

2021 CFA ANNUAL MEETING
Friday, June 18, 2021

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(31) **ROLL CALL CHECK-IN.**

Secretary's Note: Prior to the meeting being called to order by President Newkirk, an electronic roll call check-in was conducted by Central Office staff, as coordinated by Cathy Dunham, using the Roll Call feature on our virtual voting platform. Friday Roll Call Voting began at 7:00 a.m. CDT for Delegates to log into the voting webpage.

(32) CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PRESIDENT’S WELCOME.

President Darrell Newkirk called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m. Central Daylight Savings Time.

Newkirk: Good morning everyone. It’s about 10:18 here on the east coast, and 9:18 Central Time. I want to welcome everyone. This is our first ever virtual annual meeting. I see a bunch of beautiful faces smiling back at me, so I’m happy to see you all. Our quorum number was 259? **Anger:** Yes. **Newkirk:** Is that where we’re at? What’s the total number registered? **Anger:** 259. **Newkirk:** We have the magic number of 259, so we have the numbers to meet our quorum. **Tartaglia:** We are live. **Newkirk:** We have met the quorum. We’re going to go ahead and keep the delegate login open to let people that are trying to get logged in that are having issues, so this is the first ever virtual annual meeting we’ve held, due to COVID. That has pretty much put a damper on a lot of the activities in CFA, so as things are getting better across the world, some places the COVID virus is emerging still and we are lucky, I guess, here in the States that our COVID is getting better. We’re still not out of the woods but we’ve had a really difficult year. Shows are starting to come back. We have re-instituted National Wins and Breed Wins, so that’s good news for all of us. I welcome you on behalf of Region 3 and I will turn it over to Steve McCullough so he can give his welcome.

McCullough: Thank you Darrell. I’ve been asked to keep this very, very short so I will, thank God. I want to welcome you all to a once in a lifetime pandemic that has forced us to have a scheduling change. At this time we’re going to be skipping over the “hot and humid” classes and are going to be moving right into the “virtual” class. “Zoom zoom” isn’t just a car slogan, but has become a new lifestyle. The cat fancy has proven how resilient we nomads are, so keeping it short – really short – I want to thank those who have helped prepare for our in person Texas size Annual in Houston before going virtual. I want to thank Kathy Black, Mike and Leesa Altschul, Cyndi Gutierrez, Beth Grant-Field and Doug Field, Becky Galloway, Rebecca Azuara, Sheryl Zink, Paula Noble, Toni Huff, and our graphic artist ninja Crystal Wood, who designed the logo, and our Chairwoman, Tracy Whittenberg. I know I forgot some people – sorry about that. I’ll see you in three weeks at the show hall. I want to thank the crew at Central Office that did an outstanding job – Amber, Allene, James, Shelly, Cathy Dunham, the Annual Committee – Rich Mastin, Allene and the rest of you all. I want to thank you all for attending our first virtual memorial Annual that started off with, “Houston, we have a problem,” but here’s a toast to all of you all having parties today and I wish you all a great and successful Annual. Before I leave, I want to give a shameful plug. We still have lots of Annual merchandise for sale. Buy one, get one today during the delegate meeting – cfagulfshore.org. I’ll turn it back over to Darrell and we can get on with the festivities. Thank you.



Newkirk: Thank you very much Steve, and congratulations to your regional workers that have worked so hard. I know that you probably feel like you got sort of cheated because of COVID that you couldn't have your live Annual this year. I didn't officially call the meeting to order. I sort of hinted at that at the beginning.

(33) **APPOINT PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

Newkirk: First of all, I would like to appoint our parliamentarian for our Annual Meeting, and that will be Shelly Perkins. She is our CFA Attorney.

(34) SPECIAL RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE.

President Newkirk had **Parliamentarian Shelly Perkins** advise the delegation of the special rules of parliamentary procedure which they would be asked to adopt for the meeting:

The quorum for this virtual meeting will be established pursuant to the CFA Constitution and New York Not-for-Profit Law which governs CFA business. The quorum for this meeting will be established by a virtual roll-call procedure using the Roll Call item on our virtual voting platform, wherein each registered delegate or proxy who registers “present” to the Roll Call item will be considered present and eligible to vote. If the number of delegates or proxies registered present on the Roll Call item is one-half or more of eligible member clubs, a quorum will be declared for the entirety of the virtual meeting.

Special Rules of Parliamentary Procedure:

- (1) *The agenda for this meeting will be the agenda as proposed by the chairperson and distributed to all of the delegates.*
- (2) *Motions (a) to table or, (b) to move the previous question or, (c) to postpone indefinitely shall not be permitted.*
- (3) *Motions to substitute will be treated as are other amendments.*
- (4) *The seconding of motions shall not be required.*
- (5) *The sponsor of a debatable motion will be permitted a closing statement after a closing debate.*
- (6) *Recommendations from member clubs may be discussed even though no motion is pending.*
- (7) *When not inconsistent with the foregoing general rules, the Constitution of the CFA, Inc., its Certificate of Incorporation, and applicable rules of law, and Robert’s Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the proceedings of this meeting.*

Newkirk: At this point in time I will recognize Shelly and ask her to read off the Special Parliamentary Rules that we always read off. Shelly? **Perkins:** Thank you Darrell. Today is June 18, 2021. [CFA Attorney and Parliamentarian Shelly Perkins reads the Special Rules of Parliamentary Procedures] **Newkirk:** Thank you very much, Shelly.

(35) DECLARE THE DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.

(A quorum is representation from 50% plus 1 of our clubs, or 259.)

[Secretary's Note: The Credentials Committee final count of seated delegates was 260 (when the meeting was called to order) out of 517 eligible to vote. There were 583 clubs which had paid dues and membership lists were received by June 1.]

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
44 Gatti	Cristiano Marcone
Abyssinian Breeders Int'l	Lee Dowding
Abyssinian Midwest Breeders	Adrienne Wolfson
Abyssinian Soc of the South	Janice Lancaster
Alamo City Cat Club	Cyndi Gutierrez
All Chiefs No Indians Cat Club	Teresa Land
All States Burmese Society	Art Graafmans
Almost Heaven Cat Club	Lorna Friemoth
American Manx Club	Jim Dinesen
American Shorthair Lovers of Europe	Ulrike Knueppel
Americans In Paradise	Howard R Webster
Americans West	Carol W Johnson, DVM
Ameridream Cat Club	Andrea Bohren
Ancient Capital Cat Society	Janet Moyer
Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers	Barbara Schreck
Basic Black Cat Club	Kathy Calhoun
Bengal Alliance	Samantha Kerr
Beverly Hills Cat Club	Diana Heinzen
Birmingham Feline Fanciers	Cindy Steadham
Black Diamond Cat Club	Jeri Zottoli
	Debbie Allgire
Bombay Enthusiasts of America	Bethany Colilla
Bonita Cat Fanciers	George Eigenhauser
Buccaneers Cat Fanciers	Karen Lane
Buffalo Cat Fanciers	Robert Hallead
Burmese South Cat Club	Stephanie Boulter
Cable Car Cats	Mark Campbell
California Silver Fanciers	Howard R. Webster
CanUsa Cat Club	Loretta Baugh
Capital Cat Fanciers	Pete Deal
Cat Club of the Palm Beaches	Donna K. Trusler
Cat Fanciers of Finland	Pauli Huhtaniemi
Cat Fanciers of Hawaii	Ellyn Honey

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Cat Fanciers of Washington	Mark Hannon
Cat Nation Fanciers	Christine Brown
Cat-H-Art	Frederic Goedert
Cat'n on the Fox	Monte Phillips
Cats Exclusive, Inc.	David Boyce
Cat's Incredible Inc.	Jim Land
Cats Ink	Perry D. Coleman
Cats Limited	Jan Rogers
Cat's Meow (The)	Kathryn Brady
Cats of Wisconsin Cat Club	Andrew Valles
Cenla Cat Fanciers	Sherri Humphreys
Central Carolina Cat Fanciers	Robert Miller
Central Pennsylvania CF	Marilee Griswold
Chamberlin on the Bay CF	Jenny Wickle
Champagne Cat Club	Paul Meeker
Chartreux International	Orca Starbuck
Chatte Noir Club	Pam DelaBar
Chocolate City Cat Club	Patricia Jacobberger
City Cats	Gayle A. Hand
Classy Cats Society	Jean Dugger
Cleopella Cat Fanciers of Estonia	Pauli Huhtaniemi
Cleveland Persian Society	Ginger Meeker
Club Felins Fleur De Lys	Lorraine Rivard
Coastal Empire Cat Club	Barbara Lee Leffler
Coastal Paws Cat Club	Claire Dubit
Colonial Annapolis CF	Leigh Hughes
Colorado Cat Fanciers	Cheryl Thieler
Cornish Rex Breed Club	Lisa Marie Kuta
Cotton States Cat Club	Sallie Smith
Cow Hill Cat Club	Paula Noble
Cowboy Country Cat Fanciers	Sunny Lodge
Crafty Cat (The)	Teresa Keiger
Crow Canyon Cat Club	Vicki Jensen
Crown City Cat Club	Penni Richter
Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club	Annette L. Wilson
Damn Yankees Cat Club	Lynn Cooke
Dayton Cat Fanciers	Martha Auspitz
Dear Meow	Yeung Andy
Delaware River Cats Club	Sue A. Robbins
Devon Rex Breed Club	Kristin Nowell

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Edelweiss Cat Club	Alice Rosol
Emerald Cat Club	Wendy Heidt
Emerald Coast Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Carla Bizzell
Empire Cat Club	Robert Clark
European Burmese Cat Club	Lauren Castle Flynn
European Shorthair Club	Kenny Currle
Exotic Breeders	Teresa Sweeney
Feline Fanciers of Benelux	Peter Vanwonderghem
Feline Forum of Greater NY	Teresa Land
Felinus International	Peter Vanwonderghem
Finicky Felines Society	Joy Yoders-Dey
Foot Of The Rockies Cat Club	Cheryl Peck
For The Love of Cats Cat Fanciers'	Dennis Ganoe
Fort Worth Cat Club	Leesa Altschul
Freestate Feline Fanciers	Claire Dubit
Friendly Int'l	Yukiko Shimada
Friends & Family	Diana Heinzen
Frontier Feline Fanciers	Joyce E. Kempf
Fukuoka Cat Fanciers	Andrea Bohren
Gateway Arch Persian Society	Kathy Calhoun
Gems	Melanie Morgan
Genesee Cat Fanciers Club	Carmen Johnson Lawrence
German Catwalk	Doerte Haendel
German Phoenix - Cat Friends Europe	Alice Rosol
Golden Triangle Cat Fanciers	Nancy Grandison
Golden West Cat Club	Crystal Wood
Grandview Cat Fanciers	Hilary Helmrich
Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees	Martha Auspitz
Great Lakes Great Maines	Bethany Colilla
Great River Cat Fanciers	Beth Grant-Field
Greater Baltimore Cat Club	Beth Deal
Greater Baton Rouge Cat Club	Adele Cadard
Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers	Laurie Coughlan
Greater St Louis Cat Club	Catherine Dunham
Gulf Coast Cat Club	Nancy T. Dodds
Gulf Shore Consortium	Sheryl Zink
Half Moon Cat Club	Dawn Wise
Hallmark Cat Club	Richard Mastin
Happy Alternative Cat Club	Mike Altschul
Hawkeye State Cat Club	Troy Weier

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Hemet Feline Fanciers	Marsha Johnson
Hidden Peak Cat Club	Leigh Hughes
High Plains Cat Club	Rebecca Galloway
Houston Cat Club	Becky Galloway
Hugger Mugger Feline Society	Carissa Altschul
Idaho Cat Fanciers	Nancy Dionne
Illini Cat Club	Alicia K Herman
Indy Cat Club, Inc.	Pamela DeGolyer
International Havana Brown Society	Darlene Zimmerman
International Scottish Fold Ass'n	Alice Juan
International Somali Cat Club	Victoria Nye
Japan Singapura Cat Club	Kenny Currle
Japanese Bobtail Fanciers	Marianne Clark
Jardin Des Korats	Frederic Goedert
Jazz Kats	Sabrina Grisier
Just Cat-In Around Cat Fanciers	Anne Mathis
Kentucky Colonels Cat Club	Norman Auspitz
Keystone Kats	Krista Schmitt
Khao Manee Cat Club	Romain Attard
Kino Kat Klub	Barbara A. Jaeger
Kittyhawk Felines	Ginger Gunlock
Lance And Bertha Cat Fanciers	Betty Bridges
Land of Oz Cat Club	Carissa Altschul
Land of the Sky Cat Fanciers	Eric Simpson
Laperm Society of America	Dennis Ganoë
Las Vegas Cat Club	Ellyn Honey
Lewis & Clark LH Specialty	Pam Moser
Lilac Point Fanciers	Mary Kolencik
Lincoln State Cat Club	Cary R. Plummer
Lincoln State LH Fanciers	Lana Keroson Oksnee
Lincoln State SH Society	Susan Mueller
Lone Star Cat Club	Vicky Edwards
Long And Short of it Cat Club	Nancy Petersen
Los Colores Cat Club	Michael Shelton
Mad Catters (The)	Lyn Knight
Magic Wing International Cat Club	Liu Jia
Maine Attraction Cat Fanciers	Pat Pomphrey
Maine Coon Cat Club	Michael Jacobi
Maine Street Cat Club	Teresa Keiger
Malaysia Cat Fanciers Club	Norizan Mahmud

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Malibu Cat Club	Cynthia Byrd
Marina All Breed Cat Club	Cynthia Byrd
Mary Hantzmon Abyssinian Club	Linda A Peterson
Metroplex Allbreed Cat Club	Vicky Edwards
Micina Cat Fanciers	Janet Moyer
Midlands Cat Fanciers	Jim Charles
Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers	Vanadis Crawford
Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers	John Colilla
Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers	Anne Mathis
Mid-West Shaded & Smoke Society	Kirk Jackson
Midwest TGIF Fanciers	Lucy Drury
Mo-Kan Cat Club	Jill Sullivan
Monroe Shorthair Club	Joan L. Daily
Monterey Peninsula Cat Fanciers	J Sandra Willen
Morris And Essex Cat Club	Susan E Baxter
Motor City Jazz Club	Meghan Hiemstra
Nashville Cat Club	Linda Kay Mccolley
National American SH Club	Carol W Johnson, DVM
National Birman Fanciers	Jeri Zottoli
National Maine Coon CC (The)	Trudie Allen
National Siamese Cat Club	Kathleen Hoos
Nat'l Alliance of Birman Breeders	Karen Lane
Nat'l Alliance of Burmese Breeders	Vivian Baylor
Nat'l Norwegian Forest Cat Br Club	Lyn Knight
Nebraska Fine Whiskers Society	Selma Kessler
New England Meow Outfit	Iris Zinck
New Millennium Cat Club	Michael Shelton
New Vision Cat Club	Rich Nolte
North Pacific Siamese Fanciers	Mary Frances Marron
North Texas Cat Club	Paula Noble
Nova Cat Fanciers Inc	N Jill Archibald
Oakway Cat Fanciers	Timothy Schreck
Ocicat Society	John E. Hiemstra
Ocicats International	Jacqui Bennett
Ohio State Persian Club	Tyler Deel
One Fine Day	Beth Deal
Oriental Shorthairs of America	Julie Keyer
Ozark Cat Fanciers	Mike Altschul
Packerland Cat Fanciers	Barb Gradowski
Paul Raines Cal Solid Color CC	Donna Isenberg

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Pawprints In The Sand	Pete Deal
Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers	Nancy Petersen
Pfanciers United For Fun, Inc.	Mary Auth
Phoenix Feline Fanciers	Richard Kallmeyer
Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers	Dianne Alexy
Poinsettia City Cat Club	Lee Dowding
Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers	Jacqui Bennett
Ragamuffin Cat Society	Laura Gregory
Ragdolls Around the Globe	Isabelle Bellavance
Ramapo Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Carolyn Jimenez
Rebel Rousers Cat Club	Jennifer Herr
Responsible Cat Fanciers of the NW	Mary Frances Marron
Rocky Mountain Cat Fanciers	Donna Waskiewicz
Rome Cat Forum	Leslie Ann Carr
Russian Blue Fanciers	Barbara Schreck
Russian Blue West	Donna J. Fuller
Sacred Cat of Burma Fanciers	Joann Brubacher
San Diego Cat Fanciers	Carolyn L. Osier
San Francisco Revelers	Donna J. Fuller
Sandcastle Cat Fanciers Society	Karen White
Sanguine Silver Society	Barbara Bosco
Santa Clara Valley Cat Fanciers	Nancey Abbott
Santa Fe Trail Shorthair	Cathy Dinesen
Santa Monica Cat Club	Art Graafmans
Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance	Nancey Abbott
Seacoast Cat Club	Nancy Kerr
Seattle Cat Club	Hilary Helmrich
Seneca Cat Fanciers	Carmen Johnson Lawrence
Shanghai Crown International Cat Club	Chloe Chan
Sherwood Manx Club	Tuija Aaltonen
Shorthairs Unlimited	Betty Bridges
Show and Tell Cat Club	Jan Rogers
Show Me Cat Fanciers	Lisa Thostenson
Siamese Fanciers	Sibyl Zaden
Sign of the Cat Fanciers	Karen J Bishop
Siouxland Cat Fanciers	Bruce Carrington
Sophisto Cat Club	Pam DelaBar
Southeastern Michigan Cat Fanciers	Timothy Schreck
Southern Indiana LH Society	Candilee Jackson
Southern Traditions Cat Club	Karen Boyce

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Southwest Japanese Bobtail Fanciers	Jennifer Reding
Southwest Scottish Fold Fanciers	Marilee Griswold
Sphynx Without Borders	Desiree Bobby
Star City Cat Fanciers	Charlotte Shelburne
Stars & Stripes Tabby & Tortie	Toni Huff
Steel City Kitties	Scott McBane
Steinbeck Country Cat Club	Bruce Carrington
Sternwheel Cat Fanciers	Ronna Lee Colilla
Sun Pacific Cat Club	Perry D Coleman
Sunkat Feline Fanciers	Victoria Nye
Superstition Cat Fanciers	Joan Fradenburgh
Swire Cat Fanciers' Club	Agnes Sun
Tabby Fanciers of America	Diana Rothermel
Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers	Vanadis Crawford
Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Vivian Baylor
Texoma Cat Fanciers	Kathy Black
That's My Point Cat Fanciers	Kathryn Brady
Thumbs Up Cat Fanciers	Liz Watson
Tigers Lair Feline Fanciers	Catherine Dunham
Titletown Cat Fanciers	Sibyl Zaden
Tokyo Cat Fanciers	Lisa Thostenson
Tonkinese Breed Association	Sherilyn S. Shaffer
Tonkinese East	Clinton Parker
Tonks West	Dyana Draeger
Touch of Class Cat Fanciers	Debbie Allgire
Triple Crown Cat Fanciers	Bradley Newcomb
Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l	Alene M. Shafnisky
Twin City Cat Fanciers	Andrew Valles
United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanc.	Mary Kolencik
United Persian Society	Susan Charles
Universal Cats Club	Maria Rosaria Morelli
Utah Cat Fanciers	Erin Cutchen
Utah Purebred Cat Fanciers	Barbara M. Irie
Valley Cat Fanciers	Penni Richter
Valley Empire Cat Fanciers	Tim Murphy
Valley View Cat Fanciers	Charles T. Gradowski
Vermont Fancy Felines	Lorraine Rivard
Victor Valley Cat Club (The)	Darrell Newkirk
Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers	Steve McCullough
West Shore Shorthair Club	George Eigenhauser

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Westchester Cat Club	Lynn Miller
Western Reserve Cat Club	Annette L. Wilson
Wichita Cat Fancy, Inc.	Steve Mccullough
Wild Rose Cat Club	Troy Weier
Wildcatters Cat Club	Sheryl Zink
William Penn Cat Club	Carol Krzanowski
World Lykoi Association	Desiree Bobby
World Wide Feline Fanciers	Susan Wittich

Newkirk: Next on our agenda is to declare the determination of a quorum. I'll recognize Nancy Dodds. Nancy normally would be in the room counting ballots, but those have already been done and so I wanted to give Nancy the opportunity to address the delegation. **Dodds:** Thank you Darrell. For those of us in USA time zones, the early morning check in and roll call came very early. Our friends in Europe came here in the afternoon and in Asia it was evening. For me, it was 5 a.m. when I received a message on my phone. We're all pretending to be on Central Time, as if the Annual is being held in that time zone. Already I answered a call today about the time this meeting would begin. One of my friends who is in Central Time – yes, Dallas time – sent me a text asking if we have a problem because Zoom had not yet let my friend into the meeting. I asked, "what time do you think it is?" It was 8:20 in the morning Central Time. As of June 1, 2021, there were 583 clubs in good standing. For purposes of determining a quorum, only those international clubs who had a CFA licensed show in the previous show season (that is, the show season ending April 30th) can be used in calculating the quorum. There are 89 international clubs in this number of 583. Twenty-three clubs have had a CFA licensed show in the previous show season, and 66 clubs have no. So, we subtract 66 from 583, and the resulting number is 517. The number needed for a quorum is 259. 299 delegates checked in on Tuesday, and so far this morning 260 delegates have checked in and answered the roll call question. The quorum has been met – congratulations!

Dodds: Here are some numbers you need to be aware of. 172 is the number of yes votes required for 2/3 approval to pass an amendment. 130 is the number of yes votes for 50% approval of show rule changes and resolutions. Now you have those numbers, so let us have fun at this Annual Meeting. Let's go!

Newkirk: Thank you Nancy. Before we go into the next item, I want to thank Central Office for all the work that they have done. This has taken a village, to get this virtual annual done. We have a committee chaired by Rich Mastin. Central Office has done a lot of teaching sessions trying to get everybody up to speed. I think, as Steve mentioned, Zoom has been our go-to for our meetings, and so we've all had to learn how to use the Zoom platform and it has worked out great. So, congratulations to the Virtual Annual Committee, chaired by Rich and Allene, and everybody on that committee that has done an absolutely fabulous job.

(36) APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING.

Newkirk: Our next item of business is to approve the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting. We didn't have a meeting in 2020, so we need to approve the 2019 Annual Meeting minutes. **Eigenhauser:** George will move. **McCullough:** Steve will second. **Newkirk:** Thank you. Is there any discussion on the approval of the minutes? Any objections? Hearing no objections, by unanimous consent we will approve the 2019 Annual Meeting minutes.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Anger: Thank you everyone. **Newkirk:** Thanks a lot everybody.

(37) **2021 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS.**

Determination of a Quorum:

Number of CFA member clubs represented: 259*

Number of votes for a simple majority: 130

Number of votes for a two-thirds majority: 172

*[**Secretary's Note:** The final delegate registration number was 281]

Newkirk: Let's go ahead. We'll move on and we're going to start with the proposed amendments to the constitution and the pre-noticed resolutions. I believe, George Eigenhauser, you're going to take this on. **Eigenhauser:** Sure. **Newkirk:** Thank you George. **Eigenhauser:** Thank you Mr. President. We have eight resolutions that are being proposed by the CFA Board that would change part of our corporate structure. I'm going to briefly address them all as a group, to tell you how we got there, and then I'm going to come back in a little bit and we'll discuss the resolutions one at a time. Several years ago the CFA Board became aware that our constitution and our Certificate of Incorporation had gotten out of sync with New York corporate law. That doesn't mean we did anything bad. It didn't mean we authorized anything illegal. It simply means that over time the laws changed and the requirements that we have to meet have changed over the years. It has been 100 years since we were incorporated, so there have been a considerable number of changes. One of the big changes was the New York Nonprofit Revitalization Act of 2013 that provided a number of changes that nonprofit corporations had to make. We had to have a whistleblower policy. We have to have a conflict of interest policy. We have to take steps to deal with improper self-dealing. We have to have independent audit reports, and certain transactions such as sales, mergers, blah blah blah have to be approved by the delegation and not just the board. Most of these items were checks and balances on the board itself. Some of these we were able to pass. We were able to pass a whistleblower policy as a board policy, but limitations on the board have to be incorporated into the CFA constitution in order to be effective. We tried to break this down into manageable bites and you can see that we've broken it down into 7 constitutional amendments, plus the change to our Certificate of Incorporation. We moved the Certificate of Incorporation up to the front of the list because logically that's kind of how it falls. When you create a corporation, the Certificate of Incorporation is the starting place to create the corporation and then create bylaws that are consistent with your Certificate of Incorporation. The committee that began reviewing the constitution to make these changes actually began in 2018 with Mary Auth as the committee chair. Subsequently, we determined that we needed a New York attorney to guide us through this process and in 2019 we hired Anita Pelletier to be our legal advisor. We've had a total of at least 6 different attorneys look at this, including John Randolph, Ed Raymond, myself, Shelly Perkins, Cyndy Byrd, as well as Anita. We tried to make this as concise as possible for a complicated legal document. Right now the first item we're going to take up is the Certificate of Incorporation. That's something that we have to fix. The next two items will be constitutional amendments 1 and 2. Those are also items that we really need to fix right now. 3 through 7 have a number of changes that will be better for CFA but are not life or death that we pass them. We should include them because they include modernization of things, provisions for virtual meetings and things like that that we haven't kept current on. They are of varying degrees of importance. We'll address those individually when we get to them.

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
2021 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

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

***NOTE:** The following resolution (formerly #21) will be the first item considered due to the high level of importance for correct and current information in this document. All other pre-noticed items have NOT been renumbered and are still identified numerically as in previously published documents.*

21 - Certificate of Incorporation – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the Certificate of Incorporation of The Cat Fanciers' Association, Incorporated to reflect the current CFA business information as required by New York law. The changes required and the Restatement of the Certificate of Incorporation are presented below:

**RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED**

~~We, the undersigned, all being persons of full age, and at least two thirds of us being citizens of the United States and at least one of us a resident of the State of New York, desiring to form a corporation pursuant to section 41 of the Membership Corporations Law of the State of New York, do hereby make, sign and acknowledge this certificate as follows:~~

~~SECOND~~ FIRST: The name of the corporation is ~~to be~~ THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED.

~~FIRST~~ SECOND: ~~The particular objects for which this corporation is to be formed are as follows: The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are the registration of the pedigrees of cats and kittens; the promulgation of rules for management of shows; the promotion of the interests of breeders and exhibitors; and the improvement of the breeds of cats. in the United States and Canada.~~

~~THIRD:~~ The territory in which its operations are to be principally conducted is the United States and Canada. The Corporation is a corporation as defined in New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law Section 102(a)(5) and is a non-charitable corporation.

~~FOURTH:~~ Its principal office is to be located in the Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York is located in the County of Monroe, NY. The address where books and records of the Corporation are maintained is 260 East Main Street, Alliance OH 44601.

~~FIFTH:~~ The number of its directors is to be seven (7).

~~SIXTH:~~ The names and places of residence of the persons to be its directors until its first annual meeting, are as follows:

~~[Names and addresses of the original seven directors]~~

~~SEVENTH: The time for holding its annual meeting is to be on the last Thursday in February in each year.~~

FIFTH: Paracorp Incorporated is designated as agent of the Corporation upon whom process against the corporation may be served. The street address of the registered agent is 2804 Gateway Oaks Drive #200, Sacramento, CA 95833. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Corporation upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process accepted on behalf of the Corporation is 260 East Main Street, Alliance OH 44601.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ~~we have made, signed and acknowledged this certificate in duplicate~~ I have made and subscribed this certificate and hereby affirm under the penalties of perjury that its contents are true this _____ day of _____ 2021.

~~Dated, the 1st day of October, 1919.~~

~~[Signatures of the seven original directors]~~

Name: Darrell Newkirk

Title: President

The Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation is restated as amended herein to read in its entirety as follows:

**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED**

FIRST: The name of the Corporation is The Cat Fanciers' Association, Incorporated.

SECOND: The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are the registration of the pedigrees of cats and kittens; the promulgation of rules for the management of shows; the promotion of the interests of breeders and exhibitors; and the improvement of the breeds of cats.

THIRD: The Corporation is a corporation as defined in New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law Section 102(a)(5) and is a non-charitable corporation.

FOURTH: Its office in New York is located in the County of Monroe, NY. The address where books and records of the Corporation are maintained is 260 East Main Street, Alliance OH 44601.

FIFTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Corporation upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process accepted on behalf of the Corporation is 260 East Main Street, Alliance OH 44601.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have made and subscribed this certificate and hereby affirm under the penalties of perjury that its contents are true this _____ day of _____ 2021.

Name: Darrell Newkirk

Title: President, The Cat Fanciers'
Association, Inc.

RATIONALE: The CFA was originally incorporated in October 1919. Over the more than 100 years since the incorporation New York Non-Profit Corporation Law has changed as have our business address and our sphere of operations (e.g., we no longer only operate in the USA and Canada, as currently listed). Our Certificate of Incorporation is out-of-date and must be changed to comply with current law and our current business practices. Approval requires a majority vote of the delegates. The Board requests your strong support of these required changes.

Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers, West Shore Shorthair Club): Coming back around, #1 is a restatement of the Certificate of Incorporation. When CFA was first incorporated, we were a very different corporation than we are today. You'll notice the first two substantive changes are that in two different places our original Certificate of Incorporation said that we're a corporation that's working for the improvement of breeds of cats in the United States and Canada, or that we're going to be principally conducting our business in the United States and Canada. That's no longer true. We now have the Japan Region, we have the Europe Region, a significant amount of our business income comes from China. We are no longer just a North American entity. One of the other changes we're making is, our original Certificate of Incorporation had number of directors, the size of our board, at 7. We've gone beyond that. You'll notice that the restatement is actually shorter than the original Certificate of Incorporation. One thing that's happened over the last 100 years is, some things that people used to traditionally put in their certificate of incorporation they now put in their bylaws, so things like the board size, we don't need to specify the board size in the Certificate of Incorporation, so rather than putting a board size in the Certificate and running risk of getting out of sync with our own documents again, we're just taking it out and then that will be in our constitution, rather than in the Certificate of Incorporation. So, this is a "must fix." It's been 100 years in the making. New York law has changed, CFA has changed. This puts New York in the position of knowing who we really are and that's what we need to do with this. So, I hope you all vote for it.

Newkirk: As George said, if you look at the text before this, it's a lot of changes and highlights. This is the short and sweet, down and dirty CoI that we're going to approve. Does anyone have any comments? Make sure that you know where the "raise hand" option is. If you're on a computer it's usually down at the bottom just right of the record where it says "reactions" and there will be a raise hand.

Mary Auth (Pfanciers United For Fun, Inc.): This is Mary. As George indicated, I did work on this initially. I would encourage everyone to vote yes for this. I don't know that it goes far enough, but it's a critical piece that we need to do, to be in compliance with New York law. **Newkirk:** Thank you Mary. That's a point well worth consideration. Anyone else have any comments? I'm getting some feedback here that the screen is blurry and you're not able to read it. **Tartaglia:** We'll work on it. **Newkirk:** I just notified Allene of this and we're going to work on it. **Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers, West Shore Shorthair Club):** Darrell, may I make one other comment? **Newkirk:** You certainly can. **Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers, West Shore Shorthair Club):** For most people you can divide your screen between the document being shared and the speaker or the gallery. If you make the document bigger, it may be more readable. So, if you have the option of making more real estate on your screen available to the document, that may help the readability problem to a degree. **Newkirk:** Thank you George.

Dennis Ganoë (For The Love of Cats Cat Fanciers, LaPerm Society of America:

What this change portends for our international operations, are we more flexible with this change or are we still behind the 8 ball when it comes to overseas operations? **Newkirk:** Thank you Dennis. I'll defer that to George. **Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers, West Shore Shorthair Club):** It brings us to the present. It catches us up to where we are now. We are currently doing business beyond North America, but in terms of establishing a presence, for example, in different countries in Europe, this does nothing to change that. That's really a separate issue. This is, our telling the State of New York who we are and what we're doing, and so we're removing the restriction to North America. But to actually become legal in other countries, that's going to be another step. There are actually several other projects on the table that we have to defer and put on the back burner, to get this through. That's one of the projects – getting legal in some of the other countries, establishing a presence in some other countries, particularly in China. Another matter that we had to put on the back burner to get this through first was re-establishing the relationship between CFA and the regions. I don't know if you remember, but several years ago we kind of spun off the regions into their own entities, but we have never followed up on it. This doesn't address any of those things. This is simply correcting our status with the State of New York. It doesn't take us into the future.

Newkirk: Thank you Kathy Black for reminding me. We're trying to keep this as much like a live annual as possible. When you state your name, please state the club that you represent, that you are a delegate for. Thank you. [Delegate names were supplemented above] **Anger:** I was just going to remind the delegates of that. I do have the duty to check and make sure that everyone who speaks is a delegate, so that we can honor the procedure that we have established for delegates only to speak during the meeting. So, I would appreciate that, thank you very much. **Newkirk:** Thank you Madame Secretary. Any other comments on our Certificate of Incorporation update? Allene, can you open the voting on that one? **Tartaglia:** It's open. **Newkirk:** OK, voting is open now, so please go to your link and go on and cast your vote. You've got to scroll down to the bottom. **Tartaglia:** It's at the second question, Certificate of Incorporation. They may have to refresh their screen. **McCullough:** Darrell, mine worked great. **Newkirk:** OK. This is new technology, so this is a learning process for all of us. It may take a few minutes for everybody to get the hang of it, but if you'll go to the 2021 CFA Annual Voting, your name should be there and your club or clubs should be there. Everybody has already done the roll call question. The next one is Certificate of Incorporation. You click "vote" and then you'll need to scroll down. I believe there's a yes down at the bottom, and then submit your vote. It's going to take a little bit of time, but we consulted with our attorney. We have to do these votes one at a time. We were going to try to do them in blocks but we were told that they would have to be unanimous consent if we did them in blocks. **Tartaglia:** It's working. 240 votes have been cast so far. **Newkirk:** OK good. We have had 240 votes out of 259. **Tartaglia:** We're at 254 voted. We've met the minimum. We can call it now. **Newkirk:** What's the vote? Yes votes? **Tartaglia:** I'm writing it down for you. **Anger:** And you're going to have me announce it. **Newkirk:** On the voting, we're only going to announce the number of yes votes, because we need yes votes in order to make this pass. Rachel is going to announce the vote.

Anger: Out of 255 votes cast, 249 are yes, so that would pass by 2/3. **Newkirk:** OK, so that passes by 2/3. So, the updated CoI is approved. Thank you everyone for that.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Certificate of Incorporation	258	4	2	264

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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

Board Sponsored Amendments to the CFA Constitution

The Board has known for some time that our constitution is out of compliance with New York Not-for-Profit Corporate law (N-PCL) and has worked with our CFA attorney and our New York attorneys and to bring our constitution in line with New York law.

Mandatory changes to comply with New York law are amendment proposals #1 and #2 (starting on page 10 of this document). These changes are mandatory, not optional. If we do not make the changes to our constitution the changes are deemed made because New York law will supersede our constitution. By approving the mandatory amendment proposals, we maintain control of our constitution. You will note, as you review each item, that there is little change to the content of the constitution. Those sections added are required to describe practices not currently covered by the constitution, even though they may be current practices of our association. Approval of these mandatory amendments requires a 2/3 majority vote of the delegates. We request and truly require the delegates' strong support of these changes.

Amendment proposals #3 through #7 are not mandatory changes but are "housekeeping" changes to update the constitution to reflect CFA's current practices and clarify terms, renumber sections as required by changes, improve the flow of the document and change the title of our constitution to comply with New York legal terminology. Again, you will notice little change to the content of the constitution. Constitutional amendment proposals require a 2/3 approval vote of the delegates. Although these changes are not mandatory, the board requests the delegates' strong support of these amendments.

*For ease of reference, a ~~strike through~~ and underscored **color-coded** version of the proposed constitution, in its entirety, follows. Each proposal states the color which relates to the proposal.*

The CFA Constitution with proposed changes:

CONSTITUTION OF THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INC®

Effective [____] 2020 (last amended [____] 2020)

Incorporated under the Membership Corporation Law of the State of New York, October 6, 1919

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ARTICLE I – NAME

The organization shall be known as THE CAT FANCIERS’ ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTS

The Association shall be a not-for-profit organization. Its objects shall be as follows: the welfare of all cats; the promotion and improvement of CFA recognized breeds of cats; the registering, recording or identifying by number or by other means the names and/or pedigrees of cats and kittens; the promulgation of rules for the management of cat shows; the licensing of cat shows held under the rules of this organization; and promotion of the interests of breeders and exhibitors of pedigreed cats.

The activities and objects of the Association shall be consistent with the foregoing purposes.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Eligibility

Any non-profit club of not less than ten (10) [club members](#) organized for the purpose of holding or managing cat shows and/or any other purposes consistent with those of The Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc., may apply for membership.

Section 2 – Application

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

- a. a copy of the club’s Constitution and By-laws;
- b. a list of officers with their addresses;
- c. a list of the names and addresses of all [club members](#) in good standing at the date of application;
- d. a check for the current year’s dues which is refundable if applicant is not accepted;

e. a check in the amount of \$100.00 to cover the cost of processing the application, non-refundable whether applicant is accepted or not; and

f. such other information as the CFA Executive Board may require.

Section 3 – Election to Membership

When the application and accompanying papers are received in proper form in the Central Office, it shall then be submitted to the CFA Executive Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting for consideration. Prior to consideration by the Board, the applicant shall be pre-noticed to the CFA community by electronic means so that comments regarding the applicant may be submitted. If negative information is submitted in writing regarding the applicant, the information will be provided to the applicant with enough time for the applicant to prepare a written rebuttal prior to Board consideration.

The Executive Board may vote to accept to membership, vote not to accept, or delay consideration pending receipt of additional information. Any applicant not accepted by vote of the Executive Board upon first consideration may appeal the vote to the delegates at the next scheduled Annual Meeting. The acceptance to membership by the delegation must be by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the total number of delegates seated at the beginning of the Annual Meeting. The Board shall, from time to time, formulate guidelines for the acceptance of new clubs based upon such factors as:

1. number of applicant's charter members;
2. extent of overlapping memberships in the applicant club and other CFA clubs;
3. extent of breeding or exhibiting experience and participation in CFA activities among members;
4. proposed geographical area of operation;
5. the effect of formation and acceptance on existing CFA member clubs; and
6. adequate limitation in the applicant's constitution upon distributions from the club treasury, both during its existence and in the event it disbands, it being the policy of the Association that club funds be disbursed only in manners consistent with the objects of the Association.

If a club appeals to the delegation after not being accepted by vote of the Executive Board upon first consideration, it must be prepared to distribute material to be reviewed by the delegation which answers the above listed questions prior to any vote of the delegation.

Section 4 – Regional Assignment

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

Section 5 – Dues and List of Members

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

Each [member club](#) shall, with the payment of dues, forward to the Central Office of this Association a complete list of [club members](#) together with their addresses, and a list of the then current officers of the club, which lists shall be certified by the Secretary of the member club.

A member club that has failed to pay its dues and submit the list of [club members](#) and officers by the first day of January of any year will cease to be a member in good standing and will so continue until the delinquent dues are paid and the list of [club members](#) and officers is filed with the Central Office. However, a [member club](#) that remains delinquent in payment of dues and/or fails to file a list of its members and officers past the first day of June shall be automatically dropped from membership.

Section 6 – Member Secretary of Record

The name of the Secretary of each member club shall be recorded by the CFA Central Office and this Secretary of Record shall be the point of all official communication between the CFA Central Office and each member club. Designation of a new Secretary of Record for any [member club](#) shall be made in writing by the existing Secretary of Record or, if the existing Secretary of Record is unavailable or otherwise unable to make such designation, by receipt of a letter signed by all other existing officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer) of the member club designating a new Secretary of Record.

Section 7 – Group Liability Insurance Premium

The Executive Board is authorized to purchase a group liability insurance policy covering the activities of the Association, the Regions and the Association's member clubs, and to charge the member clubs the premium cost as follows: the portion of said premium determined by the Executive Board to be applicable to non-show activities shall be divided equally among all clubs and assessed annually. Payment of said assessment and the consequences of non-payment thereof, shall be the same as set forth in Section 5 above. The portion determined by the Executive Board to be applicable to show activities shall be divided by the expected number of shows to be held, and the result shall be charged as a condition to the issuance of show licenses. The show license insurance charge may be waived by the Central Office in cases, if any, where the group policy is not acceptable to the lessor of show facilities.

ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1 – Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held commencing on the third, fourth or fifth (if applicable) Friday in June, or the first Friday in July, of each year in each of the regions listed below successively (excluding the Japan and Europe regions), beginning in 1982 and in the following order: Midwest, Southern, North Atlantic, Northwest, Gulf Shore, Great Lakes, Southwest.

There shall be no change in the order of rotation, and each time an Annual Meeting shall have been held in each of the seven Regions, the order of rotation shall thereafter be repeated. A city within the eligible Region shall be chosen for the Annual Meeting to be held five years hence and announced to the delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Association. Electronic or written notice of the time and place of

the Annual Meeting shall be made to member clubs by the Central Office not less than forty (40) nor more than fifty (50) days prior to the opening day of the meeting.

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

Section 2 – Special Meetings

Special Meetings may be convened by the Executive Board for a date set by the Executive Board. The ~~members~~ member clubs entitled to cast ten percent (10%) of the total number of votes entitled to be cast at such meetings ~~who~~ may, in writing, demand the call of a special meeting specifying the date and month thereof, which shall not be less than two nor more than three months from the date of such written demand. Such written demand shall be delivered to the Secretary who shall cause the Central Office of the Association upon receiving the written demand ~~shall~~ to promptly give notice of such meeting.

Section 3 – Notice of Member Meetings

a. Written notice shall be given of all member meetings. The notice shall state the place, date and time of the meeting. Notice of a Special Meeting shall also state (i) whether the meeting is being called by the Executive Board or upon request of member clubs; and (ii) the purpose or purposes for which it is being called. No business shall be conducted at a Special Meeting that is not included in such notice.

b. Unless otherwise provided in this Constitution, a copy of the notice of any meeting shall be given, personally, by first class mail, by fax or by e-mail not less than ten (10) nor more than fifty (50) days before the date of the meeting. If notice is provided by another class of mail, notice shall be given not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days before such date, to each member club entitled to vote at such meeting. If mailed, such notice is given when deposited in the United States mail, with postage thereon prepaid, directed to the member club at the address the member club provides to the Association. If sent by fax or e-mail, such notice is given when directed to the member club's fax number or e-mail address the member club provides to the Association; provided, that notice shall not be deemed delivered if: (a) the Association is unable to deliver two (2) consecutive notices to the individual by e-mail or fax; or (b) the Association otherwise becomes aware that notice cannot be delivered to the individual by e-mail or fax.

Section ~~3-4~~ – Eligibility

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

govern. The Central Office shall preserve ~~the container~~ proof of such notification until after the date of the next Annual Meeting.

Section 4-5 – Delegates

Each member club in good standing as set forth in ~~Paragraph 1 of Section 3~~ this Constitution shall elect one delegate from the club members of ANY member club to represent such member club at each meeting of ~~members~~ member clubs. A delegate to any meeting may appoint a proxy from the club members any member club. Delegates or proxies may not be Officers or Board Members of any association or organization organized for purposes or objects similar to those of this Association.

No person acting as a delegate and/or proxy shall cast more than two (2) votes. ~~Regardless of the number of votes carried, each delegate or proxy to~~ Each member club represented at the Annual Meeting, whether by delegate or proxy, shall pay a registration fee of forty dollars (\$40.00) for each ~~vote carried~~ delegate or proxy representing the member club to defray the costs of the Annual Meetings.

It shall be the duty of the secretary of each member club of this Association, upon notification of the time and place of any meeting of this Association, duly to inform the delegate of such meeting.

Section 5-6 – Parliamentary Procedure

The meetings of the Association shall be conducted in accordance with such rules of Parliamentary Procedure as the Association shall from time to time adopt.

Section 6-7 – Quorum

The presence of a delegate or proxy from one-half (1/2) of the ~~members~~ member clubs at any Annual or Special Meeting shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V – FISCAL YEAR, REPORTS, AND AUDIT

Section 1 – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Association shall commence on May 1, and terminate on April 30 of each year, beginning on May 1, 1982.

Section 2 – Reports

~~a. — The Directors shall present at the Annual Meeting a report, verified by the President and the Treasurer, or by a majority of the members of the Executive Board, showing the whole amount of real and personal property owned by the Association, where located and where and how invested; the amount and nature of the property acquired during the year immediately preceding the date of the report and the manner of the acquisition; the amount applied, appropriated, or expended during the year immediately preceding such date and the purposes, objects, or persons to or for which such applications, appropriations, or expenditures have been made; and the names and places of residence of the member clubs that have been admitted to membership in this Association during such year. This report shall be filed with the records of the Association and an abstract thereof entered in the Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting.~~

a. The Executive Board shall present at the Annual Meeting of member clubs a report (a) verified by the President and Treasurer or by a majority of the Directors; or (b) certified by a firm of independent accountants, showing in appropriate detail the following:

- (i) the assets and liabilities, including the trust funds, of the Association, including where located and how invested;
- (ii) the principal changes in assets and liabilities, including trust funds, and the manner of the acquisition;
- (iii) the revenue or receipts of the Association, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes;
- (iv) the expenses or disbursements of the Association for both general and restricted purposes including the purposes, objects or persons to or for which such expenses or disbursements were made;
- (v) the number of member clubs of the Association as of the date of the report, together with a statement of increase or decrease in such number and a statement of the place where the names and places of residence of the current member clubs may be found;

The Annual Report needs to provide the above information as of the end of the twelve-month fiscal period terminating not more than six months prior to the meeting at which the Annual Report is presented. The Annual Report shall be filed with the records of the Association and a copy included in the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the member clubs.

b. The Directors shall also present profit and loss statements for the preceding fiscal year for (i) the annual meeting and (ii) any show produced in whole or in part by CFA, identifying in detail the sources of all income and the nature of all expenditures. These profit and loss statements shall be included in the delegate's bag at the Annual Meeting and ~~mailed~~ provided to the member clubs no later than June 30. NOTE: If corporate sponsorship contracts require confidentiality, all such sponsorships may be reported as one line item labeled "Corporate Sponsorships."

c. The Regional Directors of Regions 8 and 9 may maintain a treasury to defray the costs of regional activities in Regions 8 and 9. Contributions to any such regional fund shall be on a voluntary basis.

d. No later than May 25 of each year each Regional Director shall submit in writing to the Central Office a complete report of all receipts and disbursements of funds, if any, maintained by the Region for regional business, identifying in detail the sources of all income and the nature of all expenditures for the fiscal year which ended on April 30 of that year. The report shall include such detail as Central Office may require to enable Central Office to prepare and file appropriate tax returns for the Association and the incorporated Regions with the Internal Revenue Service and annual reports for the incorporated Regions in their states of incorporation.

Section 3 – Audit

Within ninety (90) days after the close of the fiscal year of the Association, the Executive Board shall direct the audit committee to ~~audit the books of the Association, and~~ obtain an independent audit or review compliant with current New York law from an independent CPA or firm with no conflicting interests in the finances of the Association and to report back to the Executive Board when such audit is complete and whether any issues or concerns were identified.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1 – Titles

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

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

No person may hold more than one office.

Section 2 – Elections

a. General. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Regional Directors shall be elected in even numbered years. The Directors-at-Large shall be elected in odd numbered years. The term of office for every position shall begin on the Sunday following the close of the Annual Meeting of the Association.

All elections shall be conducted by mail or electronic ballot, each eligible member club having one (1) vote. The candidate receiving the most votes for an office or regional directorship shall be deemed elected, regardless of the number of candidates running. Once elected, an officer or director shall serve for a term of two (2) years, or until his/her successor is elected and qualifies, except as provided for in paragraph (f) of this Article.

b. Eligibility to vote. In order to be eligible to vote, a [member club](#) must be in good standing as of February 1 of the year in which the election is held. Additionally, only clubs assigned to a particular region shall be eligible to vote for the Regional Director for that region. Although International Division members will not vote for a Regional Director, they are eligible to vote for officers and Directors-at-Large if they hold a licensed CFA show within the previous show season. As used in this paragraph the previous show season shall mean the show season ending immediately preceding the election.

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

d. Candidate Declarations. Persons intending to run for any office or directorship shall declare their intention to do so by written declaration, signed by the candidate and specifying the office or directorship intended. Declarations must be received by the Central Office by the close of business on March 15 of the year in which the election is held. Declarations shall not be accepted other than as provided herein and nominations shall not be made from the floor of the Annual Meeting.

e. Election Procedure. On or before April 25 of each election year, the Central Office shall send by electronic means or mail to all member clubs in good standing and eligible to vote, ballots listing all candidates for whom timely declarations were received. Central Office shall establish procedures, subject to approval by the Board of Directors, for optional electronic voting which shall include securing, printing, and appropriately destroying electronic ballots. Returned ballots must be received by the Central Office by June 1 of such year in order to be counted. Ballots returned by mail shall remain sealed until the Annual Meeting, at which time duly appointed inspectors will supervise the opening and counting of the ballots. Electronic ballots shall be individually printed by Central Office and brought to the Annual Meeting to be tabulated by the inspectors with the mailed ballots. Ballots that are illegible, incomplete or those containing write-in candidates shall be considered void. Ballots in elections for Directors-at-Large selecting less than five (5) candidates (or less than all declared candidates if fewer than five) shall be considered incomplete. Results shall be announced at the Annual Meeting as soon as the ballots have

been tabulated. Ballots shall remain under the control of the inspectors until a motion to destroy the ballots is passed at which time the ballots shall be destroyed under the supervision of the inspectors. No person other than a duly appointed inspector shall have access to the ballots until after they are destroyed.

If the duly appointed inspectors are unable to conduct in-person tabulation of ballots, the Board shall establish a procedure to assure ballots are tabulated by a neutral audit firm with results reviewed and approved by a subcommittee appointed by the chair of the Credentials Committee.

f. Tie-Vote Procedure. In the event of a tie vote in voting for any officer or Regional Directorship, or for the fifth position in Director-at-Large elections, a special ballot will be conducted as provided herein. No new candidates shall be eligible to run in the special election. Any club in good standing at the time the original election ballots were mailed shall be eligible to vote in the special election, whether or not it voted in the regular election. The Central Office shall send by electronic means or mail special ballot forms to each eligible member club on or before July 15 of the election year and shall establish procedures for optional electronic voting as in (e) of this section. Returned ballots must be received by the Central Office by September 1 in order to be counted. The opening, inspection for regularity (legibility, completeness, write-in candidate disqualification, etc.), counting of the ballots and reporting of the election results shall be conducted under procedures specified by the Executive Board of Directors, with any seated board member who is directly involved as a candidate in the tie vote being required to remove themselves from the determination of said procedure. In the event the special election also results in a tie-vote, the office in question shall be resolved by lot by the then presiding Chairman of the Board.

If the balloting for one or more Regional Director results in a tie-vote, the then presiding Chairman of the Board shall determine by lot, from among the tied candidates, which shall represent the affected region(s) from the time the tie-vote is declared until a winner is determined by the special mail ballot described above.

Section 3 – Conflicting Memberships

No person shall be eligible to serve as an Officer or Director of this Association who is a member of a club or association affiliated with or a member of an organization organized for purposes or objects similar to those of this Association.

Section 4 – Duties

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer and managing head of this Association and the Chair of its Executive Board. He or she shall preside at all meetings of ~~Members~~ member clubs and of the Executive Board. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside. In the absence of both the President and the Vice President, the meeting shall elect a presiding officer. The presiding officer at any time may request a delegate or proxy to take the chair to permit the presiding officer to take part in a meeting.

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings.

The Treasurer, who shall be bonded, shall be the Chief Financial Officer and chairperson of the audit and budget committee(s) of the Association. In this capacity, he or she shall have the responsibility to oversee all financial management activities relating to the programs and operations of the Association, and to develop and maintain an integrated accounting and financial management system. This system will include financial reporting and internal controls which comply with applicable accounting principles, standards, and requirements of the FASB (Financial Accounting Standards Board) and other internal control standards. Although not required, candidates for this office should possess demonstrated ability in

general management and specific knowledge, either by education or experience, in financial management practices.

Any approval for the expenditure of an amount of money that is greater than 5% of the average prior two year's net income cannot be authorized by any individual committee of the Board, but must be authorized by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

All other duties and powers of officers shall be such as the Executive Board shall from time to time determine.

In the absence of any officer except the President, or for any other good and sufficient reason, the Executive Board may delegate the duties and powers of such Officers to any other Officer or to any Director of the Association for such a period as it may designate.

Section 5 – Vacancies

Vacancies in any office, except that of President and/or any of the Regional Directors, may be filled by the Executive Board ~~for the balance of the unexpired term.~~ until the next Annual Meeting at which elections will be held. Should the office of the President become vacant for any reason, the Vice President shall automatically succeed to that office.

Should a vacancy occur for any reason in the office of any of the various Regional Directors and nine (9) months or more remain in the term of that office, the Central Office shall immediately notify member clubs in the specific region of the vacancy and call for declarations from candidates to be submitted to the office within thirty (30) days of said notice. Within ten (10) days after the closing date for the acceptance of declarations, the Central Office ~~will mail~~ shall send by electronic means or mail ballots to eligible clubs in the region for voting and shall establish procedures for optional electronic voting as in Section 2(e) of this Article. Eligibility for voting will be limited to those member clubs in good standing not less than fifty (50) days prior to the date of the mailing of the ballots. The closing date for the return of the special election ballots to the Central Office will be sixty (60) days after mailing distribution from the Central Office – said date to be printed on the ballot. Dated postmark stamp (provided by a postal clerk) on either the ballot or on a separate paper enclosed in the mailing envelope or the date marking Central Office's receipt of an electronic ballot will constitute PRIME FACIE evidence of the mailing date by the voting club.

When less than nine (9) months remain in the term of a Regional Director whose office is vacated, such office shall remain vacant until the next regular election of Regional Directors as provided for in Section 2, Elections, of this Article.

Section 6 – Resignations and Removal of Executive Board

a. Any Officer, Regional Director or Director-at-Large may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if no time be specified, then on delivery. The Executive Board is not required to accept the resignation for the resignation to take effect.

b. Any Regional Director or Director-at-Large may be removed with cause by vote of the member clubs, or by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Executive Board. "Cause" shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (1) failure to attend three consecutive Board meetings; (2) failure to attend four Board meetings during the course of the year; (3) violating policies and procedures of the Association; or (4) engaging in conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Association.

c. Any Officer may only be removed by vote of the voting member clubs with cause; provided that an Officer may be suspended from performing the Officer's duties by the Executive Board. "Cause" shall be defined as set forth in Section 6(b) above.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING

Section 1 – Membership

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

Section 2 – Meetings

The Board shall meet from time to time at the call of its Chairman or of any ten (10) members of the Board. The call shall be mailed or provided by electronic means to each member of the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting and shall specify the approximate agenda, time and place of the meeting, which, if held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, may be held at any place; other Board Meetings to be held within the United States or Canada.

Section 3 – Quorum

a. The presence of ten (10) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of the Executive Board members present, whether or not a quorum is present, may adjourn any meeting to another time and place provided that notice is provided in according with Section 1(b) above.

b. Any one or more members of the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone, electronic video screen communication or similar communications equipment ~~allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time.~~ Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting provided that all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time and each individual may participate in all matters before the Executive Board or committee, including, but not limited to, proposing, objecting to and voting upon a specific action taken at the meeting.

c. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Executive Board may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Executive Board consent to the adoption of a resolution authorizing the action. The resolution and the written consents of the Executive Board shall be filed with the minutes of the Executive Board. Consents may be provided: (i) in a writing signed by the individual either in hard copy or by affixing a signature by any reasonable means (e.g., fax signature); or (ii) by e-mail that includes information from which the recipient can reasonably determine that the transmission was authorized by the individual.

Section 4 – Delegation of Powers

The Executive Board may delegate to the Officers of this Association such of its duties and powers as it sees fit and as permitted by statute.

Section 5 – Voting

a. Each member of the Executive Board shall have one vote. Executive Board members shall not vote by proxy. Every Board Member has the right to abstain, i.e., not vote, on a particular issue and such abstention shall be documented in the meeting minutes. For the purpose of tabulating votes only, a Board Member not voting for any reason will be considered absent from the meeting when calculating the total affirmative votes required for passing a particular proposal.

b. The vote of a majority of the Executive Board members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute action by the Executive Board, except as set forth in this constitution and required by applicable law.

c. The following actions require approval by two-thirds vote of the entire Executive Board:

(i) the purchase of real property that will constitute all or substantially all of the assets of the Association once purchased; and

(ii) the sale, lease, mortgage, exchange or other disposition of real property that constitutes all or substantially all of the assets of the Association.

d. The following items must be approved first by majority vote of the Executive Board at a meeting at which a quorum is present and then submitted to the voting member clubs for approval by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting member clubs at a meeting at which a quorum is present; provided that the total votes cast in favor of the action must also be at least equal to a quorum of members as provided in Article IV, Section 7 of this constitution:

(i) amendment of the Association's Certificate of Incorporation;

(ii) approval of a merger or consolidation;

(iii) approval of dissolution of the Association; and

(iv) approval of the sale of all or substantially all of the Association's assets.

Section 6 – Acceptance of New Breeds for Championship Competition

Acceptance of any new breed for championship competition shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Executive Board present.

Once a breed is accepted for championship status, it cannot have its registration status rescinded, placed back in A.O.V. status or moved to provisional status without 2/3 Breed Council approval.

ARTICLE VIII – REGIONS

Section 1 – Geographical Boundaries

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

REGION 1 – NORTH ATLANTIC

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

REGION 2 – NORTHWEST

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

REGION 3 – GULF SHORE

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

REGION 4 – GREAT LAKES

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

REGION 5 – SOUTHWEST

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

REGION 6 – MIDWEST

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

REGION 7 – SOUTHERN

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

REGION 8 – JAPAN

Japan.

REGION 9 – EUROPE

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

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

Section 2 – Organization

Regions 1 through 7 shall (i) be incorporated as non-profit corporations in the United States, (ii) adopt and maintain a fiscal year for the corporation that corresponds with the Association's fiscal year, and (iii) apply for, obtain and maintain tax exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code, as amended from time to time.

ARTICLE IX – INTERNATIONAL

There shall be an International Division of CFA for clubs not located in a region described in Article VIII. Clubs may be accepted into the International Division in accordance with such requirements or conditions as the Executive Board may from time to time adopt.

A club accepted into the International Division shall be designated an 'International Member' entitled to the rights and privileges and subject to the duties and obligations of ~~members~~ member clubs, under the provisions of this Constitution, except that:

- a. The provisions of Article III, Section 4 of this Constitution shall not apply to the International Division. The Board of Directors shall designate the country(s) within which a new international member club may carry on activities and thereafter have the right, in its discretion, to limit or expand such area.
- b. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article III, Section 7 of this Constitution, the Board of Directors shall have the right to require an International Member to obtain and maintain, at its own cost, liability insurance covering the Association and such International member, in such limits as the Board deems adequate, with a company(s) approved by the Board.
- c. Registration rules for cats in the International Division shall be the same as those adopted for the regions described in Article VIII of this Constitution.
- d. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of Article IV of this Constitution, only those 'International Members' holding a licensed CFA show within the previous show season will be entitled to be a delegate and cast a vote at any annual or special meeting of members. Only those 'International Members' qualifying for entitlement to vote will be counted in computing the number of members required or members present for quorum purposes at a meeting of members.
- e. Every two years, 'International Members' shall select two (2) representatives to participate in a council of the International Division, to consider matters particularly relevant to the 'International Members.' The Board shall adopt rules of procedure for the appointment or election of representatives. The Board shall also select the times and places for the International Council to meet, which meetings shall occur not less than once each year.

The President of the Association shall appoint a committee of at least two (2) members of the Board, one of which shall be designated as Chairman, to attend and conduct such meeting.

Within thirty (30) days following conclusion of the meeting, the committee will submit a written report to the President, with a copy to Central Office, setting forth the matters discussed and questions raised,

with attached copies of writings submitted in support of and/or in opposition to any matter raised before the council.

The committee may include its recommendations to the Board for action to be taken.

The cost and expense of such council meeting shall be borne proportionately by all 'International Members.'

f. The provisions of Article XV – Discipline, shall apply to the International Division and 'International Members,' with the added provision that if the Board of Directors should schedule a formal hearing on charges, the Board may appoint a committee to conduct the hearing and report to the Board as to the testimony and evidence received with its findings and recommended disposition. The Board shall not be bound by such findings or recommendation in reaching its own determination and the discipline, if any, to be fixed.

ARTICLE X – CENTRAL OFFICE

The operation of the affairs of this Association shall be carried out under the general direction of the Executive Board in such manner and place as may from time to time be determined by the Executive Board. The personnel of such office and the compensation of such personnel shall be as determined by the Executive Board. Such individuals in such office who may handle the money of the Association, and who may be authorized to sign checks drawn on the bank account or accounts of the Association, shall be bonded in such amounts as may be determined by the Executive Board. A representative of the Central Office, qualified to speak on the operations of the office and to answer questions of delegates or Board Members relative to these operations, shall attend each meeting of members of the Association and each meeting of the Executive Board, the out-of-pocket expenses of such person incurred in connection with such meeting to be paid by the Association.

ARTICLE XI – BREED COUNCIL

Breed Councils will be formed to serve the Executive Board in an advisory capacity regarding CFA Show Standards. The rules governing the operation of the Breed Councils are contained in the Breed Council Standing Rules ~~listed below:~~ [attached as Appendix A to this Constitution.](#)

[All sections of the Breed Council article are moved to Appendix A with no changes.]

ARTICLE XII – SHOW LICENSES

The Executive Board shall have power in its full discretion to grant or to withhold from each member club of the Association a license to hold a cat show. No member club shall hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show not licensed by this Association; nor shall such a club hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show licensed by any other organization. No member club shall hold, sponsor, or manage a cat show in conjunction with one licensed by any other similar organization without the prior approval of the Executive Board, which may impose such conditions as the Board may deem appropriate. At the request of any Regional Director, a show license or licenses may be issued for a show or shows to be sponsored by his Region. No club shall be denied a show license because its show does not include Household Pets as a competitive category.

ARTICLE XIII – RULES AND STANDARDS

The Executive Board shall from time to time establish “Show Rules” and “Show Standards” under which shows licensed by this Association are to be held and shall determine the basis on which Championships, Grand Championships, Premierships, Grand Premierships, and other awards established by it for this Association shall be made.

Delegates and proxies to the Annual Meeting of the Association may change such Show Rules of the Association as have general applicability (but not those affecting specifically any color, breed, or division) by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote, provided that any such proposed Show Rules changes are noticed by the Association’s Central Office to all member clubs in good standing at least 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Proposed changes not included in such notice, or included but amended prior to adoption, or adopted by a vote of less than two-thirds (2/3), shall be advisory only. Show Rule changes so adopted shall be effective on May 1 of the year following adoption, unless a different effective date is specifically stated in the adopted change.

~~Once a breed is accepted for championship status, it cannot have its registration status rescinded, placed back in A.O.V. status or moved to provisional status without 2/3 Breed Council approval.~~

A CFA-sponsored awards program which shall include scoring procedures, policies and awards shall be listed as an official part of the CFA Show Rules. Awards will be based on points accumulated throughout the show season subject to the rules and limitations set forth in the program. No other method of determining the winning cats shall be permitted.

ARTICLE XIV – JUDGES

The Executive Board shall from time to time adopt standing rules to govern the operation of the Judging Program.

The Executive Board shall have the sole right to approve and authorize judges of shows held under the license of this Association. Acceptance into the Judging Program, and advancement within it, shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Executive Board present. Members of the Executive Board shall comply with all standing rules governing the operation of the Judging Program when they have personal knowledge concerning an individual presented before them for advancement or acceptance in the Judging Program. When voting on the acceptance or advancement of individuals in the Judging Program, the vote of the individual Board Members shall be reported in the public minutes of the meeting. Any individual not advanced as a result of a vote by the Board shall be informed of the basis of the Board’s action and, shall have the right to file a written “Request for Reconsideration”. A “Request for Reconsideration” filed with the Chairman of the Judging Committee within 30 days of receipt of written notice of the Board’s decision will maintain the judging status of the individual until final action by the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The Executive Board may indicate its approval of such individuals as an “Approved Judge” an “Approval Pending Judge,” or an “Apprentice Judge” and such approval may be for a specified period of time. In the case of “Apprentice Judges,” Apprentice Judges being on a probational status, such period of time need not be specified and the approval is terminable at the will of the Executive Board. In the case of an Approved Judge or an Approval Pending Judge, the Board shall vote to recertify on an annual basis. Recertification shall require the affirmative vote of a majority vote of the Executive Board present. Any judge failing to be recertified shall be informed of the basis of the Executive Board’s action and be cited to appear by the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting for hearing on the issue of recertification. The vote of the individual Board members resulting in the failure of a judge to be recertified shall be

reported in the public minutes of the meeting. Any such judge not able to appear in person may present evidence by affidavit. The status of the judge shall remain unchanged until such hearing. After consideration of all evidence, the Executive Board may vote to recertify, to suspend temporarily or for such period of time as the Executive Board deems proper in its discretion, or to place such requirements or restrictions on the judge's future participation in the judging program as the Board considers necessary and proper.

Until an individual reaches the status of "Approval Pending Judge," each person going through the CFA Judging Program is in a probationary status. The Executive Board may suspend from the Judging Program any person in a probational status without notice or hearing.

With the exception of disciplinary action as defined in Article XV, any action to drop, permanently suspend, or reduce in status any individual in the Judging Program shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Executive Board present. The vote of the individual Board members shall be reported in the public minutes of the meeting.

No judge may be an officer, director or judge of any other organization having objects similar to those of this Association.

Regardless of the status of any individual approved to judge shows held under the license of this Association, no person shall be authorized to judge any show held under the license of this Association until he has been specifically authorized to so act by the Executive Board or by the Central Office of the Association under powers delegated by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XV – DISCIPLINE

Section 1 – Powers of Board Members

The Executive Board shall have exclusive jurisdiction to discipline ~~members~~ member clubs, judges, clerks, breeders, show officials, exhibitors, and all other parties who, by their voluntary participation in CFA activities subject themselves to its various rules, including those enumerated in this Article, in order to preserve the integrity of this organization in the accomplishment of its objectives.

Disciplinary power may be exercised only after due notice and opportunity to be heard is first given the party charged.

Disciplinary action shall require an affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the Board Members present.

Section 2 – Conduct of Members Subject to Board Discipline

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

- a. the enactment of any amendment to the Constitution or By-Laws of a member club in conflict with the Charter or Constitution of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
- b. The holding of a cat show not licensed by the Association or the holding of a cat show in conjunction with one licensed by any other similar organization without the prior approval of the Executive Board, or in violation of any conditions placed on such prior approval.
- c. The violation of any Show Rule.

- d. Distribution of club funds in a manner inconsistent with the objects of the Association.
- e. Any act or conduct seriously and patently detrimental to the best interest and welfare of the cat or The Cat Fanciers' Association.

Section 3 – Conduct of Judges and Clerks Subject to Board Disciplinary Powers

The Board may reprimand, suspend, terminate and/or fine any judge or clerk found guilty of:

- a. Violations of any standing rules governing the responsibilities and duties of judges or clerks as may be enacted from time to time.
- b. The violation of any Show Rule.
- c. Any willful conduct involving CFA or CFA activities which is seriously detrimental to the best interest of CFA or the welfare of the cats.

Section 4 – Conduct of Club Officers, Breeders, Exhibitors, Show Officials and Other Participants Subject to Board Discipline

Any breeder, exhibitor, show official, or other participant in CFA activities may be reprimanded, prohibited from exhibiting, denied access to CFA services and facilities, including the registration of cats, transfer of ownership, placement of advertising in CFA publications, and/or fined upon a finding of guilty for:

- a. Cruel or inhumane treatment in the breeding, keeping, showing, or otherwise dealing with felines.
- b. Willful misrepresentation in connection with registration of a litter or cat.
- c. Abuse of the services of CFA in connection with the advertising, sale, lease, or transfer of a feline.
- d. Authorizing or participating in the distribution of club funds in a manner inconsistent with the objects of the Association.
- e. Violations of CFA registration rules as promulgated by the Board from time to time.
- f. The violation of any Show Rule.
- g. Any act or conduct seriously and patently detrimental to the best interest and welfare of the cat or the Association.

Section 5 – Procedure

The Board may consider any protest filed hereunder by any member of a member club or in any other manner brought to the attention of the Executive Board. The Board may delegate authority to one or more persons to review, investigate, and determine if probable cause exists for the filing of a formal protest.

Such determination as to probable cause shall be advisory only and not binding on the Board. Should the Board elect to proceed with a formal hearing, the party charged will be entitled to receive written notice of the particulars of the charges no less than thirty (30) days before the scheduled hearing date.

Any Board member who is the subject of a complaint, or who is a member of a club that is the subject of a complaint, or who by some other close association has an interest in the outcome of a protest, shall be duty-bound to disqualify himself from participation in consideration of the protest.

ARTICLE XVI – GENERAL

Section 1 – Adoption of Policies and Procedures

The Executive Board or designated committee of the Board, by resolution, shall adopt such rules, regulations, policies and procedures as it may deem necessary and appropriate to the operation of the Association, including, but not limited to, a Conflicts of Interest Policy and Whistleblower Policy; provided, however, that no rule, regulations, policy or procedure may be adopted by the Association that is contrary to this constitution and applicable law as may be amended from time to time.

Section 2 – Books and Records

There shall be kept at the office of the Association: (1) correct and complete books and records of account; (2) minutes of the proceedings of the member clubs, the Executive Board and any committee of the Executive Board; (3) a current list of the members of the Executive Board of the Association; (4) a list of all member clubs including name and address; (5) a copy of this constitution; (6) a copy of the Association's application for recognition of exemption with the Internal Revenue Service; and (7) copies of the past three (3) years' information returns and Form 990-T's (if any) filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

Section 3 – Loans to Directors and Officers

No loans shall be made by the Association to the members of its Executive Board, or to any other corporation, firm, association or other entity in which one or more of its Executive Board members are directors or officers or hold a substantial financial interest except as allowed by law.

Section 4 – Certificate of Incorporation

The Executive Board may change the Certificate of Incorporation as needed to comply with law.

ARTICLE XVI-ARTICLE XVII – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by an Annual or Special Meeting of ~~members~~ member clubs by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes entitled to be cast by the delegates present at the meeting in person or by proxy, provided that the proposed amendment, together with notice of time and place of the meeting, has been provided by the Central Office of this Association, or by a member club proposing the amendment, to each member club at least forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting.

APPENDIX A

BREED COUNCIL STANDING RULES

PURPOSE

The CFA Breed Councils were established in 1970 to serve as advisory bodies on breed standards to the CFA Executive Board. The Breed Councils channel opinions and suggestions from the individual breeder to the Board through the Breed Council Secretary elected by each specific breed.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL BREED COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

1. Have a CFA registered cattery name.
2. Are at least 18 years of age or older.
3. Have bred and registered with CFA at least three litters of the appropriate breed/division.
4. A judge or an officer of another cat registering association is not eligible.

In addition to the above requirements, membership is limited to individuals who have met either of the following qualifications:

Bred at least one CFA Grand Champion or Grand Premier of the appropriate breed/division, OR

Registered one litter of the appropriate breed/division within the previous two calendar years and, have exhibited a cat/kitten owned or leased by the applicant of the appropriate breed/division at a CFA show within the previous two calendar years.

A litter which has been reregistered to add an individual or individuals as additional breeders of the litter may not be used to qualify the additional breeder or breeders for Breed Council membership.

MEMBERSHIP

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

FEES

The annual registration fee shall be set by the Executive Board to help defray expenses for the operation of the Breed Councils.

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Members forward suggestions and opinions to the elected secretary of the specific breed council. The breed council secretary will evaluate these proposals and obtain the opinions of other members of the particular breed/division section. The weight of these opinions will form the basis for an annual poll taken prior to the Executive Board meeting in February when breed standard revisions are considered.

BREED COUNCIL SECRETARY

1. Requirements for Eligibility –
 1. Current CFA membership in the specific breed council.
 2. Current CFA club membership.

3. A secretary may not hold his/her position in more than one council at a time.

Election –

1. A secretary for each breed council will be elected FROM the membership and BY the membership of that breed council.
2. Elections will be held every two years in even numbered years during the month of December. Secretaries shall begin their two-year terms on May 1 of the following year, except that secretaries elected in December 2014 shall serve from January 1, 2015 – April 30, 2017.
3. A candidate must declare his/her intention to run for secretary of a breed council by submitting his/her declaration in writing, signed by the candidate, to the Central Office by August 1 next prior to the December in which the election is held. Signed declarations may be submitted by mail, fax or electronic scanned file.
4. Ballots for the election of breed council secretaries must be ~~mailed~~ submitted to the Central Office in accordance with voting instructions printed on the ballot. ~~and must be returned in the official ballot envelope.~~
5. Only those breed council members who have paid their dues by August 1 next preceding the December in which the election is held shall be eligible to vote in the election.
6. In the event of a tie vote between/among the candidates for breed council secretary, the membership that was eligible to vote in the election that resulted in a tie shall be balloted again. The reballoting will be done within 2 weeks of the close of the prior election, allowing the voters 14 days to ~~return~~ submit the ballots to Central Office. If the vote is again a tie, the winner shall be determined by lot.

Vacancies –

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

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

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

(End of CFA Constitution with proposed changes)

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– 1 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, by adding to or adjusting current language, to comply with New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. *These are mandatory changes that must be made to comply with New York law.*

Changes to be made:

Pink Text

Article IV§2 – clarifies that demand for a special meeting is to be delivered to the CFA Secretary. This clarification of process is required to comply with N-PCL § 603(c).

Article IV§5 – clarifies that the delegate fee is for each delegate or proxy, not the vote. Paying for votes is illegal. This clarification is required to comply with N-PCL §609(a)(5) which prohibits the sale of proxies or votes.

Article IV§7 – clarifies what is required for a quorum. This clarification is required to comply with N-PCL§608.

Article VI§5 – describes that vacancies are to be filled by the Executive Board until the next Annual Meeting, rather than for the balance of the unexpired term. This clarification is required to comply with N-PCL§705(c).

Article V§3 – added language to comply with NY Executive Law Article §172-b

Article VII§3(a) – added language states how a meeting may be adjourned. This language is required to comply with N-PCL§711(d).

Article VII§3(b) – clarifies how meetings can be held electronically (e.g., Zoom or telephonic conference calls). This language is required to comply with N-PCL§708(c).

RATIONALE: The above changes are required to bring CFA into compliance with New York law. We must pass these amendments by a 2/3 majority of the delegates.

Newkirk: OK. George, you're up for the next resolution. **George Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers, West Shore Shorthair Club):** Constitutional Amendment #1 is the text that is in pink. Again, these were changes that were identified as mandatory by our New York attorney. Some of it is technical specifying how a demand for a special meeting is to be delivered to CFA. Some of it is to kind of stroke the law a little bit. We charge a delegate fee. New York law prohibits paying for votes, so it clarifies the language to make sure that we're not doing something illegal when we charge a delegate fee. [inaudible] proxies, clarifies a quorum and makes some other changes mandated by New York law. We can talk about specific changes if you want, but the motion I think is fairly self-explanatory and cites the specific provisions of New York law that we are attempting to comply with. **Newkirk:** Thank you George.

Laurie Coughlin (Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers): I have one serious question here. We've just gone through great debate on whether or not we have to charge a \$40.00 delegate fee for people to attend an online meeting. I question why the constitution specifies a dollar amount, which we know over time will need to change, as opposed to simply saying "an appropriate delegate fee". **Newkirk:** George, would you like to answer that? **Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers, West Shore Shorthair Club):** We actually tried that a couple years ago when we raised the delegate fee to \$40.00 and the delegation voted it down. Certainly, making it open ended so it can be changed over time, in my opinion, would be an improvement but that's

not our intention here today. We're making the minimum changes required by law to make us legal in the State of New York, not make any substantive changes to how it's done. Do I think changing the delegate fee to something that we can vary according to the circumstances would be a good idea? I personally think so, and I spoke in favor of it the last time this came up at an annual, but that's not what we're doing today. We're not making changes, we're just basically fixing what's broken. **Newkirk:** Thank you.

Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers): I really appreciate all of the work that went into these proposals and most of it is, as George says, not significant for us to really care about. I did seriously consider these and was ready to vote yes, but I have numerous concerns. First, with all due respect to the authors and the work that went into these, I have to object to how these are presented to us. The intro to this section says that these changes are mandatory, not optional. George says we must change these. What happens if we don't? What would happen if we hadn't had a quorum? If we didn't pass these, then all that would happen is, CFA would proceed as normal until we're sued. If CFA is sued, then New York State law would apply. If we don't pass these today, CFA will operate tomorrow exactly how it did for the past whatever years that we have been out of sync and, when necessary, will follow New York State law. Now, that doesn't mean that we shouldn't pass these things, but it does mean that we should be careful about what we do pass. The intro also says, *as we review each item, we will note that there is little change to the content of the constitution*. This is problematic to me, because it's just not true. There are a couple of very significant changes that I will be pointing out. So, we're talking here about the pink text. My fear is that people will see these two statements that I described and say, "oh well, these changes are mandatory, we have to do them, and really little has changed," as it says here, and then they didn't bother reading the changes. I'm afraid that there are some things in here that are not little changes, that deserve serious consideration and discussion. So, let's start with page 6, Section 5, Vacancies. At the top it says where we have now that if the board appoints a vacancy for one of the officers, not the president, one of the officers or one of the directors at large, that they would serve for the balance of the unexpired term. That's what we have now, and this changes it to until the next annual meeting at which elections will be held. This is very different from what we have now. So, we just had a director at large election. Let's say that one of the people that is elected, after the weekend and after the Sunday board meeting they wake up on Monday morning and they say, "oh my God, I just can't take this, I have to resign," so they resign. According to the old constitution, according to what's there right now, the board can appoint somebody to fill that director at large seat for the remainder of the term, so that seat wouldn't come up for election again until 2023. If we take this new language, that seat is only filled until the next annual meeting at which elections will be held. It doesn't say what kind of elections, it just says the next meeting where elections will be held, so next year that seat would be up because we would be holding elections next year. So, that's a difference. That's a one-year difference in what that term would be. The big problem I have with this is, there's nowhere in the constitution – well first it says until the next meeting at which elections will be held, but then what? Do we hold a special election for that seat? It doesn't say here what to do. It doesn't say we'll hold a special election, and nowhere in this constitution do we define a special election. We define elections for regional directors and officers, and then on opposite years directors at large. We have a special election defined for vacancies in regional directors, but we don't have a special election defined for the situation I described, and so I find this to be problematic because it is a major change. It's not a little change, as we were led to believe. It's a big change and it's not well defined. I have one

more problem with the pink section. I have problems with orange, but I'll wait until that one comes up. The problem I have with the pink section on that same page, if we go to the top right corner under Quorum, in Section 3.a. at the very end it says, *provided in accordance with Section 1.b. above*. That should be "accordance", so like I'm worried about the grammar there. But, Section 1.b., there is no Section 1.b. This harkens back to my days of doing requirements checks in the government where I would sift through multiple levels of requirements that point to each other and get to a dead end, so there's no Section 1.b. That should be Section 2. So, if six lawyers reviewed this, did any of their secretaries review it for type-o's, I'm wondering? I don't mean to disrespect the people that put all their work into this, but I am very concerned with how this was presented to us and these are not little changes. It might be a good thing to change, to shorten the terms of appointees, but it's not well defined and I am not going to support these because of these things. **Newkirk:** Thank you Mary. **Leslie Ann Carr (Rome Cat Forum):** This will probably surprise people but I'm agreeing 100% with Mary. These are not little changes if you read through them all. I don't have as many comments on the pink – the first one we're talking about. I do have a lot more on some of the other ones. However, Mary is completely right. There is no proposal in here, no precedent or whatever you want to call it, for us to hold a special election in the example that Mary gave. If we lose a director at large in the next 12 months and we supposedly would have to vote for one at our next annual meeting, there's nothing in here that tells us how we do that. It says that the elections are held every other year for those, so right there that's another no. But, my main point is, these are not minor changes that have been made across the constitution. What is presented to us as the supposed final version of the constitution doesn't even include the change that we are told is one of our main reasons; that is, to rename it from constitution to bylaws, and yet there's no changes of that in here. I probably have more comments on the other ones, but again I just wanted to agree with Mary. These aren't minor changes and I wish people would please look at it thoroughly, compare it to the old one and vote based on, are we making a change or are we not? Thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you Leslie.

Pam DelaBar (Chatte Noir Club, Sophisto Cat Club): Just to address the elections of directors at large, it is the privilege and responsibility of the president to fill vacancies under the old constitution, or the constitution we're currently under, but the president also has the choice to not fill that position and thus save a little money. It is not required to fill a vacancy for a director at large, so that is, to me, not a problem in considering these changes. **Newkirk:** Thank you Pam. Norm, you've got a green check. Are you wanting to speak?

Newkirk: I want to address one of the things that Mary said. I don't believe that New York law had been changed so that we could hold an electronic meeting last year. They made a special provision for us to hold a virtual meeting when it's not in our constitution until the end of this year. Mary said, "what have we got to lose if we don't change this?" Well, we could lose our not-for-profit status. That's what we have to lose. George, do you want to make a closing comment? **George Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers, West Shore Shorthair Club):** If I led people to believe that we weren't making any changes at all, as Mary has suggested I said, then I apologize. That's not what I'm saying. What I'm saying is, for the first two items the committee isn't adding anything that New York law doesn't require be changed. There are substantial changes to our constitution. That's why we're doing this – because we have to do it. We have to comply with New York law. There's not, however, a lot of committee opinion built into the first two resolutions, because these are simply bare bones minimums to comply with New York law. One of the things New York law has is the presumption that vacancies should be filled by the

electorate, not by the board. That's why the change had to be made – to comply with New York law, Nonprofit Law 705(c). That's one of the things we asked the attorney to do was, when we make some of these changes like changing how we deal with an unexpired term, this is how New York law says we deal with an unexpired term. That's why we're making the change and that's why we cited chapter and verse, so that anybody who had concerns about it could look it up before the meeting and confirm with themselves that this is a requirement under New York law and something we must do. As Darrell pointed out, we don't have Zoom in our constitution right now. We're getting by right now because of an emergency COVID pandemic executive order in New York. We can't do this again next year unless we put provisions in our constitution to allow it, but if there's one word misspelled somewhere in the document, certainly we can do a housekeeping amendment next year, but right now the substantive law needs to be fixed, and that's the pink text. I urge you all to vote yes on #1. **Newkirk:** Thank you George.

Alene M. Shafnisky (Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l): You know, hearing Mary talk, I really started to – it was so hard to go back through references of this to check what the language was changing. I think it's, the way that it was presented is the most problematic piece of it, but also if you go back to her discussion of the resignations and what we do, there's no language that references returning back to the original election style; so for example, if somebody, one of the directors at large resigns on Monday, then we would be voting next year for all the regional directors and one director at large. Well, now are we off kilter? When does that correct? It doesn't reference anything about making sure that you're still going to continue to do directors at large in one and regional directors in another. **Carol W. Johnson, DVM (Americans West, National American Shorthair Club):** I just want to ask George, how will you resolve a reference to a section that doesn't look like it exists? I also went through when Mary talked and saw that 1.b. doesn't look like it exists, but there is a reference to it. **George Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers, West Shore Shorthair Club):** Like I said, next year there may be some housekeeping corrections to this. I understand people's concerns, but you've got to look at how many things the law requires us to change and a few minor mistakes aren't something that can't be fixed. So, if there is a conflict that's created by an ambiguity like that, it would be resolved under New York law.

Newkirk: Shelly Perkins, would you mind unmuting and weighing in on this since you are our attorney? **Perkins:** All of these changes in pink, which is all we're talking about right now is pink, were put forth by the New York attorney, as required if we want to maintain our not for profit status. Our constitution really should be in line with New York law. I think that it's dangerous to just say, "let's just keep a document that doesn't even comport to the law and let's just wait until we get sued." I don't think anyone wants the CFA to get sued or have that kind of expense, to say that we're doing something that wasn't in line with New York law. Changing the constitution puts all of our delegates on notice that we are in line with New York law and it tells everybody what it is. I don't any of our members really want to go read New York law and then read the constitution on a daily basis, so bringing our constitution in line with New York law gives everybody our document that says, "this is what the law is and this is what we're going to do." So, my recommendation is to make the changes in pink, because that will put our members right at the front of knowing really what they're under, as opposed to, we're saying one thing and New York law says another. **Newkirk:** Thank you Shelly. Any other comments? I don't see any.

Newkirk: Allene will now open the voting on question 1. The voting is now open on question #1. **Mary Auth (Pfanciers United For Fun, Inc.):** I have a question. Why are we not being told the no responses? Why are we just being shown the yes responses? **Newkirk:** Because the requirement to pass is the number of yes votes. The no votes doesn't matter. **Mary Auth (Pfanciers United For Fun, Inc.):** Well, except it lets us see how many people voted in total. Can we get that piece of information? **Newkirk:** We do have on the last vote that I announced which was 2/3, which was 249 out of 263 people voted. I guess we can publish how many people that voted, can't we? I'll let Allene explain. **Tartaglia:** It is taking people a little bit to vote. There are many, many people voting. The numbers continue to go up. Once we've reached the number we need, we could move on to the next one. We can continue to wait until everybody votes, but it's just going to take that much more time, so once we have reached the 173 yes votes, that's really what matters, and that's reaching the 2/3. **Newkirk:** Are you OK with that, Mary? **Tartaglia:** Right now we have 236 yes votes. We are well over 173; however, that number continues to change and go up. It won't go back, it can only go up. **Mary Auth (Pfanciers United For Fun, Inc.):** My concern is, let's say you don't get the 173 and you continue to hold it open until you do get the 173. Perhaps that doesn't seem that much of a concern, but however you could be perceived as manipulating the results by how long you keep the vote open until you get the number you're looking for – "you" as in people who are controlling when you stop the voting. **Newkirk:** We're giving everybody an ample amount of time to vote. This extends the meeting out by doing that, but we want to make sure that everybody votes. We'll see how many total people voted on there, to make sure that the majority of the people that are logged in are doing their vote. I'll let Shelly Perkins answer. **Perkins:** Mary, I understand your concern but that's not the way the system works. Once we have, say, 180 yes votes, the motion has passed. It doesn't matter if more people vote yes or now, we have reached the threshold. That 180 will never go away, which means we will always have a passed motion. So, we are giving people time to vote, but the minute the motion is passed, it's like in a real meeting where we're all sitting there and you see a massive number of hands go up and everyone says, "that's definitely way more than 2/3." Once they have reached that, it doesn't really matter in the virtual roll count. We don't have to wait for more votes to come in before we close because we know the motion has already passed. It won't un-pass, but we are trying to give everyone a chance and give enough time for all the votes to come in, but we are letting you know the motion has already passed, for example. **Newkirk:** Thank you Shelly. **Mary Auth (Pfanciers United For Fun, Inc.):** Thank you Shelly. **Newkirk:** We're trying to speed things along. If everybody is going to question the procedure, this meeting is going to go until tomorrow. **Jennifer Herr (Rebel Rousers Cat Club):** I just want to remind people that once you submit your vote, you cannot go back and change it. So, it's not manipulating the vote. It is not like we're holding it open for people to change their minds. **Newkirk:** Thank you very much. **Alene M. Shafnisky (Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l):** Can we all just agree that the final voting tally will be included in the minutes, and then we can move on. **Newkirk:** Yes. Allene and Rachel are both shaking their head yes. Rachel is going to announce the vote on question #1.

Anger: Thank you, and that is exactly what I wanted to say. I will be announcing the official results right now and at the end of the day I will gather all the information and make a note of what the final vote was. On Amendment #1, it achieved 240 yes votes. That would pass by 2/3. **Newkirk:** Thank you, the motion is agreed to.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 1	241	24	8	273

– 2 – *CFA Executive Board*

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution by adding new sections in order to become compliant with New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. *These are mandatory changes that must be made to comply with New York law.*

Changes to be made:

Orange Text

Article IV§3 – describes how and when members are to receive notice of meetings. This section is required to comply with N-PCL§605.

Article V§2(a) – the current language is replaced by new language describing the reports required to be presented at the Annual Meeting. The reports required are very similar to those currently listed, but more detailed. This section is required to comply with N-PCL§519.

Article VI§6 – this section is added to state the process at the resignation or removal of a board member. This section is required to comply with N-PCL§§706 and 714.

Article VII§3(c) – this section describes how the board can take action through fax or email voting if all members consent to the action. This section is required to comply with N-PCL§708(d).

Article VII§5(a-d) – the new language describes the voting rules for actions that can be taken by the board and those that require a vote of the delegates. This section is required to comply with N-PCL§§509, 510, 802, 903 and 1002.

Article XVI§§1-4 – the new sections describe how policies and procedures are to be adopted, books and records are to be kept and forbids loans to directors and officers. These sections are required to comply with N-PCL§§201, 715-A, 715-B, 716, 805 and IRS codes.

RATIONALE: The above changes are required to bring CFA into compliance with New York law. We must pass these amendments by a 2/3 majority of the delegates.

Newkirk: George, you're up for #2. **George Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers, West Shore Shorthair Club):** These are the changes marked in orange. Again, we've gone through New York law with our attorney. These are changes that she has proposed as mandatory to bring us into compliance with New York law. Some of it has to do with specifics of meeting notices, reports being delivered at the annual, resignation of a board member, email voting, voting rules and how policies and procedures are adopted, and forbidding loans to directors and officers. Again, she cites chapter and verse in terms of specifically what New York law we are comply with, with these changes. Just to be clear, these are substantial changes to the constitution, but there's very little editorial change from the Committee. These were done to comply with specific provisions of New York law. **Newkirk:** Thank you George. Any comments?

Leslie Ann Carr (Rome Cat Forum): Thank you. I disagree that these are not substantial changes. I find one in particular an extremely substantial change and a deviation from New York law. There are two that I would like to mention. The first has to do with the reports where you've added in, the old constitution stated that a report had to include new clubs, new

members. The new constitution says it must include the address of all clubs. Questions on what you mean by that. Do you mean the secretary's address and contact information of all the existing CFA clubs, or are we talking Club A is located in State B or Country C or something more generic? The one that I have the biggest problem with though is Article V, Section 6. New York law does allow for ways to get rid of board members. This particular article is referencing the directors of which we have two classes. We have directors at large and we have regional directors. According to the New York law, the process for removing a director would be a vote of the members of the class who voted for that particular director. That's fine, I'm OK with that. That is in there. What was added was the comment "or 2/3 vote of the board". That is not what's in the New York law. That is not standard and that gives the board the ability, based on a 2/3 vote, to remove with cause which they determine what the cause is and the last one is pretty generic so it could be anything. It gives the board the ability to remove any director at large or regional director. I see this as a possibility of going into a witch hunt against somebody who is not agreeing with the majority of the board. I am strongly opposed to this amendment because of the addition of that. That is my #1 complaint. Thank you for listening. **Newkirk:** Thank you Leslie.

Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers): No, Leslie and I never do talk to each other about these things, but let me reiterate that I do recognize the necessity of making these changes. I'm not going to lose any sleep if we make these changes, because I know that next year we can fix them, but I recall situations in the past where things were ruled out of order because of type-o's. I want to point some of those – when I see them, I'm going to point them out. I also am going to point out major changes that I think everybody needs to be aware of. You might be fine with these changes, and that's one thing, but I don't want people to miss these things because I think that they're significant. Let's go back to the section that Leslie just mentioned on the resignations and removal of executive board members. Again, this is a situation where something new is added to our constitution. It might be a good thing. Yes, I would like to have a way to remove errant board members. I remember a situation a few years ago where a regional director resigned and if he hadn't resigned the board would have been forced to take it further and somehow get him out, so it's a good thing to put some things in like what's in here, but this isn't defined very well. By vote of the member clubs, we can remove a board member but there's no mechanism in here for how we conduct that vote. Let's say I wanted to remove a board member. I'm not going to pick a name, but let's say I wanted to remove somebody. How do I get this process started? What are the requirements for this? In another section in the constitution, if we wanted to have a special meeting, how to start that process and what's required is defined, but this vote to remove a board member by the member clubs is not defined. I'm also concerned about the items for cause. The first two items, "(1) failure to attend three consecutive Board meetings; (2) failure to attend four Board meetings during the course of the year;" you guys are having meetings every two weeks. I can see it as entirely possible that a board member could miss four meetings over the course of the year when you potentially have 24 meetings. So, my question is, the first two items in the Cause section – and George, I hope you can answer this – (1) and (2), are those from New York law or did you guys just add those? Before you answer that, again I'm going to finish up so that you don't have to come back to me, but I just want everybody to understand, these are significant changes and we need to really consider what we're doing here. If that means over the course of the next year we have to come back and flesh these things out, then at least I've made people aware of where we need work. **Newkirk:** Thank you Mary. George, you can answer the question. **George**

Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers, West Shore Shorthair Club): Again, I never said these weren't major changes or important changes. They are major changes and they are important changes. What I have said is that the Committee on the first two didn't add a lot of editorial changes on our own. These are the changes that our New York attorney said we have to do to comply with New York law. If you don't want to remove a board member that's fine, but New York law says that exists even if we don't put it in our constitution. If somebody wanted to do it, they could do it anyway because New York law trumps our constitution. The reason we have to put it in the constitution is so that people of reasonable intelligence know what's expected of them when they're trying to remove a director, rather than have them look at the constitution and say, "well, the constitution says one thing but New York law says something else," so we're incorporating New York law into the constitution because it is anyway. New York law trumps our constitution and if I'm happy with New York law in this regard, I can't fix that. All I can do is bring our constitution into compliance with New York law.

Barbara Schreck (Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers, Russian Blue Fanciers): I really support these amendments. I have gone through them in detail with my red pencil and my lawyer degree at hand. There are some things that need to be changed, but I want to emphasize that this is a major, major undertaking to get this far with this, so I would support these changes so that we can get this on the board and then if there are knit picking things or something that needs to be changed, we have just until next year to fix those, but in the meantime let's get us in compliance with New York law and with the real work, a/k/a with Zoom meetings, allowance, etc. So, I would support these. Again, I realize there are some things that are not exactly what we would like to see, but if we continue on with this, we will be here until Sunday morning. Thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you Barb. Good points.

Newkirk: Leslie, you are recognized for a second time. **Leslie Ann Carr (Rome Cat Forum):** I agree that we need to bring this in compliance with New York law. I understand that New York law would apply if we don't have it in there. I'm not opposed to us putting in the basics of New York law. What I am opposed to is when we go beyond that. The New York law applicable to removal of directors happens to be Section 706 under Not for Profit. It has in there, "(2) When by the provisions of the certificate of incorporation or the by-laws the members of any class or group, or the holders of bonds, voting as a class, are entitled to elect one or more directors, any director so elected may be removed only by the applicable vote of the members of that class or group, or the holders of such bonds, voting as a class." It doesn't say 2/3 of the board. If we had left it without the 2/3 of the board, I probably wouldn't be saying anything, but we added in something that is not in New York law, making ours more restrictive than if we would be following what is in there, and yes, we could change this in a year but could we have done in that coming year? So, again, this is why I am against this particular orange text that's in here and will be voting no.

Jacqui Bennett (Ocicats International, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers): My concern – and I would like George or Shelly to comment on this please – likely it has pointed out a very specific case where the committee went beyond New York law requirements. Because they have gone beyond New York law requirements with the addition of the 2/3, this calls into question this specific change. Can George or Shelly explain that specific clause? Because with that specific issue, I am inclined to agree with Leslie and will vote no for this, because it goes beyond what we were told this was for. Why was that clause added and what is the justification, or where in

New York law is that a requirement? **Newkirk:** George, would you like to answer that? **George Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers, West Shore Shorthair Club):** I have not looked up these laws in a long time, but I would point out that the comment that New York Public Law 706 governs this is not what our attorney says. It's 706 and 714. You need to read those two provisions of law together, rather than looking up one or the other. **Jacqui Bennett (Oicats International, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers):** Respectfully, George, it's not my job to read that, it's your job to explain it to me. **George Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers, West Shore Shorthair Club):** And it's in there. It says "New York Public Law 706 and 714." **Newkirk:** 706 covers removal of directors. 714 covers removal of officers. **Jacqui Bennett (Oicats International, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers):** Thank you. Therefore, that is not applicable. **Sue A. Robbins (Delaware River Cats Club):** What I find problematic about the way that it's written, in addition to the fact that language has been added in excess to what the law requires, and also as Mary pointed out that it could possibly – and I'm not saying that it will – lead to a witch hunt, but one of the questions I have is the specificity of – **Newkirk:** Sue, hang on a minute. If your microphone is not muted, please mute your microphone. We're getting all kinds of feedback from people who are not muting their microphones. There's over 200 people on here so please mute your microphone if you're not speaking. All you do is roll your mouse over the little microphone to the right of your name, click on it and you should be able to mute. Or you can do it in the lower left hand corner of your screen. **Sue A. Robbins (Delaware River Cats Club):** Or if you've got an iPad it's at the top. Do I have a clear channel now, Darrell? **Newkirk:** You do now. Proceed, thank you. **Sue A. Robbins (Delaware River Cats Club):** What I want to know, and I think the answer is no to this question, does New York law specify the numbers of meetings or a percentage of the meetings that a director must attend? Now, as Mary pointed out, you are having approximately 26 meetings a year if you're having one every other week. Or, if it's twice a month then you're having them 24 times a year. If a director misses only 4 meetings, they can at the discretion of the board be ousted. I think that's an awfully low percentage of the meetings. Someone may be traveling or someone may be ill. Where does that figure come from? **George Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers, West Shore Shorthair Club):** This all came from our New York attorney. I want to emphasize to people that this is somebody with expertise in New York nonprofit corporate law. I'm an attorney, too. We all have our opinion of what the statutes mean, but the statutes also have to take in the context of what the courts of New York have determined is the appropriate interpretation of the statutes and how they are to be implemented. I don't have the level of expertise to tell you this is or is not New York law. I'm just a simple California lawyer. That's why we hired a New York attorney – to specifically identify those changes we had to make to be in compliance with the law and I am going to go with her judgment. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** I think George did answer one of my questions, although if I were on the board, I would be like, "holy cow, you guys can remove me if I miss four of these meetings that you're constantly having?" So, I would try to attend those meetings. That might not be a horrible thing. However, let's get back to what Leslie brought up about Section 706 and 714. 706, that's covered by Section 6.b. You do have officers are covered, the 714 is covered for officers in Section 6.c., so I still think there's some confusion in this. This is going to have to be looked at and addressed further. I don't know, people might want to support this just to get something in there, which I think is wrong, but whatever. This needs to be tracked down. **Richard Mastin (Hallmark Cat Club):** As George pointed out earlier, there are major changes in this document, so if we can avoid discussing that there are minor changes, there are major changes in this document. As for the document, this

was, as George also pointed out, sent to the New York attorney who specializes in not-for-profit law. She has done a very, very good job on reviewing all this information. Now, is she 100% accurate? I would hope so. Will we find errors? Possibly. Relating to the removal of the directors, 706(a) of the New York law reads, *Except as limited in paragraph (c), any or all of the directors may be removed for cause by vote of the members, or by vote of the directors provided there is a quorum of not less than a majority present at the meeting of directors at which such action is taken.* That is what our attorney is going by, so it is permitted under New York State Law that a director can be removed by the board. There are other rules that you need to follow, but it is in the very first paragraph of Section 706(a) – Removal of Directors. **Newkirk:** Thank you Rich. **Perkins:** I wanted to weigh in on this because I was surprised to hear comments that the statement about the 2/3 did not comport with New York law. A plain reading of 706, subsection (a) clearly says, *a quorum of not less than a majority*, which we have defined a quorum under these circumstances as 2/3, so it does comport with New York law. There was no change. I believe the New York attorney did make the right decision and the language that she used does comport with subsection (a), which clearly defines what she wrote. So, I would definitely agree with Rich and I would disagree that this does not comport to New York law. There is no addition above and beyond what New York not for profit law and NPC 706 states in regards to removal of directors. **Anger:** I would like to point out some facts about our meeting schedule. There is an impression that we meet every 5 minutes, and sometimes I feel the exact same – that we just hung up and now we’re meeting again. However, our proposed Board Meeting Schedule for the upcoming year includes our three regular former in-person meetings – October, February and June. We also have scheduled three mid-quarterly in-person or virtual meetings – August, December and April, at which we discuss the budget. So, we’re talking about six meetings. In addition to that, for emergency issues only, we have another six meetings scheduled. In the past, those have not been all utilized. So, in my opinion, if a board member cannot attend the majority of six meetings, I would call into question why they are sitting on the board. **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East):** First of all, I think we ought to get a different attorney. I might be in trouble for saying that, but until you get an attorney because of the fact that they are recommended, how do you come up with a resolution that references a section that isn’t even in the resolution? I mean, come on. The attorney would be laughed out of court if they presented something like that, I would think. I’m sorry, that’s my opinion. It wouldn’t be an attorney I would hire. Some of this stuff sounds like it may be part of the cause, but I don’t know. That’s part of it. You say he misses four meetings. We just got described, one person said they meet every two weeks and another one says they meet six times a year. Maybe it shouldn’t be four meetings. Maybe it should be a majority of the meetings during the course of the year. Somehow, to me, these are the types of things that should be more specific in their documentation because if you meeting 24 times a year, four meetings is [inaudible] but there is nothing in the constitution that has anything that says how many meetings a year they have. You could have five meetings a year and if you miss four of them, you’re missing almost everything. As I say, if you have 24, missing four isn’t that big. I just have a real problem with the fact that this is something we do on a regular basis at annual meetings. We present resolutions, and I don’t know why but the people who present them don’t do due diligence to make them read well. Pardon me for saying that. I’m not saying that that’s the way [inaudible] lawyer, but as I said we’ve got lots of resolutions in the past that have been ruled out of order because they have things like they reference a section that doesn’t exist. I mean, this is an amendment to our constitution, for Pete’s sake. Why can’t we make sure at least it’s good before we do that? My second clause is, I don’t agree with the fact

that these are minor housekeeping things we can change next year. It's hard a lot of times to get delegates to vote for changes once you get them in, so if you vote this in where you have this clause for removing directors and say, "oh, we're going to correct it next year," how do you know you can get people to vote for it next year? A lot of people are voting for it this year because, "oh, this is important and urgent, we need to get this done." Well, it isn't really that urgent, some of these. If we vote on them again next year when we get the housekeeping done and get them in better order, we'll vote on it next year and pass it next year. I can understand maybe having the Zoom meeting clauses up. Most of these resolutions don't cover the Zoom meeting clause. So, I'm going to be voting for this one because of exactly that. I think there's a lot of housekeeping things here that need to be done before it gets passed. I like the general premises of it, but get it correct and then go for it. Meanwhile, I'll say bye. **Newkirk:** Leslie you have your hand up but your debate has expired. You have spoken twice on this issues already. Robert's Rules you can only speak twice on an issue, sorry. **Ginger Meeker (Cleveland Persian Society):** I'm nothing if not practical and I see a lot of these things as not being exactly what we want, but I think the bottom line here is, we really have to preserve our non-profit corporation status in the State of New York. What I would like to see is us move a little more quickly and the folks that have recognized problems and issues with the issues as they stand, send their comments to this committee and the committee will then run those issues by the New York attorney and get some housekeeping done possibly before next year. I see it's an hour and a half into the meeting and we've gotten two things done. I'm not saying that these issues that are being brought up aren't important, but to me what's most important is maintaining our status with the State of New York. Thank you. **Loretta Baugh (CanUsa Cat Club):** I agree with what Ginger said. I also want to talk about commitment. I sat on the board for 10 years and you are expected to be at the meetings. Anyone who is running for the board certainly has a very, very good idea what the requirements should be and I don't think it's in any way asking too much to be present at as many meetings as possible. I don't think an average board member will miss more than one or two. Thank you.

~~**Mary Auth (Pfanciers United For Fun, Inc.):** As the person who started the whole committee on this process, I have it on inside information. I'm sorry George, but you opened up this can of worms. I went through this fairly carefully and I agree that we need to update our constitution, but you have a number of times said that you're deferring to what our attorney had said—Anita had said. One of the things that Anita said that you're still not addressing in the document that you're bringing to the delegation is that, according to Anita and according to New York law, CFA cannot limit the number of votes per delegate to two. So, what that means is, if you have seven paper votes, you can vote seven votes at the annual meeting. You've left it out of this document. It's something I feel pretty strongly about and I wasn't going to say anything but since you've allowed Anita to come into this, Anita said that and I think if you're going to do this, you need to include that, as well.~~ **Perkins:** I'm going to rule those comments out of order because they aren't related to exactly our motion that is on the floor. Sorry. **Newkirk:** Thank you Shelly.

Alene M. Shafnisky (Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l): You all know I have a legal background. For me, when I'm seeing a document like this that has so many bad references, the language that needs to be changed, I appreciate the amount of work that went into this, but this is not a finished draft. I believe that – I don't know who our New York counsel is but we need to make sure that we're working with that person so that they understand the underlying functions

and how our organization runs. First of all, we're not going to lose non-profit status if we don't pass this today, OK? So, why not go back a little bit to the drawing board. You've got some good changes here. Why not make this right so we only have to pass it one time instead of having to come back next year with 15 constitutional amendments that are going to have to pass by 2/3 again. **Newkirk:** Thank you. **Vicky Jensen (Crow Canyon Cat Club):** Some of you know I'm also an attorney. I just wanted to comment, the argument that it was written by an attorney shouldn't fall on deaf ears. I can find five attorneys to come up with five different answers. Every attorney comes at that with a client that they're defending or an argument that they are proposing and they will look at it differently. You all know about the cats a whole lot more than I do, but I know about a lot of laws that have been put into place that ended up getting overturned because five or seven or nine attorneys turned around and said, "that wasn't right," so if you're making a decision regarding this, I agree with the people that are saying maybe it needs to go back to the drawing board because it's not perfect or it's doing something that you really don't want it to do. I mean, it doesn't necessarily have to be perfect, but it's awfully hard to un-do something once it's done and if it's not correct. So, if you have hesitations about this, follow your gut. **Newkirk:** Thank you.

Barbara Schreck (Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers, Russian Blue Fanciers): I have a real concern about losing non-profit status with New York. I do taxes. I'm a tax attorney, I'm a CPA as most of you know. So, what would happen if we were to lose our tax-exempt status with New York? What do you think would happen with the IRS? Do you think they would take away our tax-exempt status also? That would be a major disaster, folks, so I support these and I think again, as I said before, that these can be tweaked, changed, whatever, to clean up some of the language. This was a major, major undertaking. It has been in process for two years at least. So, I support these with the caveat that if there's one or two things you don't like, they can be changed later. **Newkirk:** Thank you Barbara. Jacqui Bennett, you're recognized for a second time. **Jacqui Bennett (Ocicats International, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers):** Again, a question. We have been told that it is conceivable we will lose our tax-exempt status. We have also been told this project has been going on for two years. Is there any reasonable evidence that New York will do that if we hold off for one more year? If we show that we have this as a project in process, have we been sent some sort of letter, have we been sent some sort of communication that this is a critical deadline or have we established any information to that?

Newkirk: George, do you want to give closing argument? **George Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers, West Shore Shorthair Club):** First, I can't speculate on what New York might or might not do. I don't even want to bring that into the discussion right now. None of us really have a handle on that. Right now we're only discussion Resolution #2. People have identified some peculiarities of language in the first resolution that they complained about, and they repeated those when they discussed this one. However, this one is discrete and separate from the one we already voted on. The one I've heard complaints about in this particular one – the orange text – has to do with removal of a board member and whether it complies with New York law. Our New York attorney says it complies with New York law. Our CFA attorney says it complies with New York law. Rich Mastin read you the provision of New York law to show it complies with New York law. If that's the only problem people are having with it, I don't know how much more we can say to convince you. All I can say is, these have been vetted by six different attorneys, it has taken close to three years to get these here, we need to get these done and I encourage everyone to vote yes on Resolution #2. **Newkirk:** Thank you so much George. Allene

is opening the voting on Question #2. OK everyone, please cast your ballots. **Tartaglia:** Everybody, the response time for the balloting might be a little slow because everybody is trying to access that ballot at the same time, so just be a little patient and you'll see where it does take your vote. **Newkirk:** Rachel, you can announce the voting. **Anger:** Currently, the yes votes on Amendment #2 are 204. That does achieve the 2/3 threshold. **Newkirk:** OK, so Question #2 is agreed to. Thank you everyone for voting.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 2	211	46	5	262

– 3 – CFA Executive Board

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, by adding to or changing current language to clarify and/or update the constitution to reflect current CFA practices. *These are non-mandatory changes according to NY Law, however the changes must be made to continue to allow the CFA to remain in and execute business in this modern electronic era.*

Changes to be made:

Green Text

Article III§3 – allows electronic communication and clarifies negative information about applicants is to be submitted in writing.

Article IV§1 – allows a process for changing the Annual Meeting date/location/manner or meeting, such as was necessary in COVID times.

Article IV§2 – clarifies that the board may call a special meeting of the board.

Article IV§4 – clarifies that the “proof” of notification is to be preserved, rather than the “container.”

Article IV§5 – removes the reference to “Paragraph 1 of Section 3” to simplify and clarifies clubs are represented by the delegate or proxy.

Article V§2(b) – replaces “mailed” with “provided” to allow for electronic communication.

Article V§3 – clarifies that the audit committee obtains, rather than completes the audit, and reports the audit information to the board.

Article VI§1 – adds (5) following the word “five” for consistency.

Article VI§2(f) – allows for electronic communication and tabulation of ballots when in-person tabulation by inspectors is not possible.

Article VI§5 – allows for electronic communication.

Article VII Title – adding “Meeting and Voting” to the title better describes the topics of the article.

Article VII§2 – allows for electronic notice.

Article XIII Paragraph 2 – clarifies delegates and proxies may vote to change show rules.

Article XIII – Paragraph 3 is deleted because it repeats the wording found in Article VII§6.

Article XV§1 Title – corrects a previous typographical error.

Appendix A §§ 4 and 6 – allows electronic submission of ballots.

RATIONALE: In the recent past, some language in the constitution has been changed to describe our more modern ways (e.g., including email as a means of communication) but there are still a number of areas where updating the language to describe current procedures is needed. This amendment proposes changes that will update the language of the constitution to describe our current procedures.

Newkirk: George, do you want to move on to #3? Are you going to continue? **Cyndy Byrd (Malibu Cat Club, Marina All Breed Cat Club):** It will be Cyndy now. **Newkirk:** Alright, we're switching over to Cyndy Byrd. **Cyndy Byrd (Malibu Cat Club, Marina All Breed Cat Club):** Now we're going to address the green text. In the recent past, we have made several changes to the constitution to include things that are up to date and modern, like email voting and such, but we still have a few more things that we need to update. Most of these changes – not all, but most – have to do with electronic communication or voting. We also have some things that are a little archaic. You will notice that in one of them, it says that the Central Office should keep the container of notifications – it doesn't say "of notifications" – but it doesn't say they need to keep the notifications. So, that I thought was an important thing to change so that we actually know we're supposed to keep the notifications. You will also see that in Article IV, Section 4, we talk about allowing for the board to make some changes to how we can meet if we have emergencies, such as we did this year. So, most of these are just bringing us up to date.

Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers): Surprise, I don't have a problem with this one but I have questions for the attorney. Actually no, my questions are for the chair. It is my understanding that anything that is not underlined or strike through is not going to be changed. Is that correct? So, if something is just in a different color but it's not underlined, will that be included in the changes? **Cyndy Byrd (Malibu Cat Club, Marina All Breed Cat Club):** We are talking green text now, Mary? **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** We're talking green text, specifically on page 5 at the bottom of the left column there is a paragraph that is in green text but it is not underlined, so I would like to know – and I'm not opposed to this, I just want to know, is that going to be included in the change or is it not? **Cyndy Byrd (Malibu Cat Club, Marina All Breed Cat Club):** Mary, would you be able to give me article and section please? **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** It's the section on elections. Let me go back. It's page 5, hang on. Article VI, Section 2(e). At the bottom there is a paragraph that is in green text but it is not underlined. It says, *If the duly appointed inspectors are unable to conduct in-person tabulation of ballots, the Board shall establish a procedure, etc., etc.,* and I'm fine with this. This is a perfectly good change but it's not underlined. So, the question is, is this going to be included in the change or is it not? **Cyndy Byrd (Malibu Cat Club, Marina All Breed Cat Club):** It would be included. That would be an underlining error. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** Where was the error? Because I have the original document that Rachel sent out when she had all of them finalized, and it was not underlined in there. **Cyndy Byrd (Malibu Cat Club, Marina All Breed Cat Club):** That's what I'm saying, I forgot to underline it. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** You forgot to underline it, so this cannot be part of the change. That's why I need a ruling from the chair and a

ruling from the attorney. If it's not underlined – because at the beginning of this section, at the beginning of our amendments and resolutions it says that, *Deleted text is shown with a strikethrough and new text is underscored*. It doesn't make any stipulation for whether or not it's in color. **Newkirk:** Shelly, I'll let you answer that. **Perkins:** The pre-noticed motion indicated that it had to be underlined, so it has to be underlined. I think that that was a scrivener's error, so I think it had to be underlined to actually be a change if you want to be technical. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** OK, so I'm going to make another comment. I'm glad that Clinton brought this up, because I remember an amendment that he submitted that when he submitted it, it was correct and because Central Office left the State of Delaware out, it failed. It was ruled out of order and failed. So, he submitted it correct, but even in this case it was not submitted correct as far as I know it, and everybody that has seen this document has not seen this as underlined, so this paragraph is not going to be part of the change. I just want to make sure that we all know that. **Newkirk:** Shelly, I think since there was an error the whole question has got to be ruled out of order. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** I'm really sorry about that, because I like these changes. **Perkins:** I'm only ruling that one paragraph out of order. I think everyone is on notice for every, single thing in that, and so that paragraph they weren't on notice for that, so I'm only ruling that one paragraph out of order, and so the rest of the motion should proceed. **Newkirk:** OK. Are you OK with that, Mary? **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** I'm great. That's great, thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you very much. **Adrienne Wolfson (Abyssinian Midwest Breeders):** For that one paragraph, is that something that can be brought up? If it passes, can we bring this up from the floor? **Newkirk:** No, it's a constitutional amendment. It has to be pre-noticed and pass by 2/3. **Jacqui Bennett (Oicats International, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers):** Have we ever had a case where we have only ruled a section of an amendment out of order? I thought it was always an "all or nothing". **Newkirk:** George, do you want to rule on that and make a comment? **George Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers, West Shore Shorthair Club):** I'm going to rely on Shelly like that. There are different kinds of mistakes you can make when you're drafting a document. There can be inconsistencies in the document that would be fatal defects. Other times, simply omission of a particular item, I don't know that that's necessarily fatal. If Shelly believes that it can be excised, and it was pre-noticed without the underline, so arguably everybody had the same right to come to the conclusion that Shelly has come to – that that provision was not included – then we are voting on it without. So, everybody is going to have to do a little rethinking right now. Was that paragraph critical to your voting on this, or was this part of a package that you feel that taking that paragraph out completely destroys the motion, but I think at an initial level, if Shelly believes it can be excised and we can vote on it without the mistake, we should vote on it without the mistake, but people should be aware that if you wanted that provision, it's going to have to come back next year. **Newkirk:** Mary, you're recognized a second time. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** I just want it pointed out that it is my understanding from Robert's Rules, because this situation has come up before with breed council ballots and other things that I've written, other amendments, that the only text being considered for change is that that is underlined and that is strike through. So, I believe that Shelly is correct, that we don't have to pay attention to that paragraph. We can vote on everything else that is underlined and strike through. **Newkirk:** Thank you Mary.

Anger: The actual motion #3 describes what it is in the RESOLVED paragraph. Then it says, *Changes to be made: Green Text*. There is no specification there that it is underlined green text. If you scroll down to that specific provision in the list of things that are being changed, it specifically outlines exactly what is being changed there, *Article VI§2(f) – allows for electronic communication and tabulation of ballots when in-person tabulation by inspectors is not possible*. In my opinion, it is all covered in the motion. I disagree that it should be stricken out, but if our CFA attorney has ruled that and wants to maintain that position, I’m fine, but the actual motion we’re voting on says, *Changes to be made: Green Text*. There is no indication that underlining is required. What happened at a previous board meeting that is being brought up without a specific instance and the discussion to back it up – the provenance – should not have a relation to what we’re voting on here today. Thank you. **Perkins:** While I understand what the motion says, also in the dicta of the text it does say, *Deleted text is shown with a ~~striketrough~~ and new text is underscored. Unless otherwise stated, any Constitutional Amendments are effective immediately*. So, I believe that the – I would stand by my original statement that no one, people were not on notice based on that statement, but they were on notice based on the motion itself, which just called it *Green Text*, and so I could actually go either way on this. So, I’m going to defer to the motion presenter on this. I’m going to change my original statement because there is conflicting data in that the motion says one thing; there’s a statement in the top that says another. The motion has more weight to me, and so I would defer to the motion presenter. **Cyndy Byrd (Malibu Cat Club, Marina All Breed Cat Club):** Thank you Shelly. I would prefer that we have that paragraph in. I think it allows us what we need, as well as agree with Shelly and Rachel in that it is noticed in the motion because it’s green. I apologize for failing to underline it. **George Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers, West Shore Shorthair Club):** I’m going to agree with Mary Kolencik on this one. I think it wasn’t underlined, it’s not part of the motion. I think that’s the fairest read and most consistent with our previous practice. That would be my opinion, that we should vote on this without that disputed paragraph. **Anger:** To me, this is merely an instruction, an indication, a help, a note. It appears after the section heading before we even start talking about the board-sponsored amendments. Frankly, as CFA Secretary, I have always included this as an aid. I do not know, especially in this case, because the actual motion doesn’t indicate that it has to be underlined. I am perfectly fine including that paragraph in our motion, so I agree with the Chair that it should be up to the motion presenter. **Newkirk:** OK Cyndy, I will let you make the decision. **Cyndy Byrd (Malibu Cat Club, Marina All Breed Cat Club):** I would like to leave it in. **Newkirk:** OK. Alright, if you are bothered by that, the intent is there even though the underlining is being missed. If that upsets you, then you can vote no.

Newkirk: OK, voting is open, so you can cast your ballots. Madame Secretary, if you will read the result. **Anger:** I will. Amendment #3 received 228 yes votes, achieving the 2/3 minimum of 173. **Newkirk:** OK, the motion is agreed to.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 3	238	20	3	261

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution to change all notations regarding the word “member” to either “member club” or “club member.” *These are non-mandatory changes according to NY Law, however the changes should be made to make the constitution read more clearly.*

Changes to be made:

Blue Text

Each occurrence throughout the Constitution.

RATIONALE: CFA members are the clubs. However, throughout the CFA Constitution, the word “member” is used to describe both clubs and members of the clubs. This amendment proposes using the terms “member club” or “club member” to clarify each reference and avoid possible confusion. This change makes no core change to the provisions of the Constitution.

Newkirk: Cyndy, you can move on to the next amendment. **Cyndy Byrd (Malibu Cat Club, Marina All Breed Cat Club):** Next we move to the blue text. This change is for clarification of the word “member.” In some places in the Constitution, the word “member” is used to describe the people who belong to clubs and in other places it’s used as – CFA defines it as clubs, that are the members of CFA. So, we have gone through and corrected, added either “club member” or “member club” to clarify these.

Newkirk: No debate? Are you ready for the question? We’ll open the voting. Question #4 is open for voting. We’ve got a little bit of lag time here on the votes coming in on the system. **Steve McCullough (Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers):** I just tried to vote and it gave me a 404 error after I submitted my votes and it locked me out of the cfaentries.org. I’ve had to log back in and it didn’t take my votes. Just letting you know there might be a glitch. **Newkirk:** It may be your internet connection Amber says. Can you check to make sure that you’ve got a signal? **Steve McCullough (Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers):** Yeah, I’m right back in. **Newkirk:** You’re in. **Tartaglia:** He can still vote. The question hasn’t been closed. **Steve McCullough (Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers):** Yeah, the question has been closed but I have already submitted my votes. **Newkirk:** No, it’s not closed. **Steve McCullough (Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers):** The previous one. **Newkirk:** Oh, the one before this? **Tartaglia:** I can’t reopen that for just one vote. **Newkirk:** We can’t reopen it. It passed Steve, and we appreciate your support. **Steve McCullough (Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers):** Alright, thanks. **Newkirk:** OK, I’ll ask Rachel to announce the vote on Question #4. **Anger:** Amendment #4 received 250 yes votes, achieving the 2/3 minimum. **Newkirk:** OK, so Question #4 is agreed to.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 4	258	7	0	265

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution by moving the Breed Council Standing Rules from Article XI to Appendix A of the CFA Constitution. *These are non-mandatory changes according to NY Law, however the changes should be made to make the constitution read more clearly.*

Changes to be made:

Purple Text

Breed Council Standing Rules from Article XI are moved to Appendix A.

RATIONALE: Each article of the Constitution describes an aspect of the CFA organization and its procedures. The Breed Council Standing Rules apply only to the functioning of Breed Councils. Moving the Breed Council Standing Rules to Appendix A of the Constitution preserves the entire section while maintaining the flow of the articles as pertaining to the overall function of CFA as an organization. Moving Breed Council Standing Rules to the Appendix makes no core change to the provisions of the Constitution; it only changes the location of this section in the Constitution.

Newkirk: Cyndy, you can go ahead. **Cyndy Byrd (Malibu Cat Club, Marina All Breed Cat Club):** Moving on now to the purple text. From the RATIONALE, *Each article of the Constitution describes an aspect of the CFA organization and its procedures. The Breed Council Standing Rules apply only to the functioning of Breed Councils. Moving the Breed Council Standing Rules to Appendix A of the Constitution preserves the entire section while maintaining the flow of the articles* – Mary asked online this week, would the appendix still belong to the Constitution and require 2/3 approval in order to change, and that is correct. It's still part of the Constitution. It simply moves it outside of the flow of the functions of the organization itself.

Newkirk: OK, debate is open if anybody would like to speak on this. **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East):** I would just like to point out again, it's another one where a word isn't underlined. **Cyndy Byrd (Malibu Cat Club, Marina All Breed Cat Club):** Clinton, if you look at it, it doesn't need to be underlined because the entire section moves to the end. **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East):** If you look, it says Appendix A – Breed Council Standing Rules. The part that's in purple is not underlined, sorry. **Cyndy Byrd (Malibu Cat Club, Marina All Breed Cat Club):** They haven't changed, Clinton. They're the same thing that they were. They just went to a different place. **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East):** It's in purple though. **Newkirk:** It's not a conversation Clinton, it's debate. **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East):** Alright. I'm just saying it previously wasn't Appendix A. **Newkirk:** That's fine, that's fine. If we're all going to get in conversations, we will be here until next Tuesday. **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East):** Well, it's more than conversation. Technically, it's like its own section. It does actually say "Appendix A." That is a new change. It isn't underlined. I guess we could probably [inaudible] but I think it should be pointed out, it is not underlined. **Newkirk:** And you pointed it out. **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East):** It is a part that was there before that wasn't Appendix A before. **Newkirk:** You pointed it out and we recognized that, thank you. Any other comments?

Newkirk: Allene, open it. **Tartaglia:** Question #5 is now open. **Newkirk:** OK, #5 is now open for voting. We are 6 minutes past our break time. **Tartaglia:** It's slow, but we have already achieved the 2/3. It will continue to go up. **Newkirk:** Madame Secretary, will you announce the

voting result? Voting is closed now, everyone. **Anger:** Amendment #5 received 236 yes votes, achieving the 2/3 majority. **Newkirk:** OK, thank you. The motion is agreed to.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 5	248	7	1	256

Newkirk: OK, we're at the 11:00 break. On the agenda, we're just a few minutes past 11 a.m. Central Time, so we're going to take a break. The Judges, Credentials and Board Member service awards will be announced now.

Pam DelaBar (Chatte Noir Club, Sophisto Cat Club): I voted immediately and it has taken forever and then go the message that, "sorry, your votes do not count," so I would like to have just a little more time before you cut off voting. **Newkirk:** OK, we'll give a little more time, Pam. We want everybody to have the opportunity to vote. **Carol W. Johnson, DVM (Americans West, National American Shorthair Club):** I'm having the same thing. I'm having to reconnect a couple times. I think my votes probably were not counted on one of them. **Newkirk:** OK. Alright, we appreciate that. We'll try to keep the vote open just a little bit longer, OK? **Ginger Meeker (Cleveland Persian Society):** The same thing happened to me. If they can reopen the vote on Question 5 please. **Newkirk:** We cannot reopen the vote. I'm sorry, once it's closed it's closed. **Ginger Meeker (Cleveland Persian Society):** I got dumped out. **Newkirk:** I understand. This is the first time we've done this. The system is not going to be perfect, but we crested the threshold of 173 votes. So, the amendment was agreed to. **Ginger Meeker (Cleveland Persian Society):** Let's not kill the good in search of the perfect. **Alice Rosol (Edelweiss Cat Club, German Phoenix - Cat Friends Europe):** I have to get used to the system now. I just want to join with Pam and the others because I sometimes have to restart for the voting because if I don't move my cursor, then it will go off. So sometimes I really have problems to vote, so maybe just a little bit more time. **Newkirk:** OK, what I'll have Allene do is open the voting when I feel like we're getting really close to the end and that will give maybe 2 or 3 more extra minutes. Then that will work. **Alice Rosol (Edelweiss Cat Club, German Phoenix - Cat Friends Europe):** OK, thank you. **Adrienne Wolfson (Abyssinian Midwest Breeders):** Darrell, how long is the break for? **Newkirk:** The break is for 15 minutes. **Adrienne Wolfson (Abyssinian Midwest Breeders):** Thank you. What time is the next break at, or targeted for, I should say. The document says break but it doesn't say roughly what time that's going to be at. **Newkirk:** 1:15. **Adrienne Wolfson (Abyssinian Midwest Breeders):** Thank you. **Richard Mastin (Hallmark Cat Club):** Is there any chance that Allene can open the vote when we begin the discussion on each motion? Second, can you announce when to return from the break – the time you want people to return? **Newkirk:** Let's do 15 minutes, which will be 11:25. **Perkins:** I'm sorry everyone, and I know it makes the process slower, but the rules say that you cannot start voting before the debate ends. I don't think that it's going to slow this meeting down to add a couple extra minutes to the voting period of time. People could be voting and you can start the next motion. That can happen, but I think it will divide people's attention. **Newkirk:** OK. Well, we can leave the voting open for maybe 5 minutes into the next thing, then the final tabulation will be announced in the minutes. If it's passed, we'll announce what it was at that time. Then we'll just continue on, leave the voting open for maybe 5 minutes and then

we'll close it off at that time, OK? **Perkins:** That's a good idea, thank you. **Newkirk:** Alright, 11:25 Central Time, let's come back.

BREAK.

Newkirk: OK everyone, we're going to come back to order. Shelly is going to do the slide show.

[**Secretary's Note:** The Judges' Service Awards were presented.]

Newkirk: Thanks to Vicki Nye for doing the Judges' Service Awards. I'm not sure who did the other Credentials Awards, but congratulations to the people who put that together.

– 6 – **CFA Executive Board**

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution by renumbering articles and sections of the constitution as needed after amendments are passed. *These are non-mandatory changes according to NY Law, however the changes should be made to make the constitution read more clearly.*

Changes to be made:

Yellow Highlight

Each occurrence where required.

RATIONALE: Once changes are passed, the articles and sections will require renumbering. Renumbering makes no core change to the provisions of the Constitution.

Newkirk: Our meeting is back in order now. Cyndy Byrd, you are recognized to continue on with our resolutions. **Cyndy Byrd (Malibu Cat Club, Marina All Breed Cat Club):** We're moving on to #6 now. This is the renumbering of sections as needed because of the changes that we made. You will see them underlined and crossed out. There was only a few. **Newkirk:** Any debate on Question #6? No hands are up so debate is closed. Allene has opened up the voting channel for #6. So, here's what we're going to do, everyone. Once I say the debate is closed and we open the voting, we're going to keep the voting open while we consider the next question and are debating the subsequent question. When we get near the end of that debate, then we will close on the prior question so that that will give everybody plenty of time to vote. OK, so voting is open on Amendment #6. A reminder everyone please, if you're not speaking, mute your microphone. When we surpass the threshold of 173 votes, we will announce what the current vote is. The final vote will be tabulated in the minutes. Madame Secretary, if you will read the results. **Anger:** Amendment #6 currently has 233 yes votes, achieving the 2/3 majority and voting will remain open, so that number will change. It has just changed. **Newkirk:** OK thank you. Amendment #6 is agreed to.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 6	261	3	1	265

– 7 – **CFA Executive Board**

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution by changing all notations in the constitution of the word "Constitution" to the word "Bylaws." *These are non-mandatory changes according to NY Law, however the change brings us in line with NY Law.*

Changes to be made:

Each occurrence throughout the constitution.

RATIONALE: To conform to New York law, this change results in a terminology change only. New York law uses the word “Bylaws” when referring to foundational documents rather than the word “Constitution.” Because we are subject to New York law, it is confusing to use the word “Constitution” when complying with New York law. In order to streamline research and match the laws of our registered state, we are proposing changing all references to the word “Constitution” in our constitution to “Bylaws” so that our terminology matches New York law. This change makes no core change to any of the obligations in our constitution, but just conforms the language to the language used in New York law. All the rights and rules in the constitution remain fully in effect with this change.

Newkirk: Cyndy, you can proceed with Amendment #2. **Cyndy Byrd (Malibu Cat Club, Marina All Breed Cat Club):** This is my final one. This proposal is to replace the word “Constitution” in the Constitution with the word “Bylaws”, which is the word used by New York not-for-profit law. I must apologize, they are not crossed out and underlined because it would simply make such a mess of the Constitution that it would be so difficult to read.

Leslie Ann Carr (Rome Cat Forum): I don’t have any issues with this, which I am sure is going to surprise people, but I do have a question. In the Constitution as it currently stands, as I read this it says, *the word “Constitution” to the word “Bylaws.”* But, in our current Constitution we refer to the Constitution of Clubs. So, does this mean that clubs now have to re-do and submit what was a constitution as a bylaw, or will those be skipped in the rewording?

Newkirk: Cyndy Byrd, do you want to answer that? **Cyndy Byrd (Malibu Cat Club, Marina All Breed Cat Club):** Even were we could change them to bylaws, the clubs do not have to change theirs but my suggestion would be that we skip those. **Leslie Ann Carr (Rome Cat Forum):** Thank you, because my thought would be that we would have to change them and you would now be asking all clubs to resubmit. **Newkirk:** Thank you Leslie. This was sort of a bug-a-boo with me when we first started this, because I was one of the people that downloaded New York not-for-profit law and, as I told Mary Auth, I said, “Mary, the word ‘constitution’ is nowhere in New York not-for-profit law,” and so I said I just felt like we should change our word. It’s the same document and even Robert’s Rules uses those interchangeably, so I think that this is just a good move.

Newkirk: So, we’re going to close the voting on Question #6. OK, it is closed. Now Question #7 is open for voting, so please cast your ballots. Madame Secretary, will you announce the vote for Question #7. **Anger:** Question #7 currently has 215 yes votes, achieving the 2/3 minimum. **Newkirk:** OK, thank you everyone. Amendment #7 is agreed to. **Anger:** Voting remains open. **Newkirk:** Voting remains open.

Anger: May I announce the results of 7? **Newkirk:** Yes, Madame Secretary. Announce the results of #7. **Anger:** Thank you. Amendment #7 having to do with changing the word “constitution” to “bylaws”, received 262 yes votes, achieving the 2/3 minimum to pass. Would you like to declare that as passed? **Newkirk:** Yes. Amendment #7 is agreed to.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 7	262	8	3	273

– 8 – *Sophisto Cat Club*

To be considered only if the new constitution proposal does not pass.

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, by adding Section 7 – Force Majeure, to grant the CFA Board of Directors the ability to implement emergency procedures in order to conduct the annual business meeting, as follows:

Section 7 – Force Majeure

If the provisions of the CFA Constitution and the CFA Articles of Incorporation, in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, cannot be met through due diligence, e.g. force majeure, the CFA Executive Board may adopt emergency measures to ensure the conduct of the Annual Meeting of the Association per Article IV and Article VI, Section 2e, Election of Officers, is accomplished. These emergency measures may include, but are not limited to, date and location of the annual meeting, the use of teleconferencing and live streaming, and the number of the proxy votes allowed per delegate to ensure a quorum to conduct the business of this Association.

RATIONALE: This amendment allows the organizational functions of CFA to continue in the face of disaster or other occurrences, which would preclude holding the annual business meeting (Annual Meeting).

Newkirk: Sophisto Cat, #8. I think that is Pam DelaBar. **Pam DelaBar (Chatte Noir Club, Sophisto Cat Club):** That it is. I am happy to be able – since everything passed on our new Constitution – to withdraw #8 and #10. **Newkirk:** #8 and #10 are withdrawn. **Pam DelaBar (Chatte Noir Club, Sophisto Cat Club):** Yes, because they are now part of the – 8 is now part of the new Constitution.

Withdrawn.

– 9 – *Sophisto Cat Club*

To be considered only if the new constitution is accepted.

RESOLVED: Amend ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 2 – Elections, paragraph b., and ARTICLE IX – INTERNATIONAL, paragraph d. to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 2 – Elections

b. Eligibility to Vote. In order to be eligible to vote, a club must be in good standing as of February 1 of the year in which the election is held. Additionally, only clubs assigned to a particular region shall be eligible to vote for the Regional Director for that region. Although International Division members will not vote for a Regional Director, they are eligible to vote for officers and Directors-at-Large ~~if they hold a licensed CFA show within the previous show season. As used in the paragraph the previous show season shall mean the show season ending immediately preceding the election.~~

ARTICLE IX – INTERNATIONAL

d. Provisions of Article IV, Section 4 and Section 5 apply to member clubs in the International Division. ~~Notwithstanding any of the provisions of Article IV of this Constitution, only those ‘International Members’ holding a licensed CFA show within the previous show season will be entitled to be a delegate and cast a vote at any annual or special meeting of members. Only those ‘International Members’ qualifying for entitlement to vote will be counted in computing the number of members required or members present for quorum purposes at a meeting of members.~~

RATIONALE: The original provisions were written and accepted at the 1998 Annual Meeting, twenty-three (23) years ago. Our member clubs in the International Division are full partners in CFA and deserve to be recognized as such. Many clubs in the International Division have been disenfranchised by national COVID-19 restrictions and by the restrictions on show production placed on all member clubs by the CFA Board of Directors in order to try to protect our cat fancy during this pandemic.

Pam DelaBar (Chatte Noir Club, Sophisto Cat Club): 9, if you will allow that to be addressed, is to amend Article V – Officers and Directors under Elections, Eligibility to Vote. *In order to be eligible to vote, a club must be in good standing as of February 1 of the year in which the election is held. Additionally, only clubs assigned to a particular region shall be eligible to vote for the Regional Director for that region. Although International Division members will not vote for a Regional Director, they are eligible to vote for officers and Directors-at-Large.* Article IX – International, (d) *Provisions of Article IV, Section 4 and Section 5 apply to member clubs in the International Division.* I wrote the original provisions as accepted at the 1998 annual meeting 23 years ago. Our member clubs in the International Division are full partners in CFA and deserve to be recognized as such. Many clubs in the International Division have been disenfranchised by national COVID-19 restrictions and by the restrictions on show production placed on all member clubs by the CFA Board of Directors in order to try to protect our cat fancy during this pandemic. One example comes immediately to mind; that is, Kuwait Cat Club, who has religiously (excuse the expression) put on a show each and every February. Because of COVID restrictions, they were not able to either vote on officers, nor have they been able to seat a delegate. This has happened to several other of our clubs in the International Division and I hope the delegation will pass this amendment. **Newkirk:** Thank you Pam. Debate is open.

Kristin Nowell (Devon Rex Breed Club): I understand that this will be going forward that there won’t be a requirement. This was obviously an unusual year in which many clubs were unable to hold shows and so yes, they would be disenfranchised with this year, but is this a change that means all subsequent years that they are not required to hold a show in order to be voting members? **Pam DelaBar (Chatte Noir Club, Sophisto Cat Club):** No, they would be full partners in CFA. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** I oppose this for one huge reason. The board puts much greater scrutiny on accepting clubs from Regions 1 through 9. Seriously, it seems like every board meeting we are just waving through a bunch of clubs. Now, maybe somebody does due diligence on accepting those, but it’s my understanding, rumor has it that one person in China controls 40 clubs. I can’t prove that, but it scares the crap out of me. I believe it was said at yesterday’s board meeting there are 88 clubs in the ID, of which only 20-some have held a show. I could have accepted this if it wasn’t so broad. If it was like that they had to have held a show within the past three years or something, but this is, once they are accepted they get to vote, hold a show or not. So, I can’t support this. I

think it's far too broad and we could end up being the China Fanciers' Association if this goes on. **Newkirk:** I don't know who you are talking about holding 40 votes, but I don't think that's true, Mary. **Alene M. Shafnisky (Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l):** I absolutely agree with Mary. I think there is a huge problem here and there has been for years. I can remember bringing up a long time ago when I was sitting at the table, every time we got clubs from certain countries, it was, "oh, they have millions of people, give them a club," "they have millions and millions of people and are all going to bring all these people in." I don't know that we're seeing that return and I don't know, I just think this is – it's hard to explain without sounding horrible, but I think Mary is right. I think we need to – if we're going to do this, we're going to make this move, we need to start saying, "OK, all club applications are given the exact same scrutiny," because I can remember years where no North American clubs were accepted – years. I have yet to see one Chinese club be rejected. So, something about that needs to equalize before we can extend this, I think, to the whole International Division. **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East):** I have a question and then a comment. I'm actually not in favor of this, but most of the comments have been made. I do have a question in the actual text. Maybe it's on my display, but I'm just curious, it actually has the first line of Section 2 – B crossed out. I think that's a mistake. I don't really think you want that removed, but my understanding is it's crossed out. Am I just seeing that wrong or is that there? **Pam DelaBar (Chatte Noir Club, Sophisto Cat Club):** It is not there. It was just the way it got printed out. I was very careful the way I presented these amendments.

Frederic Goedert (Cat-H-Art, Jardin Des Korats): Hello. I would like to support this change in our constitution because I think it's really important nowadays to keep all clubs worldwide the same rights and access to the voting in our association. I don't think we should pay attention to rumors about what clubs are abroad or outside of the United States. It can be interesting in the future to appoint in every country some survey to check clubs are existing clubs and can be absolutely on the same position in everyplace of the world. I think giving a real sign to each club everywhere that we are a global organization. **Newkirk:** Thank you Frederic. **Bradley Newcomb (Triple Crown Cat Fanciers):** I just have a comment on this. I think if we're going to be a global organization, which is what we're trying to do – we're trying to be a worldwide, global organization – we need to find a way to include everyone. We can't just find ways to exclude because we don't want to agree or we don't want to allow, but from my standpoint we're kind of the pot calling the kettle black right now. We've got a bunch of clubs in the U.S. that are paper clubs that don't hold shows, but yet they continue to get to vote; but, we're not going to allow other people to do the same thing. I don't think that is the correct way to handle any business. If we're going to allow ourselves to do that, we should allow everybody to do that or we need to put a stop to it everywhere. That's my stand on it, thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you Brad. Point well taken. **Donna J. Fuller (Russian Blue West, San Francisco Revelers):** I was going to make pretty much the same point. We have, I would guess, several hundred clubs in the U.S. – Regions 1-7 – that haven't held a show or even sponsored a ring at somebody else's show in many years, so is it fair or us to have paper clubs and vote, and not allow especially like Region 9 and Region 8. They have as many shows as they possibly can when they can. That's it, all I have to say. **Laurie Coughlin (Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers):** I kind of take a different slant on that. First, I think we need to acknowledge the COVID has disrupted the universe and the last couple years should not be taken as our base example of anything. I think the board has, rightfully so, made exceptions to some of our rules regarding show production and licensing during this period. However, the fact that we have

paper clubs in CFA and we acknowledge that as a problem means that we should have great care about allowing additional paper clubs. I think that if we were to say, “you need to either present or co-produce a show every two years, every three years, sponsor a ring in another show,” but somehow show active participation in CFA, rather than just amass lots of clubs that you can vote with later on. I’m not accusing anybody. I’m just saying, we’ve seen it here. Let’s make it harder for people to do that in other places. I would love to see us turn around and cut paper clubs here. Enough said. **Loretta Baugh (CanUsa Cat Club):** I agree with the logic. There are many blocks of clubs in this country. Why do the blocks in China worry us as much? I realize that there is always the thought of possibly becoming the China Organization but I think that it’s fair, if these clubs are putting on shows and working hard, they should be able to vote. I don’t think that that should be a requirement for them to vote.

Perkins: I just wanted to point out that the picture on the screen under point (b) does not show the last line struck out, but it is struck out in the materials that were sent out, and so I’m not sure why this screen doesn’t show that line struck out. Maybe it’s just me, but I can’t see it struck out but that is what we’re voting on. **Newkirk:** OK. Cristiano, how are you? **Cristiano Marcone (44 Gatti):** We are fine, thank you. My comment on the proposal is, I support the proposal even though basically the facts in the International Division. I understand we need to give the option for clubs in the International Division to vote for directors at large. That’s the only representative they can have on the board. They don’t have regional directors. And, with the pandemic, setting up a show has been very difficult. [inaudible] setting up a show in the International Division is worth all the work. If we try to compel paper clubs to sponsor a show, we could move from paper clubs to co-sponsoring paper clubs, so that probably would not change us much. Anyway, I support this proposal. That’s my point. **Newkirk:** Thank you for your input Cristiano. **Barbara Schreck (Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers, Russian Blue Fanciers):** I want to point out a couple of things. Some of the so-called “paper clubs” are breed clubs. They don’t put on a show but they’re breed clubs. They have breed activity. This has been the ongoing discussion for as long as I’ve been in the cat fancy. What exactly is a “paper club”? Russian Blue Fanciers is a breed club and we don’t put on a show. We occasionally might sponsor a ring. If you’re going to make that a requirement, well anybody can add their name as a ring sponsor to a show, so that’s not going to be the answer. I don’t believe that these restrictions apply to Regions 1 through 9, only the International, so I think whoever made that comment, I think that’s in error. I also think that, what are these clubs in China and other places in the International Division formed for? What is their purpose? Are they a breed club, or why? I assume that they are going to try to put on a show. This past year, of course, was very restrictive. You can’t really measure the future by one year of pandemic. **Newkirk:** Thank you. **Adrienne Wolfson (Abyssinian Midwest Breeders):** We actually are a breed club and we do put on shows as available or co-host shows with another club in Region 5. I think we are mixing up challenges that we have here. To hold one part of the organization in different stead than the rest of the organization does not invite solidarity across the organization. If we want to be an international organization, what we do in Regions 1-9, we should be doing the same things for the International Division members. The fact that we have concerns about paper clubs, to every previous point, we have paper clubs here in the States. That’s an issue that if we want to deal with it, we need to deal with it by bringing some proposal to the board to try to discuss, or put a committee together about how to try to deal with that. It has been a longstanding problem since I have been with the organization, and that has been 25 years. Do we want to deal with it or not? Why is it any different for any other part of the organization – 8, 9 or the International? So, do we want to really be international? If so, let’s not

be divisive by trying to keep one part of our registry in a different position than the rest of our organization. **Newkirk:** Thank you Adrienne. **Alene M. Shafnisky (Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l):** We're one of those breed clubs who had our show cancelled because of COVID last year. You know, I have to bring this back around to the way that clubs are accepted, OK? I believe that a lot of people would be more comfortable voting for this if it was accompanied by some numbers. For example, just because I was interested, I went through and caught the numbers of all of the new clubs and existing clubs for all the different regions in the ID. I think it would be very eliminating, and I think it would clearly demonstrate the number of Chinese clubs that have simply been waved through because of their population. I don't want to do something that could radically change the direction of the organization before I actually have numbers to see where this is going to end up. We already know, listen, the majority of Chinese exhibitors are honest, good people who want to do this right, but we also know we have struggled in the past to get them to follow our rules and to not try to subvert what we're doing, so I believe that some information should be examined first before we go ahead and expand this for everything. Frankly, I think if this was for ID I would be comfortable with it, but because of our past experience with some Chinese exhibitors, I think we need to look deeper into this before we pass it for both international areas. **Annette L. Wilson (Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club, Western Reserve Cat Club):** I guess what I'm remembering is that clubs in Japan and in Europe fell under this until they became regions. It seems to me that if an area of the ID or the ID as a whole – I'm not sure how that would work – is interested in voting on officers and directors at large, and having a regional director, then they should really start looking at becoming a region instead of remaining in the ID. Thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you. **Melanie Morgan (GEMS):** I'm support of the ID and of China; however, I don't see this as a negative in terms of us having a double standard or being divisive. What I see it as is something similar to our set-up with miscellaneous and provisional breeds. When we first bring in a brand new breed, when we first bring in a division, we set up a stage or an environment where they have the opportunity to basically learn how to function within our organization. For a breed, they can revise their breed standard. For a division, they learn how to follow our rules. While they are a division, we are far more lenient on the way that we look at accepting clubs, because at that point in their life cycle we are encouraging growth. We're letting them basically learn how to get their legs underneath them and run. We want to encourage that growth, so we're incredibly lenient about the requirements for clubs, we're incredibly supportive of bringing in new people, and we see a huge level of attrition during that time, but that's to be expected because it's a healthy growth period for them. I think that elevating them and saying, "oh, we're being unfair and we're being divisive and we're not thinking globally" is thinking glass half empty, not glass half full. This is their opportunity to basically prepare, as I think Annette or somebody mentioned, to become a region and there should be a benefit to becoming a region. The big difference between an International Division and then making that big jump up from provisional, miscellaneous – using that analogy – up to being a region is this ability to be able to vote whether you put on a show or not. So, I urge people to think of it that way. I don't think we're trying to exclude anyone. We're not encouraging people – exactly the opposite. We're trying to encourage people to learn how to work with the system in a healthy style. **Pam Moser (Lewis & Clark LH Specialty):** Part of what I wanted to say Annette said. The region part, that's what everybody has to do as they come in. They have to come in – they don't have to, but they should come in as a region first. Then, my other point is, and I brought this up at the board table yesterday, is that the clubs that are coming in in China, a lot of them because they're not putting on shows are coming in as paper

clubs. The difference here in the U.S., all of the clubs that are now paper clubs, they were all working clubs at one point. So, it's just the things that have happened that have caused them to become paper clubs, but they were all working clubs. I can't say "all" but the majority of them were all working clubs and they were putting on shows. My objection is that they are coming in as paper clubs. They're not coming on and putting on shows. **Newkirk:** OK, that's your opinion, Pam. Brad Newcomb, this is your second time to debate. **Bradley Newcomb (Triple Crown Cat Fanciers):** I just wanted to touch on a couple of things. I know we're talking about, this is the opportunity for people to learn our rules and become and grow and learn, but we're looking at the International Division. There are many, many countries that fall in the International Division and many areas that fall into the International Division and have been in the International Division for a lot of years. It's not something that is new. They haven't been there for, say, 6 months or a year or two years, they have been there for a lot of years. Our Constitution calls out regions and what determines regions and who falls under that. That's a constitutional/bylaw requirement. It is difficult to change regions. Because of our Constitution, it's very difficult for these people to become regions because of our Constitution. It is not like they have the right or even the ability to raise their hand and say, "hey, we want to be a region tomorrow." That does not exist for them. Because that does not exist for them, I think our Constitution in itself is part of what is divisive and is part of what is keeping them from being able to have their own voice. Again, I want to stress, if we want to be an international organization, which we are, that is what we are striving for. We have to find a way to include and allow these people to have a voice. We cannot put them all in one box because we've got two or three bad people in China that have done some bad things. We cannot put everybody in that same box because not everybody belongs in that box. We have to find a way around that. As an organization, if we want to have respect from people, we want to be an inclusive organization for everybody, so we've got to find a way to fix that. Thank you. **Carissa Altschul (Hugger Mugger Feline Society, Land of Oz Cat Club):** I understand some people are trying to say that we need to be more inclusive. However, we are not actually an international organization. We are an American company that has expanded our interests outside of the country. Our values, ethics, morals and standards of practice are set by American ideals. We really have to consider how many clubs are outside of Regions 1-9 and how those club members might have very differing ideals, standards, ethics and morals, which are perfectly acceptable where they live. We've already encountered issues with this multiple times, but we were able to provide lenience because they were the International Division. Do we want to allow our rules, ethics, standards and morals to be radically changed by a majority of breeders who are not in America and don't always abide by our beliefs? I agree with the others who are saying, if they want full voting rights then they should come in as another region. Certainly, some areas of the country are nearly there but when they come in as a region, no more lenience on breaking show rules and claiming ignorance. **Newkirk:** Thank you Carissa. Good points.

Newkirk: I see no hands up. I'm going to close debate. **Perkins:** Before we close debate on this question, I just want to note that Donna Fuller did not identify – I didn't hear her identify what club she was with. The second time that Laurie Coughlin spoke, she also did not identify. I just wanted to remind everyone, if those two people could go ahead and identify who they are representing and then also remind everybody to introduce yourselves that way. **Newkirk:** Thank you Shelly. Pam, I forgot to offer you the opportunity to close out the debate. My apologies. **Pam DelaBar (Chatte Noir Club, Sophisto Cat Club):** Thank you. Just a couple points. Japan did not come in as a region under any show production requirement when we brought it in. Last

night when the board went through the new club applicants, one thing we said is that we wanted a visual representation of where we have clubs throughout the International Division. If I can remind everyone, the International Division includes South America, the Middle East, Southeast Asia and also China, South Korea and Taiwan. Paper clubs, I know more than anybody else who is coming in as a paper club and who is coming in as a bona fide show-producing club. When we get the applications in, everyone says that they are show producing, that they want to put on X number of shows in this location, or they come in as a breed club and say, “we would like to sponsor some shows” or whatever. But, one thing I would like to remind everyone of, and let me read this. *It is the policy of the Cat Fanciers’ Association to promote equal participation without discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national origin or disabilities.* We’re a first class organization. Let’s not have second class clubs. **Newkirk:** Thank you Pam. That’s one of the things when we have the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, I said, “are we violating our own policy by discriminating against Asians, Muslims and everything else?” **Donna J. Fuller (Russian Blue West, San Francisco Revelers):** I just wanted to apologize for not identifying my clubs. I’m representing San Francisco Revelers and Russian Blues West. Sorry. **Newkirk:** Not a problem. Thank you Donna. Do you want to close the voting on the last one? **Tartaglia:** I did, and open 9? **Newkirk:** Open 9. OK, so voting is now closed on #7. Kathy Calhoun, did you have something to say before we move on? **Kathy Calhoun (Basic Black Cat Club, Gateway Arch Persian Society):** I do. I believe in being including probably due to my personal experience more than quite a few, but I also do believe that we need to make sure that we apply the same standards and processes to all. In reference to yesterday, it came up that in some instances we have made recommendations in the U.S. that clubs in specific areas work together, that they broaden their membership and those sorts of things. We currently don’t do that in other countries, and we admitted that. I think that there were some comments about how other areas may become regions, that they don’t have any representation. In fact, they do have representation. There’s an International Chair, there are Reps, so there is the ability to put together the programming to become a region at the appropriate time. I don’t feel that CFA is applying discriminatory practices with this. I cannot support this as it stands now, but I do think we need to make sure and look forward that we apply the same standards throughout the globe, globally, as we move forward on that basis. Thank you Darrell for allowing me to speak at this point. **Newkirk:** You’re very welcome. My problem with excluding these people, they have no voice. It’s sort of like taxation without representation, because they have the rules apply to them that everybody is applied to around the globe, yet they have no say in who the representation is or what the rules are. **Perkins:** Kathy Calhoun did not identify her clubs. Are we going to require board members to identify their clubs? **Kathy Calhoun (Basic Black Cat Club, Gateway Arch Persian Society):** Absolutely Shelly, absolutely. Basic Black Cat Club and Gateway. **Newkirk:** So, please everybody when you speak state your name and the club that you’re representing. **Tartaglia:** 7 has been closed. 9 is now open. **Newkirk:** OK. 7 has been closed, 8 was withdrawn, 9 is now open for voting. Voting is now open on Sophisto Cats Resolution #9. That’s an amendment, isn’t it? It’s a constitutional amendment? **Tartaglia:** It’s an amendment. **Newkirk:** I’m sorry, I said “resolution”. It’s an amendment.

Newkirk: So, we called the vote on #9. Rachel? **Anger:** The vote on #9 having to do with the ID clubs was 104 yes votes. That did not achieve the 2/3 minimum required to pass. **Newkirk:** OK, so the motion is not agreed to.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 9	110	153	8	271

– 10 – *Sophisto Cat Club*

To be considered only if the new constitution proposal does not pass.

RESOLVED: Amend ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 2 – Elections, paragraph b., and ARTICLE IX – INTERNATIONAL, paragraph d. to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 2 – Elections

b. Eligibility to Vote. In order to be eligible to vote, a club must be in good standing as of February 1 of the year in which the election is held. Additionally, only clubs assigned to a particular region shall be eligible to vote for the Regional Director for that region. Although International Division ~~members~~ member clubs will not vote for a Regional Director, they are eligible to vote for officers and Directors-at-Large if they hold a licensed CFA show within the previous show season. ~~As used in the paragraph the previous show season shall mean the show season ending immediately preceding the election.~~

ARTICLE IX – INTERNATIONAL

d. Provisions of Article IV, Section 3 and Section 4 apply to member clubs in the International Division. ~~Notwithstanding any of the provisions of Article IV of this Constitution, only those ‘International Members’ holding a licensed CFA show within the previous show season will be entitled to be a delegate and cast a vote at any annual or special meeting of members. Only those ‘International Members’ qualifying for entitlement to vote will be counted in computing the number of members required or members present for quorum purposes at a meeting of members.~~

RATIONALE: The original provisions were written and accepted at the 1998 Annual Meeting, twenty-three (23) years ago. Our member clubs in the International Division are full partners in CFA and deserve to be recognized as such. Many clubs in the International Division have been disenfranchised by national COVID-19 restrictions and by the restrictions on show production placed on all member clubs by the CFA Board of Directors in order to try to protect our cat fancy during this pandemic.

Newkirk: #10 is withdrawn.

Withdrawn.

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Adrienne Wolfson (Abyssinian Midwest Breeders): I just wanted to check numbers if we could. Originally when we started the meeting I believe I heard Ms. Dodds say that we had 260 members checked in. Has that number changed? Because I thought I heard Madame Secretary say Question #6 finished with 261 and I thought I heard her say Question #7 finished with 262. I may be mis-hearing. **Tartaglia:** There were 284. People continue to log in. **Newkirk:** We have 284. **Adrienne Wolfson (Abyssinian Midwest Breeders):** So, that would change our quorum then? **Tartaglia:** No. The number needed for a quorum is based on clubs that were

eligible to vote. It doesn't change. **Newkirk:** Hang on Adrienne. We decided that what the quorum was when we opened the meeting would be the quorum for the meeting. Shelly, can you address that? **Tartaglia:** It doesn't change. **Perkins:** We originally decided that because we weren't sure that the roll call would be able to stay open. If we have a new number of people who have entered in roll call, that will establish a new quorum number, so if it's 284 – **Anger:** No. **Newkirk:** Shelly, it's going to change every 5 minutes as people come in and come out. **Perkins:** It doesn't change as people go out, Darrell. It doesn't change as people go out. **Newkirk:** It was my understanding from your recommendation that when we start the meeting we would establish a quorum and a vote, and that's the numbers we would use for the meeting. **Perkins:** That's correct. That is what we originally set. **Newkirk:** Hang on Shelly. Rachel wants to address it. **Anger:** Thank you. In our Special Rules of Parliamentary Procedure we established that: *The quorum for this meeting will be established by a virtual roll-call procedure using the Roll Call item on our virtual voting platform, wherein each registered delegate or proxy who registers "present" to the Roll Call item will be considered present and eligible to vote.* At the time, that number was announced when the meeting was called at 299 [sic, 281 – see Agenda Item #43], if I'm not mistaken. So, it was set when the meeting opened. **Newkirk:** Does that answer your question? **Adrienne Wolfson (Abyssinian Midwest Breeders):** It does answer my question. It's just confusing when we see counts higher than that. That was the only reason I was asking the question. I'm not trying to cause havoc. **Newkirk:** People enter and leave the meeting. **Tyler Deel (Ohio State Persian Club):** Just a point of clarification then. The number is still 262 present for yes and no, and 1/2 and 2/3, correct? **Newkirk:** 259. **Tyler Deel (Ohio State Persian Club):** Thank you. **George Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers, West Shore Shorthair Club):** I think if more people have entered the meeting, we have to change what is 2/3 and what's 50%, particularly if we're only counting yesses. If we have more people coming in and we only count yesses, we could get a number of yesses that are a majority under the old number but are actually a minority under the new number. So, we have to count those extra votes. I think Shelly is correct that we have to recalculate based on those who have checked in by the online voting procedure. Once those people check in, they're here for the duration of the meeting, so we're not counting people exiting. But, people that join the meeting, we have to count them. Otherwise, we're going to get an anomalous situation where a minority of the votes could cause something to pass because we're counting the votes wrong. **Pam DeLaBar (Chatte Noir Club, Sophisto Cat Club):** If we have people checking in every so often, we can't go back and re-do the vote based upon when they were not checked in. So, if we do not go with what is established as a quorum at the beginning of the meeting, then you've got this living thing going on, based upon when people check in, when we have already concluded the vote on one or several of these amendments, and then have to go back and re-do what the quorum would be when people were not checked in at that time. So, either we stick with what we said at the beginning of the meeting or you've got a mess on your hands, Mr. Chair. Been there, done that. **Newkirk:** I agree, because people come and go. If people leave the meeting, are we going to recalculate at that point in time? **Perkins:** I would like to weigh in on this. As Parliamentarian, I am looking at the Special Rules. It says that whoever checks in on roll call will establish the quorum. The quorum can go up as this meeting goes through. All of the motions have passed well beyond 2/3 of our highest number right now when it was required for 2/3, which would be 189 if there were 284 checked in. Each motion stands alone. I appreciate that we want to establish a quorum at the beginning, and we did; however, there is data in the voting software that tells us that now 284 people are checked in, so therefore the new quorum is 189 or whatever it is for this motion. Normally, at an

in-person meeting, when a motion happens then the doors would be shut until that motion is voted on, is what the correct rules would say, and so in this case establishing the quorum, we have the quorum number, we have the number of people who have entered for this particular motion before voting has started and it's 284, I think we have to say that in order for this to pass, we have to have 2/3 of the 284. I think that that matches the Special Rules, because the quorum – we are only talking about in the Special Rules about the quorum establishing the start of the meeting, OK, that we had a quorum to start the annual meeting. That's my position. **Newkirk:** OK, thank you Shelly. You're our Parliamentarian, so we'll go by it. Right now we have 285 logged in delegates. 2/3 is 191 and 50% is 143. So, those are the numbers that we will be using. Now, does anyone have other comments, since we are adjusting the vote? **Joan Fradenburgh (Superstition Cat Fanciers):** I am a little confused on the numbers here. We're talking about two different things. We're talking about the people who signed in as present to vote, and then we're talking about people who are coming and going from the Zoom meeting. Which numbers are we using to decide what is the quorum? **Newkirk:** Joan, this is logged in. The first question on your voting was a roll call question. This number is 285 on the roll call. That's what it is currently. **Joan Fradenburgh (Superstition Cat Fanciers):** But, are people logging out and they're all of a sudden not there on roll call? **Newkirk:** Well, yes. **Joan Fradenburgh (Superstition Cat Fanciers):** Or is it people leaving the Zoom meeting? **Newkirk:** That's the issue that has plagued this organization for years. Delegates walk out of the in-person meeting, and it's still based on whatever that checked-in number was. We're using the log-in number, which is 285. **Joan Fradenburgh (Superstition Cat Fanciers):** OK, so it can only go up. It can't go down? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Joan Fradenburgh (Superstition Cat Fanciers):** Even if people leave the Zoom meeting. **Newkirk:** That's correct. **Joan Fradenburgh (Superstition Cat Fanciers):** OK, thank you.

Donna J. Fuller (Russian Blue West, San Francisco Revelers): I have been going to annuals for 50 years. We have always used the number determined at the beginning of the meeting by the Credentials Committee for the official count number. So, I don't think you can change that once you've started it. Now, over the years there were times when we couldn't come up with the right number of people because people had left, they had gone out to the pool, God only knows where, but the bottom line is, once you established the count, the number of people that were checked in at the beginning of the meeting, I don't think you can change it again. It would be a lot different if we had been doing that at in-person meetings, and every time somebody comes along adding a number to the quorum? No, that's just wrong. Sorry. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** I have a question. Is check-in still open? Can people still do the roll call votes? If so, why hasn't that closed? It seems to me that we were all told we had to do this by a certain hour. At an in-person annual, they close that. Within an hour of the start of the meeting, you can no longer check in. So, why are we still having people check in? Is it closed now? If not, it really should be. **Newkirk:** Is it closed Allene? It is closed. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** The number is not going to go up anymore, so when we established the 2/3 and the 50% now, that's not going to change from now on. **Newkirk:** Correct. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** OK good, then we're fine. **Newkirk:** Nancy Dodds, we've got to determine whether we're going to go with 260 when we started or if we're going to up it to 285. **Nancy Dodds (Gulf Coast Cat Club):** We determined early on that the people who answered the question at the beginning of the roll call vote would be included in the number needed for a quorum. Article VI says 50% of the members present at the meeting –

those are the people who check in and vote – are considered to be a quorum. So, I certainly agree with what our attorney has said, but we know that number could change not long after we started the meeting because people were continuing to check in. So, that number of 285, I certainly agree with, the number 143 for 50% and the number 191 for 2/3. **Newkirk:** Let the record show, Madame Secretary, that the number of delegates logged in was changed to 285, 2/3 is 191 and 50% is 143. **Anger:** I will reflect that in the minutes. **Newkirk:** Did you have a comment, Rachel? **Anger:** I do have a comment for the record. I simply want to state, to my knowledge we have never readjusted the figures by each question. **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East):** Like Mary and Nancy said, basically all of us have been saying all along, this is new. We haven't had a Zoom meeting before. In real annual meetings, we had the Credentials Committee establish who were voting members before the meeting started. People couldn't log in, couldn't register after the meeting started. Unfortunately, for better or worse, we allowed people to register after this meeting started, so that's why the number went up. Unfortunately, that caused the situation, but since it went up I think you have to count them because they are voting. If you shut off the registration so those people can come in, then they wouldn't have been able to vote either, but since they're voting I think we have to count them. Essentially, you have to say the number is what it was when we closed registration. Unfortunately, we closed registration after the meeting started. So, that affects what the numbers are required for a 50% and a 2/3 vote on a question. The thing is that, first of all, it's not quorum. The quorum is, you have to stop to make sure you can officially have the meeting. The number we're talking about is the number of people voting, and that has to be 50% or 2/3. So, I'm just trying to clarify for people. You know, this is the first time on Zoom. Give a little latitude. **Newkirk:** We got it. Thank you Clinton. Please name your club. **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East):** Clinton Parker, Tonkinese East. **Perkins:** I would just like to state that I agree with Donna Fuller that this hasn't happened before and the problem is that I was anticipating and everyone here I believe that made the decision on how to count the quorum was anticipating that the roll call would have been closed at 9 a.m. or shortly thereafter, whenever the meeting began, and so if it didn't and it allowed people to come in to vote, then we have to use the number of the people that were allowed to register, and that's why I and I believe George agrees – or I agree with George anyway – that we have to use that higher number because we allowed them to continue to register. **Newkirk:** If we had shut off the delegate registration at 9 a.m., we would have adjourned the meeting because we did not have a quorum, and so it took us 15 minutes and it's allowed in Robert's Rules to delay the start of the meeting until you can get enough members to meet your quorum. That's exactly what we did. If you saw us, we were all on phones calling people, telling them how to get logged in so they can be counted as a logged in delegate. That created a 15 minute delay. So, I understand, and Allene kept it open for a little bit longer. We got 25 extra delegates, which is the right thing because they're delegates, they paid a fee, they need to be able to express themselves. So, I'm good with 285, 191 for 2/3, 143 for 50%. Our great Secretary has made that notation and that's what we will do for voting forward.

– 11 – *Ocicats International, New England Meow Outfit, The Crafty Cat, Maine Street Cat Club, Central Carolina Cat Fanciers, Texoma Cat Fanciers, New Vision Cat Club, Emerald Coast Cat Fanciers, Inc., Siouxland Cat Fanciers, Show and Tell Cat Club, Rebel Rousers Cat Club, Keystone Cat Fanciers.*

RESOLVED: In order to allow the Breeds and Standards Chairs to correct grammatical, spelling and typographical errors within breed standards, amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE XI – BREED

COUNCIL STANDING RULES, Section BREED COUNCIL SECRETARY, Vacancies, section 1, paragraph 2, as follows:

Notwithstanding the fact that the Councils shall serve the Executive Board in an advisory capacity, the Executive Board shall not alter or amend any part of the standards for any breed, or add thereto, without first obtaining (within the prior 12 months) the approval of 60% of the members voting of the specific Breed Council(s) affected, with the following exceptions: The Breeds and Standards committee as appointed by the president may make changes which do NOT affect a breed standard, without having it voted on as a ballot item. These changes are limited to grammatical, capitalization, tense, typographical mistakes and misspellings. The committee may not change existing terminology or descriptions of any breed. Any changes will be presented to the Breed Council Secretary for approval and then ratified by the board. In the event of disapproval of either Breed Council Secretary or board, the issue may be sent as a ballot item to the breed council at the next regular balloting period. An unmarked item on an otherwise valid breed council ballot is an abstention, and an abstention does not count as a member voting for purposes of calculating 60%.

RATIONALE: Our breed standards have evolved over several decades and many have significant grammatical, capitalization, tense, typographical mistakes, and misspellings, making them appear extremely unprofessional. These documents are official publications, represent the face of CFA and are referenced by the general public as well as the media. By allowing the Breeds and Standards Committee to correct the above-listed types of errors in a systematic way, we will improve our overall image without inundating the breed council with ballot items and overwhelming the system. We also create a process to maintain the quality of documentation over time for future committees, while guaranteeing the integrity and content of the standards remain unchanged by requiring a two-step review and approval of both the elected breed council secretary and the elected Board of Directors.

Newkirk: Let's move on to #11. **Jacqui Bennett (Ocicats International, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers):** As opposed to reading this resolution, I would like to discuss it quickly and answer some of the somewhat energetic discussions and concerns that have been brought. This resolution is to allow the Breeds and Standards Committee, as appointed by the President and the board, to make housekeeping changes only, as specified to and limited to grammatical, capitalization issues, typographical mistakes and misspellings on standards, which are publicly-released documents and are the face of CFA, with the ratification of the elected Breed Council Secretary and further approval of the Board of Directors without a full ballot item to the full breed council. Now, let me make some answers to the concerns that I have seen, to reassure people. The first thing, this would allow the Breeds and Standards Committee – not only this year's Breeds and Standards Committee but those Breeds and Standards Committees in the future – to assure that our documents which are our face to the public, are grammatically correct. We have several examples of very poor grammatical issues, some of which over the years have been corrected by ballot items, some of which are not. My personal favorite is the requirement of Maine Coons to wear underpants. That was in the standard for a very, very long time. What we are looking for is the ability of this committee, which is established by the board, to help with the Breeds and Standards, and to assure that we are the face of CFA and the proper documentation to make changes throughout the year, not add ballot items which would then clog up the work with Central Office at one of year only, and increase the actual administrative requirements, and would allow us to change them and keep them professionally written over time with full ratification of Breed Council Secretaries and the board. It would not allow anybody to make substantial changes to the standards. We are talking capitalization of non-proper nouns. We are talking egregious misspellings – underpants versus underparts. We are talking about

typographical errors. That is all we are speaking of. I know there are people who are concerned that the breed council would be overstepping its bounds and would make changes, such as the changes between the Exotics and Persians, and the Colorpoint Shorthairs and the Siamese. That would not be allowed in this proposal. None of those would be addressed as typographical errors, grammatical changes, spelling errors, etc., and capitalization. This would only be making sure that the face of CFA are professional, well-written documents. It would have to be ratified by the Breed Council Secretary that our Breed Councils elect, so you would trust your Breed Council Secretary to be your voice to protect your breed. It would further have to be ratified by the board that we elect to represent ourselves. It would allow continuity. Our standards should not get in the state they are now – exactly George, let's eat grandma versus let's eat, grandma. We don't want to eat grandma, we want to be able to make corrections in a way that will keep us professional and keep us looking forward as the organization we are, the epitome of the cat fancy, and to allow future groups to do this. The fact of the matter is yes, we can do it as a project, and if this fails the Breeds and Standards Committee will do it as a project, which will cause large ballot items to go out every year for every breed, and it's going to cause a clogged amount of work and an excessive amount of changes to the administration of CFA at a single time. We want to be able to do this as a risk-based approach, one standard at a time over time and allowing it to go forward, giving us continuity. We want to use the professional capabilities we have on the Breeds and Standards Committee, with professional-type editors, with the editor of our cat fancy magazine to help us improve the public image of CFA. We don't want to change your standards. We don't want to become a totalitarian organization to redefine what a breed is. We just want to make our standards literate and professional documents, and give future boards and future committees that same ability without creating an administrative burden. Thank you.

Melanie Morgan (GEMS): Let me start by clarifying that this is not a board-sponsored change to the Constitution, so passing it has nothing to do with putting our Constitution into compliance with New York Law. Also, I applaud what Breeds and Standards is trying to do. There is no question that the intent of this proposal makes all the sense in the world – of course we should clean up our standards. Again, I applaud the Breeds and Standards Committee for taking this on. However, I am vehemently – as I am sure they know, as a Breed Council Secretary – opposed to the way they are trying to implement it and I am vehemently opposed to this proposal, as such. Purely and simply, this task can easily be accomplished without making a change to our constitution. Changing an organization's constitution, as we all just experienced, is not something that should ever be taken lightly, and certainly changes should not be considered when there are viable alternatives for accomplishing the objective without messing with the sanctity of that document. This project was brought to the CFA Board I think not once but twice and my recollection is that both times the board enthusiastically supported the project in theory, but not the need for a constitutional amendment, necessarily. It was suggested that this project could easily be completed using the existing process already in place with no additional work involved for any of the parties, based off what Breeds and Standards is proposing under this current resolution, where they would actually have to run their changes by the Breed Council Secretaries anyway, so there's no difference in that process. However, Breeds and Standards has chosen to disregard the board recommendations to work within those existing parameters and instead they have moved forward with the proposal to amend our constitution. If they had simply moved forward with the project, put together the proposed changes, and submitted them to each Breed Council Secretary for inclusion on this year's ballots, we would actually be well on our way to completing this very worthy project and those ballot items would already be "in the can"

so to speak. We can do these one or two at a time. There's nothing to say you can't take this project on piecemeal. This method would not have required something as drastic as a constitutional amendment which, again, shouldn't be taken lightly. Since Breeds and Standards has said that they will be running any proposed changes past each Breed Council Secretary it adds absolutely NO additional work, as far as I can tell. By doing this ahead of the usual time crunch for ballots submissions, it would effectively bypass any workload backlogs, and allow them to move forward and work within the existing system. There are viable ways to accomplish this without messing with our constitution. As a Breed Council Secretary for almost two decades, an active breeder and an advocate for CFA, I urge you all to vote against this proposal. Thank you.

Monte Phillips (Cat'n on the Fox): Personally, as a Breed Council member, I always believed that the Breed Councils should be the ones making the changes. Again, I agree that if you want to make a typographical fix, let the Breed Council know that you need to have a typographical fix, let them put it on the ballot, let them vote on it. I don't think that should be a decision made by somebody else. **Bradley Newcomb (Triple Crown Cat Fanciers):** I was really going to stress the same thing Monte just said. We have Breed Councils for a reason. I understand the breed standards have been changed so many times and things have been added. We've got grammatical errors and things that need to be corrected, but that is what we have an elected Breed Council Secretary for. They should be doing our housekeeping of our Breeds and Standards, and it should be all working together with the Breeds and Standards Committee, as well as our elected Breed Council Secretary that was just appointed, I want to stress. I think we all need to be working together, and the Breed Council members themselves should have some notification or some understanding. There are things that read in there just like she said: let's eat grandma or let's eat, grandma, but there are things that are in there that may not make sense to some other people that don't know or understand the breed that are put in there to actually read exactly the way they read, but they don't make sense if you don't know or understand the breed. Thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you Brad. **Laurie Coughlin (Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers):** First of all, I greatly appreciate the desire of the Breeds and Standards Committee to give us a more professional face with our printed materials. I totally support that, but I do not believe that this is the sort of thing that rises to the level of a constitutional amendment. I think there are other ways to accomplish this, and I had a very productive email from Teresa Keiger just yesterday I think that suggested perhaps we need to put together a style manual for our publications that would eliminate some of this bizarre capitalization of non-proper nouns, etc. If we provide proper guidance for the style we want used in CFA and let the Breed Councils come up with their text, and then let Breeds and Standards proofread it, it's a very simple step then to put it on the ballot for the next ballot for breed council materials. Some breed standards, like that for Russian Blues, have not changed since the dawn of time; others are more flexible, but if we provide that guidance with a style manual and we provide a proofreading group – which I will volunteer for – and then just put it on the ballot, it's one and done. There won't be that many coming up every year. But again, thanks for the desire to make it professional. **Newkirk:** Thank you Laurie. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** I have been a Breed Council Secretary of two different breed councils. If anybody had pointed out a grammar or spelling or capitalization error to me, it would have been on the next ballot instantaneously and I would have called each Breed Council member to make sure that they supported fixing it. I would have made those changes. My question is, why haven't Breed Councils even been given the chance to make those changes before this amendment was put in.

Did anybody ever ask the Breed Council that has underpants in it whether or not they could fix it? Also, we vote online now. We have electronic balloting for the Breed Councils. We could have an off-cycle vote. If the Breeds and Standards Committee wants to do a set of them at a time, they can do a set of them and do multiple votes throughout the year. So, I see this as very unnecessary. Melanie was very eloquent about this and I support everything that she said.

Newkirk: Thank you Mary K. **Dennis Ganoë (For The Love of Cats Cat Fanciers, LaPerm Society of America):** Reiterating everything that has come before, I agree with them. I prefer that this had been a change to do the off-cycle balloting. There's nothing in our Constitution that requires balloting a Breed Council as far as I know. It happens only once a year. The Breed Council is advisory to the board. The board can ask the Breed Council for advice at any time they want. I also strenuously object to the naming of a committee in the Constitution. I've been involved in other organizations where that has caused problems. Although I had a discussion with our legal counsel, it's not illegal. I just have a problem with it. I urge everyone to vote against this amendment. **Newkirk:** Thank you Dennis.

Teresa Keiger (The Crafty Cat, Maine Street Cat Club): As one of the primary architects of this amendment proposal, I would like to answer a couple of questions. First, we wrote this up as a constitutional amendment after presenting it as a proposal earlier because we were told to. So, that is exactly why you are seeing this amendment. It was not necessarily in the minutes, but after that meeting we were told, "if this is what you would like to do, then bring it up as a constitutional amendment." Here we go. Laurie, thank you very much both for your compliment and for volunteering. If and when this takes off, we would certainly be glad to take up your expertise on that. What we're trying to accomplish with this is to really tighten up the process by which this is doing. Also, why is this important. I've been on several online editing groups where they have – fortunately for us – been talking about dog breed standards and what a hot mess they were. Writers, authors, the press look to our public documents as a resource, and whatever is in there, they are possibly going to use and possibly point and laugh at. So, we do need to address this. I'm just a very straightforward person. How can we do this, how can we do it correctly, and how can we do it most effectively; hence, the formation of this constitutional amendment. Thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you Teresa. **Norman Auspitz (Kentucky Colonels Cat Club):** The problem here is, way back when, Breed Councils were embedded in the Constitution [inaudible] and so I don't see any legal way around this. **Perkins:** Mr. Auspitz, for the record, I don't think everyone can hear you. You need to get closer to your microphone. **Norman Auspitz (Kentucky Colonels Cat Club):** Is this better? **Newkirk:** Not really, Norm. We can't hear you Norm. Norm, I'm going to call on Annette while you get your audio corrected, OK? There you go. **Norman Auspitz (Kentucky Colonels Cat Club):** Good for Zoom. Zoom is showing me that I'm muted. Still a few bugs in the system. Anyway, when this all came out, we were concerned that it was going to be embedded as a constitutional amendment for just this reason, and it changed to any standard requires Breed Council acceptance – any change. The Constitution is clear about that, so what you've got to do is amend the Constitution to allow other kinds of changes that are minimal and not going to hurt the standard, so I don't see any way around it to accomplish this without having a constitutional amendment. I agree, it's like using a hammer to kill an ant, but we did this to ourselves long ago and we're stuck with it. **Newkirk:** Thank you Norm. **Annette L. Wilson (Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club, Western Reserve Cat Club):** Again, I would just like to agree that – I do appreciate – **Newkirk:** Annette, we've got about 5 or 6 people here who have their mikes open. If all of you [names omitted], if you guys could please mute your microphones, hopefully we won't get this feedback. OK Annette, go

ahead. **Annette L. Wilson (Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club, Western Reserve Cat Club):** OK, thank you. I don't know what I'm talking about anymore. While I understand all of the reasons to clean up the standards, as far as punctuation, spelling, grammar and capitalization is concerned, I certainly believe that can be accomplished without amending the CFA Constitution. Changing our breed standards in any way without Breed Council member approval has been embedded in our Constitution for quite some time, and I don't think that needs to be changed. The Breed Council can use the current Breed Council balloting process to request the changes quite easily, and they will be presenting basically the same information that they're saying they would do to the Breed Council Secretary in their rationale. So, I would encourage folks to vote against this constitutional amendment, while celebrating their ingenuity of coming up with some project that truly does need to be done. **Newkirk:** Thank you Annette. **Nancy Petersen (Long And Short of it Cat Club, Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers):** I was a Breed Council Secretary for many years and we already have a process for this, as Annette said. As Breed Council Secretary, every year you should be working with the Breeds and Standards Chairs to put things on your ballot that your Breed Council members submitted or to correct errors. There is already a process for doing this. We don't need to have something in the Constitution. Thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you Nancy.

Newkirk: Jacqui, do you want to bring it home? **Jacqui Bennett (Ocicats International, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers):** Bo [the dog] and I would like to point out a few things. I still have this monster in my lap. One, to answer the question that was made by Mary, "if somebody had pointed this out, I would change it," I applaud you, Mary. I know how hard you work. However, I can give four different examples this past year of issues which were brought up to breeds which had standard changes where we said, "can we please do this with you," and we were told flat out, no. They didn't want it done. It was too much work. The second issue that I would like to point out is that the first time our council brought this to the board, it was to ask permission to do this and to get their input. It was the guidance of the board that we didn't have the ability to do it and it was ruled out of order, and it was suggested that, again, to do this we would have to change the Constitution; hence, the constitutional amendment. The second time we brought it up was as a courtesy to the board saying, "At your recommendation, we're going to propose this. Are you guys OK with it? Do you want it to be from the board or do you want it to be from the clubs?" The board said, make it from the clubs. At no point did we suggest this was a board-recommended amendment, although we do support it. Again, it is a huge project. Every time we have ballot items, it takes a great deal of effort at Central Office and through the club secretary and through the Breeds and Standards Committee to get these items scrubbed, cleaned and through. We do proofread them, we do ask for changes, but the ultimate decision is the Breed Council Secretary's. Another comment that was brought up to me was that, unlike some of the amazing Breed Council Secretaries who have spoken today, some Breed Council Secretaries do not talk to their councils very well. It's an unfortunate truth. They make the choice of what to do. Yes, there could be a style guide. Yes, we do have a style guide, but there needs to be a project to go backwards for the 45 existing breed standards. Yes, theoretically we can do out-of-cycle ballots. It's still adding a huge amount of work to Central Office to do this. It can be done, and if this is voted down, we will do it as a project. I disagree with Ms. Melanie's statement that it could have been in the can already. I don't believe this council could have done it in this time. We're asking you for the permission for our council and the councils going forward to keep the face of CFA the amazing, professional organization it is, and give this Committee the power to do that going forward with full agreement by the duly-elected Breed Council Secretaries and the board. There's no rogue board. We don't want to make changes to the standards without

consultation. We don't want to make changes to the standards in some sort of star chamber activity. If you vote this down, we'll do it as a project, as has already been suggested. Yes, I know, the Breeds and Standards Committee, not council. The fact of the matter is, you elect your Breed Council Secretary. Therefore, it is their responsibility to consult with you if this were suggested. The fact is, some Breed Council Secretaries don't want to go through the effort, so this would allow us to help them help themselves, and it would give us continuity. Thank you for your consideration on this. I hope you support it, but if you do not, please know that your Breeds and Standards Committee will continue working to help us improve the quality of our standards through the existing structure. **Newkirk:** Thank you Jacqui. So, we've had the closing argument there, so debate is closed. Allene, have you opened up the voting? Close out the prior one. **Tartaglia:** It's now open. **Newkirk:** OK, so voting is open now. **Tartaglia:** Yes.

[from after Credentials Committee Report] **Bennett:** Darrell, can we have the results of item #11 before we break? **Newkirk:** Yeah, that's fine. Did we get item #11? **Tartaglia:** Yes. **Anger:** Is it final? It still says *In Progress*. **Tartaglia:** We keep them open. **Anger:** OK, question #11 regarding the Breeds and Standards proposal received 99 favorable votes. It did not achieve the 2/3 required to pass. **Newkirk:** OK, so the motion is not agreed to. OK Jacqui, you guys have got your work cut out for you. **Bennett:** Yeppers. **Newkirk:** OK.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 11	102	165	1	268

PROPOSED SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

– 12 – 44 Gatti, Felinus International, Feline Fanciers of Benelux, Universal Cats Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 2.20.a., 6.16, 7.07, 27.01 to add a new title of “Kitten Winner (KW)” for the Kitten Class, as follows:

2.20 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

a. The KITTEN CLASS is for any kitten, male or female, altered or unaltered, not less than 4 months but under 8 calendar months old on the opening day of the show, which, if an adult, would be eligible to compete in a Championship/Premiership Class. Any kitten that achieves 10 or more top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty is eligible for the title of Kitten Winner (KW). At least 8 of these finals must be in Allbreed rings. There is no limit to the number of shows where the kitten can earn the 10 or more finals. Only shows with at least 20 kittens allbreed present (or 20 kittens longhair/shorthair present for specialty ring) will be considered for a final to count towards this award. This title will not appear in the show catalog and in the judge's book. Kitten Winner is listed in show catalog and in the judge's book as kitten. Kitten Winner competes in kitten class and counts as a kitten.

- 6.16** The temporary registration number (TRN) is obtained for the exhibitor from the CFA Central Office via the Entry Clerk. Temporary Registration numbers will be issued by the entry clerk upon receipt of the appropriate TRN fee (which is in addition to the club's entry fee), application form, and a four generation pedigree (or whatever is required for registration of that breed if fewer than four generations are required, or a five generation pedigree if the cat/kitten is a Bengal) issued either by CFA or a cat registering body recognized by CFA, with all cats on the pedigree being acceptable for that breed per current registration requirements. This would include longhair Exotics shown as Persians (see rule 6.08). If both parents of the entry are registered with CFA, the CFA registration numbers of the parents are acceptable in place of a pedigree. The fee, application form, and pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable) must be provided to the entry clerk no later than the close of check-in for the show and these will be provided to Central Office in the show package. The Entry Clerk will not issue a TRN until they are in receipt of the application, fee, AND pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable). Upon review, which is done prior to the show being scored, the registration number will either remain valid for 60 days from the first day of the show, or be voided if CFA registration requirements are not met for the breed being registered. In cases where the TRN is voided, those cats will not be included in the Official Count for the associated category (C/P). Central Office will notify any exhibitor whose temporary registration number is voided with the basis for such decision. In the case of a Bengal pedigree deemed invalid because it contains an Asian Leopard Cat, the application will be forwarded to the Board for disciplinary action against the exhibitor for violating show rule 10.10 by bringing a non-domestic feline into the show hall. Note: wins will also be voided if a cat/kitten competes in a competitive category not otherwise eligible based on its permanent registration, e.g., offspring of a "not for-breeding" cat competing in Championship. Temporary registration numbers will be printed in the catalog as if they were permanent. Cats/kittens may compete and continue to earn points for 60 days from the first day of the first show where they have obtained a TRN. That number should be used on all subsequent entries after the first show for the 60-day period or until the cat obtains a permanent registration number within that 60-day period. At the end of this 60-day period, the cat/kitten may not be shown without a permanent registration number. For cats/kittens to receive credit for Kitten Winner, Regional, Divisional or National points earned during a specific show season with a TRN, the exhibitor must supply the associated permanent registration number to Central Office by the Monday following the completion of that show season.
- 7.07** An official CFA championship claim form/kitten winner claim form and application to obtain a Household Pet Recording Number, or facsimiles thereof must be printed or inserted in the show catalog.

[Insert New Article XXVII and renumber subsequent articles and sections]

Article XXVII
OBTAINING TITLES – KITTEN WINNER

- 27.01** Any kitten that achieves 10 or more top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty is eligible for the "Kitten Winner" title (abbreviated KW). All these finals must be in Kitten class. At least 8 of these finals must be in Allbreed rings. Only shows with at least 20 kittens allbreed present (or 20 kittens longhair/shorthair present for specialty ring) will be considered for a final to count towards this award. The title of Kitten Winner will not appear in the show catalog and in the judge's book. Kitten Winner is listed in show catalog and in the judge's book as kitten. This award may be claimed by filing the appropriate form with the Central Office, and paying a fee. There is no time limit to claim the Kitten Winner title. This title will be automatically added to a cat's record once the requirements have been met, and is placed *after* the cat's name.

RATIONALE: The title of Kitten Winner (KW) is awarded to any kitten that achieves 10 or more top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty. At least 8 of these finals must be in Allbreed rings. There is no limit to the number of shows where the kitten can earn the 10 or more finals. Only shows with at least 20 kittens allbreed present (or 20 kittens longhair/shorthair present for specialty ring) will be considered for a final to count towards this award. This title will not appear in the show catalog and in the judge's book, and only one competitive class for kittens will remain (kitten class, divided between Longhair and Shorthair). The title of Kitten Winner is placed *after* the cat's name and will not be confirmed to the cat's record (pedigree, Herman online, ...) until the Central Office has received a Kitten Winner claim form and appropriate fees. Kittens shown with a temporary registration number will have the title confirmed subject to a permanent registration number (they could either obtain KW title in one weekend with two one day 6 rings shows, as well as throughout the whole TNR timeframe).

To achieve the title of Regional Winner in kitten class is needed to join 6/7 shows on average. In some Regions, this can mean an economic burden that not all exhibitors are willing to undergo. Showing a kitten with the awareness of not achieving any title could give small scope for exhibitors only joining local shows. Actually there are many high quality cats only shown once or twice as kittens: although joining all or almost all finals in a small number of shows, they achieve no title for these results. The prospect of achieving a title for high quality kittens could lure in more local exhibitors at CFA shows, widening the potential number of exhibitors. Kitten Winner title proposed here sets a new reachable goal, which records the kittens' value and encourages exhibitors who only join local shows, and are not campaigning throughout the show season in their Region, to show their kittens, too, and only cats in championship/premiership class, where they are being rewarded with at least a title. The solution proposed here is the introduction of the Kitten Winner title (KW). The Kitten Winner title aims at certifying a kitten merit, an award to assign to all kittens that achieve at least 10 or more top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty. At least 8 of these finals must be in Allbreed rings. The title of Kitten Winner doesn't appear in the catalog. In the catalog, kittens will always be in one competition class, the KITTEN class, with no one distinction. With the introduction of this title also exhibitors who are not planning to run for a regional/national title can however show their kittens with the aim of obtaining a title. Obtaining the title of Kitten Winner requires at least 10 finals. Generally, this target could be met in 2 or 3 shows (of course during the 4 month of a kitten age as set by show rules). This achievement is affordable also for occasional exhibitors who usually show in other associations. The introduction of this title could bring new exhibitors at CFA shows all around the world, especially in areas where other associations are widespread and already offer titles for kittens.

Central Office Note: *The minimum estimated cost to implement the KW title is \$10,000-\$13,000 U.S. Although there is no significant programming to the scoring software needed since a claim form must be filed, all other programs will need to be modified to add the title to registrations, pedigrees, reports, etc. since there are no provisions to handle multiple titles at the end of a cat's name.*

Newkirk: I want to thank Cheryl Coleman for that wonderful memorial presentation of people that have passed. Lots of familiar faces, and that's two years' worth. Cheryl, thank you so much for putting that together. It was a great presentation and a nice farewell to a lot of our friends that we no longer will be with. We're going to go ahead and get started where we left off, with a continuation of our proposed amendments. I think the amendments are done. **Cristiano Marcone (44 Gatti):** Good evening from Italy. Here it's evening time. I want to talk to you about our proposal for the Kitten Winner title. How to work, it's quite easy. I may need to explain a bit better why we are making this proposal. The title works this way. A kitten achieving at least 10 finals with a count of at least 20 kittens is eligible for the Kitten Winner title. At least 8 of these finals need to be allbreed and the 20 kitten count requirement is in the single specialty

class for specialty finals. It's quite easy. The point is, why are we making this proposal? Our first aim is getting more entries, more revenue in our shows, as a club, first of all. We are offering more opportunities for our exhibitors and getting for CFA more business, more revenue. The point is, we are chartering Italy with our shows and we base our proposal on what we see in Italy. Basically, it's not so different from what we see in the whole Region 9. Region 9, we have many breeders showing, breeding and registering their cats without associations. So, we need to compare and give competitive advantage to our exhibitors, to lure them in and convince them to join our shows. Our proposal is quite competitive with championship, as an exhibitor compares the titles they get with WCF or FIFe. He needs to join two shows to get the CC certificate. With what he gets in a CFA show, we can put on 6 ring shows, so in one weekend an exhibitor can go away with a Champion title. That's competitive for an exhibitor who is used not driving farther than 200 kilometers – say, 150 miles – and within the driving distance he can join a show practically every weekend. He already has his association, he already has his shows. We need to convince him to come and try our shows. Once they try, most of the time they have fun, they enjoy it and some return. Some are newbies who even founded a new club in Italy. That's very successful for us. So far, we have been chartering Italy along. Basically, we have been arranging shows in northern Italy. Other associations in the kitten class offer some titles. The only title with CFA a local exhibitor newbie can get is a regional winner, so either your kitten is a top 25 in the region or you get no title. It's an all or nothing title. You don't get any intermediate title. It's like what we did for championship, for instance, where we've got the bronze, the silver, the gold, we've got the Grand of Distinction. We are offering titles in more major areas, Regions 1-7 where we have 7 regions. In Europe we have one region with 44 countries and only 14 of these countries have a [inaudible]. We're offering these options, [inaudible] titles with the bronze, silver and gold in the United States, offering the Grand of Distinction to convince exhibitors showing for three years, campaigning for three years the same cat. Of course, we cannot do that with kittens. We're trying to work with the other hand making a proposal for our exhibitors, convincing them to show our kittens in more shows. They know that kitten would not make it for regional winner, or maybe he would get a regional winner, but the exhibitor is not willing to travel abroad – remember Region 9 you need to travel abroad to go from one show to the other – nevertheless flying with a kitten. They only drive to shows and only in the local area. This would allow these exhibitors to get an award and getting a title for showing a worthy kitten who would definitely not make a regional winner in the regional standings because the exhibitor is not willing to travel enough. Take as an example Italy. We put on three shows a year – generally, November, January and April. We think that most of them are located in northern Italy and within 200 kilometers' driving distance for exhibitors. So, an exhibitor could join these shows. We usually put on six ring shows. That requirement makes the show attractive for a championship, so an exhibitor should join six rings when a kitten is 4 months old and six rings when a kitten is 7 months old. You need to achieve 10 finals out of these 12 rings and that can be a demanding task for a kitten 4 months old. So, at least for Italy and I believe for Europe in general, this is not a trivial achievement. It's not an easy achievement. It's not a participation trophy, as it is not the same for the championship title. We did not rule out the championship title, we have achieved this already. We did not stop at the original winner Grand Champion. You can go ahead, show your cat for two more seasons and get a Grand of Distinction. That is the point of our proposal – convincing more exhibitors to show their kittens. Our experience tells us that these exhibitors are returning. Once they get involved in the process, they are happy to come and to join our shows. After our last show, generally through 2020, exhibitors keep asking us

even during the pandemic, when are we planning to hold our next show, which is going to be November 2021, but people keep on asking us and we are happy about this. This is pretty flattering for us. This is the point. Offering an intermediate title for kittens between nothing and a regional winner, three main points – more entries or revenue for the club, more options and titles for the exhibitors, more business and revenue for CFA. This is my point, thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you.

Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers): I am very sensitive to trying to increase kitten counts because, yes, we would love to increase kitten counts everywhere. Kitten counts in the U.S. are very seasonal because of how cats breed, but I've run kittens that I swear to gosh if it weren't that time of the season I would have gotten national wins on them but the counts were too low. I understand wanting to get more people with kittens into the shows, but this title as written is trivial to achieve. It even says in the rationale, it says that the target for this title could be met in 2 or 3 shows. Why are we creating a title that could be met so easily? Just making finals, it could be met in 2 or 3 shows. In the U.S., we have a lot of 10 ring and 6x6 shows. This title is going to be met very easily by lots of cats in the U.S. As written, it applies to all regions of CFA, all areas of CFA – not just the ID. I would have liked to have seen something. I don't know why you can't propose a title just for the ID, based on your particular circumstances, but this one as written, it's just so trivial. I can't support something that is so easily achieved.

Sue A. Robbins (Delaware River Cats Club): I am somewhat in agreement with Mary K. Also, my feeling is, it's not T ball. Just because you show up does not mean that you should win an award. Yes, there are incremental steps that have been offered for this with numbers of wins and numbers of finals achieved, but rather than making it a broad-based CFA award which really has a very low threshold for this particular award, I wonder why you can't do something like a kitten sweepstakes with all of the clubs in your particular country, whether it be Italy or France or Germany or whatever, and combining with the clubs to hold a sweepstakes and present the top 3 kittens with trophies – or 5 depending on the numbers of kittens that you get into your shows – I would think that this would also offer an incentive without having to create another CFA regional, international, national, whatever level award.

Cristiano Marccone (44 Gatti): The point is, the award can be reached in 2 or 3 shows, but what we expect without this award, without this title, that kitten and that exhibitor would not even join those 2 or 3 shows. If you really want to support showing more kittens, this would definitely work in Italy and Region 9, and hopefully could lure in some more exhibitors, even in Regions 1-7, even though you can have a 10 ring show every weekend within 3 hours travel, but how many of those kittens are getting a regional win? Maybe some of those exhibitors besides kitten training would be willing to show more or enter more kittens with a title they could achieve, even without getting the top 25 kittens of the region. I believe that could work. This would definitely be helpful in Italy and Region 9 overall. I guess it could work and bring in more exhibitors, even in more major areas for CFA. So, if you want to support showing more kittens in our shows, seeing more kittens in our shows, in my opinion and our opinion as a club, I hope many other clubs share this opinion. We need to grant the title and try to offer something, as we did in championship. Offer a greater title between nothing and regional winner, to lure in more exhibitors. This proposal aims at supporting showing more kittens. This is the basic reason why we are making this proposal – supporting and obtaining more kittens joining our shows. **Leslie Ann Carr (Rome Cat Forum):** I have a question. I'm not opposed completely to everything, but I don't understand. I show in Regions 1-7. From looking at show reports for Region 9, which I know this is where this is originating, your kitten counts are pretty close to a normal show in

Regions 1-7, but it sounds like you are saying that you can't get any kitten count without there being a title to go along with it. You don't have an issue with championship or premiership because there are titles in both of those classes, but because there are no titles associated with kittens, your exhibitors won't enter a cat until it's an adult. Am I understanding correctly, that this is strictly for you to be able to increase your kitten counts to, I don't know what numbers? That's all. **Cristiano Marcone (44 Gatti):** Looking at the show report for show season 2019-2020, club 44 Gatti had the highest count in championship worldwide, with count of 102, which was our last show January 2019. But, we are always falling much shorter in the kitten class. Our point could be trying to push the kitten count higher to 60, 70, 80 kittens in a show. Basically, we are working hard to get more shows and higher count in our shows, which means convincing exhibitors from other associations to join our shows. We're not aiming at CFA-established exhibitors. Those already join our shows, but there are not many unfortunately in Italy, as much as they could. There are many exhibitors from other associations. This would bring in exhibitors from other associations in our shows. Hopefully – this is what I hope – even in other regions this kind of title could induce some exhibitors to showing their kitten even though they have a 10 ring show every weekend in very close range, but they don't expect that kitten to be in the top 25 of the region. We definitely have for Region 9 and for Italy in particular, but I believe this could work worldwide. Our exhibitors getting more options, giving more opportunities to our exhibitors is helpful and would be appreciated, I guess, from our exhibitors, as well as we will be with championship – bronze, silver, gold. We make these to reward exhibitors showing a cat who is struggling to get a grand champion but is worthy, and the exhibitor is willing to show, as he knows his progress is knowledge. That's the point – supporting showing more kittens. **Frederic Goedert (Cat-H-Art, Jardin Des Korats):** I think this is a very interesting award and I think we should give it a try because it will absolutely attract new exhibitors for a couple of shows and maybe they will go on in the future. It's difficult to evaluate what is the right number of rings. I think this is a proposal, and we can adjust in the future if an increase in the number of rings is necessary to get this award in the future, but I think we should give it a try because everywhere in all regions of CFA and the International Division, this will improve our kitten counts probably. I am definitely sure about that. **Robert Clark (Empire Cat Club):** I agree with what Frederic just said and I also agree with what Cristiano is saying. Spectators like kittens. If we are to grow the number of people participating, in CFA, I think we have to bring spectators in and have spectators get interested, and then wanting to show their own cat, be it HHP or premier or championship. They like kittens. People like to see kittens. I also think showing kittens regularly leads to cats that are better adjusted for the show ring when they are later on champions or premiers. Anything we can do to encourage people to bring their kittens to more shows I think leads to cats that will show better later in life. So, I don't see a downside to this. I see a couple of upsides. I don't see a real downside, so I think we should give it a try. I see no reason not to. **Doerte Haendel (German Catwalk):** Our club will support this idea because it's not only to have the count higher of the kittens, our point of view in our club when we discussed it very carefully is, kitten time for show kittens is very short. The only title you really can reach is regional win or national win. They are reserved to the top 25, so I think we should give all the others also a chance to have a small title also for a kitten. This is the main reason why we support this. **Jill Sullivan (Mo-Kan Cat Club):** I support this because I think that it might bring in new exhibitors and if you try to start a cat after they are an adult, you have less success. So, if we want to build our exhibitor base even in the U.S., I think that adding a kitten title by possibly offering the kittens easier success might be a good added benefit for all of our regions. **Clinton**

Parker (Tonkinese East): I just have a question about one of the points in here with a TRN. I know they changed the TRN thing to add kittens to it, and the TRN basically says that after you get the championship, if you don't get the permanent registration after 60 days, you can no longer show the kitten if you don't get a permanent registration number for the kitten. I have a little problem with that, because we've been through this requiring registrations and not requiring registrations for kittens, and I think although it's probably not an unlikely and probably more technical problem, I really just don't see why we should be going back again to saying that you've got to have a registration number for the kittens. But, it's not a big deal. I realize to score this you're going to have to have a registration number, but it adds some extra issues in for people who – I have a problem that it could result in having an actual fewer number of kittens entered again in shows. That's it.

Newkirk: Cristiano, do you want to close this down? Hang on, let me let Frederic respond. Second time, Frederic. **Frederic Goedert (Cat-H-Art, Jardin Des Korats):** OK, I'll go briefly. I think the TRN registration is not an issue at all, because it will push people to register because if you don't register you don't get any title, so this registration is also giving us a way to attract and make people register the kittens even more. **Newkirk:** Thank you. **Kathy Black (Texoma Cat Fanciers):** One of the problems I had with this was, it was talking about the count in each ring, which would require the clerk in each ring to announce the kitten count so the people going for this award would know if their kitten qualified or not, and we don't currently do that. We normally just count the number of kittens present, based on the largest number. That's what the master clerk reports, but this says the ring would not count unless the kittens present were at least a certain number, which means that each ring would have to be counted separately. So, I have a problem with this and my club has decided not to support this. I understand the rationale behind it, but I just think it's problematic as it's written. **Cristiano Marcone (44 Gatti):** It is the count – the proposal takes the count by show. In Italy, we've got many [inaudible]. Doing the paperwork, you believe you granded your cat and maybe you transferred champion to grand champion Sunday morning, then you find out from the show report that some of those champions have been voided because paperwork was not accurate, because exhibitors, newbies, just don't know how to arrange their pedigrees, how to complete the 5 generations after they provided 4 for the TRN, so you find out from the show report that your cat didn't grand. Unfortunately, I can tell you this happened to my cat. So, you find out the count after the show. You join the show and show your kitten. If the count is at least 20 in allbreed, or longhair or shorthair for a specialty final, then that ring can be counted, but it's not the master clerk or the clerk who needs to do that. The Central Office is scoring the title, they check the show, check the count and scores rings. It is not a task or burden on the shoulders of the clerk or the master clerk. **Kristin Nowell (Devon Rex Breed Club):** Nobody has raised the fact that there is going to be a programming issue that will need to be addressed. At least, according to the proposal from Central Office, they made a comment that it would cost \$10,000-\$13,000 to modify programming in order to include the title, and that's not an insignificant amount of money, but just something that should be mentioned. **Lee Dowding (Abyssinian Breeders Int'l, Poinsettia City Cat Club):** The problem I have with this is that the title is KW. KW implies it's on the same level as NW, BW or RW, and it definitely is not at that same level. So, I would possibly be more in favor of it if you gave it a different name that doesn't make it look like one of the highest titles our association gives. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** I hope that everybody realizes the last line of this says, the title will be placed after the cat's name. So, not only is this KW going to look like an RW, an NW or BW, but

it is being placed after the cat's name where the DM goes, so I just really have to object to this title. **Sue A. Robbins (Delaware River Cats Club):** I think the idea and the rationale is very good, but I think the proposal needs some more work. Again, like I mentioned before, it still does not preclude the clubs getting together. They can give a top 1-10 Italy title; you know, "best kittens of Italy" or "best kittens of France" or "best Southern Europe", however you would want to define that as kind of like a kitten sweepstakes, but if you are looking about adding another title, I agree that it needs to be something other than KW and not after the cat's name. You know, maybe it would be something like KC, like kitten champion or something like that, but whatever. I think it needs to go back to committee. **Newkirk:** Sibyl, mute your mike. **Sibyl Zaden (Siamese Fanciers, Titledown Cat Fanciers):** I'm sorry. I just wanted to be recognized. **Newkirk:** You've got to put your hand up. As soon as Sue is done you can speak. **Sue A. Robbins (Delaware River Cats Club):** Do I have the floor back? **Newkirk:** Yes, you do. **Sue A. Robbins (Delaware River Cats Club):** Thank you so much. I just think that it needs to be thought out a little better and presented a little bit sharper and a little bit cleaner. I don't object to wanting to award kittens a title other than Regional Winner as an intermediary kind of title, but I think what it's called and how it's done needs some more work. **Newkirk:** OK, thank you. **Sibyl Zaden (Siamese Fanciers, Titledown Cat Fanciers):** I agree with what Kathy Black had to say, and I also agree with Lee Dowding. Just wanted to make that point. **Newkirk:** OK, thank you.

Newkirk: Cristiano, can you give us a brief wrap-up please? We have been on this quite a while. **Cristiano Marcone (44 Gatti):** I understand the points about – I mean, some are quite formal and they need to be stated in the show rules. The title of DM goes before the name, it is to be a kitten winner rather than a kitten champion. These are points we could look into, but basically this was the presentation we came up with after a consultation within the club and with some other clubs, so this was the best option we achieved after consultation with other clubs. Beg your pardon, Darrell, our aim is supporting showing more kittens. We could give it a try this way, then we'll see if we can fine tune it later, but give it a try this way because we need to provide titles for kittens. This would be very helpful in trying to get more kittens shown and more exhibitors. This is our proposal. I really hope you support it, thank you.

Newkirk: Debate is closed, voting is open. We've announced all the votes so far? **Anger:** Yes. [from after Proposal #13] I can announce the results of #12. **Newkirk:** Rachel is going to announce #12. **Anger:** #12 was the kitten winner issue. It received 58 yes votes and did not achieve the 2/3 minimum requirement. **Newkirk:** OK, so the motion is not agreed to.

Motion Failed.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 12	58	203	2	263

– 13 – The Bengal Alliance, Almost Heaven Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 7.02, 8.03, and 28.03 to award additional Best Champion placements in class judging, as follows:

- 7.02** The entry clerk or a designated representative is responsible for preparing the judges' books, including those for judging Best of the Bests competitions, which shall be in numerical, but not

necessarily consecutive catalog order. A minimum of two (2) lines must be left between color classes. The color class number, age (indicated in years and months) and the class for each entry must appear in the judges' books. At least two (2) spaces should be left between each class (Champion and Grand Champion) to allow for transfers. Opens and Bronze/Silver/Gold level Champions and Premiers shall be listed as champions or premiers in the judge's book, as applicable. Champions (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions) and opens competing as champions shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. Premiers (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Premiers) and opens competing as premiers shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. When a color class includes entries of more than one color/tabby pattern, the exact color/tabby pattern indicated on the entry form must be entered in the judges' books unless the breed is Sphynx, in which case no color or tabby pattern will be listed in the judges' books. At the end of each breed, the show entry clerk shall type a form for the following awards: Best of Breed/Division, Second Best of Breed/Division for Kittens, Championship and Premiership, and where necessary, Best and when applicable, additional awarded Champion/Premier of Breed/Division.

- 8.03** Permanent ribbon designations, ribbons, or rosettes in the color designated **MUST** be given for the awards listed below. If more than one type of memorial is listed, any one of the choices may be given.

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Best Champ/Prem of Breed/Div	Perm/Ribbon/Rosette Purple
<u>Additional Champion of Breed/Div</u>	<u>Perm/Ribbon/Rosette .. Any Color</u>

28.03 Breed and Division Points

a. Cats which receive the award of Best and when applicable, additional awarded Champion/Premier in each of the Breeds/Divisions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 30.01) will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every Champion/Premier defeated within the Breed/Division in accordance with the method for calculating champions and premiers present described in 28.02a.

b. Additional Champion awards will be awarded when the number of Open/Champion entries are as follows:

0-5 Open/Champion entries: Best Champion award

6-10 Open/Champion entries: Best and 2nd Best Champion awards

11-15 Open/Champion entries: Best through 3rd Best Champion awards

16-20 Open/Champion entries: Best through 4th Best Champion awards

More than 20 Open/Champion entries: Best through 5th Best Champion awards

~~b-c.~~ In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring - that which carries the most points.

RATIONALE: We are starting to see increasing numbers of cats return to the show rings in popular breeds like Maine Coons, some divisions of Persians, Cornish Rex, and Siamese. This additional

placement in class would give recognition to those breeders working hard to get their cats out in numbers and award grand points to those cats that may not make a final and encourage people to continue to show their cats beyond the champion title.

Central Office Note: *The minimum estimated cost to implement the additional champion awards is in the range of \$11,000–\$14,000. The scoring software, the software to score the International Cat Show (currently the additional placements are for breed, not necessarily champion) and the entry clerk software (to produce the additional placement lines in judge's books and the catalog) will need to be modified. Printed show forms (master clerk and judge forms) will need to be modified and printed (minimal cost).*

Newkirk: Resolution #13, and this is Bengal Alliance and Almost Heaven. Who is speaking on this one? **Lorna Friemoth (Almost Heaven Cat Club):** This proposed show rule resolution would allow the hanging of additional champion ribbons in class judging, based on the number of opens and champions entered, when applicable. The award, permanent ribbon or rosette may be any color. The additional champion awards will be awarded when the number of champion or open entries are as follows: 0-5 is one Best Champion award; 6-10 Best and 2nd Best Champion awards; 11-15 Best through 3rd Best Champion awards; 16-20 Best through 4th Best Champion awards; More than 20 Best through 5th Best Champion awards. We proposed this because we are starting to see increasing numbers of cats return to the show rings. The additional placement could give recognition to those breeders working hard to get their cats out in numbers and award grand points to those cats that may not make a final. We feel that this would encourage people to continue to show their cats beyond the champion title.

Newkirk: Debate is open on this motion. **Joan Fradenburgh (Superstition Cat Fanciers):** I just have a question on this. This entire show rule indicates champion/premier but the changes that are proposed are for champions only. I would like to know why the premiers were not included in the change. **Lorna Friemoth (Almost Heaven Cat Club):** This is actually my second time proposing this. The first year, the champion only awards were voted by more than 50% by the floor by not ratified by the board, but the champion and premier proposal failed. So, I brought back the one that had more support at the time, which the changes that were made by the delegation. **Tyler Deel (Ohio State Persian Club):** I would like to speak in support of this one. Just a month ago or so we were at the Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers show and there was a championship class of 16 Cornish Rex. If I remember correctly, only one of them was a grand, and so in that case we were only able to award championship points to one of those 15 open or champion Cornish Rex. I feel that if there are going to be that many cats in a class, they should be rewarded as such. **Newkirk:** Thank you Tyler. **Monte Phillips (Cat'n on the Fox):** Just a comment for those of you, especially who are master clerks. Does this now mean we need to announce a count by breed for every breed that is being shown at the show? Just a head's up. Be prepared. **Timothy Schreck (Oakway Cat Fanciers, Southeastern Michigan Cat Fanciers):** A couple things I wanted to point out here. As we continue to add more awards and give people more recognition for points, we keep making it quicker for people to actually achieve the title that they're looking for. These types of changes in the past have actually led to less cats at our shows, not more. The second thing I want to point out in here is, it states that you are to get one point for each cat defeated, which is not the current scoring system. We're only doing this for one class, for championship only, not premiers, so now we have a different scoring system for different classes, which will really lead to quite a bit of confusion and probably more

cost than what's estimated on here. **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East):** I'm not in favor. I agree with what Tim just said, but I would like to point out the resolution does say *based on entry* so it wouldn't require the master clerk announcing counts, but there are a lot of problems with this, especially the one point for each one because we usually go down in 10% increments, like at international shows or if we go and make a final, so I don't know why you should be getting more points in class. So, I think there's some good points about this, but as it exists I just don't think it's valid. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** To address what Monte said about the master clerk announcing this, the master clerk does not announce the count for the purple ribbon, brown ribbon or orange ribbon currently for each breed, so why would anybody even dream to expect that they would announce that for this? That's my only comment, thank you. **Loretta Baugh (CanUSA Cat Club):** The first comment I want to make is that quantity doesn't mean quality. When we first eliminated winners ribbons and had cats qualify, we would have litters come into the show and all would qualify and all would get their winners ribbons. We saw maybe one of them back. It is going to reduce the number of cats. A championship doesn't mean anything basically anymore because it's so easy to get. We're just adding more points for grand when we do this. I don't think we need to go there. This is a competition and we need to be putting the best cats forward. Thank you. **Laura Gregory (Ragamuffin Cat Society):** I think some of us are confusing the point system here. We're talking about the points in breed and presently when you receive a best champion, if you don't actually make a final you are getting the number of cats you defeated. It's not a percentage. If there are 5 champions in the breed and you received the best champion ribbon, you did get 4 points if you're not in a final. It's only the finals that are percentages, so this is not going to change that scoring percentage. It's still the same way it is now. All it's going to do is allow for another best champion and second best champion and so on within the breed. So, I think it is a good idea. I do support this, especially with the example you just gave with a class of 20 Cornish Rex. Certainly, a lot of times there's quality that can certainly warrant another purple ribbon. Thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you. Everybody don't forget, take your hand down and mute your mike after you're done talking. **Carissa Altschul (Hugger Mugger Feline Society, Land of Oz Cat Club):** Unfortunately from the previous speaker, when you get the purple ribbon you get 100% of points available, which does turn out to be one per cat. But, if you get the orange ribbon, you are getting a percentage – 95% for regional and national points – so we do use a percentage for pretty much every award. It just may look like we don't because we currently only award best champion. I'm really in support of awarding more champion ribbons. I've been a big supporter of this, but not as this is written. I don't think we should have two different ways of scoring our cats. We shouldn't go by cat in division, but by percentage in the final. That is too confusing. It is hard enough to explain our point system to a new breeder as it is. It needs to be consistent. Championship or grand points regardless should be in 10% increments, and regional and national points are in 5% increments. Right now that's how it works, both in division, breed and finals, and that's how it needs to stay. So, unfortunately, the way it is written I just can't support it. **Newkirk:** If you're not actively speaking, please mute your microphones. It causes feedback. **Victoria Nye (International Somali Cat Club, Sunkat Feline Fanciers):** Though I'm not opposed to recognizing additional quality in the class, numbers are not always the best example of where the quality is, as Loretta noted, but I also wanted to mention this would require re-doing our breed sheets and adding extra columns. It would have to be the maximum number for everyone, whether they were achieving that or not, and also everybody's entry clerk programs would need to be reworked to include all those extra lines for – if there were 16-20,

they would have to have at least four lines for champion wins. **Bradley Newcomb (Triple Crown Cat Fanciers):** Just a couple points. I agree with what Loretta said about quality, not quantity. You have several classes that you will get maybe 15 cats and that doesn't necessarily mean all 15 of those cats are fantastic, but then there are other times you may only get 3 or 4 cats in a class when all 3 or 4 of them are absolutely drop dead. We've seen it many times. There have been many times you went to a show where your top 3 longhairs were all 3 Maine Coons that came out of a class of 4. You've seen it in shorthairs. So, I agree with what Loretta said wholeheartedly that it is about the quality, not the quantity. I also agree with what Carissa said. When you look at the numbers, you're not scoring on a fair scale if you do that. You have some classes that will never, ever in that breed get more than 2 or 3, and you have some that may get 20 but you may only have 2 or 3 that are worthy of even looking at. So, it's not a fair scale when you look at it at that point. Other than that, I think we do need to maintain we have one scoring system. We don't need to muddy the waters by figuring out how we're going to start scoring cats in class. I don't disagree with what Lorna said about finding ways to increase, but I think that needs to be on a whole scale. Maybe once you get above so-many champions in the show, not just in the class, you look at adding a 4th or a 5th based on what is entered in the entire show like we do with the world show or some of our largest shows. I would not be opposed to something like that, but right now as it's written I wouldn't support this either. Thank you. **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East):** I just want to point out, as the author of one of the entry clerk programs, this isn't really an issue for entry clerk software. It kind of already has the support in for doing the international show. Basically, we do this at the international show so it's not something that's new. I can't speak for CFA's program, but as I said, I do have a lot of problems with the one points and the other issues, so I just want to make it for the people who are in favor, to tell you it isn't really an issue. I don't think that will be an issue for entry clerk software stuff, but as I said, I'm not in favor because of the other issues.

Newkirk: Lorna, would you make a closing statement? **Lorna Friemoth (Almost Heaven Cat Club):** Sure. I just want to thank everyone that spoke in favor of this and for Clinton for clarifying that there is no additional fees for entry clerking software. The fees noted for changing the scoring system on CFA's end on the amendment are \$11,000-\$14,000 and CFA did realize quite a healthy profit for the last fiscal year so I would like to not have the monetary deterrent. Brad, if you like that idea, stay tuned for #16. **Newkirk:** Thank you. Appreciate it Lorna. OK, debate is closed. Voting is open now. [From after proposal #14] We're going to close the vote on #13, if you will announce #13's vote. **Anger:** Proposal #13 regarding champion placements received 75 yes votes. It did not achieve the 2/3 required to carry. **Newkirk:** OK, thank you. Motion is not agreed to. **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East):** We keep saying 2/3. We are on show rules now. I just want to clarify, doesn't this require 50% to pass? **Anger:** That's correct, my apologies. It didn't get 50% either. **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East):** Yeah, I know that. I just wanted to clarify. We kept saying 2/3. **Anger:** Thank you. My apologies. **Newkirk:** Thank you Clinton, appreciate it.

Motion Failed.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 13	75	185	1	261

– 14 – *The Bengal Alliance, Almost Heaven Cat Club*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 11.07, 11.26.b. and 13.03, to allow cats who have left the show hall, to retain their awards from finals called after the advertised show hours, as follows:

11.07 An entry must be present and available for class judging when the time for judging each entry is reached. An entry not so presented or available will be marked absent and the class will be judged as if such an entry had not been benched. In addition, for those cats marked MAb on the absentee/transfer sheets, those cats will also be marked absent even if that cat shows up to the judging ring for judging. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor or the exhibitor's agent to see that the cat or kitten is presented for class judging when the entry number is called the first time. **Only one call to the judging ring is required.**

11.26 Voiding of Wins by the judge.

a. A judge must void any win, including any win in the finals, when in his opinion there is no entry with sufficient merit to receive it.

b. When an entry has been removed from the show hall and is not available to be present for a final taking place during advertised show hours ~~for the finals~~, it is ineligible for a finals award. The judge must take one of the following actions:

1. The judge will void the win and leave the position open. The judge should announce that had the absent cat been present, it would have received the appropriate award; or,
2. The judge will void the win, move all lesser placing finalists up one position and select a substitute cat, which is mechanically eligible exclusive of the absent cat, for the last position (fifteenth, tenth, fifth, second or third, whichever is applicable). The judge should announce that had the absent cat been present, it would have received the appropriate award. The judge's finals sheet will show which cat's win was voided and which cat substituted.

c. When a final takes place after the close of advertised show hours, if a cat chosen for the final is no longer present in the show hall, the judge will hang its award on an empty cage.

~~In no case will a judge hang an award on an empty cage.~~

13.03 All benched entries with the exception of kittens, Veterans and Household Pets, must remain in the show hall until the advertised closing hour. Failure to be present may cause all awards won in that show by that entry to be voided with the following exceptions:

a. Any entry absent from rings judged after the advertised closing time of the final day of the show shall retain awards previously won but shall not be eligible for any awards made after their removal provided the show manager is noticed of the entry's absence.

b. Entries chosen for a final that is posted after advertised show hours are eligible to retain the points for that final, even if they have left the show hall.

~~b. c.~~ Household Pets may be removed at an earlier hour than the closing of the show as determined by the show manager.

RATIONALE: Exhibitors should not be penalized, forced to be present, or forfeit wins or potential finals when finals continue past the advertised ending time as printed on the show flyer, which is outlined in rule 5.01.g. Often exhibitors and judges alike have travel schedules that cannot be altered. At the very least this amendment will make show management, judges and exhibitors more focused on time constraints when planning and producing shows, and will allow exhibitors the choice of leaving the show, if finals continue past closing time, without penalty. If the club knows they are having a trainee at their show, then they can write the advertised show hours for exhibitors as needed. Clubs also have the option of having spectator show hours and exhibitor show hours advertised on their flyers. This is a part of the club's job in providing good customer service.

Newkirk: Lorna, I think the next one is yours also. **Lorna Friemoth (Almost Heaven Cat Club):** It is. #14 – this proposed show rule resolution would allow cats who have left the show hall after posted show hours to retain awards from finals after the advertised show hours. The changes are that an entry must be present for class judging. When an entry has been removed from the show hall during advertised show hours, it is ineligible for a finals award. When a final takes place after the close of advertised show hours, if a cat chosen for the final is no longer present in the show hall, the judge will hang its award on an empty cage. Entries chosen for a final that is posted after advertised show hours are eligible to retain the points for that final, even if they have left the show hall. According to Show Rule 5.01.g., flyers are to list the hour judging will begin and the advertised hour of closing. So, simply stating “until finals have completed” is not an hour of closing. Often, exhibitors and the judges alike have travel schedules that cannot be altered. At the very least, this amendment will make show management, judges and exhibitors more focused on time constraints when planning and producing shows, and will allow exhibitors the choice of leaving the show if the finals continue past the closing time without penalty. If the club knows they are having a trainee at their show, they can then write the advertised show hours for exhibitors extended as needed. Clubs also have the option of having spectator show hours and exhibitor show hours advertised on their show flyers. This is just part of the club's job in providing good customer service. **Newkirk:** Thank you.

Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers): I am very much in favor of this. Anybody who has ever had a cat in a final knows that the judge can change the order of the final once the cats are present. Knowing this – I don't know about the rest of you, but if this passes, I'm still not leaving the hall before the last final for my cats because I don't want the judge moving my cat to the bottom just because I'm not there. So, I think we're still going to see a lot of people still hanging around in the show hall to make sure the judges see them there. But seriously, we should pass this if only because it will inspire judges who don't want to hang on empty cages to finish before the closing and will inspire clubs to set appropriate closing hours for exhibitors and to keep the show moving along. If a judge does not want to face the absolute horror of hanging a rosette on an empty cage at 7:30 at night, then get done on time. It's that easy. If a judge can be done early for an early flight on Sunday – sometimes they're out of there at 3:00. They've got to be out and we're all told, “we've got to get the judge out of here,” then perhaps the exhibitors deserve the same treatment. We just don't want to be in the show hall at 7:30 or 8:00 at night waiting on a slow ring. **Newkirk:** Thank you **Mary K. Monte Phillips (Cat'n on the Fox):** I hate to say this, but this rule is easy to get around. I know exactly what our next show flyer would look like. *Advertised show hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.* **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East):** I am agreeing with Monte. I look at this as just being a disaster. I understand the idea. I'm one of those exhibitors who will get on an airplane

and sometimes you can't get a flight that's real late in the evening to get out of the show hall, so you kind of can bite your teeth. But, there's all sorts of problems. As Monte said, the clubs are going to do the same thing they do with other rules of this kind of nature. All they're going to do is make advertised show hours a lot later on the flyers, and what's that going to do? Well, you have other show rules that say you lose points if you leave the show before advertised show hours. What if you're not potentially going to be in the final? You made a final in another ring that's already done. This puts a lot of other problems on exhibitors that are almost guaranteed to happen because clubs are going to put their advertised show hour up. What happens, look at a back-to-back 12 ring show. A lot of times you have collision with the judges when they finish judging their championship class or whatever, so what do they do? They say they are going to put their finals on later. What you wind up doing, you have four finals at the end of the day. When are those finals? After show hours, almost guaranteed the way it is right now, because most of the show hours are published to 4, so what are the clubs going to do? Push the show hours out later so the exhibitors are not going to leave the show hall. It just makes matters worse. It doesn't solve the problem. **Alene M. Shafnisky (Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l):** I kind of can also make the opposite argument Monte did, but both of them against this because now are we going to start to have some mission creep where we have our advertised hours from 9 to 2, and then that way our exhibitors can all scoot out as soon as they want to? Once we start this, where does it end? Is it going to get more and more – I trust our judges. Our judges for the most part all finish on time. They are responsible, they do their flights, and exhibitors know how long shows take. So, if you book travel that doesn't work for you to stay to the end of the show, that's on you. The other thing is, I've experienced this hanging ribbons on no cage. I know everybody is going to argue that spectators don't stay. The fact of the matter is, there's always spectators walking around while you're tearing down the show hall, right? I'm watching finals where there's tons of spectators looking at the cages and there's 2 cats and 10 rosettes. That doesn't promote our hobby. That doesn't promote our breeds. It doesn't promote our brand. **Mary Auth (Pfanciers United For Fun, Inc.):** I'm going to address this from the standpoint of a judge. I have a couple of problems with it, but largely I think this rule is trying to be written to cater to the campaigners who are the ones most likely to have come in on an airplane. I think it's unfair and almost insulting to all of those people who choose to wait until the very end to leave. It doesn't give the judge an opportunity to say anything about the cat, and then also the rule, as it's written, it says, *The judge will hang its award on an empty cage*. I think I would like to have the option that I can choose to put it on an empty cage or handle it the way it is now or we can mark that cat absent and move everybody up. But, I think from the perspective of a judge, I really find this kind of insulting. If you entered the show and you can't get out, that's kind of on you, plus shows aren't as big as they used to be. A judge surely can get done. I know some don't, but you've just got to get done. That's part of your job as hired help is to get done in the time allotted. Thank you. **Loretta Baugh (CanUsa Cat Club):** I am going to speak as both an exhibitor and a judge, because I campaigned for two years previously. With proper training and proper experience, there is no reason why a judge can't finish on time. I think this may help be an incentive for them to do that. As an exhibitor, I don't leave until the last final is over, and I usually drive. Many times I'm sitting there waiting for a driving judge. It's not necessarily an airline connection. I think the opportunity to be able to do that, I do not think it would be abused. I think that most of the people want to have people there when the judges are hanging their ribbons. I sat at a National Capital show one time showing a kitten. At 7:30 at night, there was no one in the show hall and the judge said, "this is National Capital, I have to take every one out."

We just wanted out of there. I think this will allow for some common sense. I'm definitely supporting it, thank you. **Vanadis Crawford (Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers, Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers):** I think we really need to look at this as, there are several shades of gray here. Yes, I think any rule can be worked around, any rule can be abused. Yes, one of my first thoughts was, OK, you know, show flyers are going to say, "OK, our show hours run until midnight." Well, nobody is going to enter a show if they're starting to see that sort of behavior. I mean, we have to think that our exhibitors and our club members and our judges are going to be trying to do the right thing. I am very much in support of this rule because, the thing is, there are times when stuff happens. This is not meant to be something that is a general rule that everybody is going to be hanging on 8, 9, 10 empty cages. The example that I would like to bring forward was the Knoxville show this past show season. Due to an excessive amount of rain, we had flooding. I was going to the building and rain pouring into the building where they had to physically move rings, and they ended up having to delay judging by several hours. We were sitting in that show hall for several hours past the advertised show hours. Obviously because of COVID there were no exhibitors to even be worried about, but there were a lot of people that, they may not have necessarily had flights, but they had very, very long drives, had to work early on Monday morning, and they ended up sometimes possibly even dragging in where they didn't even see their bed before having to go to work. It would be doing our exhibitors a service to say, "look, these are our show hours, we've gone beyond for whatever reason." I do believe that putting this in place for some of our judges that may not be as cognizant on time to maybe force them to be more cognizant on their judging timing and scheduling, but especially when you just have situations that are beyond the control of anyone to say, "look, we understand. Do it and move on, and we're not breaking any rules. **Victoria Nye (International Somali Cat Club, Sunkat Feline Fanciers):** I like this concept. However, I can't support this as it's written. 11.26(c) where it says "will hang an award," I would prefer that say "may." There are a number of judges that write their finals on another sheet and do not rank those cats until they come up into the ring. I don't want them to not be able to have the opportunity to look and compare cats back and forth. Most of the shows I judge are six ring shows, and you cannot get cats for a second look or anything else during the day. To impede another ring is really impossible nowadays to call the cats up out of order. Additionally, with a 6 ring show, we typically have 3 or 4 allbreed finals at the end of the day and you are banging up against all the other judges with you finals numbers. Often times, late finishes are – even if a judge does move at the speed of light, are beyond their control because of show scheduling, late starts, cats not getting to the ring, PA systems that don't work great. So, I would actually prefer if this said "may hang its award on an empty cage." I've had instances where I've had exhibitors come up to my clerk and say, "the weather is deteriorating where I live, I would like to get on an earlier flight. I don't know if the judge is using my cat." I don't mind if somebody asks if I can hang a cat out of order. I will do so, but that's at my option. I don't want to feel obligated to have empty cages if I'm the last allbreed ring to my final in a day and everybody is taking off because they want to get on the road. **Newkirk:** Thank you Vicki. Can everybody sort of shorten up their comments a little bit? We want to get through all these resolutions today. **Laurie Coughlin (Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers):** First, I need to acknowledge that things happen. Stuff happens, but a lot of the reasons the shows run late are things within management but we're not doing it and we haven't done it for many years. Shows need to start on time, the schedules need to be properly written, the show manager needs to manage and the judges deserve the respect of being told what the expectation is, when they are supposed to finish and maybe be reminded that they are falling a

little behind schedule. All that said, it is incredibly disrespectful to our exhibitors when you have a show of 140 cats that runs until 7:30 at night. The last four shows I've been to, three of them I was in the show hall until after 7 and it has only been one judge holding everyone up. This is not fair to the exhibitor. I am not a flyer, I drive, so it's not me the evil campaigner trying to do things my way. It's just not fair that you should have to spend another night in a hotel, you should have to arrive home at 3 in the morning and go to work the next day, etc. We need to show respect for our exhibitors' time, and since nothing else seems to have worked I totally support this as the next step. **Jennifer Herr (Rebel Rousers Cat Club):** As an exhibitor, I agree with Vicki that it should not be "will." I think it should be "may" and the judge should have an opportunity to change the cats that are in her final. I think that when I present my cat to a final, he should be in as good condition as I presented him for class judging because they should take a second look at them when they rank their cats. Thank you very much. **Cristiano Marcone (44 Gatti):** Personally as an exhibitor, I missed a flight from China to Europe to stay until the last award was handed in Chengdu, so I know what it means. The show stretched 3 or 4 hours longer than advertised on the flyer, but that was worth it when I did that. As a show organizing club, we appreciate exhibitors staying inside the show hall here until the advertised show time, but after the advertised show time, you just stretch 30 minutes, just make sure you advertise show hours but you make sure the show ends within the advertised hour. So, we are supporting this. I understand as an exhibitor sometimes something messes up in the show. Show managers need to manage [inaudible] after the advertised time if you advertise show hours properly, exhibitors could leave. If some could stay, it would be respectful for the judge to stay and they are experienced enough to know they should stay, even if the show hours are over, but if there is a need to leave, I understand and they should be allowed to decide. That's why I'm supporting. Actually it's not an exhibitor leaves the show hall. Exhibitors decide on their own if they want to stay or they can afford to stay longer than advertised show hours. They just don't simply [inaudible] show hours. That's why I'm supporting. **Loretta Baugh (CanUsa Cat Club):** Two quick comments. I think we need to encourage our judges to be willing to let cats out of the ring for a final. There are a number of judges on our panel that will not release a cat until they are done. The other comment I wanted to make is scheduling. I don't know how many clubs schedule the exact same schedule show after show and don't look at the number of entries of each category. That, I think, is a real problem because you end up going to a show and you have two finals in the morning and the other four of them are in the evening. I think spreading finals out would help, as well. **Jacqui Bennett (Ocicats International, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers):** As a show manager, as an exhibitor and as a judge, I agree with the sentiment behind this but I have one word in this proposal which I cannot support, and that is the word "will." I would be happy as a judge to have the option of hanging on an empty cage – "may" hang on an empty cage – but sometimes I have 15 cats that would easily fit in that top 10. If I have an opportunity – [unidentified speaker] That's not fair. **Jacqui Bennett (Ocicats International, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers):** Excuse me? **Perkins:** I'm going to rule that comment out of order. If there is anyone that needs to mute themselves when they are not recognized, please do so. **Newkirk:** Everybody should be muted except the speaker. **Jacqui Bennett (Ocicats International, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers):** Once again, as a judge often I have more cats written down for a final than I have spaces in that final. I may be deciding by a single hair which one is my 10th or 11th. I may choose to maintain that or I may choose to bring another cat, but don't force that decision on me. Make it the judge's discretion. That's the one word, and I'm sorry if you don't consider it fair. Thank you. **Newkirk:** So if you've spoken and you're not wanting to speak

again, please lower your hands. The last five speakers still have their hands up. **Sue A. Robbins (Delaware River Cats Club):** One of the things that I think, you know, can help move things along is, exhibitors getting to the ring at the time of their call. I mean, we all know that there are exhibitors who wait until the third and a half or fourth call before they get up there with their cats. So, you know, it's multiple reasons why it runs late. Some are foreseeable, some are not. Much of them are human intervention, so I think if we are all more cognizant and get our cats up to the ring, judges judge in a reasonable amount of time, clerks move the rings along, everybody goes home a little happier. If there is an act of God like a flood, well then, sometimes you just have to tough it out. **Vanadis Crawford (Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers, Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers):** I just want to address the issue that keeps coming up of "may" versus "will" and I would like to reflect it back on comments regarding, OK, we've got bad behavior of certain clubs if they're now going to say that show hours are very late. Not that I am saying anything disrespectful to any of our judging panel, but we all know also perception is reality. If we don't make it a restrictive "will" then if a judge can say willy nilly, "OK, in this case I'm going to use a cat and hang on empty" or "no, this time I'm going to decide to bring somebody else up," what is the perception going to be from the exhibitors that, "oh, this cat is owned by a friend of this judge, and this judge is making this decision because of this cat being known, this cat being a friend, this cat being whatever," so I tend to be very supportive of the "will" versus "may".

Steve McCullough (Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers, Wichita Cat Fancy, Inc.): Mr. Chairman, I would like to call the question. **Newkirk:** Let's let Lorna make a closing comment. **Lorna Friemoth (Almost Heaven Cat Club):** Thank you. Listening to all these comments, it's not just campaigners that fly. Many exhibitors do not have local shows, especially our west coast friends, and those other areas that don't have shows right now, so I take offense to that. Also, if a judge had a cat that was absent from their final, there's nothing preventing you from making the absent cat 10th best cat. That's all. **Newkirk:** Thank you. Voting is now open on #14.

Newkirk: We're going to close the voting on Amendment #14. This will end debate on #15 and we will open the voting for #15. **Anger:** Shall I announce #14? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Anger:** Proposal #14 regarding hanging rosettes on an empty cage received 116 positive votes. That did not achieve the 50% required to pass a show rule resolution. **Newkirk:** OK, thank you.

Motion Failed.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 14	116	153	1	270

– 15 – *Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers, Champagne Cat Club, Cleveland Persian Society, Illini Cat Club, Jazz Kats, Oakway Cat Fanciers, Southeastern Michigan Cat Fanciers, Sternwheel Cat Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 11.11, fourth paragraph, as follows, effective June 21, 2021:

11.11 ...

All Adult whole males or neuters, including Household Pets and kittens, must not be placed in adjoining cages at any time. For the purposes of this rule, two corner cages at a 90 degree or greater

angle to each other are considered to be adjoining cages. When benching cats or kittens in the judging ring, clerks will, where possible, attempt to accommodate reasonable requests made by exhibitors.

RATIONALE: The kitten class is defined to include those who are 4-7 months of age. That would mean that some may be just a day short of the 8 month time frame to go into the adult class. Many of our shorthaired breeds mature much before that 8 month mark and sometimes take issue with another male being in close proximity. Although the current rule allows for accommodation, this means that each clerk would need to be approached to request such an accommodation. This takes time for the clerk to record and effectuate. Chief ring clerks are already used to the requirement for other classes, so it should not be a major effort to do the same for kittens.

Newkirk: We will move on to #15. That's Anthony Wayne. I think that's Barb Schreck.

Barbara Schreck (Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers, Russian Blue Fanciers): Yes, it's me. I think it's a pretty simple amendment to the show rules, just simply saying no boys next to each other. I would just add, in addition to what's already there for your review, the current situation. Because of COVID and the few shows that are local, you have to get on a plane, etc., etc., there are some kittens – and I happen to have two – who will not behave in the show hall until they are six months old. Normally we would get a kitten out as soon as they are four months old, get them acclimated to the situation so they are more used to it, they are a little more pliable, but when you have a 6 or maybe 7 or I don't know what everybody else has – an older kitten – I think this particular proposal to have no males next to each other no matter how old they are is more important today than otherwise.

Laurie Coughlin (Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers): As a very frequent exhibitor and sometime master clerk and clerk, I would say it's much easier to deal with this issue by dropping a little yellow stickie Post It note with the clerk in the ring if you have an issue. I have never had any blowback from a clerk if I ask somebody to space around my cat. As a clerk, if you tell me that I have to space all the males out even in the kitten class, you're adding probably 20 minutes to my day. I don't think this is practical when there's another way to handle it. Thank you.

Debbie Allgire (Black Tie and Tails Cat Club, Touch of Class Cat Fanciers): I am in favor of males and females being separated. I have seen this as a clerk and as an exhibitor, that you need to have the kittens separated. As they get older, they don't know when they are 7 or 8 months old, they just know they're going to blow if there's a boy next to them or a girl going into her first heat.

Newkirk: I think if we institute the fines we used to do when you didn't do your name and club, we would put an end to this.

Vivian Baylor (Nat'l Alliance of Burmese Breeders, Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc.): Laurie basically took the words out of my mouth. I had both the issues that she had in terms of being a clerk and we were just discussing how much time we're taking to show cats, and here we're talking about adding another 20-30 minutes, depending on how many kittens there are. I think it's something that can be handled very easily, as Laurie mentioned, by little stickie notes to the clerk saying, "this cat can't be next to that cat." We do that now with the other classes and I think the number of kittens that I've ever had to move while clerking is one, maybe two. I mean, it's just not really a major issue, as far as I can tell.

George Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers, West Shore Shorthair Club): I support this. I understand the clerks that say, "you can ask for extra spaces around your cat." I'm not worried about my cat. I don't bring cats in heat to show halls and I don't bring boys that spray into show halls, but other people do and I have been the victim of them on more than a few occasions. If you've got a girl, and the boy in the next cage is feeling his Cheerio's and starts spraying, you don't know it's going to happen until it happens. Males approaching 7-8 months of age can be feeling mature enough that they become a problem. This is a very small precaution to

take, rather than waiting until after the fact and telling the next clerk, “oh, that cat sprayed my cat in the last ring.” I think we should pass this. **Bradley Newcomb (Triple Crown Cat Fanciers):** Just to reiterate, we were earlier not too long ago talking about how long the shows take currently. You get into a show – say, Cotton States, for example – where you will get nearly 100 kittens. If you have to start separating those kittens, males and females, you’re going to add at least 20-30 minutes extra onto what you already have. I understand that yes, it can be a problem with certain breeds. Shorthairs are a little more predominant than longhairs. It’s not going to separate boys and girls, so to George’s point about a boy feeling his oats next to a girl maybe starting to come into heat is not going to make a difference. It’s still going to exist even if you separate them out. But, and I agree with what Laurie said. It’s as simple as giving me a note. I’ve been a clerk for a long time. Everyone knows, if you come and ask me to do something for you, I’m going to do everything I can to make sure that happens. It’s that simple, but it does interrupt the flow, especially when you get into kittens and it will add time to the show and length that it takes to complete. There is no way around that. Anyone that has ever been behind that table as a clerk knows what I am talking about firsthand. Thank you. **Michael Jacobi (Maine Coon Cat Club):** I want to agree with other people with the speeding up the rings. I am a very experienced clerk many times. The only time I have been able to make up time and be able to get a judge done by the advertised show hours is by being able to really speed through the kittens, not having to worry about separating the males. It makes the flow that much better. Thank you. **Joan Fradenburgh (Superstition Cat Fanciers):** Just would like to make a point. When we’re talking about increasing the time by 20-30 minutes, that is in each ring. That’s not a total 20-30 minute time. You’ve got 6 rings, you could be adding 2 or 3 hours to your time. As with other clerks, what they’ve said, a note to the clerk saying, “please don’t put my cat next to this other cat” is sufficient. I have clerked a lot of shows and I get notes like that maybe 3, 4, 5 times in a show and very few of them are for kittens. If somebody in kitten class says, “I don’t want my kitten next to another kitten,” I will make sure that happens. **Bradley Newcomb (Triple Crown Cat Fanciers):** I did just want to make one more point. We come down to the same thing. It’s up to the owner to know their animal, whether their animal will or will not, or is going to or not going to behave in that fashion. Anybody that shows an animal knows their animal better than anyone else.

Newkirk: Barb, would you like to close out the debate? **Barbara Schreck (Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers, Russian Blue Fanciers):** I just want to say that passing a note is fine but it doesn’t prevent the initial problem. It doesn’t always show up or you don’t always know that it’s going to happen. The reason this was proposed is because whatever it was we showed last, I had a Russian Blue kitten male next to an Oriental Shorthair male. They were fine in class. They went to the final and were positioned in exactly the same place, then somebody said something about somebody’s mother or heritage. It was a real problem trying to get those cats separated because there were cages on all sides. So, I do take issue with the fact that you know your cat. You never know what goes on in their minds and you never can predict. So, this is a preventative measure and the clerks are always quite good when you pass them a note, but you may not know to pass them a note until it’s too late. **Newkirk:** OK, thank you Barb.

Newkirk: Allene, will you close the vote on #15? Rachel, will you announce the vote on #15? **Anger:** Yes. The vote on Proposal #15 regarding male cage spacing was 74 yes votes, which did not achieve the 50% required for a show rule. **Newkirk:** OK, thank you.

Motion Failed.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 15	76	188	3	267

– 16 – The Bengal Alliance, Almost Heaven Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 11.28 and 11.29 to add additional Championship and Premiership finals spots once a threshold of entries has been reached, as follows:

- 11.28** In Allbreed rings the Championship finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 85, for Championship entries of 85 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Champion, Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Longhair Champion, and Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Shorthair Champion for opens/champion entries less than 40. Best through Fifth Best Champion, Best through Fifth Best Longhair Champion, and Best through Fifth Best Shorthair Champion for opens/champion entries of 40 or more. Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 75, for kitten entries of 75 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten. Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 50, for Premiership entries of 50 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best and 2nd Best Premier, Best and 2nd Best Longhair Premier, Best and 2nd Best Shorthair Premier for open/premier entries less than 15. Best, 2nd, and 3rd Best Premier, Best, 2nd, and 3rd Best Longhair Premier, Best, 2nd, and 3rd Best Shorthair Premier for open/premier entries of 15 or more. Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management.
- 11.29** a. In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings the Championship finals will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 85, for Championship entries of 85 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Champion for opens/champion entries less than 40. Best through Fifth Best Champion, Best through Fifth Best Longhair Champion, and Best through Fifth Best Shorthair Champion for opens/champion entries of 40 or more. Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 75, for kitten entries of 75 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten. Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 50, for Premiership entries of 50 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best and 2nd Best Premier for open/premier entries less than 15. Best, 2nd, and 3rd Best Premier, Best, 2nd, and 3rd Best Longhair Premier, Best 2nd, and 3rd Best Shorthair Premier for open/premier entries of 15 or more. Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management. b. In Breed/Division specialty rings the Championship finals will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best and 2nd Best Champion; the Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten; the Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best and 2nd Best Premier. Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management. For the purpose of determining the counts listed in a. and b., AOV, Novice, Provisional, Miscellaneous and Veteran class entries will not be counted.

RATIONALE: We would like to see shows be more lucrative for quality cats that attend them. Awarding additional placements when the count warrants it is a value-added opportunity for deserving cats to earn grand points.

Central Office Note: *The minimum estimated cost to implement the additional final placements for champions is in the range of \$11,000-\$14,000. The implementation is similar to resolution #13. The scoring software, the software to score the International Cat Show (currently the additional placements are for breed, not necessarily champion) and the entry clerk software (to produce the additional placement lines in judge's books and the catalog) will need to be modified. Printed show forms (master clerk and judge forms) will need to be modified and printed (minimal cost).*

Newkirk: Lorna, you're up with #16. **Lorna Friemoth (Almost Heaven Cat Club):** This proposed show rule resolution would add additional championship and premiership final spots once a threshold of entries has been reached. Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best longhair champion, Best, 2nd and 3rd Best shorthair champion for entries less than 40; Best through 5th Best champion, Best through 5th Best longhair champion and Best through 5th Best shorthair champion for open/champion entries of 40 or more. In premiership, Best and 2nd Best premier, Best and 2nd Best longhair premier, Best and 2nd Best shorthair premier for open/premier entries less than 15, would change to Best, 2nd and 3rd Best premier, Best, 2nd and 3rd Best longhair premier, Best, 2nd and 3rd Best shorthair premier for open/premier entries of 15 or more. We would like to see shows be more lucrative for quality cats that attend them, award additional placements when the count warrants it as a value-added opportunity for deserving cats to earn grand points.

Sue A. Robbins (Delaware River Cats Club): I like the substance or the intention of this rule. However, I think that there need to be some substantive changes with the numbers. To automatically add two additional placements in championship over 40, I think the 40 and below is fine. I would like to see the 4th and the 5th additional awards in incremental placements. For example, if there were 40 to under 55 a 4th and 55 and over a 5th incremental. With the added awards for premiership, I think the threshold is too low. I think it should be 20. Otherwise, I really like the proposal. **Alene M. Shafnisky (Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l):** I will tell you that if you are trying to grand a longhair cat, you will support this. This is a great idea. It has been a long time coming and I think it's going to encourage more people to get out and keep their cats out, especially coming off the pandemic when everybody has been at home. Everyone has got champions and premiers right now. Let's reward them for coming on out. **Sherilyn S. Shaffer (Tonkinese Breed Association):** I am in support of this because, while I have taken a break from showing the past couple of years, I have come back out recently. What I have noticed in shows is the extreme high quality that is out there in premiers and champions themselves and how few spots there are in the finals and how great cats struggle to get granded, just because there are so few spots available to them. It's not so much for me, but I'm thinking of new people that are showing or wanting to bring in new exhibitors, new breeders, and especially for those of us in the breeds that aren't the more established. I know how hard it is to get in that final, and when we do it's very exciting, but there is just such great quality of cats now trying to get granded. I know for me I get frustrated and I really don't want to take 8 months to grand a cat, so I will leave them at home. I'm just thinking for the organization as a whole to get more entries, to encourage more new people and to get new breeders who want to come in and be a part of CFA, I just think this is a great proposal and something that has been needed for a long time. **Bradley Newcomb (Triple Crown Cat Fanciers):** Lorna told me to wait until this one came up. Lorna, I will support it 100%. I agree, it's needed. It has been a long time coming, especially since this COVID situation has impacted the entire world. Just to give an example, Triple Crown Cat

Fanciers, which is my club coming up in July, we have 80 champions and opens in that show. So, I think people need to be rewarded. There are a lot of quality cats out there but we are going to limit those to maybe six cats – 3 longs and 3 shorts – because along with those 80 champions and opens, you’ve also got quite a few grands. So, you are limiting the spots. People aren’t feeling the reward and right now is when we really need to show our support and show that reward. I do understand somewhat what Sue was saying. I’m not completely sold on just jumping straight to 5th. I think maybe tiered might get more support. We’ll see what it gets and maybe think about looking at tiered, maybe going to anything over 50 or 55 before you go to your 5th, but I would support this the way it stands. **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East):** I just have a real problem with this. Maybe I have been around too long, but it used to be a grand was a real important thing and all we’re doing all the time is lessening the value of it. First of all, a lot of shows get 40 champions, so you are going to be going from 3 to 5 for a very high number of shows. That’s going to make a lot more people getting grands easier. People might hate me saying that, but for what it is. First of all, I don’t understand why the proposition immediately went just from 3 to 5. I might even be more supportive if it went from 3 to 4, but it just went from 3 to 5 and the 40 threshold to me is fairly low when you already have a lot of shows that get 40 champions. I just think it doesn’t help CFA. All we do is lessen the importance of these awards and history has shown that most of the time this doesn’t help things, it just hurts. **Pete Deal (Pawprints In The Sand):** We support this motion. I think that possibly it could be argued that the numbers should be a little bit more or a little bit less, but this is the motion that we’re voting on. Especially this year and also previous years, when you look at the numbers of opens and champions, and opens and premiers that are showing, at some point it’s like why do you bother to continue to show when you don’t really have a chance when you’re trying to get one out of three spots out of 80 cats coming up like in Lexington. So, I would urge everybody to support this motion as written, and then if we need to modify it again in future years, we modify it. **Michael Jacobi (Maine Coon Cat Club):** I want to follow up a little bit on what Clinton was talking about, because I know in past years we have as an organization occasionally increased the number of points needed for grand champion and grand premier. As we start with this one, the one we’re talking about with additional placements in breed and one coming up, we’re adding a lot more opportunities to get grand points. Maybe we should also be looking at a possibility of increasing the number of points needed to actually achieve the grand title with these kind of changes. **Nancy Petersen (Long And Short of it Cat Club, Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers):** This problem is kind of a recent problem. In years past, I mean, it was very common to have that many champions in a show. Our entries, we always filled, you know? Nowadays, we don’t get those kinds of entries. I don’t see why we’re giving away so many more grand points and making it cheaper.

Newkirk: Lorna, would you like to wrap this up please? **Lorna Friemoth (Almost Heaven Cat Club):** Sure. For anybody that’s saying anything about cheapening wins, you probably haven’t been into a show hall recently. The quality of cats that are being shown currently is far superior than any cats I have seen in a long time. I think that granding cats is harder now than ever and we should really support this proposal. Thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you. That ends debate on #16.

Newkirk: Allene, will you open the vote on #16? **Tartaglia:** It’s open. **Newkirk:** OK, #16 is open for everybody to vote.

Newkirk: Allene, will you close voting on #16 and Rachel, will you announce #16's vote? **Anger:** Proposal #16 regarding additional champion and premier spots received 126 yes votes. That does not meet the 50% requirement to pass. **Newkirk:** OK, thank you.

Motion Failed.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 16	127	144	2	273

– 17 – Classy Cats Society, Rome Cat Forum

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 27.03.a. and 28.01 to allow cats to earn the Grand Champion/Grand Premier titles based on grand points earned and not qualifying rings. In addition, it decreases the number of different judges needed for Champion/Premier confirmation, as follows:

- 27.03** a. Six (6) Qualifying Rings earned under at least two (2) ~~four (4)~~ different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii, Mexico, Central America, South America, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and the Maritime Provinces of Canada (New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island) four (4) Qualifying Rings earned under at least two (2) ~~three (3)~~ different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. For cats residing and competing in Russia (east of the Ural Mountains), Malta, and Asia (except China, Japan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, and Malaysia) four (4) Qualifying Rings earned under at least two (2) different judges are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation. Qualifying rings are not required for champion or premier if a cat reaches the point requirements for the grand champion or grand premier title for the area in which the show is held.
- 28.01** Grand points for a cat that has completed requirements for Championship or Premiership will not be posted to a cat's record until the Central Office has received a Championship Claim form, appropriate fees, and confirmed that championship or premiership requirements have been met. In the case of cats that earned points with a temporary registration number, those points also will not be posted to a cat's record until the cat has received a permanent registration number. The following applies to a cat that has earned all of the required qualifying rings for its champion or premier title, or has qualified for the total number of points required to grand in its area of residence, but no claim form (champion/premier) has been received in Central Office:

RATIONALE: This is a show rule change that the CFA Board passed for the 2020-2021 show season. It allows cats to transfer to Grand Champion/Grand Premier when they have reached 200/75 points and submitted a championship claim form, even if they have not reached 6 qualifying rings. It has been in place for multiple shows now and proven to be popular. This proposal would make the change permanent.

Newkirk: We will move on to #17. That's Rome Cat Forum. **Leslie Ann Carr (Rome Cat Forum):** This is a change that actually is in effect for now. It was voted in by the board for last show season and again for this current show season. There's two things that it does. The first is something that benefits other areas than Regions 1-7 mostly by decreasing the number of different judges needed for qualifying rings for either a champion or premier down to two in all areas of the world. The thing that it does in addition that is the most important to me is that it basically states that if a cat has reached the number of grand points for its area – which in Regions 1-9 would be 200 grand champion or 75 grand premier – and less than the number of

qualifying rings for that area – again, 6 qualifying rings in Regions 1-7 – it can claim the title of grand champion/grand premier and on the second day of the show compete as such. It would have to continue paying the fee that is required for a championship claim or premiership claim. This has no additional cost to implement. It has many advantages in an 8 ring or 10 ring show where you have 4 or 5 rings on the first day and the same number on the second day, the cat doesn't have to compete as a champion the second day if it had earned the 200 points on the first day. Any cat that's good enough to have earned those 200 points in either the 4 or 5 rings will most likely not be disqualified in additional rings coming up, which is all it requires to get its qualifying rings. So, I do ask that you vote yes for this, to make this a permanent change.

Newkirk: Any debate? **Laurie Coughlin (Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers):** Although I appreciate the sentiment of this, I find it hard to justify reducing from 4 to 2 different judges, because in my area you could do that in two weekends with just two friends – not that I'm implying anything about the judging corps, but I think it needs more than two people to certify your cat is good enough to qualify for the next step. **Newkirk:** Anyone else? **Leslie Ann Carr (Rome Cat Forum):** May I respond? **Newkirk:** Yes, you can. You can close it out, please. **Leslie Ann Carr (Rome Cat Forum):** No, can I respond to that first, Darrell? **Newkirk:** Hold on, I've got a couple more hands up. **Pam DeLaBar (Chatte Noir Club, Sophisto Cat Club):** This idea originated here in Finland. It worked very well for the portion of the show season that we had. It is currently in effect for this show season. I think it's a great idea and I'm glad Leslie presented it to become a permanent part of the show rules. Thank you. **Bradley Newcomb (Triple Crown Cat Fanciers):** I just wanted to say, and I want to use some numbers here real quick. I understand what Laurie was talking about with two judges or three judges. I understand getting winners ribbons, but in terms of grands, when you look – and I'll use Triple Crown coming up where you have 80 open/champions, you have to be one of the top 3 allbreeds in at least three rings to grand, so you're still going to get your evaluation by more than two judges to achieve that grand, so I don't think it's going to have the impact that we're thinking it's going to have, but I believe it is a step in the right direction. We've already eliminated winners ribbons, which kind of took the whole purpose of the winners ribbon out of the way when we did that, so I think we're still going to be able to achieve it. I think it's going to help us move forward with the amendment that was just passed with increasing the number of champions to help, like Lorna said, the quality of cats walking in the show hall now far exceeds anything we have seen for a very long time. I think we need to recognize that and make our rules based on moving forward with the amount of quality that we have versus the amount of quality we may have had 40 or 50 years ago. **Ginger Meeker (Cleveland Persian Society):** I would like to know what this provision does to the revenue that CFA gets from the champion certification process. **Leslie Ann Carr (Rome Cat Forum):** It still requires the certification of the champion. You still have to pay the fee. **Ginger Meeker (Cleveland Persian Society):** Even with the 4 rings or the 2 rings or whatever. **Leslie Ann Carr (Rome Cat Forum):** All it does is, it says that yes, it does say that no matter how many rings, you have to pay. It basically says that to claim the grand you have to have the number of points and pay the fee. It doesn't give a number of rings anymore. **Jacqui Bennett (Ocicats International, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers):** I support this resolution for the reason that was mentioned by both Brad and by Leslie. If a cat has defeated 200 other cats and only earned 3 winners ribbons, the likelihood of it not getting the last 3 winners ribbons is nil. Then, by granding, it moves to grand champion thereby opening the door for other cats to earn that title, to earn those placements. You're not going to get a cat being placed as a best allbreed champion who is going to be disqualified by another judge. I can't imagine it happening. We

have a very talented Judging Program. I doubt you're going to have 98% of the judging program say, "oh my God, you granded that?" That's not going to happen. I think this is a good idea.

Monte Phillips (Cat'n on the Fox): I just want to make a point of clarification. This rule is currently in effect and will be in effect all the way to April 30, 2022. What you're voting on is to make it effective from May 1, 2022 on. As you read it, that's the current rule. **Kenny Curle (European Shorthair Club, Japan Singapura Cat Club):** I am fully supportive of this. It's an excellent idea. We've implemented it because of COVID and it's very, very popular. It certainly allows our superstars to be recognized.

Newkirk: Leslie, would you like to end debate here? Do your closing statement, I'm sorry. **Leslie Ann Carr (Rome Cat Forum):** Thank you. I would just like to comment on the comment that was made about the two judges. It does not change anything about claiming a champion or premier title. You would still need, in the cases of Regions 1-9, six qualifying rings to get that, so all it does is say that you would only need two judges to do that. However, if you've gone into other ones and been disqualified, that kind of ends your run at a champion or premier title. It doesn't change that whatsoever. The two judges that will help areas such as the International Division where there may only be two judges available. Pam can tell you all the ones in Europe that are also affected by only having a few judges. It does not affect anything really in Regions 1-7 because if you put your cat in the ring at an 8 ring show, you can put it in all 4 rings. You can put them in the next day if you don't have your points. So, I don't feel that the two judges does anything to anybody in Regions 1-7. That's all. **Newkirk:** Thank you.

Newkirk: Debate is closed on #17. Allene, will you close voting on #16 and open voting on #17?

Newkirk: Rachel, if you will now announce the vote on #17. **Anger:** Proposal #17 regarding transfer to grand received 198 yes votes. That would pass by 2/3. **Newkirk:** OK, there you go.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 17	200	67	0	267

- 18 - Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Show 28.02a to rank all Champions and Premiers in top 10 or 15 finals in both their Allbreed and Specialty placements and to award points for the highest award earned in the ring, as follows:

28.02 A cat eligible for and shown in the Champion or Premier Class will compete for Grand Championship or Grand Premiership points in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty as follows:

a. Any Champion or Premier placing in the top ten (or fifteen, where applicable) finals awards may receive points towards Grand Championship or Grand Premiership. For each Champion/Premier in an Allbreed final, the cat will be ranked according to both its Allbreed

Champion/Premier placement and Specialty Champion/Premier placement. For each Champion/Premier in a Specialty final, the cat will be ranked according to its Specialty Champion/Premier placement. Champions/Premiers will earn points from the final according to the remainder of this rule and 28.03b, which will apply to both the Allbreed and Specialty Champion/Premier placements in an Allbreed final.

RATIONALE: The remainder of 28.02a describes the 10% decrement scoring. 28.03b states that a cat will receive points from only one award per ring, that with the most points.

Because of the pandemic and lack of shows, we had a backlog of cats trying to grand leading to large classes of champions and premiers when shows started to come back. Shows had many more champions than grands and the top 15 final placements in all the rings were heavy with champions. The same was true of the premiership class. When there are so many champions in the top 15 placements of the finals and because of our 10% decrement scoring, it is mathematically possible for the Allbreed champion placement to be worth fewer points than what the cat would have earned with its rank in Specialty, sometimes far less, or less even than with a purple ribbon in a large enough breed class. Our 10% decrement scoring system is very disadvantageous to large classes of champions that make top 10/15 allbreed finals.

In a class of 80 champions evenly split between LH & SH with a top 15 final made up of all champions, 11th best AB champion would receive 4 points for defeating 68 cats. This is huge reduction and an unfortunate side effect of using 10% decrements. If the cat is the 4th highest ranked SH champion, that would be worth 27 points. What value should this cat be awarded from this final?

If you ask many exhibitors, they will answer 27 points for the SH placement. We intuitively believe the cat should get the award with the highest value, and we intuitively extend the Specialty champion placements as well as the Allbreed placements in an Allbreed final. Central Office says 4 points from the AB placement, they do not recognize the extension of the specialty placements. Exhibitors and CO are both looking at rules 28.02 and 28.03 and applying them differently.

As with many rules, when there is an ambiguity it is possible to justify multiple interpretations of that rule. For some rules, we can go decades before a situation arises that hits on that ambiguity. 28.02a is ambiguous because the words allbreed and specialty do not appear anywhere in that rule, yet CO infers that 28.02a applies to only allbreed placements in allbreed finals while exhibitors infer that it applies to both allbreed and specialty placements.

According to Central Office, their interpretation is how these awards have always been scored. And while is true, it is not what exhibitors expect with how we intuitively interpret the rule. 28.02a is ambiguous, and as with any ambiguity, there are always multiple interpretations. Which interpretation is correct? The best interpretation is what the clubs and exhibitors of CFA want, and when that differs from what CO does in practice, we need to fix the ambiguity. Nobody is wrong and everybody is right, which means the board or the clubs need to correct the show rules. We are never bound by “but that’s how we have always done it.”

This proposal corrects the ambiguity by making the shows rules say what many exhibitors already believe to be true. It does not create a whole bunch of easy points for cats to get, it does not require that we adjust the 200/75 point thresholds for the grand title. The cats that will benefit from this change will have earned the points by defeating many cats.

Will this change cheapen the grand title? No, unless you believe that specialty points are cheap points, in which case why do we have specialty finals. Cats in these finals have actually defeated many other cats.

In a class of 80, 11th best cat defeats 68 other cats and gets just 4 points! Awarding 27 points instead does not mean an unworthy cat is getting a bunch of unearned points. It defeated 68 other cats!

Will this cause a situation where a higher ranked cat AB-wise in the opposite specialty receives fewer points than a lower ranked cat AB-wise? That can already happen! In the example above where 11th best cat received 4 points for being 11th Best AB champion, the award falls under the exception in rule 28.02a that says 11th thru 15th champions get 5% of Best's award. They tie at 5% because we cannot decrement further. Let's say that 11th Best was in a breed class of at least 6 and gets the purple ribbon. That purple ribbon is worth at least 5 points which is more than the points from the higher ranked 11th thru 15th placement awards. And the show rules do award the Purple ribbon rather than the placement in the final (28.03). There are many combinations of counts that could produce the result of a lower ranked cat getting more points than a higher ranked cat because of a lopsided specialty count. This is another one of those unfortunate math side-effects of having 10% decrements. It can even happen in an SSP final for National/Regional points with lopsided specialty counts. If we want to ensure that no lower ranked cat ever gets more points than a higher ranked (AB-wise) cat, then we would have to get rid of the decrements entirely. The current scoring system makes no guarantees that the situation will not happen, it is unavoidable because of the decrements in our current scoring system.

Central Office Note: *This is essentially scoring an Allbreed ring for Specialty points and the minimum estimated cost to implement is in the range of \$9,000-\$13,000. An Allbreed ring will require additional scoring to determine Longhair and Shorthair placements and compared to the Allbreed placements to determine the highest point value for the Allbreed ring.*

Newkirk: Proposal #18. Mary K I believe that's you. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** #18. This came up this season. We can call this the pandemic anomaly. Because we've got these classes that have so many champions in them because we haven't had enough shows and we've got a backlog of champions. So, that's how this came up. I want everybody to think about something. In a class of 80 champions that's evenly split between longhair and shorthair, with a top 15 final made up of all champions, 11th best allbreed champion – not 11th best cat but 11th best allbreed champion – would receive 4 points for defeating 68 cats from that allbreed placement. If that cat is also the 4th highest ranked shorthair champion, that would be worth 27 points except that Central Office does not score the shorthair placements. Now, if you ask breeders, if you ask exhibitors how many points that cat should get, when we ask them this question to a person the instinctive reaction is, the cat gets 27 points. It gets the higher placement. We all intuitively believe that that is how it is supposed to work, but that is not how it works according to Central Office. When I read the show rules, I get an interpretation that supports my view; when they read the show rules they get an interpretation that supports their view. So, when we have this kind of a situation, we need to fix the show rule and that's what this does. It makes the show rule match what we all intuitively think this should be – that the cat would get the higher of the placement. In an allbreed final, we would rank the champions and the premiers. We would rank them according to both their allbreed placement and their specialty placement, and they would get the higher value. Because of how this is worded right now, a cat that makes an allbreed final and gets 4 points, that cat might actually get more points from the purple ribbon and the show rules allow that, but I just think that this is not how we intuitively expect the show rules to work. So, I hope that you can support making the show rules match what we all intuitively expect. **Newkirk:** Thank you Mary K.

Pete Deal (Pawprints In The Sand): When I went to the Cotton States show this past year, one of the things they were advertising is there were a lot of grand points available. When I left the Cotton States show I was happy. My cat had earned 76 points, or at least I thought, because in – the stuff that Mary just talked about, the difference between judging a shorthair or a longhair in a shorthair or longhair specialty versus judging the shorthair or longhair in the allbreed ring, it really doesn't make any sense. When I read the show rules, and I took this to the board a few months ago, when I read the show rules, when Mary read the show rules and when several of the regional directors that I spoke to read the show rules, they agreed that you should be awarded the higher score, based on the number of cats that you actually defeated, not a score of 4. Quite honestly, having beaten about 30 cats and getting 4 grand points, I wouldn't have wasted my money going to Cotton States, so I'm going to ask everybody to please support this motion. All this motion does is to put into words what the show rules I believe already require.

Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East): First of all, I am very much in support of this rule. The only thing I have a question about is, like a lot of show rules, they are presented as effective immediately. My understanding is it has to be stated in the show rule or the proposal. I don't think it is here. If this gets 2/3 passage, would the board approve to maybe make this effective immediately? Anyway, as it is now, this show rule wouldn't go into place before next year. Anyway, I'm all in favor of it. Thank you.

Newkirk: Anyone else?

Newkirk: OK Mary K. You would like the last word on this one?

Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers): Yes. While I would love for this to be effective immediately, I'm sure it requires some work on Central Office's part, so perhaps it should be effective – if the board so considers, if everybody supports this, perhaps the board can make it effective like October 1st or something like that. Or, you know what? I'll be happy with it being effective next show season – just let's make it effective.

Newkirk: Show rules take effect the first weekend in October, Mary K?

Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers): No, no.

Tartaglia: The first weekend in May they take effect.

Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers): They take effect in May.

Newkirk: They're approved by the board at the October meeting for the following May. That's what I'm saying, OK? You said the first of October. It would not be possible to do that because we don't meet until after that date. Just making that clarification, OK? So, debate on #18 is open. The voting on #17 is now closed. Allene, if you will open voting on 18.

Newkirk: Rachel, if you will announce the vote for #18.

Anger: Proposal #18 regarding calculating grand points received 240 yes votes. That achieved your 2/3 requirement.

Newkirk: Good going, Mary K.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 18	240	30	3	273

– 19 – *Lilac Point Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 28.03 to allow opens, champions and premiers to earn grand points from defeated grands with the Brown and Orange ribbons, as follows:

28.03 Breed and Division Points

a. Cats which receive the award of Best Champion/Premier in each of the Breeds/Divisions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 30.01) will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every Champion/Premier defeated within the Breed/Division in accordance with the method for calculating champions and premiers present described in 28.02a.

b. Opens, Champions and Premiers which receive the award Best of Breed/Division in each of the Breeds/Divisions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 30.01) will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every cat defeated (including grands) within the Breed/Division in accordance with the method for calculating cats present described in Article XXXVI Show Points Official Count.

c. Opens, Champions and Premiers which receive the award 2nd Best of Breed/Division in each of the Breeds/Divisions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 30.01) will receive 90% of the points of Best of Breed/Division within the Breed/Division in accordance with the method for calculating cats present described in Article XXXVI Show Points Official Count.

~~b.~~ d. In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring – that which carries the most points.

RATIONALE: If an open, champion or premier defeats a grand, why not earn a grand point from defeating that grand? This change would allow opens, champions and premiers that receive a brown or orange ribbon to earn one point from each cat defeated, including grands. At this time, we do not want to make this change for top 10/15 finals to include points for defeated grands. This resolution is intended to be a conservative step. We want to see the effect of this change before considering a change to points from finals since that might require adjusting the 200/75 point thresholds for the title.

This resolution was presented in 2019 and an argument against it was that it would require ring by ring scoring. That is not true. Ring by ring scoring means the point value of each award is determined per ring based on cats present in that ring only. This proposal does not attempt to implement that. For each award within a show (all ribbons and finals), the points for that award will still be calculated once per show based on the cats present in all the rings for that award just as it is now. Each cat will only get points from one award per ring, that which carries more points. So if a champion earns a Brown/Orange ribbon and the Purple ribbon but no final in a ring, it gets only the points from the higher award (presumably the Brown/Orange ribbon) in that ring. If the cat earns only the purple ribbon in another ring, it gets only the points from the purple ribbon in that ring. If the cat gets class ribbons and a final in some rings, it gets the highest pointed award from those rings. The values of the ribbons will be the same for all rings, but each cat's points will be determined by what awards it gets in each ring, just exactly as it is now. This will add two potential awards for champions & premiers in each ring – the brown and orange ribbons – and the point values for those awards will be determined once per show.

This change passed the delegation in 2019 with a large margin but since it was presented from the floor, it was advisory to the board. For reasons passing understanding, the board declined to implement it.

Central Office Note: *The cost to implement is minimal, \$1,000-\$1,500 for the program change and testing.*

Newkirk: Let's move on to #19. Mary K, that's also you. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** OK, #19. What is #19? #19 is the one that allows champions and premiers to earn grand points from the brown and orange ribbon when they defeat grands. So, we actually passed this at our last in-person annual and for reasons passing my understanding, the board did not implement it even though Central Office says it would be very cheap to implement. What this does is, if your open or champion or premier gets a brown or orange ribbon, you can get a point from defeating – if you get the brown ribbon, you get a point from defeating each grand; if you get the orange ribbon, you get 90% of the points of best champion. So, that's all this does.

Bradley Newcomb (Triple Crown Cat Fanciers): I would support this. I'm 100% in support of this. It's similar to the proposal that Lorna brought up earlier where she wanted to increase champions within class, with the exception, yeah, you're going to get a second champion in class that's going to get points. More than likely you may get a champion with a brown and a champion with an orange over grands, so in that case you're going to have two champions that are going to gain points in class, but it makes sense from a standpoint that you beat that grand, so why would you not get to keep a point for that. That means you were better than the grand that you were going against, so I would support it wholeheartedly as it stands. **Laurie Coughlin (Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers):** Echoing Brad here, it makes total sense that if you're competing for the title of grand, if you beat an existing grand you should get a point for it. I wholeheartedly support this. It's very logical. **Jacqui Bennett (Ocicats International, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers):** I absolutely support this except I do have a question. Let's say you have two grands and one open in competition in a show that has 4 allbreed rings and 2 specialty rings. The grands are competing for titles, and therefore they absentee out of the 2 specialty rings. The open has now garnered 2 points for cats he did not defeat because we do not do ring-by-ring scoring. Are we OK with that? **Newkirk:** Mary, do you want to answer that? **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** That can happen now. It happens all the time. **Timothy Schreck (Oakway Cat Fanciers, Southeastern Michigan Cat Fanciers):** We did research on this the last time this came up, just to clarify. To do the programming for this is a little more complicated than has been presented. But, the other point I wanted to make was that in over 90% of the times that a champion defeated a grand, the champion also made the final which eliminated those points. So, the points never got awarded in the first place, so you are doing a lot of programming for points that never get used. That is the big point on this. I understand what you're trying to say here but really in an overwhelming number of cases you don't get these points anyway, so you're just doing programming for nothing. **Barbara Schreck (Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers, Russian Blue Fanciers):** I kept quiet all this time – well, not too quiet – but anyway, I really have a big problem with a number of these things that are being proposed. Everybody is talking about how we have such competition now and how hard it is to grand. I remember once in the old days – and I admit to being in the old days – that an allbreed Russian Blue female, not one of mine, at one of the Mid-Michigan shows was best champion. She got 101 points, so how is it that today we have so much more competition that we used to? Furthermore, once these shows start being more than just one in a weekend and sort of back to normal, I think that the levels of competition will level out more towards the area that you're from, rather than being concentrated in one place. So, I guess we should just maybe give everybody a title if they show up in one ring and just call it done with. **Pete Deal (Pawprints In The Sand):** One way to look at this proposal is that grand champions get points for beating champions and opens. Why shouldn't opens and champions get points for

beating grands? I agree with all of those people that are in favor of this, and I think this should pass. **Alene M. Shafnisky (Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l):** Just as with the last resolution, I think, look, we have a rare opportunity here. We have hopefully got this pandemic winding down. We've got a whole bunch of people that wanted to come into show halls. This is a great opportunity to make the changes we need to make, to make this organization make sense to new exhibitors in the future. This is a perfect example of what we need in CFA. Thank you.

Newkirk: Mary K, closing statement please. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** I just wanted to get back to what Tim said about when a champion defeats a grand in class and likely makes the final. I don't know where that comes from, but that does not hold true in my experience. There are plenty of times where champions do beat grands and don't make the final. That's all I want to say. I hope that people will support this because, to me, it just makes sense. If your champion open defeats a grand, why are you not getting a grand point from a cat this is above your class? **Newkirk:** OK, thank you.

Newkirk: Debate on item #19 is closed. Allene, if you will close voting on #18, open the voting on 19.

Newkirk: I think we have the vote on #19. **Anger:** We do. #19 was regarding grand points for defeating champions or grands. It received 186, which met the 50% threshold.

Motion Carried by 50%.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 19	186	73	2	261

Newkirk: I'm sorry we went over our break so we're going to take a break now. Let's do about 15 minutes and we'll come right back.

Newkirk: OK, the meeting is back in order. I have an announcement to make. If you have a resolution that you want to present from the floor, please text or email Rachel Anger or Allene so we can get that text presented so that it can be up on a screen share. Next on our agenda is the Clerk Service Awards. Shelly will bring that up.

– 20 – Lilac Point Fanciers, Superstition Cat Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS section, to remove the 5% decrements from scoring in all classes, as follows:

DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS

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

Eligible Wins

1. ~~Best cat/kitten/household pet — one point for each cat/kitten defeated. Each cat/kitten in each championship/premiership/kitten/household pet final — one point for each cat/kitten defeated.~~
2. ~~2nd Best cat/kitten/household pet (HHP) — 95% of the points awarded to best cat/kitten/HHP, 3rd best cat/kitten/HHP 90%, 4th best 85%, 5th best 80%, etc.~~
3. Best of breed/division — one point for each cat/kitten defeated within the breed/division.
4. 2nd best of breed/division — 95% of the points awarded to best of breed/division.
5. Points achieved in individual rings are added to determine an entry's total points for the show. In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring — that which carries the most points.

RATIONALE: This resolution removes the decrement scoring system for all classes in finals scored for National/Regional points. This does not change the decrement for the orange ribbon (2nd Best of Breed/Division) or for champion/premier points.

In a final of 101 cats, Best Cat defeats 100 cats and gets 100 points. 10th best cat defeats 90 cats but only gets 55 points. 10th best cat gets 55% of the points after defeating 90% of the cats, 15th best cat gets 30% of the points after defeating 85% of the cats. The math penalty gets worse in a top 20 final such as we have at the International Show in the kitten class. In a class of 101 kittens, 20th best kitten would defeat 80 kittens but get only 5 points, defeating 80% of the kittens and getting just 5% of the points. The bigger the class, the worse the penalty for being low in the final even though the cat defeats many other cats.

The biggest impact of this change would be for the cats that make a few finals in a show or make them low. The value of specialty rings would improve. Does this benefit the NW-campaigned cats? The top NW campaigners are already making finals high and already getting the “math” benefit from getting higher percentages of the finals, they would likely continue to rank almost the same as with the decrement system. Strategy might change for some, and some of the races might be closer for longer, but in the end, the cat that can make high finals consistently will still get the higher placement at the end of the season. Exhibitors vying for the NWs will adjust their strategy exactly as they did when we changed from the rpa system to top 100 rings.

The regional-campaigned cats would get the most benefit from this change. Cats looking for points for regional awards will see a difference in points kept from small shows, especially specialty rings. Most cats vying for regional wins do not get to 100 rings and do not benefit from substitution. With actual points, these cats will keep more points from every ring.

When this was proposed at the 2019 annual, one of the arguments against was that this would compress the point difference between placements, or as was said “squish” the point spread of the top cats. Dick Kallmeyer ran the scoring for the 2019 season for the top cats using this method and it did not “squish” the total points at the end of the season, in fact just the opposite. For some placements, the differential between placements was increased. Some cats swapped places in the standings, but only two cats in championship in R1-9 would have fallen out of the top 25, replaced by two other cats whose owners were trying for those spots. One cat in premiership would have fallen out, but someone else would have gladly made it in. No HHPs or kittens would have fallen out.

We must be careful when looking at end-of-season results scored differently than the rules in place for the season. These statistical tests do not mean the rankings would have changed in reality. Exhibitors base their strategy on the scoring system in place at the time and the rankings from week to week. Those cats that look like they would have fallen out of the top 25 might have stayed in under any scoring system because they might have gone to different shows based on potential point gains. The point of this analysis is that changing the scoring of the top cats is not affected as was predicted in prior arguments. The actual points method does not “squish” the season-end totals.

Another argument against this in 2019 was that this would somehow hurt small shows. Most shows **are** small shows and we all have to go somewhere! We have very few big shows anymore, which is why we have twice in the past ten years lowered the requirement to have top 15 in the finals. If given a choice between a large distant show with the potential for one or two low finals and a smaller local show with a lower count on the same weekend even with a potential for more and higher finals, the argument is that the exhibitor would choose to travel or fly to the further large show because the cat would keep more points with this change to the scoring. This argument is flawed because exhibitors pick shows based on several criteria – location, location, location, lineup, and count. Most exhibitors consider only location and will pick the easiest show to get to, even when they are hunting points, because most exhibitors do not like to travel long distances or fly with a cat when they have a closer show. Traveling requires more time and a lot more expense, and to travel to a large show where every top cat will be is a huge gamble that most people will be reluctant to take when they have a closer smaller show that also fits their needs. In fact, more people would be happy to stay local when they know they can keep more points from the show, large or small. So the argument that this change would be detrimental to small shows is misplaced and ignores the reality of how exhibitors choose shows.

The scoring for the brown and orange ribbons remains the same since a class must have 20+ cats for actual points to be beneficial. Anything under 20 and the 5% decrement is more points. Very few breeds have 20+ cats in the class. Were we to make this change for the champion/premier placements, we would have to consider adjusting the 200/75-point thresholds. Points for champion/premier placements will remain the same.

Central Office Note: *The cost to implement is minimal, \$1,000-\$1,500 for the program change and testing.*

Newkirk: We're on to #20. Again, if you have a resolution from the floor please email Allene or text Allene, email or text Rachel with your resolution so we can get it ready for presentation. Mary K you are recognized. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** This resolution removes the 5% decrements in the national/regional scoring of finals, and instead scores what I call [inaudible]. [Side discussions regarding technical difficulties were not transcribed.] To get back to this, instead of having the 5% decrements in national and regional scoring, cats in each placement would get 1 point for each cat defeated. It does not change the 10% decrements for champions, nor does it change the 5% decrements for the brown and orange ribbons. Please let me explain those first before I get into the rationale. The reason I did not remove – and I did this in consultation with the co-sponsor, Superstition Cat Fanciers. I talked to Jenn about this and we talked about it. The 5% decrements make sense for the brown and orange ribbon because classes are never really that big. A class has to get to 20 cats for actual points to be more beneficial than the decrements, so most of us know that if there are two cats in the class and your cat gets a brown ribbon, 2nd best cat gets .95 points. If we did actual points, that cat would get zero points but with the 5% decrements you still have these small rings. Those small rings add up, especially to people looking for regional wins. If

you don't replace 100 rings, you get to count all those rings. We didn't want to mess with that because you actually get more points in class that way. The reason I didn't want to mess with the champion decrements is because I don't want to look at changing the 200/75 points for those titles. Let's just leave those alone. I thought if we counted the actual points for those titles, we would have to increase those numbers and I don't want to go there yet. I brought this up before. I brought this up two years ago and part of what people said against it was that this would squish the points, that we would have ties, that cats wouldn't be separated enough. Well, Dick Kallmeyer ran the scoring. He took that season and he ran it both ways. It turns out that's just not true. The differential between placements for some cats increases. Like, that year, best cat – Cat of the Year – was separated by less than 300 points. I think it was 200-something. It was less than 300. With actual points they would have been separated by over 500. Some cats the differential decreased, some cats it's increased. What I really think happened was, cats that were making lower finals in top 15, like maybe they were making 15th, 14th or whatever, they picked up more points from those finals, so they increased. But, in reality, the cats that were getting national wins were still going to get national wins. Some placements changed, but they were still up there. The biggest effect was for cats that only made a couple of finals per show, made them low, they would pick up more points from those finals and the show would be more lucrative for them. I don't see this as benefitting national winners. I really don't. When I look at the data, the same cats are going to win. I mean, you might have a different strategy but if you want a national win you're going to get it no matter what scoring system is there. This is going to benefit the people who are looking for regional points and to maybe want to go to a local show that they think that they're not going to be able to keep enough points because they're going to score too low in the final, but with this they will be able to score more points. I think that it changes the strategy for people so that they can have more flexibility in what shows they pick. Now, there has been an argument. The argument was raised the last time that this was going to hurt small shows because people will be more likely to travel further distances to bigger shows if they think that they can get one final worth a bunch of points. All I have to say to that is, other than the national campaigners at the end of the season, people pick shows based on five factors: location, location, location, line-up and count. Most of the time, people are still going to go to the show that is closest to them, whether it is big or small. This lets them keep more points from that show that is closer to them. I think that it will benefit all exhibitors and I really hope that people can make this change. One more point. Alene Shafnisky mentioned earlier that we need to start helping our new exhibitors understand our system better. This goes a long way towards doing that. One point per cat defeated – that's all it is. **Newkirk:** Thank you Mary K.

Carissa Altschul (Hugger Mugger Feline Society, Land of Oz Cat Club): I strongly object to this because it really makes best cat no longer a big deal. Best cat or best kitten should be a big deal. There should not be 9 points difference between best cat and 10th best cat. Traditionally in CFA and not just our association – other cat associations, even in NASCAR – first place has a meaning and it gets more points because it was best. I understand the rationale behind this. I just don't agree with it, because it really diminishes what a best cat or best kitten means. Thank you. **Alene M. Shafnisky (Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l):** To Mary's point, sometimes depending on your breed you may be looking at line-up, line-up, line-up before you're looking at location. I can tell you from personal experience, just try to explain to someone how your cat came in 15th in a class of 100 and you only got 15 points out of it. It just doesn't make sense. At least you get some points, but you're punishing these cats who are potentially very nice by knocking them all the way down the scale. If you beat a cat, it should be a point that

is simple and done. Thank you. **Barbara Schreck (Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers, Russian Blue Fanciers):** Mary K said that this doesn't change the order of the winners, so why do we even need to change this? I think that there should be some recognition between whether you are best, 2nd, 3rd or 4th. If it was only 9 points difference between the first cat and the 10th cat, why even bother? Just give them all the best cat and be done with it. She has stated that it doesn't make any difference or very little difference in the outcome of the national wins, so why do we need to change this? **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** Can I respond to that? **Newkirk:** Yes, you can Mary. **Barbara Schreck (Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers, Russian Blue Fanciers):** No. **Newkirk:** I do the recognizing please. You may respond, Mary K. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** Thank you. I never said that this does not change the order. I said the top cats will still finish in the top. They do swap places. But, you have to be careful when looking at this data because you can't apply one formula to a season that has already been run. People's strategies would have changed during the season, so the order may not have even changed with this, but I just know that the top cats are still going to finish in the top. This is not for the top cats. I just wanted to get that out there and get that straight. **Laurie Coughlin (Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers):** Gee Mary, I have agreed with you on almost everything all day long but we part ways here. I believe that you don't fix what ain't broke. The current system works. I believe there should be a greater separation from best cats and the others, but my biggest concern is as a member of many show-producing clubs and a sometimes show manager, if you had an entry of 61 and the big show had 101, the best cat at the 61 show would make fewer points than the 10th best cat at the 101 point show. It's just too big of a difference. If I were fortunate enough to live where there are choices and I don't see people coming to the medium and the small shows when there's this much of a difference in an individual ring. I just don't see the need for this. **Sue A. Robbins (Delaware River Cats Club):** I like this proposal and the reason I like it is, I think it gives a true picture at the end of when all is said and done of what was actually the best cat because you have real numbers of cats defeated. Yes, in the larger shows it is also I believe a much fairer way of distinguishing the point differences. You know what? It's still a big deal when your cat earns a best cat. You know, if you defeated 101 cats, you still get those 100 points. You know, 2nd best cat is still 2nd best cat, not best cat. To mix my metaphors, I think it makes for a tighter horse race and I think it actually will possibly make for a more exciting end-of-year finish when nobody knows exactly how it's all going to play out until the very end. I'm for it. **Kathy Black (Texoma Cat Fanciers):** Is there any way I can share my screen? I have a spreadsheet I would like to show. Is that possible? **Newkirk:** Allene? **Tartaglia:** [inaudible] **Kathy Black (Texoma Cat Fanciers):** I want to speak against this. I think it's going to seriously hurt our smaller clubs. Just like what was mentioned earlier, if you could have a decision to make between two shows and one show has 100 entries and another show has 60 entries, if you got best cat at the 60 entry show, you got 60 points, OK? But if you went to the larger show and you got 10th best cat, you would have 91 points. So, why would you ever go to a smaller show? I think it's going to seriously hurt our smaller clubs. It says I can't share. There's just too much of a difference between the show counts when you only step it down by one. You could get 10th best cat in several rings and have a much more effective show, more bang for your buck so to speak, and I just think it's going to hurt those smaller clubs, so all the clubs that I am part of, they have all spoken against this. I agree, our system of scoring is complex and it's hard to describe it to new people, but I also don't like the way it bunches everything up together. I think that there should be separation. Best cat is the best cat. Some of the comments have been made before. I

just mostly kind of wanted to show my spreadsheet, but if that's not possible I'll stop now. My clubs that I represent are against this. **Newkirk:** Kathy, we can do it. [Side discussions regarding screen sharing were not transcribed.] **Kathy Black (Texoma Cat Fanciers):** This was not put together by me. It was put together by Orca Starbuck.

CFA current system						"cats defeated" system						TICA system					
count						count						SP count			AB count		
		31	61	101	141		31	61	101	141		31	61		31	61	101
Best	100%	30.0	60.0	100.0	140.0	Best	30	60	100	140		180	210		230	260	300
2nd	95%	28.5	57.0	95.0	133.0	2nd	29	59	99	139		169	199		219	249	289
3rd	90%	27.0	54.0	90.0	126.0	3rd	28	58	98	138		158	188		208	238	278
4th	85%	25.5	51.0	85.0	119.0	4th	27	57	97	137		147	177		197	227	267
5th	80%	24.0	48.0	80.0	112.0	5th	26	56	96	136		136	166		186	216	256
6th	75%	22.5	45.0	75.0	105.0	6th	25	55	95	135		125	155		175	205	245
7th	70%	21.0	42.0	70.0	98.0	7th	24	54	94	134		114	144		164	194	234
8th	65%	19.5	39.0	65.0	91.0	8th	23	53	93	133		103	133		153	183	223
9th	60%	18.0	36.0	60.0	84.0	9th	22	52	92	132		92	122		142	172	212
10th	55%	16.5	33.0	55.0	77.0	10th	21	51	91	131		81	111		131	161	201
11th	50%			50.0	70.0	11th			90	130							
12th	45%			45.0	63.0	12th			89	129							
13th	40%			40.0	56.0	13th			88	128							
14th	35%			35.0	49.0	14th			87	127							
15th	30%			30.0	42.0	15th			86	126							
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18th	15%				21.0	18th				123							
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20th	5%				7.0	20th				121							

[**Secretary's Note:** Special thanks to Orca Starbuck for creating the above chart.]

Kathy Black (Texoma Cat Fanciers): This is our current system on the left. This is the cats defeated system. She brought the TICA system here. I'm not going to address that, although personally it's my favorite. This is what I was talking about. A count with 61 cats under our current system, 10th best would get 33 points. If 101 cats, 10th best would get 55. With the proposed changes in the 61 count show, 10th best cat would get 51 points – almost as many as you get in our current system. In the bigger show of 100, you would get 91 points which is almost the same as if you went to one of the bigger shows under our current system and got best. So, there's just not enough separation. It really is going to hurt the smaller count shows. It's like the fat cats get fatter. It is going to really help the larger shows and I think it's really going to hurt our small shows. **Newkirk:** Thank you Kathy for sharing that with us. **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East):** I'm very opposed to this. As stated before, I think this is going to really hurt small clubs. Top cats who finish national, yeah they're not going to score much different because you look at the cats that finish in the top 5 nationally every year. Most of the shows they go to they are going to finish in the top 5/top 3 in most of the finals they go to, so the decrements of 5% aren't going to make that much difference. When you get down to 6-10, the 5% makes a lot of difference. It's going to change strategy. Like they said, people go to these other shows because they can get a lot of points for 10th place cat if they get only one point down each placement. To me, being a best cat or even finishing in the top 3 or 5 is just so much more – I mean, to me, I go to a show and I make a top 5 final, I think of that as being wow, that's what

I'm hoping for. I would like to make the top 10, but wow that top 5 is nice. But if you don't make a final at all, it's like gosh, you go from getting a lot of points to nothing. The scoring system of 5% I don't agree with. I think it should probably be like 3% down but that's not the issue here, but going down 1 point each ring is going to really kill the smaller shows. It's going to absolutely kill them. That's my point. **Joan Fradenburgh (Superstition Cat Fanciers):** I am looking at this kind of from the opposite of what some people have been saying. I think it's going to help the smaller clubs just because if I enter a cat in a really large show, I have a much lower chance of actually making a final than if I enter that cat in a smaller show. To me, I'm not going for national. If I'm just trying to get a regional win, I'm going to go to the smaller show where I think my cat has a better chance of making a final. The number differential from best cat in a large show to 10th best in a smaller show is going to be greater, but it still seems to me that I'm personally going to do better going to the small shows. If I have a choice between going to a huge show that's further away and a small show that's closer, I'm going to go to the small show. **Bradley Newcomb (Triple Crown Cat Fanciers):** I just want a couple of points. One, I sort of see both sides of the coin, but I will say that I've been showing for quite a while with CFA. We don't ever look at the number of cats entered in a show. We never have. That's not one of the things we take into account when we enter a show. We look at location and line-up. We've had regional and national wins. When we look back at the last 10 years, we've had regional and national wins every year for the last 10 years. Point count is not the most prominent thing we take into account when we look at shows. So, with that said, I don't think it would impact as much. I agree with Joan what she was saying. If I am looking at maybe wanting to get a regional win and I've got a show with 60, my 10th best is worth 49 points, right? That's more points than I'm going to get for a 10th best at that show than I going to get going to a bigger show and not getting placement. So, I think it can have the opposite impact. I think it will support the shows. I think we will not see any impact from changing the point scale. I agree with what Sue said. It makes for a tighter horse race at the end of the day and I think it helps keep people honest in terms of one of the topics that we have seen in the past with show stuffing. I think it helps keep people a lot more honest when it comes to those types of activities.

Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers): I want to address some of the points that were brought up. Every scenario – every single scenario – that anybody can dream up where somebody would pick a big show versus a small show, I can counter that with scenarios where someone would pick a small show versus a big show. I've got news for everybody. We don't have that many big shows anymore. They're all starting to be small. Even Cotton States, the San Diego show, Garden State – other than those, they are all starting to be small, so I don't know where this fear is that somehow small shows are going to just crumble up and die if we pass this. It's not true. Most of your entries in championship are from people trying to grand cats. They're not going to haul butt all the way across the country because they might get a top 10 final, they're going to go to their local show. It's location, location, location for most of the people showing their cats, and so this makes more sense. It just makes so much more sense to just get a point for every cat defeated. There's something that Laurie said. She said that if a show had a count of let's say 51 and a cat got 50 points, that a cat that gets 10th at a show with 100 would get more points. Well yeah, it defeated more cats. You get points for the cats that you defeat. That's all this is. Our current system over-penalizes the cats that are placed lower in the final. It's a math thing, and it really over-penalizes them. This just makes it fair – one point for each cat defeated. That's it. **Newkirk:** Thank you Mary K. **Jennifer Reding (Southwest Japanese Bobtail Fanciers):** I was originally for this, and then I talked with

Orca and I saw her evaluation and I thought about it. You know what, I think this is an east coast/west coast problem. On the east coast, it's location. If you're on the west coast, a lot of times you're going to have to travel anyway. If you want to go to any show at all, you're going to have to drive a long distance or get on a plane. So, what show are you going to choose? You're going to choose the show where you can potentially get the most points, the most bang for your buck. If you go to this scoring system, the most bang for your buck is the big show where you're going to get 90 points for 10th cat or 85 points for 15th best cat if you're doing a top 15, rather than going to a show with 50 cats or 40 cats and if you make every final in the top 3 you're going to get far less points than if you make two or three finals in the top 15 at a show with 100 cats. So, I honestly feel that for the entire western part of the United States where we have large distances to travel in between shows and we often have to make a choice, we can't make a choice on location. Everywhere we go is going to be a long way to travel. What it's going to do is, it's going to make the smaller shows smaller because all the people that are going for regional wins are going to want to go to the big show because they can make more points in less finals that way. It might help small shows on the east coast but on the west coast [inaudible] so our club is voting no. **Alene M. Shafnisky (Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l):** I feel like some of the people have looked at these numbers and not derived the correct information from them. I don't think this is going to have any effect on small shows whatsoever. When you guys are talking about, "oh, they're going to go to the big counts and the big points," you're talking about campaigners. We need to focus on exhibitors from top to bottom. This will not hurt small shows, it will help them because the big guns are going to go to those big, huge shows because they know they'll get more points from being 10th with 100 cats than even being best, and that's fine. This is still an equitable scoring system that more accurately reflects where your cat is placed within the entire show hall. This is only good for us. Stop thinking about big wins, big campaigners, big points. Think about everyone involved here and think about everyone who has ever gotten 15 points on a 15th best cat in a 100 count show. Thank you. **Beth Deal (Greater Baltimore Cat Club, One Fine Day):** As Alene just said, you've got to think about the whole picture. Why do I want to waste my time taking a cat to the International that might make 20th or 18th and get 5 points? I'm going to have to throw them away. It's a waste of my time, it's a waste of my money, it's a waste of everything. We're not talking about the big campaigners, we're talking about show people as a whole and we need something that makes sense to show people as a whole, not just the campaigners. And it takes away from best cat? Nothing takes away from best cat. I don't care if my cat gets the same number of points as the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place cats. If my cat is best cat, my cat was deemed to be the best cat present. Nothing pointwise takes away from best cat. Thank you. **Newkirk:** Mary K I'll recognize you in just a minute. I've got Loretta and then I'll recognize you to do a closing statement. **Loretta Baugh (CanUsa Cat Club):** The real impact on this proposal is on the 10th to 15th best cat. Most campaigners – and I campaign – are looking for a top 5. We have shows that are around here that will get a huge, huge count and the local people won't go. They say, "we can't compete in that kind of a show, it's a campaign show." If you go to a final with 100 cats and you come in 15th, you're getting 30% of the points. I came home from an International Show with a cat of mine that was a top 3 national winner and ended up taking 12 points from a specialty final. This is the first points I threw away. This really helps people in the bottom part of that 10 to 15. To only get a handful of points if you are in a huge show with the increments is just a waste. It's insulting. Somebody said, "how many points did you get?" and I said, "I think it was 12," and they said, "you're joking" and I said, "no, there's all

these cats here and that's all the points we walked away with." I'm fully supportive of this and I hope the people will consider it. Thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you very much, Loretta.

Newkirk: Mary K, would you mind giving your closing – you can answer questions and give your closing statement, please. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** I'm sorry, I would not have spoken before. I thought I was closing then, but I just want to say now that I used to live in Maryland and there were times when I did not take a cat to National Capital because I thought the competition was just too great. Those of you who think that people are suddenly going to start taking their cats to these big shows, we're not going to take them there unless we think we can make a final. The chances of making a final at a big show that is full of all the top campaigners, very, very slim. This benefits the people trying for regional awards. Now that I live in Florida, if I'm trying for a regional win and I've got a show in Sanford or Plant City where the county is only 50 or something, am I going to travel with this cat to San Diego or somewhere else that's really a big count? Heck no. I don't need those big counts for a regional win. I can get a regional win with smaller counts. It's the entire season that you have to pick up the points. People that are going for regional wins are not going to suddenly start buying plane tickets to travel across the country. It's just not going to happen. Ever since I have been in this hobby I have thought that we should be doing it this way. Thanks. **Newkirk:** Thank you Mary K. Debate is closed on #20. Allene has opened the vote on #20.

Newkirk: Rachel, will you announce the vote for motion #20? **Anger:** Proposal #20 regarding the removal of the 5% decrements received 144 yes votes. 143 was required for 50%, so Resolution #20 passed by 50%. **Newkirk:** OK, that motion passed by 50%.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 20	147	125	2	274

Results ruled Out of Order by Parliamentarian

Adrienne Wolfson (Abyssinian Midwest Breeders): I don't know if you guys noticed that there was some chatter on the chat about the verbiage for the question for question #20 and I was trying to get to you guys before you closed it. It was not the same. It was the verbiage for proposal #19, not the verbiage for proposal #20. **Newkirk:** Dennis, was that what you were trying to tell us? **Dennis Ganoe (For The Love of Cats Cat Fanciers, LaPerm Society of America):** Exactly. **Adrienne Wolfson (Abyssinian Midwest Breeders):** I was trying to get to you guys fast enough so you didn't close it out. **Newkirk:** It's already closed. Whose motion was it, Adrienne? Was it Mary K's? 20, is that the one you're talking about? **Adrienne Wolfson (Abyssinian Midwest Breeders):** Yes. **Newkirk:** Mary K, can you come on and address that? **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** I don't understand the problem. Is she saying that on the question on the webpage for #20 it didn't have #20, it had the verbiage for #19? Is that what it was? I'm not even reading the verbiage. I'm just voting yes and no or whatever. **Adrienne Wolfson (Abyssinian Midwest Breeders):** Yes. All I'm doing is reporting back that people on the chat indicated that proposal #20 on the voting site had the description for proposal #19. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** OK. That's not my problem. **Adrienne Wolfson (Abyssinian Midwest Breeders):** Exactly Mary K. I wasn't saying that. **Newkirk:** We know what your proposal #20

was and – **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** But were there people who would have voted for it if there had been the correct verbiage? **Adrienne Wolfson (Abyssinian Midwest Breeders):** I'm sorry, I seem to be the problem child. **Newkirk:** No, you're not. It's OK. Hang on a second. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** Do we need to redo that vote, is my question. **Newkirk:** Mary K, I know I was looking at the print-out of that. If there's someone that's confused about it, then what we're doing is, we have to get ahold of Kathy Durdick in order for her to get on and take the wrong verbiage down and put up the correct verbiage, and then we can reset the vote and then we'll revote on it. **George Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers, West Shore Shorthair Club):** Might it be simpler to simply use one of the slots available for the floor proposals? We have five empty slots with no verbiage at all. **Newkirk:** Let's just go to #5. Question 105. What we're going to do is, we're going to have the verbiage for 20 put up in resolution from the floor #105. **Adrienne Wolfson (Abyssinian Midwest Breeders):** So, we will come back and vote on that? **Newkirk:** What we'll do, Dennis just put on the thing that the pre-notice was correct. The wrong proposal got uploaded onto the voting website, so we will put the correct verbiage for #20 in Floor Resolution #105 and when that's up then I'll call for the vote, OK? Mary K, are you OK with that? **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** Yes.

Mastin: Mr. President, do we need a motion to void #20 since it was incorrect, for the record? **Newkirk:** I think, Shelly, can we rule it out of order since it was a wrong proposal? **Perkins:** Yes. I'm going to go ahead and – I don't have the voting software because I'm not voting, so I was unable to see that portion of the meeting, but I will rule that out of order because it had inappropriate information for the vote that was taken, so I'm just ruling it out of order. **George Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers, West Shore Shorthair Club):** Mr. President, for the record, when we vote on Proposal #105, we're treating it as a pre-noticed resolution. Therefore, if it gets 2/3 then it gets the priority that it would get as a pre-noticed show resolution. **Newkirk:** Correct. That's just a shortcut so we don't have to take one down and put another one up. I think it will just be done. I think what we can do is, we can go ahead and do #23 and then hopefully it will give Kathy time to put that resolution up and then we'll vote on that, at that point in time.

[from after #23] **Anger:** May I make a clarification? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Anger:** Just so everyone understands, because by the voting results I don't think this was clear, we are voting on Question #23 which had to do with the DM requirement, as well as the revote on Proposal #20 which is to remove the 5% decrements. That is now question #105. We have already voted on it but we are revoting, just to make it a clean result. Votes don't seem to be coming in for that one, so I wanted to pull that out and explain that #105 is a revoted of #20 that we have already voted on. OK? **Newkirk:** Thank you Rachel for making that clarification. So, #23, that's Mary K's DM proposal, that's open and #105, which was #20 now renamed #105, and that's the decrease in decrement for grand points. **Anger:** Correct.

Anger: Question #105, which again relates back to proposal #20 to remove the 5% decrements received 134 yes votes, which would fail the motion. **Newkirk:** Thank you for those results.

Motion Failed.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 105	134			274

[from end of meeting] **Pete Deal (Pawprints In The Sand):** If we can go back to #20, it passed with 144 votes earlier and then it went to #105 and failed with 134 votes. I would hope the board would take that into consideration, that it originally passed. **Newkirk:** What was the vote count there? **Anger:** It was actually 147 on #20 for the final vote. The revote was 134. **Newkirk:** It needed how many to get 50? **Anger:** 143. **Newkirk:** OK, so it's short how many votes? **Anger:** 9 votes. **Newkirk:** We will have to have the attorney investigate that, Pete, and see. **Perkins:** I have an opinion already. I already ruled the earlier vote out of order because we talked about it. When you went to the voting software there was a different description about what you were voting on, so some people could have been confused and thought they were voting for a different motion. So, I ruled it out of order, we put it back in, we have an accurate vote under #105, so the vote on #105 stands. There's nothing we can do about that at this time. **Newkirk:** Thank you Shelly. **Joan Fradenburgh (Superstition Cat Fanciers):** Could Allene or whoever is doing the vote count repeat the number of yes votes for each of the resolutions? I did not get everything written down, whether they passed or did not pass. **Newkirk:** Are you talking about all of the resolutions? **Joan Fradenburgh (Superstition Cat Fanciers):** Yes. Just go down the list and say passed or did not pass. **Anger:** I can do that but it will all be in the minutes. The problem was, half way through we changed the – I have it in my document but to scroll through it would take a long time and this was not something I was prepared to do because we don't usually do that. **Joan Fradenburgh (Superstition Cat Fanciers):** OK, thank you. **Newkirk:** All these numbers are going to be printed in the minutes, so you will have them. You'll post the recording of the meeting too, right? **Tartaglia:** Yes. **Newkirk:** OK, and the recording of the meeting will be posted also, Joan. **Anger:** If you have specific items that you were out of the room for or whatever, I would be happy to do one or two and look those up for you.

Carmen Johnson Lawrence (Genesee Cat Fanciers Club, Seneca Cat Fanciers): I know that Shelly has gone ahead and called #20 out of order, but I'm curious. Was the number of votes between #20 and #105 the same – not so much the number of yes votes, but the total number of votes? **Newkirk:** We could give you the number but it doesn't matter. **Carmen Johnson Lawrence (Genesee Cat Fanciers Club, Seneca Cat Fanciers):** The difference that it would make is, Shelly is claiming that #105 is an accurate vote, but if your total number of votes is way off, then it really isn't an accurate vote. **Newkirk:** This happens at almost every annual when people leave the meeting and then it's a difficult time to get the required number of votes. So, Shelly is one of the top notch attorneys in Oregon. You won't find anybody that's more dedicated to the truth and accuracy than Shelly. She has done a marvelous job. I understand the frustration and I understand the concern, but every year there are resolutions that don't get passed and we all suffer heartburn from that. Kathy Durdick I'm sure had no ill intent when she put the wrong resolution up for #20 and so Shelly ruled it out of order because you can't vote on something when the documentation is incorrect. So, it had to be ruled out of order and then we thought the easiest way to do it was to do it from a resolution from the floor. If I'm not mistaken, I think it was George who made that recommendation, also an attorney in the United States. I understand the frustration, but that's how it goes. I'm sorry Carmen. **Anger:** Darrell and I tried our hardest to point people's attention there because of the way that it all came down. I really

tried to encourage everybody to make sure they voted for question #23 which was on the floor at that time, as well as question #105. I just wasn't seeing the numbers.

PROPOSED NON-SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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Note: Proposal #21 – Certificate of Incorporation – moved to beginning of document.

Newkirk: We will move on to non-show resolutions #21. Oh, 21 is vacant because we've already handled that. I had the old print-out.

– 22 – *CFA Executive Board*

RESOLVED: Amend **Rules for Registration**© (Revised November 15, 2015), **ARTICLE I – REGISTRATION, General**, to affirm CFA policy that cloned cats are not eligible for registration with CFA, as follows:

ARTICLE I – REGISTRATION

General: a breed may have specific policies regarding allowable ancestry, import requirements, colors and other characteristics. Cloned cats are not eligible for registration with CFA. For complete registration information regarding a breed you may visit our website <http://www.cfa.org/Registration/OnlineIndividualRegistration.aspx> or contact Central Office.

RATIONALE: CFA policy does not provide a mechanism for registration of cats produced via cloning. Recently CFA received an inquiry regarding the acceptance of cloned cats for registration, show, and breeding. This raises a number of issues relating to the ethics of cloning pets as well as practical considerations for their registration. There are currently few legal standards regarding retail animal cloning services. In the United States the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) would provide some minimal regulation of cloning operations. But, the standards under the AWA are intended for large, commercial, animal enterprises. Caging and environmental conditions allowed by the AWA are far below what home, hobby breeders provide. There are humane concerns about cats living in small, commercial cages, being used as surrogates and discarded once they are no longer needed. CFA would also have to consider the rights of parties having an interest in the cat. Should the current owner be able to clone the cat, or should the original breeder have some rights? How many copies of a cat could be registered? Finally, there are concerns that consumers grieving over the loss of a beloved pet may be vulnerable to businesses falsely implying they can recreate the original. Cloned cats are NOT identical copies of the original cat. Even if genetically the same, gene expression will be different in the clone. For example, human fingerprints have a genetic component, but identical twins express it differently. Personality will also be different since life experiences of the clone will be different. At the present time cloning pets is still an immature and evolving business. If there is sufficient interest in registering cloned cats the matter could be revisited in the future.

Newkirk: Let's move on to #22. This is from the Executive Board. Who is taking that one? **Cyndy Byrd (Malibu Cat Club, Marina All Breed Cat Club):** This is a question that was posed to the board about whether CFA would register cloned cats. CFA some years ago had made a statement about cloned cats not being eligible for registration but it was never in writing

so the board is presenting CFA's position that cloned cats are not eligible for registration in CFA. **Jacqui Bennett (Ocicats International, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers):** I think this is a mistake. Cloned cats are reality and it is something that is going to get less and less expensive over time. While I do not want to see cloned cats used in breeding programs, I think CFA would be better to say cloned cats can be registered, but can be registered only as *not for breeding*. We are giving up a marketing option, we are giving up a profitability thing, and I think it is the wrong decision. I would prefer that CFA have a policy of cloned cats will be eligible for registration as *not for breeding* only and that would allow somebody to have their little heart cat, they could show it in premiership and we wouldn't have to worry about [inaudible]. Thank you.

Pam DelaBar (Chatte Noir Club, Sophisto Cat Club): I was one of the people who promoted this as President of CFA to not allow cloned cats. I am probably one of the few people that have ever handled cloned cats. The first one came from Texas A&M University. The other two were named Tabouli and Baba Ganoush, and they were Bengal clones from Genetic Savings and Clone. They do not reproduce. You're not going to get the same cat when you do the cloning. We're looking at this from an animal welfare concept. It is not legal in all countries, in all states to have cloned cats. It is also a very negative picture for CFA to present when we are fighting animal-restrictive legislation and especially some of the breed-restrictive legislation that we've got going on in Europe and I know is going on in the U.S. as well. Please, please, let's keep our policy – it's a policy, it's not cast in stone, it is a policy – not to register cloned cats. **Newkirk:** Carol Johnson, who is a veterinarian by the way, and also Chair of the Genetics Committee.

Carol W. Johnson, DVM (Americans West, National American Shorthair Club): I was asked an opinion on this. I think some of the things that I was concerned about is that somebody buys a cat from somebody else and clones it, whose cattery goes on the clone? Do you own the cattery, do you own the cat that you sold, do you own its clone or is it going to be entirely different? Can it be registered now under your cattery name? It was pointed out correctly by Pam, these cats are not identical. Pattern – let's say spots on an Bengal – are not identical when you clone a cat, so it is not an identical animal. I do understand that you will limit the progeny of this cat on some of the scenarios, but I don't think we're to the point yet that we quite understand what all the ramifications are as to who will be ownership. Can that clone be cloned? At what point does the original breeder of that animal lose control out of that? So, my recollection of some of this discussion was based upon the fact, we just don't have all the answers yet. **Newkirk:** Thank you Carol so much. **George Eigenhauser (Bonita Cat Fanciers, West Shore Shorthair Club):** I want to agree with Carol Johnson and with Pam on this. This is just a policy. Policies can be changed, but right now cloning is a very immature industry. There's no agreed standards on what a cloning facility does. In order to clone a cat, they have to harvest eggs from another cat in order to insert the genetic material. There are no standards for what happens to that cat, how many times they use it, whether it gets rehomed after it's done or simply put down. Same thing with the gestational mother – the one that has to carry the cloned cats. There's no standards for their conditions, there's no standards for how they're going to be cared for, there's no standards for what the laboratories are going to do when they're done. This is a horrible animal welfare issue. At some point – 5 or 6 or 7 years from now – this may be a mature enough industry that there are standards, that there are respected companies doing this that we can trust, but even now the way it's being marketed by some of these cloning companies is basically you can have your dead cat resurrected and it creates an unreasonable expectation on the part of the consumer as to what they're getting. These are not hobby breeders doing the cloning, these are big commercial operations. We are an organization of hobby breeders, of fanciers, of people who breed cats for

the betterment of the breed. How does cloning do that? It doesn't under the current standards. Having said that, no policy is forever. What this is a statement of is that right now, today, cloned cats are not eligible for registration in CFA. That doesn't mean in 2 years or 3 years when we work out things like, can they be registered for breeding, what rights should the original breeder have if a cat they sold gets cloned, what kinds of laboratories will we work with and conditions? Those issues may be resolved and we can always revisit this issue in the future. We used to have a policy we didn't take Bengals. We don't have that policy anymore. As the Bengal breed matured and changed, we changed with it. Right now, cloning is the wild, wild west. It is totally unregulated, it is all over the place. There are huge humane concerns. For right now, today, this isn't something we're ready to deal with, so let's pass this now and if there is a time later that somebody comes up with a proposal that actually works, that the delegation agrees with, we can always change the policy later. **Michael Shelton (Los Colores Cat Club, New Millennium Cat Club):** I'm mostly reiterating what George said. We are not ready to do this. This is something that's going to take a lot of thought. It's an extremely complex issue. It is not a simple on or off, yes we do accept them or no we don't. To me, the important thing here is, we have to have a stated policy. Right now we have no policy, so if somebody comes to us, the answer they get is going to depend on who answers the question. We just need to have something in writing that everybody can refer to.

Newkirk: Cyndy Byrd, I'm recognizing you to give your closing statement. **Cyndy Byrd (Malibu Cat Club, Marina All Breed Cat Club):** Thank you to Carol and George and Mike for your wise explanations. This is something that CFA needs to do. We need to have a policy that states what we stand for in terms of this. I think the animal welfare idea, the emotional problems for people who expect to get their heart cat back and don't – there are just so many problems and this puts our policy in writing for as long as we need it. Thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you. OK, so debate is closed on #22. Allene would you close the voting on #20 and open the voting on #22.

Newkirk: We will close the voting on motion #22. Rachel, will you announce the results of #22? **Anger:** Proposal #22 regarding adoption of the cloned cat policy received 229 yes votes. That would qualify it for carrying by 2/3. **Newkirk:** Thank you so much for that announcement.

Motion Carried by 2/3.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 22	231	32	2	265

– 23 – *Lilac Point Fanciers, Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers, Cats of the Rising Sun, Delaware River Cats Club, Liberty Trail Cat Fanciers, Metropolitan Cat Fanciers, Mount Laurel Cat Fanciers, New River Cat Fanciers, National Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club, Nova Cat Fanciers Inc., Sign of the Cat Fanciers, Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers*

RESOLVED: Effective April 30, 2021 (start of current show season), amend **Rules for Registration**© (Revised November 15, 2015), **ARTICLE I – REGISTRATION, Section 4 – Cat Names**, paragraph following **Titles**, to reduce the requirement for males from 15 to 10 with a cutoff for retroactive application. Central Office will not automatically apply the new criteria to cats in prior seasons; owners

must notify Central Office of their cats' eligibility if they meet the new requirement between January 1, 2016, and the effective date of the change:

ARTICLE I – REGISTRATION

Section 4 – Cat Names: ...

Titles – One or more official CFA titles, as outlined below, may appear as part of a cat's name.

CH: Champion, ... **DM:** Distinguished Merit, the title given to a cat which has produced the required number of Grand Champions, Grand Premiers or Distinguished Merit Cats (5 for females, 15 for males, and 10 for males that have produced a Grand Champion or Grand Premier after January 1st, 2016). **AC** (Agility Competitor), ...

RATIONALE: This will reduce the requirement for males to 10 for those males that have been actively producing grands within the last 5 years. We will not be able to get instant DMs for cats long removed from active breeding. Inactive cats found by pedigree line-chasers will still be able to qualify with 15 qualifying offspring.

Requiring a breeder to keep a male whole long enough to achieve 15 grands is no longer in the best interest of the male, nor is it in the best interest of the breed.

When this award was created, we had more breeders and it was easier to share studs. More breeders using the same stud made it possible to grand 15 offspring within a reasonable amount of time. Our number of breeders has decreased significantly, and in a small cattery it is often only the owner of the stud that can grand offspring. 15 grands requires keeping the male whole much longer than his genetic usefulness for the breed, and this means he spends more of his life confined. No award should require keeping cats whole longer than we should for the best interest of the cat and/or breed.

Another consequence of the 15 requirement is a lack of genetic diversity within the breed. Having to keep a male whole long enough to get 15 grands means breeders will keep using that male before moving on to the next generation or before getting a diverse outcross, leading to "popular sire" syndrome. Sending the offspring to other breeders to grand them spreads the "popular sire" around. Years later, when we find out that the "popular sire" produced unwanted traits, like kidney and liver issues, it's too late. The cat is in nearly every pedigree and difficult to avoid. The decrease in the number of breeders of all pedigreed cats in CFA has exacerbated this problem because we have so few breeders to turn to for outcrosses. Many of our once large breeds now have a severe lack of genetic diversity, and more than a few "popular sires". The requirement for a male to produce 15 qualifying offspring does nothing to increase genetic diversity and with "popular sires" actually reduces it.

Please consider reading this article entitled "Genetic Consequences of Breed Formation" by

<https://www.vin.com/apputil/content/defaultadv1.aspx?pId=12513&catId=51026&id=6976375&fbclid=IwAR20AO1IS0zZ6sX3-t04A-ZOLaRaTI2maEhuxF0YBJNFpbvYKEU47Xx5FTM>

From the article, "The popular sire syndrome is the single most influential factor in restricting breed gene pool diversity. There is a difference between a popular sire gaining significant average relationship to the breed population and that of an influential ancestor. The influential ancestor's contribution is continually evaluated with each generation of their descendants for the presence of quality and absence of defect. Each generational descendent must demonstrate their superiority over other individuals to maintain breeding status. A popular sire's genetic influence can only be evaluated after its genes have been widely

disseminated; when its recessive influences are exposed. If there are issues with quality or defect, it is more difficult to reverse a popular sire's influence. Purging a popular sire's lines also results in the loss of influence of the assorted quality dam lines he was bred to."

Offering an award to males that produce 15 grands encourages the use of popular sires and requires that the breeders keep these males whole longer keeping more of their genes in the population, severely reducing the diversity in that population.

If a male can produce 10 grands, that male can certainly in time produce 15 grands. What is the value added in requiring the 11th thru 15th grand that outweighs the detriment to the cat and breed? If we are to keep males whole longer, locked in cages or if they are lucky in rooms, and if we are to sacrifice genetic diversity, surely there is some value to requiring those 5 more grands. What is it? Without significant value, surely we must treat our studs and breeds better than this. The title must be reduced to 10 for males.

To produce 10 grands, a male that averages 1 or 2 grands per litter would meet the requirement in 5-10 litters. This is certainly enough litters out of one male to make his mark on a breed. More litters than 10 does nothing for the breed except reduce genetic diversity to the breed's detriment, and requires that the male be kept whole and likely confined for much longer in his life.

As an association CFA must keep pace with current, scientifically accepted Best Practices and show due diligence by decreasing the necessity of "breeding for record" to earn titles. Reducing the number of Grand offspring required to DM a male from 15 to 10 would be a significant step towards increasing genetic diversity and improving the overall health of our breeds.

Newkirk: Let's move on to #23. Mary K, I believe that's you again. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** I was just going to – this might be the last time I talk, so I wanted to thank Central Office and all the people involved for how smoothly this has been going so far. I'm still going to do that even though we have this glitch, because I thought today was going to be a lot more difficult and you guys, with all the training and everything, have made it a lot better. I just wanted to say that was my last chance to speak and now I'll go on to #23 which lowers the requirement for the male DM from 15 to 10. However, I want to explain that there is a cut-off in this so that we do not have a slew of historic new DMs. When we discussed this on FaceBook a lot of people were like, "we're going to have a bunch of sudden DMs and we didn't want that, so the male has to still be active." The way that I defined the male is still active is that the male has produced a qualifying offspring within the last 5 years. Historic males found through line chasing can still become DMs with 15, so they are not going to be out of luck here, but to get a DM the cat has to have been active within the past 5 years so that we don't have a bunch of new DMs. I have to say that I have a male that has 13 grands and I do not think that he deserves to have a sudden DM. He was active in the early 2000's. He didn't make it. He doesn't deserve it, so I think that this cut-off is absolutely essential. I want to emphasize that we passed this before; in fact, recently, and the board declined to implement it, so here it is again. It's going to keep coming back because some of us feel that this is really important. We are very, very concerned about the health issues that we're seeing in our breeds because of the lack of genetic diversity. When CFA has a specific high-value award that rewards the over-use of males and creates popular sires, that can contribute to significant health issues to a breed. This is just not right. I'm looking at Siamese pedigrees and I'm gob smacked at the lack of diversity because of popular sires. It has been that way ever since I started breeding, but it's gotten worse now. I used to be able to find 12-15 Siamese breeders within a 2

hour drive of me up in Maryland. Not now. There are very, very people still using this breed that I could possibly work with. We have very few lines that are distinct, so I'm very concerned about our breeds. If you think that this is wrong, tell me this. If a cat can produce 10 qualifying offspring it can produce 15, so what do you think we are gaining from 11-15? What is being proven with those cats? If you can't answer me exactly what's being proven with those cats, then the only reason you want to keep this requirement is because it's how we have always done it. I think it's time for us to really focus on the genetic diversity of our breeds because we are all in decline. We're declining in the number of breeders, we're declining in the number of lines and we are really harming our genetic diversity by encouraging people to over-use males. **Newkirk:** Are you done, Mary K? **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** Yes. For now, yes. **Newkirk:** Tenacious is one of your strengths. I think everybody will agree with that.

Tyler Deel (Ohio State Persian Club): The underlined section says, *10 for males that have produced a Grand Champion or Grand Premier after January 1st, 2016*). Does this ignore cats that have become distinguished merit of their own right, after that? Currently, if you DM a cat, it counts as a qualifying cat for the distinguished merit, as a grand champion and grand premier do, as well. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** Can I respond? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** Yes Tyler, you're absolutely right. You cannot qualify for this – your cat born in the last 5 years has to be either a grand champion or grand premier. That does not mean that DMs will not count for males, it just means that, to make sure they are still active, we want at least one grand champion or grand premier born after January 1, 2016, so that we know they are still actively breeding cats. If we allow DMs, those DMs might be from a cat that was 20 years old. We don't know that those are still active cats. **Tyler Deel (Ohio State Persian Club):** Thank you for answering. **Alene M. Shafnisky (Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l):** I really disagree with, if a cat can make it to 10 grands, he can make it to 15 grands. I have several cats in my own program that could not make it past 10 or 12. I think it does a disservice for the cats that have actually been out and achieved this, but also I guess it depends on your breed and because of that I have a problem passing this, because yes, our predominant males are a problem in a handful of breeds in CFA – absolutely huge problem. But, in other breeds where people are – and I hate to put it in these terms – behaving responsibly, aren't sharing their male from here to Kingdom Come; you know, don't keep him breeding until he is 15, 18 years old, this feels like it's scaling back on what a DM is supposed to be. It's supposed to be an incredibly outstanding cat and I just don't believe that it takes us in the right direction to take a title that previously – to me, the breed win and the DM are the huge titles that you can brag on for your breeding program. I don't think we should be rolling that back. I think it should be something that people can still work responsibly and realize at a certain point they will make it or not make it and go ahead and neuter that male. If a male is truly outstanding, he will make it on his own. Thank you. **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East):** This is one that I have a fairly good passion for. I understand what a lot of people are saying that have been around for a long time. I've been in the fancy for a long time. I feel this cheapens the status of the male DM. I have male DMs and I think it's very special. As a matter of fact, one of the males we DM'ed, he passed away from cancer. When he passed away he had 8 grands and fortunately we had just bred him to most of the females in our breeding program who ended up granding, getting 15 DMs [*sic*, grands]. Because he had been used in some other breeding programs, he actually wound up with 21 grands I think by the time everything was all said and done. Pretty impressive, but the bottom line is, that was then. That

was 20 years ago – I think actually 30 years ago now – and the bottom line is, things aren't the way they were 30 years ago. We don't have so many breeders. It used to be a lot of males got used a lot with different breeders. We keep multiple males in our breeding program and we don't try to over-breed them. We're not trying to have one male that we can breed to every female in our household and try to get as many grands out of him. We go for diversity. It just isn't the same as it was many years ago. In my opinion, it's harder to get a DM on a male these days, in the last 20 years, than it was to get – we have 7 female DMs. It's much easier to get a DM on a female than it is on a male. It's just a fact of life anymore unless you have a male that you're studing out to everybody. We do some stud service but most people don't do a lot of stud service these days. The premise was in the past that the male can sire a whole lot of females, so therefore it's a lot easier to get grands and that's why the original number was 15. I just don't believe that's the case anymore and I think making the number 10 still makes it very special. It's still hard to get 10 grands out of a male these days. I really think this needs to be passed. **Laurie Coughlin (Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers):** I believe that the DM title is the most important one that we have, and it is an indication of consistent quality. In theory, a DM male should be able to accomplish this in not a whole lot of litters. My feeling is, if we lower this number, it's going to make the threshold of success lower and make more people shoot for it. I think we're going to end up with males being used breeding more litters, whereas before it's not worth going for the 15, but you could do it if you want. I think that making it 10 means people are going to keep their cats whole longer and breed more. The second point is, this arbitrary cut-off date of 2016 is wacked. If your cat's last litter produces his 14th grand the day before the cut-off, he's not a DM; but, if another cat produces its 10th the day after the cut-off, it is. If we're going to establish something like this, we need to go back to like 2000 and say that's the cut-off date and make people do their research to file on it. This is if this passes, which I don't think it should, but I really think 2016 is a totally unreasonable date. Thank you. **Pam DelaBar (Chatte Noir Club, Sophisto Cat Club):** When we established the Distinguished Merit award, we had many more breeders, we had many more shows, we had larger shows, we had many more cats owned by people. We have come to a different era now in the cat fancy. One, we have to look at this from an animal welfare viewpoint. One of our top studs back in the 1980's produced over 41 grands. He did it in the U.S., he did it in Europe and he did it in Japan. He also spread renal amyloidosis from the U.S. to Europe to Japan. We have to focus on the health of our cats. We have to promote the fact we are focusing on the health of our cats, to be able to keep our hobby. As I said, we're seeing breed-restrictive legislation pop up not only in cities, we're seeing it coming up in countries. We have got to be able to say yes, we are using our cats in a responsible manner, we are keeping them in a responsible manner and we are taking care of their offspring. We are not here to produce using the same cat over and over and over again until they can use the same male, the same female to keep producing the same grands, we do nothing to enlarge the genetic pool for that breed. We have got to start looking at ourselves seriously and to carry on from then. I originally looked at this and I thought, you know, I have bred two DMs but I looked at this again and thought about it seriously. I was not originally for this but now I am definitely strongly in favor of reducing the grands required for a male cat for a DM. **Carissa Altschul (Hugger Mugger Feline Society, Land of Oz Cat Club):** I'm strongly against this for multiple reasons which I will try to go through quickly but explain thoroughly. First of all, saying a male that gets the 10 grands is equivocal to a male that gets the 15 grands is saying like a cat that gets 125 points will surely get 200 points, so why do they have to go to 200 points? There is a reason why we do it. I can't say that any clearer. Anytime we have a rationale where we are giving in to or

citing animal rights points as a reason; for example, oh no, an intact male cat has to be confined, possibly in a cage, then we are saying cages are bad. We just signed our death notice, because if we say it's bad for a male to be in a cage to sire 15 grands, then it's bad for a male to be in a cage to sire 10 grands, then it's bad for a cat to be in a cage period. There are cats in our homes. If you are a responsible cat breeder, you better not have all your cats running together. That's a separate issue. Even CFA sets minimum standards for cages. "Cage" is not a bad word, and every time we give in to that, we give the animal rights activists ammo against us and again we have signed our death notice. No, absolutely not, that is not a reason to change our breeding practices. Should we take care of our cats responsibly? Yes. Do we need to be good stewards of our breeds? Yes. There's this thing called "premiership class". It's where we put neuters and spays. Just because a cat is a grand doesn't mean it's going into someone's breeding program. Popular sires do not equal health conditions. There are some popular sires that have brought some incredibly good traits into a breed and this proposal assumes that all popular sires have a negative effect. Again, animal husbandry, look into it. If you don't know it, ask someone to teach it to you. There's a lot of people here who understand very good animal husbandry and are happy to share their knowledge. Also, a male DM encourages people to work together. I've accomplished a number of male DMs and not a single one of them was done in a vacuum. I had to rely on the help and the respect of other breeders to get there. With 10, maybe I could do it on my own and maybe I couldn't, but the magic number of 15 has definitely made me have to work with other breeders. I think what somebody already brought up, the number of 10 is likely to have more people keeping males of their breeding program longer, because most people now, when a male gets to 7 or 8 grands, they generally make the decision, OK, I'm going to keep one of his sons, it's time for him to go, but at 7 or 8 grands, oh, it's only 2 or 3 away from getting that incredible, elusive, sought-after title of DM. I'll keep him in my breeding program a little bit longer. Finally, for the amount of times this has been brought up and potentially will be brought up again, a bad idea is a bad idea no matter how many times you bring it up. You can change your rationale, you can try to make us feel guilty, but there is a reason why we make this title so important. Thank you.

Barbara Schreck (Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers, Russian Blue Fanciers): I think this is another situation of downgrading the awards. The DM is one of the most important. Anybody – and I say that lightly – can breed a grand, but for a cat to produce 5 or 15, it's a major accomplishment. I don't think that we should be downgrading this again. We've just given out a whole bunch of ways for people to get more grands, so it should be pretty easy for you to get those extra 5 anymore, don't you think? So, I disagree with this. I've had one Russian male grand who was a DM. He was 7 years old and so it doesn't necessarily take that long if you work with other people in your breed and they work with you, but if you have a closed cattery and you're not letting anybody have what you have because you don't want them to be beating you, then you're not going to get very far. So, I'm against this. **Carol W. Johnson, DVM (Americans West, National American Shorthair Club):** I just wanted to say that there were some things that were presented as facts. While it's true that problems have been gotten from some DMs – Pam very well described one of those problems – you can also get good traits, as was also mentioned. The main problem I believe with inbreeding probably has less to do with DMs except for specific problems that have been mentioned. They do occur, but it's happening because there's fewer people breeding a wider diversity of cats. There are also other health-related reasons that you might want to close your cattery. Certainly, if you have cats that are not going in and out to other catteries, you may have an easier time managing disease. So, I do support this but I also wanted to clarify that decreasing the number of cats to get a DM on a male probably is

not going to increase or change your inbreeding coefficient for your breed in general. **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East):** I want to go back and say some people's comments about caging and the fact, oh gosh, if you have a male and you're going to try to get to 10 and it's caged longer, I don't know how many people out there are breeding. Debbie and I, we certainly are not doing our breedings based on the fact of whether we think we're going to get a DM or not. It's certainly not something that we're taking into consideration. We think about it, but it isn't our motivation behind it. Frankly, I think there is a more likelihood if you want to worry about how long a cat is going to be in a cage, if you have a male that's gotten 10 grands you might say, "well gee, maybe I ought to keep him and see if I can get 5 more to get the DM." I think we're more likely to have that issue that people are talking about with the longer requirement. I go back to what I said before. Think of how many female DMs there are versus how many male DMs. There isn't an equal playing field right now. I don't know why we should make the males so much more special than the females. To me, they are both special awards and it's much harder getting a DM on a male than there is getting a DM on a female. A lot of catteries, it's not like the breeder had 20 cats in their breeding program or something many, many years ago. The male could produce a lot more grands. Now, if they work with a lot more people in the fancy, a lot more potential people in your breed that you can outcross a top male to, to get grands from, that just doesn't exist anymore. The reality is, that does not exist, and so you're really to the point where you're making it so that you're putting in something that the level of achievement for the award is so much higher than it is for the female. I just don't think it's a reasonable thing anymore. A female is based on how many litters it has, pretty much. It's not how many litters a male produces. You have to produce a lot more to get 15 grands. The males in most breeding programs just don't breed to as many females as they did years ago, so your chances of getting 15 grands, even for a top quality male, is just so much less. **Newkirk:** Thank you. That was your second time in debate, Clinton, so your debate has expired. **Lorna Friemoth (Almost Heaven Cat Club):** I have bred two male DMs. One of them was an American Bobtail and the other was a Balinese. As a breeder of minority breeds, sometimes it's not a matter of not wanting to share your males and their offspring, but sometimes it's simply lack of interest or maybe there's just not available breeders in your area that work with your breed that want to use your male as a stud. I completely agree with what was stated, that sometimes once you get to 10 cats you're going to breed litters that are not necessarily needed for your gene pool to get to 15, and I completely support lowering this to 10. Thank you. **Melanie Morgan (GEMS):** I feel really strongly about this one. The DM title is one of the most coveted titles in CFA and certainly one that means a lot to me. I'm lucky enough to have a number of male DMs, none of whom I believe were over-bred. It is easy to use rhetoric about popular sire syndrome, etc., but in reality I don't think that that issue truly is as prevalent as we might be led to believe by the people who want to be honest with that. I kind of resent the implication that this is an animal welfare issue. There may be instances where the cats are over-used but I truly don't think it's the norm. This title is supposed to denote excellence as a breeding animal. I feel that a cat can easily achieve this title before he is 3 or 4 years old even, so that's certainly not over-using a kitty or keeping them whole way too long. So, if this award rewards consistent excellence and success, it doesn't mean that we don't care about our animals. That's point #1. Point #2 is, the question was asked, what does grand #11-15 prove beyond 10 grands? I believe that was thrown out to us at the very beginning. By that logic, what's the difference between 1 grand or 2 or 5? This title is supposed to be difficult to achieve. It's supposed to be aspirational. It's supposed to actually mean something. I choose to believe in the breeding integrity of our CFA breeders as a whole. I don't believe that the majority

– and I stress majority – of our CFA breeders will keep a cat whole just to get to 15 grands. I do actually believe, as was stated earlier, that there is a higher chance that people may try to push that envelope and maybe hold onto a kitty and keep them whole a little bit longer if they only have to get to 10. I understand there's always exceptions. The numbers I have seen, however, point to the fact that granding a cat is getting easier rather than more difficult. The overall percentage of cats granding right now is higher, so if we pass this, we are in effect making the title less and less meaningful. We're making it easier if we're in a situation where it's easier to grand a cat and we're making the number lower, so it's kind of like double dipping. This title is so very, very special and so meaningful for so many of us. Please don't continue to lower the bar. Thank you for being patient with my connection issues. **Newkirk:** We understand, Melanie. Thank you for your input. **Ginger Meeker (Cleveland Persian Society):** We have the proud distinction of having bred the first American-bred British Shorthair DM male. We worked our hearts out for that honor and privilege, and during the time that we worked with this cat, he was genetically tested for everything that could possibly be tested, and the females that we agreed to breed him to were also genetically screened for every possible problem that they had. We wanted to be sure that we were producing cats of the highest quality that really could improve the breed. I think cats can bring positive things to a breed, as well as negative. I can remember two people that were showing kittens for us, stating that when they were showing their kittens, the judges asked who the sire was and said "oh, I know it, those kittens all have incredibly good temperaments." So, I think there's something to be said for keeping the DM at 15. It's special. I think if you're committed to a breed and making the breed better and doing it with excellent husbandry and genetics, I don't see any reason to lower the standard. **Donna J. Fuller (Russian Blue West, San Francisco Revelers):** I have the honor, I believe, of having the most male Russian Blue DMs in CFA. Just sitting here without looking at my records, I think I have 5. Every one of them was earned. I just feel that if we lower to 10, it really discounts what we did before when we really, really worked to get everything just right. Actually, I think two of my boys are father and son DMs and also national winners, but I'm not sure I would have even bothered to claim them back then if it only took 10. Please don't discount what is the most important breeding title we have. Thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you Donna.

Newkirk: Mary K, I will offer you a closing statement. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** Are you sure I'm last. **Newkirk:** There's no other hands up, Mary K. You are the last one. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** I do not believe that lowering this requirement from 15 to 10 discounts any cats that already have the title. What it does is, it recognizes that things have changed. Everything that Pam DelaBar said 100% I agree with. Everything has changed since this was established and we need to recognize that fact. Also, I wanted to make a comment to Carissa. I did not say that a cat that gets 10 is equivocal to 15. Seriously, I don't appreciate people taking my words and changing them. I said that if a cat can get 10, that it can get 15 given enough time and I stand by that. Unless the cat dies or the owner neuters it, a cat that can produce 10 grands has the ability to produce 15. I did not say that they were equivocal, but there's a lot of emotion involved in this title and I have the same amount of emotion because I am seeing such a lack of genetic diversity in my breed and I really think that we are over-emphasizing the use of our males with this title. **Newkirk:** Thank you Mary K. OK, debate on item #23 is now closed. I'm going to have Allene open the voting on #23. This is the amendment that we were just discussing, so #23 is not open for voting. I want to also tell you that #105, which is from the floor 105, which is really #20, you can vote for both of those at the same time

now, so voting is open. If you will give us a minute, we'll get ready to present two resolutions from the floor. Please everyone cast your votes for 23 and 105. Since we had 5 resolutions from the floor, when Allene opened up the voting, it opened up the voting for all 5 resolutions, so please on resolution #101 and 102, which will be resolutions from the floor, hold off voting until you are instructed to do so.

Newkirk: Before we handle resolutions from the floor, we have a Star Awards presentation and we also have Kathy Calhoun's wonderful – you will smile when you hear the mellifluous words from Kathy Calhoun's mouth.

Newkirk: We're going to close the voting on #23 and #105. Rachel, would you mind announcing #23? **Anger:** #23 regarding the DM requirement received 144, which is the number required to pass by 50%.

Motion Carried by 50%.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 23	144	114	1	259

(38) CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AND ELECTION RESULTS.

Credentials Committee Chair Nancy Dodds gave a report of club delegates that were not seated and ballots that were disqualified.

***The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
Credentials Committee Meeting Minutes
Sunday, June 13, 2021
Virtual Via Zoom***

The meeting was called to order at 1 PM EDT by the Chairperson, Nancy Dodds. Hilary Helmrich was appointed secretary. The members present were: Nancy Dodds, Hilary Helmrich, Donna Andrews, Norm Auspitz, Pam Bassett, Betty Bridges, Erin Cutchen, Marilyn Conde, Jim Dineson, Marilee Griswold, Mary Ann Martin, Cheryl Peck, Nancy Petersen, Kendall Smith, Allene Tartaglia, Amber Goodright.

The Chairperson outlined the activities for the day. All members were reminded to sign and send the Oath of Inspectors of Elections to Hilary Helmrich and Allene Tartaglia.

Chairperson outlined the procedure on how ballots were to be opened at Central Office on Monday June 14. The independent auditors at Alliance Ohio (Matt Banjo and Kelly Maggard) will open the ballots, check them for completeness and put them into batches by region according to special procedures for 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions and the Annual Meeting being held via Zoom. The ballots will then be collected and sent to the Chairperson via FedEx to be counted on Tuesday, June 15. Hilary and Nancy will review and validate the ballots and will obtain the official tally of the votes. Nancy will provide the results of the election to the President on Friday after the amendments are discussed at the annual meeting.

[From after Proposal #11]: **Newkirk:** Alright, it is 12:57 Central Time. Before we go on to the break, let's go ahead and bring Nancy Dodds in from Credentials for Election Results. **Dodds:** Thank you Darrell. The Credentials Committee met by Zoom at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 13th. I opened the meeting, appointed Hilary Helmrich as our secretary. Here are the members who were present: Nancy Dodds, Hilary Helmrich, Donna Andrews, Norm Auspitz, Pam Bassett, Betty Bridges, Erin Cutchen, Marilyn Conde, Jim Dineson, Marilee Griswold, Mary Ann Martin, Cheryl Peck, Nancy Petersen, Kendall Smith, Allene Tartaglia and Amber Goodright. All members were reminded to sign in, send the Oath of Inspector Elections to Hilary and to Allene. I provided an outline of how the ballots would be counted this year at Central Office on Monday, June 14. The independent auditors actually took the ballots and put them to the test and documented the results. The last thing that we did as a Committee is that we performed an inventory of actual ballots against the list. Sometimes, when we have a face-to-face meeting, we don't always agree with the totals that we are presented with, but this time we absolutely did. The ballots were sent to us overnight, and Hilary and I got together yesterday and validated and reviewed the ballots. But, before we get there, we have some things we need to tell you about.

CLUB INFORMATION

CFA Clubs added between June 1, 2020 and June 1, 2021: 16

Club #	Clubs Added by Name	Region
1728	INTERNATIONAL TOYBOB CAT CLUB	1
1729	SHOW ME CAT FANCIERS	6
1730	CHINA FASHION CAT CLUB	ID
1731	CHINA SKYLINE FELINE FANCIERS ALLIANCE	ID
1732	LEFFAIR INTERNATIONAL CAT FANCIERS CLUB	ID
1733	MAGIC WING INTERNATIONAL CAT CLUB	ID
1734	SHANGHAI CROWN INTERNATIONAL CAT CLUB	ID
1735	SIAM CAT FANCIERS' CLUB	ID
1736	SHADOWCATS FELINE FANCIERS	ID/CN
1737	CHINA CAESAR CAT CLUB	ID/CN
1738	CHINA FREE HEART CAT CLUB	ID/CN
1739	CHINA STAR SHINY EXOTIC FANCIERS ALLIANCE	ID/CN
1740	KINGPOWER CAT LOVER CLUB	ID/CN
1741	SOOCHOW RIVERSIDE CAT FANCIERS' CLUB	ID
1742	UNIVERSAL CATS CLUB	9
1743	FENGtian S CAT CLUB	ID

CFA Clubs as of June 1, 2021 (after clubs dropped): 583

Clubs dropped (for failure to pay dues and/or submit membership list by June 1): 21.

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

Club No	Club Name	ST	R#	ML	REASON DROPPED
1382	KORATS UNLIMITED	XX	2	20	Dues not paid/no membership list
23	BOUGALIE REBELS CAT CLUB	XX	3	20	Dues not paid/no membership list
989	EYES OF TEXAS CAT CLUB	XX	3	20	Dues not paid/no membership list
37	CANTON HALL OF FAME CAT CLUB	XX	4	20	Dues not paid/no membership list
433	ALOHA CAT FANCIERS	XX	5	20	Dues not paid/no membership list
1519	AURORA CAT CLUB	XX	9	20	Dues not paid/no membership list
1691	BULGARIA'S CAT FANCIERS CAT ADVOCATES & TROUPERS	XX	9	20	Dues not paid/no membership list
1598	SOCIETY	XX	ID	20	Dues not paid/no membership list
1674	CAT FRIENDS OF KUWAIT	XX	ID	20	Dues not paid/no membership list
1412	CHINA CAT FANCIERS	DU	ID	20	No membership list
1462	CHINA PHOENIX CAT CLUB	XX	ID	20	Dues not paid/no membership list
1549	CHINA SOUTHERN CAT CLUB	XX	ID	20	Dues not paid/no membership list
1594	CORNERPET CAT FANCIERS CLUB	XX	ID	20	Dues not paid/no membership list
1696	COSMOS CAT FANCIERS' CLUB	XX	ID	20	Dues not paid/no membership list
1686	EGYPT CAT CLUB FELINE FANCIERS SOC OF	XX	ID	20	Dues not paid/no membership list
1610	SINGAPORE	XX	ID	21	Dues not paid
1724	INDIAN CAT CLUB	XX	ID	20	Dues not paid/no membership list
1653	JIANG SU TIAN MAO	XX	ID	20	Dues not paid/no membership list
1723	KNIGHT'S OF CAT'S	XX	ID	20	Dues not paid/no membership list

1616	L&L CAT CLUB	DU	ID	20	No membership list
1627	WORLD TOP FELINE CLUB	XX	ID	20	Dues not paid/no membership list

DU=Dues pd; XX=Dues not pd; ML is year of list submitted.

Clubs retired since June 1, 2020:

Cats Without Borders.....Region 1
 New Hampshire Feline FanciersRegion 1
 Salt City Cat Club.....Region 1
 Up In Smoke.....Region 7
 Flamingo Cat Fanciers.....Region 7
 Moscow Cat FanciersID

Beginning number of clubs as of June 1, 2020594
 Clubs added16
 Clubs Dropped.....21
 Clubs Retired6
 Clubs in Good Standing June 1, 2021583

Clubs in ID Division:

<i>Paid dues, submitted membership list and held a show:</i>	22
<i>Paid dues/membership lists too late to vote but held a show</i>	<u>1</u>
<i>And can send a delegate</i>	23
<i>Paid dues, submitted membership lists and did NOT hold a show: 66</i>	
<i>Clubs under suspension for non-payment of entry surcharges and late fees:</i>	0
<i># of Clubs determining a quorum: 583 – 66= 517. Quorum is 259</i>	
<i># of Club Delegates necessary to be checked-in to determine a quorum: 259</i>	

Clubs in International Division that were not eligible to vote: 66

Dodds: We ended up last year with 594 clubs in good standing. There were 16 clubs added between then and now – three from Regions 1-9 and 13 in the International Division. I'm not going to take the time to read all of those to you, but they will be included in the report. There were 21 clubs dropped from membership this year. They included clubs which didn't pay dues and provide a membership list, or some combination of that, and they did not get corrected until after June 1. There were also six clubs that retired membership since June 1, 2020. So, if you take the math and take 594, add 16, subtract 26 and 6, you come up with 583 – that's indeed 583 clubs who were in good standing as of June 1 this year. We talked about the quorum being a subset of the 583 clubs. We had to deduct the number of clubs in the International Division that did not have a show, and that number was 66. So, we came up with a total of 517, which was 100%, and we divided that by 2 to come up with what the quorum had to be and added back in the 2/3 vote. Since we started, of course you know that number has changed.

DELEGATE FORMS

304 Clubs registered to send delegates.
 Clubs had until May 29 to name delegates.

*All were on line and all clubs who signed up a delegate were authorized to do so.
The number needed for a quorum is 259. That number was met.
The final figure will depend the number of delegates actually check in on Friday morning.
50% of that number and two thirds will be determined on Friday morning.*

BALLOTS FOR DIRECTOR AT LARGE – GENERAL INFORMATION

Ballot information and link to vote emailed: March 25, 2021

Ballot reminders emailed: May 27, 2021

Ballots received: Daily

Deadline for receipt of ballots: June 1, 2021

Ballots for Director-At-Large received by deadline: 455

Ballots received after deadline: 0

Ballots received TOTAL: 455

Clubs eligible to vote for Director-At-Large (includes clubs in ID-China and Other-which had a show): 488

Ballots received via method other than online: 3 (2 emailed, 1 faxed)

Club which sent an electronic and paper ballot: none

Club which sent a ballot but cannot vote: 0

OPEN ISSUES

Proxy Form Issue noted at this meeting. – The following statement was removed from the forms in 2016 without credentials committee or Board review. Should it be reinstated? You may not proxy votes as an elected delegate and then accept other votes as a proxy. After discussion, the Committee voted to leave this statement off the document at this time and going forward. If there is a problem, the statement could be added again.

Siamese CC: A motion was made to accept this club ballot. Carried.

Review the two clubs which sent in ballots by email and not by on line or by hard copy ballot mailed or faxed:

a. Crab and Mallet – a motion was made not to accept the ballot from this club. Carried.

b. Tonkinese East CC – a motion was made not to accept this ballot. Carried

The meeting was closed by the Chairperson at 1:30 PM PST.

Monday, June 14, 2021:

The Central Office Committee, consisting of Jim Simbro, Allene Tartaglia, Amber Goodright, and two independent auditors (Matt Banjo and Kelly Maggard) met at the Central Office and signed the Oath of Inspectors. The ballots were then opened and counted by this group. When completed, the ballots and the counts were put into a box and mailed to Nancy Dodds and Hilary Helmrich to be verified.

Thursday June 16, 2021:

At 10 AM PST on Thursday June 16, the box of ballots was opened by Nancy Dodds and Hilary Helmrich. The ballots were recounted and verified by Nancy and Hilary. There were 2265 votes cast. The total votes received by each Candidate for Director at Large are listed below.

Dodds: In terms of the ballot for director at large, the information and the link was opened on March 25, 2021. They emailed reminders on May 27 and the ballots were received daily. The deadline for receipt of those ballots was June 1. There were 455 ballots that were received by the deadline, so 455 were received. Only one club did not vote online, and that vote was done by fax. We examined that ballot, as we would at a regular face-to-face meeting, and determined that the ballot was accurate. The online ballot won't let you vote for any more than 5 or fewer than 5, but we had to verify the handwritten ballot to ensure that all the requirements were met for voting, and indeed it was. Two clubs were not able to vote online and were apparently not aware of it until the date that the voting closed. They subsequently sent in an email saying, "here is who we voted for," but the instructions all along have been very clear. You can fax the ballot – request a hard copy and fax it – or you can vote online. There was no provision for someone sending an email, and particularly since we are very careful not to reveal the name of the club that's voting, it was very clear that you could tell who voted by email, so we did not accept two ballots because of that. I'm not going to call them out at this particular time.

Dodds: One of the issues that we had to deal with was the proxy form. The following statement was removed in 2016 without a review by the board or the Credentials Committee, and the question came up, should we reinstate this statement? The statement is, *You may not proxy vote as an elected delegate and then accept another vote as a proxy.* We discussed it, and we decided and voted to leave off this additional statement. I think the statement was added in back when voting occurred at the annual. We actually did vote for officers and regional directors and directors at large at the actual annual meeting, so having reviewed this situation and reviewing this statement, the Committee agreed to leave it off.

Election Results were as follows:

CFA DIRECTORS AT LARGE: (433 votes tallied)

Election Results for CFA Director-at-Large for the term June 2021-June 2023 were as follows:

<i>Loretta Baugh</i>	<i>138</i>
<i>Kathy Black.....</i>	<i>170</i>
<i>Cynthia Byrd</i>	<i>157</i>
<i>Gavin Cao</i>	<i>91</i>
<i>George Eigenhauser</i>	<i>224*</i>
<i>Mark Hannon.....</i>	<i>216*</i>
<i>Carol Krzanowski.....</i>	<i>223*</i>
<i>Melanie Morgan.....</i>	<i>226*</i>
<i>Jan Rogers</i>	<i>108</i>
<i>Allen Shi.....</i>	<i>103</i>

Peter Vanwonderghem.....202
Russell Webb.....202
Annette Wilson205*

*** Elected**

Dodds: 433 clubs voted. Each voted for 5 candidates. We had 2,265 votes in those 433 clubs. The people elected, Wilson, Hannon, Krzanowski, Eigenhauser and Morgan. **Newkirk:** Is that the end of your report? **Dodds:** This is the end of my report. Aren't you lucky? **Newkirk:** Nancy, you did a great job. I appreciate it. **Dodds:** Thank you Darrell. Congratulations to everybody. **Newkirk:** Congratulations to Annette, Mark, Carol Krzanowski, George Eigenhauser and Melanie Morgan. We will see you on Sunday morning.

The ballots were then collected and put in the box and sealed by Nancy Dodds until Friday June 18, 2021.

On Friday June 18, 2021, Nancy Dodds, Chairperson of the Credentials Committee, read out the results of the election.

Nancy requested that a motion be made to destroy the ballots. This was done. It was seconded. Nancy destroyed the ballots.

Respectfully submitted:

Hilary Helmrich, Committee Secretary

Dodds: Now we have the results of the election. Be very careful, because I'm going to announce this in the order of votes.

Newkirk: I would like to thank our outgoing board members – Brian Moser and Cyndy Byrd. Is that it? **Anger:** Yes. **Newkirk:** That's right, OK. Thank you guys for your service. We really appreciate it. **Dodds:** Just one more thing, Darrell. I would like permission to destroy the ballots at this time. **Newkirk:** Do we need a motion for that? **Dodds:** Yes. **Anger:** Anger moves. **Mastin:** Rich will second. **Newkirk:** OK, thank you. No objections, so by unanimous consent you can destroy the ballots.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Dodds: Thank you, I will do that. **Newkirk:** Thank you Nancy. OK, I think next is a break if I'm not mistaken. We have a break until 1:30, so we'll see everybody back at 1:30.

LUNCH BREAK.

(39) **TREASURER'S REPORT.**

Newkirk: Next on the agenda is the Treasurer's Report. Kathy Calhoun, you're on with that beautiful report you are going to show us. **Calhoun:** Alright. I think I should have music. **Newkirk:** I do, too. **Calhoun:** I mean, after all, the report is like 76 pages long, so you know, don't panic. Don't panic, I'm just kidding. **Newkirk:** You may need three songs. **Calhoun:** Yeah. So, here we go.

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Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. Treasurer's Report

May 2020 – April 2021

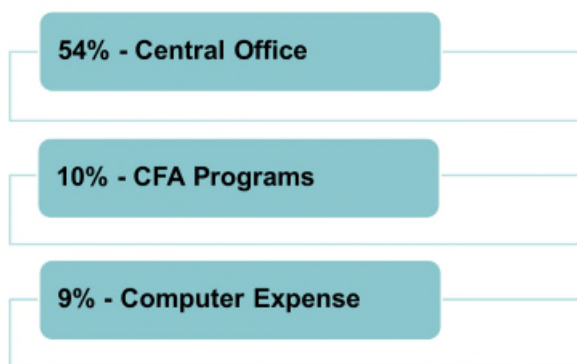
Calhoun: Hello everybody, happy Friday, happy Juneteenth and happy – all the way out to Sunday – Father's Day. This is a big weekend. Happy Annual. In this report, we are going to compare the top three to four expense categories and the top three to four income categories.

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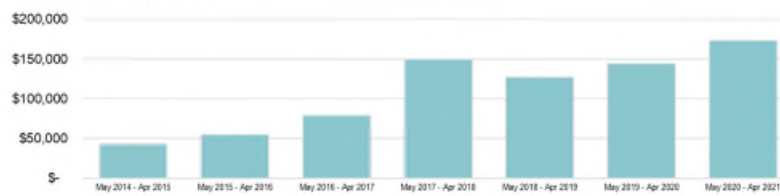
Top Three Expense Categories



Calhoun: The top three expense categories include Central Office at 54%, CFA Programs at 10% and Computer Expense at 9%. Now, keep in mind, this is comparing last season, which was an unusual year because normally if we had an international or an annual, those expenses would rise up to the top, ahead of some of these others, but in this instance we didn't so we are going to talk about these top three.



Computer Expense



Computer expenses increased slightly over the prior year. Unlike many other areas, Computer expenses were not directly impacted by the pandemic.

A most of the planned work continued, as the group focused a great deal of attention on the genetics project.

Data storage costs continue to increase. The IT team is actively reviewing ways to mitigate future cost increases.

Calhoun: Computer Expense. A lot of our expenses and our income categories were influenced by the pandemic, but not so much the Computer Expense categories. Most of the work continues. There is a great focus on the genetics project and we continue to see data storage costs increase. You will see a little bit of an increase over the year compared to the prior year, but the IT team is actively reviewing ways to mitigate future cost increases, particularly in that data storage area.



Program Expense



As we are well aware, the number of shows were significantly reduced in 2020/2021.

Program expenses, which are largely driven by sponsorship funds being distributed to clubs having shows, were also significantly reduced.

Overall, program expenses were reduced by 51.38%.

Calhoun: The next page is Program Expense. Now, Program Expense is largely driven by show sponsorship distributions to clubs, so given the fact that we had fewer shows in this past season due to COVID-19, of course the show sponsorship numbers declined, as well. So, from a Program Expense perspective, it was reduced by 51%.



Central Office Expense



Reducing expenses was a major focal point for the Central Office in 2020/2021.

The Central Office, led by Executive Director Allene Tartaglia, made tough decisions throughout the season. As a result, they became a more unified and stronger team!

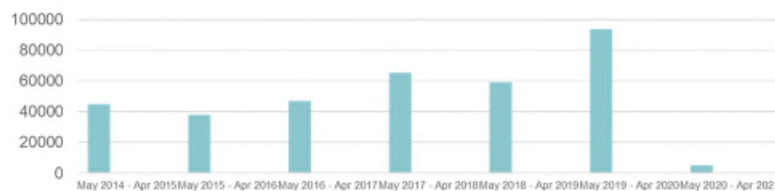
The resulting savings when compared to 2019/2020 was \$243,589.

Job well done!

Calhoun: Now we're going to talk about Central Office. Reducing expenses was a major, major focal point for the Central Office in 2020-2021. Central Office, led by Executive Director Allene Tartaglia, made very, very tough decisions that were necessary, including furloughing employees, staff reductions, employees taking on additional responsibilities – all these things were done to mitigate costs. I would say that as a result the team came out of the season more unified and stronger than ever. The resulting savings compared to 2019-2020 was \$243,000 – almost \$244,000. That's just amazing. The Central Office did a phenomenal job, phenomenal job. Job well done! Thank you Central Office. I can't say enough.



Board Meeting Expense



Although, board meeting expense is not one of the top 3 expense categories, it is noted that the CFA Board, in accordance with CDC guidelines, did not have in-person board meetings.

Instead, the Board opted to have virtual meetings via ZOOM.

This resulted in a saving of \$88,506.

Calhoun: Although Board Meeting Expense didn't rise to the top three, I wanted to bring it into this discussion. One of the things that the board did, as did the whole entire world, was to pivot from in-person meetings to virtual meetings, and we use the Zoom platform. That pivot, of itself, resulted in a savings of almost \$89,000. That's just amazing. It's difficult. The face-to-face interaction is certainly a thing that we want and certainly contributes to the business, but I would say that the board did a phenomenal job of getting the work done, communication and those sorts of things via Zoom. So, that savings dropped right down to the bottom line. Great job.



Top Three Income Categories



Calhoun: Now we're going to go to Income. There are three categories that we will talk about here. Individual and litter registrations brings in about 45% of our income. Cattery registrations 17% and investments at 10%.



Investment Gains



CFA experienced tremendous success relative to investments. The portfolio is largely guided by Rich Mastin, CFA's Vice President and Director of Finance.

Rich's recommendations were both timely and accurate. As a result, the value of CFA's investments increased dramatically – almost reaching \$250,000.

Job Well Done!

Calhoun: CFA experienced a phenomenal year relative to investments. These investments were partially guided by Rich Mastin, who is the CFA Vice President and I promoted him to the Director of Finance, which is not correct. He is the Chair of the Finance Committee, along with a number of other committees. Rich's recommendations were timely and accurate. His attention to detail relative to changes in the market really paid off for CFA. As a result, the value of CFA's investments last year increased dramatically, almost reaching \$250,000. I would like to add that even this year in the month and a half that we've had this season, we have seen an increase of about \$25,000. Rich likes to say that there was a little bit of luck involved. Well, I would say the combination of luck, talent and attention to detail is a winning combination. Job well done!



Cattery Registration Income – New and Renewals



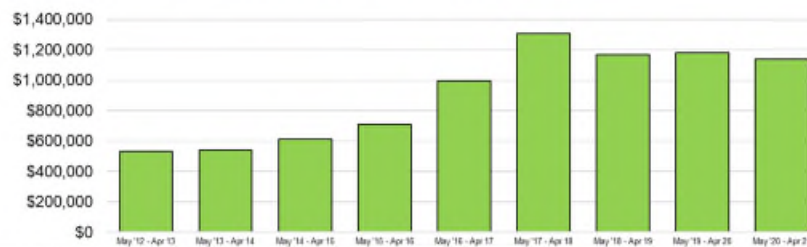
Income from cattery registration continues to trend positively.

Specifically, when comparing the 2018/2019 season, which was not impacted by the pandemic, to the 2020/2021 season, income increased in this category by 3.71%.

Calhoun: Cattery Registrations. This includes both new catteries and renewals. So, what we did here was to take the comparison from the 2018-2019 season that was completely not impacted by the pandemic and compared that to 2020-2021, which was completely impacted by the pandemic. We still saw an increase. As you can see, that trend has continued to go up and it didn't stop this past season. This category increased 3.71%. Amazing.



Registration Income – Litters and Individuals



Registration remained strong throughout this season which was impacted by the global pandemic - COVID-19. While there was a reduction in revenue, it was minimal.

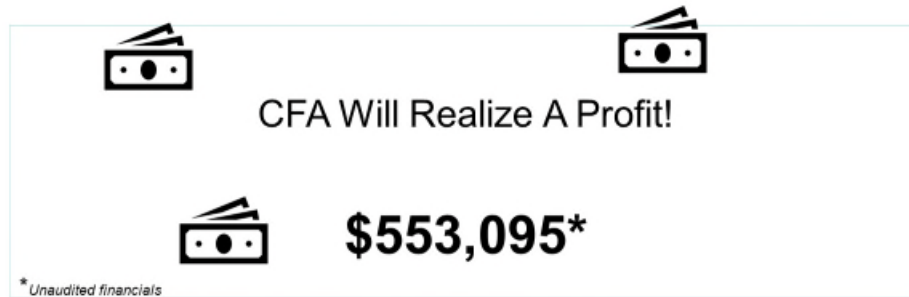
- The actual change, compared to the prior season, was a negative \$39,724.
- The percentage change was only 3.37%.

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HUGE THANK YOU TO THE CAT FANCIERS GLOBALLY
YOU DID YOUR PART!**

Calhoun: This is where the majority – 45% of our income is sourced, in registrations. We had an extremely strong season, even though we were impacted by the global pandemic. There was a reduction, but the actual change compared to the prior season was only \$39,724. It was only a 3.37% reduction. That is amazing, and what that tells me – as we spoke about other areas and people doing a yeoman's job, the cat fanciers remain faithful to their cats, to their breeding programs and to CFA. This is a huge shout out, a huge thank you to the cat fanciers globally. You did your part. Thank you so much.



The Bottom Line – May 2020 through April 2021



Calhoun: Drum roll! Alright, here we go. So, the bottom line for last season that was under the complete influence of a pandemic, with all the hardships and isolation, and all of the challenges that went along with that, CFA will realize a profit of \$553,095. That is amazing, and everybody contributed to that. Now, I will say, these are unaudited financials. We have to do that. From time to time the auditors will make a little tweak, so if you see a report that comes out that's a little bit different, there could be minor changes, but \$553,000 – I'll take anything in that ball park. A great, great job. The entire cat fancy remains true.



Income and Expense Comparison + Current Budget



This slide captures income and expenses for the past 11 seasons.

Also captured is the budget for 2021/2022 which is conservatively forecasted to deliver a net income of \$110,269.

Calhoun: We're getting down to the very, very end because we're getting toward Miller Time. So, income and expenses, we kind of do this and want to continue the income/expense comparison so people can kind of see how we have trended over the past 10 seasons and then the 11th being the budget for this year. So, this upcoming budget for this year that we are currently in – 2021-2022 – we are conservatively forecasting a net income of about \$110,000. We have been very, very conservative on calculating registration numbers, on calculating Central Office costs and calculating what investments may bring forth, because we know those things change. So, we have been very, very conservative. We're putting some money back into programs and I think we should be headed in the right direction with this number of \$110,000.

**Budget Committee**

*Rich Mastin
Teresa Sweeney
Allene Tartaglia
Mathew Wong
Robert Tablack CPA*



Thank You!!

Calhoun: Last slide. I just want to call out the Budget Committee that works on the budget. We have parts of the Committee that meet every month to take a look at the numbers and make sure everything is going in the right direction. That would include myself, Rich Mastin, Teresa Sweeney, Allene Tartaglia, Matthew Wong who calls in from Hong Kong in the middle of the night, and then Robert. You may not recognize Robert's name. Robert Tablack, C.P.A., we contracted that out. We used to have a full-time person doing that work and by actually going to Robert's firm, the quality of the work is outstanding and it saves us money. So, we included Robert because he is definitely part of our team. I really wanted to give a great shout-out to that team. We work very well together and most of us have been together for a really long time.

Calhoun: That's it. Any questions. **Newkirk:** Kathy, there's only one thing wrong with your report. **Calhoun:** Uh-oh. **Newkirk:** I can't get the participants list up so I can see hands. Anyway, after that slide where you have \$553,000 you need to insert a slide with lots of fireworks going off, because that would sort of be the icing on the cake. **Calhoun:** You're absolutely right. **Newkirk:** What a fantastic, fantastic Treasurer's Report. Thank you so much. **Calhoun:** Everybody does their part. Thank you. Thanks everybody.

(40) **RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.**

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

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Newkirk: I will also mention that any resolution not pre-noticed will require 2/3 vote.

Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers): I'm actually asking for a point of clarification here. You said that items from the floor – things that aren't pre-noticed – require 2/3. That has never been our practice before. Our practice before was that anything presented from the floor has to be passed by the board. You can do whatever you want to the show rules, regardless of what we do here, so I want to know where you're getting the 2/3 from because that's not ever been the requirement before. **Newkirk:** Robert's Rules. Shelly, would you like to address this? **Perkins:** Can I have a clearer statement of the question? **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** In the past, items from the floor have not required 2/3. They have only required a favorable vote because the board considers them and is not required to pass them. For example, let's say we vote one of these down, but the board likes the idea. The board can implement it anyhow. So, I would like to know where, since these are non-show rule resolutions, why is there suddenly requiring 2/3? I don't recall that ever having been required before. **Perkins:** Any motion that is not pre-noticed requires 2/3 under Robert's Rules and any motion that is pre-noticed is a majority, unless it's an amendment to the constitution at the annual. There are other rules, but the bottom line is that this is not a pre-noticed motion and so under Robert's Rules, because no one had notice of it until we got here, it requires 2/3 vote to pass. **Mary Kolencik (Lilac Point Fanciers, United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers):** Whatever, because I still think that even if these fail, this is something the board can do on their own, regardless of what happens here, so whatever. **Newkirk:** OK.

Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East): I apologize, but I kind of question the Robert's Rule of Order issue here, because this is a resolution that's going to be like a pre-noticed resolution, that if it passes by 2/3 the board has to implement it. It's still going to be advisory, so I don't really think the vote has any meaning, other than whether the board – you know, it passed, saying, "hey, a majority of the people voting on it were in favor of it." Either way it goes, it's up to the board to decide whether you're going to implement it or not. I think in the past we have always done a majority and it was passed on to the board as a favorable vote from the delegates. Then, it's up to the board to decide what to do with it. As I said, it's not a motion that's going to be implemented or not implemented, based on the vote we have, so I think Mary is correct. I don't think it's Robert's Rules of Order because it's not like if we get a 2/3 vote on this, the board is going to implement this as a show rule. Either way, no matter how we vote on it, it's going to go to the board for them to decide what they do with it. **Ginger Meeker (Cleveland Persian Society):** Clinton just shot my fox. I was just wanting to make sure that if we passed it by 2/3, if it was going to become something that the board did not have to implement in addition. I don't see how you can have it both ways. **Newkirk:** I'm not sure what you mean. **Ginger Meeker (Cleveland Persian Society):** Before when we passed it with a majority, the board had to yea or nay and it became a board issue. If it's passing by 2/3, why does the board still need to do anything further with it? It's 2/3 of the elected membership. **Newkirk:** Because it's just like every pre-noticed motion that passed will be presented at the October meeting for ratification by the Board of Directors. **Ginger Meeker (Cleveland Persian Society):** OK. **Monte Phillips (Cat'n on the Fox):** Just a point of clarification because I've been dealing with these for over 12 years. When

you pass a resolution from the floor, it doesn't necessarily actually reflect the full text of the show rule. What will go to the board in October will be full text of the show rule to implement whatever it is you pass. I usually work with the presenter to do that. **Newkirk:** OK. You may be working closely with the presenter soon.

– 101 – Cat Fanciers of Washington

Once a cat has completed the requirements for Championship/Premiership, a claim form should be submitted to the Central Office along with the appropriate fee. For subsequent Championship/Premiership titles (e.g., bronze, silver, gold) the appropriate request should be submitted to the Central Office. There will be no fee for these titles. These additional titles will only be provided upon request.

Newkirk: Our first resolution from the floor is #101 and the delegate is Mark Hannon. Mark, welcome. **Mark Hannon (Cat Fanciers of Washington):** Thank you very much. First, I want to take a couple of seconds to thank everybody that voted for me this year, and I want to congratulate Melanie, George, Carol and Annette on their election, as well. I look forward to working with them. The resolution, [reads]. The only change I'm making to the current practice is, we will no longer charge a fee for the bronze, silver and gold. Currently, the Central Office is tracking grand points, which means they're not doing anything extra for the bronze, silver and gold, other than checking with the computer to see how many grand points they have on record for the cat. **Newkirk:** I can't see the participants. **Tartaglia:** Nobody has their hand up. **Kathy Black (Texoma Cat Fanciers):** I was wondering if Allene has any numbers of how much revenue has been generated by these titles so far. **Tartaglia:** Not off hand, no. **Kathy Black (Texoma Cat Fanciers):** Can you give us a [inaudible]? **Tartaglia:** We would have to look at the financials. I wasn't prepared for this. It's a resolution from the floor. **Barbara Schreck (Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers, Russian Blue Fanciers):** There is still some work involved in assuring that this is the case. Do we issue a piece of paper to these people? I can't remember, but there is still a small amount of work that is required of Central Office in order to confirm this, I believe. **Leslie Ann Carr (Rome Cat Forum):** I just have a question on this resolution #101. First of all, it does not reference any of the show rules that apply to the different tiers of championship/premiership titles. Looking at the show rules, because I wanted to see what this was, it says under 27.05.c., *A bronze, silver or gold champion/premier claim can be made by submitting the confirmation form available on the CFA website. See current price list for applicable fees.* Wouldn't it be easier just to change the price list? Is that what this is asking to have done? I'm very confused by what this is actually referring to. I think I know what the intent is, but where in the rules are you trying to make a change? **Tyler Deel (Ohio State Persian Club):** Piggybacking off of Leslie Carr's previous comments where it says *See current price list for applicable fees*, I've got the price list pulled up from the website, effective October 5, 2019. I do not see anything other than championship confirmation. Nothing regarding bronze, silver or gold championship confirmation fees, so why do we need to change the show rules when currently there is no fee, at least according to the price list. Thank you. **Newkirk:** It's on the claim form. The championship claim form. **Tyler Deel (Ohio State Persian Club):** If there's a championship claim form, it should be reflected in the price list, I would assume, since that's the way the show rules are currently written. **Newkirk:** Allene said they missed updating that on the price list, but it is on the championship claim confirmation and in the catalog. **Tyler Deel (Ohio State Persian Club):** OK thank you. No further comments.

Newkirk: Mark, did you want to make a closing statement? **Mark Hannon (Cat Fanciers of Washington):** I just want to clarify. All I'm trying to do is eliminate the fee for the bronze, silver and gold championship forms. I'll be happy to work with Monte if there's a show rule change. I'll work with Allene if it's a price list change. I just want to do away with the fee for the advance championship/premiership titles. **Newkirk:** Thank you Mark. Let's go ahead and open up voting for #101, Allene. **Tartaglia:** It is open. **Newkirk:** Oh, that's right, it is open. I made the announcement, so please everyone on Floor Resolution #101, you can vote on that one. Don't vote on #102 until it is presented. So, debate is closed on #101.

Newkirk: Rachel is going to announce the votes on the two resolutions from the floor. **Anger:** Question #101 regarding the fee for the bronze, silver and gold claim received 168 and that would pass by 50%, but we need 2/3. **Newkirk:** We need 2/3. As Mark said, he is going to work with Monte. So Mark, you get with Monte and look for an email from me later tonight.

Motion Failed.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 101	168			259

– 102 – Almost Heaven Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 11.07, 11.26.b. and 13.03, to allow cats who have left the show hall, to retain their awards from finals called after the advertised show hours, as follows:

11.07 An entry must be present and available for class judging when the time for judging each entry is reached. An entry not so presented or available will be marked absent and the class will be judged as if such an entry had not been benched. In addition, for those cats marked MAb on the absentee/transfer sheets, those cats will also be marked absent even if that cat shows up to the judging ring for judging. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor or the exhibitor's agent to see that the cat or kitten is presented for class judging when the entry number is called the first time. **Only one call to the judging ring is required.**

11.26 Voiding of Wins by the judge.

a. A judge must void any win, including any win in the finals, when in his opinion there is no entry with sufficient merit to receive it.

b. When an entry has been removed from the show hall and is not available to be present for a final taking place during advertised show hours ~~for the finals~~, it is ineligible for a finals award. The judge must take one of the following actions:

1. The judge will void the win and leave the position open. The judge should announce that had the absent cat been present, it would have received the appropriate award; or,
2. The judge will void the win, move all lesser placing finalists up one position and select a substitute cat, which is mechanically eligible exclusive of the absent cat, for the last position (fifteenth, tenth, fifth, second or third, whichever is applicable). The judge should announce that had the absent cat been present, it would have received the appropriate award. The judge's finals sheet will show which cat's win was voided and which cat substituted.

c. When a final takes place after the close of advertised show hours, if a cat chosen for the final is no longer present in the show hall, the judge ~~will~~ may hang its award on an empty cage.

~~In no case will a judge hang an award on an empty cage.~~

13.03 All benched entries with the exception of kittens, Veterans and Household Pets, must remain in the show hall until the advertised closing hour. Failure to be present may cause all awards won in that show by that entry to be voided with the following exceptions:

a. Any entry absent from rings judged after the advertised closing time of the final day of the show shall retain awards previously won but shall not be eligible for any awards made after their removal provided the show manager is noticed of the entry's absence.

b. Entries chosen for a final that is posted after advertised show hours are eligible to retain the points for that final, even if they have left the show hall.

~~b. c.~~ Household Pets may be removed at an earlier hour than the closing of the show as determined by the show manager.

RATIONALE: Exhibitors should not be penalized, forced to be present, or forfeit wins or potential finals when finals continue past the advertised ending time as printed on the show flyer, which is outlined in rule 5.01.g. Often exhibitors and judges alike have travel schedules that cannot be altered. At the very least this amendment will make show management, judges and exhibitors more focused on time constraints when planning and producing shows, and will allow exhibitors the choice of leaving the show, if finals continue past closing time, without penalty. If the club knows they are having a trainee at their show, then they can write the advertised show hours for exhibitors as needed. Clubs also have the option of having spectator show hours and exhibitor show hours advertised on their flyers. This is a part of the club's job in providing good customer service.

Newkirk: Proposal #102, Almost Heaven. That's Lorna Friemoth. **Lorna Friemoth (Almost Heaven Cat Club):** This is the same as Amendment #14 with the change of one word. The show rule amendment would allow cats to have left the show hall to retain awards from finals after advertised show hours [reads]. **Newkirk:** The floor motion is open for debate. I don't see any hands up. Do you want to make a closing statement, Lorna? **Lorna Friemoth (Almost Heaven Cat Club):** I would really appreciate your support of this proposal. Thank you.

Newkirk: Floor motion #102 is now open for voting, so if everybody will cast their votes for #101 and #102, they are both open for voting. Those are our two resolutions from the floor today. We'll leave the voting open for 5 minutes to give everybody a chance. I know that sometimes the internet connections are a little bit strained. After we announce these votes, the next is the adjournment of the annual meeting.

Anger: Resolution #102 is the re-presentation of original #14 regarding hanging on an empty cage. It received 114 yes votes and that one failed. **Newkirk:** The show rule resolution can be brought in front of the board, and so even though this didn't get the 2/3 because it wasn't pre-noticed, it can be brought up as a new original main motion.

Motion Failed.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 102	114			259

Newkirk: I would like to go on record thanking all of you delegates. You have done a fabulous job. Everybody kept on track. We didn't get a whole lot of stories that wandered off, that made the meeting run late, and so I appreciate that and trying to keep the meeting on track. Again, I want to go on record to thank Rich and everybody here at Central Office. When we started talking about this, I didn't see how it would be possible to have an online meeting with nearly 300 people. This has been absolutely phenomenal. After we had our board meeting yesterday I said, "OK, we've got this down, this delegate meeting online is going to go smooth." Again, thank you Allene, thank you Rich and everyone involved here in Central Office to make this a smooth annual. Above all, thank you to all the delegates who registered and participated in this meeting. I also want to make sure I thank all the delegates for supporting the constitutional amendments. I realize that there might have been a type-o here or there. Mary K has got an eagle eye and I'm sure next year at our in-person delegate meeting at the Galt House in Kentucky, we will see those corrections made because Mary is excellent at writing proposals and fixing corrections. So again, thank you everybody.

Steve McCullough (Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers, Wichita Cat Fancy, Inc.): I would like to say a big thank you to everyone at Central Office from Region 3 for our virtual annual. It's something that will probably never happen again, but that's the way it goes sometimes. So, thank you all. It went really smooth and I appreciate all the hard work that went into it and all the effort from not only my annual teams but from Central Office's teams. **Clinton Parker (Tonkinese East):** I'm just waving my hand to say, "thank you, thank you, thank you." That's all.

Newkirk: Anybody else have anything to say? **Pam DelaBar (Chatte Noir Club, Sophisto Cat Club):** I just wanted you to see what 2:00 in the morning looks like in Finland, Darrell. **Newkirk:** Beautiful, beautiful. **Sue A. Robbins (Delaware River Cats Club):** It has been a wonderful, wonderful annual. I move that we adjourn the meeting. **Newkirk:** Let me make sure no one else has their hand up. Thank you all again very much. Tomorrow will be Breed Council Secretaries and the International Division meeting, then Sunday morning the new board will convene primarily for assignment of committee chairs and liaisons to other committee chairs. The meeting now stands adjourned. Thank you very much.

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