

THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.®

2023 Proposed Amendments and Resolutions

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PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

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– 1 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, Section 4 – Regional Assignment, to clarify that a physical address is required for the club secretary, as follows:

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 4 – Regional Assignment

New members of the Association will be assigned to the Region in which is found the ~~mailing address~~ primary residence address of the secretary of the new member at the time of application for membership. ~~If at any time the secretary's primary residence address moves outside of the region, the secretary must inform Central Office of the secretary's new primary residence address.~~ Any club, for which the secretary(s) has resided outside of the current assigned region for a period of five (5) years, and/or the activities of the club have been conducted outside of the current assigned region for a period of five (5) years, shall be reassigned to the region of the current secretary's residence. Member clubs that have reorganized outside the current assigned region, have conducted activities outside the current assigned region, and the secretary also resides outside the current assigned region, may petition the board to be assigned to the new region.

RATIONALE: A club's region is based on the mailing address for the club secretary. The address could be a PO box which might be in a different region than the actual mailing address. A physical (street) address for the club secretary is required on the initial club application; however, a physical, street address is not required for any future changes. CFA should require a physical address to determine if a region has changed. Some people don't want to supply us with a physical mailing address and for valid reasons. Therefore, upon request by a club secretary, the Central Office will only use a PO box address in the club database instead of a physical address.

– 2 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 1 – Annual Meetings, to allow for flexibility in securing an appropriate and affordable venue for CFA's Annual Meetings, as follows:

ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1 – Annual Meetings

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

~~Midwest, Southern, North Atlantic, Northwest, Gulf Shore, Great Lakes, Southwest, Midwest, Southern.~~ For the purpose of the Annual Meeting location, the regions are divided into three (3) areas: East (Regions 1, 4 and 7), Central (Regions 3 and 6) and West (Regions 2 and 5). No specific rotation within the areas is

required other than the meeting must take place at least once in each of the three (3) areas every seven (7) years. The meeting may be held consecutively in one location for more than one year.

~~There shall be no change in the order of rotation, and each time an Annual Meeting shall have been held in each of the seven Regions, the order of rotation shall thereafter be repeated. A location 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.~~

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RATIONALE: CFA is faced with significant challenges in finding a suitable hotel for our Annual Meetings. Some areas of the U.S. are particularly difficult due to cost of living. CFA is required by our by-laws to hold the 2026 Annual in Region 1 – North Atlantic; however, the best guest room rates we are able to secure for suitable properties are in the \$275-\$375 range and this doesn't include tax. Even the hotel where the last Annual in Region 1 was held, Turning Stone Resort in 2019 with a room rate of \$139, is now quoting us prices in the \$275-\$375 range, more than double the room rate in 2019!

CFA, through the assistance of Helms-Briscoe which has a massive network of contacts in the hospitality event industry, has yet to find an affordable venue for Annual Meetings in 2026 and beyond. It should be noted that with higher room rates also comes higher food and beverage costs.

By not being required to adhere to a strict rotation pattern amongst all 7 regions, CFA will have the flexibility needed in today's environment to better secure affordable and appropriate hotel properties. For instance, using Region 1 as an example, Philadelphia, a more expensive area, is in the southernmost section of Region 1, whereas Virginia, in the northernmost section of Region 7, may be more affordable. Having 3 large, demographic areas to locate an Annual with the additional option of a two-year contract, versus rotating every year to a different region in Regions 1 through 7, provides the needed flexibility in contracting, yet still requires the Annual Meeting be located throughout the overall U.S. (Regions 1-7).

– 3 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 2 – Elections, subparagraph c. – Candidates, to more clearly indicate an individual running for the office of Regional Director must reside within the region, as follows:

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

c. Candidates. Except as provided in Section 3 of this Article, any club member in good standing of any member club may run for any office or for Director-at-Large, ~~and Any club member residing within the region and in good standing of any member club assigned to a particular that region may run for Regional Director from that region.~~ No candidate may run for more than one office at a time.

RATIONALE: To declare for the office of Regional Director, the general understanding is that a candidate declaring for this office must live within the region; yet, there doesn't appear to be any-

thing in the By-Laws which clearly states this. Section “c. Candidates”, addresses being a member of a club assigned to the region. However, someone could belong to a club assigned to Region 7, yet live in Region 1. This could be interpreted to mean they can declare for Region 7 Regional Director even though they reside in Region 1.

– 4 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VIII – REGIONS, Section 1 – Geographical Boundaries, REGION 9 – EUROPE, redefining the countries within Region 9 Europe and assigning Russia to the International Division, as follows:

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~~, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Monaco, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, ~~Russia~~, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

RATIONALE: The country of Luxembourg is now spelled correctly.

Due to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, the political and economic sanctions against Russia have essentially stopped travel to and from the country, except for some exceptions. The current emotional climate in Region 9, due to this war, is not favorable to positive camaraderie. This is a situation, even when the war is over, will take a lot of time to heal.

Currently, Russian CFA clubs can host shows, only in Russia, with only Russian judges and Russian exhibitors. The proposed amendment will allow Russia to be placed in the International Division where the breeders and fanciers can earn divisional wins and possibly national wins. The Board will enact the necessary show rule changes to implement this amendment, should it pass. In the meantime, pray for peace.

– 5 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Bylaws – Appendix A – Breed Council Standing Rules – Membership – to permit an expanded timeframe for acceptance of applications while maintaining the August 1 requirement for voting, as follows:

MEMBERSHIP

Membership by eligible individuals in any breed/division section may be obtained by submitting to the Central Office a completed membership application form together with the appropriate fee(s). A membership runs from May 1 to April 30. ~~An optional two year membership will be available in even numbered years for those members who have bred a CFA Grand Champion or Grand Premier of the appropriate breed/division. A two year membership will begin May 1 of even numbered years and end on April 30 of the next even numbered year. When available for distribution, the Show Rules and Show Standards will be sent to each member. Membership applications for any given year will not be accepted after August 1 of that year will be accepted year-round but must be received by August 1st to vote in any poll or election conducted during that membership year.~~

PROPOSED SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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– 6 – Sophisto Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 11.37 to correctly state the name of EveryCat Health Foundation and adds the Breeder Assistance Program.

11.37 Clubs are not expected nor encouraged to give judges’ gifts to judges that are presiding at a show. However, should they want to either continue the practice or have a practice in place to do so, some suggestions are: donations to the ~~Winn Foundation~~ EveryCat Health Foundation, Breeder Assistance Program, or the CFA Legislative Fund in the name of each judge. CFA funds or gift cards not to exceed \$50 in value. If clubs give gifts to their judges, they should be providing the same gift or equivalent to all their judges. In some cultures, the refusal of a gift may be considered an insult. If this occurs, you should accept the gift on behalf of CFA and consult with the Judging Program chair about how the gift should be treated.

– 7 – Chamberlin On The Bay, Pawprints in the Sand, Ocicats of North America, Star City Cat Fanciers Clubs

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS, to modify the hybrid scoring in all classes, as follows:

DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS

Points are awarded in the following manner based on the wins achieved in each ring and the official show count of cats/kittens/household pets in competition.

Eligible Wins

1. Best cat/kitten/household pet (HHP) – one point for each cat/kitten defeated.
2. 2nd Best cat/kitten/household pet (HHP) – 95% of the points awarded to best cat/kitten/HHP, 3rd best cat/kitten/HHP 90%, 4th best 85%, 5th best 80%, ~~etc.~~ 6th best 75%, 7th best 70%, 8th best 65%, 9th best 60%, 10th best 55%.
3. ~~44th~~ 6th Best cat/kitten/household pet (HHP) – 1 point less than ~~40th~~ 5th Best; ~~42th~~ 7th Best 2 points less than ~~40th~~ 5th Best, ~~43th~~ 8th Best 3 points less than ~~40th~~ 5th Best, etc.
4. Best of breed/division – one point for each cat defeated within the breed/division.
5. 2nd best of breed/division – 95% of the points awarded to best of breed/division.
6. Points achieved in individual rings are added to determine an entry’s total points for the show.

RATIONALE: This resolution is a compromise between those who would like to see cat’s points earned more closely reflect the number of cats defeated while recognizing the value of placing high in a final and preserving the benefit received for those cats in small counts. This does not change the decrement for the orange ribbon (2nd Best of Breed/Division) or for champion/premier points.

At the 2022 Annual Meeting, the Delegates voted to change the Show Rules to award 1 point in a final to a cat based on each cat defeated. At the February 2023 CFA Board Meeting, the Board replaced the Show Rule the Delegates voted for with a “hybrid” system, preserving the 5% decrements through 10th place and replacing the scoring for the placements between 11th and 15th to 1 point less than the placement above it.

Most CFA Shows do not have counts large enough to award top 15 placements so the hybrid system the board implemented would not benefit cats in most shows. This resolution would reward cats in all shows.

Our current scoring system highly rewards cats in low counts and unfairly penalizes cats as the count grows larger. In a count of 10, the 10th place cat earns 4.95 points while defeating 0 cats. In a class of 85 cats the 10th placed cat earns 46.20 points while defeating 70 cats.

