THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

2013 Proposed Amendments and Resolutions

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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- 1 - Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 3 – Eligibility as follows to require an electronic method to register delegates for the annual:

At each Annual or Special Meeting of this Association, each member club that has been in good standing for not less than fifty (50) days immediately prior to such meeting is entitled to cast one vote. For the purpose of determining whether a member is in good standing as required herein, the date of receipt of each member's dues and list of members and officers by the Central Office of the Association shall govern. Further, to be in good standing, the member must not be under disciplinary suspension. The secretary of each member shall communicate the names of the officers and delegate of such member to the Central Office of this Association no later than May first of each year. Notwithstanding the provisions of the first Paragraph of this Section, members, the delegates from which are not so notified to the Central Office of this Association, are disqualified from voting at the meeting for which no timely notification was made. The Central Office shall establish an electronic method for the club secretary to submit notification of the club's delegate. For the purpose of determining compliance with this provision, the date on the postmark of the letter of notification or the date marking Central Office's receipt of an electronic notification, if any such letter notification exists, shall govern. The Central Office shall preserve the container of such notification until after the date of the next Annual Meeting.

RATIONALE: At the 2011 annual, the delegates passed nearly unanimously a non-binding resolution that Central Office establish an electronic means for delegate registration. This did not happen. At the 2012 annual, there was a constitutional amendment presented that would have required Central Office to establish electronic delegate registration. The amendment fell just a few votes short of 2/3rds but did have well over a simple majority support. Even though an overwhelming number of clubs support electronic delegate registration, nobody seems willing to implement it. This amendment would require it.

Electronic delegate registration can be done through a web form as simply as online entry to a show. In 2012, our breed councils voted online. We were able to figure out how to vote online for over 1,000 people, so we should be able to figure out how to register a few hundred delegates for the annual online as well.

Last year, the amendment failed because some believed it precluded hand-carrying delegate forms to CO. There is no question about this version, no current method of registration would change. It only adds the language that Central Office will establish an electronic method to register a delegate. That method could be as simple as to allow the form to be faxed and that would satisfy the amendment. Those who still want to mail delegate registration can do so.

It is time to make the process of registering a delegate as simple as it can be. CFA is not being served well by our current antiquated method that requires as many as three signatures and to be put through the mail as many as four times, especially if we intend to grow as a global association.

 2 - American Gothic Cat Club; Idaho Cat Fanciers; Illini Cat Club; North Pacific Siamese Fanciers; Paper Tigers; Responsible Cat Fanciers of the NW; Spacifically Orientals; Utah Purebred Cat Fanciers; West Coast Cats

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE IV – Section 4, first paragraph, as follows:

Each member in good standing as set forth in Paragraph 1 of Section 3 shall elect one delegate from the members of ANY member club to represent such member at each meeting of members. A delegate to any meeting may appoint a proxy from the members of any member club. Delegates or proxies may not be members of any club or Officers

or Board Members of any association or organization affiliated with or members of an organization organized for purposes or objects similar to those of this Association.

RATIONALE: With participation in the cat fancy shrinking every year, this section of the CFA Constitution is outdated. More and more exhibitors are crossing over and showing in other associations or organizations. Cooperation between the cat fancy organizations is more important than ever, given our fight against government regulations on limits and groups like PETA.

CFA and TICA have already shared show hall space by having a CFA show one day and a TICA show the next day. Other CFA and TICA clubs are cooperating by sharing cages and labor in setting up shows. We need to encourage more people (potential exhibitors) to join CFA clubs and allow CFA people to join TICA without restrictions on involvement in both groups.

No exhibitor should be penalized for being a member of both a CFA club and TICA. Currently we penalize CFA people by not allowing delegates to be a member of TICA and also carry a vote for a CFA club. However, for example, our Constitution does not prevent a PETA member from being a CFA delegate!

CFA will never change TICA and TICA will never change CFA. However, we can learn from each other to improve the cat fancy, band together against animal rights activists, and keep our cat fancy strong enough to withstand the low times and grow in the future. Please vote to amend this section of the CFA Constitution and allow our exhibitors to participate in both groups without penalty.

- 3 - CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE VIII - REGIONS as follows:

The United States, Canada, Bermuda, <u>Mexico.</u> Japan and Europe are divided into nine (9) geographical regions as follows:

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.

NORTHWEST

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

GULF SHORE

Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas (South of the 38th parallel), Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee (West of the Tennessee River), Texas, and-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.

GREAT LAKES

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

SOUTHWEST

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

No changes to remainder of Article VIII.

RATIONALE: Mexico is currently part of the International Division. There are currently no shows in Mexico and Mexican residents do not attend International Division shows; they attend shows in the United States. Points earned at United States shows do not count for International Division awards which discourages ongoing participation by Mexican residents. This amendment will allow Mexican residents to "keep" points earned at United States shows and compete for Regional and National awards.

4 – Sophisto Cat Club; European Shorthair Club; Cat Fanciers of Finland; Dutch Purrpuss Club

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE XII – SHOW LICENSES and ARTICLE XV – DISCIPLINE, Section 2 – Conduct of Members Subject to Board Discipline, subparagraph b) as follows:

ARTICLE XII - SHOW LICENSES

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

ARTICLE XV - DISCIPLINE

Section 2 - Conduct of Members Subject to Board Discipline

- a) ...
- b) The holding of a cat show not licensed by this association or the holding of a cat show in conjunction with one licensed by any other similar organization <u>except as approved by the CFA</u> Executive Board.

RATIONALE: The Executive Board interpretation of the current article of the CFA Constitution does not allow for multi-association events, such as the Royal Canin Grand Prix, an extravaganza consisting of five (5) cat associations and over 1,700 entries. There also are other such events that may have another association as the lead organizer instead of a commercial sponsor. This amendment grants the CFA Board the authority to approve CFA participation in these events, and also approve licenses for CFA shows held in smaller venues in conjunction with one or more cat associations. This is also in keeping with the organization and spirit of cooperation of the World Cat Congress, of which CFA is a charter member.

- 5 - CFA Executive Board

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ARTICLE XV - DISCIPLINE

Section 2 - Conduct of Members Subject to Board Discipline

The Board may reprimand, suspend, expel and/or fine any member club upon a finding of guilty for:

- a) the enactment of any amendment to the Constitution or By-Laws of a member club in conflict with the Charter or Constitution of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
- b) The holding of a cat show not licensed by this association or the holding of a cat show in conjunction with one licensed by any other similar organization without the prior approval of the Executive Board, or in violation of any conditions placed on such prior approval.
- c) The violation of any Show Rule.
- d) Distribution of club funds in a manner inconsistent with the objects of the Association.
- e) Any act or conduct seriously and patently detrimental to the best interest and welfare of the cat or The Cat Fanciers' Association.

RATIONALE: There are times when the holding of a CFA cat show in the same location and on the same weekend as a show sponsored by another association is advantageous to CFA. These proposed changes remove the outright ban on holding such shows and give the Executive Board discretion to approve these shows when, where, and under the conditions it deems will be beneficial to CFA.

PROPOSED SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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- 6 - Lilac Point Fanciers

1.24

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 1.24, 4.03, 16.10 I., 17.02 and 18.19 as follows to clarify the language and the requirements to issue a Temporary Registration Number for a cat with two CFA-registered parents:

A TEMPORARY REGISTRATION NUMBER is provided to listed cats who wish to compete at a CFA show and earn awards in any competitive category, e.g., points earned and qualifying rings will be credited to the cat. The temporary registration number is obtained for the exhibitor from the CFA Central Office via the Entry Clerk. Temporary Registration numbers will be issued by the entry clerk upon receipt of the appropriate TRN fee (which is in addition to the club's entry fee), application form, and a four-generation pedigree (or whatever is required for registration of that breed if fewer than four generations are required) issued by a cat registering body recognized by CFA, with all cats on the pedigree being acceptable for that breed per current registration requirements. This would include longhair exotics shown as Persians (see rule 2.04), and the appropriate fee, which is in addition to the club's entry fee for registration by pedigree; or a CFA issued pedigree showing the CFA registration number for both the sire and dam of the cat/kitten, and the appropriate fee, which is in addition to the club's entry fee. If both parents of the entry are registered with CFA, the CFA registration numbers of the parents are acceptable in place of a pedigree. This The fee, application form, and pedigree (or CFA registration numbers if applicable) must be provided to the entry clerk no later than the beginning of judging for the show. The fee, application form, and pedigree-and these will be provided to Central Office in the show package. Upon review, the registration number will either remain valid for 30 days from the first day of the show, or be voided if CFA registration requirements are not met for the breed being registered. Central Office will notify any exhibitor whose temporary registration number is voided with the bases basis for such decision. Note: wins will also be voided if a cat competes in a competitive category not otherwise eligible based on its permanent registration, e.g., offspring of a "not-for-breeding" cat competing in Championship. Temporary registration numbers will be listed in the catalog as if they were permanent. Cats may compete and continue to earn points for 30 days from the first day of the first show where they have obtained a temporary registration number. That number should be used on all subsequent entries after the first show for the 30-day period or until the cat obtains a permanent registration number. At the end of this 30-day period, the cat may not be shown without a permanent registration number.

- 4.03 It is the responsibility of the owner to enter a cat or kitten correctly under its exact registered name, registered ownership, region/area of residence, and when required, registration number. (See Paragraph 2.03.) Exhibitors that request a temporary registration number will also include a pedigree (or CFA registration number of parents if allowed by rule 1.24) as specified in paragraph 1.24 of these rules.
- 16.10 I. For those cats competing with temporary registration numbers, the application form, associated pedigree (or CFA registration number of parents if allowed by rule 1.24), and appropriate fees submitted for said cats.
- The entry clerk shall be responsible for reviewing each entry 17.02 form received to verify that all necessary information is included. The entry clerk is prohibited from accepting Championship (unless the entry is for a Novice), Premiership (unless the entry is for a Novice), Provisional (kittens or adults) and AOV entries (kittens or adults) whose entry form does not contain a registration number. In the case of cats requesting a temporary registration number, the entry clerk will contact Central Office and obtain the number for inclusion in the show catalog and complete, if not already completed by the owner, an application for temporary registration number that will be attached to the pedigree. The cat's pedigree (or CFA registration number of parents if allowed by rule 1.24), application form, and associated registration fee must be provided no later than the start of judging for the show or the cat will be entered as a novice.
- 18.19 Upon completion of the show, the master clerk shall assemble, arrange, group and verify the completeness of all show records he is responsible for turning over to the show secretary pursuant to paragraphs 16.10 through 16.12, 18.14,18.17 and 18.18. The master clerk shall separate multi-part forms and arrange the copies of the master catalogs and forms according to the prescribed distributions into the sets to be sent to the Central Office, to be retained by the show secretary as the club's record, and the master clerk's own set. The assembled and checked sets shall be enclosed in envelopes or otherwise bound and labeled to identify the destination of each set, i.e., "Central Office Copy" and "Club Copy," when turned over to the show secretary. Records sent to Central Office will include the pedigrees (or CFA registration number of parents if allowed by rule 1.24) submitted for all cats competing with temporary registration numbers, the application forms, and the associated fees, stapled together for each associated cat. The master clerk's responsibilities for the show terminate when the assembled sets of show records are turned over to the show secretary.

RATIONALE: The introduction of the TRN has been very successful in getting novices to become registered with CFA, as it was intended to do. When the board created the TRN procedure, they allowed cats that have both CFA registered parents to also use TRNs. This allowance could get a club another entry or two. Imagine that it is the day of closing of a show and an exhibitor wants to enter a cat that is not yet registered but both parents are CFA registered. Such a cat is eligible for a TRN and the club could get that entry. But if the exhibitor doesn't have a copy of the CFA pedigrees of the parents by the start of the show, the current rule requires that this entry cannot have a TRN for lack of a copy of a pedigree that CFA already has. Since most shows close just a few days before the show, there isn't enough time to order a pedigree from CFA, and the club is likely to lose the entry. So why have the allowance for a cat with both CFA registered parents to use a TRN if it is going to be too difficult for anybody to take advantage of that allowance?

CFA does not issue pedigrees, it issues green slips. We have to pay for a pedigree, and many people with CFA cats may not have copies of all of their pedigrees. Central Office doesn't need to see the pedigrees of the CFA registered parents for a cat with a TRN. All they should need is the registration number of those parents. CO is not going to do any pedigree verification on those parents, so there is no reason to require a pedigree for a cat whose parents are already CFA registered.

For this allowance to be useful to those whose cats have CFA registered parents and to allow clubs to get those entries, those exhibitors

should only need to present the registration number of CFA registered parents. That is all that is needed.

This resolution also includes some housekeeping to 1.24 to make it clearer exactly what is required for a TRN.

- 7 - That's My Point Cat Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article XII, Rule 12.04, 11th paragraph that deals with show licenses as follows:

12.04 ...

Once a show license is approved by the Central Office, no change in club sponsorship will be allowed except the addition of a club or clubs as co-sponsor(s) if requested no later than 30 days prior to the opening day of the show.

RATIONALE: There have been situations where a club licenses a show then invites another club or clubs to work with them to co-host the show. If the show is already licensed, the subsequent club(s) won't be listed in the show schedule unless added to the license. Currently this requires Central Office to first get board permission, which has always been granted to our knowledge. Adding clubs to the show license doesn't cost anything; in fact, being able to do it without first getting the board's permission will simplify the task for Central Office. This show rule change is beneficial to clubs trying to work together to produce shows so that all clubs working on the show can be listed in the show schedule.

8 – Cats Ink, Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers, Sternwheel Cat Fanciers, Oriental Shorthairs of America

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule, Article XIII, Rule 13.05 d. as follows:

d. The CFA licensed certified clerk performing the function of master clerk shall be compensated at the rate of eight (8) cents for each catalog entry in each judging ring. A CFA master clerk shall be compensated at ten (10) cents for each catalog entry in each judging ring. It is strongly recommended that for a six ring, one day show a club engage either two licensed master clerks or one licensed master clerk and one certified clerk who is working towards their master clerk license, assisting the licensed master clerk in charge. The minimum compensation for each person working as a master clerk shall be sixty (60) dollars per weekend-or forty (40) dollars for a one day show. (A Best of the Bests ring is not considered as an additional ring requiring compensation.) Payment schedule shall be based on the status of the clerk on the date a contract is signed. If no contract exists, payment schedule shall be based on the status of the clerk on the first day of the show. CFA licensed certified clerks performing the chief ring clerk function shall be compensated according to entries as follows (NOTE: these are minimal compensations; more can be given per negotiated rate with

clerk): Under 130 entries \$45.00 per show or per day of a back-to-back show 131-275 entries \$60.00 per show or per day of a back-to-back show 276-450 entries \$75.00 per show 225 back to back shows \$50.00 per day Under 150 entries \$30.00 per weekend 151-250 entries \$45.00 per weekend 251 350 entries \$60.00 per weekend 351-450 entries \$75.00 per weekend 1 day shows with 1, 2, 3, 4 rings \$35.00 225 back to back \$40.00 per day shows

("Show" is defined in Show Rule 1.09. In the case of a 6x6, each day is considered to be a separate "Show").

\$45.00

CONTRACTS ARE RECOMMENDED

1 day, 6 ring shows

RATIONALE: This Show Rule, as it is currently written, does not fully take into consideration the newer Show formats that many of our clubs are utilizing. This will help clarify between the 'one-day' show, and one show that is the entire weekend. This also further clarifies how much clubs should pay a clerk, based on the entered count, and the type of show.

Many clubs believe that what is printed in the Show Rules is the required amount to pay a clerk. The amount stated is the *minimum* amount you are to pay the clerk. Clubs are more than welcome to pay a clerk more money, especially if there are extenuating circumstances that you feel they should be paid more, or the club would simply like to show their appreciation to the clerks.

While many of our CFA clerks do so because they enjoy it, they also clerk to assist in offsetting the cost of their entries. With the newer formats, and increasing price of entries, Clerks do not feel the same benefit in clerking for a weekend. Not only are they missing their cats being judged, the clerking fee comes nowhere close to counterbalance the price of the entry fee for one cat and a double cage. By increasing the amounts, this gives individuals who would like to clerk a little more benefit from the entire clerking experience.

- 9- Sophisto Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article XXV – Invitations to & Acceptances by Judges, Rule 25.02 a. to read as follows:

25.02

a. Invitations from clubs affiliated with non-CFA cat associations are subject to the approval of the CFA Judging Program/Board and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approved Specialty, or Approval Pending Allbreed or Specialty judges. Household Pet, 4-H, pet fairs and seminars may be accepted by any licensed CFA judge, who should notify the Judging Program Chairman prior to accepting the invitation.

After appropriate permission is received from the Judging Program/CFA Board for a judge to accept a non CFA foreign guest assignment, he/she must send a CFA Judging Contract in triplicate to the club. When signed and dated by the judge, this constitutes an effect to officiate. This offer will remain in effect for a period of 35 days from the date set opposite the judge's signature. Unless the club accepts this offer and communicates its acceptance to the judge within 35 days of said date by returning two copies of this agreement executed by the club to the judge, the offer expires and the judge is not obligated further. Judges must send a signed copy of all approved guest judging contracts to the CFA Central Office.

If a CFA judge who is under contract to officiate at 2, 3 or more consecutive, non-CFA sanctioned shows as a guest judge, has cause to cancel these foreign assignments in response to a change of circumstances domestically (excluding illness or incapacitation) then the judge is allowed to accept a CFA show on any of these same weekends.

RATIONALE: CFA judging contracts have no legal bearing on clubs from other associations, nor do CFA clubs accept foreign association judging contracts for CFA shows. In reality, when CFA judges receive permission from the CFA Judging Program Committee to guest judge for another association, the CFA judges, as independent contractors, are contracted by the other association and agree to abide by that association's rules and standards for shows, including payment (or not), airfares and other associated costs. If the foreign association has no contract, the CFA judge MAY chose to use portions of the CFA contract to assist in the arrangements with the foreign association.

10 – Sophisto Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article XXV – Invitations to & Acceptances by Judges, Rule 25.05 to read as follows:

25.05 If the judge is willing to accept the invitation, he must send an offer in the form of a signed CFA judging contract in triplicate, or one copy transmitted electronically, containing a provision that this contract is subject to the judge being an authorized CFA judge on the day of the show. This offer must be dated on the date it is mailed containing a provision that this contract is subject to the judge being an authorized CFA judge on the day of the show.

RATIONALE: In practice, judges have the ability to electronically transmit contracts to clubs and receive signed contracts back from clubs. This is especially useful and time-saving when dealing with overseas clubs and/or judges. This also cuts down on paperwork, saves time and money. The redundant portion of the last sentence is removed.

- 11 - Sophisto Cat Club

RESOLVED: If Amendment #10 carries, amend Show Rules, Article XXV – Invitations to & Acceptances by Judges, Rule 25.07 to read as follows:

25.07

A judge who has mailed <u>or electronically transmitted</u> an offer in the form of a signed contract to a club is bound to hold his offer to judge that show open for a period of 15 days from the date of receipt. Unless a signed acceptance in the form of one copy of the contract executed by the club is received by the judge within 15 days, the offer of the judge will be considered to have expired.

RATIONALE: Reflect the option to electronically transmit judging contracts.

- 12 - Sanguine Silver Society

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule, Article XXXVII, NATIONAL/DIVISION/REGIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, AWARDS, National Awards (Championship), as follows:

National Awards

Best 25th Best Cat Cats in Championship earning 5,000 points*: Trophy, Rosette, These cats will be ranked Best through xxx. Notwithstanding the above threshold, CFA will award a minimum of Top 25 Cats in Championship.

RATIONALE: This encourages exhibitors to continue showing their cat/kitten and obtain national recognition for their cat/kitten beyond the current Top 25. If, for example, 30 cats in Championship earn 5,000 points, CFA will award Top 30 in Championship, but at no point will CFA award fewer than Top 25 awards.

Today we have too many quality cats to limit national recognition to 25 if more than that number can achieve the number of points listed in these Resolutions. These numbers are based on the most recent show seasons.

- 13 - Sanguine Silver Society

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule, Article XXXVII, NATIONAL/DIVISION/REGIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, AWARDS, National Awards (Kittens), as follows:

National Awards

Best 25th Best Kitten Kittens earning 2,000 points*: Trophy, Rosette. These kittens will be ranked Best through xxx. Notwithstanding the above threshold, CFA will award a minimum of Top 25 Kittens.

RATIONALE: This encourages exhibitors to continue showing their cat/kitten and obtain national recognition for their cat/kitten beyond the current Top 25. If, for example, 30 cats in Championship earn 5,000 points, CFA will award Top 30 in Championship, but at no point will CFA award fewer than Top 25 awards.

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- 14 - Sanguine Silver Society

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule, Article XXXVII, NATIONAL/DIVISION/REGIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, AWARDS, National Awards (Premiership), as follows:

National Awards

Best 25th Best Cat in Premiership (Alter) Cats in Premiership earning 2,500 points*: Trophy, Rosette, These cats will be ranked Best through xxx. Notwithstanding the above threshold, CFA will award a minimum of Top 25 Cats in Premiership.

RATIONALE: This encourages exhibitors to continue showing their cat/kitten and obtain national recognition for their cat/kitten beyond the current Top 25. If, for example, 30 cats in Championship earn 5,000 points, CFA will award Top 30 in Championship, but at no point will CFA award fewer than Top 25 awards.

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PROPOSED NON-SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

- 15 - Sophisto Cat Club

RESOLVED: Revise the CFA Judging Contract, JUDGE INFO, to read as follows:

The judge is contracted to judge a(n):

Check box if non-CFA, International Association, HHP or 4-H type shows.

If box is checked, permission must be secured by the judge from the CFA Board prior to accepting and signing contract. (Such assignments may not be taken if judges from other similar U.S. based associations officiate at same show.)

The judge agrees to officiate as a judge, and the club agrees to employ the judge, subject to the approval of the CFA Executive Board (Board), at the above mentioned show. However, should the judge be elected to the Board and the show date(s) coincides with the date(s) of any scheduled meeting of the Board, this contract shall be void.

The club agrees to pay the judge the judging fees and expenses as provided in the CFA Show Rules in effect for this show. The applicable fee is determined by the status of the judge at the time of the signing of his/her contract. Judging fees for overseas non-CFA associations, when applicable, are governed by their rules. The club agrees to send the show flyer, motel information and arrangements on transportation from the airport to the show hotel/motel and from the show hall to the airport after the show. This agreement, in triplicate, is submitted to the club by the judge in response to an invitation by the club. When signed and dated by the judge, this constitutes an offer to officiate as set out herein, and this offer will live for a period of FIFTEEN (15) DAYS* from the date set opposite for the judge's signature. Unless the club acccepts accepts this offer, and communicates its acceptance-to the judge within FIFTEEN (15) DAYS* of said date by returning one copy of this agreement executed by the club to the judge, the offer dies and the judge is not obligated further. *(THIRTY-FIVE (35) DAYS on all CFA International Division-and overseas non CFA guest judging assignments.) The validity of this agreement is subject to the condition that, on the opening day of said show, the judge is a CFA judge licensed to officiate for the type of show mentioned above.

The club must mail the yellow copy of this <u>agreement (or one copy of an electronically transmitted contract)</u> to the Central Office together with the show license application for said show.

IMPORTANT: Club to check box, if appropriate.

The Judge IS NOT authorized to purchase a reduced fare coach class ticket that may be non-refundable.

International Division shows: Judges contracted to judge shows in the International Division are required to receive negotiable payment for airline tickets, prior to ticket being issued, from the licensed contracted club in advance of the show. By signing below, both the judge and the club understand and agree to the provisions regarding air fare outlined in the CFA Show Rules.

Signature of Judge Date

Signature of Club Officer Date

Distribution when completed: White copy—JUDGE; Yellow copy & Pink copy—CLUB (yellow copy submitted with show license). <u>One copy of an electronically transmitted judging contract is to be sent as above.</u>

Overseas guest judging assignments: Judge must send a copy of signed contract to the Central Office.

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RATIONALE: Makes necessary corrections to the CFA Judging Contract to reflect change in not requiring to use for guest assignments with foreign associations, corrects a spelling error, and reflects change in acceptance of electronically transmitted judging contracts. Additionally, the requirement for a judge to "vet" the other invited judges for a show hosted by a foreign association was removed several years ago and was to have been removed from the judging contract.

- 16 - Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: For those areas where clubs now pay a \$2 surcharge on entries, the board will set a date to reduce the surcharge to \$1.

RATIONALE: Prior to August 2010, all clubs in the 8 regions had a \$1 surcharge, excluding Canada, Hawaii and the International Division; 50 cents went to the club's region and 50 cents to CFA. At their August 2010 meeting, the board increased the surcharge to \$2 for those clubs where it was already \$1 (with 50 cents going to the region and \$1.50 to CFA), and added a \$1 surcharge to clubs in Hawaii, Canada, and the ID. This is show rule 16.10 k. The rationale used by the board as stated in the transcript of their August 19, 2010, conference call was:

"The proposal is to increase the surcharge to \$2 for most shows. The additional \$1.00 per entry will be used to meet CFA budget shortfall, including Board meeting expenses. The clubs in the ID, Canada and Hawaii will still be exempted from the original surcharge but will be subject to the new fee. (So the ID, Canada and HI pay \$1 instead of \$2). Regions will continue to receive \$0.50 per entry for shows in their Region and will not share in the increase."

By levying this tax on entries, the board put the burden for covering CFA's shortfall on the show producing clubs. This "budget shortfall" was to be temporary, and we were all led to believe this surcharge increase was absolutely necessary to stave off impending doom and would be temporary. Now some on the board have changed their reasoning for keeping the surcharge by claiming that the clubs should be paying more of CO's costs, and that there is sponsorship money to help with shows. This "redistribution of wealth" scheme is a flawed approach to solving the needs of the clubs with our decreasing entries and rising costs. The surcharge was never supposed to be a tax that would turn into sponsorship money that only some clubs would get. When CFA can throw \$50,000 into the sponsorship fund and lose \$30,000 on the World show, clearly, the days of the "budget shortfall" are over.

It is hoped that by presenting this non-binding resolution, the clubs at the annual can have a discussion with the board to let them know our opinion of this tax in the hopes that the board will set a date to end it, or come up with some other reasonable alternative that does not oppress the show producing who are not in any financial position to assume CFA's budgetary needs.

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RESOLVED: Revise the CFA policy regarding "The Breeding of Domestic and Non-Domestic Cats" as follows:

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc., does not encourage or promote the breeding of non-domestic (wild) cats of any species to any domesticated cats. Furthermore, The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. will not consider for registration the offspring of such a breeding.

RATIONALE: Current CFA policy prohibits registration of any cats produced by breeding domestic cats with any wild cat species. Some wild-domestic hybrid breeds, such as the Bengal, have become popular throughout the world. This resolution would <u>not</u> require acceptance of any particular breed in CFA nor change show rules prohibiting their entry. Rather, this will allow the Board of Directors to consider under what conditions, if any, these cats could be eligible for registration in CFA.

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR