows exhibitors from regions with many shows and large counts to displace regional wins earned by exhibitors in regions with fewer shows and small counts.

Requiring that a kitten with owners in multiple regions be shown at least 4 times in the selected region will help verify that the kitten is competitive against the local competition in the selected region and will require that the owners provide some level of financial support to the clubs of the region in which they are competing for the regional win.

Kittens have a shorter show season than cats in championship and premiership and in the majority of cases, the kittens that had competed prior to the transfer of a new kitten into the region will have passed the age limit for the kitten class and will not be able to increase their accumulated points in defense of their regional standing.

For these reasons and in the interest of fairness, residency of the owner (and the associated region of competition) is the best method to assign the region of competition for regional awards.

Jim Thompson (Lone Star Cat Club): This spells out that it's the registered record of Central Office on the first show date in January.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

Proposed Non-Show Rule Resolutions

-20- *Cat Club of the Palm Beaches, National Alliance of Birman Breeders, Cornish Rex Breed Club, Oil Capital Cat Club, Canada's Capital Cat Club, Pounce 'N' Paw Cat Fanciers, Treasure Coast Cat Club, Fyfe and Drum Himalayan Club*

RESOLVED: amend CFA Rules for Registration, Article II - REGISTRATION, Section 6 - Use of Cattery Names, by adding the following:

OUTSTANDING CATTERY TITLE (OC): A cattery (whether as breeder or owner) whose cats have achieved the minimum of five Distinguished Merit awards may display the Outstanding Cattery suffix. This suffix is not to be used in conjunction with a cat's name, but may be used after the cattery name. Catteries with five or more DMs may submit a form, with an appropriate fee, to the Central Office.

RATIONALE: This cattery title recognizes the achievements of the CFA exhibitor in their promotion of pedigreed cats, and in furthering the perfection of the breed according to the breed standard. Recognizing these achievements with a cattery title shows the dedication of the breeder/exhibitor and adds status to a registered CFA cattery name.

Karen Helmold (Cat Club of the Palm Beaches): This is another proposal to reward breeders for a long-term commitment to breeding excellent cats. **Becky Orlando (Marina Allbreed Cat Club):** I don't need a title to tell me I have DMs. Breeders know who those breeders are. **Mark Rowe (International Somali Club):** This resolution allows one to basically buy recognition. You could acquire 5 DM cats and your cattery gets that title. **Barbara Sinbine (Treasure Coast):** I have heard a lot of people talking about adding this wonderful OC to their cattery title. **Joan Miller (Torrey Pines Cat Club):** I am concerned about the fact that we are setting a criteria for what we consider outstanding, based on the numbers of cats that would have to be kept intact in order to achieve these awards. There are many people that cannot sustain a breeding program like that, and yet they do offer a lot to their breed. **Elizabeth Rymph (Just Cat-In Around):** Do the DMs have to be within the same breed, or can they be in 5 different breeds? Is this really promoting development of a breed within the cattery? **Don Bozeman (Amarillo Cat Fanciers):** DM is indeed already a prestigious award and enough recognition. **Karen Helmold (Cat Club of the Palm Beaches):** We continue to do business as usual, but it doesn't seem to stop the erosion within our association. Will it hurt us to make some changes?

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

Resolutions From the Floor

-21- *Delaware River Cats Club, National Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club, Seacoast Cat Club, Half Moon Cat Club, Lewis & Clark Cat Club, Greater NW Cat Club, Wenatchee Valley*

Cat Club, Country Faire Cat Club, Burmese Cat Club of Southern California, Paumanok Cat Fanciers, Make Mine Mink Tonkinese Fanciers, Gulf Shore Consortium, Show 'n Tell Cat Club, The Crafty Cat, Empire Cat Club [presented by Sue Robbins]

RESOLVED: Create a New Show Rule:

Article XVIII – CFA International Cat Show Judges, Selection Process. Selection of judges for the CFA International Cat Show shall be as follows:

Only Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed, or double specialty judges who have attained Approval Pending status in their second specialty shall be eligible to judge the CFA International Cat Show. Twelve judges and three alternates for the CFA International Cat Show shall be determined as described below.

1. One ballot in two parts will be issued to each member club in good standing. For the first part of the ballot, each club in good standing is eligible to vote for five judges who reside in its region. For the second part of the ballot, each club in good standing will be eligible to vote for five judges from among the remaining eligible CFA judges from all regions.

2. Ballots shall be issued by the Central Office to the Secretary of each member club in good standing postmarked no later than April 1st of that show's year.

3. In order for a ballot to be valid, each club must vote for five judges from the first part and five judges from the second part of the ballot.

4. A judge may request in writing to the Central Office to be exempt from judging the International Cat Show. This request must be postmarked no later than March 1st of that year.

5. Ballots must be returned to the Central Office postmarked no later than May 15th, at which time they will be tabulated by an outside auditing firm with no affiliation to CFA.

6. The five judges the first part of the ballot plus the five judges from second part of the ballot that accumulate the most votes in each region (for a total of 10 judges per region), will be eligible to have their names submitted for drawing by lottery. No judge's name shall be entered into the lottery more than once.

7. The auditing firm shall notify CFA in writing of the results of the Regional voting, and that letter shall be scanned electronically and posted on the CFA website no later than June 1st.

8. The lottery drawing of the names of 12 judges and 3 alternate judges for the International Cat Show will be held during the morning general session of the CFA Annual Meeting. The procedure is as follows:

A. The names of each of the eligible judges from part 1 of the ballot and his/her region of residence shall be written on a 3"x3" piece of paper, folded and put into a drum or box of sufficient size so that no crowding shall occur. These names shall be drawn by lottery for each region, so that one judge from each region is selected to judge

the International Cat Show. After the first 9 judges have been selected, the remaining names shall be pooled, and placed into a drum, and the drum well mixed. The names of the remaining 3 judges and 3 alternates shall be drawn along with the names of the eligible judges from part 2 of the ballot.

B. The drawing shall be done by a delegate to the CFA Annual Meeting, and each name shall be read aloud.

C. No more than 2 judges from any CFA region will be eligible to judge the CFA International Cat Show in any given year. No other judges from that region will be eligible to be either a judge or an alternate judge at the CFA International Cat Show in that year. Names will be drawn until all 12 places for judges are filled and all 3 alternate spots are filled.

D. A judge shall not adjudicate at the CFA International Cat Show for two consecutive years. When a judge judges the CFA International Cat Show, his/her name shall not appear on the ballot in the following year.

RATIONALE: The purpose of changing the selection process of judges for the CFA International Cat Show is to level the playing field, so that each of the 9 regions is represented fairly and equitably. Further, this resolution is designed to help to ensure a rotation of judges for this show, and to counteract the rampant apathy of the member clubs, so that more clubs vote for the judges for this major cat show.

Sue Robbins (Delaware River Cats Club): Fewer than half of the CFA member clubs vote. **DelaBar:** #5 casts aspersions on our Central Office. Central Office staff doesn't care who is judging one show or another; they just do their jobs. **George Eigenhauser (Maine Attraction):** I suggest that the sponsoring clubs pay for the auditing firm. I belong to a real club with real members with real opinions. When a floor proposal is a household matter, I can use my independent judgment. This should have been a noticed resolution so my club can talk about it, think about it, bounce it around, share ideas and make an intelligent, informed decision. **Kim Everett-Hirsch (Oregon Cats):** This group wanted to get something out on the floor for the feeling of the delegates. This gives them that opportunity. **Dennis Ganoe (For The Love of Cats):** Which playing field are we leveling? When you select judges for a prestigious event, you want the best judges that give the best show that put the best foot forward for CFA. You don't really want a level playing field here, you want the best possible available.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

-22- Empire Cat Club, Inc., Paumanok Cat Fanciers, Make Mine Mink, Tonkinese Fanciers, New Hampshire Feline Fanciers, Alouette Cat Club, Copper City Cat Club, For Love of Cats [presented by Helene Schneider-Hester]

RESOLVED: amend Article XV Section 4 (h)

Addition:

CFA's Central Office shall notify each club secretary, every calendar quarter, in writing, of the names of all persons who have had all CFA services suspended or denied.

RATIONALE: All CFA clubs and entry clerks should be made aware of all persons who have been denied any and all CFA Services. Currently, there is no procedure in place to accomplish this. Individuals who have been denied CFA privileges can therefore still enter shows. No cost need be involved as this can be addressed by email.

If this resolution does not pass, we ask that the Board devise some alternate method of transmitting this information more rapidly.

George Eigenhauser (Maine Attraction): I love this idea so much, we brought it up Wednesday at the board meeting. The board approved a change in policy that suspensions will be posted on the public portion of the CFA website so that anyone anywhere can get that information anytime. (See agenda item #11.)

Withdrawn.

-23- *Carolina Sophisticats [presented by Jean Brown]*

RESOLVED: amend the CFA Show Rules as follows:

1.18f The HOUSEHOLD PET CLASS is for any domestic kitten (altered/unaltered) or altered cat entry not otherwise eligible. Domestic kittens and altered cats who have been declawed are eligible for entry. Household pets are eligible only for awards in the Household Pet Class. Pedigreed cats with a disqualifying trait(s) as listed in the standard for that particular breed are eligible for entry in the Household Pet Class. Declawed Pedigreed cats are not eligible for entry in Household Pet 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.

2.09 A cat or kitten not having all its physical properties – eyes, ears, legs, tail, claws, both descended testicles (adult cat only) – or has had surgery which changes a cat's natural functions (e.g. tendonectomy), is not eligible for entry. The previous notwithstanding, cats missing certain physical properties, as listed below, are eligible for entry in the category (class) indicated:

- a. Altered cats in Premiership classes;
- b. Altered cats and kittens in the Household Pet classes;
- c. Altered kittens in the Kitten classes;
- d. Kittens without descended testicles in Kitten classes;
- e. Recognized naturally tailless or naturally partially tailless breeds in Kitten, Championship or Premiership classes;
- f. Cats having had a perineal urethrostomy operation in the Premiership Classes.
- g. Declawed cats and kittens in Household Pet classes.

3.08 Any entry that is entered contrary to these rules will be disqualified in all rings by the show committee. The judge will disqualify any entry (including declawed cats and kittens in non

Household Pet classes and adult, whole males that do not have two descended testicles) entered contrary to these rules if such an entry has not previously been disqualified ...

4.10.01 Cats or kittens will not be judged with ribbons on their necks or with other identifying marks other than an optional tattoo (see paragraph 4.11), micro chipping or, in the case of Household pets, declawed cats or those with devices applied to the claws which inhibit the ability of a cat to scratch, i.e., claw covers. (see paragraphs 11.11.01 & 28.10).

11.11.01 Cats or kittens will not be judged with ribbons on their necks or with other identifying marks other than an optional tattoo (see paragraph 11.12), micro chipping or, in the case of Household pets, declawed cats or those with devices applied to the claws which inhibit the ability of a cat to scratch, i.e., claw covers. (see paragraphs 4.10.01 & 28.10).

28.10 Cats or kittens will not be judged with ribbons on their necks or with other identifying marks other than an optional tattoo (see paragraph 4.11), micro chipping or, in the case of Household pets, declawed cats or those with devices applied to the claws which inhibit the ability of a cat to scratch, i.e., claw covers. (see paragraphs 4.10.01 & 11.11.01).

28.17 Disqualified by the judge.

<a- c omitted for clarity>

d. A judge will disqualify any entry entered contrary to these rules, included declawed cats or kittens in non Household Pet classes and adult, whole males that do not have two descended testicles, if such entry has not theretofore been disqualified.

<e-f omitted for clarity>

RATIONALE: Pet cat owners with a new interest in the cat fancy may not be aware of all the facts concerning declawing. Allowing domestic declawed cats to compete in Household Pet Classes gives these pet owners an opportunity to experience the cat fancy and to garner information from other exhibitors about declawing. As most judges have "looked the other way" when confronted with a declawed Household Pet these proposed show rule changes will solidify what is current practice. Note that declawed Pedigreed cats are not eligible for entry in Household Pet Classes.

Jean Brown (Carolina Sophistocats): We would like to see household pets exempted from the non-declawing regulation. **Jennifer Springer (Dixieland Silver & Golden Fanciers):** Many judges overlook declawed household pets as a course of promoting friendliness to potential new exhibitors, taking the opportunity to explain why we do not declaw cats, so it becomes an education opportunity. We could easily allow this without compromising our position on declawing.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

Eigenhauser moved to adjourn. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Sunday, June 18, 2006

The Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Sunday, June 18, 2006 for its post-annual meeting, organization and business session. **President Pam DelaBar** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members of the Board of Directors present:

Ms. Pam DelaBar (President)
Ms. Kitty Angell (Vice-President)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Ms. Debbie Kusy (NAR Director)
Mr. Dick Kallmeyer (NWR Director)
Mr. James Watson (GSR Director)
Mrs. Loretta Baugh (GLR Director)
Ms. Regina Shaffer (SWR Director)
Mrs. Kay Janosik (MWR Director)
Ms. Peg Johnson (SOR Director)
Mrs. Yayoi Satoh (Japan Regional Director)
Mr. Stan Barnaby (Director-at-Large)
Ms. Jo Ann Cummings (Director-at-Large)
George Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)
Ms. Joan Miller (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Elizabeth Watson (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)

Also present were Ms. Allene Tartaglia, Acting Executive Director/Director Special Projects; Mrs. Carol Krzanowski, Associate Director; Ms. Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Public Relations; Fred Jacobberger, Esq., CFA Legal Counsel, Connie Sellitto, Data Processing Systems Analyst/Programmer, and Ms. Kazuko Kurokawa, Japanese Translator.

DelaBar formally welcomed our new regional director from Region 6 [Kay Janosik] and our new regional director from Region 8 [Yayoi Satoh].

(43) RATIFICATION OF CFA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CFA ATTORNEY.

Newkirk moved to ratify the appointment of Fred Jacobberger as CFA attorney. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **Newkirk** moved for Central Office to carry on the normal business of this association. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** **Eigenhauser** moved to appoint Allene Tartaglia as Acting Executive Director. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(44) BUDGET COMMITTEE.

Treasurer **Kathy Calhoun** presented the following report:

The Budget Committee met at Central Office on May 22 to review the 2005-2006 financials and to develop the 2006-2007 Operating Budgets to be proposed to the Board on June 19, 2006. Those committee members present for the meeting were Pam DelaBar, Chuck Gradowski, Jim Thompson, and Allene Tartaglia and Carol Krzanowski also participated as well as Paul Trimboli who is the CFA third party accountant. Bob Molino was unable to attend.

This report summarizes and highlights major changes for the Board's review.

Operating Income

- *Registration was reduced by 10% of last year's actuals in all categories with the exception of individual registration and prepaid registration. Those were the two categories that met or exceeded budget and were budgeted at 100% of last year.*
- *Breeder Buck liability was doubled with the assumption that the program's announced discontinuance would generate last chance activities.*
- *Most of the other line items were reduced by no more than 5%*

International Show

- *The International Show Committee presented a break even budget including a \$5,000 donation to the Winn Foundation.*

MSG

- *The MSG Committee presented a budget including \$14,000 profit. This profit is largely driven by increased revenue from corporate sponsorship.*

Almanac

- *Subscriptions were reduced by 10%. Because of the expectation that circulation would drop the related production and distribution costs were dropped by 10%.*
- *Commercial advertising was increased by \$10,000 and breeder advertising increased by approximately \$3000 to reflect increased CFA marketing efforts.*

Yearbook

- *Yearbook sales and advertising was reduced by 10%*
- *Production and distribution was also reduced by 10%*
- *\$10,000 was included in this year's budget to support temporary staffing to support an on time book*

Central Office

- *Salary was reduced considering the assumption that the office would operate a minimum of 5 months without an Executive Director*

Computers

- *The Budget committee is recommending booking \$30,000 for equipment straight-line depreciation in this category. Also software rental and support is being increased to be consistent with last year's actuals.*

Marketing

- *The Business Development /Marketing Team has committed to \$240,000 in corporate sponsorship from Jakks Pacific, Clorox and Paramount Chemicals.*

CFA Programs

Committee	Chair	2005/2006 Actual Exp	Request Budget	Recommendation	Rationale
<i>Animal Welfare</i>	<i>Linda Berg</i>	<i>\$ 1,172</i>	<i>\$ 2,200</i>	<i>\$ 2,000</i>	<i>Increased over last year's actual spend</i>
<i>Breeds & Std</i>	<i>A. Wilson</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>\$ 100</i>	<i>\$ 100</i>	<i>Administrative</i>
<i>Business Development</i>	<i>Kitty Angell</i>	<i>\$ 2,188</i>	<i>\$ 3,000</i>	<i>\$ 1,500</i>	<i>\$1,500 allocated to Marketing Expense</i>
<i>CFA Cat Agility</i>	<i>K. Everett-Hirsch</i>				
<i>Budget/Finance</i>	<i>Kathy Calhoun</i>	<i>\$ 432</i>	<i>\$ 2,500</i>	<i>\$ 5000</i>	<i>Committee meeting in CO on even numbered years. Treasurer trips & conference calls with CO.</i>
<i>Credentials</i>	<i>Eve Russell</i>	<i>\$ 477</i>		<i>\$ 475</i>	
<i>Education</i>	<i>J Cummings</i>	<i>\$ 0</i>	<i>\$ 100</i>		<i>Administrative</i>
<i>Hawaii Shows</i>	<i>R Shaffer</i>	<i>\$ 1,200</i>	<i>\$ 600</i>	<i>\$ 600</i>	<i>Consistent with last year</i>
<i>Honors Committee</i>		<i>\$ 406</i>		<i>\$ 400</i>	<i>Consistent with last year</i>
<i>International Committee</i>	<i>Darrell Newkirk</i>	<i>\$ 6,465</i>	<i>\$ 8,000</i>	<i>\$ 8,000</i>	<i>Support growth</i>
<i>Junior Showmanship</i>	<i>Emily Turner</i>	<i>\$ 715</i>	<i>\$ 10,000</i>	<i>\$ 0</i>	<i>Investigate corporate sponsorship</i>
<i>Personnel</i>	<i>CFA Officers</i>	<i>\$2,980</i>		<i>\$ 3,000</i>	<i>Support search and transition of Ex Dir.</i>
<i>Protest</i>	<i>G. Eigenhauser</i>		<i>\$ 1,254</i>	<i>\$ 1,300</i>	<i>Consistent with last year</i>
<i>Publications</i>	<i>D. Brawner</i>		<i>\$ 2,500</i>	<i>\$ 1,500</i>	<i>Support meeting in CO</i>

In addition, considering other budgetary constraints, the Budget Committee recommends that Web Site Maintenance and Expense be held at last years level.

Corporate Expense

- The Budget Committee is recommending that officer's compensation be increased by \$1,000. In last years Budget Meeting with the Board a recommendation was put forth to increase the Secretary's stipend. This increase allows that increase to be put in place. The Budget Committee is also recommending that Board Meeting Expenses be reduced by approximately \$4,000 annually.*

Legislative

- The Legislative team requested a budget of \$83,340.00. In 2005 the budget request was \$78,980 of which \$ 73,876 (\$73,330 reported in Schedule F and \$546 in Schedule E). The net effect is the Legislative came in under budget by \$5,104. Taking both the under spend and the budget concerns the increased budget is not being recommended.*

General Applications

- Postage increased by 3% to offset an anticipated postal rate increase*
- Salary and related costs have been increased by 3.6% over actual in last year*

Action Items:

- Approval of the 2006-2007 Operating Budget*

*Respectfully Submitted by
Kathy Calhoun*

Calhoun: We feel that this is a very conservative budget. It is highly likely that we can do better, but we would rather take a conservative approach.

Calhoun: The Budget Committee discussed the Breeder Bucks program and the associated liability. Breeder Bucks have no expiration date. The Committee recommended that the program be discontinued as of January 1, 2007, and that a redemption announcement be made. **DelaBar:** The Breeder Bucks program is not cost effective in terms of usage. Unless we want to totally revamp the program and upgrade the technology to track it, we're recommending it be discontinued. **Calhoun:** I make that a formal motion. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Eigenhauser: If we're putting the board on a diet, any board committee with a face-to-face meeting expense should be on the same per diem for meals that we are. So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Calhoun: We will continue to look at the budget, revise it, update it, re-plan. We need to take the variables into consideration and continue to move as our business dictates. **DelaBar:** We have products coming out on the shelves in a couple months. I am hoping that they really take off. We also need to get people to participate in Pet Partners health insurance. **Calhoun** moved to approve the 2006-2007 Operating Budget. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Anger and Eigenhauser abstained.

(45) COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

DelaBar announced the committee appointments for the year 2006-2007 and asked that they be ratified as a group. They are as follows:

Animal Welfare/Purebred Rescue	Linda Berg, Chair (Kay Janosik, Liaison)
Audit Committee	Stan Barnaby, Chair
Awards and Honors	Rachel Anger, Chair
Breeds and Standards	Annette Wilson, Chair (assisted by Peg Johnson)
Business Development Team	Kitty Angell, Chair; James Watson, Donna Jean Thompson, Yayoi Satoh (Asian interests), Roeann Fulkerson (business planning)
CFA Cat Agility	Carol Osborne, Chair (Kay Janosik, Liaison)
CFA Cat Agility Course Design	Wayne Mull, Chair (Kay Janosik, Liaison)
CFA Centennial Celebration Committee	Liz Watson, Chair (assisted by Teresa Keiger, Marcie Baturin, Kay Janosik, Karen Lawrence)
CFA Community Outreach/Education	Joan Miller, Chair
CFA Foundation	David Mare, President (Stan Barnaby, Liaison)
CFA IAMS Cat Championship Show	Pam Huggins, Chair; Dawn Shiley, Show Manager (Pam DelaBar, Liaison)
CFA International Show	Debbie Kusy, Chair; Joann Cordes-Brown, Show Manager
Clerking Program	Regina Shaffer, Chair
Club Criteria/Analysis	Jo Ann Cummings, Chair
Club Membership	Jo Ann Cummings, Chair
Code of Ethics	Peg Johnson, Chair
Credentials	Eve Russell, Chair
Disaster Relief Fund	Pam DelaBar, President
Executive Committee	CFA Officers; Peg Johnson
Finance/Budget	Kathy Calhoun, Chair
International Division	Darrell Newkirk, Chair
Judging Program	Rachel Anger, Chair
Junior Showmanship	Emily Turner, Chair (Kitty Angell, Liaison); Gloria Hoover
Legislative Committee	Joan Miller, Chair
Legislative Group	Joan Miller, Chair; Sharon Coleman; George Eigenhauser
Management Team	James Watson, Chair
Marketing Research & Statistics	Peg Johnson, Chair
Mentorship	Mary Sietsema, Chair (Liz Watson, Liaison)

Ombudsman	Pam Huggins
Personnel	CFA Officers
Protest Committee	George Eigenhauser, Chair
Publications	Donna Brawner, Chair (Kitty Angell, Liaison; assisted by Carol Krzanowski)
Show Rules	Loretta Baugh, Chair
Show Schedule Coordination	Gina Lehman, Chair (Debbie Kusy, Liaison; all Regional Directors on committee)
Technology	Dick Kallmeyer, Chair
Winn Foundation	Dr. Susan Little, President (George Eigenhauser, Liaison)

Newkirk moved to ratify the committee appointments. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Carried.

(46) NEW BUSINESS.

DelaBar: I will be developing another committee to take the surveys that were sent out last year on retention of fanciers. Recruiting and retention is what I am looking at. Each one of us is our own recruiter. How are we replacing ourselves; not only replacing ourselves, how we are going to grow this organization? **Miller:** I would like to emphasize the activity reports from the clubs. We really need to refine the questionnaire. **DelaBar:** That comes under Club Criteria and Analysis. **Eigenhauser:** Perhaps Mentoring would be interested in these discussions. **Johnson:** It also may be tied into Statistics and Analysis. It ties together a number of committees. **DelaBar:** This is inter-disciplinary. One of the basic things we can do that doesn't cost us a cent is to be nice at shows. I want it to start at the board level and work it's way on down.

Eigenhauser moved to adjourn. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, CFA Secretary

(47) DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.

On Tuesday, June 13, 2006, the Hearings Committee met to hear one appeal and one board-cited hearing. The following board members were present: Stan Barnaby, Linda Berg, Liz Watson, Kitty Angell, Rachel Anger, Pam DelaBar, Fred Jacobberger, Dick Kallmeyer and Debbie Kusy, with George Eigenhauser joining shortly thereafter.

APPEALS:

Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to and heard by the Board, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the party, an appeal and/or appeal fee was timely filed, and the appeal

was heard by the Hearings Committee. The Hearings Committee submitted its findings to the Board of Directors with a recommendation as to the action that should be taken. The CFA Executive Board subsequently ratified the recommendations.

05-049-0915 CFA v. Green, Jennifer

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

Violation of Show Rules 2.02a

GUILTY of both charges. Sentence of two years' probation and \$750 fine.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).

HEARINGS:

This case was heard on direct cite by the CFA Executive Board. Timely notice was given to the party, and the matter was heard by the Hearings Committee. The Hearings Committee submitted its findings to the Board of Directors with recommendations as to the action that should be taken. The CFA Executive Board subsequently ratified the recommendations.

06-005-0204 CFA v. Fog, Christopher

Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Sections 4(f) and 4(g)

Violation of Show Rules 11.26 and 11.27

GUILTY of all charges. Sentence of two years' suspension, a \$1,500 fine and a letter of public apology to Barbara Jaeger.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).

These cases were reviewed by the Protest Committee and a recommendation was presented to the Board. A tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the party, and no appeal and/or appeal fee was filed. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

04-032-0413 CFA v. Nankervis, Joyce

Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV Section 4 (a & g)

GUILTY of both charges. Sentence of life suspension of all CFA Services.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).

05-056-1107 CFA v. Abramson, Beverley

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

GUILTY of both charges. Sentence of one year probation and \$500 fine.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).

06-015-0329 CFA v. McCune, Stephanie and McCune, Jean (aka Jean Polmantier)

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

GUILTY. Sentence of life suspension of all CFA Services. Suspension also applies to catteries used by Respondents: Azura Sky and Nile Lotus.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).

06-016-0411 CFA v. Fog, Christopher

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

GUILTY. Sentence of one year suspension and \$500 fine. Respondent be ordered to return the cat (whole) immediately.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).