

2024 CFA ANNUAL MEETING
Friday, June 28, 2024

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CFA ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA June 27-30, 2024 All Times in Central Standard Time			
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9:00 a.m.	33.	Call Meeting to Order & President’s Welcome	Mastin
9:05 a.m.	34.	Midwest Region Welcome	Dunham
9:10 a.m.	35.	Declare the Determination of a Quorum	Mastin
9:12 a.m.	36.	Appoint Parliamentarian for the Annual Meeting	Mastin
9:15 a.m.	37.	Special Rules of Parliamentary Procedure	Raymond
9:20 a.m.	38.	Approve Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting	Mastin
9:25 a.m.	39.	Proposed Amendments to the CFA Bylaws	Mastin
10:00 a.m.	40.	EveryCat Health Foundation	Vicksman
10:15 a.m.	41.	Board Member Service Awards	Mastin
10:20 a.m.	42.	International Division	Calhoun
10:30 a.m.		BREAK	
10:45 a.m.	43.	Treasurer’s Report	Calhoun
11:00 a.m.	44.	Pre-Noticed Resolutions	Mastin
12:30 p.m.		LUNCH	
1:30 p.m.	45.	Judging Program Report	Nye
1:45 p.m.	46.	Judging Program Service Awards	Nye
1:55 p.m.	47.	Judges’ Association Spotlight Award	Bennett
2:05 p.m.	48.	Junior Fanciers Spotlight Award	Shaffer
2:15 p.m.	49.	Marketing	Bobby
2:30 p.m.		BREAK	
2:45 p.m.	50.	Credentials Committee Service Awards	Mastin
3:00 p.m.	51.	Credentials Committee Report and Election Results	Dodds
3:20 p.m.	52.	Clerk Service Awards	B. Colilla
3:30 p.m.	53.	Cattery of Distinction Awards	Mastin
3:45 p.m.	54.	Star Awards	Dunham
4:00 p.m.	55.	Resolutions from the Floor	Mastin
5:00 p.m.		ADJOURN • Annual Meeting Closes	

Mastin: We have a slight change to the agenda. The Treasurer’s Report will be first, followed by EveryCat.

President Richard Mastin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Central Standard Time.

Mastin: Good morning, everyone. Welcome to the 2024 Cat Fanciers’ Association Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet here in Coralville, Iowa at the beautiful Hyatt Regency. It is truly a pleasure to have you all here today. With 336 delegates checked in, the determination of a quorum has been met and I call the meeting to order. All indications are that this is going to be a wonderful event. This doesn’t happen on its own. I need you to join me in thanking our host region, our Midwest Annual Committee and the Central Office staff. [applause] I extend a warm

welcome to all new and returning delegates and board members. Your passion and dedication will undoubtedly contribute to the continued success of our association.

Mastin: We are thankful and delighted to have Darrell Newkirk, past President and current Director-at-Large with us today. Darrell had shown incredible resilience in recovering after ongoing quadruple bypass surgery in mid-May. We look forward to many more years of Darrell's service as a judge and a board member, and we commend him for his strength and determination. [applause]

Mastin: I would like to express my gratitude to two of CFA's longest-serving staff members – Allene Tartaglia with 36 years of service that began in 1982, and Shelly Borowski with 37 years of service. Yes, there is competition. Shelly told me that she has one more year than Allene. However, Allene started in 1982, which is 42 years ago. Your commitment and hard work have made a lasting impact, and I thank you both for your continued service. We also need to recognize Shirley Dent, who retired recently after 33 years of service. Shirley has been an invaluable asset to our organization, relocating from New Jersey to Ohio and assisting numerous new staff members. We are fortunate to have Cathy Dunham stepping into Shirley's role, and we have full confidence in her ability to uphold the high standards set by Shirley. Just so we're on record here, Cathy is doing double duty. She is doing Central Office work and she is still Regional Director until all the new board members are appointed Sunday morning. So Cathy, you cannot leave until 9 a.m. Sunday. **Dunham:** It's midnight Saturday. **Mastin:** No, you cannot leave on Saturday. I see you over there. You have to stay. What happens if the hotel shuts down? **Dunham:** Sorry. **Mastin:** OK. Where is Janet [Moyer]? She's ready.

Mastin: Our CFA Official Facebook Discussion Group has nearly 7,700 members in less than two years. This platform has become a valuable gathering place for sharing concerns, offering suggestions and fostering communication within our CFA family. Thank you to all who post comments, questions and responses, and thank you to the team who manage and moderate that platform.

Mastin: The recently released eCat 2.0 system has been well received by many and a little bit of challenge by some. The IT team is committed to assisting all users and welcomes suggestions. Thank you to the IT team led by James Simbro on this major project. [applause] During today's meeting we will be learning about the new soon-to-be-released CFA website that our Marketing team has dedicated over two years of their time and expertise. Thank you Desiree Bobby, Melanie Morgan, Allene Tartaglia and Mark Hannon for all the many hours you gave to this valuable project. [applause] All these individual tools enhance our customer experience.

Mastin: I am pleased to announce that the CFA International Cat Show and Expo, after a four-year hiatus was held last October at the I-X Center in Cleveland, Ohio. The show was a resounding success, with the Expo portion expanding to include more entertainment options for our guests. Our spectator attendance was greater than ever before, and we are excited to bring the show back to the I-X Center the second weekend of October, only 15 weeks away. Details will be released soon.

Mastin: While we are here to conduct important business, let's not forget that this is also time for celebration. Congratulations to all those who will be honored at tomorrow evening's

award banquet. Your high achievements deserve to be celebrated. Before we get on to the business portion of the meeting, I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to our ongoing partnerships with Royal Canin and Sturdi Products. [applause]

(34) MIDWEST REGION WELCOME MESSAGE.

Mastin: With more than a thunderous applause, let's hear from Cathy Dunham. Please give her a warm welcome. **Dunham:** Welcome to the 2024 Annual in the heart of the Midwest Region. I think our tag line and annual logo says it all – “Paw Prints on The Heartland” – the paw prints representing our love for the cat fancy and in the beautiful setting in the middle of farm country. I have had the honor of representing the best region for the last four years and working hard with my Annual Committee and Central Office to bring all of you a great week in the heartland. I hope you have been able to experience what Iowa has to offer during your stay.

Dunham: Would the following people please stand.

Susan and Jim Charles – Annual Committee Co-Chairs

Martha Auspitz – Committee Mentor

Kathy Calhoun – Annual Treasurer

Selma Kessler – Banquet Decorations

LeAnn Rupy – Delegate Bags

Mary Auth – Fund Raising

Allene Keating – Fund Raising

Chai Wuttivorrattana – Fund Raising

Jim Wuersch – Fund Raising Show

Holly Mueller – Fund Raising Show

Janet Moyer – Vendors and Sponsors

Lucy Drury – Hospitality

Kathryn Mueller – Hospitality and After Party

Kadri and Siim Koppel

Kathy Johannes

Lynn Staker

Jon and Joann Brubacher

Dunham: If I missed anyone it was unintentional and the help was very appreciated. This was the group that put this all together. I couldn't have done it without them. These people are the dedicated individuals that have worked tirelessly to ensure you have a great time this week. Thank You from the bottom of my heart for all your hard work and dedication to the Midwest Region and CFA.

Dunham: The Midwest Region would also like to extend a special Thank You to Royal Canin for their sponsorship of our delegate bags, to Sturdi for co-hosting the Friday night hospitality and to Meeukka Cattery, Anvils Cattery, and Chapter Cattery for their support of the Midwest Region and the Annual.

Dunham: As I transition from Regional Director to CFA Central Office, I look forward to working with all of you as we weave the history of CFA one meeting and show at a time. Congratulations to all the winners and enjoy this weekend of celebration of the best cats in the world.

Mastin: Thank you Cathy.

(35) DECLARE THE DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.

(A quorum is representation from 50% plus 1 of our clubs, or 272).

[**Secretary's Note:** The Credentials Committee final count of seated delegates was 336 when the meeting was called to order, and 337 total, out of 543 eligible to vote. There were 543 clubs which had paid dues and membership lists were received by June 1.]

Raymond: Let's talk a little bit about the quorum requirements. Rich mentioned that 336 delegates have checked into this meeting. By New York law, we have to have 50% of the delegates of the member clubs entitled to send a delegate here at this meeting. That magic number is 272, so we are above that number which is wonderful, but if at any time when the delegation is voting on motions the number of votes cast falls below that number, the motion automatically fails for lack of a quorum. So, I can't urge you enough to stay in the room through all of the motions and to vote on them. At your seats, I believe it's on a green sheet of paper are some rules we put together and examples for how quorum is calculated and how votes are counted. So, if you have any questions, don't be afraid to come up and ask. Thank you.



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Quorum Rules for the Meeting and Motions

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

1. For the meeting to be held, the presence of a delegate or proxy from one-half (1/2) of the member clubs entitled to send a delegate shall constitute a quorum. The Credentials Committee has established that the quorum for the 2024 Annual CFA Meeting is 272.
2. For all motions to proceed, a quorum of 272 votes must be cast on each individual motion. Absentee Votes (choosing not to vote) because of a conflict of interest to a specific motion are counted to meet the quorum. If a motion does not meet the quorum on the "yes" and "no" votes cast, then the CFA President will poll the floor to see if there are any absentees due to a conflict of interest. If any motion receives less than 272 total "yes" votes, "no" votes, and "abstentions due to conflict", the motion fails and no further action will be taken on the motion.

Vote Count Rules:

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

Vote Count Examples:

- a. Total “yes” and “no” votes cast = 310.
 - 156 “yes” votes are needed for the affirmative majority (more than 50%) and 207 “yes” votes are needed for the 2/3 affirmative vote.
- b. Total “yes” and “no” votes cast = 290.
 - 146 “yes” votes are needed for the affirmative majority (more than 50%) and 194 “yes” votes are needed for the 2/3 affirmative vote.
- c. Total “yes”, “no”, and “abstentions due to conflict” votes cast = 270.
 - The motion fails because the quorum of 272 wasn’t met.

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
44 Gatti	Nancy Dodds
Abyssinian Breeders International	Cheryl Jorgenson
Abyssinian Midwest Breeders	Darrell Newkirk
Abyssinian Society of the South	Donna Andrews
Agua Caliente Cat Club	Charlene Munro
Alamo City Cat Club	Sherilyn Shaffer
All Chiefs No Indians Cat Club	Teresa Land
Almost Heaven Cat Club	Susan Tephly
Amarillo Cat Fanciers	Amy Haden
Ambassador Cat Club	Elaine Magee
American Gothic Cat Club	Sueann Spinder
American Manx Club	Paul Meeker
American Shorthair Club	Kit Fung
American Shorthair Lovers of Europe	Ulrike Knueppel
Americans In Paradise	Howard R. Webster
Americans West	Carol W. Johnson, DVM
Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers	Barbara Schreck
Arkansas Feline Fanciers	Pamela J. Bassett
Atlanta Phoenix Cat Society	Donna Andrews
Atlantic Himalayan Club	Jim Land
Basic Black Cat Club	Kathy Calhoun
Beverly Hills Cat Club	Robin Bryan

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Black Diamond Cat Club	Kathy Depietro
Black Tie and Tails Cat Club	Carrie Bechard
Bluff City Cat Fanciers	Jane F. Kardashian
Bombay Enthusiasts of America	Joy Yoders Dey
Bonita Cat Fanciers	George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
Brazos Valley Cat Club	Paula Noble
Buffalo Cat Fanciers	Beth Reilly
Burmese South Cat Club	Rich Mastin
Burmilla Enthusiasts of America	Keith Kimberlin
Cable Car Cats	Jennifer Reding
California Silver Fanciers	Howard R. Webster
Call of the Wild	John Webster
CanUsa Cat Club	Jennifer Deel
Capital Cat Fanciers	Rachel Anger
Cat Club of the Palm Beaches	Karen Lane
Cat Fanciers of Finland	Tuija Aaltonen
Cat Fanciers of Hawaii	Donna Fujie
Cat Fanciers of Washington	Linda A. Peterson
Cat Nation Fanciers	Brian Tripp
Catalinas Cat Club (The)	Laurie Albert
Cat'n On The Fox	Cathy Dunham
Cats Exclusive, Inc.	Thomas M. Bles
Cat's Incredible Inc.	James Land
Cats Ink	Cheryl Coleman
Cats Kansas City	Ginger Meeker
Cat's Meow (The)	Susan Cook Henry
Cats Royale	Vicki Jensen
Cenla Cat Fanciers	Leslie Ann Carr
Central Carolina Cat Fanciers	Hope Gonano
Central Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers	Marilee Griswold
Chamberlin on the Bay Cat Fanciers	Karen Bernier
Champagne Cat Club	Linda Murphy
Chartreux International	Amy Sutherland
Cincinnati Cat Club	Brook Cole
City Cats	Gayle A. Hand
Classy Cats Society	Leslie Ann Carr
Cleveland Persian Society	Dianne Dodd
Club Felins Fleur De Lys	Carrie Bechard
Coastal Cat Club	Mike Altschul
Coastal Empire Cat Club	Beth Polstra
Coastal Paws Cat Club	Cynthia A. Lewis
Cochise Cat Fanciers	John Webster

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Colonial Annapolis Cat Fanciers	Barb Hornberger
Colonial Cat Club	Sabrina Grisier
Colorado Cat Fanciers	Mandie Fick
Columbia River Cat Club	Vicki Jensen
Constitution City Longhair Club	Stephanie Grady
Cotton States Cat Club	Cynthia A. Lewis
Country Faire Cat Fanciers	Gary Martin
Cow Hill Cat Club	Kate Sain
Cowboy Country Cat Fanciers	Sunny Lodge
Crab And Mallet Cat Club	Alene M. Shafnisky
Crafty Cat (The)	Jacqui L. Bennett
Creative Cats Club	Roger Brown
Crow Canyon Cat Club	Wendy L. Coggan-Tom
Crown City Cat Club	Tracey Dalton
Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club	Annette L. Wilson
Damn Yankees Cat Club	Vincent J. Pina-Crupi
Delaware River Cats Club	Joy Yoders Dey
Devon Rex Breed Club	Rhonda Smith
Diamond State Cat Fanciers	Kathryn Sain
Dixieland Silver & Golden Fanciers	Doreann Nasin
Edelweiss Cat Club	Jim Wuersch
Emerald Cat Club	Wendy Heidt
Emerald Coast Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Carla Bizzell
Empire Cat Club	Keith Kimberlin
European Burmese Cat Club	Lauren Castle-Flynn
European Shorthair Club	Kenny Currle
Exotic Breeders	Teresa Sweeney
Exotics Fans Club	Gloria Leung Man Yee
Fancy That Cat Club	Chai Wuttivorrattana
Feline Fanciers of Benelux	Peter Vanwonderghem
Feline Forum of Greater New York	Teresa Land
Felinus International	Peter Vanwonderghem
Finicky Felines Society	Cheryl Lorditch
Foot of the Rockies Cat Club	Debra Jones
For the Love of Cats Cat Fanciers	Dennis Ganoe
Fort Worth Cat Club	Leah Dow
Freestate Feline Fanciers	Roberta Croco
Fresno Cat Club (The)	Robert Irvine
Friends & Family	Bethany Tod
Frontier Feline Fanciers	Kadri Koppel
Fyfe and Drum Himalayan Club	Patti DeBiasse
Galaxy Cat Club	Virginia Liu

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Ganba Kobe Cat Club	Carol Turner
Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey	David Humphrey
Garnet State Feline Fanciers	Earle Brown
Gateway Arch Persian Society	Kathy Calhoun
GEMS	Laurie Coughlan
Genesee Cat Fanciers Club	Betsy Arnold
German Catwalk	Pam DelaBar
German Phoenix - Cat Friends Europe	Alice Rosol
Glamorous Int'l Ambassador (GIA)	Kathie Hunt
Golden Triangle Cat Fanciers	Beth Reilly
Grandview Cat Fanciers	Neil Quigley
Grassroots Cat Fanciers	Holly Mueller
Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees	Martha Auspitz
Great Lakes Great Maines	Bethany Colilla
Great River Cat Fanciers	Beth Grant-Field
Greater Baltimore Cat Club	Caroline Melia
Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers	Laurie E. Coughlan
Greater NW Cat Fanciers	Pam Moser
Gulf Coast Cat Club	Hilary Helmrich
Half Moon Cat Club	Jenny Wickle
Hallmark Cat Club	Lisa Mastin
Happy Alternative Cat Club	Mike Altschul
Happy Trails Cat Club	Karen Bernier
Havana Brown Fanciers	Kathy Muller
Hawai'i Hulacat Club	Nancy Dodds
Hawkeye State Cat Club	Mary Jane Tesdall
Hemet Feline Fanciers	Cynthia Byrd
Hidden Peak Cat Club	Lyn Knight
High Plains Cat Club	Rebecca Galloway
High Sierra Cat Club	Wendy L. Coggan-Tom
Hill Country Cat Fanciers	Nancy Brown
Hong Kong and Macao Cat Club	Alex Chan
Hong Kong Black Cat Club	Yin Ling Phebe Low
Hong Kong Cats	Luk Chun Lap
Houston Cat Club	Becky Galloway
Hudson Valley Cat Club	Pauli Huhtaniemi
Hugger Mugger Feline Society	Carissa Altschul
Huntsville Cat Club	Larry Fry
Illini Cat Club	Robin Bryan
Indy Cat Club, Inc.	Pamela DeGolyer
International Egyptian Mau Society	Timothy Fowler
International Havana Brown Society	Ellyn Honey

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
International Toybob Cat Club	Meg Lambert
JA Club	Ellyn Honey
Japanese Bobtail Fanciers	Kendall Smith
Jazz Kats	Barbara Schreck
Jiang Nan Cat Fanciers Club	Kai Gavin Cao
Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers	John Colilla
Just Cat-In Around Cat Fanciers	Anne Mathis
K-Cats	Janet Moyer
Kentucky Colonels Cat Club	Martha Auspitz
Keystone Kats	Beth Feininger
Kino Kat Klub	Barbara A. Jaeger
Lakes Country Cat Fanciers	Susan Charles
Lance and Bertha Cat Fanciers	Betty Bridges
Land of Oz Cat Club	Carissa Altschul
Land of the Sky Cat Fanciers	Eric Simpson
LaPerm Society of America	Dennis Ganoe
Las Vegas Cat Club	Pat Jacobberger
Last Chance Cat Fanciers Int'l	Charlene Jin
Lewis & Clark Longhair Specialty	Pam Moser
Liberty Trail Cat Fanciers	Jill Archibald
Lilac City Cat Fanciers	Jerry Allgire
Lilac Point Fanciers	Rachel Anger
Lincoln Cat Club	Beverly A. Wood
Lincoln State Cat Club	Carolyn Huddy
Lincoln State Longhair Fanciers	Jim Charles
Lincoln State Shorthair Society	Leann Rupy
Lone Star Cat Club	Sherry Shaffer
Long and Short of It Cat Club	Nancy Petersen
Long Island Cat Club	Michael Slivinski
Longhair Japanese Bobtail Breeders	Jodell Raymond
Los Colores Cat Club	Michael Shelton
Lucky Penny Cat Club	Orca Starbuck
Lucky Tomcat Club	Sueann Spinder
Mad Catters (The)	Lyn Knight
Magnolia State Cat Club	Betty Haden
Mahameru Cat Club	Doreann Nasin
Maine Attraction Cat Fanciers	Julie Benzer
Maine Coon Cat Club	Elaine Magee
Maine Street Cat Club	Marilee Griswold
Make Mine Mink	Christine June
Malibu Cat Club	Marsha Johnson
Marina All Breed Cat Club	Cynthia Byrd

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Mary Hantzmon Abyssinian Club	Linda A. Peterson
Masters Cat Club (The)	Beth Feininger
Mckenzie River Cat Club	Gayle A. Hand
Metroplex Allbreed Cat Club	Judith Bemis
Micina Cat Fanciers	Susan Charles
Mid South Cat Fanciers	Alvin Green
Midlands Cat Fanciers	Tom Lukken
Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers	John Colilla
Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers	Sabrina Grisier
Mid-West Shaded & Smoke Society	Timothy Fowler
Midwest TGIF Fanciers	Lucy Drury
Mississippi Belle Feline Fanciers	Diana Heinzen
Mohawk Trail Cat Club	Ronna Colilla
Mo-Kan Cat Club	Cathy Johannes
Monroe Shorthair Club	Betsy Arnold
Morris and Essex Cat Club	Christine A. D'avirro
Mount Laurel Cat Fanciers	Karen Bishop
Mt Fuji Tokyo Cat Club	Yukiko Hayata
Muskogee Cat Club	Jim Wuersch
Nashville Cat Club	Siim Koppel
National American Sh Club	Carol W. Johnson, DVM
National Birman Fanciers	Jeri Zottoli
National Colorpoints & Orientals	Michael Slivinski
National Maine Coon Cc (The)	Deborah Jones
National Siamese Cat Club	Ann Marie Bingham
Nat'l Alliance of Birman Breeders	Karen Lane
Nat'l Norwegian Forest Cat Br Club	Christine D'Avirro
Nebraska Fine Whiskers Society	Selma Kessler
New England Meow Outfit	David Humphrey
New Millennium Cat Club	Michael Shelton
New Vision Cat Club	Elizabeth Nolte
Nishi Nihon Cat Club	Yukiko Hayata
North American Blues Allbreed CF	Lisa Mastin
North Texas Cat Club	Paula Noble
Nova Cat Fanciers Inc	Jill Archibald
Oakway Cat Fanciers	Tim Schreck
Ocicat Society	Coleen Wolfe
Ocicats International	Jacqui L. Bennett
Ohio State Persian Club	Tyler Deel
Oklahoma City Cat Club, Inc.	Betty Haden
Orange Cat Club	Leann Rupy
Oriental Diamond Cat Fancier	Wen Wei (Allen) Shi

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Oriental West	Beth Grant-Field
Osaka Norwegian Forest Cat Club	Carol Turner
Osnaburg Shorthair Club	Lynn Cooke
Oyster Bay Cat Club	Jodell Raymond
Ozark Cat Fanciers	Amy Sutherland
Packerland Cat Fanciers	Charles T. Gradowski
Palatina Blue Cat Club	Alice Rosol
Paper Tigers	Heidi Murphy
Paul Raines CA Solid Color Cat Club	Andrea Bohren
Paumanok Cat Fanciers	Dilka Slivinski
Pawprints in the Sand	Jenny Wickle
Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers	Nancy Petersen
Pfanciers United For Fun, Inc.	Mary Auth
Phoenix Feline Fanciers	Richard Kallmeyer
Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers	Laura Gregory
Poinsettia City Cat Club	Cheryl Jorgenson
Poppy State Cat Club	Heidi Murphy
Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers	Lynn Cooke
Ragamuffin Cat Society	Laura Gregory
Ragdoll Breed Club	Amy Haden
Ragdolls Around the Globe	Noelle Giddings
Ramapo Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Perry D. Coleman
Rebel Rousers Cat Club	Andrea Cobb
Rocky Mountain Cat Fanciers	Donna Waskiewicz
Rome Cat Forum	Sharon Powell
Russian Blue Fanciers	Stephanie Grady
Sacred Cat of Burma Fanciers	Joann Brubacher
Saintly City Cat Club	Bobbie Weihrauch
San Diego Cat Fanciers	Diana Heinzen
Sanguine Silver Society	Miguel M. Pina
Santa Clara Valley Cat Fanciers	Nancey Abbott
Santa Fe Trail Shorthair	Ginger Meeker
Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance	Nancey Abbott
Seacoast Cat Club	Christine June
Seattle Cat Club	Kendall Smith
Sherwood Manx Club	Kaisa Ylinenpää
Shorthairs Unlimited	Betty Bridges
Show and Tell Cat Club	Jan Rogers
Show Me Cat Fanciers	Janet Moyer
Siamese Alliance of America	Perry D. Coleman
Sign of the Cat Fanciers	Karen Bishop
Siouxland Cat Fanciers	Jan Rogers

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Sofistocated Felines	Dilka Slivinski
Sophisto Cat Club	Pam DelaBar
Southeastern Cat Fanciers	Kenny Currle
Southeastern Michigan Cat Fanciers	Tim Schreck
Southeastern Persian Society	Melanie Morgan
Southern Dixie Cat Club	Melanie Morgan
Southern Indiana Longhair Society	Jon Brubacher
Southern Traditions Cat Club	Patricia Blees
Southwest Japanese Bobtail Fanciers	Jennifer Reding
Southwest Scottish Fold Fanciers	Victoria Nye
Sphynx Without Borders	Desiree Bobby
Star City Cat Fanciers	Karen Thomas
Stars & Stripes Tabby & Tortie	Sheryl Zink
Steel City Kitties	Hope M. Gonano
Steinbeck Country Cat Club	Neil Quigley
Sternwheel Cat Fanciers	Ronna Colilla
Straight and Curl Cat Club	Cheryl Coleman
Sun Pacific Cat Club	Anne Mathis
Sunflower Cat Club	Yaeko Takano
Sunkat Feline Fanciers	Victoria Nye
Sunshine Cat Club	Pauli Huhtaniemi
Superstition Cat Fanciers	Julie A. Benzer
Swire Cat Fanciers Club	Agnes Sun
Tabby Fanciers of America	Diana Rothermel
Tails and No Tales Cat Club	Jo Cordes Brown
Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Laura Barber
Texoma Cat Fanciers	Carla Bizzell
That's My Point Cat Fanciers	Rhonda Smith
Thumbs Up Cat Fanciers	Debbie Allgire
Tigers Lair Feline Fanciers	Todd Moyer
Tokyo Midtown Cat Club	Debbie Allgire
Tonkinese Breed Association	Valori Vig Trantanella
Topeka Cat Fanciers	Allene Keating
Tornado Alley Feline Fanciers	Paul Meeker
Touch of Class Cat Fanciers	Tracy Roberts
Triple Crown Cat Fanciers	Tyler Deel
Turkish Angora Fanciers, International	Alene M. Shafnisky
Twin City Cat Fanciers	Pat Jacobberger
UK Cat Fanciers	Ulrike Knueppel
United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers	Pamela Sogge
United Feline Odyssey	Russell Law
United Persian Society	Cathy Dunham

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
United Silver and Golden Fanciers	Donna Fujie
United Singapura Society	Bethany Colilla
Universal Feline Fanciers Cat Club	Leung Pak Hei
Utah Cat Fanciers	Erin Cutchen
Utah Purebred Cat Fanciers	Barbara M. Irie
Valley Cat Fanciers	Robert Irvine
Valley View Cat Fanciers	Charles T. Gradowski
Vermont Fancy Felines	Tracy Roberts
Victor Valley Cat Club (The)	Darrell Newkirk
Vietnam Cat Club	Nguyen Kieu Ngoc
Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers	Rich Mastin
West Hills Cat Fanciers	Charlene Munro
West Shore Shorthair Club	George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
Western Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers	Susan Nebgen
Western Reserve Cat Club	Annette L. Wilson
Wichita Cat Fancy, Inc.	Shayla Copas
Wild Rose Cat Club	Lynn M. Staker
Wildcatters Cat Club	Sheryl Zink
William Penn Cat Club	Carol Krzanowski
World Lykoi Association	Desiree Bobby
Worldwide European Burmese Society	Judith Bemis

(36) APPOINT PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Mastin: I am appointing Ed Raymond as Parliamentarian and CFA Legal Counsel over this meeting.

(37) SPECIAL RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE.

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

Mastin: I am going to ask Ed Raymond to take us through the parliamentary procedures.

Raymond: Good morning, folks. I'm going to go through the Special Rules of Parliamentary Procedure for this meeting. Then we're going to talk a little bit about the quorum requirements. The Rules of Parliamentary Procedure:

Special Rules of Parliamentary Procedure:

1. *The agenda for this meeting will be the agenda as proposed by the chairperson and distributed to all of the delegates.*
2. *Motions (a) to table or, (b) to move the previous question or, (c) to postpone indefinitely shall not be permitted.*
3. *Motions to substitute will be treated as other amendments.*
4. *The seconding of motions 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. *When not inconsistent with the foregoing general rules, the Bylaws of the CFA, Inc., its Certificate of Incorporation, and applicable rules of law, and the Democratic Rules of America shall govern the proceedings of this meeting.*
8. *Pursuant to NY Not-for-Profit Law, each motion shall be determined by the votes cast on that motion. An abstention is not considered a vote cast.*

Mastin: Before we get started, I have a couple of announcements here that need to be made. Please visit the CFA Breeder Assistance table in the back of the room. We have a 50/50 raffle, cattery organizing books, Ukraine prints. We take credit cards. The last winner won \$500. Extra delegate bags are available in the back of the room for \$20. We draw for the raffle prizes just before lunch. I think lunch is scheduled for 12, so around 11:50 we will call Mary up and they will draw the winner for the raffle prizes.

Mastin: This is a very important notice because it caught me off guard during yesterday's board meeting that I didn't pre-notice this rule. This is a pre-notice that phone interruptions will cost \$10. You can turn them all on and Kathy will collect your money. She will be happy to, and we can keep track of how many. We will do this year after year.

(38) APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING.

Mastin: I'm going to introduce Kathy Calhoun to give the Treasurer's Report. I forgot something. I'm nervous and I told Kathy this. Ronna, I told you I was nervous. I need a motion to approve the minutes for the 2023 Annual Meeting. Jodell Raymond, did you have your hand up? **Raymond:** So moved. **Mastin:** You've got to say that. You had your hand up first and then George [Eigenhauser] said, "so moved," so I'm going to call on Jodell Raymond. Thank you, the motion is approved.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Pam Sogge, wherever you are, you need to go to the back of the room.
Raymond: That sounds ominous. **Mastin:** Pam Sogge, you now need to go to the corner in the back of the room. You need to take your clicker. Sorry about the errors there.

(39) **2024 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CFA BYLAWS.**

Determination of a Quorum (to be adjusted for each proposal): 272

Number of clubs eligible to send delegates: 543

Number of CFA member clubs represented: 337

Number of votes for a simple majority: 169

Number of votes for a two-thirds majority: 225

***[Secretary's Note:** The final delegate registration number was 337]

Mastin: Let's take them through the clicker process. We might as well do that now, because it will take some time and then maybe Dr. Vicksman will be here. Alright, we're going to go on to your clickers. You all received clickers assigned to the clubs you are representing. If you are voting for two clubs, you should have two clickers – one for each club.



Mastin: First, to wake up your clickers, push any button. You should see an icon at the top left of your LCD screen. Now, we will do some practice questions to get all of us comfortable with this method of voting. James will display the voting screen. Once we get everybody on, James will display the questions. **Raymond:** There is the question. **Mastin:** Press A for yes, B for no. After you click A or B, your clicker will say OK, indicating that the receiver has received your vote. If you look at the screen up front, you will see boxes change color indicating a vote has been received. James will answer any questions. When it's about time to close voting, I will give a 10 second warning. There are 10 seconds until voting closes for Question 1. OK, that's 10 seconds so I'm going to close the voting. James, are you closing the voting? We have somebody replacing a clicker, so he needs a second. You get more than 10 seconds. James, are you able to close the voting? OK, the voting is closed.

Mastin: We have a total of 330 votes, 123 yes for the first annual. Wow, that's great. Give them a round of applause. [applause] And 207 no. Let's turn off the voting. [transcript goes to EveryCat report]

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Test Question 1				
334 Delegates Registered	123	207	0	330

Mastin: We're going to return to the clicker. I want you to keep in mind that you can't vote until I open the voting. When voting is open, you will see the open indicator in green at the top of the screen and your clicker will indicate a flashing R, which indicates it is ready to receive your vote. We're going to open Question #2. *Do you believe Iowa has more pigs than people?* Ten seconds until voting closes. Voting is now closed. I see James is working on some clickers in the back corner, so voting remains open if you have yet to vote. Voting is now closed.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Test Question 2				
334 Delegates Registered	254	79	0	333

Mastin: The results are 254 said yes, 79 said no. If you are wondering, there are way more pigs – not just a little, way more – 23.4 million on Iowa farms, according to a report by the Department of Agriculture. For every Iowan, there is 7.3 pigs. That is a lot of bacon. We're having more clicker problems in the back, so James is getting it taken care of. While James is fixing some clicker issues, I believe before Vickie and Dr. Vicksman came up, somebody's phone went off. There may have been two or three phones go off during the change. You need to pay up. I think there's three. People raised their hands Kathy, so you hunt them down.

Raymond: Rich, look who got busted. [Lisa Mastin] **Mastin:** Seriously? You're kidding me. Alright, I'll come get it. OK, this never happens – me getting money. It's always the other way around. James, give me a thumbs up. Are we ready?

Mastin: We're going on to Question #3. Do you live outside the United States? A for yes, B for no. Ten seconds. James, close the voting please.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Test Question 3				
334 Delegates Registered	37	280	0	317

Mastin: Total votes 317 – 37 yes, 280 no.

Mastin: We're going to go on to Question #4. Voting is now open. James said no. He is multi-tasking, fixing clickers. Voting is now open. The question is – why are you voting? I haven't even given the question yet. Ten seconds to close the voting. Voting is closed.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Test Question 4				
334 Delegates Registered	163	156	0	319

Mastin: 319 total votes – 163 yes, 156 no. That’s better than 50%. As soon as James puts the next question on the screen, that will be all of them. Here it comes. Voting is now open. *Have you ever stepped on a cat’s furball?* Closing the voting in 10 seconds. OK, close the voting.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Test Question 5				
334 Delegates Registered	283	45	0	328

Mastin: 283 yes, 45 no. Total of 328 votes. Does anybody have any questions on clicker voting before we proceed? OK, I’ve got a reminder here. Kathy, you are going to like this one. Please remember to return the clickers at the end of today’s meeting. There will be several folks at the back of the room collecting them. There is a \$100 fine for unreturned clickers. So, if all 356 clickers don’t return, that’s \$35,000. Take them home with you and we will collect the money.

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
2024 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Amendments to the CFA Bylaws

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

***[Secretary's Note:** Delegate names and the club names which those delegates represent have been taken from the official delegate registration list. Non-delegate statements are out of order and have not been included in this transcript.]*

Mastin: We are going to Proposed Amendments to the CFA Bylaws. We start first with our Bylaw amendments. Bylaw amendments must pass by at least 2/3 of the votes entitled to be cast by the delegates present at this meeting. An abstention counts as a no vote. Bylaw amendments are effective immediately unless stated otherwise in the amendment. They must be voted on as pre-noticed. They cannot be amended or brought from the floor, and can't be changed by the board. Calling the question, all in favor, all against, a request for indication of those abstaining for cause will only be made, only if the total of the yes and no votes do not equal or exceed 272.

– 1 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, Section 2 – Application, to increase the application fee and to change “check” to “payment”, as follows:

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

Section 2 – Application

Application for membership shall be mailed to the Central Office of the Association and shall include the following:

- a. a copy of the club's Constitution and Bylaws;
- b. a list of officers with their addresses;
- c. a list of the names and addresses of all club members in good standing at the date of application;
- d. ~~a check~~ payment for the current year's dues which is refundable if applicant is not accepted;
- e. ~~a check~~ payment in the amount of ~~\$100.00~~ \$200.00 to cover the cost of processing the application, non-refundable whether applicant is accepted or not; and
- f. such other information as the CFA Executive Board may require.

RATIONALE: Increased administrative costs. The last time the fees were increased for club applications was in 1995 from \$50 to \$100.

Mastin: OK, we are going to go on to #1. **Raymond:** Kathy is doing it. **Mastin:** Go ahead, Kathy. **Kathy Calhoun [Basic Black Cat Club]:** Resolved, [reads]. The rationale, [reads]. **Mastin:** We will open this up for discussion. I will call at the microphone numbers or, if I know your name, I will call your name. **Nancy Dodds [Hawai'i Hulacat Club]:** I would like to know why, with all the technology that we have, that you are requiring the application to be sent by mail. **George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]:** To answer that question, it's a great idea but today we can only vote up or down on what is written. I have a question. How many people in this room weren't even born in 1995? A few. That's how long it has been. These first three resolutions are fees that haven't been raised since the last millennium. It's unfortunate the way CFA divides things up. Some things are within the power of the board and some things are within the power of the delegation. It would probably be better if we looked at this more than once every 30 years, but there's not really a lot of incentive to do it, because who is motivated to raising fees on themselves? But, we have to vote yes on this and we have to vote yes on the next two. These are pretty much no brainers. It has been forever since these fees were raised. This is a reasonable amount of increase, considering the amount of time it has been. No, this is not going solve \$393,000 in red ink but a journey of 1,000 miles begins with a single step. This is a start. **Mastin:** Thank you, George.

Mastin: Kathy, Calhoun, I do not see anybody up at the microphones. Do you have any closing comments? **Calhoun:** I do. I just want to also – not to take up time, for just for the purpose of repeating this – but I do want to echo what George said. We just heard the Treasurer's Report. There was a specific reason why the order of the agenda today was changed, so we would all understand where we are and where we need to be. This is part of us all working together and making this happen, so please, please vote yes. **Mastin:** OK, I'm going to open the voting. James? Ten seconds. James, close the voting please. Total of 334 votes; 302 yes, 32 no. Motion passes.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 1				
334 Delegates Registered	302	32	0	334

Carried.

– 2 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, Section 5 – Dues and List of Members, to increase annual club dues, as follows:

Section 5 – Dues and List of Members

Annual dues in the amount of ~~\$80.00~~ \$140.00 (US) are due and payable each year on the first day of January for the ensuing calendar year. Dues shall be paid either by check drawn on a US bank, electronically by approved bankcard or by other means as the Board of Directors may approve.

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RATIONALE: Increased administrative costs. The last time the fees were increased for club dues was in 1998 from \$50 to \$80. Adjusted for inflation, \$80.00 in 1998 is equal to \$152.14 in 2024.

Mastin: Kathy Calhoun, please do #2. **Kathy Calhoun [Basic Black Cat Club]:** Resolved, [reads]. Rationale, [reads]. **Mastin:** Thank you Kathy. I'm going to open this up for discussion. Howard, would you like to come to the microphone with your question? Darrell Newkirk? **Darrell Newkirk [Abyssinian Midwest Breeders; Victor Valley Cat Club]:** Hey, I had heart surgery so I can be forgetful, OK? This is one that is a little bit hard for me to accept because it's a big jump, but as Kathy said in her report, we lost \$393,000 last year. We have got to either decrease expenses or increase revenues. That's how you balance a budget. We all know that we are not the U.S. government. We cannot just write a check and cover it with our backsides. So please, let's get this onboard. If you vote this down, you're going to pay one way or another. It may be increased registration fees, but let's get some income here from the clubs, so please support this. **Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club; German Catwalk]:** Kathy, could you please let the delegates know what the total cost will be to pay the first of January, because it will be the dues plus the insurance surcharge. We had a question over here about that. **Calhoun:** I believe the clubs recently got a communication that the insurance went from \$40 to \$50, so club dues would be \$140 plus the \$50, which would be \$190. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? **Tyler Deel [Triple Crown Cat Fanciers; Ohio State Persian]:** Just a point of clarification. Are we on #2 or #3, because #2 says, *To be considered only if the prior resolution does not pass.* **Calhoun:** We are on #2. That would apply to #3, so it is improperly typed in the delegate book. It's a bit misleading, but that is attached to #3. **Deel:** OK, thank you. **Calhoun:** You're welcome. **Mastin:** Thank you for the clarification.

Mastin: I see no one else standing, asking questions or discussion. Kathy, I will give you closing comments. **Calhoun:** Again, we are in this together. We have to make this happen. What I would say, and George alluded to that in what he said earlier, is that it's a big jump and we probably need to address this sort of thing on a more frequent basis, so people can ease into it. But, we did not. It has not changed since 1998. We all understand the Treasurer's Report and where we are. This helps us get to where we need to be. Please, please vote yes. **Mastin:** Thank you Kathy. Discussion is closed. [A new speaker attempts to be called on] Seriously, I indicated and asked for additional discussion and questions, and gave Kathy closing comments. James, please open the question. Ten seconds. James, close the voting please. 333 voted; 222 yes, 111 no. Does not pass. **Raymond:** It's got to be more than 2/3. **Mastin:** That's what the Bylaws state? So, it failed by one vote. **Raymond:** Yes. **Mastin:** We're confirming with the Bylaws. **Raymond:** No, the Bylaws say actually it passes. **Mastin:** This does pass. The Bylaws say 2/3 so it passed.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 2				
333 Delegates Registered	222	111	0	333

Carried.

To be considered only if the prior resolution does not pass.

– 3 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, Section 5 – Dues and List of Members, to increase annual club dues, as follows:

Section 5 – Dues and List of Members

Annual dues in the amount of ~~\$80.00~~ \$120.00 (US) are due and payable each year on the first day of January for the ensuing calendar year. Dues shall be paid either by check drawn on a US bank, electronically by approved bankcard or by other means as the Board of Directors may approve.

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RATIONALE: Increased administrative costs. The last time the fees were increased for club dues was in 1998 from \$50 to \$80. Adjusted for inflation, \$80.00 in 1998 is equal to \$152.14 in 2024.

Mastin: Kathy, #3. **Kathy Calhoun [Basic Black Cat Club]:** #3 will be withdrawn.

Mastin: Thank you. **Calhoun:** Thank you Team CFA. **Mastin:** So, Rachel is keeping track of the voting results, right? **Raymond:** I've got the pass and fails here. Rachel does, as well.

Withdrawn.

– 4 – Country Faire Cat Fanciers; Fancy That Cat Club; Greater NW Cat Fanciers; Lewis and Clark Cat Club; Longhair Japanese Bobtail Cat Club; North American Blues Allbreed CF; Wenatchee Valley Cat Club; Muskogee Cat Club; Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers; Pfanciers United For Fun, Inc.

RESOLVED: Effective June 28, 2026, amend the CFA Bylaws, (1) ARTICLE VIII – REGIONS, Section 1 – Geographical Boundaries, to redefine regional boundaries and names; (2) amend ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 – Titles and (3) ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING, Section 1 – Membership, to reduce the number Regional Directors from nine to eight, and (4) amend ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 1 – Annual Meetings, to adjust the regional names and order of meetings, as follows:

ARTICLE VIII – REGIONS

Section 1 – Geographical Boundaries

The United States, Canada, Bermuda, Mexico, Japan and Europe are divided into ~~nine (9)~~ eight (8) geographical regions as follows:

REGION 1 - NORTH ATLANTIC

Bermuda, Canada (East of the 77th meridian), Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York (East of the 77th meridian), Pennsylvania (East of the 77th meridian), Rhode Island, and Vermont.

REGION 2/5 – NORTHWEST WEST

Alaska, Arizona, California (~~North of the 36th parallel~~), Canada (West of the Western border of Manitoba), Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada (~~North of the 37th parallel~~), Oregon, Utah, ~~and Washington~~, and the Mexican states of Baja California Norte, Baja California Sur, Sinaloa, and Sonora.

REGION 3 - GULF SHORE

Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas (South of the 38th parallel), Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee (West of the Tennessee River), Texas, Wyoming, and the Mexican states of Aguascalientes, Campeche, Chiapas, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Colima, Durango, Federal District, Guanajuato, Guerrero, Hidalgo, Jalisco, México, Michoacán, Morelos, Nayarit, Nuevo Leon, Oaxaca, Puebla, Querétaro, Quintana Roo, San Luis Potosí, Tabasco, Tamaulipas, Tlaxcala, Veracruz, Yucatán, and Zacatecas.

REGION 4 - GREAT LAKES

Canada (East of the 90th meridian and West of the 77th meridian), Kentucky (North of the 38th parallel), Michigan, New York (West of the 77th meridian), Ohio, Pennsylvania (West of the 77th meridian), and West Virginia.

REGION 5 – SOUTHWEST

~~Arizona, California (South of the 36th parallel), Hawaii, Nevada (South of the 37th parallel), and the Mexican states of Baja California Norte, Baja California Sur, Sinaloa, and Sonora.~~

REGION 6 - MIDWEST

Canada (East of the Western border of Manitoba and West of the 90th meridian), Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas (North of the 38th parallel), Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

REGION 7 - SOUTHERN

Alabama, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky (South of the 38th parallel), Maryland, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee (East of the Tennessee River), the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Virginia.

REGION 8 - JAPAN

Japan.

REGION 9 - EUROPE

Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Macedonia, Malta, Monaco, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1 – Titles

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

The Directors of this Association shall consist of ~~nine (9)~~ eight (8) Regional Directors, representing the geographical regions herein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions specified shall be elected a Regional Director, and five (5) Directors at Large.

No person may hold more than one office.

ARTICLE VII — EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING

Section 1 – Membership

The government of the affairs of this Association shall be in the hands of the Executive Board. The President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the ~~nine (9)~~ eight (8) Regional Directors, and the five (5) Directors at Large of this Association shall be members of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV — ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1 – Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held commencing on the third, fourth or fifth (if applicable) Friday in June, or the first Friday in July, of each year in each of the regions listed below successively (excluding the Japan and Europe regions), beginning in ~~1982-2026~~ and in the following order:

North Atlantic, West, Gulf Shore, Great Lakes, ~~Southwest~~ Midwest, and Southern.

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

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

RATIONALE: Due to the ever-changing world, CFA must take a hard look at itself and incrementally start to make changes that will benefit ALL of CFA. Initially, the regions were likely determined based upon its distribution of exhibitor population. We are learning through registration and exhibition numbers that the far western United States has fewer exhibitors and breeders. Now is the time to make hard choices that ultimately will require sacrifices from pockets of exhibitors and breeders across the U.S.

1. By combining two regions, thus reducing the size of the board (while not significant, is still meaningful) will save CFA approximately \$3200 annually.

2. The resulting region of combining regions 2 and 5 will be called 2/5 to help maintain some identity and will save renumbering all subsequent regions.
3. The current lower number of exhibitors in regions 2 and 5 result in regional awards being awarded to exhibitors with small number of points.

Mastin: OK, we're going to move on to #4. Is this one being withdrawn? **Pam Moser [Greater NW Cat Fanciers; Lewis & Clark LH Specialty]:** Yes. **Mastin:** Thank you Pam. This motion is being withdrawn.

Withdrawn.

– 5 – *Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees; Huntsville Cat Club; Tigers Lair Cat Club; Lucky Tomcat Club*

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 2 – Elections, Paragraph e. Election Procedure, effective with the 2025 elections, as follows:

Section 2 – Elections

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

RATIONALE: At season end, club members are also faced with a slate of delegates for the upcoming election. These two forces meet and sometimes badly clash. In some races, Regional Directors may be running for office or prominently supporting a candidate involved in a multiple candidate race.

Also, club members, who are also exhibiting, have to vote for a slate of candidates. As it is now, our ballot can be sent out on or before April 25. The ballot slate is complete as of March 15. Our ballot could be delivered to the clubs anytime between March 16 and April 25. The longer the time frame from ballot arrival to Central Office receipt, the greater the perception of retaliation. Voting in clubs is not always a secret process and exhibitors' votes may have become known to the general population. Tightening the time frame for ballot submission to the clubs lessens the concerns and perceptions that there could be any type of retribution involving a judge and their cat at season's end. While the time for sending ballots is reduced,

the clubs still have at least 5 weeks to discuss candidates and submit their ballot to the Central Office by June 1st. Electronic ballot submission makes this easy. Snail mail, if desired, could still be submitted in this time frame.

Mastin: #5. Hi Martha. **Martha Auspitz [Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees; Kentucky Colonels Cat Club]:** This is, Resolved [reads]. I'm not going to read this whole thing. It's very long, but currently this has to do with when the ballots are sent out to the clubs. Currently, it says it's April 25th or before. We would just like that to say April 25th or the closes business day. If you look at the rationale, and don't shoot the messenger on this one, but several people have spoken. You can kind of read that, but when members of clubs vote it's usually not secret ballot. People discuss who they like for that particular job or not, and it's not secret and it's a perception. Sometimes perceptions can be real that people will talk out of their club. Let's say your regional director, for example, is a judge and you like the other candidate, then they will get back to that regional director and the perception is they won't use your cats anymore in their finals and they are afraid many times to vote their feelings, due to this perception that maybe that's being held against them because they wanted to support a different candidate. So, I have taken their thoughts and said, "well, maybe if the ballots come out later, it's so close to the end of the show season, that no longer would be an issue." There is still plenty of time to discuss the candidates, as it closes on March 15th, but you don't actually have to vote until later and by then the show season is over, so maybe they don't feel the pressure to go with something maybe they would rather not. So, that's just a thought. There is still plenty of time get your ballot back to CFA because it's all done by email, so once the club then takes that vote, it can go right in. You still have many weeks to do that, so I don't think it's really going to affect how CFA has the time to tally all that and so forth. So, that was just thoughts put together from comments that came to a lot of us. **Mastin:** Thank you Martha.

Mastin: I am opening this up for discussion. **Barbara Schreck [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats]:** I have read this over and I have to say, I think this really puts a damper on our judges – how can I say – the judges. They should have some kind of – this should affect them. I disagree with this all. The longer the clubs have to talk about the candidates openly or closed, the judges should not be influenced by this and I don't know that they have been, so I will be against this. **Jennifer Deel [CanUsa Cat Club]:** Honestly, if anyone in the room feels like our judges have that little integrity, file a protest against the judge. We wouldn't need them in the Program.

Mastin: Seeing no further discussion, I am giving Martha the final comments. **Auspitz:** As I said, this is a perception. I didn't say it was actually real, but perceptions can be real to a lot of people, so we're just trying to come up with a way to make people feel like they can do their conscience. Thank you. **Mastin:** James, please open the voting. Ten seconds. James, close the voting. 331 total votes; 89 yes, 242 no. Motion fails.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 5				
331 Delegates Registered	89	242	0	331

Failed.

- 6 – *Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees; Show and Tell Cat Club; Kittyhawk Feline; Siouxland Cat Fanciers; Huntsville Cat Club; Lewis & Clark Longhair Specialty Cat Club; Greater Northwest Cat Fanciers; Longhair Japanese Bobtail Breeders; Wenatchee Valley Cat Club; Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers; Wichita Cat Fanciers, Inc.; Pfanciers United For Fun, Inc.; Muskogee Cat Club; Fancy That Cat Club; County Faire Cat Fanciers; Tigers Lair Cat Club; Show and Tell Cat Fanciers; Siouxland Cat Club*

RESOLVED: Effective June 29, 2025, amend the CFA By-Laws ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 – Titles, to reduce the number of Directors-at-Large from five (5) to three (3), and ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING, as follows:

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1 – Titles

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

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

No person shall hold more than one office.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING

Section 1 – Membership

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

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

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

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

Mastin: Proposal #6. Who is presenting Proposal #6? **Martha Auspitz [Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees; Kentucky Colonels Cat Club]:** This one is basically just going to reduce the number of Directors at Large from 5 to 3, without reading the entire thing. Again, every little

bit helps to cut some expenses in CFA. We have been raising and it's just another way perhaps to cut without hurting the working of the board. Still plenty of ideas from many people to knock around and at some point if we do get larger, then we may have other regional directors in other areas of the world, and we thought, well, that just opens up a couple of extras, so hopefully cutting some expense for the moment.

Mastin: We are open for discussion. **Darrell Newkirk [Abyssinian Midwest Breeders; Victor Valley Cat Club]:** I'm in favor of this. I have been a Director-at-Large, this is my 16th year. Sunday will start my 17th and my final year. We need to cut our expenses and it's expensive when you tally up 18 board members coming to this Annual, as an example. Some of the people that I've talked to feel like the west coast gets under-represented and we are becoming an east coast organization. I understand that a little bit, but George has been a Director-at-Large for 20-some years and he decided to step up. [cellphone rings] Get your \$10 out. Somebody sitting next to John Webster. Anyway, in my opinion, this is not really going to affect the board that much, cutting back two people, and it saves us some money. So, we've got to cut expenses as I said earlier today, so I would suggest that you vote for this. That's my opinion. **Ginger Meeker [Cats Kansas City; Santa Fe Trail Shorthair]:** I would ask people to vote for this. From the club perspective, it's one of the few ways we have of actually saving money, because it's one of the few things that we know about. To put this in perspective, the board of directors for Amazon is 16 people and the board of directors for the Ford Corporation is 14 people. So, for the Cat Fanciers' Association, a group of our size really doesn't need 17-19 people directing us. I would hope that you would support this motion to comply with the need to lower the budget. **George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]:** Ditto everything Darrell and Ginger have said. As CFA grows in the world, we're going to want more regional directors. We're going to want other parts of the world to have a seat at the table, to be part of the voice of CFA. We don't want the board to grow so big and unwieldy that it becomes cumbersome. That means we have two choices – start combining regions together or start tearing down the directors at large. I've had the pleasure of serving both as a regional director and a director at large, and I can tell you that I was much more in touch with my constituency when I was a regional director than I have been as a director at large. Yes, I love you all, but when you are seeing the same people in the show hall week after week in your region, month after month, year after year, you know where they stand and they know where you live. They can get to you and they can speak to you and they can be heard. If we're going to make a reasonable budget, if we're going to incorporate more regions as we grow, we've got to pare down the board somewhere. I was a director at large when we went down from 7 to 5 and I voted yes, even though I know that made it more difficult for me to retain my seat, and I'm voting yes now. I think you all should, too. **Mastin:** For all those speakers that are using the mikes, it's best not to turn them on and off. The less touch you have on them will help. **Laurie Coughlan [Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers; Global Egyptian Mau Society]:** I want to take the counterpoint. I highly value the more global perspective that a director at large has to take in order to get elected. The regional directors have a very important function, and they have to respond to the specific needs of their regions for everything from regional banquets and awards and local issues, they are aware of those local concerns but we do need people who are aware country-wide and globally of the issues of the cat fancy. I do not say that a regional director can't also do that, I'm just saying I value that global perspective. Saving \$2,300 on someone coming to this thing once a year is not going to break the bank. I think that everyone gets represented by those directors at large. I oppose this. **Kathy Calhoun [Basic Black Cat Club]:** We have a serious

financial situation to address. As we said before, we need to turn every leaf, look under every rock. The expense – one of the reasons we have gone to Zoom meetings is to reduce cost. This is another way that we continue on that path of cost reduction. Now, what I would ask, there's a lot of work to be done on the board and we need people to do that. We still need people in committees, subcommittees and the like. We can bring people into the fold that way without having a board seat. We can get global impact without having a board seat. I know that specifically as I have a member from Hong Kong on a number of committees that I work with for that very reason – to get global input. So, I think we need to move forward with this, I know it's a big change, but it will help CFA in the long run. Thank you. **Kenny Currie [European Shorthair Club; Southeastern Cat Fanciers]:** I'm an over-worked regional director. I value the experience that the people that are voted in at large. Laurie hit the nail on the head. If we want to be a global organization, we've got to work for it and we've got to have representatives do that, so I'm going to oppose this. Taking it from 7 to 5 I did support, but we're getting less and less representation globally when we go back down to 3. The regional directors do have a very difficult job and I agree with George – we're closer to our constituents. We want and need to concentrate on that. We need a good group of people to represent us on a global stage. I recommend, rather than cutting back, let's find some new ways to get revenue. **Karen Thomas [Star City Cat Fanciers]:** This is not for or against, it's just a question. Can anybody give us a round figure of how much money this change would save CFA? We save a lot of money going to Zoom meetings, so how many times does the board meet in person and how much money is involved? **Calhoun:** The cost of bringing in any individual to a board meeting varies dramatically from where they are coming from. Airfares can range anywhere between \$200 to \$1,500. Hotels we estimate probably somewhere in the range right now, with all of the additional fees and taxes and resort fees and blah, blah, blah that we add, you're looking somewhere around \$250 a night. Then let's say we add meals. Just trying to give you a little bit of background about coming to this number. Let's say hotel and meals, we are probably talking about \$300 a night. We're going to have at least 2 or 3 nights, but let's go on the low side and say \$600. Then you are probably spending somewhere between \$700 to \$1,000 on average for airfare, but you have to get to the airport and you have to park the car. You have to take an Uber or whatever you have to do, so let's just take that up to like about \$1,100. So, you come in on Friday, stay Friday night, Saturday night, and you go home on Sunday. We're probably talking about \$2,000. Now, that doesn't sound like a lot, but every little bit counts and you take that times two. That's one board meeting. If you want to have another one in person, it multiplies. This is important. We need to take it seriously. There's a lot of opinions around this, but this would help. Every little bit counts. **Carissa Altschul [Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Land of Oz Cat Club]:** Speaking very strongly in favor of this, when we went from 7 to 5, many people thought that the sky was falling. It didn't. We're actually doing quite well with 5 DALs and I think we can do even better with 3. A problem at the board meeting yesterday, sometimes having too many people in the room creates log jams and we don't get things done that need to be done for our association. The regional directors truly are the representatives that you need to count on. West coast, you have two. We also have 4 officers, so we're not just reducing to 3 people who represent CFA as a whole. We have 4 officers, so it's a total of 7. With our 9 regional directors it's fairly balanced in favor of those who represent the regions, which is what I think we need. Right now we have people who are elected globally and they kind of represent whatever it is they came to the board with. They are not necessarily beholden to the people they have to go home to in their regions, as the regional directors are. This is not just cost saving, but also a smaller board can act faster, can

react faster and can plan better, so please vote in favor of this. **Calhoun:** We currently don't have any directors at large outside of the U.S. **Mastin:** Pauli. **Calhoun:** Pauli. Sorry, sorry. This is the first time we've had someone from Europe. I was trying to count that, so I apologize.

DelaBar: Peter was on. Peter. **Calhoun:** And Peter, OK. Sorry about that, Pauli and Peter. No offense, no offense. I was trying to count that when I got down, so thanks for bringing that up, but when we talk about cost, if we go more globally, the point that I wanted to make is that \$700-\$1,000 in airfare is probably going to go up closer to \$1,500 and when we also look at – typically the meeting that we bring people into at the annual, we will have additional hotel nights for that meeting. Typically, people come in on a Wednesday for a Thursday meeting, a Friday meeting, a Saturday meeting and awards ceremony, and a Sunday meeting. So, we need to add in additional probably another \$1,200 at a minimum to those costs. Thank you.

Mastin: Martha, do you have closing comments? **Auspitz:** OK. So, not only does this help reduce expenses now, but it makes planning for us to expand to have those positions if we do other regional directors that would be in the international or European divisions actually, because CFA is expanding globally it helps to make a little way for that. I don't think we are going to lose information from either of those areas. Their regional directors or divisional directors or representatives still have input, I believe, to the board. As Kathy said, we might only have directors at large with that experience, but many people on the board and also coming from the many judges that I believe are able to go and judge over in those areas. I'm thinking they would get input through the Judging Program which would come back to the board. So, it's just a way to help CFA currently and hopefully in the future. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you for your comments, Martha. Discussion is closed. James, open voting. Ten seconds. Close the voting, please. 332 total votes; 188 yes, 144 no. Motion fails.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 6				
332 Delegates Registered	188	144	0	332

Failed.

Mastin: I have been advised we are doing #7 and #8 together, but we are going to vote on them separately. [**Note:** The combined discussion appears after Proposal #7]

– 7 – ***Sternwheel Cat Fanciers, United Singapura Society, Mohawk Trail Cat Club, Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers***

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VIII – REGIONS, Section 1 – Geographical Boundaries, to move all of the State of Kentucky into the Great Lakes Region and out of the Southern Region, as follows:

Section 1 – Geographical Boundaries

The United States, Canada, Bermuda, Mexico, Japan and Europe are divided into (9) geographical regions as follows:

REGION 1 – NORTH ATLANTIC

Bermuda, Canada (East of the 77th meridian), Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York (East of the 77th meridian), Pennsylvania (East of the 77th meridian), Rhode Island and Vermont.

REGION 2 -- NORTHWEST

Alaska, California (North of the 36th parallel), Canada (West of the Western border of Manitoba), Idaho, Montana, Nevada (North of the 37th parallel), Oregon, Utah and Washington.

REGION 3 – GULF SHORE

Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas(South of the 38th parallel), Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee(West of the Tennessee River), Texas, Wyoming, and the Mexican States of Aguascalientes, Campeche, Chiapas, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Colima, Durango, Federal District, Guanajuato, Guerrero, Hidalgo, Jalisco, México, Michoacán, Morelos, Nayarit, Nuevo Leon, Oaxaca, Puebla, Querétaro, Quintana Roo, San Luis Potosí, Tabasco, Tamaulipas, Tlaxcala, Veracruz, Yucatán, and Zacatecas.

REGION 4 – GREAT LAKES

Canada (East of the 90th meridian and West of the 77th meridian), Kentucky (~~North of the 38th parallel~~), Michigan, New York (West of the 77th meridian), Ohio, Pennsylvania (West of the 77th meridian), and West Virginia.

REGION 5 – SOUTHWEST

Arizona, California (South of the 36th parallel), Hawaii, Nevada (South of the 37th parallel), and the Mexican states of Baja California Norte, Baja California Sur, Sinaloa, and Sonora.

REGION 6 – MIDWEST

Canada (East of the Western border of Manitoba and West of the 90th meridian), Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas (North of the 38th parallel), Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

REGION 7 – SOUTHERN

Alabama, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky (~~South of the 38th parallel~~), Maryland, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee (East of the Tennessee River), the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Virginia.

REGION 8 – JAPAN

Japan.

REGION 9 – EUROPE

Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Macedonia, Malta, Monaco, Moldova,

Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

RATIONALE: Currently Kentucky is split into 2 regions by use of the 38th parallel, Great Lakes Region and the Southern Region. The 38th parallel intersects 2 of the 3 largest cities (by populous) in the state of Kentucky, Lexington and Louisville. This creates confusion to determine regional assignments as well as difficulty to locate a show hall within the region the club is assigned, example is that Main Street in both Lexington and Louisville is the 38th Parallel. This makes looking for a show hall difficult if you try to stay within the constraints of your region. If a club can only find a show hall South of Main Street in either city, it would technically be in another region and would be required to get special permission to hold their show in that location. This can sometimes create unnecessary red tape for a club to work through before they can plan and produce their show. This can also create confusion for new exhibitors to understand what region they reside in. In closing, there has been confusion surrounding the cities broken up by this border for many years. This is hopefully the best step we can take in correcting what has been a subject for many in the past. This change has no impact on member clubs in the CFA, and to me personally, makes the best sense in how this issue can be corrected.

Mastin: Who is presenting #7? I see you coming, John. **John Colilla [Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers; Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers]:** If I remember correctly, for at least 25 years the only shows in Kentucky were put on by Great Lakes Region clubs. There's two shows. There is no activity in the southern part of the 38th parallel for the last 25 years, so it's only reasonable I think that the whole of Kentucky should move to the Great Lakes Region. It seems like there is no interest in putting on a show in that part of the country. I hope everybody will support it. This will make it a lot easier on everybody. Thank you. **Becky Galloway [Houston Cat Club; High Plains Cat Club]:** I would like to know how much it's going to cost to implement this, since we are trying to save costs for CFA. This seems like an unnecessary and perhaps very large expense. **Mastin:** Becky, to answer your question, I have been informed there is no cost to implement this, but the Treasurer tells me there's got to be some cost. We're not exactly sure what the cost is at this point. We're going to confer. **Martha Auspitz [Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees; Kentucky Colonels Cat Club]:** Which are two clubs that go together in Kentucky to put on a show. First of all, I would like to say if you look at what he says in his comments at the end about where the 38th parallel lies in Kentucky and what he has written is not correct at all. The 38th parallel actually starts in a place called West Point, Kentucky on the Ohio River. It then goes – parallels and meridians go in straight lines – through the town of Shepherdsville, Kentucky, which is fairly well south of Louisville (21 miles). Louisville is not affected at all. Then as it proceeds from there, it goes just to the south. There's a sign on I-75 as you're going north and south, where that 38th parallel is. It does not actually split Lexington unless they have currently annexed more land to be in that metro area. Then it continues through a place called Lawrenceburg, Kentucky and it continues on and eventually goes into West Virginia. I just wanted to make sure that people know what he has for his thing for the 38th parallel is not actually where it goes. I thought I knew where it went so I called the State of Kentucky. I went through the transportation department and they referred me to the engineers and the government sites to get my information, so you can go on the internet and find that. It's not something that was just made up, so that does affect the division. Just so people know. Anyway, there are actually three clubs instead of two. The Great Lakes Abyssinians goes together with Kentucky Colonels. There is two shows. We could go to three, but we have chosen to put ours together because we have a lot more working membership in those two. **Mastin:** I want to address the question earlier from Becky. I have been informed it will cost \$1,500 to

\$2,000, regardless of which one is, if approved. If we don't approve anything it's zero cost.

Bethany Tod [Friends & Family]: I am a member of 2 of the 3 Kentucky clubs. In reading through the proposal as written, I also concur about what Martha said about the 38th parallel. According to the University of California Press, Maps of the World, Geography Network, U.S. Geological Society and Kentucky.gov Official Maps, both Lexington and Louisville are fully north of the 38th parallel. We already have procedures in place to hold out-of-region shows. I can't think of a single situation in which either John [Colilla] or Kenny [Curre] would have a conflict or an issue. If a Region 7 club wanted to put on a border show up in the outskirts or a Region 4 club wanted to put on a show just a little south of that 38th parallel there. Two important parts here. The members that are involved in those particular clubs have not been polled. Should it be up to them to have a say, as well, if they are Region 4 or Region 7?

Shouldn't we look to the three clubs and the members that are present? Additionally, my mind just went blank so I will turn it back to Rich. **Mastin:** Keep going if you want. **Tod:** My mind went blank. Sorry, Rich. **Ginger Meeker [Cats Kansas City; Santa Fe Trail Shorthair]:** I would encourage people to go with this. We have an estimated cost of \$1,500 but when we look at the amount of changes and work that CFA would have to do – not just programming, but printing all of our print materials, relabeling – I would guess it would go north of that estimate. We're in a time with the CFA budget when we need to look for things that are neutral or no cost, nothing that spends more money. **Mastin:** Howard? **Dennis Ganoe [For the Love of Cats Cat Fanciers; LaPerm Society of America]:** Yes, we both have bald heads now. In previous incarnations, I served on several committees that went around trying to figure out how to realign regions. It became futile to do that because we couldn't get everybody to agree to realign them at all, let alone any one plan, but one thing we did discover during that investigation was that all of these strange lines we've got defining our regions exist because individual cat fanciers had a preference which region they were in. I give you the line demarcating Regions 5 and 2. I give you the line between Syracuse and Rochester. I give you the line that puts Memphis somewhere other than the rest of Tennessee. So, all of these were driven by individual cat fanciers. I see these proposals both as solutions in search of a problem. Neither of them actually have any real basis in facts. They are just probably, because it's not in the rationale, because certain fanciers want to be in one region or another. I urge everyone to vote no on both of them. **Tyler Deel [Triple Crown Cat Fanciers; Ohio State Persian]:** I received this information late last night, so if it's not exactly correct I'm sorry. There are currently about 20 members north of the 38th parallel existing in the Great Lakes Region, 2 right along the line and only 1 below it. If you are going to approve one of these, it would make sense to keep the larger number in their current region, rather than annoying the larger number. If we approve one of these, I believe it should be to move all of Kentucky into the Great Lakes Region. Thank you. **Laura Barber [Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers]:** The last time this was brought up a couple years ago at the annual, Tennessee Valley had quite a few members that lived in Kentucky and they were working for us, but this does not affect us this year. I know that I spoke with some of the members at the Nashville Cat Fanciers, and they still do have a couple of members that are in Kentucky that are part of the working membership and that are officers of Nashville Cat Fanciers. I'm not allowed to speak for them, but they have mentioned that this is not going to be in their favor, necessarily, but it's the same situation – where do you want a person to belong? Which region? That's all I have. Knoxville is saying yes to this. **George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]:** I'm not worried about a \$1,500 one-time cost to change our paperwork around. That's not a big deal. Printing expenses – come on, print is dead anyway. We do

everything electronically. I really think that the people in Kentucky who want to be in one region, they should be in one region together and I support that, but what I'm seeing are two competing visions for what that region should be. I lack the qualifications to know what Kentucky really wants and what Kentucky really needs, so I'm a reluctant no on both of them, but I encourage you to come back next year, sit down together, work it out, agree on something, get unified and come back as an organized, consistent, coherent team, tell us what you want. I'll vote yes next year, but I can't this year. **Kathy Calhoun [Basic Black Cat Club]:** I am not in support of this at this time. I think that there has been a lot of rationale and reasons why and why not. I think we need to take maybe a wholistic approach, look at both proposals, weigh all the pro's and con's. If there are other changes to be made, do it at the same time as opposed to going through somewhat of a fragmented approach. I'm not in support of this and my club will be voting no. Two people have drinks on me tonight. **Tod:** I remembered my last point. Tagging along a little bit on what Kathy said there, we're looking at this right now between these two proposals as a piecemeal approach. There was an earlier resolution on the table to combine Regions 2 and 5 that was withdrawn. We're seeing another proposal on the table right now to move a portion of what is currently in Region 4, pulling into Region 4 or pulling into Region 7. In looking at the discussions that have been on our social media pages, there is quite a lot of angst in where our regional lines are drawn right now. I would rather see a strategized approach to reviewing what our regional boundaries are than tackling these piecemeal and saying, "OK, we're going to just tackle Region 4's issue today." Let's look at all of the regions together if we're going to consider realigning regions, but let's also do so with some facts behind it. Tyler, I appreciate very much the numbers that you provided. I do have some questions. I would love to hear from you later about where those numbers came from. I do know six additional members that live above that parallel who are very much in favor of one of the two proposals, and I won't share that to sway you, but I do think we need to take a more holistic approach to this and look at the big picture of how our regions are broken down within CFA. Thank you. **Siim Koppel [Nashville Cat Club]:** Yes, we have members and officers who are living in Kentucky and this apparently has been brought up before. We are still going to be against it, each one of these recommendations. One of them is Kentucky shouldn't really be considered Great Lakes. I think it's southern by history and Region 7 is just [inaudible] as it is. It's the most difficult region, so we vote no on both. **Mastin:** John, I'm going to give you closing comments and we will have Heidi go ahead of you. Heidi, go before John. He can give closing comments. John, I will do Heidi first. You will do closing comments. Kenny, if you are the presenter of #8, you are going to have closing comments for #8. After we vote on #7, we're going to go into #8. Go ahead Heidi. **Heidi Murphy [Paper Tigers; Poppy State Cat Club]:** I feel that all regions need to be realigned and I think that financially to rebuild CFA we need smaller regions so regional directors have time to work with the club members and exhibitors. How many regional directors know how many catteries are even in their region? We can rebuild cat clubs in our regions if we're smaller, get our registry up, get our registrations up. So, for me, the whole process is, I truly believe that all regions need to be realigned. We need to add more regional directors to do the work, to rebuild CFA from the ground up – from our catteries that are registered, to know where they are, to help them build new clubs. I would like to see a club back in Montana, part of Region 2. I know we have catteries there, but no clubs anymore. So, in this, I think we need to look at the bigger picture – to realign our regions, make them smaller, to rebuild CFA, to financially get us more secure. I think that that's a step forward. Thank you.

Mastin: OK John, you go first. Closing comments. **Colilla:** I still think it's a good idea to move the rest of south of the 38th parallel Kentucky to the Great Lakes Region. I just think it's easier. People are having a hard time identifying what region they belong to, especially over 25 years ago when if you were on one of those boundaries, CFA gave you the option which region you could decide to belong to, and then they changed the Bylaws. Now you are not allowed to be in the region that you selected. It's not fair. That's all I can say. To avoid this problem, it's just boundary by the state. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you, John. [Transcript goes to closing comments on Proposal #8] We are open for voting on #7. Please cast your vote. Ten seconds. Close the voting please. 320 total votes; 61 yes, 259 no. Motion fails.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 7				
320 Delegates Registered	61	259	0	320

Failed.

– 8 – *Kentucky Colonels Cat Club; Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees; Tigers Lair Cat Club; Lucky Tomcat Club; Siouxland Cat Club; Show and Tell Cat Club; Huntsville Cat Club*

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Section 1 – Geographical Boundaries

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REGION 2 – NORTHWEST REGION

Alaska, California (North of the 36th parallel), Canada (West of the Western border of Manitoba), Idaho, Montana, Nevada (North of the 37th parallel), Oregon, Utah and Washington.

REGION 3 – GULF SHORE REGION

Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas(South of the 38th parallel), Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee(West of the Tennessee River), Texas, Wyoming, and the Mexican States of Aguascalientes, Campeche, Chiapas, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Colima, Durango, Federal District, Guanajuato, Guerrero, Hidalgo, Jalisco, México, Michoacán, Morelos, Nayarit, Nuevo Leon, Oaxaca, Puebla, Querétaro, Quintana Roo, San Luis Potosí, Tabasco, Tamaulipas, Tlaxcala, Veracruz, Yucatán, and Zacatecas.

REGION 4 –GREAT LAKES REGION

Canada (East of the 90th meridian and West of the 77th meridian), ~~Kentucky (North of the 38th parallel)~~, Michigan, New York (West of the 77th meridian), Ohio, Pennsylvania (West of the 77th meridian), and West Virginia

REGION 5 –SOUTHWEST REGION

Arizona, California (South of the 36th parallel), Hawaii, Nevada (South of the 37th parallel), and the Mexican states of Baja California Norte, Baja California Sur, Sinaloa, and Sonora.

REGION 6 – MIDWEST REGION

Canada (East of the Western border of Manitoba and West of the 90th meridian), Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas (North of the 38th parallel), Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

REGION 7 – SOUTHERN REGION

Alabama, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky (~~South of the 38th parallel~~), Maryland, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee (East of the Tennessee River), the U.S. Virgin Islands and Virginia.

REGION 8 JAPAN

Japan.

REGION 9 EUROPE

Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Macedonia, Malta, Monaco, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

RATIONALE: Most of Kentucky lies south of the 38th parallel, as is the current dividing line between Region 4 (Great Lakes Region), and Region 7 (Southern Region). Therefore, it makes sense to put all of Kentucky in the Southern Region.

Mastin: Kenny? **Kenny Currle [European Shorthair Club; Southeastern Cat Fanciers]:** Regardless of how you vote, I'm not going to support either of these two. This was created by many different level over the years. You're certainly welcome to join our region. We're a very welcoming region, if that's what you decide. I've got a great group of people that work for me. It's just fantastic. **Mastin:** Kenny, I need you to stay on point please. **Currle:** I did. I'm done. Vote your conscience. I don't think it's going to pass. **Mastin:** James, please open the voting for #8. Martha, quick question? I have already closed the discussion. **Martha Auspitz [Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees; Kentucky Colonels Cat Club]:** I didn't really do my proposal yet. I just commented on #7. Is that OK? **Mastin:** No, it's not OK. I have closed discussion. Please cast your vote. Ten seconds. Close the voting please. 305 total votes; 24 yes, 281 no. The proposal fails.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 8				
305 Delegates Registered	24	281	0	305

Failed.

– 9 – *Russian Blue Fanciers; National Siamese Cat Club; Worldwide European Burmese Society; Global Egyptian Mau Society; Lilac Point Fanciers; United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers; All States Burmese Society; International Havana Brown Society; Santa Monica Cat Club; The Cat’s Meow; Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club; Western Reserve Cat Club; Havana Brown Fanciers; Southeastern Persian Society; Southern Dixie Cat Club; International Egyptian Mau Society; That’s My Point; Ocicats of North America; Classy Cats Society; Rome Cat Forum; CanUsa Cat Club; Genesee Cat Fanciers; Land of Oz Cat Club; Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Monroe Shorthair Club; Crown City Cat Club; Golden West Cat Club; Cats Ink; RagaMuffin Cat Fanciers; Malibu Cat Club; Marina All Breed Cat Club; Hemet Feline Fanciers; Paul Raines California Solid Color Cat Club; Mary Hantzmon Abyssinian Cat Club; Great Lakes Great Maines; Show and Tell Cat Club; Siouxland Cat Club; Japanese Bobtail Fanciers; Willamette Valley Cat Club; Manx Ltd.; Houston Cat Club; Garden State Cat Club; Morris and Essex Cat Club; Americans West; RagaMuffin Cat Society; Ragdolls Around The Globe*

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE XI – BREED COUNCIL, to require Breed Council input to breed specific registration rules, as follows:

ARTICLE XI – BREED COUNCIL

Breed Councils will be formed to serve the Executive Board in an advisory capacity regarding CFA Show Standards and Breed Registration Rules. The rules governing the operation of the Breed Councils are contained in the Breed Council Standing Rules attached as Appendix A to these Bylaws.

AND

RESOLVED: Amend the BYLAWS OF THE CAT FANCIERS’ ASSOCIATION, INC., Appendix A, BREED COUNCIL STANDING RULES, BREED COUNCIL SECRETARY, Vacancies, Paragraph 1, as follows:

1. Any vacancy occurring in the office of a breed council secretary shall be filled by appointment by the President of CFA.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Councils shall serve the Executive Board in an advisory capacity, the Executive Board shall not alter or amend any part of the breed standards or registration rules specific to a breed, or add thereto, without first obtaining (within the prior 12 months) the approval of 60% of the members voting of the specific Breed Council(s) affected. An unmarked item on an otherwise valid breed council ballot is an abstention, and an abstention does not count as a member voting for purposes of calculating 60%.

In no case will the Executive Board accept a new breed without providing the Breed Council Secretaries of any breed which has been used to establish a proposed new breed an opportunity to comment.

RATIONALE: According to the current Rules for Registration (Effective February 7, 2022):

ARTICLE I - REGISTRATION

General: a breed may have specific policies regarding allowable ancestry, import requirements, colors and other characteristics.

Section 11 – General, “CFA has made every effort to protect the purity of the bloodlines for cats registered by certified pedigree from other associations...”

In spite of the statement that CFA has made every effort to protect the purity of bloodlines for cats registered by pedigree from other associations, at the April 2, 2024 meeting, the CFA Board of Directors intended to vote on a non-show rule resolution to be presented at this Annual which would have reduced the current eight (8) generation pedigree requirement to a five (5) generation pedigree requirement for the following breeds: Abyssinian, European Burmese, Persian, Russian Blue and Siamese. There had been NO prior notification to the affected breed councils. Instead, breed council members only became aware of the resolution after perusing the compiled reports which accompanied the official announcement of the board meeting. Objections were made by representatives of the breed councils, and the board issued a statement that the matter “has been withdrawn until the Board has the opportunity to consult with the Breed Councils and review other relevant data.”

That consultation was via a Board Member who is also a Breed Council Secretary who then wrote to the Breed Council Secretary group list and asked for input...apparently looking for justification for requiring 8 generations and suggesting that DNA testing and recording of the results could allay concerns regarding cats coming from non-CFA registries. There are actually various and differing reasons for requiring more than 5 generations in the pedigree of a cat to be registered by pedigree and not all apply to each of these five breeds. DNA testing certainly helps breeders select cats for their breeding programs, but it does not necessarily define our breeds.

Note that, unlike in the past, the affected Breed Councils were NOT asked to ballot their members regarding changes to their registration rules. Breed Council Secretaries felt pressured to try to poll their members via email and pressured to respond prior to the next scheduled board meeting in May. The CFA Board has previously and historically allowed breed registration rules to be balloted and voted on by Breed Council members, though not always following their wishes. Reducing the eight (8) generation pedigree requirement to five (5) generations, without prior notice and over the objection of the affected breed councils, flies in the face of CFA’s assertion that they have made every effort to protect the purity of the bloodlines for cats registered by certified pedigree. While this amendment preserves the advisory capacity of breed councils to the board as it relates to breed standards, the amendment also extends the same courtesy to registration rules, including requiring a vote of a breed council for any change to the rules of registration of a specific breed.

Lest one think this the current issue only applies to five breeds (Abyssinian, European Burmese, Persian, Russian Blue, Siamese), it’s a concern that without passing this amendment to protect the registration rules of our breeds, breeds with other specific registration rules may be subject to change, reduction or limitation in the future.

Please help us ensure that the very guardians and protectors of our breeds – our Breed Council members – will be allowed to have their wishes heard.

Mastin: We are going on to Proposal #9. **Annette Wilson [Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club; Western Reserve Cat Club]:** Good morning. Russian Blue Breed Council Secretary. Resolved,

[reads]. Adding to Article XI, [reads]. I'm not going to read the entire rationale, but I hope you all have. I am speaking to you as the Russian Blue Breed Council Secretary right now. Breeders are the lifeblood of CFA. The registration of our pedigreed cats support this association in many ways, including financially. We request by this amendment that CFA respect the registration rules around our individual breeds. We need the breed council members to have the final say on their registration rules. This is about the very definition of our breeds in CFA. I urge you to protect your breeds and pass this amendment and click yes. For specifically the Russian Blues, the definition of our breed is defined by an 8 generation pedigree from foreign registries. That means, blue and shorthaired Russian Blues in every place for at least 8 generations. This has nothing to do with DNA testing or anything other than what defines our breed. There are four other breeds that would be affected by this at this point, and they may have different reasons.

Mastin: Annette, can you hold on a second. Everyone, please be respectful of the person at the microphone. We are conducting business and every person at the microphone has a right to be heard. Please, if you need to talk or you must talk, go in the hall and have your conversation. Do not have it while somebody is at the microphone. Thank you. [applause] Annette, proceed.

Wilson: Thank you, Rich. I realize that this last amendment is between you and the litter box right now – not you, but all of us and the litter box, but I think this is a very important amendment. I hope you will support it, I hope you will click yes and let the breed councils have the final say on their breed-specific registration rules. Thank you. **Barbara Schreck [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats]:** I'm also president of Russian Blue Fanciers. This amendment seeks to close the loophole that allows the board to negate the decisions of the breed councils. Breed councils have been set up in order to monitor the breeds that they represent, for which they have infinite knowledge. We respectfully request that you vote yes on this amendment. **George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]:** I support our breed councils 100%. They are an important part of CFA. They play a critical role in our existence. I started showing Maine Coons in '92 and I joined my breed council the second I was eligible to, and I have remained a member ever since. But, the core business of CFA is registrations. Registrations are what keeps the lights on in Central Office. Registrations are what pays our staff. Registrations are what allow us to have these events. Registrations is what keeps CFA going. Breed councils do what's best for their breed. The CFA board does what's best for CFA as a whole. The more we handcuff the board, the more we tie their hands, the more we prevent them from doing the things necessary to balance our budget and make CFA viable and successful and healthy, the more it hurts us. The first two resolutions we looked at when we came in here today were fees that hadn't been raised since the last millennium because we tied the CFA board's hands in the ability to adjust those seasonally for inflation. That's the kind of problem we have when we take away the core function of registrations away from the board and put it into the hands of the breed council. Yes, breed councils need to tell us what is their breed, what is important to their breed and how we should handle issues related to their breed, but when we're talking registrations, that affects everybody and we need to think about the big picture and not the parochial interests. Thank you. **Melanie Morgan [Southern Dixie Cat Club; Southeastern Persian Society]:** Also very proud Egyptian Mau breed council member and breed council secretary. I have to say, I've had many roles in CFA over the years as a breeder at heart, the one I take the most pride in is that breed council membership, for 25+ years and the breed council secretary for 15+. George is right. CFA's core business is registrations. In my opinion, the integrity of our breeds is imperative to the ongoing success of those registrations. I have seen absolutely no data – none, zero, zilch – to support the claim that more generations

required in a pedigree adversely affect registrations. I can even point to some data that I looked at that would show that there is no change and perhaps you will see an adverse reaction if you impact all the breeders and take away their control over their pedigree requirements. It is one of our jobs as breed council members to protect and preserve our breeds, and I would think the CFA board would welcome our input, rather than try to blindside us. Needless to say, I strongly support this resolution and hope that the board would consider that the breed council members are truly the final word on their own breeds. **Carissa Altschul [Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Land of Oz Cat Club]:** I am also speaking as Persian Breed Council Secretary, the largest breed council in CFA. The Rules of Registration, I don't think many of you understand how it could impact your breed, when it can be changed by the board at any given moment. What defines your breed is what they allow to be registered as your breed. They can decide that two longhaired cats as parents make a Persian. They can decide that a brown tabby longhaired cat is a Maine Coon. At any time, they can change the rules of registration, that completely change what your breed is. There is a reason why we are asking that the Rules of Registration come under the control of the breed councils. This is not saying that they cannot be changed; they can, if in the wisdom and experience of those breed council members who are wanting to cherish and protect their breeds decide that it is time for a change. For example, the Persian Breed Council a few years ago, while we maintain the 8 generation pedigree, we made a modification to it to allow for less generations as soon as a CFA-registered Persian was in the pedigree, so you didn't have to go any further back behind that. It made it so much easier for people to import their cats that might have been registered in another association for a few generations but then wanted to come back to CFA. Additionally, the reason why CFA is the premier organization when it comes to the purity and the integrity of our breeds is because of our very high standards. People don't want to register in an association that doesn't have high standards. If our core value and our core money maker is registrations, they need to have value. Our pedigrees need to have value. Recently, the breed councils were completely blindsided by the board deciding 8 generations wasn't necessary for the 5 breeds that have it. You may think it's just those 5 breeds. They will come for the rest of you if they think they need to. One final point. Currently, the board only has 4 or 5 active breeders. Keep that in mind. Please vote yes for this. **Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club; German Catwalk]:** I had a litter of Norwegian Forest Cat kittens that are about 6 weeks old right now. I'm still an active breeder. The board was going through strategic planning, coming up with ideas – how do we increase registration? I will admit, one of my ideas was, we need to look at our 8 generation pedigrees, because I was on the board when we established and approved those 8 generation pedigrees for many different reasons. One, we didn't have the DNA tests that we have now to show if the cat is carrying longhair, which affects a couple of breeds that have the 8 generation pedigrees. The other thing is, I checked with Leslie Lyons. I said, "what is the difference between a 6 generation pedigree and an 8 generation pedigree?" She said, "maybe 2%." It's not a significant difference. One thing that we have to consider is, the core business of this association is registrations. The board is charged with running the business of this organization. The board has fiduciary responsibility. To let you know what a fiduciary is, fiduciaries are the people or the entities like the board who have authority over our assets, our planned management, and has the primary responsibility to run the plan for the benefit of its participants and beneficiaries. Breed councils do not have fiduciary responsibilities. Breed councils have advisory responsibilities. Breed councils could best help this organization by promoting registration of over 50% of each litter, which is where we stand now. So, I think the board has apologized for thinking out loud and coming up with something that did not happen

and was withdrawn, but to give this responsibility to a group who does not have this fiduciary responsibility for this organization would be a very large mistake. **Jacqui Bennett [Ocicats International; The Crafty Cat]:** I'm speaking kind of out of both sides of my mouth. I've got one club that instructed me to vote for this and one against. Let's talk about the first thing, the 8 generation pedigree. Statistically, that's my jam. At 6 generations, each offspring has a probability of impact of 1.7% total. At 8 generations, it is .3%. Both are within the margin of error. There is no statistical difference. Two, CFA does not provide the ability to generate an 8 generation pedigree. If we can't provide it, we shouldn't be requiring it. Three, and we all know this, our database – which is probably the best database in the world – is flawed because it was done by human beings, and we are flawed. If it wasn't flawed, we wouldn't get impossible kittens being born in litters every, single year. However, we have DNA testing. We need to step into the 21st century, use the tools that have been developed to make sure that we're getting what we want in our breeds. Tradition, ladies and gentlemen, is a fine thing until it becomes a barrier to execution. Before we had genetic testing, 8 generation pedigrees were the absolute, best way to protect the breeds, but like the Bible says, for every time and every season, there's a time for everything. The time for requiring the 8 generation pedigree that we cannot provide is gone. Or, as my dear friend once said, "tradition is just peer pressure from dead people." **Allene Keating [Topeka Cat Fanciers]:** I am going to be reading from our breed council secretary Wendy Klamm's response. The board proposal in April that was withdrawn immediately impacted only 5 breeds, of which the European Burmese was one. However, any breed could be impacted in the future if Amendment #9 is enacted. European Burmese require an 8 generation pedigree for registration from all North American registries, to ensure that the American Burmese and other Burmese offshoots like Bombays and Tonkinese are not introduced into the breeding program. European Burmese, called "foreign" in some other registries, have a specific type – I want you to remember that, "type" – that sets them apart from the other Burmese and Burmese offshoots. There are no genetic markers. That identity of European Burmese from other Burmese and only pedigrees can do that. By researching 8 generations or more, pedigrees and pedigree registry, the introduction of non-European Burmese and offshoots can hopefully be prevented. Had an 8 generation pedigree requirement for North American registries not been reduced to 5 generations, the chance of non-European Burmese and other offshoots being included in the European Burmese breed – oh, excuse me. There is talk behind me and I'm trying to figure out, are they asking me a question. They were not. **Maistin:** Allene, hang on a second. I'm going to make this message one last time. If you are going to speak and you have to speak, go in the hall. There are a lot of people trying to listen to the speakers here. If I ask them, "should we put a charge on the people who are speaking," Kathy will be very, very happy. There are a lot of people in line at these microphones. This is a very, very important proposal. If you don't want to listen to this proposal, leave the room. Let these people speak, whether they are in favor or against it, please. Allene, continue. **Keating:** Thank you. Let's see, I was at – the chance of a non-European Burmese breed and offshoots being introduced to the European Burmese breeding programs could have greatly increased, so the 8 generations are absolutely necessary because we do not have DNA testing between the American Burmese and European Burmese or Bombays or, I don't know, maybe Tonkinese. I don't know about that. Changes in individual breed registration rules should be addressed by breed council members, not the CFA board and not the club delegates. The CFA board can ask all breed councils or specific breed councils to ballot the registration rules. That has been done in the past. Not requesting input from the pertinent breed councils and blindsiding them was totally inappropriate and the board should be working with us

instead of against us. After all, who knows what the breeds need better than the breed councils? We feel breed councils need the protection of the Bylaws and to prevent future changes without input. Thank you very much. **Mastin:** I need to make an announcement. The trophy hand-out is going to be paused because it's too distracting to the conversation. [applause] I encourage the speakers to please be direct and to the point. It appears as though there's probably close to 30 people in line, and if you're averaging 2, 3, 4 minutes, we will be talking all the way through lunch, so let's continue moving forward. **Barbara Irie [Utah Purebred Cat Fanciers]:** If the breed council does not have a little bit more than just an advisory capacity, particularly if that advice is not listened to, what good is a breed council? The other thing is, my daughter asked me why she should remain a member of the breed council if she has no say. I think that's a good question. I'm hoping to see the board work with the breed councils, but I think we need to have a little bit more respect and a little bit more say in what happens to our breeds. I have spent more than 20 years working with my breed, which is Devon Rex, and I would like to ensure as I'm winding down with my breed to have some say and to know that it's going to continue. Thank you. **Cyndy Byrd [Hemet Feline Fanciers; Marina All Breed Cat Club]:** I'm here as longtime past British Shorthair breed council secretary. With me is Ginger Meeker, the current British Shorthair secretary. I would just like to point out that there could be very efficient ways to consult with breed councils and ask for their vote on any breed registration rule question. It wouldn't have to tie the hands of the board. It could be done quite efficiently, very quickly. We can put out notices, we can have online discussions, have a vote, which could be done by CFA and it would be quite a simple thing. So, I urge everyone to vote yes for this. **Jon Brubacher [Southern Indiana LH Society]:** I grew up in the Holstein association as a kid. I'm a lifetime member, even though they don't have them anymore. They literally – if you were caught messing with pedigrees, you were kicked out 10 years or for life, your animals were thrown out, everything. I would charge the board with making sure our registrations mean something and paying attention to the breed councils. So, I support this but I really would like to see us make sure that our registrations mean something. I was also at a show I remember years ago. Some lady had bought a CFA registered Persian from somebody who was – it was barely a longhaired Household Pet. It wasn't anything, so make sure our registrations mean something. That's all. **Laurie Coughlan [Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers; Global Egyptian Mau Society]:** And 20+ year breed council member of Egyptian Maus. No group knows more about their breed, it's characteristics, standards, health and registration issues than the breed council. The standards of CFA are what have kept many of us in the cat fancy for decades. Without those high standards, I doubt that I would have registered every single kitten from every single litter, as I have for the last 20+ years. Breed councils should be consulted on those rules of registration to respect the knowledge that the breeders have built up over the years. Thank you. **Ginger Meeker [Cats Kansas City; Santa Fe Trail Shorthair]:** I'm also the proud breed council secretary of the British Shorthair breed. Our particular breed has been particularly battered over the last couple years. Having worked closely with the breed council secretaries, we were not involved in the discussion. As far as registration goes, I have 6 cats registered with Central Office whose colors do not appear in my breed standard. I've been trying to fix it for the last 6 years and there never is a good time, because it's considered a small potato issue. Sorry, but the breed councils make CFA's cash registers ring in multiple ways. I have registered every litter and every kitten in every litter for 39 years. I insist that my kittens are registered so that my breed statistics are valid. If you don't register your litters and kittens, your breed statistics that go out every year simply don't reflect what's really happening with your breed. While I've heard over and over again that

the breed council secretary or the breed council is simply advisory to the board, some of the board members I have talked to make that sound like you're simply a tick in the box and I really don't care what you have to say. Your breed council registers kittens, registers litters, registers catteries, we get new breeders going that register kittens and register catteries. We are your core business people, and if you want to irritate us – and people are walking away because of it – keep it up. **Rhonda Smith [That's My Point Cat Fanciers]:** And a member of the Devon Rex breed council. Our club supports this proposal. **Linda Peterson [Mary Hantzmon Abyssinian Club; Cat Fanciers of Washington]:** Also Devon Rex breed council secretary for 12+ years and breed council member for 20+ years. I agree, our breed councils are so important to CFA and the board needs to respect what we feel, and so we support this proposal. Thank you. **Ann Marie Bingham [National Siamese Cat Club]:** First of all, the issue with the board, we do know more, spend more time learning about our breed than people on the board unless they are one of our breeders. The Siamese have been used for generations to create new breeds and we're proud of that, we appreciate that. But, if you go out of this country – actually if you go out of CFA into other registries – you will find that Siamese are not our four-color Siamese, but they are Orientals, they are Colorpoints, they are basically anything with a foreign body type and Siamese colors. I know this from experience. One of the women who got me started breeding moved back home to England and spent two years looking for a Siamese that was pure Siamese. She never found one. The main thing for us is that our breed is one of the first breeds in CFA. We have worked for generations to make this breed what it is. There is no amount of financial gain that would make us be willing to let go of that. So, please do vote yes for this amendment. **Howard Webster [Americans in Paradise; California Silver Fanciers]:** I have been breeding Colorpoints for 53 years. I have been breeding Siamese for 45 years. I keep my inbreeding coefficients to less than 3%. What's happening with a lot of breeds, they are running out of cats. The inbreeding coefficient is going high, just like the Burmese. The Burmese had an 8 generation pedigree, but they have to bring in Tonks now because they don't have the viability. A three generation pedigree worked for decades in CFA, and then in 1996 we had What is a Breed, which is trying to eliminate minorities. It has done nothing but weaken most of the gene pools of cats with an 8 generation pedigree. I'm totally against this. We need to be in an advisory position and they do need to ask the breed councils, but the final say is what's best for the cats. **Bethany Colilla [Great Lakes Great Maines; United Singapura Society]:** Also the Maine Coon breed council secretary. We are for this. Both of my breed clubs are for this. For the last several years, my breed has been one of the top registered breeds, bringing in money for CFA. I am at an active point right now where I am including my breed members to renew their membership, which brings in money for CFA. We are renewing our membership, I am actively pursuing people to join the breed council, which brings in membership for CFA. If we have no say in what goes on, why should we join? Why should we register litters? Why should we do all that? It's hard to encourage people when they don't get a voice. **Betsy Arnold [Genesee Cat Fanciers Club; Monroe Shorthair Club]:** Siamese breed council secretary. We want everyone to support this resolution. We feel it's very important that our breed council should have a say. We plan to bring this up at our breed council meeting tomorrow. We will have a vote in the Fall. We should be approached by the board so we can have a say. Some of the finer points that have been made about 8 versus 5 generations, let the breed council discuss it. Maintaining the purity of our breed in CFA sets us apart in the world. We're the only ones in the world that have that purity. Please vote yes. Thank you. **Phebe Low [Hong Kong Black Cat Club]:** I support this amendment. When we host a new exhibitor, we encourage breeders or exhibitors to aim at

joining the breed council, because we have a say and we encourage them to participate and the numbers are increasing and so that we can grow. I can say that we want to have a say to decide our breed. Thank you. **Ronna Colilla [Mohawk Trail Cat Club; Sternwheel Cat Fanciers]:** As of March of 2020, I welcomed my daughter and her Maine Coons into our home and have lived with them ever since. We have raised litters of kittens, and a year ago this February I actually became a midwife to a litter of kittens, something I hadn't done in a long time. Around 3 weeks, shortly around my birthday, when two litters of kittens are born, I will qualify for and will join the breed council. I look forward to it. This has been a new adventure for us. We scoop litter and we pay for food, which is not an easy deal when you're dealing with big cats. So, I encourage everybody to vote. My family and our clubs we represent are voting yes. Thank you. **Mastin:** Before I call on mike #2, the people that are in line will be the only ones left to speak, and then I'm going to turn this over to Annette for closing comments. **Stephanie Grady [Constitution City LH Club; Russian Blue Fanciers]:** I'm also a member of the Russian Blue breed council. Our club and the breed council support this amendment. Each breed council needs to retain an authority and define both the standard and the registration rules. For this protection, I urge you to support and pass this amendment. I could reiterate a lot that has been said already. Making this short, please vote yes. **Mastin:** Thank you for making it short. **Susan Nebgen [Western Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers]:** I'm a proud Siberian council member, a proud Siberian exhibitor and a proud Siberian breeder. Siberians have been increasing their registration and we are working hard for that. We will be supporting this. **Alene Shafnisky [Crab and Mallet Cat Club; Turkish Angora Fanciers International]:** Also the Turkish Angora breed council secretary. This is not just about 5 generations versus 8 generations. I don't know if people are losing focus on that. For example, my breed is one of the few natural breeds and we are very serious about maintaining that. The fact that the board can act on its own volition and still has this loophole to change our rules and standards on their own is very troubling. They can do this to any breed. As I said, we are very focused on maintaining what we have, but as a side note, I would caution. We have already raised our fees tonight by quite a margin. We cannot make every – registration was only one word in that part of the mission statement of CFA. We are also meant to promote the pedigreed cats, and that means promoting and helping the preservation breeders who are working with them. By taking away things that are so fundamental as the Rules of Registration for our breeds I think undercuts what the mission of CFA overall should be. Vote yes on this. **Judy Bemis [Metroplex Allbreed Cat Club; Worldwide European Burmese Society]:** I am speaking on behalf of the European Burmese. As a breed, we are European Burmese in only CFA. Every other country is simply a Burmese. The Burmese in the other countries have been mixed with American Burmese that have been sent over to them. They have been mixed with other type-like breeds. The breed itself is at a point where we have to do outcrossing. To outcross, we have to import. To be able to import and know that we are not picking up any of the Burmese that are not, shall we say, things that we want in our lines, DNA testing won't do it. We have to have the 8 generations. We have people that are no longer breeding Burmese or European Burmese, and we still go back to them many times with our 8 generation pedigrees if we have any questions. So, I'm in favor of this, again because it affects our breed if the board decides that this is a thing that they should do without mentioning anything to the breeders. **Carol Johnson [Americans West; National American Shorthair Club]:** I'm the breed council secretary for American Shorthairs. Our registry is still open, and yet I strongly support this because I see this as not an issue of registrations or breeders versus the board. This is an issue respect. If CFA is having problems monetarily, we urge you to start a dialogue with the

people that are making your money for you. **Susan Cook-Henry [The Cats Meow]:** And longtime member and former breed council secretary for the Persian. I've heard a couple of comments made today, one on DNA genetic testing, another on integrity of pedigrees. I am absolutely pro integrity of pedigrees, the honor system making sure that those pedigrees actually represent the cat that you have. We know that cats are judged phenotypically, but when you as a breeder or exhibitor see certain traits appearing in your breed that may look like other breeds, you start to question things. So, I don't know what the perfect solution to this is, but I think right now the 8 generation pedigree for the Persian is valid. We ask for your support of this resolution.

Larry Fry [Huntsville Cat Club]: Before the present breed council secretary, I was the breed council secretary for the Abyssinians. I've looked at this request and #1, it requires the breed council secretaries to be appointed by the president instead of elected. #2, it asks for 5 generations instead of 8 generations. #3, it's asking for a majority of 50%. It's asking, to my mind, for some sort of ability to be able to cross-breed 5 or more generations back. I had a request from a particular area where this comes from, where they had a blue-eyed Abyssinian ruddy and they wanted to have that cat registered. Of course, I told them no. There have been several other instances where people have tried to register cats with generations that were in the neighborhood of 6 or 7, and it turned out that 8th or 9th generation was an outcross which caused a recessive to be introduced. The more you get recessives introduced into your breed – I don't care which one it is – the more variations you are going to have, so it's something to think about on this particular request. That's all I've got, thank you.

Sherry Shaffer [Alamo City Cat Club; Lone Star Cat Club]: I'm trying to see the forest for the trees and what I am observing is, somehow the board has really pissed off a lot of people. So, my question is, for the board. I know you guys would not purposely piss everybody off. If I go to CFA and I want to order a pedigree for my cats, I can order a 6 generation pedigree. I cannot order an 8 generation pedigree. So, are there breed councils asking for CFA to somehow now create an 8 generation pedigree and will that cost money, versus what do other organizations produce for their pedigrees? Are they 5? Are they 6? I want to respect the breed councils. I just hope maybe one day I may be in that position, but what I'm seeing is they are kind of mad at everybody right now. But, I have to trust the people who I elect to make the best decision for my organization, which I love, and I also respect my breed councils, so I guess I'm trying to see what truly is a place of coming together and what is best for the organization, and monetarily what actually is best for the organization. Can anyone up there answer that? Just a question for you guys.

Mastin: On your question Sherry, CFA does not have to produce an 8 generation pedigree. **Shaffer:** Correct, so you can only do 6. **Mastin:** It's not CFA that has to produce the pedigree, it's the other associations that have to produce the pedigree. **Shaffer:** But they don't do that. **Mastin:** That is correct. There is no association that can produce an 8 generation pedigree. It would have to be done separately. **Shaffer:** And that costs us money? **Mastin:** There is extra time involved in creating an 8 generation pedigree, depending on what the breeder or purchaser wants. **Shaffer:** So, if I'm the breeder and I can get a 6 generation pedigree from CFA, and I know 2 generations back on that pedigree are the cats I need to order. That grandfather will make 8 generations. **Mastin:** That's correct, right Allene? **Shaffer:** So, why are we having this big argument over everything? **Mastin:** Sherry, I'm bringing Allene up to talk. **Shaffer:** OK, I'm sorry. Everyone is really mad. I don't like that.

Mastin: [to the microphones] Did somebody sneak in front of you? Somebody snuck in front of you. I don't want to be rude or anything, but I'm cautioning everybody. Melanie is going to be the last one to speak, and then Annette is going to do closing, so I'm only calling on the people in line. **Tartaglia:** So, an 8 generation pedigree, I don't have the math. It's a tremendous number

of cats. If you think about, here's your first generation, which is the sire and dam. Now you have the grandparents, there's 4. You go all the way to 6 generations, if you're missing those last 2 generations, it's not just getting a pedigree on the grandfather, you have to get – **Eigenhauser: 64. Tartaglia: 64?** Thank you. It's a lot. CFA doesn't produce an 8 generation pedigree. With some breeds, the information may be there. To produce a printed pedigree, we're now talking about two sheets of 11x17 paper because it's so many more cats in the 7th and 8th generations. So, that's just it in a nutshell. **Shaffer:** Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you Allene. **Jennifer Deel [CanUSA Cat Club]:** We support this. Apparently, integrity is a good thing for me tonight because I'm just going to repeat it. What is the point of our registration if there is no integrity in our breeds? We need to keep it there, and the people that know best are the breed council members. **Gavin Cao [Jiang Nan Cat Fanciers Club]:** I'm speaking in favor of this. There are two things that set us apart from the rest of the associations in the world that are keeping us ahead. One is our top notch judging program and the second, in my opinion, is the credibility of our pedigree paper. So, I'm not really sure that watering down the number of generations required for a breed to be registered will be a good idea in the long run. In terms of financial aspect, there are many ways to generate more revenue for CFA. Right now, we are relying on registrations, on cattery fees, but there are more revenue sources that we should be looking at. This area of trying to entice people to register and by watering down the number of generation requirement is not the proper way to go. That's my opinion. **Brook Cole [Cincinnati Cat Club]:** And Norwegian Forest Cat breed council secretary. I love when I look around my house and I can see the look of those cats that were domesticated in the 1930's. I can see it on other people's cats around the world. We have been a very small group that has worked hard to maintain our pedigrees and produce cats that are healthy. I was surprised when of the 5 breeds that were asked to make a change, one of them has asked for a modification of that. Maybe that's something that came forward, that if there's a way to make that work with fewer generations, but I do appreciate CFA connecting with breed councils on this. You all need to know that we want to work with you and not against you, but it's the longitudinal generations of these cats that are very important to all of us. Thank you. **Sharon Powell [Rome Cat Forum]:** Simply, I can just urge you to please vote for this amendment. **Cheryl Coleman [Cats Ink; Straight and Curl Cat Club]:** I am the Korat breed council secretary and I'm also a member of the European Burmese breed council, as well as the Persian breed council. Both my clubs and I personally support this. **Morgan:** I was actually standing in line for some people, but for the sake of our stomachs I am just going to say they were all in support. I do want to say, I'm not going to refute every point that was made that I don't agree with, because again that gets in the way of our stomachs and we all know that's not a good idea, but I do want to say something about the people who came up and spoke about the difference between 8 generations and 6 generations, and the statistical significance of those points. You are missing the point, in my opinion. The point here is about respect for the collective knowledge that comes together from all of our breed councils. Please, listen to us.

Mastin: Annette? **Wilson:** Thank you. I appreciate everybody that listened and paid attention, whether they spoke in favor or not. I hope everybody got the impress that the breed councils are very passionate about being the preservation breeders that CFA has marketed for the last year and that we would like them to continue to market. One thing on the 8 generation pedigree, I think people don't understand. There's no one 8 generation pedigree. Many registries and foreign registries have their pedigrees online, and Monique just goes and clicks on that and she sees all the generations, and it's done. This isn't a big deal because it's not actual paper for

the most part, so that's a big red herring and I would like you to just kind of ignore it. It has always been that way. This 8 generations is what defines these breeds. Five generations defines most of the breeds and I want to counter something I think Howard Webster brought up saying that the Burmese was one of these. The Burmese who do outcross to the Bombays have a 5 generation pedigree and they have had registration rule changes and they have voted on them and presented it to the board and it has passed the breed council and the board agrees. We have worked with the board very closely on this for a long time, and then not. Our concern is that without putting this in the Bylaws, that we're going to go down the road of not being asked for input. For the years George Eigenhauser was on the board, he very nicely would ask every four years or so for us to put this on the ballot, but he asked for our input and that's what we're looking for. We want to work with the board. Passing this amendment will still allow us to work with the board, but it will ask them to pay a little bit more attention to what we're looking for – only for individual, breed-specific rules. Finally, I want to thank Alene Shafnisky for getting up here and mentioning the preservation breeder thing, because that is what we are. We're preservation breeders and though George mentioned that he didn't think the CFA board should be handcuffed, I will say that there were two days in April where I was getting the zip ties out. Thank you and please vote yes. **Mastin:** Thank you Annette. James, please open the voting for Proposal #9. Please cast your votes. Mary, while people are casting their votes, come on up because we're going to go right into your drawing before lunch. Ten seconds. Please close the voting. Total votes 324; 269 yes, 55 no. The proposal passes.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 9				
324 Delegates Registered	269	55	0	324

Carried.

Mastin: Mary, come on up. We are going to do the raffle and then we will break. Let me see what time it is. Let's go to 1:30. **Jim Charles:** Hello everybody, I'm Jim Charles, Co-Chair of this grand occasion. First of all, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the fun-raising efforts of these items, buying tickets, the pins and everything. OK, the winner of the basket of gift cards, which is substantial, is Jess Meyer. She bought her ticket at the COWS show in April, so she may not be here, or she may. The winner of the jewelry is Selma Kessler. The winner of the quilt is Laurie A. A is the initial for the last name. Now, the bonus luxury items, you must come pick them up over at the table. There's 4 winners and they get to choose in this order. The first name gets first choice, second gets second. Vicki Nye gets first choice. Barb Hornberger. Three, Sharon Powell. Carla Bizzell for the Royal Canin. Congratulations to everybody. Thanks again.

BREAK.

(40) **EVERYCAT HEALTH FOUNDATION.**

Mastin: Please join me in welcoming Dr. Dean Vicksman for EveryCat Health Foundation. Also welcome Vickie Fisher. Come on up. **Fisher:** While we are waiting, I wanted to thank everyone, especially the board and all of you for the privilege of allowing EveryCat to make a presentation this morning. We want to thank all of you for your support, we want to thank all of you for your passion to cats. We will try to be brief but we also want to give you all the important information about what we've been doing. Our Executive Director, the woman who actually runs EveryCat, you really need to meet her because she is the one. Jackie Ott Jaakola standing back there in the white jacket. [applause] We're just talking. She is the gal that actually does everything, and she has done a wonderful job.



Fisher: Last year I was up here and addressed you all as president of EveryCat Health Foundation, a position that I have been very, very proud to hold. This year, I am here addressing you as – as of two days ago – the immediate past president of EveryCat Health Foundation, so it's my pleasure to do a couple things this morning. First is to introduce to you our incoming – as of two days – Dr. Dean Vicksman, so be gentle on him, OK? Be gentle. We promised him you guys would be really good. Dr. Vicksman is from Denver, Colorado. He has been a long-time veterinarian in Denver. He founded the Denver Cat Hospital. He is the secretary I believe of the Colorado State Veterinary Board and he also is past president of the Denver Dumb Friends League, which probably many of you are familiar with. So, if you would, please welcome Dr. Vicksman. [applause]

Thank you for your service



George Eigenhauser for 20+ Years of dedication to EveryCat Health Foundation

Fisher: I don't give up the microphone that easily. Actually, before I do, Dean and I would like to honor a retiring board member, someone that we have relied on for 20-some odd years. The organization is better for his involvement, for his passion, for his counsel and wisdom. So, Dean and I would like to present George Eigenhauser with this little remembrance of his time with us. Please give George Eigenhauser a huge round of applause. [applause, standing ovation]

Vicksman: Thank you all very much. I do want to echo Vickie's words about George. When I think about EveryCat, I think about George. Truthfully, when I came on this board seven years ago, George had been a mentor for seven years and you have been at least my north star in EveryCat, so thank you for your 20 years of service. We truly appreciate it. Hopefully, you will still stay involved with the EveryCat Health Foundation. Thank you very much.

EveryCat Health Foundation Recent Accomplishments



- We've funded grants in 12 countries totaling \$1,083,440 in 2023 and 2024.
- EveryCat Grant cycles are open in the Spring and Fall - accepting ALL eligible proposals.
- Special efforts continue in FIP, including addressing the issue in Cyprus
- Staff Growth: Welcome Veterinary Sciences Program Manager- Maggie Placer, DVM!



Vicksman: It has been a very exciting year for EveryCat this past year. We have been very, very busy, so I wanted to go over some of our accomplishments and things that we've done this past year. In 2023-2024, we did 29 grants in 12 countries for over \$1 million. It's unbelievable. Those grants were in many different disease processes – chronic kidney disease, hyperthyroidism, heart disease, vaccines – things that touch cats every day. So, I'm excited that we are making headway in many of these different avenues. We've also now, instead of having just one grant cycle a year, we're going to have two grant cycles a year. We're going to have a

Spring and Fall grant cycle. We're still continuing to be very active in FIP, including addressing the issues in Cyprus. This is another really exciting point. We are growing as a staff, but importantly we have added a veterinary science program manager. I don't know if Maggie [Placer] is in the room? No. Well, we have added Dr. Maggie Placer to our team. She has been very impactful in the short time that she has been on the EveryCat Health Foundation. So, welcome Maggie. We are really excited about you joining our team.

EveryCat Health Foundation Committed to Lifesaving Research

Funded 18 studies in 2023 and 11 so far in March 2024

Research focused on:

- Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP)
- Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)
- Hyperthyroidism, Heart Disease
- Genomics, Nutrition
- Inflammatory Bowel Diseases
- Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis
- Feline Liver Disease, Cancers, Chronic Gingivostomatitis
- Effect of Gabapentin on stress in spay/neuter



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Highlighting Collaborations for Cats

- **AVMF** provided over \$200,000 for EveryCat to facilitate grants.
- **Doris Day and Terry Melcher Foundation** provided \$100,000 for EveryCat to facilitate grants in genetics.
- **Member of Animal Grantmakers**
 - Philanthropy's leading affinity group for animal funders



- Shelter Medicine study with **Morris Animal Foundation** and **Denver Dumb Friends League** to reduce stress for cats in shelters

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Vicksman: About three years ago, we set out and did a strategic plan. Part of that strategic plan was, we were going to increase our collaborations through many aspects of felines. I would like to highlight some of those right now. First, I would like to talk about our collaborations that we did in research. Last year we collaborated with the American Veterinary Medical Foundation and we provided over \$200,000 in grants through the AVMF. We also collaborated with the Doris Day and Terry Melcher Foundation and provided over \$100,000 in EveryCat genetics grants. So, that's an area that's active at the moment. Jackie Jaakola, our executive director and EveryCat Health Foundation are now members of the Animal Grantmakers. That's exciting. The last one that I want to talk about is really near and dear to my heart, because I come from the animal welfare community. This is a collaboration that, to be

honest with you, a decade ago was probably unthinkable, and so we are now collaborating both with the Dumb Friends League as we discussed in Denver and the Morris Animal Foundation to do a study to reduce the stress of cats in shelters. Why is that important? It gives us another avenue to touch cats' lives. If we can reduce stress in cats in shelters, we can reduce the amount of upper respiratory diseases that they see. By reducing the amount of upper respiratory diseases that they see, we can spend more money trying to find homes for those cats versus spending money on treating those upper respiratory tract diseases. If they can reduce the stress in those cats, those cats appear friendlier to the owners that come and look at them, providing more cats homes, which is what this is all about. So, another very exciting collaboration that we're involved in.

Honoring a Legend in Cat Health Advocacy

In 2023, EveryCat Health Foundation renamed the New Investigator Grant Award in honor of Joan Miller, who served on the Board of Directors of Winn Feline Foundation for 20 years.

In 2024, The American Veterinary Medical Foundation invested a large grant in feline health research with EveryCat through their dedicated funds and designated \$50,000 specifically to the Joan Miller New Investigator Award.



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Vicksman: This past year we lost an icon in our community – Joan Miller. It will leave a huge hole in the community, but the good news on this is that we are not going to forget Joan. We have created a – well, we actually have always had the New Investigator Award but we have named that Investigator Award after Joan Miller, so now every year we have a \$50,000 New Investigator Award in her honor. [applause]

Scholarship Winners



Vicksman: Education is a huge part of what we do. We are out and about in the community. Last year we did two symposiums, one at North Carolina State on feline pain and

another we went down to Tuskegee for their 58th Annual Veterinary Medical Conference – both new ventures for us. We are still active in bringing new veterinarians into the world of research. We helped sponsor two scholarships last year, one with the American Association of Feline Practitioners. That’s a two-part scholarship, one for a future feline practitioner and one for a future feline researcher. The winners of those were Haley Momany and Jessica Holmes. Also, we at Tuskegee gave a scholarship for NAVLE. NAVLE is the test that young veterinarians take so that they can become licensed in their state. The winner of that was DeAndrea Peterson of Tuskegee. We’re happy we could help these young veterinarians.

Highlighting Collaborations for Cats

- **NC State University-**
Being Purrfectly Clear
on Feline Pain
- **Tuskegee
University- 58th
Annual Veterinary
Medicine Conference**



Education- Summer Webinar Schedule

- July 11 at 1pm ET
 - Understanding and Managing the Feline Diabetic
 - Audrey K. Cook, BVM&S, MSc Vet Ed, DACVIM, DECVIM, DABVP (Feline)
 - Sponsored by: BI
- August 14 at 1pm ET
 - Ticks Like Cats Too! An update on the threat of ticks and tick-borne pathogens for cats
 - Kathryn Reif, Ph.D., M.S.PH.
 - Sponsored by: BI



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Volunteer, Cat Herder-in-Chief



Georgia Arvanitis, Ph.D, Volunteer Program Leader

Long-time cat lover and EveryCat supporter, Dr. Arvanitis contributes to EveryCat Health Foundation by spearheading the Volunteer Program as the "Cat Herder-in-Chief." Her charge is to engage and support volunteers passionate about EveryCat's commitment to feline health research and education.

Dr. Arvanitis provides training, talent development and enhancement of individual volunteer skills. In addition, she helps develop collaborations with a variety of groups, including professional organizations, educational institutions, community associations and other cat-centric groups. Her goal is to match volunteers with the right project area so they thrive and inspire dedication to feline health and research.

Dr. Arvanitis received her Ph.D. in chemistry from Princeton University and her post-doctoral work included a visiting assistant professorship at Rutgers University Center for Molecular Biophysics and Biophysical Chemistry, where she studied DNA-drug interactions. She served as Professor and later Chair of Chemistry at The College of New Jersey, where she directed a research group that focused on antimicrobial and anti-tumor drugs for two decades.

Dr. Arvanitis has long been enthusiastic about cats, and especially feline health. She served on her local township's Animal Advocate Committee, and was instrumental in bringing about the first Trap-Neuter-Return resolution in central NJ. She shares her New Jersey home with a trio of rescue felines, doted on by her and her husband, Dr. Michael Berardini, also a fellow cat lover.

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Vicksman: Another place that is exciting for all of us is increasing our volunteer program. This year we added a new person. Her name is Georgia Arvanitis and she is expanding our volunteer program. This is exciting for all of us. If any of you are interested in volunteering for the EveryCat Foundation, please come talk to us. We have new opportunities in many aspects to help out in the EveryCat Foundation.

Helping Paws - Volunteers

- **Join Us At:**
 - Webinars
 - Symposia
- **Collaborations**
 - Help us host/coordinate group meetings with experts in the veterinary field
 - Write Blogs- Offer your expertise to EveryCat
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Vicksman: We have exciting webinars ahead of us – two of them. Hopefully, you will be able to attend those. On July 11th we have a webinar in understanding and managing feline diabetes. There are lots of new drugs on the market for cats with diabetes, so this is exciting times for those cats, so attending that would be great. On August 14th at 1:00 p.m. we have another one on ticks in cats. Most of you probably don't have cats who get exposed to ticks, but they do and they get all those good diseases, so that will be a great educational opportunity.

Where will EveryCat Be?

July 20- CatFest in Colorado Springs
August 3,4- CatCon in Pasadena
August 10-12- New Mexico Humane Association
Sept 11th- Pet Night on the Hill
Sept 24-25- Banfield Summit
Sept 26-29- AAFP Annual Conference
Oct 12-13th- CFA International in Cleveland
Oct 12-15th- AAFP in Memphis
Oct 27-30- Animal Grantmakers
Nov 2-3- SeaMeow in Seattle
Nov 10- Denver Catfest



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Vicksman: We have a very exciting future in terms of where we are going to be this year, and very busy. I wanted to kind of highlight some of the places that we are going to be. If you're going to be in those areas, please come join us. In July we're going to be in CatFest in Colorado Springs. In August we're going to be at CatCon in Pasadena. Later in August we're going to be at the New Mexico Humane Association. September 11th, if any of you are in Washington, D.C., we're going to be at Pet Night on the Hill. We are very fortunate that our executive director gets to go to the Banfield Summit. That's in September. It's actually a fairly exclusive summit amongst leaders in the veterinary space and in the pharma space, and we actually have a seat at the table, which is exciting. So, Jackie gets to go to that in September. We have the AAFP conference in September. October 12/13, the CFA International in Cleveland. October 12-15 we

will be at the American Association of Feline Practitioners in Memphis. Later in October, Jackie will be at Animal Grant Makers. In November we will be a CVL in Seattle and in November 10th we will be at Cat Fest in Denver.

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Vicksman: That's it for the most part, for what I had to say. I did want to thank all of you for being here. I want to let you know that, thanks to your donations, we get to do the things that we do, and appreciate everything that you guys do for the EveryCat Health Foundation. Finally, we have a video that we wanted to show everybody. [video presentation is made]

Vicksman: Thank you all very much, and thank you for all that you do. **Mastin:** Thank you Dr. Dean Vicksman and Vickie Fisher. Thank you very much.

Mastin: I've got an announcement on the agenda. As soon as the Credentials Committee is done and in the room, we will deviate from the agenda and bring them up to do their report. We're going to move the Pre-Noticed Resolutions after the Credentials Committee report so that they can be in the room for those. From here, our next agenda item is the Board Member Service Awards.

(41) **BOARD MEMBER SERVICE AWARDS.**

Board Member Service Awards

10 Years

John Colilla
Pam Moser

15 Years

Carol Krzanowski

**2024 Board Members
Service Awards**

10 Years



John Colilla

10 Years



Pam Moser

15 Years



Carol Krzanowski

(42) **INTERNATIONAL DIVISION REPORT.**

Mastin: Next is Kathy Calhoun to do the International Division report.

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International Division

Kathy Calhoun & Matthew Wong
Co-Chairs International Division Committee

Calhoun: OK. Is everybody back from lunch and ready to get going on round 2? We're at the International Division Committee report. I co-chair that Committee with Matthew Wong from Hong Kong. He's not here today, but I'm sure he's probably watching us on Facebook.

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International Happenings

- International Division Townhall Meetings via Zoom
 - October 6, 2023, International Division All Areas
 - March 27, 2024, ID Other than Mainland China
- "Shanghai China Super Show" held on February 24/25, 2024
 - Objective
 - Similar to the objectives of the International Show in the United States.
 - ✓ Exposure
 - ✓ Marketing
 - ✓ Promoting the CFA Brand
 - How did it do? Not as expected: unseasonably cold weather and moderate entries.
 - Will this event happen again this season?
 - This fiscal year there was no budget allocation for this show. But the current committee's plan would be to potentially move this type of event to other countries in the International Division in the future.

Calhoun: Here are a few of the International Division happenings. Since the last meeting here at Tucson at the last annual, we've had two International Division town hall meetings via Zoom. We had one on October 6th and another one on March 27, 2024. One was members from the entire division and the other was ID-Other than Mainland China. There was a super show in Shanghai. That was held on February 24/25, 2024. The objective of that event was very similar to the International Show. In fact, that was the basis and the premise for starting to think about having this sort of show in the International Division. We have a lot of competition in the division and we wanted to gain exposure, marketing, and promote the CFA brand. Question, how did that go? Well, unfortunately, it was unseasonably cold – very, very cold. We had very low

entries. Simply, we really didn't have the event that we thought we have had and we really planned for, but it was the first one so we were really glad to pull it off. Will we have an event like this again, this season? No, that's not in the budget. We haven't planned for another one, but in the event that whoever the current committee is at the time, the initial premise as I said was to do like an International-type event and to move that around the International Division in different countries so that we would be able to provide the same sorts of exposure to different folks throughout the globe. Looking forward to seeing if something happens with that down the road.

International News

- New Country Coordinator for Thailand
 - Keeratiya Cruvongpaiboon (Zun) resigned to focus on the CFA Judging Program. Zun was a valuable asset to CFA programs in Thailand and is sorely missed.
 - Gritthanut Srikritsanarak (Jay) stepped up becoming the new Coordinator for Thailand. Jay has already become a great contributor. Way to go Jay!
- Show Rules
 - New show rules and show rule communication will be the central focus of the Saturday meeting with the International Division.

Calhoun: We have a new country coordinator for Thailand. I'm not going to even try to pronounce the name of the person who has been replaced – Zuns – resigned the position of country coordinator in Thailand to focus on the CFA Judging Program, so Zuns is a very, very highly regarded individual with CFA programs in Thailand, so will be sorely missed. We've got a replacement – Jay – and Jay has really stepped up quite quickly, already becoming a great contributor and we are really happy to have Jay. So, let's give both of them a round of applause. [applause] Tomorrow at the International Division meeting, we will focus on the new show rules, and show rules that may have been a little bit confusing the last go-around, so that's what we are going to focus on from a subject matter perspective tomorrow.

The Team

Calhoun: I just wanted to do a quick introduction of the team and if folks would stand up.

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China
John Colilla and Wain Harding
Subcommittee Chairs

- Allen Shi - Area Advisor East China
 - *This area includes the provinces/cities of Fujian, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Zhejiang, Anhui, Shandong, and Shanghai.*
- Wang Xiu Ran(5D) - Area Advisor North China
 - *This area includes the provinces/cities of Inner Mongolia, Hebei, Shanxi, Tianjin, Beijing, Liaoning, Jilin, and Heilongjiang.*
- Eva Chen - Area Advisor West China
 - *This area includes all of China not already covered by the provinces/cities listed for either East China or North China.*

Calhoun: For China we've got John Colilla. Wain Harding is not here with us today, but John is. John? The Area Advisor East China is Allen Shi. Allen, are you in the room? There's Allen right there. 5D – is 5D here? He's the Advisor North. Then Eva Chen. I don't believe Eva is here, West China.

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Bob Zenda
Asia Outside of Mainland China
Subcommittee Chair

- Suki Wong – Country Coordinator
 - Hong Kong
- Indra Faisal – Country Coordinator
 - Indonesia
- Jinson Chol – Country Coordinator
 - South Korea
- Muhammad Hafidz bin Rahmat – Country Coordinator
 - Malaysia/Brunei
- Nadia Jaffar – Country Coordinator
 - Singapore
- Gritthanut (Jay) Srikritsanarak – Country Coordinator
 - Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand
- Tsung Chih Tsai – Country Coordinator
 - Taiwan
- Nguyen Kieu Ngoc – Country Coordinator
 - Vietnam
- Philippines

Calhoun: Next for Asia Outside of Mainland China, the Subcommittee Chair is Bob Zenda. Bob Zenda is not here. He's actually judging another show that got special permission to have a CFA show this weekend, so we don't have Bob with us, but I'll just read the other members of the committee. I don't know that we have folks here that I see, but do we have any of the Asia Outside of Mainland China committee members in the room? **Anger:** Vietnam.
Calhoun: Stand up. Big round of applause.

Brad Newcomb
Subcommittee Chair – Central/South America

Central and South America
The Caribbean Nations

Calhoun: Brad Newcomb, who is not with us today, but Brad is the Subcommittee Chair for Central and South America, and the Caribbean Nations.

Jan Rogers
Subcommittee Chair

• Africa and Western Asia

- Turkey
- Iran
- Maldives
- Afghanistan
- Pakistan
- Uzbekistan
- Turkmenistan

• Middle East

- Egypt
- Israel
- India
- Kuwait
- Saudi Arabia & the United Arab Emirates

Calhoun: Then we've got Jan Rogers. Jan, have you dried out from the rain? Jan, where are you? She manages a plethora of countries. I've got them listed here. Africa and Western Asia and the Middle East. We are really happy to have Jan on board and she is working really hard, so let's give the subcommittee chairs a round of applause.

International Division Key Roles

- Matthew Wong - International Division Representative
 - Eva Chen - China Representative
- Suki Wong and Phebe Low - International Division Treasurers
- Agnes Sun - Corporate Sponsorship- China

Calhoun: Our International Division Rep is Matthew Wong. The China Rep is Eva. Suki is not here, one of the International Division Treasurers, but we've got Phebe Low. Phebe? In charge of Corporate Sponsorship-China, Agnes Sun. Is Agnes in the room? Oh, there she is. Thank you, thank you, thank you. Before we go to the next slide, all of the people that are here from the International Division, would you please stand. Come on, I know you're here. Please stand, folks. There they are. Thank you so much for coming. [applause] You would probably get the "traveled the furthest" award, if there was such a thing.

Upcoming Events

International Council Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 29 at 9:00- 10:30 am cst

In-person, ZOOM and Facebook Stream

International Division Awards Banquet**Hosted by the Central Breed Cat Club****Carlton Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand**

August 11, 2024

International Division China Awards Banquet**Hosted by the Lovers Cat Alliance of China Cat Club**

August 31, 2024

The Castle Hotel, Dalian, China

Calhoun: Upcoming Events. Tomorrow, as I mentioned before, the International Council Annual Meeting will be Saturday on the 29th from 9 to 10:30 in person, Zoom and it will be Facebook streamed, as well.



See you in Dalian China

Calhoun: We have the International Division China awards banquet hosted by the Lovers Cat Alliance of China Cat Club on August 31, 2024, in this beautiful Castle Hotel in Dalian, China. Doesn't that look just wonderful? Hopefully, we're really looking forward to a fabulous event.

SEE YOU IN
BANGKOK,
THAILAND



Calhoun: The we also have the International Division Awards Banquet hosted by the Central Breed Cat Club in the Carlton Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand, and that will be on August 11, 2024. So, very, very happy to have our clubs in the ID step up to host these events, and really looking forward to a really good time and a very, very spectacular event.

Calhoun: I want to thank everybody for being here. **Mastin:** Thank you Kathy.

(43) **TREASURER’S REPORT.**

Mastin: Kathy, will you come up and do your report? **Calhoun:** I will. **Mastin:** Thank you. **Calhoun:** Can you see me over this? **Mastin:** Do you want a stool? **Calhoun:** No.

CFA Delegate Meeting

June 28, 2024



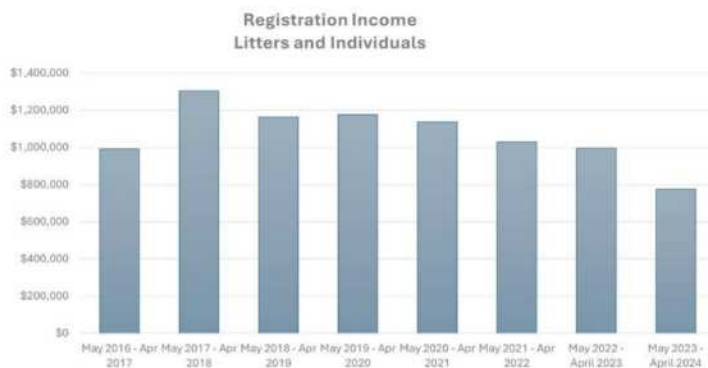
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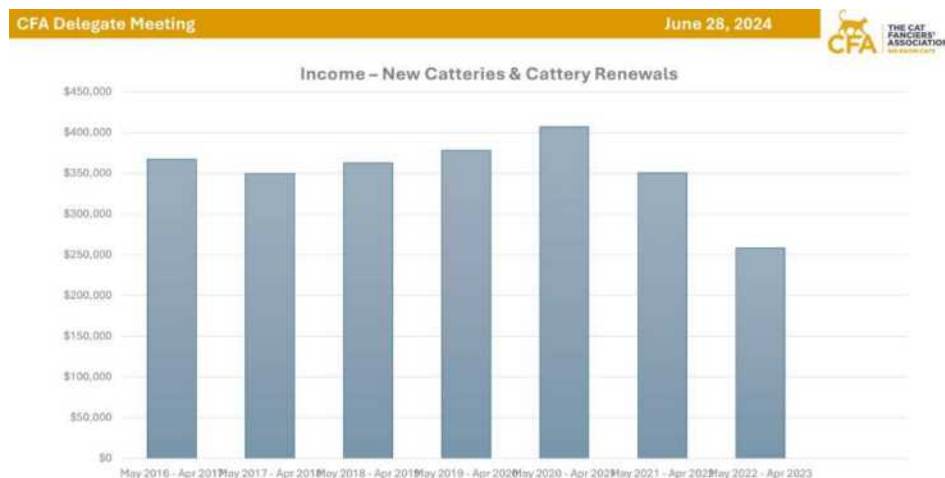
Calhoun: Good morning. Welcome to the CFA Annual in Coralville, Iowa. Yay. Have you been to the Field of Dreams? Are you going to the Field of Dreams? Do you know about the Field of Dreams? Well anyway, it is great to see old friends and to meet new people that are energized and full of great ideas. This morning, we will go through last season’s financials. Now, I will pre-notice that the financials are not where any of us want them to be, but this message is more about where we are going as opposed to where we have been. First, let’s just refresh who we are. The objectives in the Bylaws clearly articulate two mandates, and I will read this. *The Association shall be a not-for-profit organization. Its objects shall be as follows: the welfare of all cats; the promotion and improvement of CFA recognized breeds of cats; the registering, recording and identification of cats.* I won’t read the rest of it, because we really need to focus #1 on the welfare of cats, #2 registration.

CFA Delegate Meeting

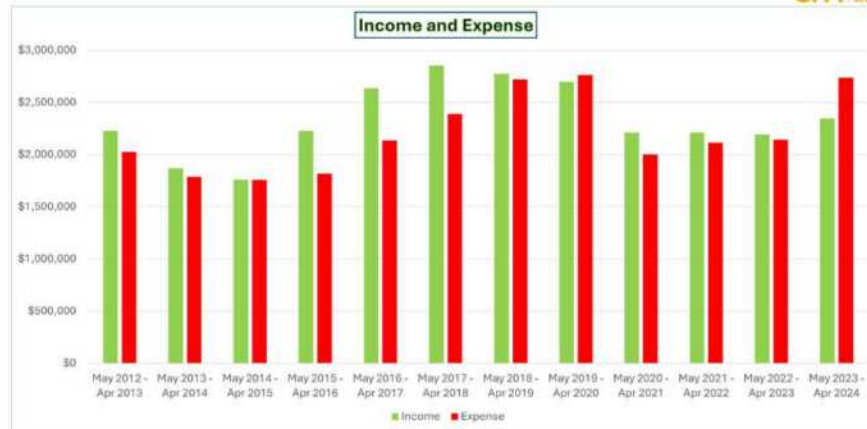
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Calhoun: This first chart is all about registration of litters and individual cats. As you can see from this chart, which captures registrations over the last eight fiscal years, that registration was at a high in 2017-2018 season. The next three years there was a decline but still higher than 2016-2017. 2021-2023 the decline continued. Some of the decline may be attributed to COVID. We blame everything on COVID, right? So, we're going to blame it on COVID, but one of the lesser obvious impacts compared to the pandemic itself was the fact that many breeders left the fancy during that time period. They found alternative projects, interests, decided that they would not come back. These breeders largely have not been replaced by new and younger breeders, which we need to focus on. This decline was also combined with a decline in registrations from China and overall lowering of less discretionary income. This follows all the way through the end of our last fiscal year, which was the end of April, 2024. This last season, registration declined by over 20% - 80% of budget. That's a really significant decline. We must address that.



Calhoun: This slide measures the financial performance of registration in a different way. This is about new catteries and cattery renewals. When comparing the 2022-2023 season to last season, which is the 2023-2024 season, CFA experienced a 23% decline. Both of these two slides reflect the same downward trend, which needs to be addressed.



Calhoun: Now let's look at the big picture. This slide captures income versus expense. The green bars represent income, the red bars represent expense. Fortunately, in the last 12 seasons, CFA has been profitable with the exception of 2019-2020 and 2023-2024. The primary driver of reduction in the 2023-2024 fiscal year was registration. Registration dropped by approximately \$171,000. I want that to sink in.

The Bottom Line is that CFA ended the year with a \$393,000 loss. This was primarily driven by a significant reduction in registration.

Next Steps

- Register every litter and every kitten in every litter.
- Expand globally with a tactical plan and a timeline.
- Encourage the acceptance of new breeds and colors.
- Innovative sustainable cost savings
- Execute a strategic plan and be accountable to that plan.
- Market the CFA Brand

Calhoun: As a result, the bottom line, CFA lost \$393,000. This is significant, but CFA is still in a good financial position. I don't want folks to have a take-away that the house is burning down. It is not, but this is not sustainable. We can recover, but we cannot – we have to have a sense of urgency about this. As club members, you all know that CFA made a significant change in its strategy by reducing show sponsorship. This by no means was an easy decision to make, but it did dramatically reduce expenses. Of course, that is not the only thing that needs to be done. We have more work ahead. So, let's just reflect back to the Bylaws. Our true north is the welfare of cats, #1, but the way that we do that and the programs that we support are based on income and this circles back to registration. Certainly, CFA can continue to manage expenses, and we will, but cutting expenses is not a path to success. There are limitations. It is not the path to success. Increasing income is the path to success, the top one, so as an organization we must

do everything possible to drive registration of every litter and every kitten in those litters. It's imperative for all of us. We must expand globally with a tactical plan – a tactical plan, not a buzz word, a tactical plan – and a timeline. We need to encourage – and I know this is controversial but I'll say it anyway – we need to encourage the acceptance of new breeds and new colors. There's a lot of simple math around that. We need to execute a strategic plan and we all need to be accountable to that plan. We need to market the CFA brand. How do we do that? Does that mean that marketing the CFA brand is the board's responsibility. Yes and no. It's everyone's job. The one thing that each one of us can do in the show hall when we are showing our cats, when we're judging our cats, we all have to have the hat that we are sales and marketing. That's us, boots on the ground. We are sales and marketing. Exhibitors need to take the time to talk to spectators, engage them, draw them in, charm them with your cat. Judges need to take the opportunity to relate to the audience, reach out to spectators, let them ask questions, draw them in. After all, it is a cat show. Keep in mind that the show hall experience for spectators may be the first and only time they see why we love what we do. We have to have the mindset that every spectator is a potential new fancier. They also may choose to be the next new exhibitor and if we're lucky at all, they're the next new breeder. We have a strategic plan and there are lots of things that we need to execute, but above all we need to understand that we are all a part of this and we have to do our part. This is a call to action for each and every one of us.

Thank You!

The Budget Committee

Mathew Wong

Allene Tartaglia

Rich Mastin

Kathy Calhoun

**Thanks to Each and Every One of You for your
Dedication to CFA and Your Beautiful Cats**

Calhoun: So, with that, because I have been told “too many slides,” I want to thank the Budget Committee. [cellphone rings] I've got a line item for that. Where's the money? \$10. Call them out, point them out. I'll be making the rounds. So, I want to thank the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee works really hard on these numbers every, single month. Matthew Wong in Hong Kong, he couldn't be with us this weekend, but I want to thank Matthew, I want to thank Allene and I want to thank Rich, who really, really work hard. [cellphone rings] What is that? Delegate Mathis? We take credit cards, cash, checks, whatever you've got. **Mathis:** A little help with the budget. **Calhoun:** Thank you.



*Registration
Do It For Me!*

Calhoun: I also want to thank all of you, and I'm going to call you – we are all the Chief Operating Faces of CFA. We are the front line, and Team Purr. Thank you very much. Registration – do it for me! Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you Kathy. Just a reminder, go ahead and turn all your phones back on. [laughter] I'll be happy to run around the room. Russell, you can take over.

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

Mastin: Our next item on the agenda is the Pre-Noticed Resolutions. Note you may need to wake up your clicker. To do so, press any button and you will see an R indicating it's ready.

PROPOSED SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

***[Secretary's Note:** Delegate names and the club names which those delegates represent have been taken from the official delegate registration list. Non-delegate statements are out of order and have not been included in this transcript.]*

– 10 – Southern Dixie Cat Club; Southeastern Persian Society

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules – Article IV – LICENSING THE SHOW, Paragraph 4.03.e, regarding releasing traditional show dates for one year, as follows:

- 4.03** No show license shall be denied because the same date has been scheduled by one or more other clubs with the following exceptions: a. No other show within the same region will be licensed on the weekend as a regional show held in conjunction with a region's annual awards ceremony.

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e. Clubs that hold traditional dates and do not plan to hold a show for one year should let the Show Scheduling Committee know as soon as possible. The club must notify CFA at least 100 days in advance of their date that they will not produce show that year. The date will be considered "vacant" for the one year only and will become available to the region or other club(s) for a one-time only show date. With the permission of the Show Scheduling Committee, another club may hold a one-time only show on the vacant weekend. When a traditional date is released 120 days or fewer before the traditional weekend, a club with permission to assume that weekend will be given a two week grace period on penalty fees for late licensing (90 day penalty would apply at 76 days from the show date, the 60 day penalty on day 46, etc.).

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RATIONALE: In the last few years, a number of clubs have not held shows on their traditional weekends, but have not freed the dates for use by other clubs. As a result, there have been significant holes in the show schedule even when there are clubs seeking dates to hold shows. Freeing a traditional weekend for a year will not cause a club to lose that weekend for future years. By freeing up the date for one year use by others, the club helps other clubs seeking a show date and provides benefit to CFA exhibitors seeking shows.

A club stepping in to fill another club's weekend for one year may have limited time to confirm show hall and judges. The fourteen day waiver of late licensing penalties in this instance acknowledges this challenge, as well as the benefit to CFA for the show to be produced.

Mastin: Hi Laurie. You are presenting #10? Great, go ahead. **Laurie Coughlan [Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers; Global Egyptian Mau Society]:** This proposal is to amend Article IV – Licensing a Show, Paragraph 4.03.e. regarding releasing traditional show dates for one year, as follows. Basically what it says is, the club must notify CFA at least 100 days in advance of their date that they will not produce the show that year. Following on that, when a traditional date is released 120 days or fewer before the traditional weekend, a club with permission to assume that weekend will be given a two week grace period on penalty fees for late licensing. Now this, as everything else in the universe, goes back to COVID. It kind of made a mess of our show schedule. We have a lot of clubs that have not been able to put on shows and there are a bunch of newer clubs who want these show dates and just haven't gotten their act together. All this is asking is that instead of having huge holes in our show schedule, and a bunch of frustrated clubs trying to put on shows, and a bunch of exhibitors looking for shows say the third weekend of April at the end of the show year but not finding them, this is to encourage clubs who can't use their year to surrender the date in enough time for other clubs to make use of them and because those clubs making use have limited time, giving them a grace period of 14 days on those fees for filing late. This provides licensed shows to give CFA income, it provides new clubs an opportunity, it provides exhibitors with more shows and does not require the traditional club to release the date. So, this is why this is proposed.

Mastin: The proposal is open for discussion. Anybody want to speak on this? **Mary Auth [Pfanciers United For Fun, Inc.]:** I'm in support of this. As the Vice-Chair of the Show Scheduling Committee we had a couple of instances in the last year where we could not approve shows because traditional show dates were on a particular date and that traditional show said they were going to put on a show and then didn't, and it took up a weekend where we could have had a show and some CFA presence in a certain area, so I would support this. **Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club; German Catwalk]:** Unfortunately, this goes for all of CFA and I know that I take hits for bringing up things for Region 9, but we still have some special considerations to where we cannot always get traditional shows and the show dates taken care of. This does not give us the opportunity to manage the shows within our own region, and we do not come under the Show Scheduling Committee, so I am very torn. I would like to see this but it will not work for us. **Barbara Schreck [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats]:** I'm not against this particularly, but I was just curious. What if that traditional show date club doesn't have a show and doesn't report that they're not going to have a show. What do you do then? **Mastin:** Laurie, I'm going to have you do closing comments. You can address any questions at that time. **Mike Shelton [Los Colores Cat Club]:** If any club does not notify CFA as per the show rule, a protest can be filed against them for violation of a show rule, just like violation of any other show rule.

Mastin: Any further comments? OK Laurie, please come up. **Coughlan:** I appreciated Mike's comment just then because I am thinking of this as an advisory move to encourage rather than something that would cause clubs to have penalties. However, I do still think that even if only as a matter of courtesy to each other, that clubs would make an effort to report 100 days in advance that they're not having a show. Of course, we all know that you can lose a show hall or something can happen as an emergency basis. This is not meant to be punitive, it's meant to increase communication and give more opportunity. **Mastin:** Laurie, thank you. Now I'm opening the proposal for a vote. Please cast your votes. Ten seconds. Please close voting. 322 total votes. 217 yes votes, 105 no votes. This passes by 2/3. The Chair of Show Rules has

informed me this will come before the board in October and he will fix or address any concerns with the penalty.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 10				
322 Delegates Registered	217	105	0	322

Carried by 2/3.

Mastin: Before we move on, I have an announcement. If you have requested awards and have not picked them up, please do so before you leave the room.

– 11 – *German Phoenix - Cat Friends Europe; Palatina Blue Cat Club; American Shorthair Lovers of Europe*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, ARTICLE V – ANNOUNCING THE SHOW/SHOW FLYER, Paragraph 5.01, to require that the printed show flyer be provided in both English and the applicable local language, as follows:

5.01 There must be a printed show flyer published on the CFA website no less than 30 days prior to the show. ~~and it~~ It must be written in English and, if applicable, also in the language of the country where the show will be held. The show flyer must include the following:

RATIONALE: This rule has probably been in place since shows were held only in the USA/North America. In Europe, Asia and even China we have hundreds of different languages. In order to provide equal opportunity for all exhibitors to enter a show, the show flyer must be written in English along with any other local language.

Mastin: #11 has been withdrawn. Is that correct? **Alice Rosol [German Phoenix - Cat Friends Europe; Palatina Blue Cat Club]:** It's correct and we are giving a revised submission from the floor. It will be almost the same but in a little different word writing, so we can rely on the original. **Mastin:** OK, thank you.

Withdrawn.

– 12 – *Saintly City Cat Club; Twin City Cat Fanciers; Cats of Wisconsin Cat Club; Cenla Cat Fanciers; Illini Cat Club; Pfanciers United for Fun, Inc.; World Wide Feline Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules – ARTICLE IX – PROCEDURES PRIOR TO BENCHING/CHECK-IN, Paragraph 9.08, to focus on the judging of cats, by the addition of subparagraph q. as follows:

9.08. q. Decorations in rings and on the judging tables must not block the view of seated or standing spectators from observing the judging of cats, or cats in cages behind the judge. Decorations may not be taller than the judging platform (approximately 12 inches) nor can they interfere with work space of the judge or ring clerk. Decorative items must be movable to allow for repositioning or

removal if they interfere with the work of the judges or ring clerks, or if deemed to be visual obstacles for spectators.

RATIONALE: The most important things one should see in a judging ring are the judge, the cat being judged, and the cats in the cages behind the judge. Decorations may be placed in many other places, such as the front vertical plane of the table, at the entrance to the show hall, on an information table, and other locations around the show hall as permitted by the facility. This allows many options for themed decorations. Focus of judging rings is the cats and judging.

Mastin: OK, #12. **Bobbie Weihrauch [Saintly City Cat Club]:** Resolved, [reads]. The reason this is brought forward is because the decorations at a number of shows have become very elaborate and the spectators watching the judging can't see the judge or the cat well. They sometimes are very distracting to the cats and you can't see the cats in the cages.

Barbara Schreck [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats]: Mary K isn't here so I'm taking her place. Anyway, I agree with this in theory, but there's a number of things that concern me. If this is an issue with a judge, you can simply ask the clerk to move the items. We don't really need another show rule full of minutia. **Dennis Ganoe [For the Love of Cats Cat Fanciers; LaPerm Society of America]:** I have an issue with the approximate 12 inches of the judging table height. We have a large variety of sizes of judges. Some of us need shorter tables, all the way down to just a mat, so if you have any decoration more than paper thin, it will be higher than the height of the judging surface. This is just another way to cause a protest to be filed.

Mastin: Bobbie, would you like to come up and do closing comments? **Weihrauch:** I don't need to. **Mastin:** OK, discussion has ended. I'm going to call for the vote. Please cast your vote. Ten seconds. Please close the vote. Total 326, yes 39, no 287. The proposal fails.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 12				
326 Delegates Registered	39	287	0	326

Failed.

– 13 – *International Toybob Cat Club*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules – Article XI – DURING THE SHOW – JUDGING AND AWARDS, Paragraph 11.16, to ensure fewer cats miss finals and to help save judges from having to take the time to find additional cats for their finals or having to void wins, by adding a third paragraph as follows:

11.16 The judge is in complete charge of his ring. He will make every effort to adhere strictly to the published show schedule. Judges are not encouraged to judge classes in advance of the schedule and must not do so except in an emergency as provided in rule 11.05, with public announcement of any change made to the exhibitors well in advance.

Class judging takes priority over finals except in cases of an emergency, i.e. a judge is put in a position of missing their plane, and needs cats from another ring(s) to complete their finals. In this

case the show manager is to be notified by the judge requesting a change in schedule (see show rule 11.05) so this can be arranged. It will be expected that the judge doing their finals in this situation will do so in a timely manner so not to hold up class judging unduly in the other ring(s).

In the event a judge is required to postpone his finals, the numbers assigned to the cats included in the final shall be announced or they shall be posted in the ring at the time the final should have been conducted.

RATIONALE: Because of the increasing number of judges' finals that need to be postponed due to scheduling conflicts (especially prevalent in six-ring shows), exhibitors (particularly new or inexperienced ones) may easily forget that a particular judge has not yet conducted a final that may include their cat.

This change will help exhibitors stay on top of where they are in every ring, and it will also save judges from having to find an additional cat to use or to void a final win. It will help ensure that the cats that each judge determines to be the most deserving receive their award, despite inexperience, confusion, or language challenges, on the part of the exhibitor.

Mastin: #13. Meg Lambert [International Toybob Cat Club]: This is, resolved to [reads]. What we're adding is, *In the event a judge is required to postpone his finals, the numbers assigned to the cats included in the final shall be announced or they shall be posted in the ring at the time the final should have been conducted.* Beyond the rationale that's in the booklet, it also – I just lost my train of thought – new exhibitors and younger exhibitors. If we are attracting younger exhibitors who are not experienced in the cat fancy, this may be a great help to them because it gets confusing. In Region 1, as shows get smaller, we have had lots of shows where some judges had to do almost all their finals at the end of the day and so we are concerned that new exhibitors in particular may miss out on a final. So, that is additional rationale. **Mastin:** OK, thank you.

Karen Thomas [Star City Cat Fanciers]: As a clerk, I'm going to say I don't like this. I don't want to have to put numbers up and then take them back down. It takes awhile to figure a final, and what about finals that have three parts? Have I got to put up all the numbers for all the parts? So, please vote no. **Tyler Deel [Triple Crown Cat Fanciers; Ohio State Persian]:** I have no real problem with this rule. However, the only additional change/suggestion would be, don't post them in the rings. Those already get crowded enough. Maybe on a wall by the litter or a door somewhere so that people go crowd elsewhere instead of making an already difficult situation to get in and out of rings more difficult. **Mastin:** Thank you Tyler. Meg, you will have closing comments and you can address all the questions then. **Valori Trantanella [Tonkinese Breed Association]:** As a clerk of many years, I don't need 87 questions, "Was I in? Was I out?" We can announce it, but the verbiage that states the whole business about having them posted, the way it's written I urge you to vote no. It will create a lot of pandemonium, as the previous gentleman said. **Laurie Coughlan [Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers; Global Egyptian Mau Society]:** I have gone to at least six shows in the last year where people have left and missed finals. Usually they were less experienced exhibitors, but sometimes they were very experienced exhibitors whose final was supposed to be first in the day and it ended up being last, and they lost track. All you have to do is take a magic marker and an 8-1/2 x 11 sheet of paper and write the numbers down and go stick them on a mike stand or a designated place in the show hall. It doesn't have to cause crowding in the ring, but when someone misses their very first final and finds out later, they're embarrassed, they are upset and they don't come back. So, this is a very

simple thing to encourage exhibitors and it doesn't have to cause disruption. They don't have to be in order, they just have to be numbers. **Alene Shafnisky [Crab and Mallet Cat Club; Turkish Angora Fanciers International]:** I'll start with, I don't support this. I understand that there are ways to make this work, but I really think that – no one is going to like this, but there is some responsibility involved in showing. You've got to keep track of things and watch your schedule, but also I would not support this in any form if it didn't also come with a rule about exiting the show hall before show hours, because I'm afraid that people are going to use this to leave the show hall as soon as they can, and when that happens we have spectators and we have empty cages all over the room, and that's really not a good look for us.

Mastin: Meg, do you have closing comments? **Lambert:** Firstly, it reads, *cats included in the final shall be announced or – not and, or – or they shall be posted in the ring at the time the final should have been conducted.* As far as people leaving the show hall ahead of time, if they're not there and these were posted or announced, well OK, yeah, then they lose their win. I don't follow that argument. The other thing is, yes there is responsibility but a lot of us – I think you asked the question, how many people weren't born 40 years ago and there were very few. Most of us are getting older and we've been showing for years and years and years. We understand this, but with the smaller shows it's getting more and more problematic and new people will accidentally leave. It happened at the Brockport show and the person was embarrassed and they were upset. Toybobs – I represent the Toybob club – our vice-president works in marketing. We see ourselves as we are pursuing championship as marketable and we're getting people interested, and younger people in the breed possibly because of the appearance of the breed. We really feel that this can only help exhibitors, and there's no harm in being kind, even though we all know, yes there is some responsibility but our feeling is, give them a break. Thank you. **Mastin:** Meg, thank you for your comments. Discussion has ended. Please open the vote. Ten seconds. Closing the voting please. 323 total votes, 124 yes votes, 199 no votes. The proposal fails.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 13				
323 Delegates Registered	124	199	0	323

Failed.

– 14 – *Southern Dixie Cat Club; Southeastern Persian Society*

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

11.24 Disqualified by the judge.

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c. A judge must disqualify and dismiss from his ring any cat or kitten that bites, cannot be judged in the judging ring, or that is, in his/her judgment, behaving in a recalcitrant or threatening manner. This rule does not apply to cats after the completion of judging of color classes. When a judge makes a disqualification based on having in fact been bitten, the judge shall record on the judging

color class sheet “DISQ/BITE,” otherwise indicate just DISQ if the disqualification is based on recalcitrant or threatening behavior. (See paragraphs 11.19.c and 11.19.d). “BITE” shall not be recorded in instances in which the cat was not behaving in a recalcitrant manner, for example when the cat hits a hand when attempting to grab a toy. Judges shall have discretion to not record BITE if there are extenuating circumstances that cause a fear response in the cat – e.g., fire alarms going off, cages falling over, or extreme public address system feedback.

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

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RATIONALE: Cats that deliberately bite need to be removed from the show hall, but allowing the DISQ/BITE to be used when not appropriate opens the door to very inappropriate and unfair results. One should not be allowed to say, “That cat was thinking of biting me, and so I gave him DISQ/BITE”. There is a difference between a cat that is indeed recalcitrant and dangerous to others and a cat that goes for a toy and gets a hand by mistake, or a cat that is on the table that responds in fear when something scary happens, like cages falling over, public address systems shrieking, or the cat next door having a loud meltdown. Cats should be handled with understanding of their natural responses to scary situations. This amendment allows judges discretion to excuse incidents that are not the result of recalcitrant behavior, but rather of extenuating circumstance.

Mastin: #14. **Laurie Coughlan [Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers; Global Egyptian Mau Society]:** Someone has to take Mary’s place. **Mastin:** Do you want to sit closer to the microphone? **Coughlan:** I’m done with this one. This one won’t take long. Resolved, [reads]. This amendment was designed to give judges permission and discretion. Sometimes, things happen in the show hall that are not the cat’s fault. A cat blows up next to it while the cat is on the table, cages fall over, the PA system squawks, somebody drives a Zamboni by in the ice rink. When a cat responds in fear to something like that, it is not predictive of how that cat will be in the future on the judge’s table. It is not necessary a recalcitrant cat. The whole purpose of this was to make sure judges knew they had discretion, depending on the circumstances and were not stuck by that “must”. Because the wording was apparently inadequate and people are taking this as maybe disrespectful of judges or whatever, that’s not what was intended so this is being withdrawn, due to the poor wording. **Mastin:** Laurie, thank you.

Withdrawn.

– 15 – *Saintly City Cat Club; Twin City Cat Fanciers; Cats of Wisconsin Cat Club; Cenla Cat Fanciers; Illini Cat Club; Pfanciers United for Fun, Inc.; Show Me Cat Fanciers; World Wide Feline Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules – ARTICLE XI – DURING THE SHOW – JUDGING AND AWARDS, by the addition of a new Paragraph 11.39, to eliminate disturbing noise and distraction during a show, as follows:

11.39 Ring activities in which noise or crowding is generated, such as presentation of finals, cat costume and/or stuffed toy contests must be respectful of judges, cats and exhibitors benched nearby. A representative of the club should direct spectators on the appropriate responses such as applause

and/or raising of hands instead of cheering and yelling. Minimize loud noise and remind spectators to keep an open pathway to prevent blockage of aisles.

RATIONALE: As attendance at cat shows has increased, so have numbers of observers of events taking place in the rings. Along with this, blockage of pathways to and from rings has become problematic, creating safety hazards for people moving about the area and delays for cats getting to other rings. In addition, often near-deafening levels of crowd noise during these activities is uncomfortable to many exhibitors and frightening to cats. These distractions inadvertently result in excess stress to cats in competition. Judging in other rings frequently pauses during these activities because the extreme noise level and crowding makes it difficult to continue judging. These delays can lead to running past advertised show hours, which exhibitors rely upon to schedule travel after the show. The addition of this show rule facilitates safe and pleasant surroundings for cats and people.

Mastin: Proposal #15? **Bobbie Weihrauch [Saintly City Cat Club]:** Resolved, [reads]. I'm going to let you guys read what it says, rather than go through it all, and just talk about the rationale a little bit. We're doing a lot of the shows to attract spectators, and some of those activities are very noise generating. I've clerked a number of times when, say, a costume contest was going on in another ring and the clerks couldn't get the cats to the ring. Cats that were benched near the costume contest get upset from the noise. This show rule that is proposed is simply to try to control excess noise and keep the show professional and the way we want people to look at cats and the cat fancy. There are ways like clapping hands or raising your hand rather than screaming and hollering and making a racket.

Mastin: The proposal is open for discussion. **Pam Moser [Greater NW Cat Fanciers; Lewis & Clark LH Specialty]:** If clubs would use their discretion and when you're having a cat costume contest, you just don't continue judging. I know that's what we do at our shows. The cat costume contest is really popular. The gate loves it. We get so many people around the ring when we have that contest. If you just tell all the judges to take a 30 minute break, the cats stay in their cage and everybody's happy, so I can't support this. **Stephanie Grady [Constitution City LH Club; Russian Blue Fanciers]:** CFA is the gold standard, as we know, for the organizations who register pedigreed cats. We really are the gold standard. That means we have the highest and strictest standards for our cats. There's excellent and outstanding grooming, and they usually are impeccable. I think that some of the stuff that we're talking about brings a circus to our shows. I understand it's entertaining, but what we really need to consider is decorum and grace when we're showing our cats. The screaming, yelling and crowding that we're talking about is not worth the entertainment. We're really there for the cats. I urge you to vote for this amendment. **Siim Koppel [Nashville Cat Club]:** I think we should have some type of rule around it, but it must be more of, if we have a costume contest it's always happening at noon and all the judging will stop for that time; meaning that, everybody can participate. They don't have to be in other rings, which means that there's more cats actually available. So, I would vote no for that. **Dennis Ganoë [For the Love of Cats Cat Fanciers; LaPerm Society of America]:** Be careful what you ask for in a show rule, because every one of your show rules can be used as the basis for a protest. What may be loud and boisterous to one person could be considered subtle by others. This is a very subjective rule and it is because of that, subjective to interpretation and I don't think we need to do that, especially in light of our diminishing revenue and the shrinking of the fancy. We need to do whatever we can to encourage participation. If that means a little inconvenience because of some noise, so be it. I would vote against this. **Mike Altschul [Coastal Cat Club; Happy Alternative Cat Club]:** You all probably know that I'm a major

proponent of having cat costume contests and other activities, to engage our guests at the cat shows. A lot of clubs who didn't want to do that found out that over half the gate comes from something of entertainment value. Our younger people tell me that watching cats being judged is like watching paint dry. However, that's not always true, but that's what they tell me. If you talk to your customers, and we've got to talk to our customers, you're going to find out that the world has changed and decorum is important. I'm a traditionalist. I started showing in 1972, a long time ago, but we do need the revenue. Just the shows that I worked with last year got \$656,000 in gate revenue. Most of that revenue came in because of cat costume contests. There's other contests, too. There's stuffed animals and other things. However, if a club wants to do a show of hands, that's working very well in many shows. It depends on the size of the show. Like Pam said, if you break and nobody else is judging, it's no big deal really, but with a 225 cat show like we had in Houston the last couple years, we had an extra ring going with the cat costume contest while the judging was going on or we would have been there until 8:00 at night. So, I don't have a problem necessarily with this amendment, but please realize that we're in the 21st century. I'm not trying to demean anybody here, and times have changed. Our young market that we don't have a lot of in this room, if we want to revitalize CFA, we need to do it through bringing in younger people. Tongue in cheek, heaven forbid that we have too much fun at a cat show. **Karen Thomas [Star City Cat Fanciers]:** Let me point out that it also says finals. Do you guys want to be told you can't clap at a final? Because that's what this says. **Mastin:** I know you said you were done, but go ahead. That's OK. **Laurie Coughlan [Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers; Global Egyptian Mau Society]:** I've been inspired. I am a big proponent of education rings. I thoroughly approve of education in certain numbers of contests and things to draw in the public, but let us go back to why we are here. If my DM'ing cat in a litter is blown by someone shrieking to support a cat in a clown costume or my kitten at its first show is terrified because we are benching by a ring where the costume contest is, I'm not coming back. You lose a lot of money if you lose me as an exhibitor. It's the cats being scared. It really is not that difficult, if you have a separate ring back away from most of the cats, to ask the spectators not to shriek and things like that. I have had many bad experiences and I do want the public there and I do want them to have some spectacle, but my cat comes first and so do the cats of everyone else. So, I am supporting maybe not this specific amendment this time, but we do need to pay attention to this issue. **Leslie Carr [Cenla Cat Fanciers; Classy Cats Society]:** I understand the problem that people have with these various things, but I have a problem with the way this thing is worded. The first thing it refers to is finals, then it goes on to say cat costume contest, etc. I want to be able to scream during a final. I want to be able to scream and applaud if a cat grands, if a cat DM's it's parent or whatever. If it's somebody's first final ever, I don't want to take that away. That was the first point. The second one is, it refers to educating the spectators. How are you going to enforce this? Because we can handle everything we want, but how are we going to get the spectators, who are the ones making the majority of the noise, be quiet? You can't protest them. They cannot be held to a CFA show rule. They walk in to see a CFA cat show and enjoy themselves. They should be allowed to enjoy themselves however they want. As somebody who works with new exhibitors, I am thrilled when I see them enjoying themselves, being loud, having fun. I don't want to take that away.

Mastin: Bobbie, will you please come up and do your closing comments? **Weihrauch:** I would just like to clarify that the intent of this rule wasn't to do away with any of these activities, it was just to respect our hobby, respect our cats and keep things under control. Don't get crowds all excited and hollering. Cheering for a final, clapping for a final, is a whole different thing than

the screaming that goes on at some of the contests, so we're not against any of the activities that are done to entertain the spectators. **Mastin:** Bobbie thank you. Discussion on this proposal is closed. Please open the voting and submit your vote. Ten seconds. Please close the voting. 324 total votes, 38 yes votes, 286 no votes. The proposal fails.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 15				
324 Delegates Registered	38	286	0	324

Failed.

– 16 – JA Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules – Article XX – RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHOW TREASURER – SHOW FEE PAYMENTS, Paragraph 20.03.a., to allow for an increase in judges payments, as follows:

20.03 Judging fees are as follows:

a. Approved judges will receive ~~\$1.25 per scheduled paid entry~~ a per-scheduled paid entry fee as described in the table below with no minimum.

<u>2025-2026 Show Season</u>	<u>\$1.30</u>
<u>2026-2027 Show Season</u>	<u>\$1.35</u>
<u>2027-2028 Show Season</u>	<u>\$1.40</u>
<u>2028-2029 Show Season</u>	<u>\$1.45</u>
<u>2029-2030 Show Season and beyond</u>	<u>\$1.50</u>

RATIONALE: CFA judging fees were last changed 16 years ago in 2008. Since then, the scope of shows has changed. In an effort to increase both show revenue and awareness of our breeds, clubs have added education and entertainment aspects to their shows for spectators and exhibitors. To assist with this outreach judges are now interacting more with spectators during judging and while performing other outreach activities, while continuing to handle cats in a respectful and professional manner.

Basing estimates on a 160 cat count show, this proposal would only increase fees by \$8 per ring the first year, and gradually increase fees to \$40 per ring by the 2029-2030 season. Adjusted for inflation, \$1.25 in 2008 is equal to \$1.83 in 2024.

Mastin: Proposal #16. **Ellyn Honey [International Havana Brown Society; JA Club]:** Hello everybody. #16, resolved [reads]. We are asking for a raise, bottom line, in the same value that we did 16 years ago. The rationale is, we haven't had a raise in 16 years. I know this is a bad year to be asking for it. We had no idea when we talked about this several years ago that we were going to be in the situation we are in, but if you look at the rationale, we did a little estimation. On a 160 count cat show, the proposal would only increase fees by \$8.00 per ring the first year and gradually increase fees to \$40 per ring by 2029-2030. Adjusted for inflation, \$1.25 in 2008 is equal to \$1.83 in 2024. I really do ask you to support us and support the judges in getting a small raise. Thank you.

Mastin: The proposal is open for discussion. **Jacqui Bennett [Oicats International; The Crafty Cat]:** The proposal as written, I want to remind people who are concerned about clubs needing to make money. I don't know any of my colleagues who don't donate back when we can. Everybody in this cat fancy is very generous. We're still going to do our very best to support the clubs and do the very, very best we can, but people don't seem to realize that judging doesn't start at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m., it's days at airports, it's being locked into places when you're delayed, it's being on your feet, it's 10,000-12,000 steps a day, and you know what? We're getting old, too. This is \$8 per ring and, as Mike said – [phone rings]. **Mastin:** Jacqui, can you hang on a second. We have a situation over there. Did a phone go off? <yes> So, when Laurie comes back in, Kathy you need to collect the money. She went out of the room, so when she comes back in. Jacqui, my apologies for the interruption. I did not start it. **Bennett:** I don't even know where I was. Please support this. [laughter and applause] **Desiree Bobby [Sphynx Without Borders; World Lykoi Association]:** While it's truly commendable that the discussion around raising judges' fees is being considered, it's important to highlight that an increase of 5¢ per cat falls significantly short of addressing the evolving demands of the judges. With shows attracting larger audiences and judges also now having to be entertainers and educators with the spectators, a more substantial compensation adjustment, in my opinion, is warranted. Considering that judges have not seen an increase in their fees for 16 years – and mind you that this is the first time that I have read this, and I am shocked – perhaps a more significant initial raise followed by a gradual, incremental adjustment could better reflect their dedication and expanded responsibilities. Earlier we heard that we need to attract and retain more judges, so I think that prioritizing their wellbeing by offering fair compensation is essential, rather than relying on minimal fees and expecting them to increase their duties at the shows.

Mastin: Ellyn, there are no further people at the mike. Do you want to add anything? **Honey:** No, I don't. **Mastin:** OK, the discussion on the proposal has ended. Please open the vote and submit your vote. Ten seconds. Please close the voting. Total 324 votes, 255 yes, 69 no. **Honey:** Thank you, thank you. **Mastin:** The proposal passes. **Honey:** Thank you. We appreciate your respect.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 16				
324 Delegates Registered	255	69	0	324

Carried.

– 17 – JA Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules – Article XX – RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHOW TREASURER – SHOW FEE PAYMENTS, Paragraph 20.03.g., to allow for fees for additional responsibilities, as follows:

20.03 Judging fees are as follows:

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g. The fees for ~~Best of the Bests~~ judging additional responsibilities are as follows:

<u>Best of the best judging</u>	<u>\$20 per class</u>
<u>Kittens</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
<u>Premiership</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
<u>Championship</u>	<u>\$60.00</u>
<u>Household Pets</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
<u>Costume Contests</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
<u>Super Specialty Rings</u>	<u>\$10.00 per additional final</u>
<u>Bay Check in</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
<u>OCP Rings</u>	<u>\$10.00 per additional final</u>
<u>Breed Summit</u>	<u>\$10.00 per additional final</u>

These Other Activity fees may be negotiated directly between the club and the judge.

RATIONALE: Over the past several years, CFA clubs have worked hard to discover more ways of outreach to spectators and exhibitors. A large portion of these outreach efforts rely on our CFA judges, who accommodate these requests in addition to handling their contracted duties of professionally handling and evaluating the cats in competition. We feel that it is reasonable for a judge to be compensated for these additional duties when the club asks for him or her to do so.

Additionally, we believe that the current fee schedule for best of the best judging is illogical and that compensation for judging should be the same across classes.

Mastin: Proposal #17. **Ellyn Honey [International Havana Brown Society; JA Club]:** This is another amendment to the show rules, Article XX – Responsibilities of Show Treasurer. Basically, we are looking at fees for additional types of classes. Costume contests \$20, Super Specialty Rings \$10. This is additional, because we are doing additional finals. Bay check-in \$20, and if you have ever done bay check-in it's not easy. It takes a long time. OCP rings \$10 per additional final, Breed Summit \$10 for additional finals. I want you to know that other activity fees may be negotiated directly between the club and the judge. Our rationale, I'm retired now but all of our judges are doing more and more finals. We have more to do. We used to be able to do 7 finals as a specialty judge. Anymore, we always have more to do. As the people that wrote this, we feel that we should be paid in accordance with more finals being more work. **Dennis Ganoë [For the Love of Cats Cat Fanciers; LaPerm Society of America]:** I do want to point out that this is not a new show rule, this is a modification of an existing show rule. Speaking for myself, when this came up among judges for discussion, I did not know this existed and I have judged a lot of costume contests and OCP rings and super specialties, not knowing there was actually a fee schedule for it. I propose that we codify all the costume contests again and I urge the delegation to vote in favor of this. Thank you. **John Colilla [Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers; Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers]:** I started paying the judges extra when we first started the super specialty. I told them to put down extra money for that, \$20 extra. If it's a single one, put \$10 extra. It's just the cost of doing business.

Mastin: Ellyn, do you have any closing comments? **Honey:** I do not. **Mastin:** Discussion has ended. Please open the vote and submit your vote. Ten seconds. Please close the vote. Total votes 320, yes 242, no 78. The proposal passes.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 17				
320 Delegates Registered	242	78	0	320

Carried.

– 18 – German Phoenix - Cat Friends Europe; Palatina Blue Cat Club; American Shorthair Lovers of Europe; Rolandus Cat Club; Jardin Des Korats; Khao Manee Cat Club; Orange Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, ARTICLE XXVIII – OBTAINING TITLES – GRANDS, Paragraph 28.04.b., to reduce the grand point requirements for Region 9, as follows:

28.04 b. Grand Point Requirements for the Grand Champion and Grand Premier title are as shown in the following table based on location of cat ownership:

Country/Area	GC Points Required	GP Points Required
Regions 1-9 1-8 except as noted	200	75
Maritime Provinces of Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Hawaii, Russia east of the Ural Mountains, International Division (except Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, Vietnam, & Indonesia)	75	25
Hong Kong	125	75
Thailand, Indonesia	125	25
Malaysia, <u>Region 9 (except as noted)</u>	125	50
Ukraine	200	25
Taiwan and Vietnam	90	40

RATIONALE: Due to the dramatic global crises, the situation for Region 9 has developed significantly to the detriment of ID in particular. The requirements of 200/75 points to achieve a Grand title are no longer in proportion in terms of show count, number of shows and number of champions/premiers. For many exhibitors it is almost impossible to achieve a Grand title for their cats with reasonable financial means.

A reduction of the points to 125/50 for GC/GP would be a great show of support and appropriate appreciation for Region 9.

These Show statistics give the numbers for show season 2023-2024 through 11/19/23

	Shows			
	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021/Covid

USA/Canada	54	114	108	16
Japan	11	16	22	12
Europe/R9	4	15	14	3
China	16	26	26	24
Asia	34	73	37	3
AB Championship Count				
USA/Canada	2570	6023	6268	1147
Japan	588	892	1110	568
Europe/R9	174	819	876	78
China	494	1917	666	880
Asia	1351	3542	1698	78
AB Premiership Count				
USA/Canada	1594	3358	3014	500
Japan	205	325	356	147
Europe/R9	23	198	118	43
China	219	166	261	200
Asia	484	889	47224	
All Grand Champions Count				
USA/Canada	225	490	814	110
Japan	37	59	129	36
Europe/R9	19	75	113	2
China	33	86	30	29
Asia	160	354	194	2

Mastin: Proposal #18. This proposal is out of order because it fails to accurately reflect the existing show rule. China is not included in the first row of the table. The sponsoring clubs may decide to amend the proposal to correct this defect. If they do, the vote on the amended proposal may pass by more than 50% and would be advisory only. **Raymond:** The way it's currently written, it's out of order. **Mastin:** It was ruled out of order.

Out of Order.

– 19 – *German Phoenix – Cat Friends Europe; UK Cat Fanciers; Palatina Blue Cat Club; American Shorthair Lovers of Europe*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, ARTICLE XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, AWARDS Section, Regional Awards subsection, Regional Definition paragraph, to allow points earned by Region 9 exhibitors outside of Region 9 to count for regional awards in Region 9, as follows:

Regional Awards

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Regional Definition: Regions are based on the regions listed in CFA’s bylaws. To the extent not already provided in the bylaws, regional assignments for scoring purposes may be made from time to time by the CFA Executive Board. To date, the CFA Board has ruled that exhibitors whose principal residence is in either Puerto Rico or the Bahamas will be scored in the Southern region.

Each CFA region, as well as Hawaii and the International Division presents its own set of awards based on the points a cat receives using the rules outlined in the “Scoring” section, with the following exceptions:

1. All regional awards given in regions 1-7 and region 9 are based only on points earned in regions 1-7 and region 9 by exhibitors residing in regions 1-7 and region 9. Cats/kittens/household pets may be shown in more than one of these regions and the points earned in shows outside the owner’s region of residence will be included in the scoring process. No cat/kitten/household pet may receive awards in more than one of these regions. Points at the CFA International show may also be used toward these awards.
2. ...
3. All awards given in Hawaii ~~or Region 9~~ are based only on points earned in Hawaii ~~or Region 9~~ by exhibitors residing in ~~those areas, respectively.~~ this area. Points at the CFA International show may also be used toward these awards.

RATIONALE: Regions 1-9 compete together for NW and BW awards. Shows in region 9 are going down, and we have lost several countries where shows were formerly held. The show season in region 9 does not usually begin until September or sometimes October. Many exhibitors and breeders must travel to shows in the USA in order to compete for NW and BW awards. We support cat shows in the USA in this way, but the points our cats achieve do not count for our regional wins. This seems unfair as we are still part of regions 1-9. We understand that region 8 has a unique situation as well due to quarantine, but region 8 cannot be fairly compared to region 9. Region 8 has more shows, many more judges and more clerks, allowing them to be more independent from the other regions.

Mastin: We’re going on to Proposal #19. **Alice Rosol [German Phoenix - Cat Friends Europe; Palatina Blue Cat Club]:** Resolved, [reads]. It’s concerning us that Region 9 exhibitors who are in Region 1-9 cannot earn regional points when they attend shows in the United States. We don’t feel like this is very fair for Region 9 exhibitors. We want to change this. Sorry, when I’m not so fluently speaking, it’s the first time I am making this proposal. I’m not a native speaker. OK, so the proposal is that [reads]. So, this would make it possible that exhibitors who travel here to the States and attend shows be part of the CFA family and earn the points for the regional awards. The other changes, they also will earn points at the CFA

International Show. This should be good for all other regions, like for exhibitors from Europe who are coming and also from the ID and also for exhibitors who are coming from Regions 1-7 and Region 9. The exception of course stays the same for Japan because there are certain circumstances with traveling there and quarantine restrictions, so that should stay. The rationale, everybody can read in the paper and you can support our desire for this change. Thank you.

Carissa Altschul [Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Land of Oz Cat Club]: I am actually in support of this, but I just want to warn to beware of the law of unintended consequences. I believe that this rule actually came into place as a request of exhibitors of Region 9, because what this will do is, it means the people who can afford to fly to Regions 1-7 will be the ones who can get the most points, so it definitely puts a very large deficit for those who cannot afford to fly to Regions 1-7. For those who didn't understand what she was explaining, and I can't imagine trying to explain all that in another language, right now you can only get a Region 9 regional win with points won in Region 9. So, if a cat wins points in Regions 1-7 and is sold to an exhibitor in Region 9, those points do not transfer. The grand points do, but not the regional points. If we vote this up, then exhibitors in Region 9 can be like any other region (except for Region 8) and buy a cat from Regions 1-7 that has already got a significant number of points and bring it into Region 9, show it once in Region 9 and get a Region 9 regional win. I'm fine with that. I just want to make sure that European exhibitors are aware of what they are opening up to. **Dennis Ganoe [For the Love of Cats Cat Fanciers; LaPerm Society of America]:** I do have a couple of historical comments. Years ago when we first started doing national awards, even in Regions 1-7 we had a point where a cat would get a national win but wouldn't be ranked in their region because they moved out of their region to show. Being on the west coast, that's generally how cats from the Northwest Region get national wins is, they're on the road the whole time. They may have one or two shows in our region, but we have a show rule that requires them to show once in the region, to get a regional win. I think this is just fair to all regions that if you're going to travel and pay to go somewhere else to get a national award, those points should count all the way down into your region, as well. I think it's just fair. **Ulrike Knueppel [American Shorthair Lovers of Europe; UK Cat Fanciers]:** I think since we are in Region 9 it would be really fair to have the possibility to get the regional points also when we are showing in Region 1-7. I think there are always people who are saying, only the ones who can afford it can do that, but you here in the USA, when you are traveling from east to west, from Region 1 to every other region, you also have to afford that. So, I think this is a really good reason to think about the situation and I really would like to see that you will support us. Thank you. **Kate Sain [Cow Hill Cat Club; Diamond State Cat Fanciers]:** I am fully in support of this proposal. However, as written I can't support it because I would like to see it work in reverse. If an exhibitor here in Regions 1-7 travels and exhibits in Region 9, they should be able to keep those points toward their regional win here, as well. **Mastin:** Pam, if you want to address the question, you can at the mike when I call on you. **Alene Shafnisky [Crab and Mallet Cat Club; Turkish Angora Fanciers International]:** Let's face it. Cat world, dog world, horse world, if you have money you have a better chance of winning. You can buy a better animal, you can travel to more places. As far as I'm concerned, if these people are going to take the initiative to fly all the way over from Europe, yeah. I can drive to Region 1. I can drive to Region 4 and keep the points. It's a competition across the board. **Darrell Newkirk [Abyssinian Midwest Breeders; Victor Valley Cat Club]:** Folks, we're a global organization or we are a pretend global organization. These people that fly over here, they should get their points. It's only fair. Let's make it equal across the board. They're asking for this and I think you're wrong, Kate.

Whatever, OK. The way I read it is, it works both ways. Isn't that right, Ed? **Raymond:** Yes. If this change goes into effect, it will work both ways. **Newkirk:** Let's support this. Let's support our global clubs and our global breeders. They deserve it.

Mastin: Before I call on Alice to do closing comments, Show Rules Committee Chair stated if this proposal passes, this will work both ways. OK Alice, do you have closing comments? **Rosol:** I just want to add, because there was this argument and we have heard it in Region 9 very often – only people who can afford it can do it. I spend my money for my hobby. I don't have vacations, I don't have luxury. I spent my money for that, and if I'm showing in Region 9 I have to spend a lot of money to get a regional win. I have to fly to Finland, to Sweden. I went to Russia when it was possible, so I spent my money there. I think it's just a personal decision for what I spend my money. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you Alice. Discussion on the proposal has ended. We will open the voting. Please submit your vote. Ten seconds. We still have resolutions from the floor to do. Let me finish this vote and then you can come up, OK? Please close the vote. 324 total votes, 290 yes, 34 no. The proposal passes.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 19				
324 Delegates Registered	290	34	0	324

Carried.

Charlene Campbell: We're going to do the drawing for Breeder's Assistance. Thank you very much, this year we way broke last year's record. We have \$1,210 in the pot for you to win, so we collected \$2,420 for the animals. Pull out your raffle tickets for 50/50. The winner is Barbara Jaeger. **Mastin:** Barbara, congratulations on your big prize.

PROPOSED NON-SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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

None.

Patty Jacobberger [Las Vegas Cat Club; Twin Cities Cat Fanciers]: Mr. Chairman, may I have the floor? **Mastin:** Hi Patty. Did I say something wrong? **Jacobberger:** No, but may I have the floor anyway? **Mastin:** Yes. **Jacobberger:** The current keeper of the history of the Silver Slip of the Lip Club, which is a non-sanctioned CFA club that only meets at the annual meeting. It is a paper club of The Great Memory Bank Cat Club. Most of us are dead. We spend our time sitting in CFA Annual Meetings waiting for people to slip up. By the way, would the last three slipper uppers please join me? That would be Pam DelaBar, Jacqui Bennett and Tyler Deal. Besides Nancey Abbott and me, members have included Edna Field, Jeanne McPhee, Eve Russell, Joan Miller, Hazel Lindstrand, Dick Gebhardt, Joan Pocica, Linda Swope, Sharon Rogers, Tom Dent, and Alta Summerville, just to name but a few. As you have no doubt noted,

several of these people have passed over the Rainbow Bridge which leaves me the self-appointed President of the Great Memory Bank Cat Club, also an unsanctioned CFA club. am, at the end of this meeting, stepping down and will duly appoint another living member unless there is a coup. Slips of the Lips can be the result of a number of issues.

- Speaking too fast can lead to a lack of enunciation, articulation, and engaging tone. This can prevent your message from taking hold in your listener's mind. It can also result in the wrong word being substituted for the real word because they are so close linguistically, so sh-t = show.
- Alliteration or assonance which can lead to the erroneous substitution of the first letters of words spoken in the same sentence. Can you tell that one of my majors in college was linguistics?
- Nervousness can lead to dropped words and prepositions incorrectly uttered at the end of a sentence or the absurd utterance of unintended, yet hilariously funny statements.
- I'm sure there are others.

Here are some of the best Slips of the Lips from over the years:

- Tyler Deel, who while at the microphone debating a resolution under consideration by the delegation stated, "Tradition is nothing more than peer pressure from dead people!"
- Pam DelaBar, who while at the microphone discussing the fine points of hiring overseas judges stated, "For example the Australians often invite judges to judge and then sell them off!"
- Jacqui Bennett, who while at the microphone debating the fine points of a proposed resolution stated, "It is very difficult for someone in Georgia to know someone intimately in Europe!"
- Yours truly, who while at the microphone presenting a resolution proposed by the East Coast Burmese Cat Breeders, stated that the club was the "East Coast Burmese BAT Creeders."

There are more jewels. I can't remember what yours was, Nancy. It was too long ago. This is likely to be my last CFA Annual Meeting. Of course, I can always rescind that. Therefore, I need to name a successor to carry on the traditions of the Silver Slip of the Lip Club. I am therefore handing leadership over to Jacqui Bennett. May you live long and prosper, Jacqui.

Mastin: Thank you Patty. That was wonderful. Jacqui, congratulations.

(45) JUDGING PROGRAM REPORT.

Mastin: The next item on our agenda is the Judging Program Report, presented by Vicki Nye. **Nye:** Hello everyone. President Mastin, esteemed board members, delegates and spectators, thank you, on behalf of the Judging Program Committee, for the opportunity to address you regarding the work of the Committee. For those who do not know me, my name is Vicki Nye, and I am and Co-Chair of CFA's Judging Program.

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Vicki Nye
Co-Chair CFA Judging Program



Russell Webb
Co-Chair CFA Judging Program

Nye: I'd like to first introduce you to the members of the Judging Program Committee. As I call your name, would you please stand up and remain standing until the Committee is introduced. I would like to recognize you all for the time that you dedicate in your service to CFA's Judging Program and to CFA. Starting with my Co-Chair, Russell Webb.

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Rachel Anger
Advisor & Coordinator



Anne Mathis
Continuing Education & Associate
Judge Administrator

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



Nancy Dodds
File Administrator



Marilee Griswold
File Administrator

Nye: The next two individuals on the Judging Program Committee are File Administrators. Nancy Dodds, who is probably sequestered and busy tabulated the results for the election, and Marilee Griswold, work with our trainees and advancing judges, managing their journey through the Judging Program, now with 16 individuals under their guidance.



Wendy Heidt
Guest Judge Administrator



Barbara Jaeger
Breed Awareness & Orientation Schools

Nye: Wendy Heidt is the Guest Judging Program Administrator. Barbara Jaeger manages the Breed Awareness and Orientation Schools, and all the files and teaching materials associated with that role.



Leslie Carr
Application Administrator



Jodell Raymond
Application Administrator

Nye: Leslie Carr and Jodell Raymond are the exhibitor members of the Judging Program Committee. These two individuals are the Application Administrators, and are the first point of contact for applicants to CFA's Judging Program. Leslie interfaces with applicants from Regions 1 through 9, and Jodell manages the applications from China and the International Division. Thank you all. I am deeply indebted to you and your service to the Judging Program Committee.



Diana Rothermel
Judging Program Ombudsman

←
Diana will be stepping down from this role as she retires from the Judging Program.

Announcing
June 2024
Judging Program
Ombudsman



Carla Bizzell
Judging Program Ombudsman

Nye: When I came onto the Judging Program Committee in 2020, the first role I had to fill was that of Judging Program Ombudsman. Diana Rothermel graciously accepted that appointment and she has served this role for the past four years with fairness, integrity, and lots of time at the computer keyboard, responding to emails. Along with Diana's retirement from CFA's Judging Program, she will be stepping down from the role of Judging Program Ombudsman, but has agreed to stay on for a bit in our transition. I am delighted to announce that Carla Bizzell has agreed to take on this role and be a part of the Judging Program Committee.



Teresa Sweeney
Mentor Coordinator &
CFA Judging Program
Recruitment.

Nye: Last but not least is our Mentor Coordinator and head of CFA Judging Program's recruitment, Teresa Sweeney. In this day and age with our shrinking judging panel, Teresa has been proactive in her recruitment efforts, and also delivered training last night at our judges' workshop on How To Be An Effective Mentor. You will hear more about Teresa's role toward the end of this presentation when we talk about succession planning. My heartfelt thanks to each of you for all you do in keeping the Judging Program running smoothly.

Nye: Our Judging Program is second to none, and I would be negligent for not also thanking our President, Rich Mastin, Members of the Board, Central Office staff, show producing committees and clubs, exhibitors and CFA's Judging Panel. Without your input, cooperation and work, the Judging Program would not be able to function and move our Applicants through the Judging Program.

7/2023-6/2024 Welcome to the CFA Judging Program

Grace Cheung-- From Associate Judge LH -- Hong Kong -- Longhair Trainee
Alex Chunlap -- From Associate Judge LH -- Hong Kong -- Longhair Trainee
Gavin Cao -- From Associate Judging Program - China -- 2nd Specialty Longhair Trainee
Kadri Koppel- Murphreesboro, TN. USA -- Longhair Trainee
Issariya Rattanaweerawong-- From Associate Judge SH -- Thailand -- Shorthair Trainee
Elena Podprugina -- From RUI as Guest Judge -- Ukraine -- Approval Pending Allbreed
Allen Shi-- From Associate Judge SH-- China -- Shorthair Trainee
Eugene Jeong -- From Associate Judge SH -- South Korea -- Shorthair Trainee
Yukiyo Matsushita -- Japan -- Longhair Trainee

Nye: Moving onto the activity and changes to our judging panel since our June 2023 Annual in Tucson, Arizona, I offer my congratulations to the following 9. As I call your name, please stand to be recognized. These individuals have been accepted to the judging panel or added their second specialty, during this past year. Grace Cheung, from Associate Judge LH to

now Longhair Trainee. Alex Chunlap from Associate Judge LH – Hong Kong to Longhair Trainee. This is just their advancements. It doesn't include what was happening at the board meeting last night. Gavin Cao from Associate Judging Program - China – 2nd Specialty to LH Trainee. Kadri Koppel from Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Longhair Trainee. Issariya Rattanaweerawong from Associate Judge SH–Thailand to SH Trainee. Elena Podprugina from RUI as a Guest Judge – Ukraine to Approval Pending Allbreed. That's what she was accepted at and has been advanced since. Allen Shi, accepted last night from Associate Judge SH– China to Shorthair Trainee. Eugene Jeong from Associate Judge SH – South Korea to Shorthair Trainee. Yukiyo Matsushita – Japan – Longhair Trainee.

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7/2023-6/2024 Retirements & Resignations From the CFA Judging Program

RETIREMENTS

Sharon Roy - AB Judge -- Effective 10/3/2023
Yoshika Sada - AB Judge - Effective 11/2/2023
Iris Zinck - AB Judge- Effective 3/20/2024
Kayoko Koizumi - AB Judge - Effective 3/31/2024
Marsha Ammons - AB Judge - Effective 5/20/2024
Diana Rothermel - AB Judge - Effective 6/10/2024

RESIGNATIONS

Zulkifli Bin Daud - Associate LH Judge - Effective 9/14/23
Afza Kharmizi - Associate LH Judge - Effective 12/3/2023
Benny Yong - Associate LH Judge - Effective 4/11/24
Morning Yang - Associate LH Judge - Effective 4/24/2024
Jade Liu - LH Associate Judge - Effective 5/27/24

Nye: Unfortunately, our growth in the judging panel has been impacted by the following retirements and resignations. On behalf of CFA, I thank the following 11 individuals for their service to CFA behind the judging table. Retirements were Sharon Roy, Yoshika Sada, Iris Zinck, Kayoko Koizumi, Marsha Ammons and Diana Rothermel. Resignations – these were all Associate Judges –Zulkifli Bin Daud, Afza Kharmizi, Benny Yong, Morning Yang and Jade Liu.

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7/2023-6/2024 Judges Elevated to Emeritus

Kayoko Koizumi – AB Judge – April 2, 2024



Diana Rothermel – AB Judge – June 27, 2024

Nye: I am delighted to announce during this past show season, following the retirements of Diana Rothermel and Kayoko Koizumi, the CFA Board acted to elevate both to Judge Emeritus Status.

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7/2023-6/2024 Advancements - Judging Program

Gavin Cao– Approved SH & Trainee LH to Approved SH/Apprentice LH
Grace Cheung- Longhair Trainee to Apprentice LH
Yi Chang– Longhair Trainee to Apprentice LH
Alex Chunlap– Trainee LH to Apprentice LH
Pam Degolyer– Approval Pending AB to Approved AB
Olga Grebneva– Approval Pending AB to Approved AB
Laura Gregory– Approval Pending LH to Approved LH
Lyn Knight– Approved LH/Approval Pending SH to Approval Pending Allbreed
Olga Korotonozhkina– Approval Pending AB to Approved AB
Emiko Misugi– Approved LH, Trainee SH to Approved LH/Apprentice SH
Elena Podprugina– Approval Pending AB to Approved AB
Jennifer Reding- Approval Pending Allbreed to Approved Allbreed
Chate Ruengruglikit– Trainee LH to Approval Pending LH
Oscar Silva-Sanchez- Apprentice LH to Approval Pending LH
Mie Takahashi– Approved LH Apprentice SH to Approved LH/Approval Pending SH
Pattama Weeranon– Trainee LH to Approval Pending LH

Nye: I mentioned earlier the role of our file administrators, who now have 16 trainees and advancing judges to oversee. The status shown reflects their last advancement, which would have been last night. Please stand as I announce your name. Gavin Cao advanced to Apprentice LH. Grace Cheung, Apprentice LH. Yi Chang, Apprentice LH. Alex Chunlap, Apprentice LH. Pam DeGolyer, Approved AB. Olga Grebneva, Approved AB. Laura Gregory Approved LH. Lyn Knight, Approval Pending Allbreed. Olga Korotonozhkina, Approved AB. Emiko Misugi, Apprentice SH. Elena Podprugina, Approved AB. Jennifer Reding, Approved Allbreed. Chate Ruengruglikit, Approval Pending LH. Oscar Silva-Sanchez, Approval Pending LH. Mie Takahashi, Approval Pending SH. Pattama Weeranon, Approval Pending LH.

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

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

Nye: Now I'd like to introduce you to the concept of succession planning. In order for a healthy organization to sustain itself, thought must be given to who will replace those individuals who have either left the cat fancy or changed roles. We have talked for years about being nice

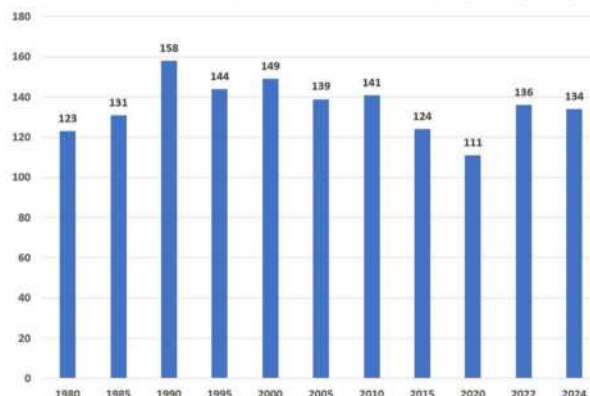
and welcoming to new exhibitors, to expand our exhibitor base for entries at our shows, and sustain our hobby. The same can be said for the roles of board leadership, clerks, master clerks and judges.

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- If you have the desire or dream to become a CFA Judge, talk to any one of the Judging Program Committee. Teresa Sweeney, heads up recruitment and mentoring.
- Many of our new judges are coming from the ranks of Associate Judges, but Regions 1-8 had no Associate Judging Program.
- ID and China new applicants have healthy numbers Regions 1 -9 are lagging behind.
- If you have the desire and the dream, it's time to step forward!

Nye: WHO WILL FILL OUR SHOES?. Perhaps, this should have been a focus 5 or 10 years ago. I don't think it's too late to start talking about this concept. When one of our very seasoned, allbreed judges retires from the Judging Program, not only does that leave a void behind the table judging, but also as a valued trainer, who had worked with our trainees in color classes. As a consequence of someone realizing their dream of applying to the Judging Program and acceptance, we also impact their role as a clerk, and in some cases, the master clerk program. Though, I am here representing the CFA Judging Program, I challenge you all, to think of what you can do for CFA. This is your association. You may need to step up to a role that is unfamiliar to you, that might provide you lots of growth in the cat fancy. In order for our Association to survive and thrive, there are many roles that need to be filled.

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

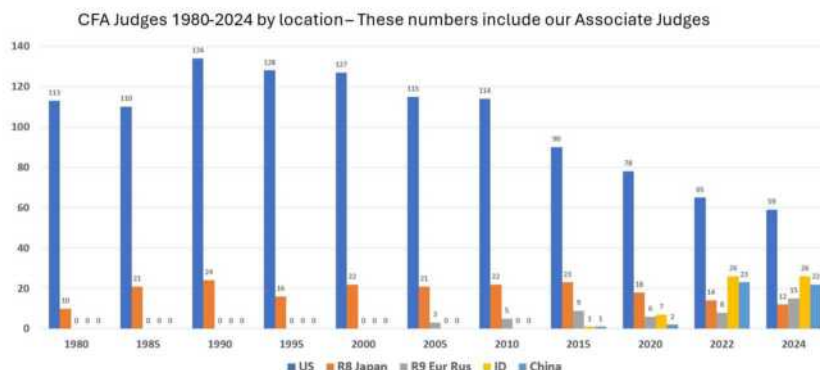


The number of total judges does not look too bad, but when you drill down to where these judges are located, Region 1-7 judging ranks have been seriously depleted.

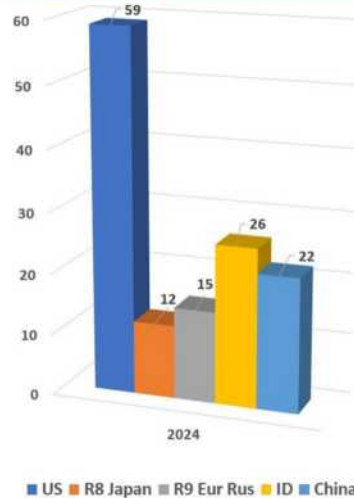
Nye: We have had a healthy number of applications these last couple of years, but these new judges are coming from the ranks of Associate Judges in China and the ID, and applications

for Regions 1 through 8 are sorely lagging behind. If you have the desire and the dream, it's time to step forward.

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Nye: Now I want to show you a historical look at the numbers in our judging panel since 1980, over the last 44 years. Overall, these numbers have been fairly stable; however, we must take a closer look at what drove the numbers since 2020. During the start of the 2020 COVID pandemic, CFA accepted and ZOOM trained 10 active and well-known exhibitors from China as Associate Judges. These 10 Associates, plus our two Allbreed judges from China, are what allowed CFA to continue to put on shows in China. In 2021, 20 individuals from the ID countries of Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Singapore, were accepted into the Associate Judging Program, and trained also via Zoom. These countries were still shut down and there were only 2 Allbreed Judges living in Thailand to sustain that area of the ID. In 2022, CFA accepted and Zoom trained 10 additional Associate Judges in China. The numbers at the end of 2022, 136 judges include 40 Associate Judges. In 2023 CFA accepted and trained 10 Associate Judges from Hong Kong and an additional six from Europe. We have had some resignations from the Associate Judge program, and three of these Associate Judges already held a single specialty license in CFA. The remainder of these Associate Judges are all single specialty. Looking at our 2024 numbers, currently 134 Judges, 36 are Associate Judges, and in the last 2 years 6 Associate Judges have moved from the Associate Judging Program to applying, acceptance and going through the regular CFA Judging Program training, with more Associate Judges getting ready to apply. So, by comparison, just 10 years ago, in 2015 our judging panel consisted of 124 CFA judges who had gone through the regular CFA training program, and now we are slightly under 100. I'm encouraged that those in the Associate Judging Program have decided to step forward and apply to our regular CFA Judging Program, and this is great news for China and the ID, where we had an Associate Program. I hope that there are those of you out there, sitting and listening, think about, is the CFA judging program for me? I'm hoping you answer with YES.



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

59 Judges in R 1-7
12 Judges in Japan
15 Judges in Europe
26 Judges in ID
21 Judges in China

Nye: After seeing the Historical view of the CFA Judging Panel, totals from 1980, this next slide breaks down where the members of our panel reside. In 1980 we had 113 judges residing in Regions 1-7 and 10 in Japan. 1985 saw the number of judges in Japan more than double, to 21. Fast forward 20 years, 2005 Europe boasted 3 CFA Judges moving to 5 by 2010. In 2015 our judging panel extended into the ID and China with 1 CFA Judge in each area. In 2020 we saw growth with our panel in the ID with newly accepted judges from China, and in 2022 the 10 Associate Judges from China appear on this chart. Current numbers in 2024 are presented here, and on the next slide.

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

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

Nye: Now, 2024, just 59 Judges reside in Regions 1-7. CFA really needs to grow this number to support the show-producing clubs in Regions 1-7. There are individuals out there, successful breeders and exhibitors who would be a huge asset to CFA in the judging ring. Now is the time to move in this direction. On the recruitment front, Teresa Sweeney is managing an extensive list of pre-applicants, who are diligently working to fulfill their application requirements. The Judging Program Committee is proud of our CFA Judging Panel. Our judges devote countless hours to training, continuing education, travel and practicing their craft. Our

judging panel is respected worldwide. Thank you, CFA Board Members, Delegates and attendees for your attention to this presentation, and remember —

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

This could be you!



Nye: If you have the dream and desire to become a CFA Judge, come talk to Teresa Sweeney, or any one of the Judging Program Committee Members. We would be happy to answer your questions and get you lined up to join us. Thank you for your time. **Mastin:** Thank you Vicki.

(46) JUDGING PROGRAM SERVICE AWARDS.

Mastin: Vicki and Russell are going to present the 2024 judge service awards. Please give the two of them a round of applause. Thank you to all the members of the Judging Program Committee, and congratulations to all those judges who received their service awards today.

Service Awards

5 Years

*Kai Gavin Cao
Mie Takahashi
Lyn Knight*

10 Years

*John Adelhoch
Amanda Cheng
Marilee Griswold
Suki Lee
Toshihiko Tsuchiya*

15 Years

*Pam Bassett
Hope Gonano
Melanie Morgan
Michael Hans Schleissner
Russell Webb*

20 Years

*Marsha Ammons
Barbara Jaeger
Sharon Powell
John Webster*

25 Years

*Jo Ann Miksa-Blackwell
Tracy Petty
Aki Tamura
Beverly Wood
Ayumi Ueda*

30 years

*Rachel Anger
John Colilla
Jeri Zottoli*

35 Years

*Charles Gradowski
Pam Moser
Gary Veach*

40 Years

Yaeko Takano

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

Mastin: Jacqui Bennett, come on up. We would like you to present the Judges' Association Spotlight Award. Pam, are you helping Jacqui? Come on up, Pam.

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Judges Association Spotlight Award

Bennett: Good afternoon everybody. This year, the Judges' Association put out its call for nominations for judges who went above and beyond, and boy, did you all answer. We had numerous great nominees, and it was really hard for the Committee to select. I had nothing to do with the selection. The president does not vote and does not know about it, so I got told and I am so thrilled to share this with you. This year's Judge's Spotlight award goes to someone who has been part of our fancy for nearly 50 years. She registered her cattery in the late 70's, and went on to show and breed over 10 national winners, and many more regional winners earning her very first best in show 47 years ago, and she was hooked.

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Bennett: She joined the Judging Program in 1987 and nothing has stopped her. She has been very active in and out of the ring, judging extensively in the United States and around the world. She is also active in the Judging Program Committee, as a BAOS instructor, and most recently as the Co-chair of the Committee.

Bennett: Her ongoing efforts around the world with evaluation, education and ambassadorship of the cat fancy continue to make her one of the most respected judges in the world and outside the cat fancy she enjoys motorcycles, and spending time with her amazing husband of 27 years, her canine companions, Katie and Charlie.

Bennett: If you haven't figured it out by now you weren't looking at the screen. Well known for Persians, particularly white, under the cattery name Windborne, please join me in congratulating Victoria Nye.



(48) **JUNIOR FANCIERS SPOTLIGHT AWARD.**



Mastin: Next we have the Junior Fanciers Joann Cummings Spotlight Award. Unfortunately, the recipient is unable to attend. However, we do have a short slide show.



CFA Junior Fanciers is proud to announce the recipient of the JoAnn Cummings Memorial Spotlight Award : **Alyse Forester.**

- Exhibited in CFA for the last five years.
- Began exhibiting a HHP and earned the titles GH, HRW Star Spangled Banner
- Participated with Junior Fanciers' for the past three years
- Involved with Luzerne County's 4-H Club, and helped produce the first ever co-sponsored CFA-4-H Cat Show

- Earned three regional wins in the NAR, including two HRW and a kitten RW with an Egyptian Mau.
- Involved with show production, stewarding, and wishes to become a CFA Clerk
- Honor Student at her High School, involved in theater, and hopes to work with the Disney Company in animation.

Congratulations Alyse!

(49) **MARKETING REPORT.**

Mastin: I would like to introduce Desiree Bobby for her Marketing Report. Come on up, Desiree.



Bobby: Hi everyone! It's nice to see everyone again this year. Welcome back to the annual delegate meeting where the heartbeat of CFA pulses through the veins of the cat fancy. I love CFA annual meetings!! Just take a moment to absorb the energy, the intellect, and the love radiating in this room. We are all dedicated to CATS. How fortunate are we to channel our passion and devotion towards sweet and marvelous creatures, these internet sensations that captivate hearts worldwide. Being a marketer in this space feels like a dream come true. Strategizing ways to spread the word about CATS and inviting others to share in our joy is a privilege beyond words.



Bobby: This update is going to be very brief. We simply aim to inform you about the progress on three items. Referencing this slide from the Marketing presentation given at the

delegate meeting last year that outlined the key marketing agenda for the 2023/2024 season, I am delighted to share the latest advancements with you today. Regarding the breed videos, filming was a hit at the CFA International Show! We brought in the talented director of the Cat Daddies Movie and her team to capture each breed, handled elegantly by Anne Mathis. Our team captured over 100 videos of your beloved cats, covering all but 2 breeds. Currently, all videos have been expertly edited. We're now diving into crafting unique scripts and voiceovers for each video. The videos will be published on the Breeds pages on the website and will be released on social media. Shifting gears to the CFA Swag Storefront that was going to be on the website, there have been some adjustments to our initial plans. Given our focus on maximizing resources, we've temporarily set aside the swag production initiative to concentrate on other priorities. Rest assured, you can still snag stylish CFA swag through Lands End. Now, let's turn our attention to the star of today's show – the all-new CFA website. But before we dive into the website reveal, let's pause for a moment to appreciate the entire rebranding journey and the team that led us to this pivotal milestone.



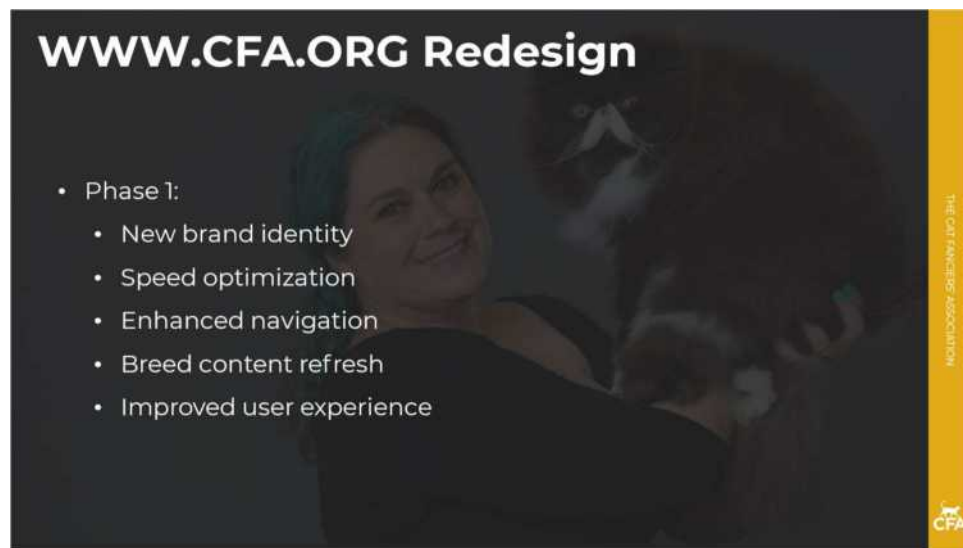
Bobby: During the 2020-2021 season, CFA set forth on a transformative journey to redefine its brand, catering to modern cat enthusiasts and those with a passion for pedigree cats. This initiative aimed to appeal to new generations while addressing concerns within the feline community regarding breeding ethics. With our Brand Blueprint in hand and a clear vision, we embarked on the branding project which would span three years. The branding project, championed by co-chairpersons Mark Hannon and Melanie Morgan, was divided into 3 phases.

Phase 1 – The CFA Family Logo System Development: The design of new CFA main logo, sub-marks and identities for each CFA program.

Phase 2 – The establishment of a brand identity. This was the crafting of our vision, mission, voice, and our visual “look and feel” (fonts, logo handling, color palette, photography and overarching style.)

And last, but not least, **Phase 3 – The Redesign of CFA.org.** I would like to make 2 important points here. #1, our website was the impetus of the branding project. There were many

reasons that our website needed a lift, but because the essence of an effective website and its design and development lies in understanding a brand's identity and direction, we had much work to do before diving into designing a new one. Brand exploration, research, competitor evaluation, and brand identity work were imperative tasks that preceded the new website's construction. This deliberate progression underscores why the website assumed the final position on our branding project list. #2, all phases of the CFA branding project were completed within one single approved budget item. The contract inked with Atomic Wash encompassed a comprehensive package deal which included all project phases.



Bobby: While the overarching branding project unfolds across 3 major phases, our website's development will be segmented into multiple focused phases as well. But today, we unveil the fruits of only phase one. Phase one prioritized aligning the site with our new brand identity, optimizing speed, enhancing navigation, updating breed information, and improving overall user experience. Let's take a little tour to give you a sneak peek.

[A separate "tour" was presented]

A Fresh Look. Our new website starts with a stunning Home page that perfectly encapsulates our new brand, featuring beautiful cats and our fresh brand colors. The new look and feel are designed to be welcoming and visually appealing, reflecting the passion and emotion we all share as fanciers. The site is also 100% responsive, meaning that it is optimized to be viewed mobile as equally well as it is on your desktop. Once the website starts to adjust according to screen size, you'll see the menu handling change and the main navigation bar will turn into a hamburger – the three lines in the upper right-hand corner. Also in the upper right hand corner you will also find links to eCat and to the CFA catalog. We also have added a number of languages to the translation tool.

Improved navigation. We've completely revamped our navigation structure to enhance user experience. Whether you're a seasoned visitor seeking specific content or a first-time explorer, finding what you need is now easier than ever. Each top menu item features a dropdown menu listing related items for quick access.

Let's Review the Breeds Section. We have given our Breeds section a complete makeover. Featuring a beautiful gallery showcasing our diverse cat breeds, cat enthusiasts can easily explore their favorite breeds, access brief summaries, and delve into dedicated pages to learn more.

Let's take a look at the lovely RAGDOLL page. With vibrant lifestyle images and contributions from our dedicated breed secretaries, we now offer new detailed content for every breed. The enhanced breed pages are now more engaging and visually appealing, with added visual elements and comprehensive information structured to pique curiosity and encourage deeper exploration.

As we continue our tour, let's take a look at another section, **Shows and Events**. Our show navigation not only includes the main show schedule but also provides exhibitors with coveted resources like the text version calendar and show archives. Our new Shows and Events calendar is clean, user-friendly, and designed for both exhibitors and spectators.

The new Top Cats Gallery. Next we would like to move on to the new Top Cats Gallery. The gallery is filterable by breed, award type, year and region. You can dive deeper and do custom view in the gallery itself. That's a fun section to play in. Please note that not all the years have been put in yet, but they will be soon.

The Resources Section. We also have something new on the website that's called Resources. It's a section that's easy to access specific forms or manuals. The navigation menu also provides some pre-filtered popular topics and of course you can drill down yourself on the page, just as you can with the Top Cats Gallery. For convenience, all resource items are available in their respective content areas, but the resource section functions as a quick search engine to locate documents promptly.

Lastly, let's take a quick glance at the **Breeders and Exhibitors Section**. Here you will find that everything required to show your cat or to manage a show is just a click away – the organization of this website content was a highly requested enhancement by our community. You are the first and only group to see this website, by the way. As major stakeholders in the fancy, we wanted to give you a quick overview so you know what's coming before anyone else. When will the new site launch? Monday, July 8th.

"A cat can do little, but a clowder of cats can work great havoc."
- Anonymous

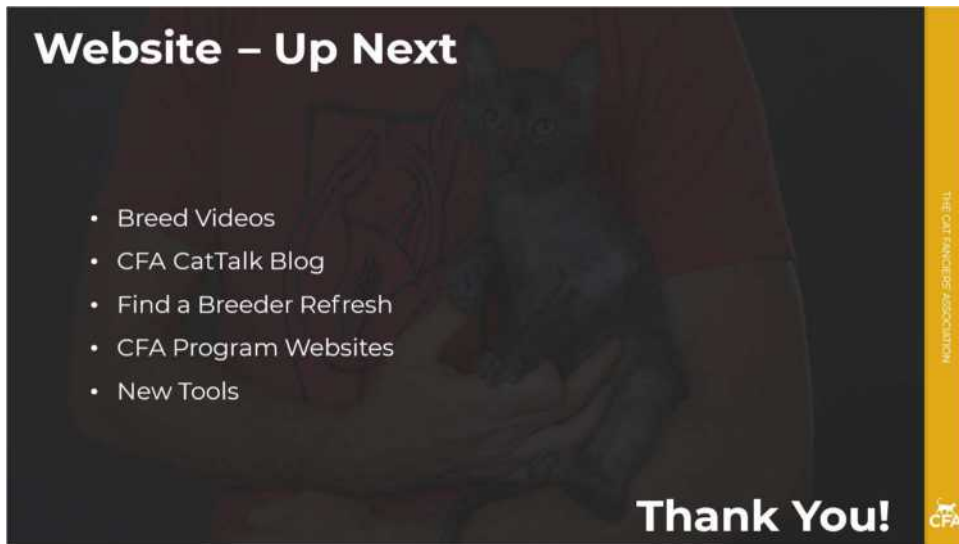
Meowvellous Team:

A Big Thank You to All Involved in the Website Redesign Project

THE CAT FANCY ASSOCIATION



Bobby: We are deeply grateful to everyone who played a vital role in bringing our new website to life. A heartfelt thank you to our President, Rich Mastin, and the Board of Directors for their unwavering support of the project. Special recognition goes to Mark Hannon and Melanie Morgan, our Marketing Committee Co-Chair persons. Their dedication ensured that the board's requirements were effectively communicated, fostering inclusivity across the organization. Our sincere appreciation extends to Kathy Durdick, our in-house web developer, for her tireless efforts in migrating the website from the Atomic Wash development platform to the CFA servers and meticulously ensuring perfection on every page and to the team at Atomic Wash, our branding and web development agency. A very big thank you to all the Breed Council Secretaries who helped gather appropriate breed-specific content and images so we could create new breed pages. And to our meticulous team of website testers that we can't thank enough – Rhonda Avery, Laurie Coughlan, Kathleen Hoos, Karen Lane, Carol Krzanowski and Brenda Wilde – for ensuring the seamless operation of our website through their insightful feedback. And a special thank you to Teresa Keiger, who continues to be involved with the project in many aspects from content planning, to testing, to image design. While Allene may downplay her contributions and say it's all been part of her role, it is important to personally extend immense gratitude to Allene Tartaglia, our dedicated Executive Director, for her invaluable insights and commitment to this and all marketing initiatives. A heartfelt appreciation also extends to each one of you who contributed to shaping CFA's new brand. Whether in front of the camera, adjusting to the light, positioning your cat just right, or adding that extra smile, your efforts had a meaningful impact. Very, very special thanks also to your lovely cats for their patience during videos and photoshoots, whether captured by Sarah Baker or one of our esteemed cat photographers extraordinaire.



Bobby: So what's next on the marketing agenda? Well, we have some projects cooking that extend behind our branding, but we will discuss those with you next year. But for the rest of this season, we'll be working on the next phases of our website presence, which include:

- Completing and publishing all the Breed Videos
- Creating a CFA Cat talk Blog
- Enhancing the Find a Breeder site
- Enhancing the program sub-sites
- and if the proper resources are on our side, we may be integrating an innovate cat breed matching tool to the website

Bobby: I eagerly anticipate reuniting with everyone next year to share further updates on CFA's brand and marketing endeavors. Thank you! **Mastin:** Thank you Desiree. Great job.

(50) CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE SERVICE AWARDS.

Mastin: Next, we will present our Credentials Committee Service Awards. Nancy Dodds will be presenting those as soon as she gets all situated here with her crew.

Credentials Committee Service Awards

10 Years

Marilyn Conde
Kendall Smith

40 Years

Hilary Helmrich

(51) **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTION RESULTS.**

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

June 27-30, 2024

Hyatt Regency Hotel Coralville, IA

Dodds: Good afternoon everybody. Thanks for letting me talk to you today. I'm Nancy Dodds, the Chair of the Credentials Committee. We meet once a year and go over the ballots of delegates and anything else that happens to come up. I understand that there are quite a few people that are here for their very first annual. Would you please stand up if this is your first annual here? [applause] Thank you, and we hope that you will be back for many more. We follow the Bylaws, which used to be our Constitution, as much as we can under the direction of our attorneys. Clubs every year submit their dues and their membership lists in January, but no later than February 1st. The club is considered to be in good standing when the dues and the membership lists have been received by Central Office. That doesn't indicate whether a club can vote or have a seat at the annual as a delegate. If a club pays its dues, sends membership by February 1 of the current year, it can vote in the election which is online and they can seat a delegate at the annual meeting. However, a club cannot be under any disciplinary suspension. They would not be eligible to vote. Thirty of our clubs, and there are 481 in Regions 1-9, 30 of those clubs did not pay their dues on time and therefore could not vote in the election. The International Division, or I call it the ID, requires that a club put on a show in order to vote for directors at large. 69 clubs in the ID put on shows this past show season, but 6 of them didn't get their dues paid on time or send a membership list on time, so they couldn't vote either. All clubs having a vote or not are eligible to vote for their ID Rep. 28 clubs were eligible. 8 did, 13 did not. We really encourage the ID Chair and its committee to work closely together with the clubs in their division to ensure that they understand their ability to vote. We encourage the regional directors in Regions 1-9 to review the club list in their region to be sure their clubs have everything in order so that they can vote and send a delegate. The recommendation by the Credentials Committee a few years ago was to allow all clubs in the International Division to vote for their Rep when a review of the Bylaws revealed that they were silent on who could vote for their Rep. Our position was that their Rep represents all clubs in that division, not just the clubs that put on shows. Our attorney and the board support this position and, as a result, all ID clubs can vote for their Rep, not just the ones that put on shows. I know I am probably preaching to the choir here, but every club that pays its dues and sends a list needs to look at the club list on the CFA website to make sure everything is in order. Do it in January. February 2nd is too late to have a vote in the election. June 5th is certainly not the time to tell us that they should not have been dropped as a club. Next to each club on the website, CFA lists the date when they receive the dues, the date when they receive the membership list. The one point that's particularly important is that only the club secretary can provide the membership list. If you thought the most powerful position in the club is the president, you would be wrong. It's the club secretary, and when the membership list is sent to CFA electronically, it has to be from the secretary's email on file with CFA. Incidentally, that's the only person who is allowed to vote in the election. So, if you're a club secretary and you change email addresses in the middle of the year, you need to inform CFA or you won't receive the voting material. It's like when you have an automatic debit card or credit card and you pay your bills, and all of a sudden the date expires, you're going to have to notify the service that is provided for you that you need to provide a new credit card, so

this is similar. You've got to provide CFA with your most current email address or it will not work. The website also has the email of the person that you need to send this information to. Right now it's Crystal Thompson at cthompson@cfa.org. If a club pays dues or sends dues after February 1, a club can no longer vote in the election, but it can still send a delegate to the annual. Yes, there's a fee, but it is at the annual meeting where the amendments to the Bylaws and the show rules are voted on. Clubs in CFA need to post such changes by April 15th. It could be very important to a club to participate in the annual meeting. Clubs can name a delegate by May 1 and this year it was May 9th.

Dodds: How many of you – raise your hands – have read through and understand the Bylaws? Alright, hands down. How many do not? That has to be everybody else. You know, it's not an easy thing when the date when a club can send a delegate every year, because it has to be no more than 50 days before the date of the annual, and 50 days less June 28th is May 6th. Why is having a delegate important? That's because the Bylaws are very specific about that when the delegate comes to the annual and votes for amendments and changes to show rules. Our Bylaws also state that the presence of the delegate or proxy from one half of the eligible member clubs constitutes a quorum. We used to count all member clubs to determine that 50%, but then there was a special rule for the ID and they were required to have a show, in addition to their fees and membership. It was in 2019 that the Credentials Committee advised a change in procedure to not count the clubs that could not seat a delegate. Following that confirmation and coordination with our attorney and CFA directors, that changed to how we do it today. So, now we deduct the number of clubs in the ID that did not have a show to determine the 50% number of the quorum.

Dodds: We had 578 clubs at the beginning of June, but only 543 of those could send a delegate. The 50% was based on the clubs that could send delegates. It came out to 271.5, and someone mentioned to me, "well, so-and-so was short; maybe they could be half a person." In reality, we round it up, so that's where we came up with the 272. [**Secretary's Note:** See agenda item #35] Then, people actually had to check in, in order to be counted, as well.

Dodds: Now, let's talk a little bit more about that. That's OK, I only have 50 more pages to go. Balloting can begin after March 15th, which is the deadline for the declarations for the officers or directors-at-large. This year, they sent out the ballot information on March 21st to all eligible club secretaries. According to the Bylaws, they needed to be sent off by the 26th of April. Based on one of the items that you have already voted on, some clubs would rather have the notification later than sooner. No one is forced into voting on March 25th, however. Voting normally continued until June 3rd. The deadline would normally be June 1, but this year it was extended because June 1st fell on a Saturday and they use the business days for the date of the deadline. When we first had electronic voting, more than one club tried to vote twice – once online and then again by mail. Electronically, a club secretary can vote only once. The voting system won't take a second vote from the same secretary. The Credentials Committee also identified another issue on that first year; that was, the online system allowed a ballot to be released when not all the votes had been accounted for, so that change was made and now you can't release a ballot unless it's complete. No one can go in the system without their email being on file as a club secretary, and every vote has to be complete. Clubs whose charter don't allow them to vote for regional director can simply abstain on the part where they vote for the regional director. Confirmation of the vote goes back to the club secretary, it goes to the president of the club if the email is on file, and then of course it goes to Central Office. Their responsibility at

Central Office is to keep those files secure. The bylaws require that the ballots received by mail have to remain sealed until the annual meeting and are reviewed by the Credentials Committee. Central Office does open some of them, but most likely because they're not identified as a ballot. We have at least one of these every year. Mailed ballots are date stamped on the envelope, to be sure of their arrival. Clubs try to work around the system – imagine that. They tried sending the ballot as an attachment to an email and by online voting. Clubs tried to challenge the vote by their own secretary. They said the secretary didn't vote as the club instructed. Then there were the oops ballots – the secretary released the vote before they were finished, but once it's accepted in the system, the vote is cast. We have seen it all. 26 clubs in Regions 1-9 could vote in this election, but they did not vote. Nearly half of these clubs were from Region 8, which had 12 clubs eligible to vote but who did not vote in this election. Region 7 had 9 clubs who didn't vote. I want to congratulate Regions 1, 4 and 6, whose eligible clubs all voted in the election. You know, voting in the election is about the only thing we get for free. We talk about the increase in membership fees and insurance, and later on we'll talk about something else, but it's the only thing we can do for free. That's after we pay our dues and give CFA our membership list. I struggle to understand why voting is not done by everyone who is eligible.

Dodds: In 2023, we used a new clicker system to count the votes by the clubs at the annual. By counting the votes on resolutions and show rule changes early in the day of the annual, we are more sure that the quorum is upheld. We knew that in prior years when the voting was done later in the day after the election results were announced that we lost many people. Because we had only a manual count by the raising of the hands, we couldn't be sure we had a quorum. We hope this system continues to serve us well. Thank you CFA for advancing this technology.

Meeting called to order by Nancy Dodds, Chairperson at 10:02 AM on June 27, 2023. Cheryl Peck was appointed Secretary.

All members signed the signature forms and reviewed the Oath of Delegates to the Committee.

The Chairperson outlined the procedure regarding electronic tally and adding hard-copy votes.

Dodds: Then on to some more information before I read the ballots. The Credentials Committee Report. The meeting was called to order by me at 10:02 a.m. on June 27th. Our secretary was appointed, and that person was Cheryl Peck. All of our members signed the oath of delegates. We outlined the procedure regarding the electronic tally and adding hard copy votes.

CLUB INFORMATION

CFA Clubs added between June 1, 2023 and June 3, 2024: 21

Club Number	Clubs Added by Name	Region
1775	China Meow's Secret Club	CN
1776	Diamond State Cat Fanciers	3
1777	Felidae Beyond Infinity	ID
1778	Galaxy Cat Club	ID

1779	Garnet State Feline Fanciers	1
1780	Hong Kong Bengal	ID
1781	Mahameru Cat Club	ID
1782	Oyster Bay Cat Club	1
1783	Ambassador Cat Club	ID-TH
1784	Changan Cat	ID-CN
1785	China TLMCC Club	ID-CN
1786	Golden Panda	ID-CN
1787	JA Club	5
1788	King Cat Club	ID-CN
1789	Meowbulous Cat Club	ID-MY
1790	Purrfect Cat Club of Thailand	ID-TH
1791	World Top Feline Club	ID-HK
1792	Asia Glory Cat Fanciers	CHINA
1793	China Awl Cat Fanciers Club	CHINA
1794	China Yantze River Cat Fanciers	CHINA
1795	Dolce Vita Cat Club	9

Dodds: We added 21 clubs this year between June 1, 2023 and June 3, 2024.

Clubs dropped (for failure to pay dues and/or submit membership list by June 3 or resignation: 27

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

Club Number	Clubs Added by Name	Region	Reason Dropped
1287	Pacific Rim Allbreed Cat Fanciers	2	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1414	Las Flores Cat Club	3	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
764	Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers	7	Resigned
1106	Absolutely Abyssinians Cat Club	7	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
932	Ocala Cat Club	7	Dues not paid/membership list not received
1199	Persians On Parade	7	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1236	Friendly Int'l	8	Dues not paid/Membership list not received Membership list not received
1566	Ice City Cat Fans Club	ID	Membership list not received
1713	All Cats Are Beautiful (A.C.A.B.)	ID	Membership list not received

1767	Elite Cat Fanciers' Club	ID	Membership list not received
1531	Cat Fashion	ID	Dues not paid/membership list not received
1737	China Caesar Cat Club	ID	Dues not paid/membership list not received
1775	China Meow's Secret Club	ID	Dues not paid/membership list not received
1638	China Paradise Cat Club	ID	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1731	China Skyline Feline Fanciers Alliance	ID	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1552	E-Cats	ID	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1746	Fast Fish Cat Fanciers' Club	ID	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1743	Fengtian's Cat Club	ID	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1559	Great West China Cat Fanciers	ID	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1644	King Kong China Cat Club	ID	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1736	Shadowcats Feline Fanciers	ID	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1619	Shanghai International Cf Club	ID	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1525	Taiwan Cat Fanciers	ID	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
1762	Alianza Felina	9	Resigned
1472	Cat-H-Art	9	Dues not paid/Membership list not received
413	Birmingham Feline Fanciers	7	Resigned
114	Greater St. Louis Cat Club	6	Resigned

Dodds: We lost only 27 clubs, so I think our reduction of only 6 clubs was remarkable and we stayed steady with our clubs in membership. Two of the old clubs that we lost, one of them was Tarheel Triangle Cat Club #764 and Ocala Cat Club, which was Don Williams, was Club #932. We lost some clubs also because they didn't pay their dues or membership lists and in the end they were dropped.

- ***Clubs in ID Division which paid dues, submitted membership list by February 1 deadline and held a show: 63***

Dodds: We had 63 clubs in the International Division that paid their dues, got their membership list in on time and they held a show.

- ***Clubs in ID Division which paid dues, submitted membership lists and did NOT hold a show but could vote for representative: 21***

Dodds: 21 clubs didn't have a show but they could vote for their ID Rep.

- ***Clubs in ID Division that did not meet voting deadlines or have a show but remain on roster: 36***
- ***CFA Clubs as of June 3, 2024 (after clubs dropped): 578***

Dodds: In the end, the number of clubs that we have left after everybody was dropped was 578.

of Clubs determining a quorum: 543 (578 – 35 clubs not eligible to send a delegate)

of Club Delegates necessary to be checked-in to meet the quorum: 272

Delegate Forms

All Delegate info received by deadline. Central Office confirmed that delegate info received and/or approved by club secretary of record.

Dodds: All the delegate forms that were sent were received by the deadline, and they confirmed that the delegate information received was approved by the club secretary of record.

Ballots for CFA Regional Directors and Officers – General Info

1. ***Ballot information and link to vote emailed: March 21, 2024***
2. ***Ballot reminders emailed: May 23, 2024***
3. ***Ballots cast online: Daily***
4. ***Deadline for voting or receipt of ballots: June 3, 2024***
5. ***Electronic ballots for officers and regional directors received by deadline: 480***
6. ***Ballots for ID representatives received by deadline: 8***
7. ***Ballots received via method other than online: 1 mailed***
8. ***Club which sent an electronic and paper ballot: 0***
9. ***Ballots received after deadline: 1 Received June 5 per Central Office (not accepted)***
10. ***Ballots received TOTAL: 489 (including the 1 late ballot.***
11. ***Clubs eligible to vote for Officers and Regional Directors: (includes clubs in ID-China and Other-which had a show): 502***

12. *Clubs which sent a ballot but cannot vote: 0*
13. *Final discussion on any unresolved topics*
14. *One club secretary said the link would not work a paper ballot was prepared and mailed.*
15. *Nancy presented Credentials report and election results on Friday, June 28, 2024 after lunch.*

Election Results were as follows:

Election Results for CFA Officers for the term June 2024-June 2026 were as follows:

CFA OFFICERS: (480 votes tallied)

Office of President:

<i>Richard Mastin – Penfield NY</i>	<i>426*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>54</i>

Office of Vice President:

<i>Russell Webb – Wayne NJ</i>	<i>382*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>98</i>

Office of Secretary:

<i>Rachel Anger – North Port FL</i>	<i>425*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>55</i>

Office of Treasurer:

<i>Kathy Calhoun – Chicago IL</i>	<i>262*</i>
<i>Paul Goldman – Howell MI</i>	<i>78</i>
<i>Hope Gonano – Wilbur-by-the-Sea FL</i>	<i>126</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>14</i>

REGIONAL DIRECTORS:

North Atlantic (1): (total 54 ballots)

<i>Doreann Nasin – Franklin CT</i>	<i>38*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>16</i>

Northwest (2): (total 41 ballots)

<i>Leicy Bartlett – Vancouver, WA</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Vicki Jensen – Alameda, CA</i>	<i>29*</i>
<i>Heidi Murphy – Rodeo, CA</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>1</i>

Gulf Shore (3): (total 46 ballots)

<i>Carissa Altschul – Joshua, TX</i>	44*
<i>Abstain</i>	2

Great Lakes (4): (total 53 ballots)

<i>John Colilla – Columbus, OH</i>	39*
<i>Ginger Meeker – Canton OH</i>	13
<i>Abstain</i>	1

Southwest (5): (total 42 ballots)

<i>Howard Webster – Phoenix AZ</i>	35*
<i>Abstain</i>	7

Midwest (6): (total 40 ballots)

<i>Janet Moyer – Neosho, MO</i>	31*
<i>Abstain</i>	9

Southern (7): (total 57 ballots)

<i>Kenny Curre – Port Orange FL</i>	43*
<i>Abstain</i>	14

Japan (8): (total 65 ballots)

<i>Aki Tamura – Yokohama, Japan</i>	39*
<i>Mihoko Tsuchiya – Tokyo, Japan</i>	22
<i>Abstain</i>	4

Europe (9): (total 26 ballots)

<i>Pam DelaBar – Tampere, Finland</i>	14*
<i>Peter Vanwonderghem – Hechtel-Eksel, Belgium</i>	11
<i>Abstain</i>	1

International Division – China Representative: (total 25 ballots)

<i>Jon Lee – ChongQing, China</i>	12*
<i>Abstain</i>	13

International Division – All Other Representative: (total 39 ballots)

<i>Allan Raymond – Thailand</i>	19*
<i>Matthew Wong – Hong Kong</i>	17
<i>Abstain</i>	3

Dodds: This finishes the presentation given to you by the Credentials Committee. Before next year, I hope you get a chance to read and understand the Bylaws. **Mastin:** Please thank Nancy and her crew for all they have done. May I have a motion to destroy the ballots, please? **Newkirk:** So moved. **Mastin:** Darrell Newkirk, thank you.

Mastin: I have an announcement. The Breeder Assistance 50/50 will be drawn right before adjournment. We are approaching \$1,000. That was over an hour ago. We are now going to take a break. We will break 15 minutes. We will return at 3:10.

BREAK.

Mastin: Welcome back from break, everyone. While you are all preparing to get back to your seats, I'm just going to announce how I hope the rest of the agenda will go. First an announcement, then we will go into the Marketing Committee report. We'll do the Clerk Service Awards, Cattery of Distinction Awards, the Star Awards, then we're going to do the Pre-Noticed Resolutions, Resolutions from the Floor, then I'll have closing announcements, then we will adjourn the meeting. That's how I hope things will go. Before we get back to the business at hand in the agenda, I do want you to join me in thanking the outgoing board members – Paula Noble for two years, Cathy Dunham four years, Yukiko Hayata four years, Mike Shelton six years, and Pam Moser ten years. Thank you all for your years of service. We have enjoyed working with all of you.

(52) CLERK SERVICE AWARDS.

Mastin: Bethany Colilla, please come up to do the Clerking Program Awards. I need CFA clerks who are listed on the Service Award page in the delegate booklet on page 3 to please line up on the side of the stage where Allene is standing.

Clerking Program Service Awards

5 Years

*Weiqing Zuo
Florent Fissot
Kirana Abdullah
Honoka Kametani
Takayuki Wada
Jinah Oh*

10 Years

*Corrie Kleinendorst
Alex Chan
Amiruddin Am Sariff
Matthew Abner
Ariel Bartelmes
Kadri Koppel
Siim Koppel
Salid Prithong
Kanitta Rungwatanaporn*

15 Years

*Marjokaisa Ylinenpaa
Grace Cheung
Keiko Kishimoto
Erica Nitta
Kiyoshi Umeda
Mineo Yoshida
Robert Clark
Claire Wolfe*

20 Years

*Kent Thompson
Kayo Yamamoto
Bruce Clark
Laura Gregory
Michael Shelton*

25 Years

*Ginger Gunlock
Brian Tripp*

30 years

*Masayuki Okada
Robert V. Belfatto
Perry D. Coleman
Rhonda Avery*

35 Years

*Miyuki Sato
Linda Jewell
Richard Kallmeyer
Lorraine Shelton*

45 Years

John Hiemstra



(53) **CATTERY OF DISTINCTION AWARDS.**



Tier V

Kaylee

Owners: Kathy Pritchard & Kaitlyn Pritchard

Tier VI Superior

Clowntown

Howard R. Webster-Veda R. Webster- Cindy K. Petrovich

Tier VI Superior

Nudawnz

Ow: Lorna Dawn Friemoth-Gallion

(54) **STAR AWARDS.**

Mastin: Cathy Dunham will present this year's Star and Diamond Award recipients. Cathy Dunham? **Dunham:** Good Afternoon. The Awards Committee received numerous worthy nominations this year. The process of recognizing individuals would not work without all of you being the eyes and ears of CFA and nominating individuals for all their hard work for CFA. We have two levels of awards. **The Star Award** which is intended to recognize individuals for outstanding service that benefits and enhances the objectives of CFA. It is impossible to list all the types of service that would merit consideration for this award, but may include any outstanding work benefiting CFA, public outreach, rescue, fund-raising, donation of professional services, mentoring, promotion of health and welfare of all cats, dedicated service, outstanding service in unique or emergency circumstances, behind-the-scenes support of CFA activities which may go unrecognized, special leadership of a significant CFA activity, or stand-out service that significantly promotes the objectives of CFA, are just some examples of service that may be recognized by a Star Award. Our second level award, **The Diamond Star Award** was new last year and is intended to recognize individuals that work hard behind the scenes every day to make CFA's many programs great. It is intended to honor those individuals that have demonstrated continued outstanding work in the same area for a substantial number of years and would only be awarded once to an individual for the body of work they are nominated for. The nomination for this award comes from the Awards Committee from the Star Award nominations received in a given year. If you are an award winner, please make your way to the stage as your name is called.

Star Awards

- **Martha Auspitz**, as chair of the 2022 Annual Meeting committee for the Louisville, Kentucky annual.
- **Rhonda Avery**, for her coordination and support of the 2023 Annual.
- **Mark Campbell**, for his willingness to step in and provide cage service support on the west coast.
- **Alex Chan**, for his ongoing support and promotion of CFA in Hong Kong.
- **Diane Dodd**, for her extensive decorating at the 2022 Annual and other CFA events.
- **Linda Evans Newell**, for her outstanding service as chief moderator for the Facebook New Exhibitor group.
- **Tom and Renee Fraley**, for their tireless assistance to new exhibitors in CFA.
- **Dennis Giannoni**, for his willingness to step in and provide cage service support on the west coast.
- **Noelle Giddings**, for her ongoing, dedicated, long-time commitment to providing timely unofficial show scoring results.

- **Wendy Heidt**, for her ongoing support as Guest Judge Administrator for the Judging Program Committee.
- **Tuti Iskandar**, for her dedicated support of CFA in Malaysia and Thailand.
- **Nadia Jaffar**, for her dedicated support of CFA in Malaysia and Thailand.
- **Ulrike Knueppel**, for her ongoing support to ensure CFA shows are held in Germany.
- **Chris Merritt**, for going above and beyond to guest judge a show after sustaining injuries from a car accident.
- **Janet Moyer**, fundraising for the Midwest Region and mentoring new exhibitors in CFA.
- **Nguyen Kieu Ngoc**, for her ongoing and dedicated support of CFA in Vietnam, Thailand and Europe.
- **Vicki Nye**, for her extensive work as the Judging Program Committee Co-Chair.
- **Elena Podprugina**, for going above and beyond to guest judge a show after sustaining injuries from a car accident.
- **Amir Sariff**, for his outstanding contributions and dedication to CFA in Malaysia and Indonesia.
- **Nannette Schindler**, for her extensive support of the 2022 Annual from the planning to the event itself.
- **Razan Al Shatti**, for her tireless dedication to the cats and CFA in Kuwait.
- **Agnes Sun**, for her support of CFA in China.
- **Teresa Sweeney**, for her ongoing support as a Judging Program Mentoring Administrator and her work with Recruitment and Development.
- **Izaddin Syah Yusof**, for his unwavering support of CFA in Malaysia and Thailand.
- **Bob Zenda**, for his dedicated support as the Chair of the 2023 Annual.

Diamond Star Awards

- **Rachel Anger**, for her ongoing and excellent support of the Judging Program Committee.
- **Barbara Jaeger**, for her ongoing support of the Breed Awareness and Orientation School portion of the Judging Program Committee.

- **Phebe Low**, for her leadership, dedication and outstanding efforts for the CFA International Division.
- **Matthew Wong**, for his tremendous dedication to CFA and support of the CFA International Division.



Dunham: The Committee has one final Star Award to present. We're doing this in a little bit of an unusual manner because he is a stand-out. Our final Star Award goes to Dr. Kent Thompson, DVM who sadly passed just this past April. Kent gave tirelessly to CFA since beginning his involvement with CFA about 23 years ago. Despite handling the pressures of owning and practicing at their vet clinic in Canton, Ohio, both Kent and his wife Robyn have been excellent ambassadors for the promotion of feline health and responsible pet ownership. Kent has been involved at mostly every level of CFA: club secretary, show manager, master clerk, breeder (of Birmans) and exhibitor. He was always kind, straightforward, and educational in his approach to both fellow breeders and the public. Kent was always open to discussing a breeder's veterinary questions or concerns and was an excellent listener and willing problem solver. Although a very proud parent of exceptionally accomplished children, Kent was never one to openly brag about them. He had a quiet dignity about his family that was most admirable. He was the last person to take credit for what really were his successes and was always happy to celebrate the success of others. Anyone who had the privilege of knowing Kent was better off by having experienced the energy, enthusiasm, knowledge, collaboration, and excellence he brought to every situation. The cat fancy has been truly fortunate to have Kent for so many years and it is with great respect and honor to present this Star Award which is being received by Ginger Meeker on behalf of the Thompson family.

(55) RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

Mastin: Moving on to Resolutions From the Floor.

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

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– 20 – *Angel Fairy Sphynx Club, Americans West, Finicky Feline Society, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers, Central Pennsylvania CF, Sphynx without Borders, World Lykoi Association*

PREFACE: This proposal was submitted with two different types of wording to be considered by the delegation, to be voted on separately. The rationale is the same. Proposal A (#20) is more specific to “hairless” cats that exhibit structural mutation traits. Proposal B (#21) is regarding multiple mutations crossed with coat mutations.

Article II, Proposal A:

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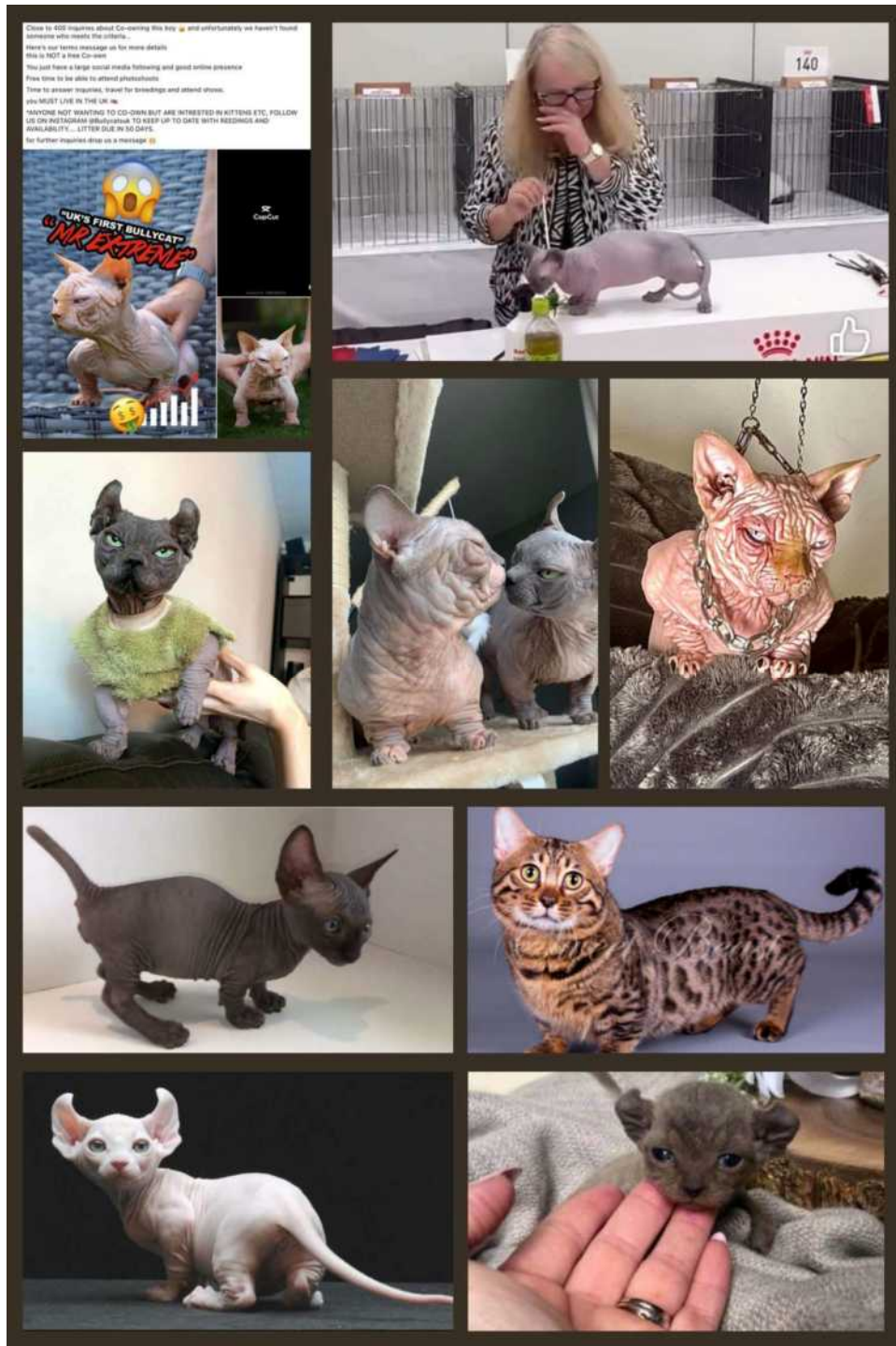
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Desiree Bobby [Sphynx Without Borders; World Lykoi Association]: Rhonda, Beth and Connie passed out copies of our proposed resolutions. They are printed on two pages, as well as a photo collage. If you don’t have it, maybe raise your hand and maybe Rhonda and Beth can bring you a copy. This proposal, we have two different versions of it, a Proposal A and a Proposal B. One is specific to hairless cats and the other is for all breeds. It’s to amend Show Rules, Article II, Paragraph 2.2, subparagraphs f., g. and h. to include the following wording: *Cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural mutations, and any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc.) with one or more structural mutations, are not eligible for entry.* You can read the rest, but basically in the household pet class, in exhibition class or in agility. If you want to take a look at the collage, the proponents of the cats in the collage of horrors are attempting to circumvent our long-established tried and tested rules for recognizing and supporting specific pedigreed breeds, all in an effort to promote their self-serving science experiments by infiltrating our show halls. As you know, CFA has been long revered for its rigorous and meticulous breed acceptance standards. These standards are not arbitrary. They are essential safeguards designed to ensure the health, wellbeing and legitimacy of the breeds we sanction and showcase. CFA’s breed acceptance protocols exist for a reason – to protect the welfare of cats and integrity of breeds and the breeders. The recent ban on Sphynx breeds in some European countries should serve as a wake-up call for us all. This decision sheds lights on the alarming trends of mislabeling experimental cats such as hairless dwarf cats as

Sphynx, which poses a significant threat to the Sphynx breed's integrity. Mixing dwarfs with true Sphynx cats confuses their lineage, putting their breed's authenticity and future at risk. The current situation surrounding the Sphynx breed is nothing short of catastrophic. It's crucial that experimental breeders understand unintended consequences of their actions which may be causing more harm than good. We see experimental breeders attempting to sneak into our organization through show halls, exploiting loopholes by entering their cats in Household Pet. Experimental breeders are entering HHP for opportunities to photograph or take videos of their cats with judges and through exhibition where they can enter and introduce their cats to the public. In at least one or two recent CFA shows, they have even brought kittens into the show to attempt to sell them.



As you can see by the text above, the image of the bully cats in the collage of horrors in front of you, read closely where the original poster said that the purchaser of this expensive bully cat must attend cat shows. Isn't that fantastic? By circumventing CFA's established rules of breed acceptance and exploiting both the exhibition class and Household Pet class at events, manufacturers of these unfortunate cats falsely convey that their experimental breeding practices are accepted and sanctioned by CFA. These actions undermine the integrity and ethics of our

association, compromise the credibility of our shows and threaten the health and wellbeing of the cats involved in the practice of cat breeding, in general. Let me say that again – these actions undermine the integrity and ethics of our association, compromise the credibility of our shows and threaten the health and wellbeing of the cats involved in the practice of cat breeding, in general. Experimental breeding has no place in CFA show halls and certainly not within our organization. To address this issue, a number of clubs backed by the CFA Sphynx Breed Council are presenting two proposals today aimed at closing these loopholes. We must ensure that our Household Pet class and exhibition entries are not used as back doors for experimental breeds to bypass our rigorous standards. By doing so, we uphold the integrity of our shows and protect the wellbeing of cats involved. We ask that you help reaffirm our commitment to the principles that have made CFA a beacon of excellence in the cat fancy world. Let us stand together to protect the integrity of our shows, the health of our cats and the trust of our community. By doing so, we honor the legacy of responsible breeding and ethical stewardship that defines CFA.

Mastin: Desiree, before you leave, I have a question for clarification. Is Proposal #20 and #20 either/or, or are you looking to get both of these passed? **Bobby:** So, Proposal A and Proposal B is the either/or. **Mastin:** OK, so they are separate proposals. **Bobby:** It looks like there might be some type-o's here. Proposal A is specifically, *Cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural mutations, and any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc.) with one or more structural mutations, are not eligible for entry.* Proposal B is if the cat is hairless and has a mutation, so it's one or the other. **Mastin:** So, if the first one passes, you want to withdraw the second one? **Bobby:** I need a second to look at it. I think there's some type-o's here. Let's see. Proposal A is, *Cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural mutations, and any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc.) with one or more structural mutations, are not eligible for entry.* So yes, actually yes. If we pass Proposal A then we don't have to do B. **Mastin:** A reminder, these will require 50% to pass and it comes to the board as advisory only. **Bobby:** Correct, yes. **Mastin:** I just wanted to be clear on that. **Bobby:** Because we're doing it from the floor. **Mastin:** If we pass #20 you are withdrawing #21. **Bobby:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK. I just wanted to be clear.

George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]: There's also a third resolution that's a registration rule. I support the third one but not the first two. We seem to be having a growing problem in the dog fancy with these mix and match breeds – the Labradoodles and Cockapoos and everything God can imagine, mixing and matching different traits. We don't want to see that introduced into the cat fancy, and I fully support changing our Rules of Registration to prevent that. So, the one we're not discussing yet is the one I support. The other two, can we please stop picking on the Household Pets? I mean, we all think we know what they mean with these mutations and this and that and the other. When somebody gets a cat at a shelter without a tail, are they going to say, "this cat is a mutation" or "it's tail got caught in a door"? They don't know, they don't care. It never even would have occurred to them. This is too complicated for the average Household Pet exhibitor to try to figure out. How many of you people show cats with mutations already? All of you. Every, single one. The original cat was this little mousey brown cat from the Middle East and Asia. Everything else is a mutation. Longhair is a mutation. Classic tabby is a mutation. Solid color is a mutation. White cats are mutations. Pointed cats are mutations. The cobby body in Persians and Brits and Himalayans is a result of multiple mutations over 4,000 years. Every cat is a market basket of mutations. You know how I know this? I showed a Household Pet. People like Joan Miller and Pat Jacobberger would use

these on the judging table as an educational opportunity. Pat Jacobberger used to have this spiel she would do about the ancient mutations, and when she would see one of them she would say, “See this white cat? This was an ancient mutation. See this classic tabby?” It’s a great educational opportunity to bring people into the fancy, not to keep people out of the fancy. You should not need a degree in genetics to enter a Household Pet. **Jennifer Deel [CanUSA Cat Club]:** Actually, George kind of took it right out of my mouth. Household Pets are supposed to be a gateway drug. If we’re putting all these restrictions and limitations for these people that go to a shelter and pick out a cat that maybe nobody else was going to take because of its mutations, why are we going to restrict them from bringing a cat they love to a show? If it’s got the personality and they show it well, it could be our next best Household Pet. **Karen Thomas [Star City Cat Fanciers]:** As I read this, if I had a wirehaired cat with polydactyl, it would be excluded and I just agree that you get a cat and it’s got two things, who is going to decide what’s a good mutation or a bad mutation? I’ve been saying for years, I don’t understand why nobody has made polydactyl a breed. These are also, to remind you, accepted in other organizations. As I remember it, we had at the beginning of this meeting, we need to encourage more new breeds and registrations, and let me just say, remember when we didn’t accept cats with wild blood? So, just think about that. **Ginger Meeker [Cats Kansas City; Santa Fe Trail Shorthair]:** With all due respect George, not every mutation is lethal. I think CFA can take the high road here and not get into the business of designer cats. To me, in my humble opinion, it’s the antithesis of preservation breeding. Preservation breeding is taking the breeds that we already know to have problems or serious maladies, and trying to correct those issues, rather than put two things together that we know each individual has a problem with and by doubling up on certain things, you’re going to have cats that are not healthy, they’re not pain free and they are emotional purchases based on, “oh, that’s cute.” Not everything that’s cute is free of crippling problems, hearing problems, reproductive problems. I would ask CFA to please not get into the designer cat business, and I don’t feel that we are picking on the Household Pet people. I love Household Pets, but Household Pet class has opened the door to some less-than-upright breeding practices that are really producing kittens that I as a preservation breeder cannot support because it’s not healthy and it’s not going to be a good companion animal to its new owner. **Jacqui Bennett [Ocicats International; The Crafty Cat]:** As a CFA judge, I have three jobs in the show ring. I evaluate, I entertain and I educate. In Household Pets, we do not accept cats that have been declawed. Is that because we think they’re horrible pets? Of course not. Is that because we think there’s something inherently wrong with the evil person who adopted that cat? Of course not. It’s because to award it is to endorse it. I recently – within two years – had a Household Pet class with a lady who brought me a litter of munchkins, Birman patterned with curled ears. One of them, ladies and gentlemen, could not stand up. When I asked her, “Something is very wrong with this cat,” she said, “Oh, he had a shot.” I said, “He can’t stand up.” She said, “Well, if I don’t let him compete, I’ll just put him down.” She was dead serious. It was ribbons or death. Is that what you want in the show hall? **Darrell Newkirk [Abyssinian Midwest Breeders; Victor Valley Cat Club]:** George, you are correct. Our cats descended from the African Wild Cat. The European Wild Cat had some influence. There’s three other wild cats that had a little bit of influence on domesticated cats. I understand the intent of this. The problem is, coat mutation. Any coat mutation – longhair is a mutation, so if you’re going to do this, longhair Selkirk Rex, you’re out of the picture, baby. That’s two mutations. It’s the wording that we have a problem with here, OK? I understand the intent here, but you have to be careful about wording of stuff. So, we need a different word here than just a generic coat mutation. It needs to be more specific.

Marilee Griswold [Central Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers; Maine Street Cat Club]: We have talked a lot during this meeting and the board meeting, and there have been a lot of rumblings all around the world about specific breeds. We've got problems where we have to defend our breeds, defend ourselves as breeders, that we're trying to create healthy animals, and these breeds are under attack. So, this is to me a lot about ethics and that we as an organization need to project that we know that there are breeds that have problems, there are mutations that have problems, and that we don't condone those. We would like to work towards improvement of breeds and that we are ready to focus on that head on. So, this to me is a lot about ethics and how we present ourselves going forward to the rest of the world. **Nancey Abbott [Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance; Santa Clara Valley Cat Fanciers]:** I helped bring Scottish Folds into this country a long time ago and now I'm judging 4H clubs. I had my first turn a couple weeks ago. This is where our youth are, but we need them here not in 4H clubs showing cats. In our region, we have a beautiful Household Pet that's a dilute calico male. At that 4H club, I saw a calico male. It's a mutation. If I by chance had a Scottish Fold male that was a dilute calico or a calico and he folded, according to this I couldn't give him to one of those children to show. How can we have these mutations? These colors are mutations and would be in that Household Pet class and we couldn't take them. We have to be gentle about what we're doing and educate these children. We need these younger people or this cat fancy is going to die. That's one of the places we can find these younger people to come in, but we have to be gentle with them and explain these things to them. That's one of the places to explain things to them, but that dilute calico Exotic Household Pet is gorgeous, but it's a Household Pet because he's a mutation.

[**Secretary's Note:** The next speaker was not a registered delegate; therefore, the statement is deemed to be out of order and is unfortunately not included in this transcript.] **Bethany Colilla**

[Great Lakes Great Maines; United Singapura Society]: I've have many mutations. I absolutely agree you must breed and show healthy cats. I'm actually here asking a question for a few Household Pet exhibitors in our region. We've had a great increase in Household Pets. We specifically have one who has been showing a cat with four mutations. She did not breed it. She had a neighbor who had a litter of kittens, and she acquired two cats. They have curled ears, a wavy coat, polydactyl and a nub tail. She wants to know if she's going to have to stop showing in CFA if this passes, or will she be grandfathered in and allowed to continue showing her cats who are not in pain, who have no health issues. So, will they be grandfathered or will they be kicked out? **Mastin:** I'm only going to call on the people that are in line right now. Then we are going to end discussion and go back to Desiree for closing comments. **Jenny Wickle [Half Moon Cat Club; Pawprints in the Sand]:** A couple of things here. I wear a couple of hats in this organization. I started out as a Household Pet exhibitor. I'm now a breeder, so I get both sides of the debate. In my profession during the week I'm an educator. A lot of what we are talking about is about education. Our judges are tasked with education, so if they choose to award or not award, that's up to the individual judge but when we talk about declawing, if I were to go out into the street right now like that show Street Smarts and say, "what's a declawed cat?" I would say 90% of people are going to be able to tell you not exactly what it is, but have somewhat of an idea. They might have to be corrected, but if I went out and said, "what are two double structural mutations on a cat?", the average person is not going to know. It's confusing to some of our current Household Pet exhibitors when I talk to them about this, so it's about education but we do have some at our shows, I would say under 10, one of which got a national win and some got regional wins. So, it is up to the judges for education, but let's keep that education piece at the forefront here of what we're thinking about and think about some of these

people who we might lose who have been exhibiting multiple cats because they love CFA, so please keep that in mind. **Rhonda Smith [Devon Rex Breed Club; That's My Point Cat Fanciers]**: I just want to remind everybody that this would be advisory, so I really would love to continue this discussion. I think this is a very important discussion. Multiple structural mutations are painful for the cat. I'm a agility ringmaster. I fully support that we would not allow them in agility as well, because we are here for the health and welfare and safety of our cats. There are countries that are not just banning these breeds, but they are labeling them for extinction. I think it's important to take a stance. We're a big organization. We can educate people through what we're not supporting because what you accept, you promote. **Bethany Tod [Friends & Family]**: I've been exhibiting in CFA now for a little over 30 years. I've shown Household Pets. I'm showing right now three breeds by the strictest definition, all of which would be considered mutations by the strictest definition, but I think we all have to face the fact currently that breeds are already being banned in Europe, both mutations and brachycephalic breeds. Sphynx are bringing a hard ban. Persians and Exotics are on the list for extinction and coming up not allowed to be shown in several European countries. We of CFA really need to take a stand and be a leader in this. What type of mutations do we want to stand behind? What's ethical? What do we want to present to the world? I think that's something that we should all consider, and give long, hard thought to. **Melanie Morgan [Southern Dixie Cat Club; Southeastern Persian Society]**: First of all, I want to say that, Jacqui Bennett, I am humbled. You did a fabulous job, so eloquently presenting the position that I think these people are trying to make us aware of. To Rhonda and Bethany who just spoke, they covered a lot of what I wanted to say; which is, we are a leader. We need to take a stand. These things are important. What I really want to close with, however, is you're exactly right – this is advisory to the board, so if there are some issues with some of the wording or the phraseology or whatever, there's a chance for it to be rectified. I urge you to vote to protect and to support the health and welfare of all cats, and let the board clean it up. **Pam DelaBar [Sophisto Cat Club; German Catwalk]**: I agree with George. The third proposal I think is something that we should seriously consider. We are advisory and I hope that we can pass this with a favorable recommendation so the board can work the definitive wording for next show season. I am dealing almost daily with the restrictive breed legislation that's going on throughout Europe. One of the things that has just come up last week is an association called *The Association of Rare Breeds of Cats*. Elfs, dwelfs, andorinhas, tanks, bullies and then the dominant blue-eyed breeds that they are definitely having health problems with. This association is giving pedigrees and people with mixed breeds of cats can go and register with the Association of Rare Breeds of Cats. It is this very thing that is hindering our encouragement and our development and our continued existence with pedigreed cats in Europe. I urge us to pass with a favorable recommendation and let the board work this to where it is really, really effective.

Mastin: OK, discussion has ended. Desiree, I need you to do closing comments. I'm sorry for the person that was in line. I made the announcement that the people in line would end the discussion. Desiree, do closing comments. **Bobby**: I think everyone really pinpointed all the different things I wanted to come up and say after. So, just as Pam said and Melanie as well, maybe the wording is not completely right. The first Proposal A does state all breeds. The second one says only hairless breeds not mixed with multiple mutations. I'm not sure how it works. If people vote on it and it passes, how much you can change the wording. I don't really know how that works, but I would still like to get it in as a proposal. **Mastin**: Desiree, to answer your question, Pam DelaBar and Melanie explained it very well. If this passes, coming to the board as advisory only, then the board will rework it, OK? **Bobby**: Yes, thank you. **Mastin**: Discussion

has closed. Let's open the voting. Please cast your vote. Ten seconds. Please close voting. Total 315, yes 257, no 58. It is advisory only.

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Mastin: Desiree, the next one is withdrawn, correct? **Desiree Bobby [Sphynx Without Borders; World Lykoi Association]:** Yes. #21 now is withdrawn because #20 discusses all breeds, not just hairless breeds.

Withdrawn.

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RATIONALE: This proposal would serve to stop the practice of combining established breeds with one or more structural mutations to create another breed. This is important when combining bone and cartilage mutations which may produce unpredictable dysfunction or pain to a cat. This rule would also serve to protect established breeds from being used to create “designer” breeds.

Breeds that are a natural mutation need to be protected and preserved.

Some European countries are using these “multiple mutations” breeds as a door to ban the breeding of any type cat that is due to a mutation or is “hairless”, including the Sphynx as written in the CFA standard. The Netherlands is the latest country to ban “hairless” cats and has stated that “for the Sphynx an extinction policy has been implemented”. CFA should make it clear that such “breeds” are not allowed for registration or current or future exhibition.

Structural mutation: Appearance of the skeletal and/or cartilage expression different from the average domestic cat such as, but not limited to, curled ears, folded ears, any form of shortened tail length and/or tail structural change, short legs (achondroplasia), polydactyl or structural mutations of any form not recognized in the current breed standards.

Desiree Bobby [Sphynx Without Borders; World Lykoi Association]: #22, that is one to implement a policy where CFA will not register any potential breeds or any cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural mutations; and any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc.) with one or more structural mutations. So, this is different now. This is the registration of mutations, whereas the other one was just preventing them from showing in HHP and Exhibition Only. **MaStin:** A reminder that this is purely advisory. **Bobby:** We understand. **Doreann Nasin [Dixieland Silver & Golden Fanciers; Mahameru Cat Club]:** The one thing I want to point out, as a dog groomer who is connected to a lot of the dog associations, that if you let that door crack open, you’re going to have a big problem. There are the [inaudible] that you guys have all seen where they have all these designer breeds. For example, there is a Doodle named Brody. He is selling puppies at \$20,000 a puppy. How they are wording it in is, they use the AKC Companion and they are saying, “these dogs are registered through AKC,” when we all know they’re not. So, you have to keep those things in mind. I do agree that the board should look at this, so I am in support of anything that involves the health and wellbeing of the cat. **Jenny Wickle [Half Moon Cat Club; Pawprints in the Sand]:** Since this is advisory only when the board looks at it, I’m absolutely in favor that we will not register any potential breeds, it’s the “or any cats”, so what we have to understand is that Household Pets and Companion Cat World are two things together but they’re separate. Just registering your cat does not equate to the fact that it’s going to be in a show hall as a Household Pet. Earlier we were having a discussion about money, and registrations for companion cats have brought in money for CFA, so to say they can’t register when we’re not going to see them in a show hall, Companion Cat World is supposed to include all cats and that all people be part of CFA, so we wouldn’t know if we went to the Companion Cat World gallery online and know if those cats are declawed already, so it’s just something to thing about where it says “or any cats”. **Valori Trantanella [Tonkinese Breed Association]:** I come from the dog world, longer than the cat world. I can’t remember the first word of it but it’s ILP for AKC that she was just referencing. **[Secretary’s Note:** Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege (PAL/ILP)]. They

have had it for a long time in AKC. The whole reason for it is so that dogs can compete in performance sports with dogs primarily. With the ILP, what they do is they say, “oh my God, it looks like a Labrador or it looks like a German Shepherd,” so they just write down what it looks the most like. Maybe a veterinarian helps them, maybe they just make it up themselves, but they allow them to list them. They are registered via that. There’s no breeding privileges whatsoever associated with that. That allows them to get – that’s a great registry for AKC. So, just a clarification is all it was. **Alene Shafnisky [Crab and Mallet Cat Club; Turkish Angora Fanciers International]:** I want to remind you what Doreann said. These people are deliberately creating these animals in order to sell them for top dollar, but as soon as they get any paper that has an AKC stamp on it, their prices go up. Suddenly their website says, “AKC registered”. It doesn’t matter if that’s in Companion Cat World or how you’re going to sneak by registering this as just a listed cat. Yes I know it’s a little bit of money for us, but when you think about all the times we’ve heard Pam DelaBar come up here and the importance of what’s happening in the legislative arena right now, we need to understand that CFA at this point, I believe, has got to take a strong, ethical stance to get out in front of some of the problems that we have coming our way. Double structural mutations, especially with mutations that we do not fully understand the effect of the health of the total cat, should be something that we do not even step into at this point until or unless we understand the complete effect on the health, which I don’t believe we’re ever going to. I think it is our duty to take an ethical stand on this and stand firm on these structural multiple mutations. **Wickle:** I did want to point out that Companion Cat World certificates look different than our regular registration certificates, with a watermark on the back of them saying “Companion Cat World”, so I don’t know if it would be advisory to the board to also say, maybe we need to put “not for breeding” on there, but ultimately backyard breeders can make fake papers and have been making fake papers, so I just wanted to point that out, as well. **Sunny Lodge [Cowboy Country Cat Fanciers]:** For me, it comes down to one simple thing. Is this what we want to be known for? I don’t think so. I have been in breeding of animals my whole life. My father was a dog handler. I’ve shown dogs for years. I’ve bred Arabian horses for quite some time, although I don’t now. This comes up in every breed for a variety of reasons. This is not a mutation. Is it? This is a deformity, and to bring an animal with these kind of deformities because they look interesting, they look odd? I mean, how many people do you know or that you hear about, they are buying breeds of all kinds of animals that are just doing it for the, I guess, the shock value. This is not what we want to be a part of. I cried when I saw this. I saw my first bulge cat in the last couple of weeks and I’m speechless. We need to be really firm about who we are and what we want to be. This has nothing to do with Household Pets. That’s a wording issue, but I doubt someone is going to, with a Household Pet, is going to bring this into the show ring. I don’t think we should allow it. **[Secretary’s Note:** The next speaker was not a registered delegate; therefore, the statement is deemed to be out of order and is unfortunately not included in this transcript.]

Mastin: OK Desiree, you have closing comments. **Bobby:** I am so touched by everyone’s input that I have no closing comments. Everyone, thank you so much for everything you had to say. Sorry about those pictures. They are pretty gnarly, but I had to show them to you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Desiree. The proposal discussion has ended. James, please open the voting and submit your vote. Ten seconds. Please close the voting. Total 310, yes 284, no 26. This is advisory.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 22				
310 Delegates Registered	284	26	0	310

Advisory Only.

– 23 – German Phoenix - Cat Friends Europe; Palatina Blue Cat Club; American Shorthair Lovers of Europe

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, ARTICLE V – ANNOUNCING THE SHOW/SHOW FLYER, Paragraph 5.01, to require that the printed show flyer be provided in both English and the applicable local language, as follows:

5.01 There must be a printed show flyer published on the CFA website no less than 30 days prior to the show. Additionally, a show flyer in English must be submitted and published if the original show flyer is in a language other than English. The show flyer must include the following:

RATIONALE: This rule has probably been in place since shows were held only in the USA/North America. In Europe, Asia and even China we have hundreds of different languages. In order to provide equal opportunity for all exhibitors to enter a show, the show flyer must be written in English along with any other local language.

Mastin: Alice? **Alice Rosol [German Phoenix - Cat Friends Europe; Palatina Blue Cat Club]:** This is to amend Show Rules [reads]. We have a situation in Europe that show flyers are published in a very local, remote language. Due to this situation, some exhibitors could not attend the show and book the flight in time and book their hotel. So I was told when we complained about it that there was no show rule that says that the show flyer has to be in English, so we want to change that. There must be the show rule be written in Show Rule 5.01, *There must be a printed show flyer published on the CFA website no less than 30 days prior to the show. Additionally, a show flyer in English must be submitted and published if the original show flyer is in a language other than English.* So, we think that show rule was written and published in a time where CFA was in the States and there was no need to think about that the show flyer should be, of course, in English. This would mean, for example, in Europe and Asia and China we have hundreds of local languages, so if the clubs would publish it in a local language, exhibitors who don't speak this language cannot attend the show, so we would like to have equal rights. As CFA was the original English language, we would like to have this written in the show rules. **Mastin:** Alice, at the end of the meeting, can you send Rachel a written version? Thank you. As a reminder, this one came from the floor. It is not required to be printed and handed out. This, if it passes, will come as advisory only. Does anybody have any comments? Seeing no further discussion, discussion is closed. Please open it for voting. Ten seconds. Please close the voting. 290 total votes, 265 yes votes, 25 no votes. This is advisory.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 23				
290 Delegates Registered	265	25	0	290

Advisory Only.

– 24 – Poppy State; Paper Tigers

RESOLVED: That all monthly bank statements be posted to the regional website. Provide a link with a password so exhibitors and clubs in the region can log in and see where our money is.

RATIONALE: We need transparency.

Mastin: Heidi? **Heidi Murphy [Paper Tigers; Poppy State Cat Club]:** I want a show of hands from the delegates. How many of you know what goes on in your regional council? I want a raise of hands. How many of you know what goes on every month in your regional council. Raise your hands. How many of you know what goes on with your regional treasury? Raise your hands, because I asked for my regional bank statements and all I got was the cover of the statement. I wanted to see the actual statements. I wanted to see what money was spent every month from our treasury and all I got was the top cover of the statement, not the actual statement. I want to propose that all regions have to post their bank statements to be seen by us club members and exhibitors, so we know where our money is going. I talked to George Eigenhauser and Karen Lawrence. We don't want to make it fully public, but maybe they can make a link on our regional websites that we can log into for these accounts to be posted so we can know where our money is going. There is no transparency right now in most regional accounts, and I think this needs to be changed. Thank you. **Mastin:** Are there any other proposals from the floor? Before I adjourn the meeting, I have some announcements. **George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]:** Are we going to vote on that? **Mastin:** It didn't come as a motion. She didn't make a motion. Heidi, if you're going to make a motion, bring it forward. **Murphy:** I brought it to Rachel. **Mastin:** You have to bring it to the delegation. What is your proposal? **Murphy:** My proposal is that all our monthly bank statements are proposed for our regional websites. Because we don't want to make it totally public, the proposal is that on our websites there be a link with a password where we can log in and see our accounts and see where our money is, because there is no transparency in most regional accounts right now and I think that's a deficit to us as exhibitors and club members and to CFA. We need to know where our money is every month, and I think this is a great proposal for every reason to make transparency. That's my proposal – put it on our websites.

Mastin: We are open for discussion. **Barbara Schreck [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Jazz Kats]:** I'm a CPA and a tax attorney. I am totally against posting anything online that has the opportunity for scammers to pick it up [inaudible, applause]. **Darrell Newkirk [Abyssinian Midwest Breeders; Victor Valley Cat Club]:** Folks, we're entitled to know what's going on in our region. The regional directors should not have the ability to hide the expenses from the people in the region. I agree with what Barb Schrek said. It shouldn't be posted on the site, but you know what? You can send out an email and provide that information. So, I think everybody is entitled to know what's going on within their region. It's only fair. **Eigenhauser:** I just want to remind you, this is only going to be advisory to the board. The idea is, should clubs have access to the financial information from the regions? Yes. How do we implement that best? Maybe some information will have to be redacted to prevent identity theft. Maybe some information can be removed for privacy, but let's at least let the board look at it.

Mastin: Heidi, do you need to make any further comments? **Murphy:** So, as she said, there are scammers. That's why I said, in our website if we could have a separate link where we get a password from our region to open up that link, so only club members or the clubs or exhibitors could get ahold of that password to open up a link on our website, to see that account, so we don't have scammers. I truly believe this is a way of transparency so we can know where our money is going in our region. Thank you. **Mastin:** Discussion is closed. James, please open the voting. Cast your vote. Ten seconds. Please close the voting. Total 298, yes 155, no 143. It passes as advisory.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 24				
298 Delegates Registered	155	143	0	298

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Mastin: Any additional proposals from the floor? I have some announcements to make, and we'll wrap it up pretty quickly here. Hospitality co-sponsored by Sturdi Products is at 6 p.m. in Coral Ballroom D as in David. That's in one minute. Larry Johnson will be available to take formal award photos tomorrow in the ballroom foyer by 3:30 p.m. Take your trophy and rosette with you. If you prefer your picture be taken with your trophy versus a generic trophy. Richard Chanan will be available to photograph our new board members. Don't forget to visit the Saturday night after dinner party, immediately following the conclusion of the awards ceremony. There will be a dessert buffet, cash bar, entertainment in Coral Ballroom D, also as in David, same room as where hospitality is tonight. Reminder, if you don't turn in your clickers, it's \$100 so turn in your clickers. I thank you all for attending. The meeting is adjourned. [applause]

The Annual Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Central Standard Time.

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