

**SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF ZOOM TELECONFERENCE  
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

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**Secretary's Note:** The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, via Zoom teleconference. **President Darrell Newkirk** called the regular meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time. A roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger** found the following members found to be present:

**Mr. Darrell Newkirk (President)**  
**Mr. Richard Mastin (Vice President)**  
**Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)**  
**Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)**  
**Ms. Sharon Roy (NAR Director)**  
**Mrs. Pam Moser (NWR Director)**  
**Steve McCullough, D.C. (GSR Director)**  
**Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)**  
**Mr. Howard Webster (SWR Director)**  
**Mrs. Cathy Dunham (MWR Director)**  
**Mr. Kenny Currie (SOR Director)**  
**Ms. Yukiko Hayata (Japan Regional Director)**  
**Ms. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)**  
**Ms. Cyndy Byrd (Director-at-Large)**  
**George Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)**  
**Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)**  
**Ms. Melanie Morgan (Director-at-Large)**  
**Mr. Brian Moser (Director-at-Large)**

**Also Present:**

**Shelly K. Perkins, Attorney at Law, CFA Legal Counsel**  
**Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director**  
**James Simbro, IT Systems Analyst**  
**Eva Chen, ID-China Representative**  
**Gavin Cao, China Business Advisor**  
**Matthew Wong, ID Representative**

**Absent:**

**None**

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

## SUMMARY

### 1. APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

An unrecorded motion to approve the Orders of the Day, as amended, was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

### 2. RATIFICATION OF ONLINE MOTIONS/APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES.

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
1.	Anger Roy 08.28.2020	Grant the Malaysia Cat Fanciers Club a one-time emergency exception to Judging Program Rule 10.3.a and allow Michael Woods to guest judge in place of Douglas Myers at their September 5, 2020 two AB ring show in Chatuchak, Thailand.	<b>Motion Carried.</b> P. Moser, Colilla, Morgan, B. Moser voting no.

An unrecorded motion to approve the online motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

An unrecorded motion to approve the prior minutes was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

### 3. JUDGING PROGRAM.

**Ms. Anger** moved to adopt housekeeping changes to the CFA Virtual Cat Competition Guidelines, as presented. Seconded by **Mr. McCullough**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

Following an executive session discussion, **Ms. Anger** moved that, *effective immediately, CFA Clubs are permitted to contract licensed ACFA, TICA or CFF judges of good standing for the 2020-2021 CFA show season only, provided the Guest Judge's residence is no further than 200 miles (322 Kilometers) away from the event show hall, and no CFA Judge with a residence no further than 200 miles away from the event show hall is willing and available to officiate the show. All guest judging approvals shall be determined at the discretion of the Guest Judging Committee and subject to all present rules, with the exceptions of Guest Judging Rules 10.1, 10.2, and 10.3, within which only the prohibitive or more restrictive language contrary to this motion will be waived for the 2020-2021 CFA Show Season Only. Requests declined by the Guest Judging Committee shall be reviewed by the CFA Executive Committee only by written appeal submitted by the requesting club to the committee.* Seconded by **Mr. Currel**, **Motion Carried.** Morgan, Dunham, McCullough, Colilla, B. Moser, P. Moser and Calhoun voting no.

Following an executive session discussion, **Ms. Anger** moved that, *effective immediately, CFA Judges are permitted to guest judge for ACFA, TICA or CFF feline organizations during the 2020-2021 show season only, providing that the contracting organization's planned show hall is within a 200 mile (322 Kilometers) distance of the CFA Judge's residence. All guest judging approvals shall be at the discretion of the Guest Judging Committee and shall be subject to all present show rules and guest judging rules, with the exceptions of Guest Judging Rules 10.1, 10.2, and 10.3, within which only prohibitive or more restrictive language contrary to this motion will be waived for the 2020-2021 CFA show season only. Requests declined by the Guest Judging Committee shall be reviewed by the CFA Executive Committee only by written appeal submitted by the CFA Judge to the committee.* Seconded by **Ms. DelaBar**, **Motion Carried.** Morgan, Dunham, McCullough, Colilla, B. Moser, P. Moser and Calhoun voting no.

### 4. MILLENNIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE/TOP CAT CHALLENGE.

**Ms. Anger** moved to approve the following budget items for CITCC/RQVS

1. Up to \$6600 in judging fees for RQVS (\$100 per ring x 6 rings x 11 shows) as outlined by previously approved proposal with the following caveat:
  - CFA will sponsor up to \$600 in judges' fees if the region or hosting entity does not reach \$1500 in total income for their show.
2. \$1600 in judging fees for CITCC (\$100 per ring x 16 rings) as outlined by previously approved proposal.
3. \$1400 for awards for the top 3 highest scoring cats in each conformation class at the CITCC (Best K/C/P/HHP - \$100 each, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25, x 2 shows - photo and video)
4. Advertising budget for social media boosting of CITCC of \$1000

Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

[**Secretary's Note:** The CFA International Top Cat Challenge guidelines were approved at the August 11, 2020 teleconference. In addition to presenting the guidelines with additional detail, some already approved provisions were also addressed.]

### ***CFA INTERNATIONAL TOP CAT CHALLENGE***

**Mr. Mastin** moved to amend item #3 by adding: *To qualify to enter the CITCC, an entry must have entered an RQVE in the conformation class.* Seconded by **Ms. Morgan**, the primary amendment was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

**Mr. Eigenhauser** moved for a secondary amendment to item #3 to say: *An entry must have entered an RQVE in any class.* Seconded by **Ms. Anger**, the secondary amendment was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

**The amended motion was ratified by unanimous consent.** Item #3 will now read as follows:

3. *To qualify to enter the CITCC ~~photo-competition, the entry must have made a final at any RQVE in a photo conformation class.~~ an entry must have entered an RQVE in any class.*

**Ms. Anger** moved to amend #4 by rewording it to say: *The requirements for all video competitions are limited to 30 seconds or under.* Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

**Mr. McCullough** moved to amend item #24 to say: *The CITCC entry fee will be \$10, and to strike out for either the photo or video.* Seconded by **Mrs. Moser, Motion Carried.** Morgan, Anger, Krzanowski, Eigenhauser, Mastin, Roy, Colilla and DelaBar voting no.

**Ms. Anger** moved to adopt the modified CITCC Program Guidelines, as presented and as amended above. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski, Motion Carried.** DelaBar voting no.

## **5. FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**Chair Mr. Mastin** had no action items.

## **6. LEGAL ADVISORY.**

Show License Disclaimer:

**Chair Ms. Byrd** moved to amend the show license disclaimer [see below] to add *and national*. Seconded by **Ms. DelaBar**, the amendment to the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

**Ms. Byrd** moved to approve the disclaimer for show license applications. This statement will be highlighted directly above the signature of the club secretary:

The club affirms it will follow and implement all local, state, ~~and~~ federal and national COVID-19 and related health and safety mandates, restrictions and guidelines in the planning and production of this show.

Seconded by **Mr. Mastin**, the amended motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

Show Entry Application:

**Chair Ms. Byrd** moved to amend the show entry application form [see below] to add *national*, to delete the comma between “CFA” and “Covid”, and to make the reference consistent to “COVID-19.” Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, the amendment to the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

**Ms. Byrd** moved to approve the disclaimer to be added to the show entry application form. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, the amended motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**. The show entry application disclaimer will read as follows:

*By submitting this entry I (we) agree to abide by all ~~governmental, national, federal, state, local, CFA, Covid-19~~ COVID-19 and show sponsoring club rules, and mandates. I (we) will voluntarily vacate the premises immediately, without a refund or payment for services should I (we) violate these rules and mandates.*

Attendee Disclaimer:

**Ms. Byrd** moved to approve a disclaimer to be signed by all attendees who enter the show hall, including judges, exhibitors, agents, vendors, clerks, stewards, volunteers, club members, spectators, etc. Seconded by **Mr. Mastin**, the motion was **Withdrawn**.

Show Flyer Disclaimer:

**Ms. Byrd** moved to approve the following disclaimer to be added to the show flyer:

*By submitting an entry I (we) agree to abide by all national, federal, state, local, CFA COVID-19 and show sponsoring club rules, and mandates. I (we) will voluntarily vacate the premises immediately, without a refund or payment for services should I (we) violate these rules and mandates.*

Seconded by **Mr. Mastin**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

**7. CLERKING PROGRAM.**

**Liaison Mrs. Krzanowski** presented no action items.

**8. SPECIAL SHOW FORMAT REQUEST.**

**Ms. Anger** moved to accept the proposed COVID show format procedures for the 2020-2021 show season for shows produced by the following clubs, Frontier Feline Fanciers, Topeka Cat Fanciers, Cats Kansas City, and Tornado Alley Feline Fanciers. Seconded by **Mr. Currle**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

**9. COVID-19 RATES PER COUNTRY.**

No action items were presented.

**10. SHOW RULE WAIVERS.**

**Ms. DelaBar** moved to amend a show rule waiver proposal [see below] by adding *With the exception of Regions 1-7*. Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, the amendment was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

**Ms. DelaBar** moved the following: *With the exception of Regions 1-7, due ~~Due~~ to extensive travel restrictions around the globe, effective immediately and through the remainder of the 2020-2021 show season, waive the requirements stated in Show Rule 3.13 and allow CFA clubs to contract up to 50 percent guest judges per show.* Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, the amended motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

**Ms. DelaBar** moved that, *Effective immediately and for the remainder of the 2020-2021 show season, clubs hosting shows of 1 to 4 rings and entries not exceeding 150, will be charged a show license fee of \$50 USD (plus the applicable insurance and club fees).* Seconded by **Mr. Eigenhauser**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

#### **11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

**Mr. Eigenhauser** moved that, due to Election Day, the date of the November teleconference be moved from November 3 to November 10, 2020. Seconded by **Mr. Currle**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

#### **12. OTHER COMMITTEES.**

**None.**

#### **13. NEW BUSINESS.**

**Mr. Mastin** moved to cancel the 2021 Ambassador Program calendar project and move it to the 2022 calendar. Seconded by **Mr. McCullough**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

## TRANSCRIPT

### 1. APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD Meeting Agenda September 1, 2020		
1.	Approve Orders of the Day	Newkirk
2.	Ratification of Online Motions/ <u>Approval of Prior Minutes</u>	Anger
3.	Judging Program	Anger
4.	Millennial Committee/Top Cat Challenge	Anger
5.	Finance	Mastin
6.	Legal Advisory	Byrd
7.	Clerking Program	Krzanowski
8.	Special Show Format Request	Dunham
9.	COVID-19 Rates Per Country	DelaBar
10.	Show Rule Waivers	DelaBar
11.	Unfinished Business	
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[**Secretary's Note:** The meeting opening was not recorded. The Orders of the Day were amended to the agenda above.]

**2. RATIFICATION OF ONLINE MOTIONS/APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES.**

	<b>Moved/ Seconded</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>1.</b>	Anger Roy 08.28.2020	Grant the Malaysia Cat Fanciers Club a one-time emergency exception to Judging Program Rule 10.3.a and allow Michael Woods to guest judge in place of Douglas Myers at their September 5, 2020 two AB ring show in Chatuchak, Thailand.	<b>Motion Carried.</b> P. Moser, Colilla, Morgan, B. Moser voting no.

**Eigenhauser:** These are complicated times and we have to think outside the box. Time is short, the club is financially committed to holding the event, and Thailand's closed borders leave us few other options. One judge trying to do both the cat show and a large grooming event would spread him too thin. Cancelling the show would be bad for CFA and "financial ruin" for the club. Both the Executive Committee and the Judging Committee have reviewed this proposal and recommend it as a one time exception. I support the motion. **Roy:** George is right. We need to help as much as we can right now. **DelaBar:** George has stated my thoughts on this unfortunate situation. I have known Michael for quite a while - he has "an eye" and will do a fine job for us. **Krzanowski:** I agree. These are extenuating circumstances that certainly warrant an exception to standing rules. I support the motion. **Morgan:** I agree that these are trying times and we need to think out of the box, but compromising our requirements is not the way to do this. I fully support the endeavor and contend that there are other ways for the club to continue without bringing in a substitute guest judge. They could change the show to one ring, and have Michael manage a seminar or Parade of Breeds ring for the second ring. I do not support this and I think that it sets a very dangerous precedent. **P. Moser:** I have to agree with Melanie and if I remember correctly isn't UCA the association that stole all our materials off our website? Why do we continue to break all the rules we have in place. I'm tired of hearing, oh I know this person and he is a nice guy and so on. It shouldn't be about who knows who, it should be about what our rules stand for. **DelaBar:** In organizational effectiveness, a strong organization can break paradigms, remain flexible during emergencies, and still maintain core values - which have changed quite a bit in the past 40 years. "Dangerous" is stagnation.

**Mastin:** Pam D., thank you for your words of wisdom, it got me to thinking out loud a little. What has transpired in a relatively short period of time for Douglas and the Club is so very unfortunate on many levels. My best wishes go out to Douglas for what he is going through, and I sure hope his health will improve. We are in a position to help the Club put on a show under very difficult and challenging restrictions and mandates, and possibly prevent the Club from having a financial disaster. The CFA Board of Directors has been making exceptions to show rules for many years. And, we are currently in negotiations with UCA for reciprocity. All of these are good reasons to approve this request. Why do we want to cause harm and hardships for this Club or any CFA Clubs who are experiencing major challenges/problems that they did not create and they have little to no solutions other than coming to the Board for help? Not approving this exception will likely be a major hardship on the Club (based on the information that has been provided). I have great respect for this Club in asking us for an exception to a show rule so that they can host a CFA show when most shows are cancelling (or not being scheduled at all). The Club is making the request because they do not want to be forced to cancel their show and take a devastating financial hit. Making exceptions to show rules when things like this happens is our responsibility to do what we can to help guide our CFA Clubs, and hopefully limit damage to the CFA brand. Most times we will make good decisions and get it right. Imo, approving this request is helping the Club and we are limiting any damage to the CFA brand especially if all the exhibitors are notified of the change. I also believe there is far less harm to approve the request than to force the Club to cancel their show. The show rules today are not the same as they were last year or many years ago. One reason why they are not the same and will always change in the future is Clubs coming to the CFA Board for exceptions and the Boards ability to be flexible.

**[Secretary's Note: The meeting opening was not recorded.]**

**The motion [to approve online motions] is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**The motion [to approve prior minutes] is ratified by unanimous consent.**



### 3. JUDGING PROGRAM.

#### *JUDGING PROGRAM REPORT*

<i>Trainee/Application Chair:</i>	<i>Ellyn Honey</i>
<i>CFA Approved Judges:</i>	<i>Vicki Nye</i>
<i>Guest Judges:</i>	<i>Vicki Nye, Wendy Heidt</i>
<i>China Associate Judge Program Chair:</i>	<i>Anne Mathis</i>
<i>Judges' Workshop/Tests/Continuing Ed:</i>	<i>Anne Mathis</i>
<i>Education and Mentoring:</i>	<i>Loretta Baugh</i>
<i>Breed Awareness &amp; Orientation:</i>	<i>Barbara Jaeger</i>
<i>Applications Administrator:</i>	<i>Kathi Hoos</i>
<i>Domestic File Administrators:</i>	<i>Nancy Dodds; Marilee Griswold</i>
<i>Japan File Administrator:</i>	<i>Yaeko Takano</i>
<i>ID-China File Administrator:</i>	<i>Anne Mathis</i>
<i>Europe File Administrator:</i>	<i>Pam DelaBar</i>
<i>ID-International Div File Administrator:</i>	<i>Allan Raymond</i>
<i>Ombudsman:</i>	<i>Diana Rothermel</i>

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#### *Update on CFA Online Cat Competition Guidelines:*

**BACKGROUND:** *This is a housekeeping correction to the Virtual Cat Competition Guidelines amended at the August 11, 2020 Board Meeting. It was discovered that there is some conflicting language in line three.*

**PROPOSAL:** *Strike out the words ~~approved, are required and~~, as they no longer apply. With the addition of the language that CFA judges may officiate at any Virtual Cat Competition, whether sponsored by a CFA club, another association, or an unaffiliated group, the language in line three is no longer applicable. For consistency, any reference to Virtual Cat Show, show or Online Cat Exhibition, is changed to Virtual Cat Competition.*

#### ***CFA Virtual Cat Competition Guidelines***

*Corporate and CFA affiliated: Clubs, Regions, China Area, International Division Area and Breed Councils are permitted to host CFA Virtual Cat Competitions with the permission of their Regional Director/Area Chair.*

*CFA Central Office will not score Virtual Cat Competitions and no CFA titles will be awarded.*

*CFA ~~approved~~ Judges ~~are required and~~ may officiate multiple Virtual ~~shows~~ Cat Competitions at the same time.*

*Payment for judges and clerks is at the discretion of the ~~show~~ Virtual Cat Competition host and should be determined before acceptance of an assignment.*

*Non-CFA breeds and colors may be allowed (if allowed state on application request and public announcement).*

*Virtual Cat Competitions must be approved by the Regional Director or Area Chair.*

*Approved Virtual Cat Competitions may use the CFA entry form or entry clerk program, although these are not required.*

*Virtual Cat Competitions may include photos, pre-recorded or live videos, or any combination of these.*

*CFA clubs may invite anyone to officiate at these events; i.e., celebrity judge, club member, CFA judge or judge from any other association.*

***Virtual Cat Competition application request and public announcement to include:***

- *Official CFA approved logo*
- *Hosting entity*
- *~~Show~~ Virtual Cat Competition Date(s)*
- *Format*
- *Judges for each class*
- *Will CFA Shows-Standards apply? Yes or No*
- *Will non-CFA breeds and colors be accepted? Yes or No*
- *Entry Clerk & contact information*
- *Entry fee(s) if applicable*
- *Entry opening and closing dates & times*
- *Entry requirements*
- *Where will results be posted (results may be posted on social media or a website but must be publicly available)*
- *When will results be posted?*
- *Hosting entity contact person with contact information*

*CFA judges may officiate at any ~~Online Cat Exhibition~~ Virtual Cat Competition, whether sponsored by a CFA club, another association, or an unaffiliated group. CFA Judges still must abide by the Judges Code of Ethics.*

***Action Item:*** *Adopt housekeeping changes to the CFA Virtual Cat Competition Guidelines, as presented.*

**Nye:** Good evening everyone. This is Vicki Nye. Can you hear me, Darrell? **Newkirk:** Yes, we can hear you. Thank you Vicki. **Nye:** As Rachel mentioned, these are just housekeeping corrections. All the changes that were made, the insertion of language for the online cat competition, that CFA judges could judge for any association and that CFA clubs could hire anyone – guest judge, comedian, whatever. Line 3 of the Virtual Cat Competition guidelines was still standing, which said *CFA approved judges are required*, and so I have taken and stricken that section, and also anywhere that referred to the word *show*, I have changed all those to *Virtual Cat Competition*. So, those are the changes that are made here – just housekeeping. We probably should have looked at this three or four more times before it came to the board last time. **Newkirk:** We need a motion to approve those changes. **Anger:** I would like to move that we adopt the action item, to adopt the housekeeping changes to the CFA Virtual Cat Competition

Guidelines, as presented. **McCullough:** Steve seconds. **Newkirk:** Thank you Steve McCullough for seconding the motion. Is there any discussion? Rachel or Vicki, would you like to add any more to this? **Nye:** No. It's just housekeeping, thank you. **Newkirk:** Any other board members have any debate on this issue? Hearing no debate, is there any objection to the ratification of this action item? Hearing no objection, the action item is ratified.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**Newkirk:** Thank you very much Vicki. We'll see you in the executive session. I think that's all for you today right here, isn't it? **Nye:** Yes. **Newkirk:** Alright, we'll see you in executive session a little later tonight.

***Guest Judging Administrator Report***

***BACKGROUND:*** *At the June 2015 Annual Meeting, a motion from the floor requested the ability for CFA clubs, to contract TICA licensed judges, to judge at CFA shows. This is currently prohibited by our Guest Judging Guidelines, as TICA is a US-based association. During the October 3-4, 2015 board meeting, this motion was discussed and subsequently approved, on an emergency basis only. We are now in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic and any relief for show producing clubs to be able to obtain local judges and control expenses is now a necessity.*

*A proposal was brought forward at the August 2020 board meeting teleconference seeking judging reciprocity. The proposal was not pre-noticed and required language revision. The new version presented here has been reviewed and approved by the Guest Judge Administrator, the CFA Southern Regional Director and the CFA Attorney. It will take the place of the motion addressed at the August 2020 teleconference.*

*As the Chair of the Guest Judging Program, I would like to submit the following in regard to the guest judging issue for CFA board's consideration.*

***Motion #1:*** *Effective immediately, CFA Clubs are permitted to contract licensed ACFA, TICA or CFF judges of good standing for the 2020-2021 CFA show season only, provided the Guest Judge's residence is no further than 200 miles (322 Kilometers) away from the event show hall, and no CFA Judge with a residence no further than 200 miles away from the event show hall is willing and available to officiate the show. All guest judging approvals shall be determined at the discretion of the Guest Judging Committee and subject to all present rules, with the exceptions of Guest Judging Rules 10.1, 10.2, and 10.3, within which only the prohibitive or more restrictive language contrary to this motion will be waived for the 2020-2021 CFA Show Season Only. Requests declined by the Guest Judging Committee shall be reviewed by the CFA Executive Committee only by written appeal submitted by the requesting club to the committee.*

Following an executive session discussion, **Newkirk** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Morgan, Dunham, McCullough, Colilla, B. Moser, P. Moser and Calhoun voting no.

***Motion #2.*** *Effective immediately, CFA Judges are permitted to guest judge for ACFA, TICA or CFF feline organizations during the 2020-2021 show season only, providing that the contracting organization's planned show hall is within a 200 mile (322 Kilometers) distance of the CFA Judge's residence. All guest judging approvals shall be at the discretion of the Guest Judging Committee and shall be subject to all present show rules and guest judging rules, with the exceptions of Guest Judging Rules 10.1, 10.2, and 10.3, within which only prohibitive or more restrictive language contrary to this motion will be waived for the 2020-2021 CFA show season*

*only. Requests declined by the Guest Judging Committee shall be reviewed by the CFA Executive Committee only by written appeal submitted by the CFA Judge to the committee.*

Following an executive session discussion, **Newkirk** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Morgan, Dunham, McCullough, Colilla, B. Moser, P. Moser and Calhoun voting no.

***RATIONALE:*** *To provide relief to our CFA clubs who would like to hold a show, but are unable to contract enough local CFA judges to fill their desired format, during the COVID 19 pandemic. Putting a 200 mile (322 kilometers) distance limit of judge's residence to show hall allows for judges to drive in, judge the show, and drive home without the need for a hotel room or traveling by air. This also shows goodwill to our other US-based associations, allowing them to contract a local CFA judge if needed, to conduct their show responsibly. All other Guest Judging show rules and Guest Judging Guidelines would still apply for all regions and all areas of CFA. This would include the ratio of rings judged by CFA Judges, to Guest Judges per Show Rule 3.13. If passed and enacted, any conflict between this motion and Judging Program Rules 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3, will be waived for the 2020-2021 show season only. If this proposal is passed and enacted, any US based Cat Association not listed in this proposal may complete the "Application for Consideration" for judging reciprocity. This document must be forwarded to the appropriate party to gain approval by the CFA Executive Committee, for the 2020-2021 show season only.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Vicki Nye, Chair  
Guest Judging Program*

## **ADDENDUM**

### **10.1 Judging Invitations to CFA Judges by Non-CFA Associations**

**a.** *Invitations to CFA judges from clubs affiliated with non-CFA cat associations not domiciled in the U.S. are subject to the approval of the CFA Judging Program Committee and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges. A Judge may judge only the specialty/specialties in which he/she is approved.*

**b.** *Judges invited to guest judge for eligible international cat associations MUST request permission and receive approval from the CFA Judging Program Committee prior to signing a contract. Such approval is conditional upon there being no licensed CFA show scheduled within a 500-mile (or equivalent kilometer) radius or within a country in Europe of the subject show, at the time the approval is granted. CFA show(s) licensed after approval has been granted will not negate the approval.*

### **10.2 Judging Invitations to CFA Judges from International Division CFA Clubs**

*Invitations from CFA clubs in the International Division may be considered by Approved or Approval Pending judges, including those that are Approved in one specialty and at least Apprentice in the second specialty, or judges at any level that reside in the International Division. A Judge may judge only the specialty/specialties in which he/she is approved.*

### **10.3 Invitations to Non-CFA Judges to Judge a CFA Show**

**a.** *Invitations from CFA clubs for non-CFA Judges are subject to the approval of the CFA Judging Program Committee and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges whose license from an accepted association is on file with the Judging Program Committee and who have been actively judging with their parent association for a minimum of five (5) years. Approved individuals may guest judge for CFA a maximum of ten (10) times per show season and a maximum of three (3) times per club, per show season. A Judge may only judge the level at which they are licensed. When the show format includes a specialty ring guest judges will serve as a specialty judge unless a specialty only CFA judge would be serving as the required specialty judge.*

**b.** *CFA Judging contracts will be used on all authorized CFA shows. CFA Show Rules and CFA Breed Standards are to be followed by ALL judges authorized to officiate as guest Judges at CFA shows.*

**c.** *A Guest Judge Evaluation Form will be completed by the club and mailed to the Judging Program Committee within thirty (30) days of the show. No further guest judging requests will be approved for that club until all outstanding evaluations have been submitted by the club.*

### **China Associate Committee**

<b>Committee Chair:</b>	<b>Anne Mathis</b>
<b>Liaison To Board:</b>	<b>Rachel Anger</b>
<b>List of Committee Members:</b>	<b>Kai (Gavin) Cao: translator</b>
	<b>Chloe Chung: coach and translator</b>
	<b>Pam DelaBar: coach</b>
	<b>Barbara Jaeger: coach</b>
	<b>Anne Mathis: Chair and coach</b>
	<b>Darrell Newkirk: coach</b>
	<b>Teresa Sweeney: coach</b>
	<b>Bob Zenda: coach</b>

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#### **Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*Our most recent training was our first handling training. Handling tips and videos of judge or Breed Council Secretary handled cats were viewed by the associates, and questions were answered. The session was well received by the associates.*

*Our associates who don't have clerking experience have been working on show mechanics lessons with associates Allen Shi and Howie Gao.*

#### **Current Happenings of Committee:**

*Our next section of handling will include videos of the associates handling some of their own cats, focusing on judging procedure for some of the videos, and presenting a cat in a mock final. Coaches will view these videos in a Zoom session, and will offer suggestions for improvement, and positive feedback for what they are doing especially well.*

*Our next section of handling will be the associates at homes of other cat fanciers, handling some of their cats, preferably breeds that they do not own themselves. Again, feedback will be offered by the coaches.*

*A separate issue being addressed by the China Associate Committee is a protest of concern which was signed by a number of fanciers. Despite detailed communication about the China Associate Judge Program and how it works, confusion remains. This will be addressed with a message from the China Associate Judge Committee explaining exactly what the Program is and emphasizing that the Associate Judges will be single specialty judges only, who can judge in China only. A brief explanation of the intense training will be covered.*

**Future Projections for the Committee:**

*When the coaches become comfortable with the handling abilities of the associates, a final assessment will be administered. This will most likely be a combination of a written test that will cover breed knowledge, show mechanics knowledge, and knowledge of the topics we have covered.*

**Time Frame:**

*The Committee would like to complete this training by sometime in September, but as we have been told that CFA shows in China will probably not happen until November, our focus is more on making this training as thorough as possible, rather than a set deadline.*

**What Will Be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*An update of our progress will be provided.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Mathis  
Chair, China Associate Committee*

***Judge's Continuing Education Committee***

***Committee Chair: Anne Mathis  
Liaison to Board: Rachel Anger***

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*The 2020 Judge's Examination was completed by all but one of our judges, and everyone had a passing score, with many having a perfect score. The test consisted of 25 true/false questions from the 2019 and 2020 CFA Show Rules, Breed Standards, and Judge's Code of Ethics. Those that did not have a passing score the first time completed a make up examination, and all that needed to do that passed the make up examination.*

*Our third breed workshop was completed last weekend in a Zoom session. We have done three of these, covering the Singapura, Bengal, and Ragdoll breeds. We also went over the results of the Judge's Examination. These sessions, conducted on Zoom, have been very well received, and we plan to do them monthly with help from judges and Breed Council secretaries.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*We are working on organization of future Zoom Breed Workshops.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*Our goal is to continue the Zoom Breed Sessions until shows are up and running regularly.*

**What Will Be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*If there are any changes to our current plans, we will report those to the Board.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Mathis, Chair  
Judges' Continuing Education Committee*

#### 4. MILLENNIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE/TOP CAT CHALLENGE.

*Committee Chair: Lorna Friemoth*  
*Liaison to Board: Rachel Anger*  
*List of Committee Members: Krista Schmitt, J'Aime Lerner, Nicole Turk*

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##### **Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*The Board approved the CFA International Top Cat Challenge and Regional Virtual Qualifying events in concept to engage exhibitors during this time of social distancing and attract Millennials to the cat fancy.*

##### **Current Happenings of Committee:**

*The CFA International Top Cat Challenge show committee consists of Lorna Friemoth, Kristia Schmitt, J'Aime Lerner, Mary Kolencik, Nicole Turk, Rich Mastin, Kathy Calhoun, Rachel Anger, Desiree Bobby, and Allene Tartaglia. Kathy Calhoun will be the treasurer for the events and assist with compiling financial reports and other related activities. See attached P&L for estimates per show.*

##### **Future Projections for Committee:**

*With assistance from the CFA Marketing committee and Central Office, develop and execute series of online cat exhibitions wherein each region/scoring area will host a fundraiser for their region or a specified charity, with the series completing with an International Cat Challenge.*

**Newkirk:** Item #4 on our order of the day is the Millennial Outreach/Top Cat Challenge. Rachel, that's also you. **Anger:** That is me, if we could scroll down past the end of the Judging Program Report. There is also a very nice report on the China Associate Judge Program and a statement that we will be talking about in executive session. There is our Millennial Outreach Committee. Is Lorna on the call? **Tartaglia:** Yes, she is. I just promoted her to Panelist. **Newkirk:** Welcome Lorna. **Anger:** I will turn it over to Lorna for our action item. She can expound on that a little bit.

##### **Board Action Items:**

*Approve modified CITCC Program Guidelines.*

**Anger:** I would like to move that we adopt the CITCC Program Guidelines. **Krzanowski:** Carol seconds. **Newkirk:** Rachel has made the motion and Carol Krzanowski has seconded, so let's hear from Lorna, her proposal. **Friemoth:** Thank you so much. There's a couple of action items I need from the board, just to go ahead and get moving with this. [transcript goes to next item]

**Newkirk:** That's the Top Cat Challenge document. **Anger:** That's the motion that we have on the floor right now. **Newkirk:** That one? **Anger:** Yes. **Newkirk:** OK, well then let's open the floor for debate on that one, and then we'll do the other five. Rachel, do you want to make a comment? [transcript goes to P&L item]



**DelaBar:** I have some rather deep concerns about the program. If I'm going to get this off the ground for this year, I need guidelines immediately because whoever does the show for the region is looking at this in a different language. I also want to know, how is the platform working that we're going to be using? I thought NEMO was the club that was going to be testing this. They're still taking entries. I understand that they've had some issues that they haven't gotten a lot of help with. So, just the basics, the technical portion of actually getting this off the ground is where my concern is, not particularly on who gets what. We're not dealing with dollars over here, and I know that Hayata-san is not dealing with dollars over in Japan, but these are my concerns – the actual foundation and how we are going to get this off the ground in the timeframe we have been given.

**Anger:** None of these comments have to do with the motion that's on the floor, but I did want to comment that we were talking about CFA paying the judges' fees if the region doesn't make a certain amount of income. The original proposal had CFA paying all of it, so this is a change there. But, if we can go back to the motion, which isn't even on the screen. If we can scroll up to the top where we are talking about approving the modified program guidelines. **Newkirk:** And those are listed down lower in the report, is that correct? **Anger:** Exactly. **Newkirk:** Allene, can you scroll down to where those are, because we need to see those. [discussion goes to the proposed amended Guidelines]

**P. Moser:** I just want to remind you that I asked the question when this was brought up, do we have to do this, and the answer was no. The region does not have to do it if they don't want to. That maybe would say something for Pam DelaBar, because she said that she doesn't know if she can do it. My understanding is, this is optional. **Newkirk:** Lorna, do you have any comments you would like to add before we vote on this? **Friemoth:** As Rachel said, the first discussion point that we're about to vote on is to approve the modified program guidelines. I have been working pretty extensively with Dez and my team to ensure that the platform is ready. I have not seen any of the issues that Pam [DelaBar] is talking about. I have had people ask me directly for help with uploading videos or photos, and it doesn't seem to be a technical issue with the uploads, but more of an end-user error. [discussion goes to #1 on the Guidelines]

[from end of Guideline revisions] **Newkirk:** Is that the conclusion of the Guidelines? **Anger:** We need to go back to the main motion, the very first one in the report, to approve the modified CFA International Top Cat Challenge Program Guidelines, as amended. **Newkirk:** Was it Kathy Calhoun who was the seconder on that? **Krzanowski:** I was the second. **Newkirk:** Oh Carol. I'm sorry, thank you Carol. OK, so, we have modified the Program Guidelines, we have debated the Guidelines, and so we're going to go ahead and call the question. Is there any objections to the modified Guidelines? If you object to the modified Guidelines, please say so now and I'll call a vote. **DelaBar:** I object. **Newkirk:** OK, Pam DelaBar objects, so I need to hear everybody that's in favor of the amended Program Guidelines, please raise your hand.

**Newkirk** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar voting no.

**Newkirk:** The yes votes are Howard Webster, Cyndy Byrd, Carol Krzanowski, Rich Mastin, Kenny Currle, Rachel Anger, Melanie Morgan, Cathy Dunham, Brian Moser, Pam Moser, George Eigenhauser, Kathy Calhoun, Sharon Roy, John Colilla and Steve McCullough. Hayata? **Hayata:** Hayata-san yes. **Newkirk:** And Hayata-san is a yes. If everybody will lower their hands, I'll call for the no votes. I have Pam DelaBar. So, Pam DelaBar is the lone no vote. Rachel, can you tell me. I didn't count the yes votes. **Anger:** The number? **Newkirk:** Yes. I read

the names into the record. I just need to know the number. **Anger:** 16 yes, 1 no. **Newkirk:** OK. So the amended Program Guidelines for the CITCC are approved. Congratulations Lorna.

**DelaBar:** Now that the Guidelines have been passed, part of the Guidelines was the timeframe. I am still concerned about the platform we're expected to run this on, without any guidelines on the platform, when the platform is still being tested by NEMO. That's my objection. **Newkirk:** OK, that's fine. My suggestion is that you get with Lorna and Desiree Bobby, and hopefully those – I think they can run 5 concurrent shows at one time, and when a show gets finished they can add one in.

*Poll CFA judges (including judge emeritus status) to determine interest in judging RQVE & CITCC.*

**Friemoth:** The first would be to re-poll CFA judges to determine interest in judging a Regional Qualifying Virtual Event and the CFA Top Cat Challenge. **Newkirk:** Of these four action items you have here, polling the judges is not one of them. So, you have actually five action items. Is that correct? **Friemoth:** Correct. Technically there's six. I sent an updated CFA International Top Cat Challenge Program Guideline document. **Newkirk:** OK, so that would be item #5.

*Review attached P&L Report.*

**Friemoth:** The second is to review the sample P&L Report that our Treasurer, Kathy Calhoun, has mocked up for us.

**Tartaglia:** Kathy and Pam have their hands up. **Newkirk:** OK, Kathy Calhoun, go ahead please. **Calhoun:** I just wanted to speak a little bit to the P&L that was put together. There was one put together for the Regional Virtual Qualifying Events. Really, I think conservatively, if we estimate that a show gets 500 entries at \$10 apiece, that's \$5,000 and with their expenses – which would be judging fees, awards, prizes, postage if they have to mail out some of these awards, we put in another \$250 – we made a little bit of an adjustment to what's probably in File Vista. But, it did show that really with the judges' fees included in the expenses that shows should conservatively make profit. That would be income less expenses. They should net somewhere in the area of \$1,700. So, there really should be no reason why CFA would have to pay for judges, in the estimates that I have made. So, I'm not sure. I just want folks to understand that. I don't think that that is actually going to be an issue. If the regions put the effort behind getting the news out, CFA should not have to pay for judges.

*Approve the following budget items for CITCC/RQVS*

1. *Up to \$6600 in judging fees for RQVS (\$100 per ring x 6 rings x 11 shows) as outlined by previously approved proposal with the following caveat:*
  - *CFA will sponsor up to \$600 in judges' fees if the region or hosting entity does not reach \$1500 in total income for their show.*
2. *\$1600 in judging fees for CITCC (\$100 per ring x 16 rings) as outlined by previously approved proposal.*

**Friemoth:** In the initial proposal that you approved at the previous meeting, it cited that CFA would pay for all of the judging fees. Upon further discussion with Rich Mastin, Kathy

Calhoun and Rachel Anger, we have opted to change that. Only if the show were to not gross \$1,500 would CFA cover the expenses of the judges' fees. **Newkirk:** Allene, can you scroll up so we can see the rest of the report? I'm not seeing the left side of it, so is there a way you can move that report over a little bit? Go back a little. That's it right there, thank you. So, your second item is with the budget. Is that correct? **Friemoth:** Yes. So, the judging fees were previously approved by the board, but we edited the motion to change that so that if the show doesn't make money, then CFA will cover; otherwise, the regions or areas will be responsible for those fees. **Newkirk:** OK.

3. *\$1400 for awards for the top 3 highest scoring cats in each conformation class at the CITCC (Best K/C/P/HHP - \$100 each, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25, x 2 shows - photo and video)*

**Friemoth:** The third item is guaranteeing awards for the top three highest scoring cats in each of the conformation classes at the CFA International Top Cat Challenge, with best cat, kitten, premier and household pet getting \$100 each, second is \$50 each, third is \$25 each, and there are two separate shows – the photo competition and then the video competition. **Newkirk:** The award money here, you say *photo and video*. Is it \$100 for the photo and \$100 for the video? **Friemoth:** Correct, per class. **Newkirk:** Per class, OK. Per class, per show. **Friemoth:** Correct.

**Calhoun:** My hand was up before we got to the motion that we're on now. I wouldn't have been able to support his if we hadn't made the change, that CFA would be paying for the judges. I do think that we are very, very close in on being able to execute all of these things. I'm not sure if we can do it to the professional degree that we want to be able to do it, or should we really consider pushing this back a bit?

4. *Advertising budget for social media boosting of CITCC of \$1000*

**Friemoth:** Then the fourth action item is to approve a social media budget for advertising of \$1,000.

[from end of report] **Newkirk:** Rachel, you are recognized. **Anger:** I was going to make the next motion. Are we ready for that? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Anger:** Approve the budget items for the CITCC/RQVS. The four items are there. I think the two previous things – about polling the judges and to review the report – are not items that need to be voted on, but to approve the budget would need a vote, so that is my motion. **Krzanowski:** Carol seconds. **Newkirk:** Rachel, would you like to enter debate, since you made the motion? You're first up. **Anger:** Thank you. I think we have debated a bit of this already, so I will defer to Lorna, through the Chair, if she wants to bring up any additional items. **Friemoth:** I have no additional items, thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you very much, Lorna. Carol, do you have any comments to make? You were the seconder. **Krzanowski:** No, I don't have any. Thank you. **Newkirk:** Any other board members have any discussion on approving the budget for the CITCC/RQVS?

**Calhoun:** Part of the budget is a donation of profits to a charitable organization. I wanted to call that out to the attention of the board and make sure that as we vote, that we take that into consideration. Do we need to name the charitable organization at this time? **Newkirk:** Are you making a motion? **Calhoun:** No, I'm not making a motion. I guess my first question is, do we need to determine at this point in time if, in fact, we are going to donate profits from the CITCC to a charitable organization, maybe what we need and what I would like to find out is if the board is in favor of that, so I can make a motion, and then we need to name the charitable organization. So, is that the appropriate way to do it, Darrell? **Newkirk:** Let's get a couple more comments, because we really can't discuss items without a motion. Rich and Steve want to make comments,

so we'll move after that, OK? **Mastin:** Item #38 in the Guidelines already calls out the donated organization. It does state, *The share will be determined by the Executive Committee of the CFA Executive Board.* So, it's already called out in there. I'm not sure if Kathy wants to specifically call it out in the budget or what she's asking, because we already approved the Guidelines. If there are profits, we have already agreed to make the donation to the Winn Feline Foundation. **McCullough:** I was going to bring that up, too. In other places it says that there will be donations to be determined at a later time. How will we determine that? It's not spelled out in here what percentage is going to who. **Newkirk:** If we're going to debate this, we need a motion. Somebody needs to make some kind of a motion here. If not, we can ask Lorna to address it and bring it to the October meeting, since some of this is going to be happening after some of the regional stuff is going to be going on. The big event is not until after our October board meeting. **Krzanowski:** I kind of overlooked that one part of the Guidelines where it named a charitable organization. In light of all the disasters that have hit our country recently, I would kind of like to see a donation to the Breeder Assistance and Disaster Relief instead. I think they are far more in need of something at this time. **Anger:** Can Allene scroll back down? That particular provision talks about it being approved by the Executive Committee, and this was in the previous proposal that we have now approved twice. I think we have already covered it, actually. The Executive Committee can make that determination and I would wholly support it. Thank you. **Friemoth:** The reason we felt the Winn Feline Foundation was a good cause overall to millennials who may just first be hearing about CFA and its offerings is that it's for the good of all cats, not just breeders. That kind of is a dirty word in pop culture, but I'm happy to defer to the board. **Newkirk:** Lorna, would you consider maybe splitting the profits between Winn and Disaster Relief? **Friemoth:** Absolutely. The regions may also opt to do whatever they would like with their donations, as well. **Newkirk:** OK, so we approved the budget already. We were just chatting there. Do you have anything else to add, Lorna, before we move on to the next order of the day? **Friemoth:** I do not. Thank you all for your help. **Newkirk:** Thank you very much. We appreciate your time and effort. You have done a great job. We appreciate it. **Friemoth:** Thank you.

**Anger:** Did we approve the budget? We did that? **Newkirk:** Yeah, we approved it. Didn't we approve it? **Anger:** I don't think we did. **Newkirk:** We didn't? OK, I thought we did, because I was getting ready to move on when Kathy brought that up. Alright, so let's vote on the budget. Is there any objection to approval of the budget that has been presented to the Board of Directors in this report? I hear no objections, so the budget for the CITCC/RQVS stands approved, as presented.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

### **Time Frame:**

*The Regional Virtual Qualifying Events schedule has been postponed to September 19-20 through October 17-18, 2020. Up to two regional/area shows will need to be scheduled on a given weekend to accommodate this timeframe. The CFA International Top Cat Challenge has been adjusted to October 31-November 1, 2020.*

**Friemoth:** The only other slight concern we have is, we may have to change the time frame of this because it has taken a little bit more time than we expected to get this off the ground. It could be that we are not able to start the Challenge – the actual first show – until September 19/20 to give the first regions the two weeks to have people enter their cats.

### **What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

We will have the schedule of regional exhibitions completed and updates regarding sponsors.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lorna Friemoth, Chair

#### **CFA INTERNATIONAL TOP CAT CHALLENGE**

1. *Each CFA region may hold a Regional Qualifier Virtual Exhibition (RQVE) during the months of September and October. The regions may use these virtual shows as fundraisers for the regions. The regions may hold these shows without a club, or the regional director may designate a club or clubs (including out-of-region clubs) to conduct the region's show and may share some or all the proceeds with the club. If a regional director wants to designate a club to hold the show, preference should be given to in-region clubs and only if none want to hold the show should the RD turn to an out-of-region club.*

**DelaBar:** In the way I'm reading this, the regions don't have the ability to opt out. You're either all in on this thing or all out, yet I don't see a whole lot of guidance for the regions, except the time frame of when to host this competition. I think we're trying to push too much too soon. **Mastin:** I need clarification again from Lorna on what she said about whether or not the regions can opt out or not. I thought she said they couldn't, but in the language in the first paragraph it says, *Each CFA region may hold a Regional Qualifier Virtual Exhibition (RQVE)*. So, I just need clarification on that. **Newkirk:** Scroll back up Allene to #1 please. **Perkins:** I just wanted to point out that the way that this is written, when you use the word "may," that's not a requirement; that's 100% optional language. If you use the word "shall," then they are required to do something, so when you have language like this, this says they can do it. They aren't required to do it, they may do it at their election. That's the way I would always read the word "may," is that it's 100% optional. **Newkirk:** Thank you Shelly for your input. **Currle:** My region, and I know Pam's region, we both – I can't say recently but it hasn't been too far in the past – just had our own regional shows. Granted, they would not qualify because we had cats from outside of our region participate, as well, but it's a lot of work. I know they will have the platform and what have you. I would certainly like to participate, but seeing the word "may" in there does cover, in my mind, the opportunity to opt out so I don't see a reason to change that. **Friemoth:** If Region 9 and 7 would like to have their cats counted from their previously hosted shows, that is something I will entertain.

2. *There will be a CFA International Top Cat Challenge (CITCC) with two conformation competitions - a photo competition and a video competition, and some number of other fun rings TBD. The number of rings for the CITCC is 8 for the photo competition, 8 for the video competition. The CITCC will take place ~~at the end of October~~ two weeks after the conclusion of the RQVS.*
3. *To qualify to enter the CITCC ~~photo competition, the entry must have made a final at any RQVE in a photo conformation class.~~ an entry must have entered an RQVE in any class.*

**Mastin:** Assuming Pam Moser is correct, that this is optional to the regions – I didn't hear otherwise – I do want to bring your attention to #3 in the Guidelines and ask Lorna and her committee, are they committed to #3 in that it says, *the entry must have made a final at any RQVE*. I did the math on this. If my numbers are correct, there could potentially be a total of 60

unique cats making a final at each of these 11 events, assuming all 11 events happen at the regional/ID level. That's a total of 660. I can't imagine they are all going to be unique, but if we have regions that have the option not to do this – let's say, half of them decide not to do this and we only have six – now we only have 360 possible unique cats that could qualify to enter the International part of this. Do you put in a clause if we do not have X number – let's say, 500 unique that are eligible – to open it up to all that attended the regional? Just a question to Lorna and her group on the finance portion of it, if we do not get all 11 regions and areas participating.

**Friemoth:** If you read #1 on the Virtual Top Cat Guidelines, it says, *Each CFA region may hold a Regional Qualifier Virtual Exhibition (RQVE)* and if you fast forward to the end of the statement, it says, *the regional director may designate a club or clubs (including out-of-region clubs) to conduct the region's show and may share some or all the proceeds with the club. If a regional director wants to designate a club to hold the show, preference should be given to in-region clubs and only if none want to hold the show should the RD turn to an out-of-region club.* It does not specifically state that this is optional for the regions. **Morgan:** Going back to what Rich was saying, when we're talking about cats that qualify for the main show, this is somewhat similar to what we used to look at with our regional invitationals [*sic*, qualifiers] for the International Show, which moved to, if you were entered in the show you were eligible. I don't see why we would be putting something out there that would limit the potential for our main event by requiring that they have to have finaled, because by definition, as Rich said, we're already limiting the main number but there's probably going to be a decent amount of duplication, so we could have a very anti-climactic main CFA event at the end of all of this. I can't support these guidelines with that kind of limitation. **Friemoth:** The qualification portion is for the photo competition, which is for kittens, cats, championship and household pets. There will also be multiple fun categories that require no qualification, as well as the video portion which requires no qualification. **Newkirk:** Any other comments? No one wants to make any amendments to the proposal?

**Mastin:** I just want to say, I am in favor of doing this. However, I'm not in favor of approving it as written because of #3. I'm not confident that the photo portion is going to generate the large number that we're looking to get, in order to allow a large group of people to participate. So, I'm just throwing that out there to Lorna and her team. I will most likely vote against this unless someone can say otherwise and I need to change my vote, all because of the way it's stated, "made a final." **Newkirk:** Rich, make an amendment. Make #3 say what you want it to say. **Mastin:** All I would want it to say is that they participate in one of the regional qualifiers. They don't have to make a final in the qualifier, just participate. **Newkirk:** Then change the wording there, to say they only have to participate in the RQVE to qualified for competition in the CITCC. **Mastin:** OK, that would be my amendment. **Morgan:** I'll second.

**Newkirk:** OK, so Rich has made it and Melanie has seconded the motion; that is, Rachel, you're the wordsmith. Can you wordsmith that motion so it's correct. **Anger:** Sure. Do you want me to do it now, or are you talking about in the minutes? **Newkirk:** I want you to do it now so we can vote on the amendment. **Anger:** I believe what Rich wants it to say is, *To qualify to enter the CITCC, an entry must have entered an RQVE in the conformation class.* **Mastin:** That is correct. **Newkirk:** That's great, thank you very much. **Mastin:** Thank you. **Newkirk:** So, we have an amendment.

**Krzanowski:** I do have a question. Why must they enter the show in the photo conformation class in order to go the CITCC, but they don't have to enter the video? I'm not understanding why there is a different qualification for the video than there is for the photo competition. **Newkirk:** Lorna, would you like to answer that? **Friemoth:** Certainly. When we

initially started these conversations back in May, there was a pretty overwhelming push to only have it be video because that was thought of being a more pure form of competition of cats that are actually missing shows right now, so it was seen that anybody could enter the video, because we were trying to recognize cats that should be out showing right now but are not able to because of the pandemic. **Newkirk:** Carol, does that satisfy your question? **Krzanowski:** I'm not really sure, no. **Eigenhauser:** I agree with Carol. I see it as one of two pure forms. Either we should say, "these are qualifiers and you have to accomplish something to qualify" or we should say, "all you have to do is enter the qualifier, to enter the main show," and if all you have to do is enter, it shouldn't matter whether you're in the photo or in the video portion of the contest. The point is accomplished either way. They are entering the qualifier, and if that's the purpose of doing it, it shouldn't make any difference which one it is. It should be either of them. **Newkirk:** Would you like to make a secondary motion to put /video in between photo competition? **Eigenhauser:** Sure. **Morgan:** Melanie seconds. **Newkirk:** OK, Melanie Morgan has seconded a secondary amendment to insert /video between photo and competition. Is there any discussion on that amendment? Is there any objection to that amendment? **Anger:** If we're going to go down that path, why don't we just open it to all categories? *An entry must have entered an RQVE in any class.* **Newkirk:** OK. George, comments? **Eigenhauser:** I'll accept that amendment. **Newkirk:** Rachel seconded it because she made the motion. Alright, so any competitive category, if they have entered it then they can compete at the CITCC. That's what we're voting on. Is there any further debate? Is there any objection to the secondary amendment? Hearing no objection, the secondary amendment is approved.

**The secondary amendment is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**Newkirk:** Now we're going back to the first amendment. That's the one that Rich made. So, we've changed the wording. Is there any further discussion on that? I think we beat that one pretty good. Pam? **DelaBar:** Sorry, I take it down for now. I forgot that this secondary one was still – **Newkirk:** The secondary one is already passed. We're to the primary one now. The primary amendment is the one that Rich made. Now his amendment will say that any competitive category, if you enter any RQVE in any competitive category, you are now eligible to enter the CITCC. **DelaBar:** Vicki brought to my attention that if we pass that, then paragraph 4 is out of order. **Newkirk:** We can delete that after we pass this motion. If we pass this motion, then we can delete that, OK? **McCullough:** If we accept that, paragraph 24 will be out of order. **Newkirk:** It's 4 and 24? **McCullough:** Correct. **Mastin:** I was going to say the same thing that somebody said earlier about item #4 needed to be changed. **Newkirk:** Let's vote on the amendment. Is there any objection to the amendment? Hearing no objection, the amendment is passed.

**The primary amendment is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**Newkirk:** Now we have to approve the main motion, which is all these amendments that we've made to #3. I think we've had enough discussion on it, so I'm going to call for the vote on that. Is there any further debate on approving #3? Go back down Allene, to where we're at. Let's vote on the main motion. Is there any objection to the amendments and the new main motion? The amended motion, that's been stated? Hearing no objection, that is approved.

**The amended motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

4. ~~To enter the CITCC video competition, it is not necessary to compete in any RQVE. The requirements for this competition~~ all video competitions are limited to 30 seconds or under.

**Newkirk:** Now we need to delete #4. I will give Lorna the opportunity to comment on that. **Friemoth:** Could we change it so that it says, *To enter the CITCC video competition, it is not necessary to compete in any RQVE. The requirements for this competition are 30 seconds or under.* That is important. **Newkirk:** You're limiting the time frame. **Friemoth:** Correct. **Newkirk:** OK. Who called #4 out of order? **Eigenhauser:** I think it was Vicki. **DelaBar:** I brought that up, Darrell. **Newkirk:** You did, OK. You understand now that the video has to be limited to 30 seconds? It's a time frame issue. It has nothing actually to do with how to qualify for the CITCC. **DelaBar:** Got it. **Newkirk:** OK, so #4 is OK. **Krzanowski:** Should the video be limited to 30 seconds for both the regional one and the CITCC, or is it allowed to be longer for the regional one? **Friemoth:** It's about space on the server, so it's really important that it's 30 seconds or under for any competition. **Newkirk:** Do you want to see the wording changed, Carol? **Krzanowski:** I think it should be. I think it should be just a general, *the video competition shall be limited to 30 seconds.* Plain and simple. **Newkirk:** How about, *The requirements for all competitions are limited to 30 seconds or under.* **Anger:** All video competitions. **Newkirk:** OK. Are you making the motion, Rachel? **Anger:** I am making that motion. **Eigenhauser:** George will second. Is there any discussion? I don't see anybody's hands up, so is there any objection to that amendment to #4? Hearing no objections, we will change that. Rachel will make the notations.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

5. ~~All RQVE must complete judging by the second weekend in October so that cats may qualify~~ third weekend in October so all show scoring and verification of qualification into the show completed for the CITCC taking place the last fifth weekend of October.
6. *A photo conformation competition at an RQVE will include a minimum of 6 rings, and each ring will include four classes - Kitten, Championship, Premiership, and HHP. Each class in one ring may have a different judge, i.e. there may be up to 4 judges in one conformation ring. Ideally, each RQVE should have the same number of conformation rings, but this will be at the discretion of the RQVE show committees. The number of rings at the CITCC is 8 rings for the photo competition and 8 for video.*
7. *There may be additional fun rings at the discretion of the RQVE show committee. These fun rings may be judged by anybody that the RQVE designates and will be defined totally by the RQVE.*
8. *CFA Miscellaneous breeds will compete with all other breeds in the conformation classes as though accepted for championship.*
9. *CFA registration is not required for the RQVE or CITCC, but for the conformation rings cats will be entered by breed and judged according to the CFA standard if the breed exists in CFA.*
10. *Non-CFA breeds may be included in the conformation rings at an RQVE and the CITCC. The standard for these breeds can be the TICA or FIFE standard and must be announced before entries begin. For any breeds not accepted by CFA, TICA or FIFE, the show*



*committee will determine which standard to use and will announce prior to accepting entries.*

11. *Longhair Exotics will compete as they do in CFA in the Persian breed.*
12. *CFA AOVs and non-standard colors will compete within their breeds in the conformation classes as though accepted for championship. The owners may choose to enter such cats in the HHP category, or in the K/CH/PR class. For example, lilac British Shorthairs can compete in the British Shorthair breed, or the HHP class. The owner of a straight-eared Scottish Fold may enter the cat in the Scottish Fold breed, or in the HHP class. The owner of a seal point Oriental can enter the cat in the Oriental breed, or the HHP class. Lookalikes should be entered in their appropriate CFA breed in which they would be registered, but this will be up to the owner and the show committee is not expected to police this.*
13. *Finals at an RQVE and the CITCC will be top 15.*
14. *Cats may enter any RQVE and may enter multiple RQVE. Entry into the CITCC is not automatic.*
15. *The photo conformation competitions at the RQVE will require up to 3 photos of each cat - a full body shot, front-on or angled head shot, and a profile shot. For the RQVE, the owner may submit a short, pre-recorded video clip positioning the cat as if on a judging table.*
16. *Cats entered in one conformation class may not be entered in another conformation class at the same show or at any other RQVE (e.g. you cannot enter the same photos in championship at one show and in premiership at the same or any other RQVE). Kittens are an exception. Kitten photos of a cat may be entered in the kitten class while adult photos of the same cat may be entered in either championship or premiership at the same show. Such a cat will be two separate entries.*
17. *The conformation classes will conform to CFA rules for age (e.g. kitten photos should be obviously between 4 and 8 months old). The age entered for the cat should be the age of the cat at the time of the photo.*
18. *Owners are on the “honor system” for the spay/neuter status of cats, but photos that are obviously of whole males should not be entered in the premiership or HHP classes.*
19. *Judges will be provided an electronic catalog. There will be no names or titles in the judges' catalogs. Judges will also be provided with electronic breed & final sheets. The catalog and forms should be a format that the judges can print or edit electronically. The judges will return their results to their clerk (or the show committee) in an electronic form, either filling in the electronic catalog or scanning printed sheets with an app such as TurboScan.*
20. *Judges will announce their top 15 but do not need to announce any other ribbons.*
21. *Photos in the conformation classes may be cropped and have minor adjustments (e.g. straightening the horizon) but should not be substantially altered in such a way to change the appearance of the cat (e.g. no obvious darkening or lightening of eye color, no*

*straightening of profiles). Touch ups to remove minor blemishes such as dirt, dust or specs are allowed. Composite photos are not allowed in the conformation classes. This is a not a photoshop competition. Photos in the conformation competition may not have cattery logos, watermarks, or other identifying marks. The show committee will disqualify any obviously altered photos that significantly change the appearance of the cat or provide any identifying information. The show committee may waive these restrictions on photos in the fun classes.*

22. *The regional shows should be staggered, but scheduling will be up to the RDs with up to two per weekend with judging taking place from September 19 through October 19. Clubs may not conduct other CFA virtual competitions during this time.*
23. *The regions/clubs may set their own entry fees for the RQVE. Recommended fee is \$10.*
24. *The CITCC entry fee will be \$10 ~~for either the photo or video. There will be a discount for cats that finish high in the RQVE events, defined later.~~*

**Newkirk:** Allene, can you go down to 24 now and we'll go over that number? OK thank you. **Friemoth:** I'm not sure what the issue is with 24. **Newkirk:** That's Steve McCullough, so Steve, can you address this issue? **McCullough:** Yes. It should just say, *The CITCC entry fee will be \$10.* Period. All that other is [inaudible]. **Newkirk:** So, you want to strike out *for either the photo or video*, because either way they enter they have to pay \$10. **McCullough:** Correct. **Newkirk:** OK. You're OK with the last sentence in item 24? **McCullough:** Correct. **Newkirk:** So, you want to make that as a motion, to strike out *for either the photo or video*. **McCullough:** Yes, sir. I'll make that motion. **Newkirk:** George Eigenhauser, do you want to second that? **Eigenhauser:** I'll wait for a second. I have a comment. **P. Moser:** Pam seconds. **Newkirk:** Pam Moser seconds.

**Newkirk:** George, you are recognized. **Eigenhauser:** I think changing it makes it less clear. It currently says its \$10 for either. If you take out the word "either," then that could imply that it's \$10 for both and that's not what we're trying to do. The word "either" has a very specific meaning. It means one or the other. If we take out that modifier, then we don't know if it means either or both, so it becomes less clear. **Mastin:** So then, should it be for any competition, the \$10, or whatever they are going to call them? Because I understand they're going to also have fun competitions, in addition to the video and the photo. **McCullough:** Correct. **Friemoth:** The fun competitions may be different than the regular competitions, because they only have one judge. It's not really fair to charge them \$10 for one judging. **Newkirk:** You're saying that the fee to enter one of the fun competitions may be less than \$10? **Friemoth:** Correct, because it's only one judging, not 6 or 8. **Newkirk:** Is that somewhere in the protocol here? **Friemoth:** No, because they're not official classes. They're not required and they have not yet been defined for the CFA International Top Cat Challenge. **Mastin:** OK then, I agree with George's statement that by having *for either the photo or video*, it makes it more clear. **Newkirk:** Any other discussion? So, we obviously have two different opinions here, so I'm going to call for the vote. Everybody that's in favor of deleting *for either the photo or video*, please indicate by clicking the raise hand button. It's at the bottom of your participant screen.

**Newkirk** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Morgan, Anger, Krzanowski, Eigenhauser, Mastin, Roy, Colilla and DelaBar voting no.

**Newkirk:** The yes votes are Kenny Currle, Steve McCullough, Brian Moser, Kathy Calhoun, Cyndy Byrd, Pam Moser, Cathy Dunham, Howard Webster. Everybody needs to lower

their hands. Thank you. All the no votes, please raise your hand. **Hayata:** I can't use the hand up. **Newkirk:** Is your vote yes or no? **Hayata:** Yes. **Newkirk:** OK, so that's 9 yes and 8 no. The no votes are Melanie Morgan, Rachel Anger, Carol Krzanowski, George Eigenhauser, Rich Mastin, Sharon Roy, John Colilla and Pam DelaBar. Hayata was yes, so the motion passes. The vote is 9 yes and 8 no. **Anger:** I did not get a vote for Cyndy. **Newkirk:** Hers was a yes. **Anger:** OK, thank you. **Newkirk:** Everybody can lower their hands. Thank you.

25. *Any prizes offered for the RQVE will be up to the region.*
26. *The RQVE and CITCC will include vendors via [vcc.cfa.org](http://vcc.cfa.org). It is recommended that vendors supply goods or gift cards for a top placing cat per category, or a monetary donation that will be used to purchase gift cards for the winners.*
27. *In a survey of judges conducted by the JA, only 25 of 64 judges said they would be willing to judge a virtual show. Since cats may enter multiple RQVE, the regions may want to have varied lineups to encourage more entries, and there may not be enough judges for these shows. Therefore, the regions & clubs may invite judges from other associations to judge the conformation competition. These judges must be from associations eligible to guest judge at a regular CFA show, and may include TICA and ACFA. Judges from other associations must use the CFA standard for CFA breeds.*
28. *In addition to judges from other associations, regions may invite CFA exhibitors to judge the conformation classes. These exhibitors must have been breed council members for at least 10 years, must have a Cattery of Distinction minimum Tier 1, and must have at least one National Win in Kittens, Championship or Premiership. The CITCC will not include exhibitor judges. (The reason for the NW requirement is that an exhibitor judge should have some minimal level of experience seeing many other breeds.)*
29. *The show committees may invite anyone to judge the fun classes at the RQVE or CITCC shows.*
30. *Judges must do their final in some recordable video format suitable for sharing as part of the results, preferably with a PowerPoint presentation in Zoom, and then uploaded to YouTube. Judges should talk briefly about the entries, as though at a final at a live show. Instructions for this will be provided to each region/area. If judges are uncomfortable with producing a video final, the show committee may allow someone else (including another judge at the same show) to present that judge's video final as long as the judge provides some descriptive text for the presenter to use.*
31. *CFA Each hosting region will pay judges \$25 per conformation class per RQVE (\$100 per show if the judge handles all four classes in a ring) for the first 6 conformation rings. CFA will sponsor up to \$600 in judging fees if the region or hosting entity does not reach \$1500 total income. CFA will not pay judges for fun classes, that will be up to the RQVE show committee. This includes guest judges and exhibitors acting as judges. The judging fee for the CITCC is ~~TBD~~ the same, and payable by CFA.*

*alternate proposal - CFA will give each region/entity \$600 from profits from the CITCC, or a prorated amount if the profits are less than \$6,600 for the CITCC.*

32. *~~The CFA webmaster, in coordination with the CITCC show committee, will create a special form to be used for the CITCC, and which can be used for the RQVE. This form~~*

~~will include photo/video submission through the form and will collect payment. Regions and clubs will not be required to use this form, but it will be an option. While the regular CFA entry form could be used, it requires more information than is necessary for a virtual show and does not include a way to submit photos. All shows will use [vcc.cfa.org](http://vcc.cfa.org) as an entry and judging platform.~~

33. ~~Entries made through the form will require payment at the same time through the CFA catalog (so that entry clerks do not have to track people down for payment). Central Office will disperse these funds to the region of the RQVE, minus a \$X banking fee (TBD by CO). If a club is holding the show for the region, the region will disperse to the club. Regions/areas will be required to sign up for a Stripe account for disbursement of funds.~~
34. ~~Each RQVE will be scored using one of the various show scoring platforms or by hand the provided scoring spreadsheet and scored show files will be returned to compiled by the CITCC Committee to keep a list of cats qualified for the CITCC. Scoring will be one point for each cat defeated in a final.~~
35. ~~Each RQVE is responsible for coordinating their own results files and videos, and these will be posted at a centralized location, [www.cfainternationalcatshow.org](http://www.cfainternationalcatshow.org) and <https://www.facebook.com/CFVCC>~~
36. ~~Cats scoring in the top 10 overall of each class in each RQVE will receive \$2 off their entry into the CITCC, and cats that are highest scoring in each class will receive a free entry. These discounts are non-transferable and cannot be used on a different entry other than the award winner into the CITCC.~~
37. ~~Catalog format TBD. Entry clerk program - [vcc.cfa.org](http://vcc.cfa.org)~~
38. ~~The CITCC show committee will designate a charity has designated the WINN Feline Foundation to receive a share of the profits from its show. The share will be determined by the Executive Committee of the CFA Executive Board.~~

~~Alternate – whichever region enters the highest number of entries will receive 10% of the profits from the show.~~

~~Alternate – percentage towards next CFA annual, to be determined after P&L has been completed.~~

**Newkirk:** This was all pre-noticed, so everybody should have had an opportunity to read through these guidelines. **Anger:** These are the changes that have been made since the last teleconference. Many of these items were in the “to be determined” category, so Lorna has filled in some of those blanks here. **Newkirk:** Pam, does that answer some of your questions here? This is laid out pretty detailed. **DelaBar:** I don’t have a problem with these guidelines, as written. My problem is how to execute these guidelines. **Newkirk:** Well then, can you take that offline and deal with Lorna on how to execute those things? **DelaBar:** Well, my vote sort of depends on it. [transcript goes up to Budget Items]

## 5. FINANCE COMMITTEE.

*Committee Chair: Rich Mastin*

*List of Committee Members: Kathy Calhoun & Teresa Sweeney*

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### Current Happenings of Committee:

#### *CFA Show Sponsorship Programs:*

- *Immediate changes are needed and necessary due to the current number of shows that have cancelled this year to date. 22 total sponsorship requests have been received. 15 shows have cancelled and four (4) shows are pending government approvals.*
- *Due to COVID-19 government mandates and restrictions on gatherings, Show Sponsorship requests for funding will not be approved until the Club, and or RD, and or Area Rep, and or Area Chair can confirm the show(s) are approved by government authority to take place.*
- *Request for sponsorship(s) will be reviewed for approval no sooner than 45 days from show date, and not later than 7 days from show date. Request for sponsorship 6 days or less from show date will not be approved.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Rich Mastin, Chair*

**Newkirk:** Next is the Finance Committee Report. Rich Mastin, that's you. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. There's no action item here, it's just notification to the board and the CFA public. What we're doing with the show sponsorship requests as they come in, due to the number of cancellations from the tail end of last year and beginning of this year, we need to make some changes in how we are making the approvals on the requests. So, going forward, we're going to need to make sure that the clubs requesting sponsorship, that these events can be held in their areas. That's one, from an occupancy standpoint. The other is, things that are happening overseas in the International Division. We need to make sure that we have government approvals to hold these events. Currently, we have four shows that are pending approval because we don't even know that they are approved to be held – nothing to do with COVID, this is a government situation. So, with that, with the confirmation of the approvals for COVID related and for government approvals, we're going to hold on approving any requests until we're 45 days out from show date up to 7 days out from show date. We used to approve them as soon as they came in up to 30 days. Now we're going to take it up to 7 days. Anything that comes in 6 days or less we are likely going to deny and may have to bring it back to the board. **Newkirk:** OK, sounds good. Thank you very much, Rich. Appreciate that. Anything else?

## 6. LEGAL ADVISORY.

*Committee Chair:*      **Cyndy Byrd**  
*List of Committee Members:*      **George Eigenhauser, Shelly Perkins**

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### **Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*The Legal Advisory Committee has worked on disclaimers for the show license application, entry forms and for entrants to the show hall.*

**Newkirk:** OK, we'll move to Legal Advisory Committee. Cyndy Byrd, that's you. **Byrd:** You can see here that we're looking at placing some disclaimers on our show application licenses – entry applications, rather – licenses, and then having a disclaimer that all entrants to the show hall must sign as they enter, to encourage their good behavior in our troubling times. **Newkirk:** Do you want to scroll, Allene, so we can see the proposal? **Byrd:** There are three there. **Newkirk:** OK, let's take them one at a time.

### **Current Happenings of Committee:**

*Work continues on finalizing China show agreements.*

### **Board Action Items:**

1. *Approve the disclaimer for show license applications. This statement will be highlighted directly above the signature of the club secretary:*

*The club affirms it will follow and implement all local, state, ~~and~~ federal and national COVID-19 and related health and safety mandates, restrictions and guidelines in the planning and production of this show.*

**Newkirk:** Let's do #1. Cyndy, you're making the motion. I need a second. **Mastin:** Rich will second. **Newkirk:** OK, Rich Mastin has seconded #1, *Approve the disclaimer for show license applications.* Cyndy, do you have any other comment you want to make? **Byrd:** No, thank you. **DelaBar:** This doesn't state that it's by – sorry, it's 4:00. This does not state that it's approved by the local national entity. It's only for local, state and federal. This does not cover anybody outside the U.S. **Byrd:** Would we have an amendment? **Newkirk:** You have made the motion to accept this, so you can make an amendment to it. Or Pam DelaBar can make the amendment. **DelaBar:** Actually, Cyndy and I have gone online on this before, so she's got an amendment. **Byrd:** By Pam's suggestion online, perhaps we want to add *national*, so it would read *all local, state, federal and national*. Pam, does that work? **DelaBar:** That should do it. **Newkirk:** OK. So Pam, are you seconding Cyndy's amendment? **DelaBar:** Of course. **Newkirk:** Is there any further discussion on the amendment to put a comma after state, move *and* to after federal and insert the word *national*. **Calhoun:** I just wondered, should it read the same in #1 and #2? In #2 it says *governmental*. I don't know if it makes a difference. **Newkirk:** We need to get to that motion before we amend it. So, any further discussion? Is there any objection to the amendment? OK, so the amendment is ratified.

**The amendment to the motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**Newkirk:** We need to vote on the amended motion, which does the same thing that the amendment says. We've already discussed it, so is there any objection to the amended original motion? Hearing no objection, the amended motion is ratified.

**The amended motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

2. *Approve the following disclaimer to be added to the show entry application form:*

*By submitting this entry I (we) agree to abide by all ~~governmental,~~ national, federal, state, local, CFA, ~~Covid-19~~ COVID-19 and show sponsoring club rules, and mandates. I (we) will voluntarily vacate the premises immediately, without a refund or payment for services should I (we) violate these rules and mandates.*

**Newkirk:** We'll move to #2. It says *abide by all governmental, federal, state, local*. By saying *all governmental*, wouldn't that include national? Pam, does that satisfy you? **DelaBar:** Yes, that works. **Newkirk:** OK, so we don't need to amend #2. **DelaBar:** No. **Byrd:** I would like to amend it so that it matches #1. The amendment would be *to abide by all national, federal, state, local, CFA ...* **Eigenhauser:** I'll second the amendment. **Newkirk:** OK, and George seconds the amendment. Well, we didn't pass a motion to accept this, so let's do that and then we'll do the amendment. So Cyndy, I know you're going to move to accept this and Pam DelaBar spoke, so we'll take her as the second. So, now we have an amendment that George and Cyndy have made, so any discussion on the amendment? **Mastin:** It's just a correction. We need to drop the comma between CFA and COVID. **Byrd:** Agreed. **Mastin:** Thank you. **Newkirk:** That's a secondary amendment. We'll just include it in the first one. There's no point in voting on taking a comma out. **Calhoun:** Given that, in some places COVID-19 is capitalized, dash 19. Should it be that way through the whole, entire document? I don't know if it makes a difference. **Byrd:** I think it makes a difference. **Newkirk:** It should be capitalized, shouldn't it? **Calhoun:** Yes. **Newkirk:** OK, so COVID will be capped. **Calhoun:** And a dash. **Newkirk:** Yes, and a dash between the D and the 1. Is there any objection to the amendment? Hearing no objection, #2 has been amendment and the amendment has been ratified.

**The amendment to the motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**Newkirk:** Now we will vote on the main amended motion; that is, to accept this main motion. Is there any further discussion on #2? OK, is there any objection to accepting #2 in its amended state? **P. Moser:** Just a question. I know it says *show entry application form*. Is there anywhere in here that says something that should be on the show flyer? Did I miss that? I looked and I don't think I saw that. Should that be added somewhere? **Newkirk:** Cyndy Byrd, do you want to comment on that? **Byrd:** I think that's a great idea. **Newkirk:** OK, let's make that item #4. It wasn't pre-noticed so it will take a 2/3 vote. Hearing no objection to #2 in its amended state, it is therefore ratified.

**The amended motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

3. *Approve the following disclaimer to be signed by all attendees who enter the show hall, including judges, exhibitors, agents, vendors, clerks, stewards, volunteers, club members, spectators, etc. This form is to be sent with all entry confirmations, and available on the CFA website and referred to in the CFA newsletter from time to time.*

CFA Cat Show & Event Attendee Waiver

*By entering this show/event, you acknowledge that you and anyone with you are risking exposure to COVID-19 by being in any place where people are present. You on behalf of yourself, your heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and next of kin voluntarily assume all risks and consequences related to exposure to COVID-19, or any other highly communicable disease, and agree not to hold The Cat Fanciers Association, Inc., the CFA Region/Area, show sponsoring club or any of their affiliates, directors, officers, members, agents, vendors, stewards, clerks, judges, or volunteers liable for contracting any illness or injury, including COVID-19. You agree to abide by all ~~governmental, national,~~ federal, state, local and CFA, ~~Covid-19,~~ COVID-19 show facility and show sponsoring club rules and mandates. You agree to wear face mask at all times and practice proper social distancing when required. Failure to wear a face mask at all times or provide a valid written exemption for not wearing a face mask and practice proper social distancing will require you to voluntarily vacate the premises immediately and without a refund.*

**YOU AGREE AND REPRESENT THAT YOU HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY.**

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Attendee Printed Name

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Attendee Signature

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Date

**Newkirk:** Let's go to #3. **Byrd:** This one is for all people who enter the show hall. That would include judges, exhibitors, stewards, the guy who brings lunch, any gate if we can ever have any again. Once again, we need to make sure that all the COVID-19's are consistent. **Newkirk:** Who seconded it? **Mastin:** Rich. **Newkirk:** Rich Mastin is the second for item #3. Rich, do you want to continue? **Mastin:** I just wanted to comment that what Cyndy said. The wording in the first two have to be the same, and the third one with national, drop the comma and the COVID. That's all. **Newkirk:** Good deal, thank you. **Moser:** I have a concern in here where it says *a valid written exemption*. To me, that's just like when you go on the airlines and you have a written exception to have your cat with you as a therapy animal. Anybody can get that, so I'm just afraid that people are going to be coming to the show with all their little written exceptions from their doctor saying, "I can't wear a mask." That there kind of bothers me a little bit. **DelaBar:** I have also contacted Cyndy about adding the word after face mask "-face shield." Face shields are being used a lot in Europe and Cyndy's remarks were that the CDC does not recommend face shields. Well, the CDC does not cover Europe. I would like to have "face shield" put in after that. Otherwise, there's going to be a lot of people who have broken this rule. **Newkirk:** Is this on *failure to wear a face mask at all times*? Is that where you're wanting to insert it? It follows a couple times. You want to have *-face shield* after each instance of *face mask*. Is that your amendment? **DelaBar:** Correct. **Newkirk:** Is there a second to that amendment? **Eigenhauser:** George will second that. **Newkirk:** Thank you George. **Eigenhauser:** I think it was Pam Moser that expressed concerns about people with their phony doctor notes. I've got to tell you, we're just stuck with it. **Newkirk:** George, we're talking about the amendment now, and that's just about *-shield*. We can talk about the other stuff after we get



this amendment taken care of. **Anger:** Personally, I would support that. However, here in the United States I don't see anyone wearing a face shield. It's not something that, at least in the State of Michigan, that we are required to use. Michigan is one of the strictest states in the nation – thank you Governor Granholm. So, I think if we do that then no one will attend the show. Although, like I say, I support it myself personally, but until our local, state, federal and national governments require a face shield, I think that is going to be a little too much. **Newkirk:** I think if we put *-face shield*, it means either/or. **Anger:** I disagree. **Newkirk:** Alright, would you like it to say *face mask or face shield*? **Anger:** I would be fine with that. As I say, I personally would support that. **DelaBar:** I have no problem with that. **Newkirk:** OK, instead of *-face shield*, we will put *face mask or face shield*. **Mastin:** What Rachel was saying is, not all states allow face shields. They require face masks, so in order to include face shields, you may want to write it so that it's as permitted by governmental authority. Otherwise, if it's not permitted, they're not supposed to be in attendance in a public setting if they don't have a face mask on. **Eigenhauser:** I agree with Rich. If we want to differentiate face shields where allowed by law, then just say *face shields where allowed by law*.

**Newkirk:** Cyndy, is there language from the CDC that we could replace face mask with? Failure to wear appropriate protective whatever the next word would be. **Eigenhauser:** Face covering. **Newkirk:** Face covering, as directed by local authority/CDC guidelines. Would that work? **Byrd:** I think we could come up with some language for that. One of my concerns that I shared with Pam is that, at least in our area, when someone shows up with a face shield rather than a face mask, they are confronted and people have been rude in saying that that is not appropriate protection, so my thought was for the show committee, that if you state *face mask*, then there's no argument about whether one or the other is fine, but I think if we come up with language such as *face coverings, as required by national, federal blah blah blah*, then we're fine. **Newkirk:** Pam DelaBar, are you happy with that? **DelaBar:** I like Cyndy's last verbiage she came up with. **Perkins:** In Oregon anyway, we're allowed to wear face shields, and so I like the words *face coverings*, because the other thing though is I don't feel like it's the job of the CFA to put thicker restrictions than are required by the government, and so I felt like when you say you agree to wear a face mask, but if the government has lifted that restriction then if the CFA is taking a position that exceeds what perhaps the government is requiring, I would just like it to say something like, "you agree to wear face coverings in accordance with" and then use those words that we had before – *governmental, federal, state, local* and whatever we're trying to say the law is at all times, and failure to abide by this at all times or provide a written exception will mean that you have to voluntarily vacate. So, I think there's a way to get it and only state it once that states you have to wear what is required by law. **Newkirk:** Thank you Shelly for your legal opinion on that. **Anger:** I think we're getting pretty far in the weeds here and we're not getting close to coming up with language, nor will we. This one, because we don't have any shows that I'm aware of before the next meeting, can we bring this back at the next meeting? **Newkirk:** Sure. Are you OK with that Cyndy? We'll make it a special order for the October board meeting? #3? **Byrd:** Yes, perfect. **Newkirk:** OK Rachel, you'll make a note that that will be a special order of business, item #3 of this report? **Anger:** Yes.

4. Approve the following disclaimer to be added to the show flyer:

By submitting an entry I (we) agree to abide by all national, federal, state, local, CFA COVID-19 and show sponsoring club rules, and mandates. I (we) will voluntarily vacate the premises immediately, without a refund or payment for services should I (we) violate these rules and mandates.

**Newkirk:** Now we need to go to #4, and this has to deal with notification on the show announcements. Cyndy, do you have some wording for that or do you also want to include that as an additional item for October? **Byrd:** I would suggest that since this is on the flyer that we use the same language that we have in – I can't see #1 anymore – #1. **Morgan:** Since we're going to be bring this back up and Cyndy you're looking at it, just to add a comment and see if anyone else has the same concerns I do about the statement that they will wear face coverings at all times, most of the waivers that I've seen for like airlines, etc., basically have some sort of language that addresses the fact that you take it off if you are, say, taking a drink or something like that, and then from a judging standpoint, having watched some of the videos of some of the shows that have happened, there are instances where it's only the judge in the ring and a specific cat has an issue. I've seen the judges take off their mask. Based off of this, they would be in violation of it and would be subject to being expelled from the show hall. Does anyone else have similar concerns about that, or am I just nitpicking a bit on that? **Newkirk:** Melanie, how about you get with Cyndy and you guys work out the wording on it for October? **Morgan:** OK. **DelaBar:** I was just going to go along with Melanie. The FIFe show that was held last weekend, the exhibitors wore the face coverings and the judges had separate judging areas and the judges did not wear face coverings. **Newkirk:** So, they were socially distanced? **DelaBar:** The Finns socially distance anyway. That's their nature, but yes. **Newkirk:** OK, alright.

**Eigenhauser:** I have a problem with trying to exempt the judges from the face mask requirements. No matter how much they socially distance from the exhibitors, they are not socially distancing from the cats. Their spittle and germs and everything else are getting on every cat they breathe on, and then the exhibitor is picking up that cat and taking it back to their benching area, without that cat ever having been disinfected. This isn't just about breathing on each other, this is also about breathing on surfaces that can carry the contagion to others. The judges are going to be very close to the cats. If a judge has a problem and they have to take their mask off because a cat is being unruly and they have to chase it under the table or something, I don't have a problem with that, but this notion that judges only spread the disease by breathing on exhibitors, they also spread the disease by breathing on the cat. **Newkirk:** Thank you George.

**Mastin:** I appreciate all the comments that we're getting on motion #3 there to get it right for October, but I believe Cyndy's motion for #4, the show flyer disclaimer, is to match #1. I will second that motion if that is her motion. **Newkirk:** Do we want to go ahead and do that, Cyndy? **Byrd:** I think so. **Newkirk:** OK, so we have a motion to include the language in #1 to be included on show flyers, effective immediately? **Byrd:** Yes. **Perkins:** I thought that the request was to have #2 be on the show flyer, but if it's #1 that's fine. I just thought that was the request, from my memory. **Newkirk:** Thank you. I think she might be right there, because that is talking about them entering and obeying all the laws and everything. #1 is the club is affirming that they will follow the rules. #2 is the entry application form, so I think Shelly is correct. It should be the verbiage from #2 will be on the flyer. **Byrd:** I think with one little change. By submitting an entry, that would work just fine. **Newkirk:** Say it again? **Byrd:** Reading #2, *By submitting an entry I (we) agree to abide by* and so on.

**Krzanowski:** I was just going to suggest that Cyndy bring this back in October, since we're debating whether #1 or #2 should be on the show flyer. Wouldn't it be better to just bring it back for October? We don't have any shows coming up in the immediate future. I would rather see the definite wording before I vote on it. **Newkirk:** Cyndy and Rich have made the motion and we've now determined that it's #2 that's going to be placed on there, because that's the entry

application. So, that's where it needs to be. **Anger:** I agree that both #1 and #2 should be there. I also agree that we would be better served if it was taken offline and worded, and the exact wording be brought back. **Newkirk:** Rich, do you and Cyndy want to withdraw the motion and we'll talk about it in October? **Byrd:** I have a concern that we have a flyer out already, because Cotton States is getting ready to put their show on. I'm not sure the flyer is out, last time I looked. **Newkirk:** That's a valid concern. **McCullough:** I have the same concern. Becky Galloway is getting ready to put her show flyer out, as well. **Newkirk:** OK, alright. So, we need to take care of it. **Currle:** What was mentioned, Cotton States does have a flyer out, and up and running. There are other clubs that are planning on shows, so let's take care of this tonight.

**Newkirk:** So, the motion is, Cyndy changed on of the words, *By submitting an entry*, the verbiage in #2 be added to show flyers. I think we have exhausted the debate. Is there any objection to including the verbiage from #2, amended by Cyndy, on show flyers? Seeing no objection, hearing no objection, the motion item #4, which will include the verbiage of #2 as amended, will be included on all show flyers. That motion is ratified.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**Newkirk:** Cyndy, do you have anything else for legal? **Byrd:** That's all for open session, thank you. **Newkirk:** Let's see. It's 6:30, so I'm cognizant of people's bladders. Let's finish the last item under our first heading, *Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees*, and then we'll take a 5 minute break.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Cyndy Byrd, Chair*

## 7. CLERKING PROGRAM.

*Committee Chair:* Daniel J Beaudry  
*Liaison to Board:* Carol Krzanowski  
*List of Committee Members:* Michelle Beaudry, Shirley Dent, Carol Krzanowski,  
Monte Phillips, Cheryl Coleman

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### **Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*The first ever Online Clerking School took place on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. There was tremendous interest in the program and 37 attendees were able to participate. Due to the number of attendees the class was co-taught by four licensed instructors; feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and we look forward to this class being only the first of many. Several instructors around the globe have expressed interest in hosting online schools themselves.*

### **Current Happenings of Committee:**

*Post-Class follow up is ongoing with attendees, and plans are being made for both future schools (taught by other instructors) as well as ongoing mentoring/review programs for individuals looking to continue the learning process. Rather than make a clerking school a one-time affair, we are seeking to provide resources (both electronic and personnel) for every individual to advance at their own pace.*

### **Future Projections for Committee:**

*Continue the ongoing rewrite of the Clerking Manual in order to bring the Program into alignment with CFA's progression towards digitization.*

*Establish the Clerking Test on the same platform as the Judge's Test in order to minimize cost and maximize opportunities for shared test banks.*

### **Board Action Items:**

*None at this time*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Dan Beaudry, Chair*

**Newkirk:** Carol Krzanowski, you're next with the Clerking Program. **Krzanowski:** Yes, and I'll be brief. This was just basically an update. The first online clerking school was held on the weekend of August 22-23. There was great participation. It went fairly well. It was done on the Zoom platform. There were a few little glitches, but as we have discovered with Zoom, we are learning as we go along. It was very successful overall, and I hope in the future that we can continue to make this online clerking school platform available to people so that they can either become licensed clerks or expand their education and keep learning.

**DelaBar:** Carol, could you please take back, I've got three Master Clerk Instructors in Region 9. They would like to get a hold of this online test, to be able to teach within our areas. Can you take that back to Dan and see if they can't be given this? **Krzanowski:** Sure. Could you send me their names? Email their names to me and I'll make sure. **DelaBar:** Sure, will do.

**Calhoun:** I just had a question about the last sentence under *Current Happenings* which refers to *provide resources (both electronic and personnel) for every individual to advance at their own pace*. Is that a reference to just Zoom, or is there an additional expense there?

**Krzanowski:** I don't think there's any additional expense. I think it's just ironing out the kinks with the Zoom platform and making sure that everything is running smoothly. There should not be any additional expense involved in that. **Calhoun:** Thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you Carol. I appreciate your input on that one.

**Newkirk:** Is there any objection to taking a 5 minute break? Allene, will you pause the recording and we'll come back in 5 minutes.

**BREAK.**

## 8. SPECIAL SHOW FORMAT REQUEST.

### *PROPOSED COVID SHOW FORMAT*

#### **Brief Summation of Show Format:**

*Shows Produced by the following clubs, Frontier Feline Fanciers, Topeka Cat Fanciers, Cats Kansas City, and Tornado Alley Feline Fanciers, will follow the procedures listed below.*

*Within our show hall (JoCo Fairgrounds, Gardner, KS) we will require all exhibitors, judges, and personnel to wear a mask/shield. A form will be prepared and signed in advance agreeing to compliance with mask requirements. The entry clerk will track the forms. After two warnings, violators will be asked to leave the facility. Show management will enforce the wearing of masks/shields and will also ask individuals to leave if a violation of the mask agreement needs to be enforced. Please see Attachment #1.*

*No Spectators will be allowed.*

*Each entry will be individually benched in a double cage/double popup in catalog order on a 6-8 ft. table. The remainder of the table space will serve as the cat's judging station.*

*No identifying signage as to ownership or cattery name will be allowed in the benching area.*

*Since all cats will be benched individually, in catalog order, there will be no benching requests honored.*

*Exhibitors will be provided social distance seating throughout the show hall, but no rules will be enforced. It will be the exhibitor's choice to practice safe social distancing or not. Again, always wearing required masks/shield.*

*Judging will be bay style in rows or bends. Exhibitors will be pre-noticed when it is time to leave their benching. They can go to the social distanced seating around the show hall and watch the judging. A judge and clerk will work their way through a division (LH/SH Kittens, LH/SH Championship, LH/SH Premiership). At the end of the division judging, exhibitors may return to the benching area. This style judging will have no rings setup nor will color, breed flats be hung on cages.*

*Division results (judges paperwork) will be turned into the Master Clerk for review/processing and then will be posted for review by the exhibitors. This ensures that judge is not influenced by other judges' results.*

*Rosettes will be available for pickup at the end of the day.*

*A food truck will be available for lunch.*

*A vendor maybe available.*

*The clubs are planning to produce a YouTube video that will provide visual and auditory explanations to prepare everyone for the new procedures.*

*This is a time of change and everyone who plans to attend must accept these changes prior to entry and arrival. They will not be subject to discussion to the show. The clubs will include as much information as possible on their flyer, so everyone is aware of the changes for these shows.*

*A brief review of all expectations and procedures will done at the beginning of the show.*

*There are no limits as to the number of entries an exhibitor can bring, however, all cats are benched individually, in catalog order with one entry per double cage so it will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to know their limits prior to entry and arrival. The clubs will note this on the flyer as well.*

*Please see attachment #2 for a sample layout.*

### ***Attachment #1***

*This form is an agreement with:*

*Frontier Feline Fanciers,  
Topeka Cat Fanciers,  
Cats Kansas City,  
Tornado Alley Feline Fanciers,*

*and \_\_\_\_\_(Name of Exhibitor)\_\_\_\_\_*

*All persons must always wear a mask/shield in the show hall. After two warnings/violations, the individual will be removed from the show hall. It will not be a matter open for discussion.*

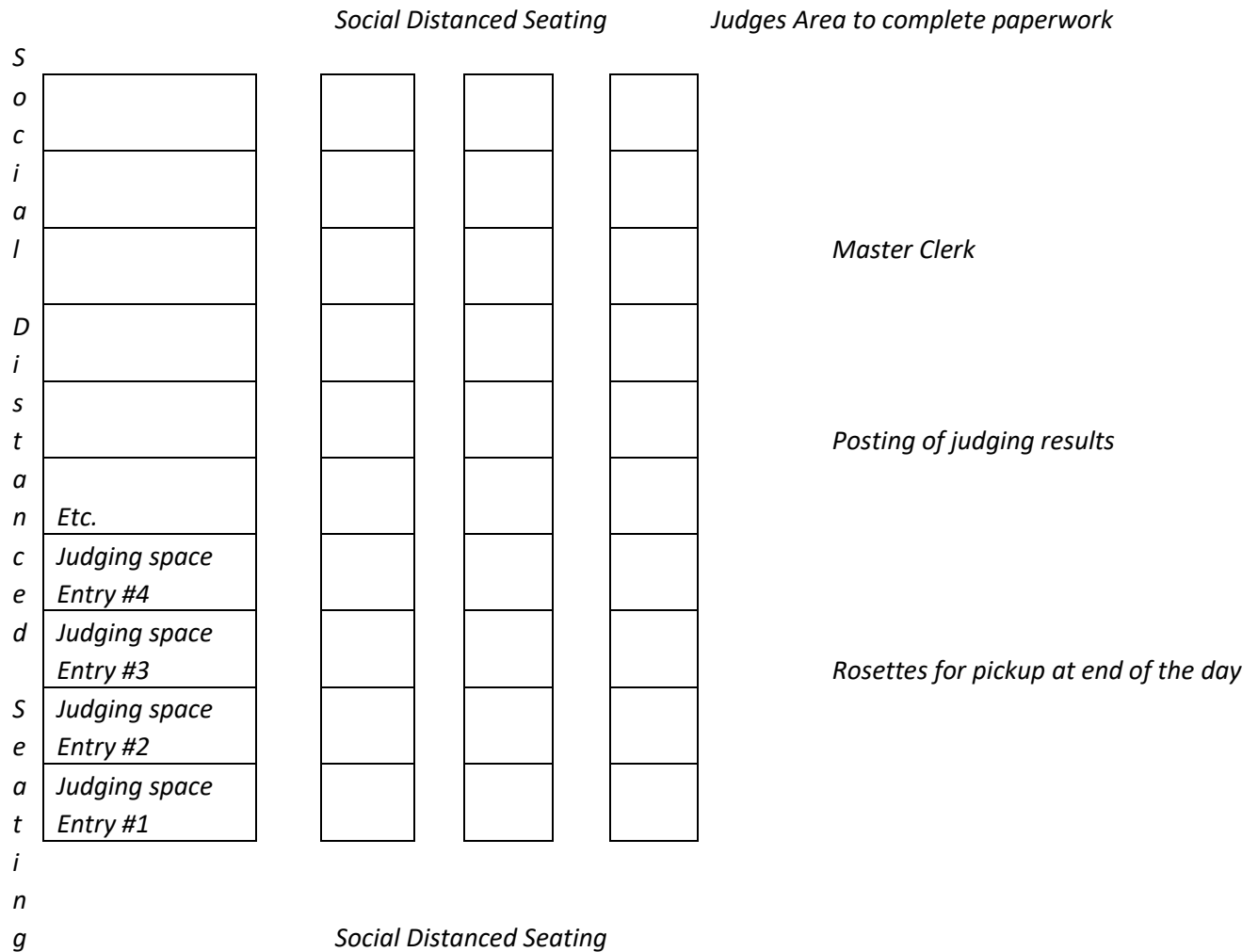
*Exhibitor Signature*

*Date*

**Newkirk:** OK, it's 9:30 on the east coast. I'll call the meeting back to order. Allene, will you start the recording again please? Thank you very much. Next on the agenda is the Reports of Special (select or Ad Hoc) Committees. #9 is a special show format request by Cathy Dunham. **Dunham:** Thank you. This has come up with four of the clubs in the Midwest Region. They were specifically working on a format that would allow them to hold a show and abide by all of the local, state and federal guidelines. This is a hybrid of a document that was produced by the old COVID committee and they are looking for approval to do this, so the motion would be to approve this particular format. There are a couple of caveats now. Attachment #1 would be moot, assuming that language comes back in October that would give us specific waiver language to be signed by exhibitors and judges and other staff for the event. If that language does not come through, then they would like to pursue something similar to what's in Attachment #1 so that they have some ability to control the situation within the show hall.

**Attachment #2**

*Sample Floor Plan*



*This floor plan is not to scale but will help to visually understand the format and concept for the show format being requested.*

**Dunham:** The format in Attachment #2 for the layout of the show hall is just an example. Obviously, some of that may change depending on the number of entries they get and obviously this is not to scale; it is just a representation of what would happen. The tables that they would be opting to use would be a minimum of a 6 foot table, hopefully 8 foot tables, with the entry being at one end of the table, leaving space for the rest of the table to be used as technically the judging table. So, it is a modified bay-style judging. They would provide social distance seating around the show all, and when your category is being judged they would ask you to ask the exhibitors to leave that particular area while judging is going on. Once judging has taken place by a particular judge, then an exhibitor may return to their entry to take care of any grooming issues or other needs of the exhibit. There is also space there for the judges to have as a working area. There would technically be no rings set up. That would eliminate some extra disinfecting that would need to be done and eliminate some personnel. We wouldn't have stewards and we would not be hanging flats, per se. That documentation would be done and posted so that exhibitors could go see what a judge gave their particular entry.



**Dunham:** So, this is a format that is new and the club is going to work very hard to promote it, if it is accepted. They are in the process of doing a video that would explain it, that would be part of their advertising so that exhibitors that are entering the show would absolutely know what they are entering, the type of format that will be used so that there are no unexpected expectations. As we go through this, if there are any questions, let me know.

**Action Items:**

*Motion to accept the proposed COVID show format for the 2020-2021 show season.*

**Anger:** I would like to move that this proposal be adopted, as presented. **Currle:** Kenny seconds. **Newkirk:** I'm just looking at the show rules real quickly here. Are we violating any show rules by not hanging any ribbons on the cages? **Dunham:** Darrell, I don't believe we are. It would be an exception to the show rule with this format. That was one of the things that was part of that document that was proposed by the COVID committee that could be set aside, was not actually hanging flats. So, if we need to do that as a separate motion, we can certainly do that. **Eigenhauser:** My one concern is the mention of a food truck being available. I don't even know why we need that in there. Some show halls don't allow outside food. They don't allow food trucks. They require you buy from their concession stand, so putting that in there automatically eliminates a lot of show halls, and it's just unnecessary. We don't need to talk about food. **Dunham:** It's just something for that particular set of clubs. If this is something that other clubs want to adopt, I have no problem taking that out. **Krzanowski:** Could we just consider this an experimental format and approve it on that basis alone? We've done that in the past with different types of format changes. **Newkirk:** Carol, they've got it listed as a special show format. Experimental and special to me implies pretty much the same thing. **Krzanowski:** So there wouldn't be a violation of any show rules because it's an experimental format. **Newkirk:** Alright, that answers that question. **Anger:** I think that this group is very forward thinking. There's a couple of select groups of clubs across the nation that could do this, and this is one that I have every confidence can pull it off and actually lead the way on how we can start having shows. I think this was originally presented as an experimental format and for some reason the Experimental Format Committee said it wasn't. So, the spirit of this is as experimental. Did I pay that right? **Dunham:** I did present this to Sharon Roy as I was giving it to Rachel for the agenda. Sharon came back and said that she did not feel that this needed to go through her committee, that it was just a special format for these times under COVID. Sharon can certainly speak to it if she has a different opinion now. **Morgan:** As the person who put together the first initial document with the COVID Committee, this suggestion by this group of clubs is directly in line with the kind of thinking that we were looking for. I think we need to be supportive of our clubs in whatever creative solutions that they come up with for their specific area, because there are different requirements in different areas, but it all comes under – in my mind – the exceptions that we give through experimental formats, so we're not in any sense of the word violating show rules, we're simply putting them aside in these different times so that we're giving clubs the flexibility and ability to come up with solutions that work for their area. I think we need to support this kind of thinking. Clearly, this group of clubs has done a really nice job of thinking through some of the process. We need to be flexible. **Roy:** I didn't really think it needed to go through that committee, because it was very well thought out. We're going to have to make exceptions going forward, at least for the next year or so. She had it really well planned. **Anger:** This incorporates some of the Best Practices, as well as Melanie's Suggested Formats. We had a whole committee that came up with these suggestions. Finally we have a group that's taking us up on it. Let's vote. **Newkirk:** OK. Any further comments? Is there any objection to the proposal as presented?

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*Will present an overall review of the format for the November and December shows at the January board meeting.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Frontier Feline Fanciers,  
Topeka Cat Fanciers,  
Cats Kansas City,  
Tornado Alley Feline Fanciers,  
Cathy Dunham, Midwest Regional Director*

## 9. COVID-19 RATES PER COUNTRY.

Sources: Worldometer, John Hopkins, o/a 18 August 2020

### **CFA Regions 1-7:**

USA - 214.9  
Canada - 14.4  
Mexico - 62.3

### **CFA Region 8:**

Japan - 12.9

### **CFA Region 9:**

\*Finland - 5.3  
\*Estonia - 8.2  
\*Latvia - 2.4  
\*Lithuania - 11.3  
\*Italy - 10.3  
UK - 20.6  
Germany - 20.2  
Greece - 25.1  
Denmark - 30.8  
Sweden - 40.0  
Norway - 13.8  
Spain - 131.3  
Switzerland - 36.7  
France - 58.3  
Russia - 48.3  
Bulgaria - 25.7  
Belgium - 71.2  
Ukraine - 54.4  
Netherlands - 46.8

### **CFA Middle East:**

Egypt - 1.9  
Kuwait - 205.1  
Israel - 226.5  
Qatar - 142.8  
UAE - 43.6  
Saudi Arabia - 54.9

### **CFA China**

China - 0.1  
Hong Kong - 8.7  
Taiwan - 0.0

### **CFA Asia/SE Asia**

South Korea - 5.5  
Singapore - 22.9  
Indonesia - 10.2  
India - 64.6  
Malaysia - 0.6  
Thailand - 0.1

Note: \*Travel among these countries without quarantine.

**Newkirk:** Pam DelaBar, you're next, COVID-19 rates per country. **DelaBar:** I gave this to the board as a point of reference. I just provided this as a source for Region 9 clubs to see what we're doing, who is green, who is orange, who is red as far as movement within my region. So, using that just as a little bit of reference, I would like to go into the Show Rule Waivers if we could do so. **Newkirk:** OK, that's fine, but what does 214.9 in USA mean? **DelaBar:** I thought it was stated on top there. I'm sorry. That means 214.9 COVID cases per 100,000 population. **Newkirk:** Thank you. That was not stated. **DelaBar:** I'm sorry, I must have left that off. As you can see, in Region 9 I have five countries that had free travel without quarantine. Lithuania has picked up, so it has sort of dropped off of that, but otherwise there is travel with Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Italy, at this point in time.

## 10. SHOW RULE WAIVERS.

*Submitted by: Pam DelaBar, Director, CFA Region 9 (Europe)*

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*I have been tracking the effect of COVID19 on the various countries within Region 9, and expanded to (hopefully) all countries covered by CFA so I could share with all of you. Using Region 9 as an example, only Italy and the Baltic Countries, minus Sweden, can freely travel amongst each other without quarantine. There is only one CFA judge within these five countries. Germany, a restricted country, has one CFA judge as does Russia. Belgium, also restricted for travel, is in better stead with two CFA judges. Spain has one double specialty judge and one single specialty judge and will have travel restrictions for quite some time. In other areas of CFA, the concentration of CFA judges fares better, such as China, USA, Hong Kong, and Japan. Thailand has two CFA judges, whereas Canada has one CFA judge, and Australia has one CFA judge who unfortunately lives in a very COVID19 restricted state.*

*Two of the larger European associations have already conducted cat shows, 3 so far in August in the Baltic States. This coming weekend starts the show season in Finland for FIFe. CFA Thailand will host a show the first weekend of September with two judges, and Hong Kong has begun to host shows. Areas with CFA judges, even if under travel restrictions, could start to conduct shows, even with limited CFA judging resources. For example, Russia has one CFA judge - with one guest judge, the Russian clubs could host 2 ring shows (50 percent guest judges); Thailand with two CFA judges could host a 4 ring show with two guest judges (50 percent of total rings).*

**DelaBar:** If we could go to the show rule waivers, I said I have been tracking how we are going and who is doing what to whom on COVID. I thought that possibly we could look at this for other areas, as well. I did make one error here. I said, *whereas Canada has one CFA judge*, Canada has two CFA judges, and one Australian judge.

**Action Item:** *Move the following: With the exception of Regions 1-7, due ~~Due~~ to extensive travel restrictions around the globe, effective immediately and through the remainder of the 2020-2021 show season, waive the requirements stated in Show Rule 3.13 and allow CFA clubs to contract up to 50 percent guest judges per show.*

*Many CFA clubs will be restricted to show size depending on such factors as allowable population within a building, number of possible entries, reduced access to approved judges, and restricted travel without resulting quarantines. Reduced entries and rings not only mean lesser income for the clubs but also less work for Central Office.*

**DelaBar:** My first action item was [reads]. To give you an example of the areas where there is free travel within Region 9, there is one CFA judge. If we could have one guest judge, that would be 50% guest judges for that free area and we would be able to hold a two ring show. Germany has one CFA judge. It follows suit. We found with Thailand, where we have two CFA judges, if one gets ill then they are replaced by a guest judge. If both CFA judges can officiate, then they could possibly have a four ring show. This again would just be a waiver and only if the club desires to do so. **Newkirk:** And for this show season, effective immediately. **DelaBar:** Correct. **Eigenhauser:** George will second Pam's motion.

**McCullough:** Is this for Region 9 only, or for all of CFA? **DelaBar:** All of CFA. **McCullough:** Then I have a problem with it. **Newkirk:** OK. Do you want to state your issue?

**McCullough:** If we have a 12 ring show, I don't think half of them should be TICA judges and half of them should be CFA judges. I think it should be 8 CFA judges and two TICA judges or four TICA judges. **DelaBar:** Steve, it reads, allow *to contract up to 50 percent*. **McCullough:** Right. Twelve rings – six would be other judges, six would be CFA. There's no ring limit on this. **DelaBar:** You still have to get your guest judges approved. **Newkirk:** What Steve is saying, I think Pam, is that here in the States if we pass this the way it's written then Regions 1-7 could invite 50% guest judges also. **McCullough:** Correct. **DelaBar:** That's true. **P. Moser:** I object to this, too. 50%, I mean, you're going to have – like Steve is saying – you're going to have half your judges. I know Pam is saying you don't have to do this, but they are going to do this, so this is just another way to get the TICA judges into the show hall. I absolutely object to this. **Morgan:** I agree with Steve about Regions 1-7. I can support this for regions like Region 9 where they are limited in the number of CFA judges there, but in Regions 1-7 we have quite a number of options. I can't support this as submitted. **Newkirk:** Pam, would you consider exempting Regions 1-7 from your action item? **DelaBar:** Yes I would, but I want it open for all of the other areas that do not have the concentration of CFA judges as Regions 1-7 do. **Newkirk:** OK, and are you making that an amendment. **Eigenhauser:** Second. **Newkirk:** Is there any discussion on the amendment, which basically excludes Regions 1-7 in this proposal? So, it would apply to Regions 8 and 9, and ID-China and ID-International. Any discussion on that? **Currle:** You need to add AWA/CSA, sorry. **Newkirk:** I said ID-China and ID-International, which covers that. Hearing no objections to the amendment, the amendment is ratified.

**The amended motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**Newkirk:** Let's vote on the action item now. The amended action item is as stated, with the following amendment – that Regions 1-7 are excluded. Any other discussion? Seeing no one raise their hands, is there any objection to the amended motion? Hearing no objections, the amended motion is ratified.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**Action Item:** *Move the following: Effective immediately and for the remainder of the 2020-2021 show season, clubs hosting shows of 1 to 4 rings and entries not exceeding 150, will be charged a show license fee of \$50 USD (plus the applicable insurance and club fees).*

**Newkirk:** Pam, do you want to move on to your next action item? **McCullough:** Thank you Pam. **DelaBar:** Thank you Steve. Move the following: [reads]. **Eigenhauser:** George will second again. **Newkirk:** Pam, you're up for debate. **DelaBar:** That's just basically stated. We have come in several times in the past for two ring shows and three ring shows, asking for a reduced show license. This is just sort of putting it out there for right now, so we don't have to keep coming back in for those exceptions, which have always been approved, by the by. **Eigenhauser:** We have been talking about ways to help clubs in this time of COVID reality, and that's going to push people to have smaller shows because they're not going to be able to fit as many people in a room, there are going to be restrictions, yadda yadda yadda. We're giving clubs up to \$500 a pop to put on shows. This is only \$50. Compared to the other money that we give clubs, this is actually a very small pittance but every little bit helps. We have clubs out there trying to put on shows, being forced to put on smaller shows because of conditions. I can't see being stingy at this point and voting no on this. **Calhoun:** One question and one comment. This applies to all regions and areas, correct? **DelaBar:** Correct. **Calhoun:** And I just wonder about the wording. It says, *and entries not exceeding 150*. Should it say, show limit? So, my question would be, if a show said they were going to get 225 cats and they got 125, this is not retroactive.

It's the limit, correct. **DelaBar:** I see what you're saying. **Newkirk:** So you're saying it should be on the show flyer that the entry limit should be 150. **Calhoun:** The entry limit should not exceed 150. **DelaBar:** Correct. **Calhoun:** Thank you. **Anger:** I think the amount George stated is incorrect. I think we give them the full \$1,000 now. **Newkirk:** Yeah, that's correct. **DelaBar:** All clubs get the full \$1,000 now. **Anger:** The clubs who apply. **Newkirk:** Is there any further debate on this? **DelaBar:** Just one thing I want you to know, Darrell. Right now the exchange rate for U.S. dollar to the Euro, what we're looking at, it takes \$1.18 to make one Euro. The dollar has devalued over here in Europe, so the clubs are not really getting that much money from sponsorship as they used to. **Newkirk:** Thanks for that information, Pam. Seeing nobody else's hands up, is there any objection to Pam's second action item here? OK, hearing no objection, the motion is ratified as stated in the motion on the screen here. **DelaBar:** Thank you Pauli [Huhtaniemi].

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**Newkirk:** That concludes the Reports of Special (select or Ad Hoc) Committees.

## 11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

**Newkirk:** Let's move on to Unfinished Business and General Orders. Any Unfinished Business that needs to be brought up? Allene brought to my attention, and I'll bring this to the board's attention. Our November teleconference meeting is on election day here in the United States, so I think maybe somebody from the east coast can tell me what time the polls close. I think Sharon, don't you work at a poll on election day? Is that going to be an issue for you? **Roy:** Yes it is, because if I work at the polls on election day in this type of election, I probably won't be home until after midnight. **Newkirk:** Is there anyone else on the list here that will be inconvenienced? I think most of us on the west coast are going to be voting by mail anyway, because most of us are getting mail ballots. Is there anyone else? I hate to change the meeting because just one person is going to be inconvenienced. **Webster:** I don't think it would be a good time to have a meeting. **Newkirk:** Who was that? You need to identify yourself. **Webster:** Howard Webster. **Newkirk:** Please raise your hand Howard, so I can call on you so that we can get it in the minutes who is speaking. So you object to having a meeting on election day? **Webster:** Yes. **P. Moser:** I don't think that's a good day to have a meeting, either. I wish we wouldn't have it on that day. **B. Moser:** I think some of us like to follow the results. I think we should be able to move it to another date where it's more convenient for everybody. **Eigenhauser:** I agree with the previous speakers. I would rather move it off election day. **Newkirk:** OK. Would you like to move it? Somebody make a motion that we move it to the second Tuesday of November. **Eigenhauser:** I'll move. **Newkirk:** George Eigenhauser moves that we move the November meeting to the second weekend [sic]. **Currle:** Kenny seconds. **Newkirk:** Is there any discussion on moving the November teleconference board meeting scheduled at 5:00 my time, 8:00 on the east coast, to the second Tuesday in November? Rachel, do you have access to a calendar to see what date that is? **Anger:** November 10<sup>th</sup>. It's Veterans Day Eve. **Newkirk:** Alright, so November the 10<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day Eve. Any discussion? OK, so Allene, you can make a notation of that on the timetable for the board meetings. Is there any objection to moving the November date to the second weekend [sic]? Hearing no objection, that motion is ratified.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**Eigenhauser:** Darrell, you said second weekend. You meant second Tuesday. **Newkirk:** Yeah, second Tuesday. Thank you George. I'm sorry.

### UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS.

- ❖ ~~November 3 at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time – Teleconference~~
- ❖ November 10 at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time – Teleconference
- ❖ December 1 at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time – Teleconference
- ❖ January 5 at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time – Teleconference

**Newkirk:** Is there any more Unfinished Business?

**12. OTHER COMMITTEES.**

**None.**



### 13. NEW BUSINESS.

**Newkirk:** Is there any New Business? No one? So, this is a little bit better than last month. It's 10:00 on east coast time. Hearing no business, I will adjourn the meeting. **Calhoun:** Darrell, my hand is up. I just wanted to kind of get a feel from the board real quick. One of the things because of the COVID that we have missed out on is that face-to-face, being able to be in the same space. I thought that maybe as a team-building event that we could have and maybe something like a Zoom cocktail hour or a Zoom dinner where we really don't talk about anything particularly – things to vote on, those sorts of things. We just kind of talk as a group about what's going on in your life, how are you feeling, those sorts of things. **Newkirk:** Sounds like a great idea. Would you mind exploring that Kathy and trying to come up with a date and then present it to the online board list. **Calhoun:** And it will be completely optional. **Newkirk:** Thank you Kathy. That's a nice deal.

**McCullough:** I just want to thank everybody for contributing to the Disaster Relief Fund for all my people down here in Louisiana and Texas. We really appreciate it so far. They've got a long road ahead of them, so keep on donating. We appreciate it. **Newkirk:** I haven't put my check in the mail, but I've got Cyndy Byrd's address so I will do that tomorrow. **McCullough:** Thank you very much.

**Mastin:** It was presented to me by a board member that we consider cancelling the 2021 CFA calendar and move it to 2022 because of the no or very limited shows and no CFA events. I did some research on the commitment to the printer. There is no expenses because we did not submit the final proof for them to produce a proof, so there will be no fees from the printer but we do have some production costs because we did finalize it with the individual that put the calendar together. So, I'm just presenting it to the board. I did touch base with Karen Lane and Teresa Keiger, and let them know that this was presented to me and wanted to know how they felt. Karen got back to me and said she wants to do what's right by CFA, and whatever the board decides is acceptable to her and her team. **Newkirk:** Are you making that motion? **Mastin:** Sure. I will make the motion that we cancel the 2021 calendar. **McCullough:** Steve seconds. **Anger:** I was confused there for a minute because I thought you were talking about the CFA show calendar or something. So, you are referring to the calendar that the Ambassador Program produces? **Mastin:** Yes Rachel. I'm sorry, yes. **Newkirk:** Thank you for that clarification. Any other discussion? Is there any objection to the canceling of the 2021, moving it to the 2022 calendar? Hearing no objection, the motion is ratified as presented.

#### **The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**Newkirk:** Any other business? OK, so we will sign out of the webinar and sign right back in and we'll cover our executive session items. Allene, can you confirm with me that the three non-board members have submitted their confidentiality agreements? **Tartaglia:** The only one I have received so far is from Eva Chen. **Newkirk:** OK. Gavin, you and Matt need to sign that form and send it to Allene before we can admit you to the closed session stuff. **Wong:** Allene, I just emailed you. **Cao:** I'll try to print it out and send it. **Tartaglia:** I'll send you the link. **Newkirk:** We also need to admit Russell and Vicki, alright? You can stop the recording, the meeting is now adjourned. Please sign back in under the link for the executive session that was sent out – the original one. You don't have to do a different meeting, just sign in to the original meeting that Allene sent to us. Thank you everybody. Thanks for all the participants who signed in to watch your CFA in action. We appreciate all of you that were here. Thank you very much. Good night everybody. Have a good evening.

The open session meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m. EST.