

# Carmen Johnson-Lawrence

## Great Lakes Regional Director A Candidate FOR GLR Exhibitors, GLR Clubs, OUR REGION

My journey with CFA began as a young girl, when my grandmother and I attended Genesee Cat Fanciers shows as spectators.

Growing up surrounded by event planning and show production inspired my passion for hospitality, service, and giving back to my communities.

### My CFA History

- Actively showing in CFA since 2004 (from HHP beginnings to Exotic Shorthairs)
- Multiple CFA Regional Wins and one CFA National Win in Premiership
- Active in local clubs
  - Genesee Cat Fanciers - Treasurer, Secretary, Show Manager
  - Buffalo Cat Fanciers - founding member, Secretary, Treasurer, Show Manager
  - Monroe SH Club - Show Secretary
  - National Siamese Club
- Great Lakes Region
  - Created GLR FB Page & GLR FB Group
  - Awards and OTRA presentations for GLR Banquet since 2016
- CFA
  - Chair, Youth Feline Education Program 2017-2020
    - Increased participation across all regions
    - Re-wrote YFEP handbook and guidelines.
  - CFA Annual Meeting
    - Delegate book ad coordination 2022-present
  - CFA International Show
    - CIS catalog ad coordination 2018-present

I'm a regular exhibitor—not a judge. I understand the challenges everyday exhibitors and clubs face, especially those exhibitors without the resources to travel every weekend, or clubs without the resources to find the perfect show opportunities. My focus is on supporting our clubs, our exhibitors, and our region. I am running to represent exhibitors and clubs first. Together, we can continue to strengthen our region, grow our shows, and inspire the next generation of fanciers.



### OUTSIDE CFA

#### EDUCATION

- AAS, Hotel and Resort Management
- BS, Hotel and Resort Management
  - Rochester Institute of Technology
- MS, Career and Human Resources Development
  - Rochester Institute of Technology

#### PROFESSIONAL

- Office Specialist – Transportation, Facilities & Food Service (2025–present)
- Property Manager (2016–present)
- HR Recruiter (2003–2013)
- Show Manager (1993–1999)

#### ORGANIZATIONS

- Chair - Red Jacket Music Boosters (2021-present)

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