

**2022 CFA ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Friday, June 24, 2022**

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

**President Darrell Newkirk** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

**Newkirk:** Welcome everyone. It seems like it has been years. It has been, hasn't it? Anyway, it's really good to look out on a bunch of smiling faces and I welcome you. We're going to have a great time. We had a great board meeting yesterday. We had some of you in observing your board in action. The last couple years that I've been your President have been difficult, to say the least. We have been peppered with COVID all over the world and that put us in lock-downs. For the first time in history – I don't have that long of a history, 30-some years in CFA – but for the first time in my lifetime we saw this organization have to take the extreme step of stopping show production. I think everybody was upset about that; however, it was the right thing to do. We're here to protect people's lives and we're here all about the cats also. Anyway, I thank everyone for their cooperation. We still have people that like to don a mask. There are certain levels of protection by each one of those masks you put on. I wore a surgical mask my whole life in my career, and it provides some protection but not as good as like an N95. It's all about the size of the viruses and can they penetrate your mask. So, social distancing, hand washing, those are all things that still go hand in hand. No pun intended. Keep yourself clean so that you don't spread the virus. I still have to laugh when I get on the plane and the stewardess is there and she is passing out wipes and I'm sitting there going, "what the hell is that going to do?" I mean, it smells good but is it going to do anything? Viruses don't really live very long on surfaces, so you can spread them around if there's any there and maybe kill one or two of them. Anyway, I'm just rambling.

**Newkirk:** I have a letter that I received. Unless you have been in a cave for the last four months, you know that Ukraine has been invaded by Russian forces and it's almost unbearable to watch the news to see the scorched earth campaign that is taking place in the Ukraine, especially the eastern cities. They have pretty much been leveled. Our BAP Program, Charlene Campbell, Animal Welfare and Cyndy Byrd, they have a booth set up in the back. In one of Pam DeLaBar's messages yesterday, I think she said over \$16,000 has gone for pet rescue in Ukraine. [applause] That's CFA's part. I have a good friend who is a FIFe judge. He lives in Poland and I keep in contact with him. He has been working very, very hard to deliver food so these cats do not starve to death over there. So, I'm going to read to you an email that I received and was asked to share this with the delegation. This is from Rolandus RUI. It says:

*Our dear CFA friends!*

*All of you know - we here in Ukraine are living in war circumstances. Nothing worse could happen to all of us in all means.*

*But these circumstances make your mutual help really priceless.*

*Andrew Ustinov and me, Olga Rakitnyh and our Rolandus Cat Club are here to say our sincere THANK YOU! for your great help and donations to our club and breeders .*

*It helped to survive - here is the correct word. All we received from you (it is almost 5000€) was used to help our breeders and feed cats. All of your assistance had addresses. It was given to those, who mostly needed it THANK YOU!*

*Let me please thank personally PAM DELABAR , CHARLENE CAMPBELL and CFA ANIMAL WELFARE ! You did a great work for us! Thank you, our friends!*

*Andrew and me, and our club are so blessed to be in this great CFA family.*

*Let it be ever prosperous and blessed.*

**Newkirk:** Those of us that judge and have been over to the Ukraine – even Joan Miller here, we spent a weekend in Ukraine. We had a great time and did a lot of cooking, so we ate well.

**Newkirk:** I have one other announcement. Our breakfast this morning was sponsored by EveryCat Health Foundation. [applause] As you know, EveryCat is the old Winn Foundation. They kind of had a rebranding. We're sort of in the middle of that process ourselves, so hopefully before too long that branding update will occur and you will be seeing some stuff.

**Newkirk:** I am pleased to announce that the Felix Cat Insurance Program, that is an exclusive pet insurance partner with CFA. We want to thank Desiree Bobby. She did a lot of work in getting this sponsorship done. The sponsorship will kick off July 2022, so in a few days. There have already been a few adds in Cat Talk and the newsletter that you have probably seen. This insurance plan covers everything from the tip of the toes to the last hair on the tail. It's a good program, so please investigate it. I think on your table there is a note pad in front of you from them. There will be more information coming out.

**Newkirk:** Thank you all for attending the annual meeting. We can't do business in CFA without the delegates, and you represent the clubs of CFA. We have nearly 600 clubs. That number goes up and down, depending on which clubs get their membership and dues paid in a timely manner. All kinds of cut-off dates for when you are eligible to vote and eligible to send a delegate. We've got quite a few delegates. We do have a quorum to hold official business at this meeting and there will be more coming in just a few minutes on that. Personally, to all of you, I love you and it has been a great honor for me to serve as your President for the last two years. [applause]

**(33) GREAT LAKES REGION WELCOME MESSAGE.**

**Newkirk:** At this time I would like to introduce John Colilla. He is the Regional Director for the Great Lakes Region. I will give him the opportunity and afford him the time to give his welcome to you. **Colilla:** Good morning everyone. The Great Lakes Region and I would like to welcome everybody coming to the 2022 annual. Like Darrell said, I am looking at a lot of happy faces. It's nice that we get to gather together. I will make it short and quick, just a couple quick announcements. We'll be selling tickets in the back of the delegate meeting for diamond necklace and silent auction. The winner of the diamond necklace will be announced at noon or before the break. The silent auction is closing at 3 p.m. Friday. The derby hat contest will start at 9 but they need to sign up before that time. We also have delegate bags for sale back there for \$15. That's it for me. Thank you for coming. **Newkirk:** John, he's man of short and sweet words.

**(34) DECLARE THE DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.**

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

**Newkirk:** It's my pleasure to introduce Shelly Perkins, the attorney for CFA. **Perkins:** Good morning. I'm here to declare the quorum this morning. The quorum for this meeting will be established pursuant to the CFA Bylaws and the New York Not-for-Profit Law which governs CFA business. If the number of delegates or proxies registered as present is one-half or more of the eligible member clubs, a quorum will be declared for the entirety of this meeting. We needed 259 delegates registered. This morning, we are proud to announce that by 9 a.m. we had 347. So, thank you everyone for being here. We now have a quorum.

**[Secretary's Note:** The Credentials Committee final count of seated delegates was 355 out of 381 registered delegates eligible to vote. There were 518 clubs which had paid dues and membership lists were received by June 1.]

<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Delegate/Attendee</b>
44 Gatti	Jennifer Spadafino
Absolutely Abyssinians Cat Club	Mary Ellen Troup
Abyssinian Breeders Int'l	Shirley Hess
Abyssinian Midwest Breeders	Lorna Friemoth
Abyssinian Society of the South	Donna Andrews
Agua Caliente Cat Club	Beth Feininger
Alamo City Cat Club	Beth Grant-Field
All Chiefs No Indians Cat Club	Teresa Land
Almost Heaven Cat Club	Trish Blees
American Gothic Cat Club	Sueann Spinder
American Manx Club	Geri Fellerman
American Shorthair Lovers of Europe	Ulrike Knueppel
Americans In Paradise	Howard R. Webster
Americans West	Carol W. Johnson
Ameridream Cat Club	Donna Andrews
Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers	Barbara Schreck
Arkansas Feline Fanciers	Kate Sain
Arklahoma Feline Fanciers	Eileen Brennan Cochran
Atlanta Phoenix Cat Society	Donna
Atlantic Himalayan Club	Jim Land
Basic Black Cat Club	Kathy Calhoun
Bengal Alliance The	Samantha Kerr
Beverly Hills Cat Club	Darrell Newkirk
Birmingham Feline Fanciers	Cindy Steadham
Black Diamond Cat Club	Cheryl Lorditch
Black Tie and Tails Cat Club	Robert Clark
Blue Sky Cat Club	Yvonne Credit
Bluff City Cat Fanciers	Pamela J Bassett
Bombay Enthusiasts of America	Joy Yoders-Dey
Bonita Cat Fanciers	George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.

Brazos Valley Cat Club	Toni Huff
British Shorthair Cat Club Japan	Todd Moyer
Buccaneers Cat Fanciers	Iris Zinck
Buffalo Cat Fanciers	Robert Hallead
Burmese South Cat Club	Donald Williams
Burmilla Enthusiasts Of America	Kitty Barie
Cable Car Cats	Jennifer Reding
California Silver Fanciers	Howard R. Webster
CanUsa Cat Club	Loretta Baugh
Capital Cat Fanciers	Pete Deal
Carolina Sophisticats	Vivian Baylor
Cascade Cat Fanciers	Robert V. Belfatto
Cat Club of the Palm Beaches	Karen Lane
Cat Fanciers of Finland	Pauli Huhtaniemi
Cat Fanciers of Hawaii	Donna Fujie
Cat Fanciers of Osaka	Debbie Allgire
Cat Fanciers of Washington	Mark Hannon
Cat Nation Fanciers	Robert Hallead
Cat Spring Irregulars	Joanna Contreras
Cat-A-Lina Cats Cat Club	Dorothy L. Olsen
Cat-H-Art	Frédéric Goedert
Cat'n on the Fox	Monte Phillips
Cat's Incredible Inc.	James Land
Cats Ink	Cheryl Coleman
Cats Kansas City	Wendy Klamm
Cats Limited	Norman Auspitz
Cat's Meow (The)	Mary Kolencik
Cats of the Rising Sun	Karen J. Bishop
Cats of Wisconsin Cat Club	Jon Brubacher
Cenla Cat Fanciers	Leslie Ann Carr
Central Carolina Cat Fanciers	Robert Miller
Chamberlin on the Bay Cat Fanciers	Jenny Wickle
Champagne Cat Club	Mariane Toth
Chartreux International	Amy Sutherland
China International Cat Club	Jodell Raymond
Chocolate City Cat Club	Pat Jacobberger
Cincinnati Cat Club	J. Brook Cole
City Cats	Pat Jacobberger
Classy Cats Society	Leslie Ann Carr
Cleveland Persian Society	Nancy Mikita
Coastal Cat Club	Sami Kerr
Coastal Paws Cat Club	Donna Clas
Cochise Cat Fanciers	Robert Zenda
Colonial Annapolis Cat Fanciers	Beth Deal
Colonial Cat Club	Gary L. Veach
Colorado Cat Fanciers	Cheryl Thieler
Cotton States Cat Club	Sallie Smith
Country Faire Cat Fanciers	Bruce Mueller
Cow Hill Cat Club	Betty Haden

Cowboy Country Cat Fanciers	Cheryl Thieler
Crab and Mallet Cat Club	Beth Deal
Crafty Cat (The)	Teresa Keiger
Crow Canyon Cat Club	Noelle Giddings
Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club	Annette L. Wilson
Cymric Cat Club	Catherine Rosol
Damn Yankees Cat Club	Vincent J. Pina-Crupi
Dayton Cat Fanciers	Judith A. Bemis
Delaware River Cats Club	Sue A. Robbins
Desert Cats	Karen Thomas
Devon Rex Breed Club	Rhonda Smith
Domesti-Katz Cat Club	Robert V. Belfatto
Edelweiss Cat Club	Alicia K. Herman
Emerald Cat Club	Kendall Smith
Emerald Coast Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Carla Bizzell
Empire Cat Club	Robert Clark
Enchanted Cat Fanciers	Kate Sain
European Burmese Cat Club	Lauren Castle Flynn
European Shorthair Club	Kenny Currle
Ever Green Cat Club	Jason Huff
Exotic Breeders	Teresa Sweeney
Fancy That Cat Club	Alicia K Herman
Feline Fanciers of Benelux	Pauli Huhtaniemi
Feline Forum of Greater Ny	Teresa Land
Felinus International	Tuija Aaltonen
Finicky Felines Society	Cheryl Lorditch
Foot of the Rockies Cat Club	Trudie Allen
For The Love of Cats Cat Fanciers'	Dennis Ganoe
Fort Vancouver Cat Fanciers	Erin Cutchen
Fort Worth Cat Club	Mike Altschul
Fraser Valley All Breed Cc	Lynn Cooke
Freestate Feline Fanciers	Claire Dubit
Friends & Family	Diana Heinzen
Frontier Feline Fanciers	Susan Charles
Fyfe And Drum Himalayan Club	Patti DeBiasse
Garden State Cat Club Of New Jersey	Geraldine Fellerman
Gasparilla Feline Friends	Diana Belfatto
Gateway Arch Persian Society	Kathy Calhoun
Gems	Laurie Coughlan
Genesee Cat Fanciers Club	Carmen Johnson Lawrence
German Catwalk	Pam DelaBar
German Phoenix - Cat Friends Europe	Alice Rosol
Golden Triangle Cat Fanciers	Carmen Marie Johnson-Lawrence
Golden West Cat Club	Hilary Helmrich
Grand Canyon Cat Club	Ginger Meeker
Grandview Cat Fanciers	Neil Quigley
Grassroots Cat Fanciers	Susan L. Mueller

Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees	Martha Auspitz
Great Lakes Great Maines	Sharon Powell
Great River Cat Fanciers	Beth Grant-Field
Greater Baltimore Cat Club	Sarah C. Sieffert
Greater Baton Rouge Cat Club	Tracy Petty
Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers	Laurie Coughlan
Greater NW Cat Fanciers	Holly Mueller
Greater St. Louis Cat Club	Roger Dunham
Gulf Coast Cat Club	Hilary Helmrich
Gulf Shore Consortium	Sherilyn S. Shaffer
Hair of the Cat	Matt Abner
Half Moon Cat Club	Jenny Wickle
Hallmark Cat Club	Lisa Mastin
Happy Alternative Cat Club	Mike Altschul
Happy Trails Cat Club	Patricia Summers
Havana Brown Fanciers	Carolyn Huddy
Hawai'i Hulacat Club	Nancy T. Dodds
Hawkeye State Cat Club	Mary Jane Tesdall
Hidden Peak Cat Club	Perry D Coleman
High Plains Cat Club	Becky Galloway
High Sierra Cat Club	Shirley Hess
Houston Cat Club	Becky Galloway
Hudson Valley Cat Club	Marilee Griswold
Hugger Mugger Feline Society	Carissa Altschul
Idaho Cat Fanciers	Noelle Giddings
Illini Cat Club	Jim Wuersch
Indy Cat Club, Inc.	Pamela DeGolyer
International Egyptian Mau Society	Timothy Fowler
International Havana Brown Society	Vincent J. Pina-Crupi
International Scottish Fold Ass'n	Mary Auth
International Toybob Cat Club	Diana Rothermel
Japan Shaded Fancier's	Carla Bizzell
Japan Tonkinese Cat Club	Carol Turner
Japanese Bobtail Fanciers	Marianne Clark
Jazz Kats	Sabrina Grisier
Johnny Appleseed Ff	Ronna Colilla
Just Cat-In Around Cf	Jennifer Deel
Just Cats N' Us	Liz Watson
Kentucky Colonels Cat Club	Norman Auspitz
Keystone Cat Fanciers	Carol Turner
Keystone Kats	Robert Miller
Khao Manee Cat Club	Lauren Castle Flynn
Kino Kat Klub	Barbara A. Jaeger
Kittyhawk Felines	Ginger Gunlock
Lakes Country Cat Fanciers	Richard Kallmeyer
Lance and Bertha Cat Fanciers	Betty Bridges
Land of Oz Cat Club	Carissa Altschul
Land of The Sky Cat Fanciers	Pennie Pendleton
LaPerm Society of America	Dennis Ganoe



Las Vegas Cat Club	Ellyn Honey
Length & Lack Of It Cat Fanciers	Karen Thomas
Liberty Trail Cat Fanciers	N. Jill Archibald
Lilac Point Fanciers	Mary Kolencik
Lincoln State Cat Club	Susan Charles
Lincoln State LH Fanciers	Jim Charles
Lincoln State SH Society	Lana Keroson Oksnee
Lone Star Cat Club	Mark Henrichs
Long And Short Of It Cat Club	Nancy Petersen
Long Island Cat Club	Gary L. Veach
Los Colores Cat Club	Michael Shelton
Lucky Penny Cat Club	Amy Sutherland
Lucky Tomcat Club	Cathy Dunham
Mad Catters (The)	Lyn Knight
Magnolia State Cat Club	Amy Haden
Maine Attraction Cat Fanciers	Julie A. Benzer
Maine Coon Cat Club	Keith Kimberlin
Maine Street Cat Club	Teresa Keiger
Make Mine Mink	Sharon Roy
Malibu Cat Club	Cynthia Byrd
Manx Ltd	Catherine Rosol
Marina All Breed Cat Club	Cynthia Byrd
Mark and Linda	Mark Hannon
Mark Twain Feline Fanciers	Jennifer Herr
Mary Hantzmon Abyssinian Club	Kathleen Rutledge
Metroplex Allbreed Cat Club	Martha Auspitz
Metropolitan Cat Fanciers	Sarah Sieffert
Micina Cat Fanciers	Ellyn Honey
Mid South Cat Fanciers	Pamela J. Bassett
Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers	Shirley Peet
Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers	John Colilla
Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers	Anne Mathis
Mid-West Shaded & Smoke Society	Lisa Mastin
Midwest TGIF Fanciers	Lucy Drury
Mississippi Belle Feline Fanciers	Diana Heinzen
Mohawk Trail Cat Club	Edwin Sweeney
Mo-Kan Cat Club	Mary Jane Tesdall
Monroe Shorthair Club	Joan L. Daily
Morris And Essex Cat Club	Susan E. Baxter
Motor City Jazz Club	Sabrina Grisier
Mount Laurel Cat Fanciers	Carol Krzanowski
Mt Fuji Tokyo Cat Club	Yukiko Hayata
Muskogee Cat Club	Stephanie Grady
Nantan Catdom Club	Carolyn Causey
Nashville Cat Club	Linda McColley
National American SH Club	Robert Zenda
National Birman Fanciers	Jeri Zottoli
National Colorpoints & Orientals	Timothy Fowler
National Maine Coon Cc (The)	Trudie Allen

National Siamese Cat Club	Betsy Arnold
Nat'l Alliance of Birman Breeders	Robert Zinck
Nat'l Alliance of Burmese Breeders	Vivian Baylor
Nat'l Norwegian Forest Cat Br Club	Sue A. Robbins
New England Meow Outfit	Iris Zinck
New Millennium Cat Club	Michael Shelton
New River Cat Fanciers	Kathleen Rutledge
New Vision Cat Club	Melody Boyd
North Pacific Siamese Fanciers	Bruce Mueller
North Texas Cat Club	Paula Noble
Nova Cat Fanciers Inc.	N. Jill Archibald
Oakway Cat Fanciers	Timothy Schreck
Ocala Cat Club	Donald Williams
Ocicat Society	Yvonne Credit
Ocicat Trust Japan	Victoria Cabot
Ocicats International	Jacqui Bennett
Ocicats of North America	Sonja Moscoffian
Ohio State Persian Club	Tyler Deel
One Fine Day	Shirley Peet
Orange Cat Club	Cheryl Peck
Oriental Diamond Cat Fancier	Andrea Bohren
Oriental Shorthairs of America	Julie Keyer
Osnauburg Shorthair Club	Lisa Clark
Ozark Cat Fanciers	Kathy Black
Palatina Blue Cat Club	Leann Rupy
Paper Tigers	Heidi Murphy
Paul Raines Cal Solid Color Cat Club	Andrea Bohren
Paumanok Cat Fanciers	Sharon Roy
Pawprints In The Sand	Peter Deal
Paws & Claws Cat Fanciers	Joan Miller
Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers	Nancy Petersen
Persian Bi-Color & Calico Society	Richard Mastin
Perthshire Clan (The)	Heidi Murphy
Pfanciers United For Fun, Inc.	Mary Auth
Phoenix Feline Fanciers	Nancy T. Dodds
Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers	Laura Gregory
Poinsettia City Cat Club	Carol W. Johnson
Portland Cat Club	Alene Shafnisky
Queen City Cat Club	John A. Colilla
Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers	Lynn Cooke
Ragamuffin Cat Society	Laura Gregory
Ragdoll Breed Club	Paula Noble
Ragdolls Around the Globe	Loretta Baugh
Ramapo Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Jeri Zottoli
Rebel Rousers Cat Club	Jennifer Herr
Responsible Cat Fanciers of the NW	Bobbie Weihrauch
Riverside Cat Club Japan	Ginger Meeker
Roadrunners Cat Fanciers	Barbara A. Jaeger
Rocky Mountain Cat Fanciers	Debbie Jones

Rolandus Cat Club	Alice Rosol
Rome Cat Forum	Cynthia Lewis
Rose City Cat Fanciers	Yukiko Hayata
Russian Blue Fanciers	Barbara Schreck
Russian Blue West	Liz Watson
Sacred Cat Of Burma Fanciers	Margaret Garner
Saintly City Cat Club	Bobbie Weihrauch
San Diego Cat Fanciers	Dottie Olsen
Sanguine Silver Society	Mike Pina
Santa Fe Trail Shorthair	Cheryl Peck
Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance	Teresa Sweeney
Seacoast Cat Club	Robert Zinck
Seattle Cat Club	Kendall Smith
Sherwood Manx Club	Tuija Aaltonen
Shorthairs Unlimited	Betty Bridges
Show Me Cat Fanciers	Janet Moyer
Siamese Alliance Of America	Perry Coleman
Siamese Fanciers	Sibyl Zaden
Sign Of The Cat Fanciers	Karen J Bishop
Sofistocated Felines	Patricia Summers
Sophisto Cat Club	Pam DelaBar
Southeastern Michigan Cf	Timothy Schreck
Southeastern Persian Society	Melanie Morgan
Southern Dixie Cat Club	Melanie Morgan
Southern Indiana LH Society	Richard Mastin
Southwest Japanese Bobtail Fanciers	Jennifer Reding
Southwest Scottish Fold Fanciers	Victoria Nye
Space Coast Cat Club	Diana Belfatto
Sphynx Without Borders	Staci Taylor
Star City Cat Fanciers	Jacqui Bennett
Stars & Stripes Tabby & Tortie	Sheryl Zink
Steinbeck Country Cat Club	Neil Quigley
Sternwheel Cat Fanciers	Lily Newcomb
Straight and Curl Cat Club	Cheryl Coleman
Sun Pacific Cat Club	Victoria Cabot
Sun Pearl Cat Fanciers'	Lorna Friemoth
Sunkat Feline Fanciers	Victoria Nye
Superstition Cat Fanciers	Julie A. Benzer
Tabby Fanciers Of America	Diana Rothermel
Tails and No Tales Cat Club	Jo Ann Cordes Brown
Takarazuka Cat Fanciers	Claire Dubit
Tan Malaka Cat Fanciers	Richard Kallmeyer
Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers	Ed Krzanowski
Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc	Pennie Pendleton
Texoma Cat Fanciers	Kathy Black
That's My Point Cat Fanciers	Rhonda Smith
Thumbs Up Cat Fanciers	Rachel Anger
Tigers Lair Feline Fanciers	Roger Dunham
Titletown Cat Fanciers	Sibyl Zaden

Tokyo Cat Fanciers	Sallie Smith
Tokyo Feline Fanciers	Anne Mathis
Tonkinese Breed Association	Debbie Allgire
Tonkinese East	Caroline Melia
Tonks West	Sherilyn S. Shaffer
Topeka Cat Fanciers	Allene Keating
Tornado Alley Feline Fanciers	Allene Keating
Touch of Class Cat Fanciers	Lisa Clark
Triple Crown Cat Fanciers	Brad Newcomb
Turkish Angora Fanciers, Int'l	Alene M. Shafnisky
Twin City Cat Fanciers	Stephanie Grady
UK Cat Fanciers	Ulrike Knueppel
United Colorpoint Shorthair Fanciers	Tracy Petty
United Persian Society	Catherine Dunham
United Silver And Golden Fanciers	Donna Fujie
United Singapura Society	Bethany Colilla
Utah Cat Fanciers	Erin Cutchen
Utah Purebred Cat Fanciers	Barbara M. Irie
Vermont Fancy Felines	Caroline Melia
Victor Valley Cat Club (The)	Junko Tsuda
Warwick Valley Feline Fanciers	Marilee Griswold
West Hills Cat Fanciers	Charlene Munro
West Shore Shorthair Club	George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
Westchester Cat Club	Julie Keyer
Western Pennsylvania Cf	Mariane Toth
Western Reserve Cat Club	Annette L. Wilson
Wild Blue Yonder Cat Fanciers	Sue Riley
Wildcatters Cat Club	Sheryl Zink
Willamette Valley Cat Club	Marianne Clark
William Penn Cat Club	Carol Krzanowski
World Lykoi Association	Staci Taylor
World Wide Feline Fanciers	Sueann Spinder
Worldwide European Burmese Society	Judith A. Bemis

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**Newkirk:** I mentioned earlier that we do have a quorum. Our quorum number is 259.

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

**Newkirk:** Next on my agenda is the appointment of the parliamentarian for the annual meeting, and that person – before she comes up here I want to say just a couple of words. When I decided to run for President, anybody that runs and thinks you might have a possibility of winning, you start assembling your team together. So Shelly, her name was recommended to me from the regional director out in that area. I tell you, Shelly owns her own law firm. She is a barracuda. I've sat with several different attorneys on the CFA Board of Directors and in my opinion Shelly far exceeds everything we have had in the past. She is wonderful. [applause] I have to laugh sometimes because she will say, "am I saying too much?" I say, "not in my opinion." She is always there if we have a question for her. She really has been instrumental in working with our not-for-profit law firm in New York because, as you know, we are not-for-profit registered in the State of New York. I think we have finally, after several years, gotten in compliance with all the state statutes that cover not-for-profits. A whistleblower policy, we now have that. A conflict of interest policy, we now have that. We have updated our Articles of Incorporation. I signed that and sent that in after our Zoom meeting last year. Our online voting was not in accordance with New York not-for-profit corporate law. We now are in compliance with that, so if anybody wants to make a complaint or lodge a protest because we didn't follow the rules correctly, well, they are going to have to go through Shelly first. I'll put it that way.

**(36) 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:

**Perkins:** These are going to be the Special Rules of Parliamentary Procedure that we are going to follow this morning [reads].

**Special Rules of Parliamentary Procedure:**

1. *Motions to substitute will be treated as are other amendments.*
2. *The seconding of motions shall not be required.*
3. *The agenda for this meeting will be the agenda as proposed by the chairperson and distributed to all of the delegates.*
4. *Motions (a) to table or, (b) to move the previous question or, (c) to postpone indefinitely shall not be permitted.*
5. *Motions to substitute will be treated as other amendments.*
6. *The seconding of motions shall not be required.*
7. *The sponsor of a debatable motion will be permitted a closing statement after a closing debate.*
8. *Recommendations from member clubs may be discussed even though no motion is pending.*
9. *When not inconsistent with the foregoing general rules, the Bylaws of 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.*

**Perkins:** Some people want to know how we are going to count votes.

10. *Pursuant to NY Not-for-Profit Law, each motion shall be determined by the votes cast on that motion. An abstention is not considered a vote cast.*

**Perkins:** In other words, to be clear, votes cast will be the hands raised on a motion, on each individual motion. Yesses and no's will be compared and the threshold will be met for a pass on each individual motion. **Newkirk:** Thank you Shelly. So please note, everybody. We have had this argument for as long as I have been coming to annual meetings. Is it 2/3 of the delegates registered or is it 2/3 of the people in the room voting? So, thank you Shelly for clearing that with Anita Pelletier. We will be following the recommendation from our New York attorney. Every vote in the room of hands raised will be what we determine whether it passes or fails. We did this since I think Jerry Hamza's first term. The apple cart got turned upside down. It has turned right side up again, so just please bear in mind we will vote, we'll raise hands, the

tellers will count, they will announce the vote. If it requires  $2/3$  as in the case of an amendment, we will get the result and put our heads together and let you know if it reaches the  $2/3$  threshold. I see a lot of heads doing this. I would like to see a few more heads doing that. We're not bobble heads but for just a second we will be a bobble head. Great, thank you all.

**(37) APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL MEETING.**

**Newkirk:** Cataract surgery is great, but when you try to read something it's no so great. We need to approve the minutes from the 2021 annual meeting. Madame Secretary, have you received any additions, corrections, deletions? **Anger:** No. **Newkirk:** Anyone from the floor have any corrections to those printed minutes? I'm going to do it by unanimous consent. That's a concept that was sort of foreign to this organization until I took over. It's a Robert's Rules procedure so we don't have to do a whole lot of yacking, so I will shut up. Without objection, we will approve the minutes of the 2021 annual meeting, as printed. **Anger:** Thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you everyone.



**(38) 2022 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CFA BYLAWS.**

**Determination of a Quorum:**

Number of CFA member clubs represented: 347

Number of votes for a simple majority: 174

Number of votes for a two-thirds majority: 232

\*[**Secretary's Note:** The final delegate registration number was 355]

**The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.  
2022 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS**

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**Proposed Amendments to the CFA Bylaws**

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

**– 1 – CFA Executive Board**

**RESOLVED:** Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 – Titles, and Section 6 – Resignations and Removal of Executive Board, to add that officers and directors must be members in good standing of the Association to hold office and that loss of “in good standing” shall deem the officer or director resigned immediately, as follows.

**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.

Officers and Directors must at all times be members in good standing of the Association.

**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. An Officer, Regional Director or Director-at-Large shall be deemed to have resigned if they are no longer a member in good standing of the Association with such resignation taking effect immediately when the individual is deemed to not be a member in good standing by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.

**RATIONALE:** To maintain the integrity of the CFA, leaders of the Association, officers and directors must maintain “in good standing” status.

**Newkirk:** Next we are going to do the proposed amendments. The first amendment is by the Board of Directors. I’m going to recognize Cyndy Byrd. Cyndy Byrd has served the last two years as the Legal Advisory Committee. That’s a committee that I appointed. I think they have done a great job. They worked and did our Bylaw changes that we did last year and we have a couple more to make from Cyndy and her committee, which is George and Shelly and Ed Raymond. **Cyndy Byrd [Malibu Cat Club, Marina Allbreed Cat Club]:** The first one, #1 [reads resolution]. Then you will see the underlined portion in the next couple of paragraphs where the changes are. The first change is that *Officers and Directors must at all times be members in good standing of the Association*. Then further down, *An Officer, Regional Director or Director-at-Large shall be deemed to have resigned if they are no longer a member in good standing of the Association with such resignation taking effect immediately when the individual is deemed to not be a member in good standing by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors*. This is, quite simply, to maintain the integrity of the organization. We need all of our leaders to be upstanding, in good standing members to be an association of good integrity.

**Newkirk:** Cyndy, I was just informed. I thought they were withdrawing #2. #1 is being withdrawn because there is some wording in Section 6 that has to be corrected before it can be presented. **Byrd:** Works for me, but you get the idea, right? **Newkirk:** My apologies to you guys. I thought it was #2.

**Withdrawn.**

## **– 2 – CFA Executive Board**

**RESOLVED:** Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 – Titles and Section 6 – Resignations and Removal of Executive Board, to clarify that Regional Directors may only be removed from office by voting member clubs in the region that elected the Regional Director, as follows:

### **ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

#### **Section 6 – Resignations and Removal of Executive Board**

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.

d. Any Regional Director may only be removed by vote of the voting member clubs in the Region who elected the Regional Director with cause. “Cause” shall be defined as set forth in Section 6(b) above.

**RATIONALE:** Regional directors are voted into office by their regional clubs. New York law requires that only the body that elected the director may remove the director.

**Newkirk:** Cyndy, #2 is the Executive Board, so would you mind presenting that one? Sorry everyone. **Cyndy Byrd [Malibu Cat Club, Marina Allbreed Cat Club]:** [reads resolution] This was something that was inadvertently left off last year, probably in my hasty typing. In New York law, as well as other places, only the body that elects the officer can throw them out, and that's what this part is about. The rationale is [reads rationale]. **Newkirk:** This is going to be a short meeting. No comments? OK, I'll call for the vote. Everyone raise your hand. Put your hands down. Somebody slow motion.

**Robert Belfatto [Cascade Cat Fanciers; Domesti-Katz Cat Club]:** Anytime the people are elected to office and Directors-at-Large are elected to office, why do you want to throw them out of office by an executive committee? It's OK to have a different opinion than me. You can have a completely different opinion, but you are elected. It seems to me that instead of throwing the Directors-at-Large out, you should have a re-vote for them or a call-back. Thank you.

**Newkirk:** You're welcome. OK, so if you want to speak on an amendment, don't wait until I'm ready to call for a show of hands to walk up to the microphone, because I will ask you to take your seat. Once I have called for the vote, we will vote. If you want to speak, while the person is reading the amendment is the time for you to get to the microphone. We don't want anybody saying, "oh, well he called for the vote and then they allowed debate." We're not going to do that.

**Newkirk:** So, if you are in favor of #2, please raise your hands. Thank you Jesus, that was an easy one, by 2/3. Any no votes? Abstentions? We don't have to do abstentions. Everything gets changed, so we're just trying to get caught up here. OK, it passes by 2/3.

**Carried.**

– 3 – *Sophisto Cat Club, China Kiwi Fanciers Cat Club, China Skyline Feline Fanciers Alliance, China Star Shiny Exotic Fanciers Alliance, Supreme Cat Fanciers Club, Tian Jin Mao Yuan Love Cat Club*

#### **Amendments to the Bylaws to designate Mainland China as China – Region 10**

**RESOLVED:** Amend the CFA Bylaws, Article IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 1 – Annual Meetings, first paragraph, as follows:

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, and China regions), beginning in 1982 and in the following order:

**RESOLVED:** Amend the CFA Bylaws, Article V – FISCAL YEAR REPORTS AND AUDIT, Section 2 – Reports, paragraph c, as follows:

c. The Regional Directors of Regions ~~8 and 9~~ 8, 9, and 10 may maintain a treasury to defray the costs of regional activities in Regions ~~8 and 9~~ 8, 9, and 10. Contributions to any such regional fund shall be on a voluntary basis.

**RESOLVED:** Amend the CFA Bylaws, Article VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 – Titles, as follows:

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

The Directors of this Association shall consist of ~~nine (9)~~ ten (10) 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 shall hold more than one office.

**RESOLVED:** Amend the CFA Bylaws, Article VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD, Section 1 – Membership, as follows:

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)~~ ten (10) Regional Directors, and the five (5) Directors at Large of this Association shall be members of the Executive Board.

**RESOLVED:** Amend the CFA Bylaws, Article VIII – REGIONS, Section 1 – Geographical Boundaries, as follows:

The United States, Canada, Bermuda, Mexico, Japan, ~~and Europe, and China~~ are divided into ~~nine (9)~~ ten (10) geographical regions as follows:

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#### **REGION 9 – EUROPE**

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#### **REGION 10 – CHINA**

Mainland China to include the provinces of Hebei, Shanxi, Liaoning, Jilin, Heilongjiang, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui, Fujian, Jiangxi, Shandong, Henan, Hubei, Guangdong, Hunan, Hainan, Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan, Shaanxi, Gansu, Qinghai; the autonomous regions of Inner Mongolia, Guangxi, Tibet, Ningxia, and Xinjiang.

**RATIONALE:** These amendments came from discussions at a CFA Board Meeting. Currently there are three (3) representatives attending each board meeting - two (2) from Mainland China and one (1) from Hong Kong. Mainland China has continued to be a major participant in CFA activity since its first show in Beijing March 2004. Many of CFA's current policies, practices and procedures were precipitated by the expansion of CFA services in Asia; CATS, online CFA services are just a few. It is time to offer this vital area a seat at the CFA Board Table. China is now ranked as the second largest cat owning population in the World - topped only the United States. CFA's credibility in China would be greatly enhanced by having a "seat at the table" of the World's Largest Registry of Pedigreed Cats.

If the amendments are adopted, it is recommended the CFA President as of 26 June 2022 call for a special election to elect a Region 10 director. This special election is to be held no later than 60 days after the close of the CFA Annual Meeting 2022.

**Newkirk:** OK next, Sophisto Cat Club. **Pam DelaBar [German Catwalk; Sophisto Cat Club]:** I'm over here, Darrell. May I say to you all, houomenta [speaks Finnish]. We're having a big party going on right now. It's called Midsummer. We are withdrawing these amendments, to be done at a more appropriate time. **Newkirk:** OK, thank you very much Pam.

**Withdrawn.**

– 4 – *Sophisto Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** Amend CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 2 – Elections, paragraph b. to allow all CFA clubs in good standing the opportunity to vote for officers and directors, and to seat a delegate at annual meetings, to read as follows:

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 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.

AND

**RESOLVED:** Amend CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE IX – INTERNATIONAL, subparagraph d, delete in its entirety, and re-letter subsequent paragraphs as appropriate, i.e., subparagraph e is now d, and f is now e.

~~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.~~

**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. Many clubs are experiencing increased delays in show production because of COVID-19 restrictions.

**Pam DelaBar [German Catwalk; Sophisto Cat Club]:** I've got the next one, too. **Newkirk:** OK, go ahead with #4. **DelaBar:** #4 basically allows our clubs to pay their dues and are otherwise in good stead. It allows them to vote on officers and directors, and seat delegates at the annual meetings. The provision that was put in to having a show I wrote several years ago before Europe became a region. It was something they wanted to put in, to prove to the rest of you in CFA that they were serious about their membership in CFA. We have had, throughout the

world and we still see it in China and especially throughout the Middle East, where clubs cannot put on shows due to government restrictions, based upon COVID. That is still going on. Shanghai itself just got released from mandatory lock down where people couldn't leave their apartments. They had to get all their food and animal food delivered. They couldn't even think about putting on a cat show. When we have our clubs that pay their dues and do everything in their power to be part of us, I think the very least we can do is allow them to participate and not to disenfranchise them by requiring them to put on a function that legally they cannot do at this time.

**Laurie Coughlan [GEMS; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** There is a reason that some areas are divisions and not regions. They have not yet fulfilled the responsibilities. As willing and anxious as they are to do so, if you are not experienced and knowledgeable about CFA, then perhaps you're not ready to be voting. There have been so many issues, particularly in China. I know there are many well intentioned people in clubs there, but there have been so many issues that I have concerns about turning the vote over to any club in China or anywhere else just because they paid their dues. Have they earned the right as CFA citizens? Some of them have, some of them haven't. This throws the door completely open, so I have concerns. **Cyndy Byrd [Malibu Cat Club, Marina Allbreed Cat Club]:** Our [inaudible] around paper clubs and this body has discussed paper clubs many times. Paper clubs are those that do not produce shows. Our thought was that in saying that those new clubs that come into us and are relatively new to CFA, if they don't produce shows then they are basically paper clubs. We are starting paper clubs in a different part of the world and we are a little bit unhappy with them. **Karen Thomas [~~Rebel Rousers Cat Club~~; Desert Cats; Length & Lack Of It Cat Fanciers]:** I'm quite agreeing with Pam that we should not cause clubs that are unable to hold a show when they would like to hold a show, to be penalized by that but I think it would be a better way to handle this, for the board to make that decision on a case-by-case basis. We certainly hope that this not being able to hold a show due to COVID is going to go away, but this amendment will not go away if we make it, so I think we should not vote for this amendment but consider saying somehow that the board can make a decision that clubs that are unable to hold a show for legal reasons should not be penalized for not holding a show. **Newkirk:** Karen, we can't do that because our hands are tied by the Bylaws. **Thomas:** OK, but I still say there has got to be another way to word this. Make a new one later. **Sue Robbins [Delaware River Cats Club; National Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club]:** The thing that concerns me, it's a matter of the quorum. Right now, we have a quorum and we had enough delegates here to be well past our minimum for the quorum. What concerns me is, there are a lot of new clubs in China and that's a good thing, especially if they are show-producing clubs. I understand the whole issue is about COVID, but I'm also concerned with the addition of so many clubs and the ability to have delegates present to meet our quorum so that we can conduct business. That's the only question that I have. I know that there was difficulty this year. I was told and I also don't remember who said it to me, but that there was some concern that we would not have an official quorum for this year because of transportation difficulties for people coming from Europe. In any case, that was basically all I have to say. It's about the quorum. **Newkirk:** Thank you Sue. Anyone else? **Mary Kolencik [The Cat's Meow; Lilac Point Fanciers]:** I'm here. **Newkirk:** Oh, hi Mary. **Kolencik:** To Karen Thomas's point, and I thought it was a good point, that this is permanent. The reason is that some clubs aren't able to have a show or they can't get permission from the government or something because of COVID or any other act of Mother Nature or whatever. I liked her point that the board should be able to waive that and I know you can't because the

constitution [*sic*, Bylaws] doesn't say that – I'm sorry, the Bylaws don't say that. So, the amendment should be to do that instead of this, because this is forever. Because we have paper clubs here does not mean we should make more paper clubs there. The board is just waving in club after club in the ID and I understand why, because we want to encourage growth in that area and when people say they want to try and put on a show you want to help them, but we don't know how long they will last. So, we don't want to create any more paper clubs. I think that this is to address COVID. It should address that kind of situation. Thank you. **Thomas:** Can I get a point clarification? I thought we were talking right now about clubs in the International Division. Are we also talking about clubs in China? **Newkirk:** That's included. **Thomas:** That's included? OK. **Newkirk:** The International Division is divided into two sections – China and the rest of the ID. **Thomas:** So, I recommend we withdraw this motion. **DelaBar:** I am not withdrawing the motion. **Newkirk:** You have your answer.

**Newkirk:** Any other comments on Resolution #4? **DelaBar:** Darrell, I get to wrap up. **Newkirk:** There you go, wrap it up. Put a ribbon on it. **DelaBar:** This was written for the clubs that were very active on putting on shows. Kuwait comes to mind. Egypt comes to mind. Our Middle East clubs come to mind. Turkey, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia. These are all clubs who are active, actively putting on shows, at great cost by the by to bring us judges over to these countries. These are the ones that weren't allowed to join us at this particular function. You all have got your mind set on, I'm talking China. Well, my notes have not come out yet from the board meeting, but I can tell you we had one club from Spain that was accepted, we had two clubs from Japan accepted yesterday, we had one club from Hong Kong accepted and one club from China. That was a former club and it was the first club in China that put on the first CFA show in March of 2004 which came back to us. We are not talking about, we're going to have this massive amount of people who don't do anything, these are people that do things for us constantly. They want to be full-fledged members of CFA. I want them to get the feeling that they can be. **Newkirk:** Thank you Pam.

**Newkirk:** All those in favor of Resolution #4 please raise your hands. Those opposed? The motion fails.

**Failed.**

#### **– 5 – CFA Executive Board**

**RESOLVED:** Amend CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 2 – Elections, paragraph e. regarding election ballot tallying, to read as follows:

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 Executive 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 may be tabulated electronically or ~~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.

**RATIONALE:** The Virtual Annual Committee recommended electronically tallying ballots as an alternative to the counting of paper ballots done by the appointed Tellers/Credentials Committee. The electronic tallying of ballots is as accurate as a hand count and is instantaneous versus a hand count which typically takes 3-4 hours. This amendment provides the option of an electronic tally and does not remove the ability for a paper ballot count. The passing of this amendment will make it effective for the 2023 Annual. The hand counting of paper ballots will be done for the 2022 Annual and compared to the electronic tally to, once again, confirm the accuracy of an electronic tally.

**Newkirk:** Cyndy Byrd, you are recognized for #5. State your name and club for the record. **Anger:** Thank you. **Cyndy Byrd [Malibu Cat Club, Marina Allbreed Cat Club]:** #5 from the Executive Board [reads resolution]. What you will see is a very small change there in the middle of section e. to change *Electronic ballots shall be individually printed by Central Office* to *Electronic ballots may be tabulated electronically or individually printed by Central Office and brought to the Annual Meeting*. This would simply allow, as we vote electronically for that electronic tabulation to be done at Central Office and then brought to the meeting. It would also, I am sure, include the evidence of that electronic vote, rather than have each vote printed out and brought physically to the meeting. So, a very small change but a little update and a new way of doing electronic business. **Robert Belfatto [Cascade Cat Fanciers; Domesti-Katz Cat Club]:** I'm basically against electronic ballots, but if we do this we won't have anything to burn. **Newkirk:** Bob, I disagree with you. We'll have two ballots to burn – two. So, the world is automated, everyone. We can either embrace it or we can turn our backs on it. That's what the bottom line is here. **Mary Kolencik [The Cat's Meow; Lilac Point Fanciers]:** When I wrote the changes – I'm the one that wrote the amendment to allow us to do electronic voting – I kept in paper ballots because I was afraid electronic tabulation would be a poison pill, so I left that separate and I never brought it back. I'm really glad that somebody brought it back now. I fully support this. We should have done it then. This is totally and completely possible. You're talking to somebody who worked in computer security for over 30 years. This can be done. **Newkirk:** There you go, folks. You heard it from the mouth of experience. Thank you Mary K.

**Newkirk:** Cyndy Byrd, would you like to give a closing comment? **Byrd:** As you can see on the rationale, and just as Mary K said, this amendment provides the option of electronic tallying and does not remove the ability of the paper ballot count. Passing this amendment will make it effective for the 2023 annual in Tucson. The hand counting of paper ballots will be done for the 2022 annual and compared to the electronic tally to, once again, confirm the accuracy of an electronic tally. It just brings us to the modern day. **Newkirk:** Thank you Cyndy. All those in favor of the amendment, raise your hands. Take your hands down. All those opposed? OK, the motion passes by 2/3. It has to have 2/3 to pass.



**Carried.**

**– 6 – CFA Executive Board**

**RESOLVED:** Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING, Section 3 – Quorum, subparagraph a., to correct a reference to a section which no longer exists.

**ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING**

**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)~~ 2 above.

**RATIONALE:** In updating the CFA Bylaws a dead-end reference was overlooked. This housekeeping resolution corrects that error.

**Newkirk:** You're up again, Cyndy. **Cyndy Byrd [Malibu Cat Club, Marina Allbreed Cat Club]:** [reads resolution] This is a housekeeping piece from last year's Bylaw amendments. There was a little reference left in to a paragraph that was taken out when we readjusted the Bylaws. You will see there in the last paragraph it says, *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)* – which no longer exists, but which is now in 2 which is what it states – *2 above*. Basically housekeeping. If we don't pass it, it just makes me look stupid again. **Newkirk:** I believe that's referred to as leaving cobwebs under your bed.

**Newkirk:** No one? You people are beautiful. Raise your hand if you're in favor of this. Double cha-ching! All the no votes? It unanimously passes. It passes by 2/3 anyway.

**Carried.**

**– 7 – Lilac Point Fanciers**

**RESOLVED:** Amend Articles XIII and XVII of the CFA Bylaws to determine 2/3rds affirmative votes based on delegates present at the time of the vote, not based on the number checked in on Friday morning, as follows.

**ARTICLE XIII — RULES AND STANDARDS**

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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. In the event of a hand count or roll call vote, the number of votes needed for 2/3rds shall be established at the time of the vote and based on those delegates or proxies voting. An abstention is not a vote for purposes of calculating 2/3rds. A delegate or proxy that is present but does not vote is an abstention.

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## ARTICLE XVII — AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by an Annual or Special Meeting of 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. In the event of a hand count or roll call vote, the number of votes needed for 2/3rds shall be established at the time of the vote and based on those delegates or proxies voting. An abstention is not a vote for purposes of calculating 2/3rds. A delegate or proxy that is present but does not vote is an abstention.

**RATIONALE:** Each time we change parliamentary advisors, we get a different ruling for hand counts on how to determine 2/3rds of the delegates to know whether an amendment or resolution passed. Sometimes, we don't even have to change advisors for that method to change! Some years, it is 2/3rds of the delegates that have checked in by Friday morning, and sometimes it is 2/3rds of the delegates in the room at the time of the vote. We need consistency.

When the chair calls the vote at an in-person annual, the chair views the hands raised by the delegates and gauges whether there are 2/3rds raised for constitutional amendments, 2/3rds or 50% raised for show rule resolutions. When the chair does this, the chair is trying to determine the percentage based on the delegates **present at the time of the vote**. None of this would change. The chair would still visualize the raised hands and determine 2/3rds or 50%. Most of the time, we are already determining 2/3rds based on delegates voting.

If someone challenges the chair's decision, we have a hand count by the credentials committee. That also would not change. However, this is when the advice of the parliamentarian matters. With a hand count, the chair must determine whether the yes votes are 2/3rd, but of what number of delegates? The chair can ask the parliamentarian for advice, and that advice can change with every new parliamentarian and every new chair.

Some years when we have a hand count, the chair has determined the percentage based on the number of delegates that checked in to the annual. For example, if 300 delegates checked in, then 2/3rds is 200 votes. Other years, the chair has determined the percentage based on the number of votes at the time of the vote. 300 may have checked in Friday morning, but by afternoon there might only be 270 voting, and 2/3rds is 180. One year, the chair would use 200, another year the chair would use 180. This amendment would ensure the method is always based on the number voting at the time of the vote and would use the 180 value. This would match the method of visualizing raised hands!

The chair would still visualize the raised hands to determine 2/3rds and we would only use the added sentence when there is a hand count or roll call vote.

According to Robert's Rules, abstentions are not votes. From Robert's Rules: "To 'abstain' means not to vote at all, and a member who makes no response if 'abstentions' are called for abstains just as much as one who responds to that effect." A delegate abstains when they want to remain neutral. Counting an abstention as a vote to get the total number of votes to figure 2/3rds is the same as counting abstentions as no votes. As such, they should not count when calculating the threshold for 2/3rds. The added language avoids confusion about abstentions and non-votes.

One argument against this could be that we might pass proposals with very few delegates in the room. This will not be a problem. At any point in a meeting, the chair or any delegate may suggest the absence of a quorum (they do this in the US Congress all the time to stall because then the chair has to take attendance). If there is not a quorum, voting would cease. We would not be able to pass any proposals with less than a quorum in the room at any time.

We can count our votes in any of a number of different ways, but we should not change how we do that every year. If you want to count based on those present at check-in, you might think to vote no on this amendment. But I guarantee you, at some point in the future, some chair and parliamentarian will read the word "present" and interpret it differently from what you think it should be. We need to pick a lane and formalize it so that there is no question about how to determine 2/3rds.

We need consistency from year to year. This resolution gives us consistency and encapsulates the method that the chair now uses to determine votes by visualizing the hand count – the number voting at the time of the vote. If some delegates go out to get ice cream or go to the pool, they would no longer affect the 2/3rds threshold.

**Newkirk:** Mary K, you are up with #7. **Mary Kolencik [The Cat's Meow; Lilac Point Fanciers]:** I'm withdrawing #7. For those of you that support it – I talked to a lot of people that did – there is a conflict in it that Shelly [Perkins] says makes it out of order, so I'm just going to withdraw it and come back with this next year, but we are counting this way anyhow because that's how New York state law says that we have to count. So, we will come back next year and formalize this in the Bylaws, but this is withdrawn for now. It's freezing in here.

**Withdrawn.**

**(39) BOARD MEMBER SERVICE AWARDS.**

**Newkirk:** Next we're going to do the board member service awards. A lot of these awards that we used to give at the banquet we have moved to the delegate meeting to save time. We've got a lot of awards to give out tonight, since we are doing a couple years. [transcript goes to Agenda Item #41, 2022 Proposed Amendments to the CFA Bylaws.

**Newkirk:** We're going to do the board service awards and we're going to start off with your soon-to-be-new President, Mr. Mastin. **Mastin:** Hello everyone. Thank you for attending. I had to tell Darrell to take a seat because this is where I was supposed to say, "we will now present our board service awards."

**15 Years**

Darrell Newkirk

**Mastin:** I am proud to present to Darrell, a friend of mine, his 15 years. Our current President, Darrell Newkirk. **Newkirk:** At first I thought he said 50 years. It felt like it.

**20 Years**

Rachel Anger

**20 Years**

Kathy Calhoun

**Newkirk:** We have board service awards for 20 years. It just so happens that they are in close proximity. We are violating the 6 foot rule, but don't tell the CDC. These two ladies have sat at the head of the table for many, many, many years. They do awesome, awesome work. Kathy is our Treasurer, as you know our CFO, and she does a fabulous job. She's always on those spreadsheets crunching and typing in those numbers. Rachel, you do an awesome, awesome, awesome job as our Secretary. I really, really appreciate it. So, for 20 years of board service, thank you guys. These ladies are awesome. They are really awesome, and I'm really proud to call them my friends.

**30 Years**

Pam DelaBar

**Newkirk:** We've got one sort of setting a record here for 30 years. Pam DelaBar, if you will make your way up here. When Pam was President and I got on the board, Pam gave me the great honor as serving as the ID Chair for a little over 6 years. [DelaBar stands on chair, laughter] There's one thing for damn sure, I've got to put more hair product in next time. Before I ever served on the board, I was friends with Pam. She is an absolutely awesome person. Pam, it is my great honor to award this to you for 30 years of service to the CFA Board of Directors. **DelaBar:** Thanks Darrell.

## (40) TREASURER'S REPORT.

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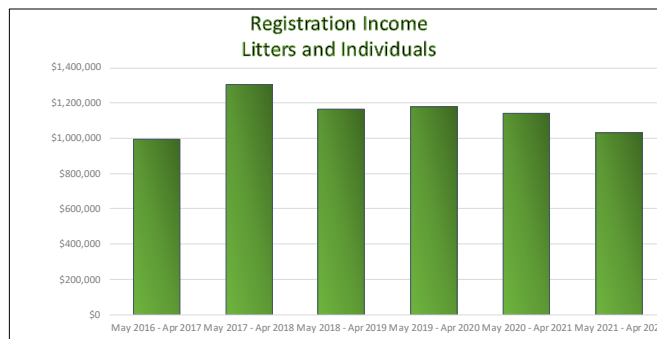
### CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION Treasurer's Report

May 2021 – April 2022

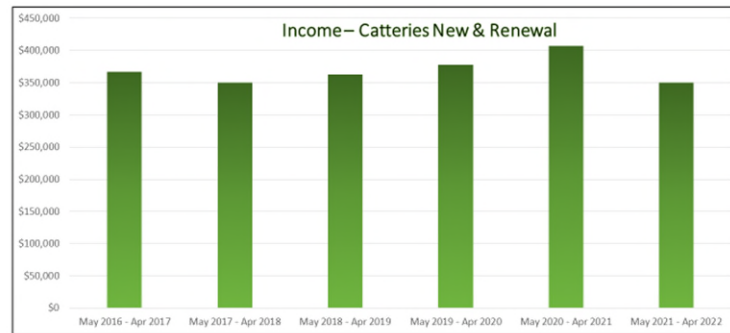
**Newkirk:** We've got one of our awesome people coming back up here to give us the Treasurer's Report. I recognize Kathy Calhoun, our Treasurer. **Calhoun:** Thank you Darrell. Good morning everyone. It's great to see everyone's faces. It has been so long. It has been so long. Remember back in the day when we had meetings face to face and we had that little thing about the cell phones? Remember, if the cell phone rang, you had to pay the Treasurer \$5. [It was \$10] \$10? \$20? OK, I can go with \$10. I think we already lost \$40. Anyway, cell phones off. I am very, very pleased to present the CFA financials this morning. I do want to make a note that these financials are pre-audit. The audit is underway right now and there could be small changes but I think we're in really good shape, so here we go.

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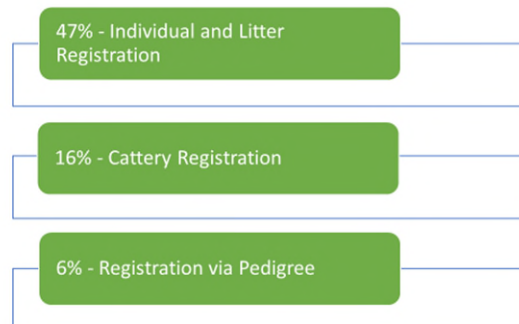
**Calhoun:** This first slide represents our core business performance, which is registration. Registration brings from a high in 2017-2018 of \$1,304,000. That's that second bar in the chart. Last season our revenue from registration was \$1,031,000 which is 8% lower than the prior year. Registration financials are reported in two buckets, being litters and individuals. Litters were down about 8%, while individuals were down 10%, so we need to make sure that when we register our litters, we register all those kittens and make sure they are all counted in the CFA family.



**Calhoun:** This next slide compares changes in income from catteries, both new and renewals. While in the past year we were slightly down, which would be the last bar on the chart compared to the prior year, this category has remained rather stable and consistent over time. We're in good shape.



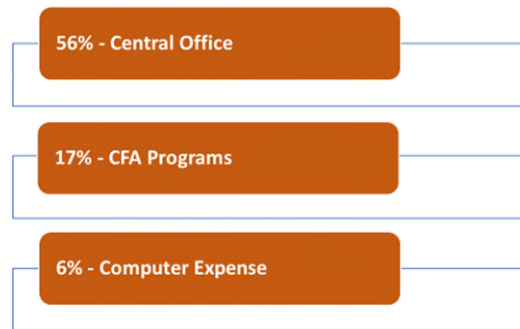
**Top Three Income Categories - May 2021 through April 2022**



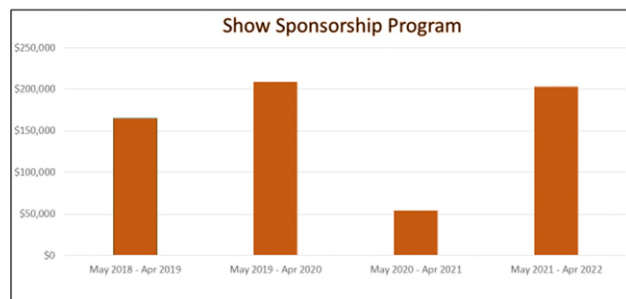
**Calhoun:** I wanted to present our three top income categories. This is from May 2021 to April 2022. 47% of our income comes from individual litter registrations. That's what we're all about, 47%. 16% comes from cattery registration. This year, #3 6% came in from registration via pedigree. It's a growing category.



### Top Three Expense Categories – May 2021 through April 2022

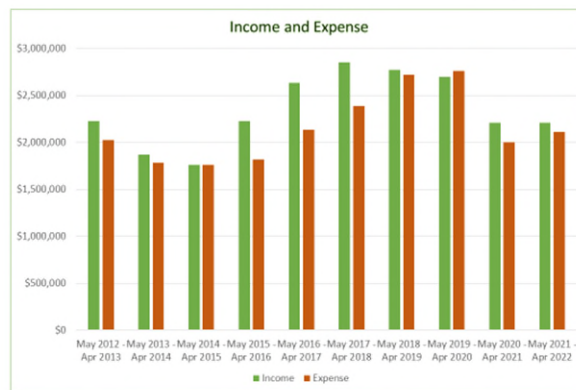


**Calhoun:** Our top 3 expense categories for the same time period, 56% for our Central Office. They do a fabulous job. 17% for CFA programs, which includes sponsorships, and 6% in computer expense.



Since the inception of the show sponsorship program CFA has invested over \$632,000 in support of shows!

**Calhoun:** I thought it would be interesting. This is something we haven't ever talked about, at least at an annual, is our show sponsorship program. Between 2018 and 2022, CFA has awarded \$632,000 to support our clubs and show production, so we are investing back in our business. I think that's great. Do you guys think so? [applause]



**Calhoun:** This slide should be a familiar one to you folks who have come from annual after annual. This slide represents CFA's income versus expense. This chart starts in 2012 and goes through this fiscal year. As you can see, we have done a pretty good job of balancing income and expenses, and we continued to do that in this past fiscal year. We'll talk a little more about that in the next slide.



#### Investment Performance 2017 through 2022

Fiscal Year	Unrealized Gain/Loss	Cumulative
May 2017- Apr 2018	\$67,344	\$67,344
May 2018- Apr 2019	\$41,680	\$109,024
May 2019- Apr 2020	\$39,813	\$148,838
May 2020- Apr 2021	\$237,293	\$386,131
May 2021- Apr 2022	-\$167,919	\$218,211

**Calhoun:** I want to talk a little bit about our investment performance. I know we're all very familiar and hearing about what's happening with the market. CFA has been impacted, as well. We'll talk more about that in a little bit, but I thought it would be interesting for the delegation to just have a recap of how investments have performed since 2017. The first column in this chart represents the fiscal year. The next column represents unrealized gains and losses and the third column is the cumulative report of all of the increases and decreases in performance of the portfolio. That being said, CFA has done quite well with investments. I wanted to also provide a little bit of clarity. We will talk about unrealized gains and losses. They are unrealized because from the very beginning of this portfolio, CFA has not had to have any distributions of the portfolio, so all the gains have been unrealized because we haven't taken disbursements. So, over the time period, the first four fiscal years we had all increases, all gains. We took a loss of \$167,919 in this year because of the market performance in general, but overall if you look at the cumulative figure there, bottom line overall we have gained \$218,211 over our initial investment and I think we should be proud of that [applause]. I will say that our Vice President Mr. Mastin



does a superlative job of keeping an eye on our investments and working with our investment company and making changes in that portfolio to keep it in good stead. Thank you Rich [applause].

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Income	Expense	Other Income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ordinary</li> <li>Publications</li> <li>Marketing</li> <li>Merchandise</li> <li>Annual</li> <li>CFA Cat Show</li> <li>VCC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publications</li> <li>Merchandise</li> <li>Marketing</li> <li>Central Office</li> <li>Computer</li> <li>Programs</li> <li>Corporate</li> <li>Legislative</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interest</li> <li>Rental</li> <li>Unrealized</li> <li>Gain/Loss</li> </ul>
\$2,210,058	\$2,113,541	(\$133,345)

#### The Bottom Line

Net Operating Income = \$96,518

Net Income = -\$36,827

**Calhoun:** Now we come to the bottom line. We're going to keep this really simple. That way, I can understand what's going on. \$2,210,058 represents income from all the categories listed, and I'm not going to read them to you but they're there. Hopefully the font is big enough so that you can read them. The next bucket, \$2,113,541 represents expenses. Our net operating income is the difference between those two, \$96,518. So, things that are largely – at least from the expense standpoint – controllable, we have still profit. We have made \$96,000 this year in the category of Net Operating Income, almost \$100,000. I think that's a good year [applause]. But the bottom line, which includes other income – unrealized gains and losses, interest, revenue from rental and those sorts of things – that was a negative \$133,345, largely from the investments which we are not touching. So, the net income is a negative \$36,827. I don't like negative numbers, but we all know what the market is doing. The good thing for CFA, we are in a position where we don't have to touch our investments. Even with some of the infrastructure plans that we have – Marketing and those sorts of things – we have money set aside so we do not have to dip into our investments. So, we are in a really good position to ride the market through. We all know that markets ebb and flow over time, so we will stay the course. But, bottom line, negative \$36,827.



Budget Committee  
 Rich Mastin  
 Teresa Sweeney  
 Allene Tartaglia  
 Mathew Wong

Robert Tablack CPA

Thank You!!

**Calhoun:** We've got a really, really hard working team. There's a lot of people that are crunching numbers and looking at the numbers. We look at our financials constantly. We formally look at them every month, and we have this fabulous, fabulous Budget Committee that does a yeoman's job of working with the financials. It's really, really a great team, a lot of respect, a lot of friendship with folks that have been on this team for quite some time, so I would like to recognize the Budget Committee. Rich Mastin. I saw Teresa Sweeney. Stand up Teresa. Allene Tartaglia. Matthew Wong, who is in Hong Kong. Our CFA Bob Tablack has done a fabulous job. He is a really good team member. It has been a couple years that we have been using him. He was a find by Allene and he is local and has done a great job and a great team member. He's not here but we want to thank him. Most of all, none of this reporting of numbers and the money from the fancy, so everyone give yourself a pat on the back and a big round of applause for everybody in the CFA family. If there's any vendors out there selling sweatshirts and sweaters, I bet they will make a lot of money today.

**Newkirk:** Thank you Kathy for that awesome report. I'm retired. I don't look at my retirement account because the market is like – I don't know, can I say "sucky"? **Calhoun:** It makes for a bad day when you look. Don't look. We just don't look anymore. **Newkirk:** We don't look? **Calhoun:** We just don't look at it. **Newkirk:** Because, you know what? It's sort of like waves coming in. It's going to go up like that until we hit that high spot. Anyway, thanks for a great report.

**Newkirk:** Next on our agenda I believe is a 15 minute break. **Byrd:** Breeder Assistance has a table in the back. On that table there are some thank you notes from the people from Ukraine, some pictures, 50/50 tickets and our cattery organizing system for your perusal. Come visit us in the back. **Newkirk:** You know, cat people are very, very generous people. If you can give \$5 or \$10, toss it in the jar. It's going to help cats in the Ukraine. **Calhoun:** We can give the phone call money back. We can give them that. **Newkirk:** Everyone turn your phones on so we can collect \$10 for each phone we hear ringing, and we will give that to the Ukraine cats. That's the way we can make some money here, folks.

**BREAK.**

## (41) PRE-NOTICED RESOLUTIONS.

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### PROPOSED SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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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.*

– 8 – *44 Gatti, Felinus International, Feline Fanciers of Benelux, Universal Cats Club*

#### **BRONZE, SILVER AND GOLD KITTEN, new titles for kitten class**

These new titles, Bronze Kitten, Silver Kitten and Gold Kitten, are awarded to any kitten that achieves at least 11 or more top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty.

- From 11 to 20 finals are requested to obtain the title of Bronze Kitten (BK);
- From 21 to 30 finals are requested to obtain the title of Silver Kitten (SK);
- 31 or more finals are requested to obtain the title of Gold Kitten (GK).

There is no limit to the number of shows where the kitten can earn the 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. These titles 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 (BK, SK or GK) 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 Bronze, Silver or Gold kitten level 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 the Bronze Kitten title in one weekend with two one day 6 rings shows, as well as throughout the whole TRN timeframe).

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules 2.20.a., 6.16, 7.07, 27.01 to add a new titles of “BK/SK/GK” 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 from 11 to 20 top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty is eligible for the title of Bronze Kitten (BK). Any kitten that achieves from 21 to 30 top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty is eligible for the title of Silver Kitten (SK). Any kitten that achieves 31 or more top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty is eligible for the title of Gold Kitten (GK). There is no limit to the number of shows where the kitten can earn the finals, but all these finals must be in Kitten class. 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. A Bronze Kitten, Silver Kitten or Gold Kitten is listed in the show catalog and in the judge's book as a kitten, and 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 Bronze Kitten, Silver Kitten or Gold Kitten, 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 claim form and application to obtain a Companion Cat Registration 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 – BRONZE KITTEN/SILVER KITTEN/GOLD KITTEN

- 27.01** The titles Bronze Kitten (BK), Silver Kitten (SK) and Gold Kitten (GK) are awarded to any kitten that achieves at least 11 or more top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty.

From 11 to 20 top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty are requested to obtain the title of Bronze Kitten, BK; From 21 to 30 top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty are requested to obtain the title of Silver Kitten, SK; 31 or more top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty are requested to obtain the title of Gold Kitten, GK. All these finals must be in Kitten class. 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. These titles will not appear in the show

catalog and in the judge's book. A BK, SK or GK is listed in the show catalog and in the judge's book as a kitten.

**27.02** Bronze, Silver and Gold Kitten titles may be claimed by filing the appropriate form printed on show catalog or by submitting the confirmation form available on the CFA website, and paying a fee. There is no time limit to claim the title. The title will be added to a cat's record once the requirements have been met. The Bronze Kitten, Silver Kitten or Gold Kitten title is placed after the cat's name.

**27.03** A kitten eligible and shown in the Kitten class will compete concurrently for the Regional/National Awards, and the Bronze, Silver and Gold kitten levels.

**RATIONALE:** The aim of this proposal is to attract new exhibitors at the CFA shows all around the world. Not all exhibitors are in a position to achieve a Regional/national award. Sometimes, showing a kitten with the awareness of not achieving any title could be uninspiring for exhibitors only joining local or few shows yearly. There are many high quality cats only shown successfully once or twice as kittens which achieve no title for these results. These new titles could be an incentive, a manner to show again and encourage more kitten entries. The Bronze, Silver or Gold Kitten titles aim at certifying a kitten merit, an award to assign to all kittens that achieves at least 11 or more top 10/top 15 finals allbreed/specialty. These titles don't appear in the catalog. In catalog the kittens will always be into one competition class, the KITTEN class, without no one distinction. With the introduction of these titles 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. This achievement is affordable also for occasional exhibitors who usually show in other associations. This proposal, already presented in 2021, was improved on the ground of observations received during the last CFA Annual Meeting. The Bronze, Silver and Gold levels for kitten class parallels the Bronze, Silver and Golden Levels for champion/premier cats. It is a way to create a link between the kitten class and the championship class. For kittens, having a shorter show career before entering championship, the BK/SK/GK title is not based on points (which could be "piled up" in a longer time for a CH going to GC), but on the number of finals achieved.

**CENTRAL OFFICE NOTE:** *the estimated cost to implement the BK/SK/GK title is \$13,000-\$18,000 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 @ the end of a cat's name.*

**Newkirk:** Let's move on to #8. Who is the spokesperson for #8? **Pam DelaBar [German Catwalk; Sophisto Cat Club]:** I am, Darrell. **Newkirk:** I wish you were like 6 inches taller, because you look like you are seated. **DelaBar:** I have spent my life hemming pants. I wanted to establish my own fashion line for short women with attitude. **Newkirk:** I have always appreciated your attitude. **DelaBar:** It was something that several of us got together. We thought if we had the money to pool, we would come up with this wonderful fashion line. First we got all excited for Chico's travelers, and then we started thinking that even those have to be hemmed at times. We came up with our "Short Women with Attitude" line. We would probably have come here all in business class and have been picked up by limos and a few other things. Be that as it may, don't get me laughing. **Newkirk:** Pam, I got a little ahead of myself here. I thought we were still on constitutional amendments. **DelaBar:** We're now on proposed show rules. **Newkirk:** OK. Alright, take your seat please, if you're not already seated. Oh Jesus, I'm going to pay for that but it's going to be well worth it. [Transcript goes to Board Member Service Awards and Treasurer's Report]

**Newkirk:** We're going to pick up with the pre-noticed resolutions that I tried to move ahead to. One of my favorite people in the whole world down on that end. She is standing, by the way. I got sent an awesome picture of my friend Pam DelaBar standing on the chair here, so if you need signed copies, Pam and I will be signing those copies. We're not going to frame them, we'll just give them to you in a little protective jacket for a small fee. If we get any fees, we will donate them to Ukraine. **Pam DelaBar [German Catwalk; Sophisto Cat Club]:** I'm presenting this for 44 Gatti and Felinus International and the Feline Fanciers of Benelux and Universal Cats Club, that are all clubs that are very active within Region 9. I'm not going to go through this. This adds a suffix to a cat's name where all of our regional winner, grand champion, champion and everything is on a prefix of the cat's name. Now, why did we come up with this? When I go through in Europe or Asia or wherever I have to be, I see how many entries each area has and if an area, let's say in Finland, if it's a FIFe club I'm looking at a show that can go anywhere from 400 entries to 700 entries and plus. In other areas, the independents, I'm looking at 70-some odd British Shorthairs. I want some of these cats. I see where we can get some of these cats, so I'm looking at those things that they are using to keep people coming back time after time after time. One of the areas for kittens, all we can get on a kitten is an RW or an NW. There's nothing else, so if that kitten goes ahead and gets an RW or an NW, when it becomes older you don't know if that RW or NW is for a kitten or adult. This gives you something that says yes, this kitten had a very successful kitten career. The proposal ranks those out by how many different finals the kitten earned during the time frame. We are asking the delegation to look ahead. I can almost tell you, looking forward to what the board is probably going to be considered in the next two years, that we will be looking at entirely different ways to compete. I want to keep people in the cat fancy. I want them to start out with something that they can earn and then something else they can earn, and something else that they can earn beyond that. These are the programs we want to develop and this is a start.

**Laurie Coughlan [GEMS; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** With respect, if you're concerned about how the cat earned its NW, we might suggest NWK, NWP or NWC to take care of that issue. I have several concerns about this. Every kitty does not need an award. Most of us or many of us show our kittens to get them used to showing. The most important thing is that they learn to be show cats and enjoy the experience. Last year, we took 20 rings to count for national wins. I wonder why we need to give out an award for making 15 finals. At \$18,000 estimated cost, is this the right cost benefit for us? I understand the tiered champions have only had 76 claims in the last 3 years we have had those, and that there will be significant computer changes because there is no way to track this in our current system. I'm not opposed to recognizing quality kittens. I love kittens, don't we all? I'm not sure that this is the best way to go. Thank you. **Mary Kolencik [The Cat's Meow; Lilac Point Fanciers]:** I really appreciate the work that goes into writing show rules, I really do. It's not easy. I've written enough of them that I know I'm an expert at it. It's not easy, so I appreciate this effort. However, I found many flaws in this. I echo everything that Laurie said, but I have several conflicts in here. First, in the change to 27.02 it says the title has to be claimed, and then it says the title will be automatically added. I know what they mean, but I'm wondering if somebody that doesn't speak English is going to know what that means, so that's going to have to be fixed. I also worry about the fact that it says there has to be 20 kittens present, so if you're going to a show and you think you're going to be able to use the show for your kitten and you get there and you think the count is one thing and you get there and, as we found out this past season, the count sometimes isn't that thing that you expected, so you have spent all this money going to this show to try to get this title

and you can't use it because it counts present kittens, rather than entered kittens. I think that it's too easy to get. Laurie beat me to the point about the champion levels that we have only had 76 of them in a couple of years. Why are we adding more participation awards when we already have some? As Pam mentioned, all of our titles come before the name except for the DM and this would come after the name in the same spot as our most prestigious title, the DM. The DM is a title for breeding not showing. All of our showing titles go before the name, not after it, so I object to the position of it. I don't oppose new meaningful titles. They need to be meaningful. The old words are fine if they are meaningful. This is a participation award. Thank you. **Carissa Altschul [Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Land Of Oz Cat Club]:** I'm following with Mary's point. We have always kept the suffix to the DM title, which still means a lot to many of us. Personally, I understand the point of this and I appreciate it. They really did a lot of thought, but most of us show our kittens for experience, not for titles. Our kittens need that experience, so I just don't think we really need to encourage kitten exhibitors because, especially if you have certain breeds, you have to show them as kittens or they will eat the judges as adults. So, I just don't see that we need to encourage these people to show more because they are going to show their kittens anyways. We have fun with our kittens. I appreciate the effort that went into this. I just don't think it's what we need right now. **Alene Shafnisky [Portland Cat Club; Turkish Angora Fanciers, International]:** Normally I would be right on board with what Laurie and Mary were saying, but you know what? I have a phrase that I've been using all week, which is; if we keep doing what we're doing, we will keep getting what we're getting. We need to adapt to a new world. Part of that is yes, people need to have return on investment. If they are going to go and pay \$100 in entry fees and \$300 on a hotel and dinner and everything else, let's give them every opportunity to achieve something so that they'll come back. My first show with a kitten, I got a ribbon. I was hooked, right? So, we need to react to society as it is today and that is, return on investment. It's vital to do. **LeAnn Rupy [Palatina Blue Cat Club]:** When I was first asked if I would support this I said yes. I kind of agree with what Mary K has said now, that it probably could be worded a little differently. There are some issues with putting the title at the end of the cat's name instead of at the beginning. It doesn't make sense with our current process. We need to have a standard process where we put our titles, whether they are grands or whatever they may be. However, this came from Europe. Having lived in Europe for 6 years and shown my cats in Europe for 6 years, I will tell you it is a different world than we live in, in the United States. Here, I live in the Midwest [Region]. I can go to a couple shows a month. I can get my kittens out and I can show them. It isn't necessarily extremely expensive for me to get my kittens to 3 or 4 shows as a kitten, and if I get my nice kitten out to 5 or 6 shows, it will probably get a regional win. However, in Europe, for me to get a kitten out to 3 or 4 shows is probably going to cost me about \$5,000. So, why is a new person with a kitten going to spend \$5,000 to take their cat out to 4 or 5 shows when they probably aren't going to get a regional win because they can't get to that show in Sweden, they can't get to the show in Ukraine, they can't get to the show in Belgium, they can only go to Italy, France and Spain. So, we have to look at a way to encourage these new people we're bringing into the fancy by giving them something for that investment, other than a regional win. Kittens is where they start. If they are going to start with a kitten, let's get a nice kitten out there and recognize the people who are showing a nice kitten with some sort of a title other than a regional win. It could be "supreme kitten". I know there was a lot of thought put into breaking down these titles. I don't know if we need to rethink it, but I'm fully supportive that we do need to do something else with the kittens to get people out there. People who aren't supporting this and voted against it are long-time exhibitors who do just take their kittens out to

get experience, because we realize, as long-time exhibitors, that's really the point – to get experience for our kittens – but that's not the point for a new exhibitor. We're trying to grow. **Wendy Klamm [Cats Kansas City]:** I do understand the rationale behind this, but there are frequently times when your absolutely wonderful kitten does not turn out to be so wonderful as an adult. Our adults are being shown and evaluated for their breeding purposes, not just for showing purposes. I don't think it's right to award a title for a kitten that may not go on to be a good example of it's breed for breeding purposes. Those are my two cents. **Tyler Deel [Ohio State Persian Club]:** I'm a bit confused on this one, why it is based on count of finals made, not points like our bronze, silver and gold champion and premier, and grand champion and grand premier. It does not really make too much sense to me, to have two different systems of awarding bronze, silver and gold. I don't know if clearing that up may help for other people to accept this proposal, as well. Thank you.

**Newkirk:** I don't see anyone else up. Pam, do you want to give a closing statement?  
**DelaBar:** Just a couple remarks. About the English used in writing this, this was all used by people who speak English as a second, third or fourth language. So, you might want to appreciate the effort that was put in, to try to get this as clear as possible. This was also written knowing that our kittens are show from ages 4 months to 8 months. In Europe, kittens are shown from 4 to 6 months, juniors are shown from 7 to 10 months, so we had to look on how we could take a program and rework it. That's how they came up with the finals rather than points. The feeling that we have been having over in Europe is that points can be the new nasty word. It's the new 4-letter word, so we are looking at achievements and this is how we came up. You're achieving a final, you're achieving X number of finals. If you want to know how this came about, it is sort of from the junior winner title. A kitten or a junior from 4 to 10 months who becomes best in show 3 times or 5 times, depending on whether you are pre- or post-COVID, gets the title "junior winner". It is one of the most difficult titles in Europe in the other associations that you can get. I'm happy to say – even though my name is not allowed to be on any cat in FIFe because I am a CFA judge and a long-time board member, FIFe does not allow that – I have my Norwegian male is a junior winner. I took one of his daughters out, bot to Estonia and to Lithuania, and she got to be a junior winner. It's a big deal. We think this could be a big deal, too. It takes reworking your mind just a little bit and look for the future of how we can change the feeling and the atmosphere in our show halls globally. **Newkirk:** Thank you Pam. OK, all those in favor of Resolution #8, raise your hand. Thank you. Take your hands down. Those opposed? It fails.

**Failed.**

– 9 – *Abyssinian Midwest Breeders, The Bengal Alliance*

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

AND

**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 may hang its award on an empty cage.

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

AND

**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 5.01g. 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: Resolution #9. Lorna Friemoth [Abyssinian Midwest Breeders; Sun Pearl Cat Fanciers]:** This proposal came up last year during our virtual annual and I brought it back with the proposed wording that we had discussed and agreed upon during deliberations last year. This would allow a judge to award a cat a final after posted show hours, even if the cat is not present and competing. The entry must be available for class judging during the advertised show hours, it is ineligible for a finals award. However, when a final takes place after the close of advertised show hours, if a cat chosen for the finals is no longer present in the show hall, the judge may hang the 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. [reads rationale] **Newkirk:** Thank you.

**Victoria Nye [Southwest Scottish Fold Fanciers; Sunkat Feline Fanciers]:** Though I'm in support of hanging a win on someone that had to catch a flight, I find the wholesale "after the advertised hours, you don't have to be here", it's hard to swallow. First of all, we need to re-educate cat fanciers about what "advertised show hours" are. In most flyers that I see it's 4:00. We've seen what's happened with show rule changes that clubs must send the judges a contract that's signed. I can tell you I've received one contract from a club this last year. The judges still have to do all their own contracts and then we have to wait for them to come back from the club, so this is a huge education problem with the clubs first in saying what the advertised show hours are. As I said, I would support "the judge may hang". I'm afraid that we're going to have two cats in a final and 10 empty cages, and that doesn't send a great message to those that are spectating. Also, typically at a show you've got 4 allbreed finals at the end of the day, one right after the other, with empty cages. So, we're going to have to come up with some sort of solution to change the advertised show hours or make it a flat after 5:30 or 5:00, because with all the 15 placed finals that we end up doing, shows are ending later and later. Thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you Vicki. Alene, are you standing up to talk? **Alene Shafnisky [Portland Cat Club; Turkish Angora Fanciers, International]:** I understand the idea behind this, but I can tell you that I've seen many, many show flyers list the show ending at 3. I know why they do that, so that everybody has some freedom of movement, but when you do that, I doubt this is going to allow the show hall to empty. I was at a pet expo that another organization was holding a cat show in. There were crowds of people around every ring, and the finals had 7 empty cages and 3 cats. We in CFA are really [inaudible] as many organizations are, but we need to make it our job to educate the public about the importance of what we do with pedigreed cats. We don't do that when we present an empty cage final to spectators who are – let's face it, they paid to come in. They want to learn about our cats. **Barbara Schreck [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Russian Blue Fanciers]:** I just want to point out that, as someone who puts on shows, if this rule passes I will just put that the closing hours of the show will be 9 p.m. **Mary Kolencik [The Cat's Meow; Lilac Point Fanciers]:** One of the things I was going to say is that if there is a club that doesn't like this, make the show hours 9 p.m. like Barb suggested. I want to remind everybody that this says "may". If the judge doesn't want to do this, they don't have to do this. It says "may". Last year when this was presented, it was not optional, it was "they will" do this. We had judges speak up against it and say they wanted the option. Well, this is back and it gives you the option. I for one do not think that our clubs and judges [inaudible]. I don't know how to say this without – we're not so far gone that we can't learn something new. I think we can learn to deal with this.

Judges, if you don't want to do this, finish early or you don't have to do it. It says "may".

**Newkirk:** Thank you Mary K. **Laurie Coughlan [GEMS; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** As someone who has been held captive in a show hall until 7:30 at night, haven't gotten up at 4:00 to drive to the show and knowing that I will not get home until 2 a.m., I feel very strongly about this. I think that clubs need to start respecting the time and the wallets of the exhibitors. More and more of us are pushing everything to try to avoid a \$150 hotel room, the \$5 a gallon gas, etc., and we're pushing our limits. It does not hurt for the show to be – I'm a show manager sometimes so please be gentle – show managers need to manage shows. If you tell the judges and encourage them to be done by a certain time, 9 out of 10 of them will do so. If you have a trainee and you put it on the flyer and you let people know, they will expect the show to take longer. No show should go beyond 5:00 unless it's a giant international show or something like that. Please, show us some respect and allow us to keep those points that we spent a whole lot of money and health trying to show our cats. **Newkirk:** Thank you Laurie. **Wendy Klamm [Cats Kansas City]:** I agree with everything that was just previously said and I want to point out the fact that the cats should not be penalized if they have earned the award. They should not be penalized if the owner had to leave after show hours were completed. One way that the clubs can manage this and not have spectators hanging around during finals where there are less full cages is by having the spectator hours end prior to the flyer show hours for the exhibitors. I have stayed late – 7:30, 8:00 – just to find out if I was in a final and then I had a 10 hour drive home trying to avoid the \$150 motel rooms and now the high gas prices. We are all in a crunch. We need to support the exhibitors. If we want more exhibitors in our show halls, we have to support this type of change. I know change is difficult for everybody, but it can be done. **Newkirk:** Thank you Wendy. **Mary Auth [International Scottish Fold Association; Pfanciers United For Fun, Inc.]:** I have two problems with this. Number one, if you look at the big picture, the intent of this change to the show rule amplifies the importance of points and not necessarily what we're there for; for the breeders to learn what the judges think of their cats. The other objection that I have is that I find it somewhat insulting to me that you can't be bothered to arrange to plan ahead and make allowances for things that do happen. So, I really do find it objectionable that someone doesn't have the courtesy to stay at the show to learn what I like about their cat, and then of course the spectators, as Vicki pointed out. There may be a final where you're putting ribbons on 3 cats. From a big picture standpoint, it doesn't send a very strong message. It sends a wrong message to our exhibitors and our spectators. **Keith Kimberlin [Maine Coon Cat Club]:** The first thing I want to say is, I agree with exactly what Mary [Kolencik] said that the judge "may" hang on this, so this is a very small baby step that we're looking to take here. Now, when it comes to the time, we're making exceptions already for people who have flights that have to get out early and leave, and we're allowing them to either get their rosette or leave, but for the rest of us we still have to stay there. A lot of us drive to shows that take 8 to 10 hours of driving after the show. We're just asking for the possibility of it ending at when the show time says that it's going to close, so keep that in mind when you're putting your vote in. This is just a baby step in trying to make it easier and accommodate the exhibitors. **Newkirk:** Thank you Keith. **George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]:** Over the years my cats have earned a lot of points because I'm usually the last one out of the show hall. My very first grand was a cat that granded as 4<sup>th</sup> best of breed out of a class of 4 because we were the only one left by the time finals were called. Countless times I've been at shows where my cats have been promoted up because it's 8 or 9 or 10 or 11:00 at night and the show is not over and I just happened to be there because I live close by. I love those points. I appreciate those points, but I

don't know if my cats are better cats because I live a shorter driving distance than the exhibitor that had to catch a flight. As others have pointed out, if a club has gate and they need us to be there to handle spectators, set your advertised closing for 6:00, 7:00, whatever you actually need and then we can make a decision about whether we want to stay that late or enter a show that lets out that late. If you're a judge that doesn't want to hang on a cage, don't. This says "may" not "shall". There is no insurmountable problem with this rule that we the people can't deal with, just by being a little courteous of other people and their needs, so I'm urging a yes. **Newkirk:** Thank you George. Folks, we are all trying to think of ways to raise money for BAP, so the person that can name the points that George Eigenhauser got for 4<sup>th</sup> best of breed, I will donate \$20 to BAP. So if you think we've got phantom points, stuffing points, turkey points, we've got them all. I just need a name for the 4<sup>th</sup> best of breed George got those points on and I'll make a \$20 donation to BAP for the best one, so please write it on a slip of paper. You can give it to our wonderful, awesome Secretary sitting right here to my right and we will name those points and I'll make that \$20 donation. **Loretta Baugh [CanUsa Cat Club; Ragdolls Around the Globe]:** As a judge, there is never going to be the point where I'm going to want to hang on an empty cage. However, there's times when it's absolutely necessary to do that or you have to void the win. It's really uncomfortable to stand in a ring when you get to the point where you say, "does anybody have a premier?" That sort of thing happens. I can't believe that we would have shows going on that late. The latest I was ever at a show as an exhibitor I think was 8:00, but the clubs need to keep that in mind when they are selecting their judges. There's no reason for a show to go that late, but I would support this. I would not have supported it with a "must", but with a "may" and I have that option, I would very happily support it. Thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you Loretta. **Schreck:** I just have a little question here. How do you know if the judge is going to allow that? Do you leave an hope that they are going to hang on an empty cage? Is there an announcement at the beginning of the show? How do I know? **Victoria Cabot [Ocicat Trust Japan; Sun Pacific Cat Club]:** I am new this year and I am aware of someone that was new that thought that she was able to leave that missed out on a final at her very first show. It was really, really sad. Because the proposal says "may", I think that it offers every judge and every club an opportunity to take what they like and leave the rest. I support this. **Noel Giddings [Crow Canyon Cat Club; Idaho Cat Fanciers]:** As someone who travels from the other side of the country a lot to shows and has to deal with the flight issues, especially more and more, I'm a consumer and I'm spending a lot of money to go to these shows and support them. It's really frustrating when the clubs don't seem to appreciate that and get the shows to wrap up. I would be for this if the shows would finish at a prompt time so that I'm not having to consider, can I stay or not. It's just frustrating. I don't have any choice. I live where I live and a lot of people from the west side of the country are in the same boat. We don't have a lot of shows, especially after COVID. Even the shows I can drive to are still long distance and I don't leave early. I'm probably usually the last person out of the show hall except for the club members tearing down, even though I have sometimes an 8 or 10 hour drive to get home, and I do this with the fact that I have to work to be able to go to these, and so do many of the people who attend. We have jobs, we have to deal with to get to, and I have to fly out Sunday night so I can be there Monday morning and work so that maybe I can go to another show another weekend. I also have to admit, I have attended another association's cat shows and I attended quite a few one season. They have that option of hanging on empty cages. Actually, it's totally allowed. I did not find that the finals were full of empty cages. People made a point of being there, I made a point of being there. I only took advantage of that one time in that season that I showed to leave because I did have to

catch a flight. It's just, we're consumers, we're spending a lot of money especially now and this is, as it has been pointed out many times, a "may" option. The judge has the option. They are not required, and I think it's something that should be considered if you want us to be able to keep coming. **Debbie Jones [Rocky Mountain Cat Fanciers]:** My concern would be perhaps with the language "may" because I'm afraid that will put judges in an untenable position. What if they decide one show that they're going to hang on that cat and another show they don't? What if one judge decides they will hang on an empty cage and another judge doesn't? I think that can lead to some innuendos and hurt feelings, so I would be really concerned about that language "may".

**Kolencik:** I saw that Barb Schreck talked twice, so I just want to make one quick point. If I am ever at a show and it's after the hours and this judge right here, Mr. Ken Currle, is in the line-up I'm staying because he calls the cats up and he looks at them again. I'm not leaving. I think that a lot of our people are still going to stay in the show hall, because more than a few judges are like Ken and they evaluate the cats when they see them in the ring. I don't want to be in 10<sup>th</sup> place, so I'm staying.

**Robert Clark [Black Tie and Tails Cat Club; Empire Cat Club]:** I think the whole point of judging is that your best cats earn the most points. I think there may be times when there are some very good cats and by the time you get down toward the end of the cats that make the final, they're not as good. I want the judge to have the option to award an extraordinary cat the points, even if the owner had to leave. If in the judge's opinion there's another cat that really does belong in the final and the judge does not want to hang on an empty cage, the judge should have that option, but if the judge thinks there is an extraordinary cat and it had to leave because the owner had to leave, I want the judge to have the ability to award that cat the points. I therefore am in favor of this.

**Jennifer Herr [Mark Twain Feline Fanciers; Rebel Rousers Cat Club]:** I am speaking out as a cage service. I am not for staying after show hours because if you extend your show hours to 9:00, I will not be able to tear down your show cages after 9:00, so please, if you are going to look at this and expect your show services to be able to do that, please be keeping that in mind. It is not feasible to get that done after 9:00 at night, when you have been there all day.

**Sue Robbins [Delaware River Cats Club; National Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club]:** I was actually at a show where the final final of the day, fortunately on a Saturday night, ended at 8:30 although I didn't have the right to complain much about the lateness of the hour because the judge did, after all, make my cat best cat in that ring, but I have also been to another show where I had a flight to catch and the final had been called and another final had been called, virtually simultaneously. My cat had made one final but not the other. The final that she did not make was actually done first and the specialty final that she made rather high, and I think the judge is probably sitting in this room and knows about it, I had a flight to catch and I went up to her. I begged and pleaded, since she had called her cats and I had brought my cat to her ring and put her in the cage in a timely fashion, could I please be awarded the final because I had a flight to catch, and she graciously allowed me to do that. Now, there are times that it's getting quite late in the day on Sunday and some of the finals have dragged on, but the judge has not asked the clerk to announce all the cats that needs to be present in the show hall for that final. So, you know, you have maybe some exhibitors who are or are not going to make that top part, that don't know if they are or are not, and desperately need to get out of Dodge because they may have a flight or a very long drive, so to kind of move things along would be helpful. If you know that your class is running late, have your clerk at least announce all the cats that are going to be in it, but the bottom line is, we are all salespeople and you need to please the customer. In this case, most of the time we're talking about after advertised show hours. If there are spectators still there, they've gotten their \$3.50 worth of time looking at the cats. They have gotten time to see

and be around all the cats. We are talking after the advertised show hours. To say, “well, I’m just going to move it back to 9:00 at night”, as a show manager – because I have been a show manager – is not the way to do it. Yes, ask the judges if they can [inaudible]. We had one judge that ended late this year. It happens, and we did not have much gate. If we had been able to get out sooner, if we could hear the finals sooner, it would have been fine but the point is, there are people that do need to get out the door by 4:00 if that’s the advertised show hour. So, let’s all work together on this. I think since it is not an engraved in stone issue and it’s written that it “may” be allowed to happen, let it happen. Let’s be for the exhibitors who are supporting our shows. That’s my 2 cents worth. **Newkirk:** Thank you. We just got a donation from a person whose phone sort of had an accident. So, in order to help BAP and our Ukrainian cats, there’s a little thing right on the side of your phone. There’s a plus sign where the thing goes up so it rings very loud. Don’t hit that red button on the side where it turns it off, OK? Rich Mastin has a list of phone numbers he is going to start randomly calling. See, he has already tried a couple but I had my volume off. Kathy Calhoun had hers shut off. Sneaky! She is the Treasurer. Don’t you think she ought to donate a little bit? Just a little? **Brad Newcomb [Triple Crown Cat Fanciers]:** One thing, I’ll be very quick. The one thing everybody keeps talking about is how late the shows are going. I’m a clerk, a master clerk, I produce shows, show manager, the whole list. The one thing that would help all of this beyond anything is if we didn’t have to go out into the show hall and chase cats down, and do third and fourth and final calls [inaudible, applause]. We should all be listening to the announcements and getting our cats to the ring in a timely manner. Thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you Brad. **Judith Bemis [Dayton Cat Fanciers; Worldwide European Burmese Society]:** Just to mention, last year I received several flyers for shows that I went to where they gave the starting time of course at like 9:00 or 10:00, but the ending time was “when the show ends”. Consequently, if that is what they are advertising for their show time, if this passes, anybody that leaves before the show ends isn’t going to get any points. I have no objection to this. I think it’s a good idea. However, something has got to be – you have to consider the fact that there are clubs out there that are putting on their flyers “when the show ends” rather than a specific time. **Newkirk:** Thank you. Karen, do you have a comment? Briefly please. **Karen Thomas [Desert Cats; Length & Lack Of It Cat Fanciers]:** Briefly. Clerk and show manager, just like Brad, and it would help us as show managers – the real issue is, some judges judge slower than others. If we had stats on which judges are the ones – if there are ones that consistently finish at 7:30 and 8:00 at night, we would know not to hire them the next time. That will take care of the problem as well, so is that something that could happen? **Newkirk:** Should we put an L on some judges [indicating “loser”] or an M-L for major loser?

**Newkirk:** Lorna, would you like to do a closing statement? **Friemoth:** I’m really happy to see that this evoked so many thoughts and positive emotions in everybody. I believe what Judy mentioned where you write in the flyer that your show ends when the finals are done is actually against show rules, but double check that. I’m just glad that we have so many people here that are speaking positively for this amendment. **Newkirk:** OK, if you are in favor of Resolution #9, please raise your hands. And if you are opposed? OK, take your hands down. Let’s do it one more time. All those in favor raise your hands. If you are opposed, raise your hands. Well, it’s at least 50%. I don’t think it’s 2/3. If anybody wants to challenge that, we’ve got a whole bunch of people sitting right over there ready to go to work. [inaudible speaker]: Are you saying it passed or failed? **Newkirk:** By 50%. It passed, with recommendation. It has to have 2/3 in order to pass, so I’m going to say it’s recommended.

**Currle:** Challenge. **Newkirk:** Alright, we have a challenge, so we are asking to get the tellers up. While those tellers are doing their job, a very important committee. When the teller comes to your row and acknowledges that they have your vote, you can take your hand down. Thank you tellers. So, everyone that's in favor of #9, raise your hands please. As I said, when the teller comes to your row and acknowledges that they have reported your vote, you can take your hand down. Yes votes, I'm asking for the yes votes. Please raise your hands. All yesses keep your hand up until you have been counted and told by the teller to lower your hand. So, are the yes votes tabulated? Alright everybody, if you are a no vote, raise your hand. The tellers will come back through. No votes, keep your hands up. Do we have the results of the vote? Our parliamentarian will give you the results. **Perkins:** It did not pass. Yes 133, no 168.

**Failed.**

**Newkirk:** A couple of things before we go to the next resolution. John Colilla brought me up the tickets for the [diamond] necklace. I drew the name. It's #1517, Sherrie Teal. So Sherrie, if you will see John Colilla. Somebody want to break the sad news to her that she won? We have another matter here of Mr. Eigenhauser's cat. We got several nominations and some of those people thought I was asking for the number of points, assuming. I got a couple that gave names for those points. I have to ask you, do you guys ever go up to the ATM at the bank and you get \$200-\$300 out? Now it's like a college education course where you've got to do this and this and this, and then it asks you how you want your bills. Do you want \$100 in twenties, two hundred dollar bills? I always have to sit there and think for a minute, what is it I really want. Well, I don't want my wallet fat, so it's easier to get hundred dollar bills. So I made the statement that I was going to donate \$20 to BAP but damn it, I only have a hundred dollar bill. [applause] **Mastin:** Darrell, I'll give you a twenty for that hundred. **Newkirk:** Spoken like a person on the Budget Committee. Anyway, I don't have a twenty dollar bill and I'm not asking anybody for 5 twenties, so I'm just going to donate the hundred dollar bill. [applause] This is going to be a fun annual. I don't give a damn if you won or not, it's going to be fun. Cyndy is going to read what your points are going to be referred to. **Byrd:** LCS – "last cat standing" George. **Newkirk:** Alright, we helped out feeding those Ukraine cats, didn't we?

## **– 10 – The Bengal Alliance**

**PROPOSED:** Amend Show Rules 11.28 and 11.29.a. to add additional Champion and Premier 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 10<sup>th</sup> Best Cat when cat entries are less than 85, for Championship entries of 85 or more the final awards will be Best through 15<sup>th</sup> Best Cat; Best, 2<sup>nd</sup> Best and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Champion, Best, 2<sup>nd</sup> Best and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Longhair Champion, and Best, 2<sup>nd</sup> Best and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Shorthair Champion, unless top 15 threshold has been reached. Best through Fifth Best Champion, Best through Fifth Best Longhair Champion, and Best through Fifth Best Shorthair Champion once top 15 threshold has been reached. Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10<sup>th</sup> Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 75, for kitten entries of 75 or more the final awards will be Best through 15<sup>th</sup> Best Kitten. Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10<sup>th</sup> Best Cat when cat entries are less than 50, for Premiership entries of 50 or more the final awards will be Best through 15<sup>th</sup> Best Cat; Best and 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Premier, Best and 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Longhair Premier, Best and 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Shorthair Premier unless top 15 threshold has been reached. Best, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Premier, Best, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Longhair Premier, Best, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and

3<sup>rd</sup> Best Shorthair Premier will be awarded if top 15 threshold has been reached. Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5<sup>th</sup> Best Cat or Best through 10<sup>th</sup> Best Cat as determined by show management.

- 11.29** a. In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings the Championship finals will be Best through 10<sup>th</sup> Best Cat when cat entries are less than 85, for Championship entries of 85 or more the final awards will be Best through 15<sup>th</sup> Best Cat; Best, 2<sup>nd</sup> Best and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best, unless top 15 threshold has been reached. Best through Fifth Best Champion, through Fifth Best Longhair Champion, and Best through Fifth Best Shorthair Champion once top 15 threshold has been reached. Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10<sup>th</sup> Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 75, for kitten entries of 75 or more the final awards will be Best through 15<sup>th</sup> Best Kitten. Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10<sup>th</sup> Best Cat when cat entries are less than 50, for Premiership entries of 50 or more the final awards will be Best through 15<sup>th</sup> Best Cat; Best and 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Premier unless top 15 threshold has been reached. Best, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Premier, Best, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Longhair Premier, Best, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Shorthair Premier will be awarded if top 15 threshold has been reached. Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5<sup>th</sup> Best Cat or Best through 10<sup>th</sup> Best Cat as determined by show management. B. In Breed/Division specialty rings the Championship finals will be Best through 10<sup>th</sup> Best Cat, Best and 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Champion; the Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10<sup>th</sup> Best Kitten; the Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10<sup>th</sup> Best Cat, Best and 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Premier. Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5<sup>th</sup> Best Cat or Best through 10<sup>th</sup> 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 larger count shows be more appealing to the quality cats that attend them. Awarding additional champion/premier placements when the count warrants it is a value-added opportunity for more deserving cats to earn grand points.

**CENTRAL OFFICE NOTE:** *the estimated cost to implement the additional final placements for champions/premiers is in the range of \$15,000-\$20,000. 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:** Alright, let's go on to #10, the Bengal Alliance presentation. **Lorna Friemoth [Abyssinian Midwest Breeders; Sun Pearl Cat Fanciers]:** On behalf of the Bengal Alliance, proposed [reads proposal]. Basically, the only changes are, if you receive the number of entries for top 15 in championship or premiership, as already defined by the show rules, best through 5<sup>th</sup> champion, best through 5<sup>th</sup> longhair champion and best through 5<sup>th</sup> shorthair champion can be awarded. For premiership, it would be best through 3<sup>rd</sup> premier, best through 3<sup>rd</sup> longhair premier and best through 3<sup>rd</sup> shorthair premier. In the specialty rings, the same applies. [reads rationale]

**Jacqui Bennett [Ocicats International; Star City Cat Fanciers]:** While I will say as a judge there have been many, many times I have had way more than three champions I want to use, I am not sure putting an arbitrary number based on count when you don't know if those counts are going to be grands or champions is necessarily the right answer. We recently had an experimental format in the Southern Region which had rings that were OCP – all opens and premiers or all opens and champions, and they got top 10. It went over very, very well. I think that is probably a better solution than adding arbitrary numbers based strictly on count when you



don't know what that count includes or is involved in. So, while I appreciate that there are all these cats that I want to use that I can't get up because we've got beautiful cats, I'm not sure this is the right way to do it. **Alene Shafnisky [Portland Cat Club; Turkish Angora Fanciers, International]:** I've got the running theme here of how we are encouraging people to show. I really don't think it matters what the number is made up of. We do top 15 regardless of whether those entries are grands or opens anyway, and if you have been trying to grand a cat lately in premiership, you know these things would really go a long way to help us. I think when we get close to top 15 in these shows, you are going to see a rush of either champions or premiers which one it is because they want to have access to those extra spots, so I think this would be a great reason and a great way to move forward for the cat fancy. **Keith Kimberlin [Maine Coon Cat Club]:** I want to address Jacqui's comment about the number of cats. When you have less cats of opens and champions there and you are awarded the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> best, you're not getting a lot of points so it's just in relation to how many cats are there, so it's not like a cat is going to grand with so few points there just by giving them the chance to get some extra points. It's more about the recognition of another cat that was in the show hall that had the ability to get grand points and giving that person the recognition so that they will come back again and go to another show and feel like they at least got a piece of the pie. **Mary Kolencik [The Cat's Meow; Lilac Point Fanciers]:** I just wanted to comment on the OCP rings that we had in Florida. Yeah, they were great. I think that that got some extra champion entries in that show. However, to have those rings you have to hire two more judges, so you have to think that you're going to get enough entries to cover those two extra judges, so I don't see that as a comparison to this. For this, you have to have 85 cats in championship or 50 cats in premiership to get these extra awards. As Keith said, it's not like there are a ton of points. So, I support this and I remember hearing people saying at the show, I talked to people about the OCP rings and to a person it was like CFA needs to start helping the people that are just trying to grand their cats and stop focusing on the campaigners. I completely agree with that, because now that I live in Florida I don't know how much campaigning I'm ever going to do again because it's way down there in Florida, but I do want to grand my cats so we need to help the people that are trying to grand their cats. At least I do get to live in Florida. **Newkirk:** We will pump a little extra oxygen down there to you, Mary K. **Kathy Black [Ozark Cat Fanciers; Texoma Cat Fanciers]:** I belong to three clubs and we discussed this quite extensively, so I've got both the club perspective and a judging perspective. The club members also were not in favor of this. They thought that it would put an undue burden on the expense of the club, the time allotment for the finals, and so all three clubs that I am involved with were against this. As a judge, I have to agree with Jacqui. I multiple times have numerous cats that I would like to get up, but those cats go to judges' finals so they are being rewarded, just not many in my final. Personally, I would rather have an open number in an allbreed final that I can pick 6 champions and let me pick 5 long and 1 short or 4 and 2. Give me the flexibility, because oftentimes I'll have 6 or 7 or 8 of one category and maybe just 3 of another. I could maybe see going to 4 in championship when you have the entries to support it, but I think 5 is way too big of a leap and so I can't support this. **Jill Archibald [Liberty Trail Cat Fanciers; Nova Cat Fanciers Inc.]:** You don't see me at the microphone very often, but this last show season, the end of the show season got shows. One of them was [inaudible] by people because on the first day Sign of the Cat was fine but the second day Nova was not. Almost more than 50% of the people who were entered with their cats in the show left. I know that most of you know that already. If we had purchased top 15 rosettes, it would have been a slap in the face for a lot of us. It hurts us when we enter a show at the end of the season when

some of the most prestigious shows are at the end of the season and then people pull their cats to benefit somebody who is running for a national win and everybody else gets an award but is it on the number of cats entered, the number of cats present? In some of the rings they couldn't find 15 cats because there weren't 15 left. I'm just putting that information out because I'm hoping that everybody understands that it isn't the same for every show. Some of the shows have a very difficult time having all of the cats there to receive the awards on the second day, because people have chosen to absent almost 100 cats. Thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you Jill. **Heidi Murphy [Paper Tigers; The Perthshire Clan]:** I agree with Lorna. When we get to 80 count and we get an extra 5 in championship, those spots for our national points, and we only get 3 in championship unless it's an allbreed, it's ridiculous. If you look at the counts over this last year, when you get those over 80 it's mostly championship that pushed those counts over 80 and we're not getting those extra spots to grand our cats. Like Noel said, for us on the west coast, we fly just about every week because we just don't have shows. Most of the time, this last year I went out so many weekends across this country to support all your clubs. I went to many shows of over 80. I think it's so important to add these extra points for everyone to grand their cats – newbies, everybody needs those extra points. This is only for those few shows that hit over 80. Again, if you look at the base count, when it hits that it isn't grands that pushes it over 80, it's usually opens and champions, and we're not being rewarded for it. So, I think this absolutely has to be. I disagree with Jacqui. You know, to add the extra ring that they've done in Florida and the extra judges, we're all having trouble putting on shows, we're having trouble finding show halls. To add two more judges we have to put up and pay for, it's such an added expense. To add to the couple more championship rings when the judge is already there is not an added cost. This has to be passed. I think it's better for the cat fancy in the future. **LeAnn Rupy [Palatina Blue Cat Club]:** When I first read this, my first reaction was, "oh geez, that's going to be more expense for the clubs, we will have to pay for 15 rosettes per ring." I do see that as a very realistic problem, for a lot of clubs to pay for the extra rosettes, but I also as I read through it, top 15 in each class that reached the minimum criteria of cats required, what occurred to me is that this would be the January, February, March and April rule when many of us just don't go to many shows because we're not campaigning. If I know that what is typically a large show is going to pull in 10 or 15 campaigning cats, why am I going to spend \$400/\$500/\$600 to go to that show with a cat that I'm trying to grand, I hope might get a top 10 spot but probably won't if there's 15 campaign cats there, but if there's 15 spots I have a lot better chance so maybe this is a possibility to get those few extra entries in the show for people who aren't campaigning but would still like to show their cat the entire show season. **Newkirk:** Thank you LeAnn. **Robert Belfatto [Cascade Cat Fanciers; Domesti-Katz Cat Club]:** I think you should have to think about running the show. In running the show you have to prepare and buy ribbons. There's 48 more ribbons you have to buy. Secondly, if you want to grand your cat, you're champions against champions. This is not champions against champions, premiers against premiers, this is arbitrary. If you have a bunch of grands here, some champions here, if you want to base it I think the best place to base it on the number of champions there are and the number of premiers there are, not the number of cats in the show. Thank you. **Howard Webster [Americans In Paradise; California Silver Fanciers]:** Number one, the ribbons are just one streamer so those aren't that expensive. Number two, I mean, this year I flew around just to grand cats. Let me tell you, you need those extra points. The numbers when they hit 85 or more, you need those to have extra premier placements and extra champions. So, for newbies it would be an added bonus. Thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you Howard. **Mary Auth [International Scottish Fold Association; Pfanciers United For**

**Fun, Inc.]:** If you're just chasing grand points, how many shows did we have this last year where we had top 15 in the championship final? You might want to consider as an alternative that there's a good reason why there's a 4 ring show in Lawrenceburg, Indiana each year. It's those kind of shows that are specifically for those people who don't want to go up and compete against the national campaigners, so I think overall it's nice for people to consider having those types of shows for the people who are just looking for grand points. **Jennifer Herr [Mark Twain Feline Fanciers; Rebel Rousers Cat Club]:** I am all for this but I do believe it needs to be based on how many premiers and opens, champions and opens, rather than the top 15 because then it's not equal. Thank you. **Brad Newcomb [Triple Crown Cat Fanciers]:** A lot of people have talked about cost and price. Everybody talks about how much it costs to show their cats, but what we aren't looking at is – and it is a cost to the clubs, 48 more ribbons, right? The cost of 48 more ribbons could save some of the clubs we have out there. Some of these clubs are beg, steal and borrow just to survive. Right now, when you look at the entries that you're getting, if you look at the last 5 shows that have been put on, your entries have been minimal – 120/130 cats. That barely, barely covers your costs. We're losing clubs every day. Every day we are losing clubs. Nobody talks about it. We don't have enough shows, we don't have enough clubs, but yet everybody wants to keep on piling this cost onto clubs and pushing this cost. How do we help that? That's what we need to look at. I understand everybody wants the points. We all do. If your cat is that good, the judge will use it in the top 10 and you're going to get championship points whether your in the top 3 or not anyway. That's the option that's always out there. Typically when we see those big shows where you have 85+, the majority of those cats are grand champions. They're not champions and opens. So, I agree that I think it needs to be based on champions and open entries, not necessarily the entire entry for the whole show because it's not changing anything when you look at those shear numbers. **Kimberlin:** I want to address Mary Auth's comment. It's all well and good to have these 4 ring shows but does every region have the club space or the location to do that, so that it's fair to everybody? We would like to have that, but it's hard enough getting a show hall and covering the expenses for that and then trying to say, OK, we're only going to have a 4 ring show so that it's good for the opens and the champions. So, it doesn't make sense from the show management point of view. It's hard for us to do that, to make that happen. This is only for large shows. Usually what happens at a large show when you have that high championship count or high premiership count, that's when most of the campaigners come out to get their one-show grand. If you live in an area where you have one show a year and that show happens to be the campaigner show, why would the little guy come to the show when they know that they can't get any points? So, you know, we really need to always think – we keep thinking about how can we do things that will help the little guy, help bring in new entries. This is a start to that, to try to find ways that people can get some grand points and encourage more people to stay. **Newkirk:** Thank you Keith. **Vivian Baylor [Carolina Sophisticats; National Alliance of Burmese Breeders]:** I have also been a show manager for Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers, which is a very large show, and we have a very large show hall that requires a lot of money. Granted that, I can't believe that if you have 80 to 85 to 100 cats requiring you to go to top 15 that your show is losing money. You've got to be doing something wrong in your budgeting if that's the case, that you cannot afford another 12, 15, 48 – I don't know how many – little pieces of cardboard if you can't buy rosettes that say 4<sup>th</sup> best champion, 3<sup>rd</sup> best premier. And I can't believe that even a show – as ours, which is a big campaign show – is in the situation such that you have that many more grand champions and that many more grand premiers. Yes, you do have a lot certainly but a lot of people who are not

campaigning at that time of year are saying, “why should I spend my money to go to a campaign show?” I think you have plenty of champions there. My experience in being at those shows is that you certainly do have plenty of champions. It’s not an overwhelming number of grands in either category. Thank you.

**Newkirk:** Closing statement, Lorna? **Friemoth:** Thank you so much Vivian and Keith. You really hit home the spirit of this proposal. I’ve shown in all different classes and almost always the number of cats that make up the bulk of the championship class are champions. Premiership, it’s feast or famine. Sometimes there’s 2, sometimes there’s 30, but this does not change the top 15 threshold, this does not give cats points that they did not defeat by cats that are present in the show. All it’s doing is giving, as has been pointed out, a few more people [inaudible]. **Newkirk:** Thank you Lorna. All those in favor of Resolution #10, please raises your hands. If you will take your hands down, those opposed? It’s not 2/3 but I think it’s a majority, so we will go with a recommendation. **[unidentified speakers]** Call the question. **Newkirk:** Tellers, the vote is challenged. Tellers, assume your positions. Once you are in position I will call for the yes votes. **Friemoth:** I forgot something in my closing. Can I say just one more thing. **Newkirk:** Let’s have it. **Friemoth:** I have brought this up before with the number of champions and premiers spelled out, and I was told that it was too complicated. **Newkirk:** OK. Raise your hands if you’re a yes. Yes votes, raise your hands. Yesses raise your hands, keep your hands up. Just so you’re going to be able to make some luncheon plans. We have three more resolutions to do. A couple of them are straightforward. One of them is going to be controversial and require a count. As you can see, the count is taking awhile to do. I’m all for next year having clickers so everybody can vote. Somebody make a bylaw amendment to put that in there so nobody can vote down to have clickers. Alright, we’re ready for the no’s. My favorite thing from the Rocky Horror Picture Show is “patience”. So, no votes, hands up. Keep your hands up until the teller counts you and put your hands down. **Newkirk:** Our parliamentarian will announce the vote. **Perkins:** It passes. Yes 177, no 163. This is a pass for recommendation.

**Carried with favorable recommendation.**

**Newkirk:** As I announced before the tabulation was complete, we’re going to break for lunch. We have 3 more resolutions to cover when we come back. It’s about 12:48 p.m. Let’s assemble back at 2 p.m. and we’ll finish our business of the day and do a few more service award recognitions at that time. So, we are in recess until 2 p.m.

– 11 – *New England Meow Outfit, Happy Alternative Cat Club, Ocicats International, Central Carolina Cat Fanciers, New Vision Cat Club, Feline Forum of Greater NY, Cat’s Incredible, Inc., Tropical Cats, Miami Florida Cat Fanciers, Moonport Cat Club, Las Vegas Cat Club, Show Me Cat Fanciers, Show and Tell Cat Club, Gulf Shore Consortium*

**RESOLVED:** Add language to Show Rule 20.05 to clarify when clubs are expected to provide meals for judges and provide additional details about accommodations, as follows:

**20.05** Clubs are required to provide individual hotel accommodations for each judge for the night before the beginning of a judge’s judging, the night after the completion of a judge’s judging, and for each night in between, if any. Meals are to be provided within this same time frame; meals and

beverages must also be made available at the show. Clubs shall not ask judges to share rooms (although judges may volunteer to do so).

For shows where the judge has traveled more than 2800 miles from their departure airport to their arrival airport, clubs are required to provide two nights before the beginning of a judge's judging, each night in between, if any, and the night after the completion of judging. Meals are to be provided within this time frame. Should an "act of God" storm (ice and/or snow) occur which prevents a judge from returning home after the club's responsibility ends, the judge may send an itemized bill of room and meal expenses to the CFA Central Office for reimbursement.

Clubs must provide hotel accommodations, if required, for each international overseas, or guest judge, as appropriate, for the period between consecutive weekend shows. If the judge does not stay at the show hotel and travels to other locations during the period of the contracted shows, no more than the cost of the show hotel may be charged by the judge, as well as reasonable meals which shall be reimbursed by the club. No club will incur costs greater than if they had contracted to judge separately.

**RATIONALE:** It might appear that the need to provide meals for judges is a basic common-sense issue that does not need to be spelled out in show rules, but a few recent occurrences have demonstrated otherwise. It is not rational to expect judges to work through an entire show without food or drink, and they should not need to leave the ring in search of it. And, while judges frequently offer to share hotel rooms, it would be helpful if clubs were made aware that they should neither expect or request this.

Adding this language would not create any sort of imposition on most show-producing clubs and would provide useful guidance for newer clubs.

**Newkirk:** OK, the delegation will come to order. **Anger:** It's 4:10 p.m. **Newkirk:** We will pick up on our resolutions. These are proposed show rule changes, resolutions to change the show rules. #11, NEMO? **Iris Zinck [Buccaneers Cat Fanciers; New England Meow Outfit]:** I am not going to read the resolution itself or the rationale, because I think you have probably all had plenty of time to read it, but I do have something I want to say. Anyone who has judged one of our shows knows that we go to great lengths to take care of our judges. Perhaps we do more than is necessary. Most clubs I have judged for do the same, but some don't. In fact, some of our soon-to-be-retiring judges have mentioned the challenges of travel and being left to their own devices to find meals in a strange part of the country or the world as contributing factors to their retirement decisions. After a couple of interesting experiences myself along those lines this year, I went to the show rules just to see what was actually required. Except for the information about paying for judges' accommodations, I could find nothing in the show rules about feeding them. I was gratified to find out that a number of other clubs thought a resolution about this was important enough to co-sponsor. I am very grateful for their co-sponsorship. With their input, the proposal evolved a bit from my original concept, but it still should not represent a burden on any show-producing club and on behalf of my fellow judges I ask the delegation to pass it. **Newkirk:** Thank you.

**Newkirk:** Well, this seems pretty straightforward. I don't see everybody lining up behind the microphones here, so let's vote on this. Thank you Iris for making that short and sweet, and succinct and to the point. If you are in favor of this, please raise your hands. I think I got over 500 "thank you Jesus" out there. That passes. **[unidentified speaker]:** Call the no votes.

**Newkirk:** Alright, if I have to. The no votes? It still passes. **Anger:** Is that by 2/3, for the record?  
**Newkirk:** Oh yes. That's not a recommendation, that's a 2/3, so it is passed.

Carried by 2/3.

## *– 12 – Lilac Point Fanciers*

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules, Article XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS, 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Breed/Division) or for champion/premier points.

There is a severe math penalty in the decrements in finals. In a final of 101 cats, Best Cat defeats 100 cats and gets 100 points. 10<sup>th</sup> best cat defeats 90 cats but only gets 55 points. 10<sup>th</sup> best cat gets 55% of the points after defeating 90% of the cats, 15<sup>th</sup> 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, 20<sup>th</sup> 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 math 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 that make them low, as in the bottom third of a top 15. The value of top 15 finals and 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 a higher percentage of the points from cats defeated, they would likely continue to rank high as with the decrement system. Strategy might change for some, and some of the races might be closer for longer. Exhibitors vying for the NWs will adjust their strategy as

they did when we changed from the ring-point-averaging system to top 100 rings and the cat that can make high finals consistently will still get the higher placement at the end of the season.

The regional-campaigned cats would get the most benefit from this change. Cats looking for points for regional awards or to meet point minimum requirements for regional or breed 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 we discussed this last year, one of the objections was that “it really makes best cat no longer a big deal.” It is cynical to think that the only “big deal” about getting a Best from a CFA judge is the points. I have been to many shows with cats where I was not trying to obtain any points for a title, including showing kittens in small classes just for experience, and Best is ALWAYS a big deal. I was at a show recently with a tiny class of kittens, none being shown for anything other than fun, and an exhibitor was in tears with a Best Kitten that meant nothing for the year-end standings. How many points a cat gets does not diminish the joy when a CFA judge proclaims your cat or kitten Best, it never gets old. We even celebrate when trainees proclaim a cat best in their mock finals! Best from a CFA judge will always be special regardless of the points.

When this was proposed at the 2019 annual, one of the arguments against was that this would compress the difference between placements, or as was said “squish” the point spread of the top cats. In an individual show, the points for each cat are close among the cats that make all the finals (and how many of those are there?). But over the course of a season, the total points are not squished. Dick Kallmeyer ran the scoring for the 2019 season for the top cats using this method and it did not “squish” the season’s points, in fact just the opposite. For some placements, the differential between placements was increased. No owners pick exactly the same shows and make exactly the same finals over the course of a season. 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. For any example that someone can present where a show might lose an entry if we make this change, I can present an example where the show could gain an entry if we make this change. The argument about hurting small shows is flawed because most exhibitors pick shows based on several criteria – location, location, location, lineup, and then count.

Most exhibitors consider only location and will pick the easiest show to get to, even when they are hunting points, because most 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. Even the national campaigners try to stay local during the early part of the season. 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. Few exhibitors are willing to travel with a cat given the expense of airfare for the exhibitor and cat, car rental, and hotel nights.

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.

Bottom line – if a cat defeats another cat, it should get a point from that cat, not some fraction of points. One point for each cat defeated is easy to understand, logical, and is how we should score our cats.

**CENTRAL OFFICE NOTE:** *the cost to implement is approximately \$5,000 for the program change and testing.*

**Newkirk:** Lilac Point Fanciers. I think that's Mary K, go. **Mary Kolencik [The Cat's Meow; Lilac Point Fanciers]:** Congratulations Iris. This resolution removes the decrement scoring system for all classes in finals scored for national and regional points. This does not change the decrement for the orange ribbon or for champion/premier points. Cats will be scored one point for each cat defeated in finals for national and regional points only. This is the third time I have presented this same change. Last year, I believe it would have passed by 50% if not for a website mistake, so it's back again and I am sure some of you are going to make the same arguments against it again, so I read through the transcript of last year's discussion. The main opposition seems to be that this would hurt small shows. In fact, one delegate said, "This is going to really kill the smaller shows. It's going to absolutely kill them." Wow, I wish I had that crystal ball. Let's be real here. They are all small shows unless they have been stuffed. To say a change to scoring will make people pick large shows over small shows, well that can only happen if they have large shows to pick. I completely disagree with this point. People trying for regional wins are not going to suddenly start dissing their local shows to travel across the country. For every example where someone says, "this cat will go to that show," I can come up with a situation where that cat would go to this show. You can't predict this kind of stuff. I'm thinking this would actually help the small shows. Another point I have heard from several people is that if a cat is best out of 61 cats at a show, compared to a cat that is 10<sup>th</sup> or even 15<sup>th</sup> at a show with 101 cats, that 15<sup>th</sup> best cat will be worth more than the best out of 60. Well yeah, that's the whole point of getting one point for every cat defeated. A cat that is 15<sup>th</sup> out of 101 has defeated 85 other cats. A best cat out of 61 only defeated 60 other cats. Why shouldn't the 15<sup>th</sup> out of 101 be worth more? It defeated more cats. When I first brought this proposal, an argument against it was that it would squish the points or that there would be more ties. Neither are true. As I said last year, Dick Kallmeyer took the standings – he is here and he will support me on this – he took the standings from the 2019 season and ran them using this method. While some cats in the top 25 switched places, almost all standings in the top 25 in each class, the rankings of some changed. The difference between some of the placements actually increased. The difference between other places decreased, but the point totals were not squished. The biggest benefit was to the cats that made low placements in finals, which is expected. That's the point. The math penalty of the decrement is biggest in the lowest placements. Remove that penalty and those cats gain more points, but we should be cautious though about running a different scoring method against a season that is already completed, because the people who competed in that season may have used a different strategy and they could have gone to different shows to end up in the same ranking, but if it's clear the biggest benefit is to lower ranked cats that only make a couple low finals at shows. I just want to make two more points right now. Actually I'm only going to make one last point. Last year, one of the delegates opposed this because, "it really makes best cat no longer a big deal." I say this to all of the judges here and I mean it sincerely from the bottom of my heart. I don't care how many points. If you have a cat ranked best, no matter what it will always be a big deal to me – always.



**Mike Altschul [Fort Worth Cat Club; Happy Alternative Cat Club]:** It sounds pretty sexy to get one point for every cat defeated. It's not. If there's 101 cats at the show, best cat gets 100 points. In the new program, 5<sup>th</sup> best cat gets 91. If there's top 15, 15<sup>th</sup> best cat gets 86. OK, so if you get a bunch of 15<sup>th</sup> best cats and other cat got best cats but missed a ring, it gets more points. Does that make sense? [yes] No, it makes no sense to me at all. They should be getting the 35 points or the 50 points instead of 100 points. If you guys think it makes sense then vote for it, but it makes no sense. It will hurt the small shows. You will have people that can get 15<sup>th</sup> best cat if they go to the bigger show instead of getting best cat at a little show. They're going to get a lot more points. There's no question about that. It's just simple math. I'm please asking the delegation not to support this. **Sue Robbins [Delaware River Cats Club; National Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club]:** For years, this proposal has come forward and it has usually been voted down. I think there may be a sea change in the room this year. This absolutely levels the playing field. Everybody has talked about wanting to have a level playing field. A cat that earns best gets 100% of the points minus one. The second best gets 100% of the points minus two, because you can't defeat yourself. If you have defeated 95 cats to get that 3<sup>rd</sup> best cat, you've gotten 95 points. To get that 5<sup>th</sup> best cat which would have only been 80%, you would have had only 80 points. You've gotten real points, as opposed to decremental points. You've actually defeated the numbers of cats that you will be getting in that score. This doesn't hurt anybody, but it gives you a real number of how many cats your cat has defeated. **Newkirk:** Thank you Sue. **Loretta Baugh [CanUsa Cat Club; Ragdolls Around the Globe]:** To me, this is common sense. I used 100 cats. If you defeat all but 9 cats above you as 10<sup>th</sup> best cat, you should get those points. They shouldn't have to get down to what ends up being 54% of those points. We need to do this because it helps the small shows. I disagree with Mike on that, because people want to go to shows and they don't want to go to the campaign shows because they don't have a placement. If they do, it's going to be very low [inaudible]. I support this one. **Newkirk:** Thank you Loretta. **Alene Shafnisky [Portland Cat Club; Turkish Angora Fanciers, International]:** Loretta is absolutely right. If you defeat 10 cats, you should get 10 points. That's how it should work. If you defeated 90 cats, there's a reason you should get 90 points. It makes no sense to do it otherwise, but the really important thing about changing this up is what it's going to change on the bottom. The top 25 are going to more or less stay the same, but now let's say my local show closes with 126 entries in championship. Instead of going, "well gosh, 15<sup>th</sup> place is only going to get me 40 points, if that," I'm not going to waste my time, right? If you do this and you get these heightened points, what's going to happen is, your regional exhibitors are going to come out of the woodwork because suddenly these points are much more real to what they're trying to accomplish. I think this has been a long time coming and it needs to get passed. **Keith Kimberlin [Maine Coon Cat Club]:** I just want to make one comment here. I'm paraphrasing judges, but I have heard this: "I can make every one of these cats best cat." That's the point of this; is that, instead of saying that we have a best that gets 100% and a 10<sup>th</sup> that gets 55%, we're giving each cat that option of the best cat. Thank you. **Tyler Deel [Ohio State Persian Club]:** I just wanted to say that there may be some people here who are thinking that we've always done it this way or we've been doing it this way for however long. Well, you all got rid of ring point averaging before I got started in cats because it was unnecessarily diluting your scores. It seems to me this is doing the same thing by doing this 5% decrement. Why? Because that's the way we've done it. I would just like to make the point, tradition is just peer pressure from dead people [laughter, applause]. **Newkirk:** That's got to go down on record as the best comment of the weekend. Better than my crazy jokes. **Carissa Altschul [Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Land**

**of Oz Cat Club]:** I have a couple of points and I'm going to tell you right off the bat I'm not in favor of this. I don't really care if people thinks it makes it more fair. It's definitely going to change strategy, but I will tell you one thing it will definitely do – you will see almost no national wins west of the Mississippi. Our shows are smaller, our shows are less often and this will become more about national wins in Regions 1, 4 and 7. If you are in Regions 1, 4 and 7, you're probably in support of this. If you can afford to fly to a show over there, you're probably in support of this. Good for you. Another thing judges say when they go to some of these smaller shows is, they say the depth of the quality in the smaller shows is often higher than the depth of the quality they see in the higher shows. Another point, these 100 count shows, the amount of cats that actually make it to every ring, the percentage, so much lower than the amount of cats that make it to every ring in the smaller shows. Nobody has ever looked at that, but I can tell you I have been to both. I'm a nasty campaigner. I know that at the larger shows with the really big counts, and there's 135 cats that are present but by the last ring there might be 50 that actually go into the ring. So, a 15<sup>th</sup> best cat gets 120 points for beating 35 cats. The smaller shows have pretty much every cat going to every ring. I think the 5% increments help balance that out. I'm not saying it happens at every show or come up and give your one-time anecdote that it didn't happen, but this is where I have a problem. It isn't about the actual amount of cats that are getting beaten. At the larger shows, we see more cats that don't go to the rings, so people are getting points for cats that never competed. Does it make a case for ring-by-ring scoring? Maybe. That's about my last point, thanks. **Newkirk:** Thank you Carissa. **Iris Zinck [Buccaneers Cat Fanciers; New England Meow Outfit]:** I would like to personally applaud the effort that has gone into the development of this resolution, and I would give the same applause to any other effort to revisit our scoring system in order to help grow the exhibitor base. Unfortunately our club does not believe that this resolution can do that. I was asked to speak against it by two engineers in our club who were not at the last annual, who did not read the minutes, so sorry if any of this is redundant, but they did their own number crunching and they believe it would have a negative impact on smaller classes, specifically the Household Pet class and also on the smaller count shows that now seem to prevail in our region, Region 1. We also believe wholeheartedly that if we want CFA to survive, we need to take actions that benefit and promote smaller shows and smaller classes, because this is where we can most easily recruit and retain newer exhibitors. This scoring system change seems more likely to significantly benefit the top cats in the big shows, of which there seem to be fewer every year. If this resolution passes, I would ask the board to study it carefully and review the analysis that several people have done concerning the impact before moving forward with implementation. I would be happy to send on what my club members did. **Sherilyn Shaffer [Gulf Shore Consortium; Tonks West]:** I wasn't prepared so I will just talk off the cuff. I was pretty stressed in March and April, and I keep thinking if we had a scoring system that may have been different or a little bit more equaled out, then maybe we wouldn't have all my friends who were so upset. **Newkirk:** Isn't that special? The church lady. Speak loudly and slowly. **[unidentified speaker]:** Thank you Mary for working on this for three years. I was not in championship this year but I had several friends who were. If we had a different scoring system, perhaps a lot of my friends here wouldn't be so hurt and we wouldn't have the divide that we have. It hurts my heart. Sometimes we need to change to make things better. I know that's hard to do because we get used to things. I don't like change, either, but perhaps we wouldn't feel so divided, and I don't want that. **Newkirk:** Spoken from a lady who, that's her job. Frédéric, can you hear me? **Frédéric Goedert [Cat-H-Art]:** Yes, I can. **Newkirk:** So I don't have to do the emergency test of the broadcast system? You're recognized Frédéric,

go ahead. **Goedert:** I would like to support this because we found out this season – very special situation. Having a lot of opens and champions in show during the first four months of the season, we realize that this situation of decrement percentage was really a detriment to the world of cats where you are best cat in every ring. You end up having 10<sup>th</sup>, sometimes 14<sup>th</sup> best cat in a ring with 18, 19 cats in championship and getting 5 points. This is not acceptable. I mean, 10<sup>th</sup> best cat in a ring with such competitive shows like we have in Europe, it means something. I don't feel like getting 5 points, because there are many months that the system is not acceptable. So, we found out this special season that this is not helping in situations like International Division and Europe where we have a lot a lot of champions and premiers. That's why I am speaking in favor of this change. Also, another thing is that when we try to explain our system to a lot of newcomers to the show, we have very often only one solution. We just say OK, you are going to get about one point for each cat defeated. This will make it true, so I hope you understand me from this side, because I think there is no other way to make it just to be fair.

**Newkirk:** Thank you Frédéric. **Howard Webster [Americans In Paradise; California Silver Fanciers]:** I am fully in support of this. I think we have brought this up before and we need to do things a little differently. We can't do the same things we have done year after year after year. The demographics are changing, the number of exhibitors are changing. Not everyone wants to be a national winner. We need to do things differently. **Newkirk:** Thank you Howard. **Sonja Moscoffian [Oicats of North America]:** The very last paragraph says, *Bottom line – if a cat defeats another cat, it should get a point from that cat, not some fraction of points. One point for each cat defeated is easy to understand, logical, and is how we should score our cats.* Then why are you going to make grands take percentages. Cats that are trying to grand, you are saying they are leaving in that. Why not just take the percentage out of everything. **Kolencik:** When I close, I will answer that. **Newkirk:** We can always bring up a resolution from the floor if you want to write it. **Victoria Cabot [Oicat Trust Japan; Sun Pacific Cat Club]:** Again, I am a new exhibitor. I showed a Household Pet. This I think would really impact my class but I guess what I would like to say is, I understand that a lot of work went into this proposition. The work was to try and address some of the issues that went on this season that made things difficult in other classes. I guess I want to say that anytime you make a change, there are going to be winners and losers. As long as we are all playing by the same rules, I guess I in the Household Pet class don't care that much whether it changes or not. It might change the way that I do things, but I can adjust. I can adjust to new things and I'm not afraid to try, so I am in support of this motion and I consider this as a representative of Household Pets. **Perkins:** We're going to take a brief time out if you could just hold please any comments. **[Secretary's Note: A medical emergency occurred, with a favorable result.]** **Newkirk:** OK, so a little bit of excitement to keep everybody's pulse up, including Sybil's. We would like for Maggie Garner to go to the Great Lakes Region table at the back of the room. We're going to have the last speaker report again what her comments were. Please get close to the mike and speak up, because we can barely hear you. **Cabot:** I'm so sorry. It sounded so loud to me. This is my first year showing. I showed a Household Pet. It is a very small class at most shows, but I think sometimes you need to not be afraid of change. I'm not afraid of change. I feel like it will affect me if there are 10 cats in a Household Pet class and I'm the 10<sup>th</sup> best cat, instead of getting 5.5 points, I will get 1 point. I'm not afraid of that, because I think this was put forward, so much work went into this to try and help address other issues and we're all playing on an equal playing field and we all are playing with the same rules, so please don't be afraid of change. Please vote in favor of this motion. I'm in a small class and I'm not afraid. Come with me. **Lorna Friemoth [Abyssinian Midwest**

**Breeders; Sun Pearl Cat Fanciers]:** I want to echo some of the things that were said for argument; that is, I want my best cat to matter to you. I want to make all finals matter, instead of being like, you get back to your cage and your friends go, “oh, what did you get, what did you get?” “Tenth.” I want that to end. Every final matters. Let’s put the points where they belong, in the hands of the cats.

**Newkirk:** Let’s have a closing statement by Mary K. **Kolencik:** Nobody else, right?  
**Newkirk:** Nobody else. This is it. **Kolencik:** This is it, OK. People came up and asked me some questions during the break, so I’m going to try to answer these questions. First, why do we have it? [inaudible] Seriously, I don’t know why we have it. The only reason I have ever been given in the over 25 years that I have been showing in CFA is, if you want your cats to make top finals, this is supposed to encourage you to breed a better cat. I do not believe it does that, because when this was developed we had 4 rings a weekend. Now, we have 10 rings, 12 rings. If I go to one of these 10 ring shows, I guarantee you some of the judges are going to place my cat high, some middle, some aren’t going to final the cat. What am I supposed to take from that? A lot of judges think I have bred a better cat. I can get a national win by going to a bunch of 10 and 12 ring shows, and only having a few of the judges at those shows final my cat, because I’ve got the whole year to do it. So, I do not believe that we encourage anything with this. I think, in fact, we discourage things with this. We discourage people from showing their cats. Number two, yes the Household Pet classes and small classes under 20 have somewhat of a disadvantage. Because of the math penalty, the way the math penalty works, if you have under 20 cats in the class, the decrement system gives you more points. We know this, because we all have points from brown and orange ribbons where there’s two cats in a class, and second best – which defeats no cats – gets points, like 5 points. So, when the class gets over 20, that benefit goes away and actual points becomes a benefit. Now, the first time that I proposed this, I proposed – since the Household Pet classes were so much smaller, I proposed scoring them differently. I proposed keeping the decrements for them and I got yelled at. I was told, they have to be the same. So, if we pass this, I’m willing to work with the Household Pet people to figure out a resolution to do something about their small classes, but I was told not to do that, so that’s why I didn’t do that. OK, number three, grands. Why not do this for the grands? Why not keep the 10% decrements for the grands? Yeah, I thought long and hard about that. I don’t like those 10% decrements, but I believe if I tried to change that, it would have been a poison pill. It would have dumped this whole thing, because I think if we do something like that, we have to address the 200 points and the 75 points, and I do not want to go there yet. I think if we try to do too much at one time, it will kill everything. So, I would like to do this first. Let’s all get used to this and then let’s think about what we want to do with grands. Maybe the 90% works, because we have to look at it as our granding as many cats a year as we think we should grand. I don’t have those numbers right now and I think we need to study them. OK, this does not take effect – if we pass this today and the board passes it in October, it does not take effect until next May, not this season. OK, again, I was told that somebody thinks that this will squish the cats at the top. I don’t know how clear I can make this to you, but when we ran the numbers – we did run the numbers – it does not squish the points for the cats at the top. In fact, the year that we ran it, Cat of the Year that year, but the scoring system that we have now, was 300 points separate from second. Under this system, it would be 500 points different. That big a difference would change the entire dynamics of the strategies of some of these cats. So, it doesn’t squish it. For some cats it makes it smaller, for some cats it makes it bigger, but it doesn’t have that compression effect. Another question I got, and a couple people mentioned this, what about phantom points? You go in a ring, there’s 101

cats in the first ring. Best is 100, second 99 and so on. You go to the next ring and 30 of the cats are absent. Yes, you still get the points for those; however, what we're talking about there is the situation of stuffing where people bring a cat and put it in one ring and then leave. I believe that this system makes stuffing less effective. The reason I believe it's less effective is because if you stuff a show, you're giving as many points to all the cats in the show as you get yourself, so you are giving your competition the same number of points as you are getting yourself. So, let's say I'm showing a cat and I want to pass Mark's cat. So, I stuff a show with 30 cats. If we both go to the same show and we both make all the finals, I get no advantage from stuffing all those cats. He will get almost as many points as I do. I can get more. Just so you know, I get more. So, stuffing changes. I'm not saying stuffing is going to go away, but we're not going to see the – I honestly believe that we are not going to see the kind of manipulation we saw this past season. I'm going to say something and I'm going to try not to get worked up. [inaudible] I have a sick cat at home, and fortunately I have a very good friend who is nursing that cat, but I came because this is so important. I believe that this is important. It's very important to me. I would not be recommending this if the statistics didn't recommend this. I'm not an engineer. Sorry, I'm a computer scientist who is [inaudible] to the CFA scoring, and when I look at the numbers that Dick gave me, this system makes sense and it does not do the things that so many people say it does. I think we should try it. Let's try it. If we don't like it, we can go back to the other system but I think it's time that we do this. **Newkirk:** Mary K, I have to give you a compliment. You are one of the best rule writers this organization has had. You do a wonderful job. Your rationales and your presentation are unique and crack me up. So, as you were talking, many of you know I'm a Dune freak, OK? Dune is set in the year 10,191 and I'm sure on planet Caladan, if we are having a cat show, CFA will be on there having these 5% decrements in that year. So, let's do something, OK? As Mary K said, if we don't like it, we can go back. Let's vote on this. Everybody in favor raise your hand. That's my second thank you Jesus. OK, hands down. No votes? Well, I'm a pretty good guess. Passes by 2/3.

**Carried by 2/3.**

**Newkirk:** Let's move on to the non-show rule resolutions. Mary K, you are back up again. I can hardly wait. **Pat Jacobberger [Chocolate City Cat Club; City Cats]:** May I interrupt? Mr. Chairman, may I interrupt? **Newkirk:** Yes, you may. **Jacobberger:** I am here this afternoon to represent the Silver Slip of the Lip Club. Now, regarding the comment of peer pressure by dead people made by Tyler Deel during the discussion about the last resolution, we really don't have a slip of the lip, because he was able to spit it out correctly and cleverly so. On behalf of the past members of this club, some of whom have passed, I want to bring your attention Tyler to the fact that some of those dead people still have a lot of pressure to bear. Moreover, Sybil's fall from her chair this afternoon does not qualify as a Silver Slip of the Lip, even though it could be seen that way. Anyway, thank you so much for your time. **Newkirk:** I don't think we have had an inductee into the Silver Slip of the Lip Club in how many years, Patty? **Jacobberger:** The last Silver Slip of the Lip occurred pre-COVID, so it has been at least 3 years. Even though I'm the President of the Great Memory Bank, I can't recall when we had our last one. Our immediate past president isn't her to consult, although I said a prayer to her asking her to give me some enlightenment on that but she didn't come through. At any rate, I don't even know when that was. Do you remember? **Newkirk:** No. Do you remember when it was? **Anger:** It was the Belfattos. He was talking about how long he and his wife had been breeding. **Newkirk:** Rachel just reminded me, I believe it was Bob Belfatto was talking about

him and his wife's breeding program and how long they had been breeding together. That's more than a slip of the lip, OK? **Jacobberger:** I beg to differ. I think there has been one since then. That happened a long time ago. I seem to remember somebody talking about – well, now I've forgotten.

[From after Proposal #13] **Jacobberger:** Mr. Chairman? **Newkirk:** Hold up, another Slip of the Lip I guess. Through a lot of diligence and searching, we have found the source of the very last Silver Slip of the Lip award. It was given in 2016 for a comment made in 2015 by Jacqui Bennett, who proclaimed for everyone to hear that, "It is very difficult for someone in Georgia to know someone intimately in Europe." Thank you so much. **Newkirk:** I think there's a red face over on that side of the room – quite red, as a matter of fact.

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## PROPOSED NON-SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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Deleted text is shown with a ~~strike through~~ and new text is underscored. Any non-show rule resolutions only become effective if/when adopted by the CFA Board and effective on such date as the Board may set.

### – 13 – *Lilac Point Fanciers*

**RESOLVED:** The board will offer compensation to clubs that offer reduced entry fees to Miscellaneous, Provisional, or AOV entries up to \$20 per entry.

**RATIONALE:** Many clubs would like to offer reduced entry fees to Misc/Prov/AOV cats but it just is not in their budget. For the breeders of these new breeds and colors, it is expensive to show them in CFA for no titles while other associations often do offer titles. If a club offers a discounted entry, up to \$20 off, CFA should reimburse that club for that discount. Exhibiting these cats helps the breeds advance, and advancing new breeds and colors is in CFA's best interest. This small discount will assist exhibitors in advancing new breeds.

**Newkirk:** OK, back to business. Mary K? **Mary Kolencik [The Cat's Meow; Lilac Point Fanciers]:** These are non-show rule resolutions, so the board basically can do what they want with them. This would ask that the board offer compensation to clubs that offer a reduced entry fee for Miscellaneous, Provisional or AOV entries up to \$20 per entry. Now, this came up in discussion online and I volunteered to write something, even though I don't show cats in Miscellaneous or Provisional, but our Miscellaneous cats go through 5 years of purgatory where they have to pay our high entry fees and it's really a lot to expect these people to shell out that kind of money. Now, one of the suggestions was, let's require the clubs to only charge like \$25 for these entries and I thought that was wrong. I think it should be up to the clubs to set the fee according to what they need for their show. I don't want to mandate that, but I thought why can't CFA kick back a small amount of \$20. If the board doesn't want to do that, anything to encourage clubs to set a low fee for these cats. This is not going to be thousands of dollars. How many Miscellaneous cats are entered in a show every weekend? This is just a small amount of money to kick back to lessen the purgatory that these exhibitors have to go through.

**Keith Kimberlin [Maine Coon Cat Club]:** I'll address this issue by saying one thing, Mary. I showed a lot of cats in Miscellaneous and Provisional to get the Burmilla recognized.

We were able to talk to the clubs that were going to put on shows before they posted their price, asked the clubs would they discount Miscellaneous, Provisional and AOV so we can show them. The reason being was that they do not receive ribbons or awards, so there is no ribbon or award. Most of the clubs – nine times out of ten – gave the discount where we only paid \$20 for an entry. So, we might want to think about how can we encourage clubs to do that and not ask for the money from CFA? Thanks. **Brad Newcomb [Triple Crown Cat Fanciers]:** I would have to agree with Keith. We produce a show. The first year we put our show on, we offered a reduced rate for Bengals that at the time were Provisional and weren't getting any awards. I think those are the things shows have to do. We don't need to look to CFA to give us money on what may be an amount most of the time right now for 2 or 3 entries, at the most. We should be doing things that we should be doing to support the clubs. We shouldn't have to have CFA prompt us to do that. I currently feel like this is something all clubs should be able to do. It's not going to be putting anybody in a hardship. I don't think these clubs have the responsibility to go out there and support all the [inaudible]. **Frédéric Goedert [Cat-H-Art]:** I would like to speak in favor of this motion of this idea, because for clubs are used to support this kind of low entries for all the Miscellaneous and Provisional. Of course, I feel very much concerned about that. It is always difficult to make it [inaudible] to all the clubs because they don't really understand what is behind and what is the process to make a breed recognized. Also, sometimes just to let the judges see some new colors through AOV classes. I think there should be a way for our association to support this kind of promotion because nowadays the exhibitors don't understand why they should do that and pay for it. So, there should be a way to organize this with the support of our organization. **Dennis Ganoe [For The Love of Cats Cat Fanciers; LaPerm Society of America]:** I think that we need to remember that this proposal is not a show rule change, it is a request from the delegation to the board to look into the issue. I think beyond the idea of doing a rebate back to clubs who allow a reduced rate for Miscellaneous and Provisional, that is one idea but the concept behind this proposal is bigger than just that. It has to do with how CFA wants to treat new breeds and colors coming forward into CFA. How are we going to either market, accept, or what are we going to do with them, because that's the actual subject underneath this proposal. Bottom line, it's a request to the board to take a look at it. We're not voting on a show rule change at this point. **Newkirk:** Thank you Dennis. **Trish Blee [Almost Heaven Cat Club]:** I show a Lykoi in Premiership. I have run into a lot of Lykoi and even Toy Bobs and Khao Manee. So many aren't showing because of the prices, especially since post-COVID because it's like \$75-\$80 and they get squat. I think this benefits the clubs eventually. I'm the one that proposed to Mary K the \$25-\$30 fee to charge people and that's way more money for clubs to make a little profit. I've run shows, I know the kind of profits you can get, so I feel like we need to do something. I don't know if this is the right thing, but we definitely need to do something to encourage the breeders and the people that are showing these cats. Thank you.

**Newkirk:** Mary K, closing argument. **Kolencik:** Dennis, you hit the nail on the head. This is about how we treat new breeds and how we can help them be successful, and the board needs to look at this. It's not fair to expect them to go through all those years in purgatory paying these entry fees and getting nothing. I personally am in favor of just taking them and sink or swim, put them in. It's more points for me. So whatever, but if you don't want to do that you at least have to help them be successful and that's what this is about. If all the board does is study the issue, I'm fine with that. That's fine. I think the people showing these cats deserve our help. That's it. **Newkirk:** Thank you. Alright, all those in favor raise your hand. That will be my third

thank you Jesus. Take your hands down. All those opposed. Passed by 2/3. It's given to the board, Mary K. You did a good job.

**Carried by 2/3.**

**– 14 – Lilac Point Fanciers**

**RESOLVED:** The board will offer compensation to all clubs that hire judges from overseas areas, \$750 per judge up to two judges.

**RATIONALE:** This compensation is currently available to clubs in Europe that hire judges outside of Europe. This resolution would extend that compensation to all clubs. This should be extended to clubs in Regions 1-7 that hire judges from Europe, Japan, or the ID, clubs in Japan that hire judges from outside Japan, and clubs in the ID that hire judges from outside the ID.

Those clubs that produce shows, how often have you thought “gee, I’d love to hire this judge from Europe but we can’t afford that airfare.” Did you know that European clubs receive compensation for hiring US judges? If you had the same compensation, would you consider bringing in CFA judges from Europe or outside the US?

We are in desperate need of more varied lineups, and CFA has European and Japanese judges that US clubs don’t hire because of the expense. Yet these judges have been invited by vote to the CFA International show, so clubs like them and want to see them. The board should help us hire them.

\$750 is a suggestion. If the board wants to reduce or increase that, they can. But some compensation will greatly assist clubs in hiring varied lineups.

**Newkirk:** Let’s go to the last one. [Transcript goes to Silver Slip of the Lip discussion] OK Mary K, go ahead. That’s a hard one to follow, I know. **Mary Kolencik [The Cat’s Meow; Lilac Point Fanciers]:** Every time Pat walks up I’m in fear that it’s going to be me. [reads resolution] I don’t know if everybody knows this, but the clubs in Europe get this. Clubs in Europe can get up to \$750 for hiring a judge from the United States of America. All I’m asking for is that that also be extended to us for hiring a judge from overseas because some of these judges, we see them at the International Show and I would give anything to hire them at more of our shows. Some of the Japanese judges, and I can’t pronounce their names, but every time we have them at the International Show, they final my cats and I just love them. [laughter] I want to be able to afford to bring them here and if it’s just \$750 we might be able to do this. Our line-ups are so homogenous right now that it’s getting really bad. I can see a line-up right know and know what my cat is going to do. It’s really bad, so we need to be able to shake them up. If all we can do is hire some judges from overseas, that is just a little bit more help. Some of you are known to ask, why not make this a mileage thing so that, for example, a club from California can hire a judge from New York. I do not want to over-reach. I thought at first let us ask for what Europe has. If the board wants to discuss this, if you want to go further, that is fine with me but for right now I do not want to over-reach. I just wanted to ask equity for what somebody else has. I think this would really help us to hire some judges from overseas. Wait a minute, one more thing. This would apply to everybody, so if a club in Japan wanted to hire a judge from the U.S., they would get \$750. So, it applies anywhere from one continent to another.



**Pam DelaBar [German Catwalk; Sophisto Cat Club]:** Region 9 – Europe Director. I would like the \$750 for up to two judges. We don't get \$750 for up to two judges, we get \$700 and I will tell you why. When the program was first brought about, and it is still true today, we don't have enough judges for our market. We have 42 countries and currently two of our judges cannot come from outside of Russia into Europe. We have some of our top guest judges who are Tier I guest judges cannot leave the Ukraine also to support our shows. The rule as written right now does not specify CFA judges. What we did and what I budget for year after year after year to be able to support our market in Europe is the \$700 for a CFA judge outside of Region 9, which I could be bringing in Allan Raymond from Thailand, any one of the Japanese judges, Rod U'Ren from Australia – these are all CFA judges – or CFA judges from the U.S. When this first came about, it was brought about one because there are not enough judges in Europe, again to satisfy our market. The other reason was to discourage the use of guest judges, and that has been overcome by events thankfully, and that is not a condition of being able to get the stipend. Guys, if you want to give me \$750, I am sure Kathy is spinning over there. **Newkirk:** She is all a-flutter. **DelaBar:** I can't see her. She is one of those short people there too. I can't see her. **Newkirk:** She is standing. **DelaBar:** Guys if you want to do this smart, do it like the Australians and the New Zealanders do. When they invite us over, we're there for at least two shows. They sell us off. **Newkirk:** Would you repeat that, please? Patty Jacobberger! Calling Patty Jacobberger. **DelaBar:** That's what they call it. "May we sell you off?" and we say yes. **Newkirk:** Just a moment. She is almost to the microphone. This is pretty good. Two in one meeting. **Pat Jacobberger [Chocolate City Cat Club; City Cats]:** And current President of the Silver Slip of the Lip Club. Ms. DelaBar, we would like to bring you into the fold for suggesting that people are selling CFA judges off. **DelaBar:** I am overwhelmed by your invitation. **Jacobberger:** I am so happy to know that, as a judge who has in the past been sold off by people in Australia and other places in the world. At any rate, welcome to the club Ms. Pam. [applause] **Newkirk:** Pam, I am assuming you are accepting the invitation, while you have the choice? [laughter]

**DelaBar:** But I wanted to say, bring people over for more than one show, split the expenses. Hilary is sitting over here editorializing, but there's a smart way to do this, and we would like to do this as well – bringing judges in under our stipend, which is \$700 U.S. dollars – not Euros, but \$700 U.S. dollars per judge, up to two judges. **Newkirk:** It's also possible Mary K took into account inflation. **DelaBar:** Right now, the dollar is almost on par with the Euro. **Newkirk:** Touche. **Victoria Nye [Southwest Scottish Fold Fanciers; Sunkat Feline Fanciers]:** While I fully support this recommendation, our clubs in Thailand, Indonesia and Japan, they need some assistance. My only point, which has been brought up, is that I would recommend that we bring a CFA judge overseas, rather than just a judge, because the way this is written is that a club in Indonesia could invite an Australian judge from another association over, and we need [inaudible] acceptable for them to claim the compensation, so I would like to have it for CFA judges. **Laurie Coughlan [GEMS; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** I would like to echo what Vicki said about making it a CFA judge. I would also say that my reservation about this is the specific dollar amount it says and the statement that the board "will". I think that it is the sort of thing that the board may want to set up a system of sponsorship and approve these things. It should be almost routine but this dollar amount may change on a daily basis and I think we need a little more flexibility in this. I applaud Mary for making an effort to diversify the judging slates. **Newkirk:** I don't know about you Laurie, but I'm getting too damn old for flexibility. **Alene Shafnisky [Portland Cat Club; Turkish Angora Fanciers, International]:**

First, I want to remind everyone once again that these are advisory, so it's not like this language has to be perfect right now. It's just us saying, "hey board, go ahead and study this." But I want to point out one thing that we haven't heard yet; which is, if you go from Europe to the U.S. to Japan, you're going to see that some breeds almost never show up on the different continents. This would allow our CFA judges from overseas to get a chance to come over here and see some of these breeds that they may not otherwise get a chance to evaluate. **Newkirk:** Thank you Alene. **Michael Shelton [Los Colores Cat Club; New Millennium Cat Club]:** I like this a lot. I think it's a great idea. Assuming it passes, I would like the board to also consider that some similar compensation be extended to the fanciers in Hawaii who always have to bring in judges from overseas. **Brad Newcomb [Triple Crown Cat Fanciers]:** I want to support it 100% for one reason. We have made contact with a lot of breeders in South America, Brazil and those areas. There are virtually no shows and we have almost lost that market. The reason we have almost lost that market is the amount of cost that they incur trying to put on a show. I have a lot of friends that live in South America, a lot of very close breeders who live in those areas and they have to travel to Europe and Germany and a lot of other places because shows don't exist there. They don't exist there because of cost. This is something I have actually spoken to several people on the board about is, how can we find some way to balance the cost, especially in countries that have zero judges. So, when they put on a show, they have to bring all their judges from overseas or from the U.S. You're talking about a 4 ring show that costs twice as much as it does for us to put on a 6 or 8 ring show, so I would support it 100% for our growth in CFA in some of the other areas that we have lost. Thank you. **Newkirk:** Brad, I have one question. Like in CFA, do they have any judges down there for sale? [laughter] **Newcomb:** I don't think they have any judges at all. **Newkirk:** I just wanted to clear that up. **Holly Mueller [Greater NW Cat Fanciers]:** I am fully supportive of this because in Japan I am pretty sure Havana Browns are considered extinct, so this is fantastic and I support it. **Newkirk:** Thank you.

**Newkirk:** Is that everyone? No other comments? OK Mary K, how about a wrap up? **Kolencik:** I want to assure that I have every faith that the board will make sure that this is only applies to CFA judges. I think that you guys are confident they will do that. Pam said that she wishes she got \$750. I'm sorry, I was mistaken. I thought it was \$750, but the way this is written I'm sure the board will have a conversation to all clubs that hire judges from overseas. Kathy, give it up. We need to do something. We have the same line-up's all the time. I want to hire judges from Europe and Japan. **Calhoun:** This is the same meeting that I just told you we lost \$36,000. **Kolencik:** But you know what? A club that wants to hire somebody, if I want to hire a judge from Europe, I'm going to have to put the judge up for two nights in a hotel plus after the shit [*sic*, show] another night. [laughter, multiple speakers] **Newkirk:** Uh-oh, there she comes. Hold on Mary K. So, we are in Kentucky and this is like the triple crown, OK? **Jacobberger:** I already have my award so I can't get it a second time. Madame Secretary, could you repeat back to me what Ms. Mary K said? **Anger:** I'm sorry, my mom doesn't allow me to say that word. **Jacobberger:** Did it start with S and end with T? Mary K, I invite you to be the next inductee to the Silver Slip of the Lip Club, and we welcome you along with Pam DelaBar and Mr. Deel over here. We welcome the three of you to the Silver Slip of the Lip Club.

**Newkirk:** Mary K, would you like to hit rewind? **Kolencik:** I knew it was only a matter of time. Alright, so clubs are still going to have a great deal of expense to hire judges from overseas. We are not going to have a flood at every show in the United States hiring 2 judges from overseas, costing CFA a fortune. This is still going to be, a club is still going to have to be

willing to foot a very large bill. Our line-ups, they are just way too homogenous. Thank you.

**Newkirk:** OK, all those in favor of this non-show rule resolution raise your hands. Hands down. No votes? Well, make my job difficult! OK, that passes by 2/3.

**Carried by 2/3.**

**(42) JUDGING PROGRAM REPORT.**

**Anger:** Thank you. I get to speak, not just pose with the awards. Good afternoon everyone. It's so great to see everyone's real faces. For the past couple of years, as you know, with all the Zoom meetings we have gotten used to seeing people's faces in a box on a screen like the Brady Bunch. But, here we are, all in the same room today, so thank you all for coming. It's great to see you. Here are a few quick updates on the Judging Program. At yesterday's Board of Directors meeting, the board approved a proposal to have all CFA judges actually sign a Code of Ethics. I think those have been passed out. Judges, please wave your hand if you have not gotten one, and someone will be giving you one. After you have read and signed the document, please bring them up to the table here. Previously, payment of the annual judges' fee was considered to be acknowledgment that each judge would follow the Code of Ethics, but our CFA Attorney has advised that we get actual signatures. If you would like to read and digest it before you sign it, as our very individualistic panel would probably like to do, please take time to do that. We will be here all weekend.

**Anger:** Next, let's talk about the Associate Judges. This new category of judge allows parts of the world to keep their shows going and for clubs there to stay alive, where travel is restricted or flying in judges has become ridiculously expensive. Associate Judges can judge in one specialty only. They are not intended to be double specialty or allbreed, so if you have a fear of that it's not going to happen anytime soon, if ever. Two teams of Associate Judges are already serving our clubs in the International Division, but yesterday the board approved a new Team 3 consisting of South Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong. Additionally, a Region 9 Associate Judge proposal was approved, consisting of 3 longhair applicants and 3 short applicants to be trained by Pam DelaBar and Peter Vanwonderghem. Applications will be accepted beginning July 1. If there are any Associate Judges present in the room today, would you please stand. None hear, because of that ridiculously expensive travel I talked about.

**Anger:** As for the regular Judging Program Committee, the Committee oversees and approves all retirements and leaves of absence. The board continues to oversee acceptances and advancements. Since we last met, there have been too many advancements, leaves of absence, deaths and retirements to go over if we want to finish today's meeting before dark, so those will be in the minutes of this meeting. I would like to take a moment to announce one passing we had last night. We lost Douglas Myers, so if you will keep beautiful thoughts in your mind of Douglas, I hope they will bring you great memories. If you knew him, I am sure there is a memory that will make you smile.

**Anger:** At this time, I would like to honor the judges who are with us today with a round of applause, so judges in the room would you please stand? [applause] Pam DelaBar, would you please stand up? [laughter] Thank you, there you are.

**Anger:** For the future of the Committee, in our one year together as a Committee we are just now learning each other's roles and getting used to one another, and especially becoming experts in team building. We have discussed conceptual sweeping changes to the application and training requirements and procedures. Training is a very expensive process with no guarantee of success, so the Judging Program needs to change with the times and deliver some feasible alternatives, while still guaranteeing that the applicant is qualified and receives the same

excellent training that those of us who just stood up received. We are looking for stepping stones, brilliant ideas and progressive concepts, so if you have any of those please approach a member of the Committee and share your brilliance with us. We want to keep CFA judges the best in the world, and that is how we are going to do it. Finally, the Committee has been dedicated to treating our judges professionally, which we hope they will always pass along to exhibitors, clubs and the public – and especially in the loving handling and tender treatment of your beautiful cats. I would like to thank you all for allowing me to return as Judging Program Chair for a second time, and I would also like to take a moment to thank the members of my Committee, if you would raise your hand, jump up and down or whatever you would like to do. Kathy Hoos is our Applications Administrator. Loretta Baugh, Trainees and Advancing Judges. CFA Approved Judges is Vicki Nye, and she works with Wendy Heidt on Guest Judges. Anne Mathis – I will be saying her name about 5 times here – the China Associate Judge Program, the Judges' Workshop, Tests and Continuing Education. She does all those things. Education and Mentoring is Loretta Baugh again. Breed Awareness and Orientation, Barb Jaeger. Domestic File Administrators are Nancy Dodds and Marilee Griswold. Japan File Administrator, Yaeko Takano. Europe File Administrator, Pam DelaBar. Our ID/International Division File Administrator, Allan Raymond. Our Ombudsman, Diana Rothermel. If you see any of those individuals, would you please thank them on my behalf and for yourself for their service to CFA. We look forward to seeing you in the ring, thank you!

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### ***Annual Summary Report 2021-2022***

*The 2021-2022 season has not been kind to our judging panel. Our current worldwide CFA Judges list consists of 99 judges of various status, plus one judge on suspension till February 2025.*

*Our reduction of active judges has been due to:*

#### *6 deaths:*

<i>Yuko Nozuki</i>	<i>12/21/2021</i>
<i>Carolyn Owen</i>	<i>1/24/2022</i>
<i>Robert Goltzer</i>	<i>4/15/2022</i>
<i>Donna Jean Thompson</i>	<i>6/2/2022</i>
<i>Teruko Arai</i>	<i>6/22/2022</i>
<i>Douglas Myers</i>	<i>06/24/2022</i>

#### *5 Retirements:*

<i>Sharon McKeehan-Bounds</i>	<i>3/7/2022</i>
<i>Laura McIntyre</i>	<i>4/26/22</i>
<i>Hisako Komota</i>	<i>4/30/22</i>
<i>Yayoi Satoh</i>	<i>5/1/2022</i>
<i>David Mare</i>	<i>6/13/2022</i>

*Those 99 judges are dispersed throughout the world as follows:*

66	<i>Regions 1-7</i>
15	<i>Region 8 Japan</i>
8	<i>Region 9 Europe and Russia</i>
7	<i>International Division</i>
3	<i>China</i>

*Though no new applicants have come forward in CFA, one judge, Oscar Silva-Sanchez from Spain-Region 9, resigned April 12, 2021. Subsequently Oscar requested reinstatement from CFA's Board, and at the May 3, 2022 board meeting, reinstatement was granted to Oscar Silva-Sanchez as Apprentice LH Judge.*

*Additionally, the Judging Panel has seen an unusually high number of judges out on both personal and medical leave of absence, some have returned to judging as noted by the dates provided:*

<i>Laura McIntyre:</i>	<i>LOA 4/26/21 through 4/26/22, subsequently retired 4/26/22</i>
<i>Yuko Nozuki:</i>	<i>LOA 5/1/2021, deceased 12/21/2021</i>
<i>Gene Darrah:</i>	<i>LOA 8/1/21 through 7/31/22</i>
<i>Wain Harding:</i>	<i>LOA 8/20/21 through 8/31/22</i>
<i>Ellyn Honey:</i>	<i>LOA 11/22/21 through 4/12/22</i>
<i>Donna Fuller:</i>	<i>LOA 12/1/21 through 11/30/22</i>
<i>Pam Moser:</i>	<i>LOA 1/13/22 through 8/31/22</i>
<i>Irina Kharchenko:</i>	<i>LOA 2/1/22 through 6/30/22</i>
<i>Jeri Zottoli:</i>	<i>LOA 4/1/22 through 6/30/22</i>
<i>Douglas Myers:</i>	<i>LOA 8/1/2022 through 4/30/23</i>

*There are also at least 3 other judges who are not currently taking assignments (living out of the US, personal reasons) though they have not requested a formal Leave of Absence.*

*Due to the lack of shows during the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Board waived Judging Program Rule 9.19 requiring judges to judge 3 times in 2 years.*

*All judges were relicensed at the February 2022 Board meeting excepting the one judge on suspension.*

*Supporting our shows in the International Division and China are 40 Associate Judges – 19 in the International Division and 21 in China.*

(43) **JUDGING PROGRAM SERVICE AWARDS.**

[from after lunch break] **Newkirk:** If everybody will come to order. The Credentials Committee is still working on the ballots, so without objection I would like to suspend the rules and skip over the portion of the show rule resolutions until they are here in case there is a challenge to a vote. So, without objection, we will suspend the rules. What we will do is, we will move forward to the Judging Program Report. Just before we do that, I'm going to ask the CFA Attorney to come up and read a statement. As you guys know, I appointed a committee to look into scoring and count manipulation. Cathy [Dunham] is getting questions, so Shelly is going to read a statement. **Perkins:** Hello everyone. There has been a lot of questions, and so this statement was formulated by the President and Vice President, along with the Committee Chair appointed by the President. *The board is still working on issues presented regarding scoring, and we will be addressing these issues in due course. Some of this discussion was in open session and will be disseminated through normal channels, maybe even as early as tonight. In addition, a survey will be presented to clubs and exhibitors to help assist the board in further deliberations.* Thank you. **Newkirk:** Thank you Shelly. If you are a judge, you're here and you are getting a service award and your name is on this page, I would like you to come over where Allene is and get yourself prepared to accept your award. I would like to introduce Rachel Anger, our awesome CFA Secretary and the current Chair of the CFA Judging Program. Let's welcome Rachel. [Anger presents award certificates.]

**5 Years**

Teodoro Vargas Huesa

**20 Years**

Carol Fogarty

Dennis Ganoe

Peter Vanwonderghem

**45 Years**

Sheila Mizzi

**10 Years**

Karen Godwin

Tomoko Kitao

Allan Raymond

Teresa Sweeney

Yanina Vanwonderghem

Mihoko Tsuchiya

**30 Years**

Brian Moser

**55 Years**

Donald Williams

**15 Years**

Kathy Calhoun

Teresa Keiger

**35 Years**

Hilary Helmrich

Diana Rothermel

Annette Wilson





**(44) JUDGES' ASSOCIATION SPOTLIGHT AWARD.**

**Anger:** I would like to now introduce to you the President of the CFA Judges' Association, Ellyn Honey. She will be presenting the Judges' Association Spotlight Award.

**Honey:** Good afternoon everyone. I hope everyone is having a good time. I know I am seeing many people I haven't seen in almost 3 years and some for 4 years. The Judges' Spotlight Award has a long history. What we are looking for is a judge that has performed above and beyond their duties as a judge, they have service to CFA, they have written programs, launched new territory. We ask for nominations every year from anyone in the fancy, it doesn't have to be just a judge. What I do is, I pick a committee of 3 to 5 people. I don't get involved with the voting, nothing. The committee itself chooses the judge and they give me the name and then I write something about them. This year's spotlight award was no surprise to me when the nominating committee decided that this person should be given the 2022 Judges' Spotlight Award. The judge has been in the Judging Program since 2008 – not as many years as some, but has made a tremendous impact with CFA's global presence during the pandemic. She has been involved with CFA since 1985 when she and her husband registered their cattery, Kamage. She has worked with many breeds, but her two primary breeds are Japanese Bobtails and Oriental Shorthairs. This judge has been active in showing, breeding, show production and everything else CFA. Anytime you ask her to do something, she always says yes. I don't think she knows the word no. For the Toronto annual, the last Region 4 annual, the chairs decided that they couldn't complete their jobs and so she took over as chair of that annual. It was a beautiful job done in a hurry. She has trained many new judges but her most important accomplishment up to this point has been the development of the Associate Judge Program. She took an outline of this proposed program and brought it forward to the professional program that it is today. If it was not for this program, CFA in China, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and Thailand would never have been able to put on shows, as travel restrictions locked down our world in March 2020. She, with her team of fabulous judges and teachers, put in hours and hours of work. I think she worked 60 hours a week at the time. She is uniquely qualified for this job, as she was a teacher for over 35 years. I select the committee as one of my duties as the Judges' Association President. I do not attend their discussion meetings and I do not vote. Once the decision is made I am notified by the committee and I write and present the award. However, giving the award this year is my great pleasure, as many of you know that this person is very close to me. I mentored her through the Program. We have been friends for well over 20 years. She is my BFF. I am very thrilled to present the 2022 Judges' Spotlight Award to Anne Mathis.



**(45) MEMORIAL SLIDE SHOW.**

**Newkirk:** We're going to proceed with our current agenda and we're going to move on to the memorial slide show. Everybody get your Kleenexes.

**BREAK.**

**(46) CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE SERVICE AWARDS.**

**Newkirk:** Now we're going to award the Credentials Service Awards. I've been depending on Allene's lovely voice coming across with a picture and announcing this, but now I have to work.

**10 Years**

Erin Cutchen – 10 Years  
Cheryl Peck – 10 Years  
Barbara Schreck – 10 Years  
(should have received this in 2020)

**15 Years**

Nancy Petersen

**20 Years**

Nancy Dodds

**(47) CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTION RESULTS.**

**Newkirk:** OK, let's take a break. Let's come back at 3:30 and hopefully the Credentials Committee will be here. **[unidentified speaker]:** They're here. **Newkirk:** All I can see is lights. As they say, come on down! Without objection, we will suspend the rules and take up the Credentials report. I'll announce again that the 2022 Yearbooks and CFA masks are at the back of the room at the Central Office table at the far left hand corner. OK everyone, the moment you have been waiting for, the introduction of our Credentials Chair Nancy Dodds. **Dodds:** Thank you Mr. President. Board members, delegates and everybody else, I have a question. Those of you who were delegates, if you were delegates for the first time at this meeting, would you please stand? [applause] Great. Thanks everybody for welcoming these new delegates. The quiz on the bylaws will be right after the break. Just so you know a little bit about our Committee, we arrive early. We usually arrive on a Wednesday, so that on Thursday we can meet for the first time in a year and we look at the things that have to do with clubs, whether they are delegates or whether clubs haven't paid their dues or maybe they paid them and there is some question about what they can do. We have people on our Committee anywhere from 7 up to 30 years of service. These folks are dedicated. As I say, they come a day early. We pay our own way, and you know the air fares aren't so cheap today, either. We pay our own way, we pay for our rooms and we help CFA make enough room nights so that you don't have to pay extra.

**Dodds:** I have a comment about clubs that change regions. Right now, there are 19 clubs whose secretaries no longer reside in the region where they were before. That means that every 2 out of 5 years they vote on election in your region, and I'm not sure you really want someone outside your region to be voting on things like regional directors within the region. The years are 5 years now. If you would like not to have someone outside your region vote in your region, you might want to think about bringing up an amendment next year that will allow 3 years instead of 5, because now it stands at 5 before you can change regions.

***The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.  
Credentials Committee Meeting  
Thursday June 23, 2022 and Friday, June 24, 2022  
Galt House Hotel Louisville KY***

*On Thursday morning June 23, 2022, the Committee Chairperson, Nancy Dodds presented the names of the proposed Credentials Committee Members to the CFA Board of Directors to obtain their approval of the selection of the Committee.*

**Committee Chair:** *Nancy Dodds*  
**Board Liaison:** *Rachel Anger*  
**List of Committee Members:** *R1 Geri Fellerman and Betty Bridges  
R2 Kendall Smith and Erin Cutchen  
R3 Pam Bassett and Cheryl Peck  
R4 Norm Auspitz and Barbara Schreck  
R5 Hilary Helmrich and Barbara Jaeger  
R6 Nancy Petersen  
R7 Donna Andrews and Jill Archibald  
Alternate: Marilee Griswold*

*She presented the above list of Credentials Committee members to the board, minus Jim Dinesen who could not be with us at the meeting. The board approved the membership.*

*The meeting was then called to order by the Chairperson of the Committee at 9:30 AM Jan 23, 2022.*

*Secretary was appointed: Hilary Helmrich*

*Introduction of new members.*

*Duties of Inspectors were reviewed; All members signed the Oath of Inspectors of Elections. Chairperson outlined procedure on how ballots are to be opened, checked, and counted.*

**Dodds:** Going on to our meeting. Our meeting was called to order on Thursday at 9:30 after we received the approval from the CFA Board. We appointed Hilary Helmrich as our secretary. We introduced our members. We reviewed the duties of inspectors. All members signed the oath of inspectors of election, and then we outlined the procedures about how the ballots were to be opened, checked and counted.

*The Chairperson of the Committee, Nancy Dodds, presented the following information regarding clubs:*

*On June 1, 2021 CFA had 583 Clubs. Since then 18 new clubs were accepted into membership and 16 were dropped/resigned. As of June 1, 2022 CFA has 585 clubs in good standing.*

*518 clubs could send delegates to the Annual Meeting. This includes clubs in regions 1-9 whose dues and membership lists were completed by May 1, 2022. In addition, The International Division could send delegates and vote for Officers if they had a show in this past show season. 36 clubs out of 98 met these criteria. COVID-19 played a huge part in clubs not being able to vote in this election or to send delegates.*

*381 clubs sent delegates. Quorum based on 518 clubs = 259.*

*137 clubs who were eligible to send delegates did not send delegates.*

*I'm preaching to the choir here because if your club sent a delegate you are probably here. Let me say this: Each year changes to our Bylaws and show rules are proposed. The clubs with a delegate here have a voice because clubs vote to pass a proposal, or not. If a club does not send a delegate to vote on these proposals that club has no voice. 74% of our clubs sent delegates. 93% of our clubs voted in this election.*

**Dodds:** In June 2021 we had 583 clubs. Eighteen new clubs were added, 16 were dropped or resigned. As of June 1, 2022, we now have 585 clubs; 518 of those can send delegates. This includes clubs in Regions 1-9 whose dues and memberships were completed by May 1. In addition, the International Division could send delegates and vote for officers if they had a show this past show season. 36 clubs out of 98 met those criteria. COVID played a huge

part in clubs not being able to vote in this election or to send delegates. 381 clubs sent delegates. As you know, the quorum was based on 518 clubs that were eligible, and that quorum was 259 which you know we met. What that means is, 137 clubs who were eligible to send delegates did not. To make it a little bit more meaningful, I have some numbers by region.

*Region 1:      59 clubs as of June 1, 2021  
                    58 clubs as of June 1, 2022  
                    Alouette Cat Club resigned.  
                    57 clubs could send delegates. 55 were sent  
                    56 clubs could vote. 56 clubs voted*

**Dodds:** Region 1 had 59 clubs as of last year. They lost Alouette and they had 58 clubs as of June 1, 2022. 57 clubs could send delegates. They sent 55. 56 of those clubs could vote. 56 clubs voted. Yay Region 1!

*Region 2:      49 clubs as of June 1, 2021  
                    48 clubs as of June 1, 2022  
                    San Francisco Revelers resigned  
                    48 clubs could send delegates. 30 clubs were sent  
                    45 clubs could vote. 45 clubs voted*

**Dodds:** Region 2 as of June 1, 2021, had 49 clubs. As you may know, San Francisco Revelers resigned, so they were left as of June 1 this year with 48 clubs. 48 clubs could send delegates. They sent 30. 45 clubs could vote. 45 clubs voted. Yay Region 2!

*Region 3:      51 clubs as of June 1, 2021  
                    51 clubs as of June 1, 2022  
                    No clubs resigned  
                    51 clubs could send delegates. 38 clubs were sent  
                    50 clubs could vote. 50 clubs voted*

**Dodds:** Region 3 had 51 clubs as of June 1, 2021. They kept those memberships going and as of June 1, 2022, they had 51 clubs. No clubs resigned. This is a good thing. 51 of Region 3's clubs could send delegates; 38 delegates were sent. 50 clubs could vote; 50 clubs voted. Yay!

*Region 4:      58 clubs as of June 1, 2021  
                    57 clubs as of June 1, 2022  
                    Seneca Cat Fanciers resigned  
                    57 clubs could send delegates. 54 clubs were sent  
                    54 clubs could vote. 54 clubs voted*

**Dodds:** Region 4 as of June 1, 2021 – don't worry, I only have a few more to go, but some of this is really worth mentioning, because we had some really good responses – 58 clubs as of June 1, 2021. This is the Great Lakes Region, thank you. There were 57 clubs as of June 1, 2022. The club that resigned was Seneca Cat Fanciers. 57 clubs could send delegates; 54 clubs came. 54 clubs could vote; 54 clubs voted.

*Region 5: 44 clubs as of June 1, 2021  
44 clubs as of June 1, 2022  
No clubs resigned  
43 clubs could send delegates. 38 were sent  
41 clubs could vote. 41 clubs voted*

**Dodds:** Region 5 had 44 clubs as of June 1, 2021. There were no clubs that resigned, so 44 clubs were in good standing on June 1, 2022. 43 clubs could send delegates; 38 were sent. 41 clubs could vote; 41 clubs voted.

*Region 6: 46 clubs as of June 1, 2021  
47 clubs as of June 1, 2022  
Grassroots Cat Fanciers new club added  
47 clubs (ALL OF THEM) could send delegates. 44 were sent  
46 clubs could vote. 45 clubs voted*

**Region 6:** Region 6 had 46 clubs as of June 1, 2021. One June 1, 2022, they had 47 clubs. That's an increase of 1, so we have a new club, Grass Roots Cat Fanciers in Region 6 [applause]. Every single one of those clubs in Region 6 could send delegates. 44 delegates were named and should be here. In Region 6, 46 clubs could vote; 45 clubs did vote.

*Region 7: 79 clubs as of June 1, 2021.  
77 clubs as of June 1, 2022  
Monterey Peninsula CF dropped for no membership/dues  
Sunshine Cat Fanciers dropped for no membership/dues  
77 clubs could send delegates. 69 were sent  
73 clubs could vote. 72 clubs voted*

**Region 7:** Region 7, there were 79 clubs as of June 1, 2021; 77 as of June 1, 2022. 2 clubs were dropped for no membership or dues, Monterey Peninsula Cat Fanciers and Sunshine Cat Fanciers. 77 clubs could send delegates; 69 delegates were registered. 73 clubs could vote; 72 clubs did vote. That's a good number, too. Some of you may have seen my numerous postings on FaceBook or on the various lists. I solicited help from every regional director in Regions 1-7 and they are a big part of why you had such a really good response in voting. Thank you regional directors!

*Region 8: 79 clubs as of June 1, 2021. As of June 1, 2022 there were 77 clubs  
77 Clubs as of June 1, 2022  
Starboard Cat Club added 02/06/2022  
Prime Gemini Cat Club resigned  
Mc Japan Cat Club dropped for no membership/dues  
Sapporo Pole Star dropped for no membership/dues  
75 clubs could send delegates. 28 were sent  
74 clubs could vote. 58 clubs voted*

**Region 8:** Region 8 had 79 clubs as of June 1, 2021. There were 77 as of June 1, 2022. A club was added. Starboard Cat Fanciers was added in February. One club resigned, Prime



Gemini, and MC Japan Cat Club was dropped and Sapporo Pole Star dropped. They did not send in any membership or pay any fees. They could send 75 clubs to be delegates; they sent 28. 74 clubs could vote; 58 clubs voted.

*Region 9: 28 clubs as of June 1, 2021.  
28 clubs as of June 1, 2022.  
No clubs resigned  
27 clubs could send delegates. 20 sent delegates  
27 clubs could vote. 22 clubs voted*

**Region 9:** Region 9 had 28 clubs as of June 1, 2021. They have 28 clubs as of June 1, 2022. No clubs resigned. 27 clubs could send delegates; 20 delegates were named. 27 clubs could vote; 22 clubs voted.

*ID: 89 clubs as of June 1, 2021  
97 clubs as of June 1, 2022  
16 new clubs were added  
8 clubs were dropped or resigned  
36 clubs in the Intl Division had shows and were eligible to vote for officers and could send a delegate to the Annual Meeting.  
5 clubs sent delegates  
57 clubs were eligible to vote for Divisional rep  
34 clubs voted  
36 clubs were eligible to vote for Officers. 33 clubs voted for Officers*

**Dodds:** In the International Division, there were 89 clubs as of June 1, 2021; 97 clubs as of June 1, 2022. 16 new clubs were added; 8 clubs were dropped or resigned. 36 clubs in the International Division had shows and were eligible to vote for officers and could send a delegate; 5 clubs sent delegates. 57 clubs could vote for Divisional Rep; 34 did vote. 36 clubs were eligible to vote for officers and 33 clubs did vote.

**CFA Clubs added between June 1, 2021 and June 1, 2022: 18**

Club Number	Clubs Added by Name	Region
1744	AISHA CAT FANCIERS'S CLUB	ID
1745	CHINA KIWI FANCIERS CAT CLUB	ID
1746	FAST FISH CAT FANCIERS'S CLUB	ID
1747	SUPREME CAT FANCIERS CLUB	ID
1748	TRUE LOVE EAST CHINA FANCIERS CAT CLUB	ID
1749	THE POLARIS	ID
1750	TAN MALAKA CAT FANCIERS	ID
1751	ORIENTAL CROWN CAT FANCIERS CLUB	ID
1752	GLB CAT FANCIERS CLUB	ID
1753	DRAGON KING FELINE FANCIERS CLUB	ID

1754	CENTRAL BREED CAT CLUB	ID
1755	BEYOND LOVE FELINE FANCIERS	ID
1756	CHINA ACE CAT CLUB	ID
1757	GRASSROOTS CAT FANCIERS	6
1758	EXOTIC FAN CLUB	ID
1759	HONG KONG CATS	ID
1760	HONG KONG DEVON REX SOCIETY	ID
1761	STARBOARD CAT CLUB	8

***CFA Clubs as of June 1, 2022 (after clubs dropped): 585***

***Clubs dropped (for failure to pay dues and/or submit membership list by June 1 or resignation): 16***

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

Club Number	Clubs Added by Name	Region	Reason Dropped
1740	KING POWER CAT LOVER (RESIGNED)	CHINA	Resigned
1128	PRIME GEMINI CAT CLUB	8	Resigned
770	SAN FRANCISCO REVELERS (RESIGNED)	2	Resigned
581	SENECA CAT FANCIERS (RESIGNED)	4	Resigned
958	ALOUETTE CAT CLUB (RESIGNED)	1	Resigned
763	MONTEREY PENINSULA CF	7	Dues not paid/membership list not received
507	SUNSHINE CAT FANCIERS	7	Dues not paid/membership list not received
1331	MC JAPAN CAT CLUB	8	Dues not paid/membership list not received
1507	SAPPORO POLE STAR	8	Dues not paid/membership list not received
1718	CAT FANCIERS CLUB OF TURKEY "ANGORA"	ID	Dues not paid/membership list not received
1647	CHINA OBSIDIAN CAT FANCIERS	ID	Dues not paid/membership list not received
1695	DILMUN SHOW CATS FANCIERS	ID	Dues not paid/membership list not received
1720	HONG KONG SHORTHAIK CAT CLUB	ID	Dues not paid/membership list not received
1694	MUKEDER HAPPY CATS CLUB	ID	Dues not paid/membership list not received
1671	QATAR CAT CLUB	ID	Dues not paid
1682	UNIVERSAL FELINE FANCIERS	ID	Dues not paid/membership list not received

***Clubs in ID Division which paid dues, submitted membership list by February 1 deadline and held a show: 35***

***Clubs in ID Division which paid dues, submitted membership lists and did NOT hold a show and could vote for representative: 49***

***Clubs in ID Division that did not meet voting deadlines or have a show but remain on roster: 14***

**# of Clubs determining a quorum: Based on number eligible to send delegate (518) and 50% is 259 clubs.**

**# of Club Delegates necessary to be checked-in to determine a quorum:**

*Delegate Registration will continue throughout the annual meeting today and after a quorum is determined.*

### **Delegate Forms**

#### **Ballots for CFA Officers and Regional Directors – General Info**

- 1. Ballot information and link to vote emailed: March 29, 2022**
- 2. Ballot reminders emailed: May 19, 2022**
- 3. Ballots received: Daily**
- 4. Deadline for receipt of ballots: June 1, 2022**
- 5. Ballots for Officers and Regional Directors received by deadline: 487**
- 6. Ballots for ID representatives received by deadline: 34**
- 7. Ballots received after deadline: 0**
- 8. Ballots received TOTAL: 521**
- 9. Clubs eligible to vote for Officers and Regional Directors (includes clubs in ID-China and Other-who had a show): 502**
- 10. Ballots received via method other than online: 4 (3 mailed, 1 faxed)**
- 11. Club which sent an electronic and paper ballot: 1 (not included in count for #10)**
- 12. Club which sent a ballot but cannot vote: 0**

**Dodds:** All clubs, whether they were current or not, were sent ballot information and the link to vote on March 29. Reminders were sent on May 19 and they received them daily. The deadline for receipt was June 1. For officers and regional directors, they had to be received by the deadline, and 487 were. Ballots for the ID Representative were received by the deadline of 34. Clubs that were eligible to vote for officers and regional director and other were 502. There were 4 ballots that were not received online; 3 were mailed, 1 was faxed. One club – and this is not an advertisement for vote early and often – but one club did vote electronically and sent a mail ballot. We only counted one of them.

*Final discussion on any unresolved topics*

*Man Miao Club – This club did not originally receive a ballot because of the events listed below.*

*1/28 - VP Guo Nuo submitted the 2022 membership list. Crystal emailed him back that day and told him the membership list needed to come from the secretary on record. There was also a secretary change on this membership list.*

*2/13 – Secretary of record submits secretary change and same membership list.*

*This club was only eligible to vote for China Representative because a show was not held. After an email to Credential's Committee, it was decided that this club should receive a ballot since the membership list was submitted before the deadline but the secretary took a while to confirm it.*

**Dodds:** We had one club that originally didn't receive a ballot because they hadn't had a show. The last weekend of the show season, they had a show. They also had one other issue in that they had a change of officers and they didn't fully understand that the old secretary had to send a message about the new secretary. That was accomplished and we allowed them to have a vote.

***Ballot validation/audit performed at Central Office on Friday, June 10, by Amber Goodright and Allene Tartaglia.***

*Once validated, ballots were folded to hide the club name and then secured in sealed envelopes by region/division. Secured ballots transported to Louisville KY and delivered to Credentials on Thursday, June 23, for further validation.*

**Dodds:** They did a validation on inventory of the ballots at Central Office before they left. When they arrived here, we performed another validation and, what do you know, it came out to the same, so we were able to move forward by that.

*Four Clubs voted by mail and one club by fax. The committee opened and examined the club ballots and determined the eligibility of the votes.*

### ***International Havana Brown Society***

*Move to accept and seconded. Carried unanimously.*

### ***Siamese Fanciers***

*Move to accept and seconded. Carried unanimously.*

### ***Cat Forces Japan***

*Move to accept and seconded. Carried unanimously.*

### ***Persian Bicolor and Calico Society***

*Move to accept and seconded. Carried unanimously.*

### ***44 Gatti CC***

*Sent a fax to Central Office*

*Move to accept and seconded. Carried unanimously.*

**For the first time in many years, we did not reject one ballot.**

*The meeting adjourned for the day after all ballots were verified by the Committee and were placed in batches to be counted on Friday.*

*The meeting was called to order by the Chair on Friday morning June 24, 2022, at 8:00 AM.*

**Dodds:** For the first time in many years, we did not reject one ballot. [applause] We met today to finalize how our members were going to handle if we needed one, and I think they did a great job. They were right there, they did the counting and you didn't have to have your hands more than an hour at a time, is that right? Did I get it right?

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***Election Results were as follows:***

***Election Results for CFA Officers for the term June 2022-June 2024 were as follows:***

***CFA OFFICERS: (487 votes tallied)***

**Office of President:**

<i>Richard Mastin – Penfield NY</i>	<i>435*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>52</i>

**Dodds:** For the officers, 487 votes were cast for officers this year. For President, Rich Mastin 435, abstain 52. Elected, Rich Mastin

**Office of Vice President:**

<i>Melanie Morgan – Louisa VA</i>	<i>205</i>
<i>Russell Webb – Wayne NJ</i>	<i>274*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>8</i>

**Dodds:** Vice President, Melanie Morgan 205, Russell Webb 274. Elected, Russell Webb.

**Office of Secretary:**

<i>Rachel Anger – Wayne MI</i>	<i>437</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>50</i>

**Dodds:** Secretary, Rachel Anger 437, abstain 50. Elected, Rachel Anger.

**Office of Treasurer:**

<i>Kathy Calhoun – Chicago IL</i>	<i>441</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>46</i>

**Dodds:** Treasurer, Kathy Calhoun 441, abstain 46. Elected, Kathy Calhoun.

***REGIONAL DIRECTORS:***

**North Atlantic (1): (total 56 ballots)**

<i>James R. Land – Melvern PA</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Sharon Roy – Manchester NH</i>	<i>38*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>0</i>

**Dodds:** Do you want to hear about Regional Directors first or Officers? Regional Directors, North Atlantic Region. Are you there yet? Region 1, James Land received 18 votes, Sharon Roy, 38. Elected, Sharon Roy.

**Northwest (2): (total 45 ballots)**

<i>Pam Moser – Independence OR</i>	<i>41*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>4</i>

**Dodds:** Region 2, Pam Moser received 41 votes, 4 abstentions. Elected, Moser.

**Gulf Shore (3): (total 50 ballots)**

<i>Beth Grant-Field – Dallas TX</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Paula Noble – Mesquite TX</i>	<i>31*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>2</i>

**Dodds:** Region 3, Beth Grant-Field 17, Paula Noble 31, abstain 2. Elected, Paula Noble.

**Great Lakes (4): (total 54 ballots)**

<i>John Colilla – Columbus, OH</i>	<i>44*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>10</i>

**Dodds:** Great Lakes Region. I got it right this time, didn't I? Colilla 44, abstentions 10. Elected, Colilla

**Southwest (5): (total 41 ballots)**

<i>Michael Shelton – Eastvale CA</i>	<i>41*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>0</i>

**Dodds:** Region 5, Southwest. Michael Shelton 41, abstentions 0. Elected, Michael Shelton.

**Midwest (6): (total 46 ballots)**

<i>Cathy Dunham – Jacksonville IL</i>	<i>37*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>9</i>

**Dodds:** Midwest Region 6, Cathy Dunham 37, abstain 9. Elected, Cathy Dunham.

**Southern (7): (total 72 ballots)**

<i>Kenny Currle – Fairfax VA</i>	<i>66*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>6</i>

**Dodds:** Region 7. Kenny Currle 66, abstain 6. Elected, Kenny Currle.

**Japan (8): (total 68 ballots)**

<i>Yukiko Hayata – Tokyo, Japan</i>	<i>36*</i>
<i>Kayoko Koizumi – Kanagawa, Japan</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>4</i>

**Dodds:** Region 8. Yukiko Hayata 36, Kayoko Koizumi 28, abstain 4. Elected, Yukiko Hayata.

**Europe (9): (total 22 ballots)**

<i>Pam DelaBar – Tampere, Finland</i>	<i>16*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>6</i>

**Dodds:** Region 9. Pam DelaBar 16, abstain 6. Elected, Pam DelaBar.

**International Division – China Representative: (total 50 ballots)**

<i>Eva Chen – Chongqing, China</i>	<i>26*</i>
<i>Allen Shi – Shanghai, China</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>1</i>

**Dodds:** International Division, China Rep. Eva Chen 26, Allen Shi 23, 1 abstain. Elected, Eva Chen.

**International Division - All Other Representative: (total 17 ballots)**

<i>Matthew Wong – Hong Kong</i>	<i>13*</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>4</i>

**Dodds:** Hong Kong Representative, Matthew Wong 13, abstain 4. Elected, Wong.

*The committee reviewed any delegate and club issues set before the Committee. We determined and validated the number of clubs eligible to send a delegate to the Annual Meeting. We validated the current number of clubs in good standing as of June 1, 2022. We determined the required quorum for the Annual Meeting. We performed an inventory of ballots received both electronically and by other means to ensure that all ballots had arrived to the meeting in order to be counted. We determined the validity of any ballots received by other means. We organized and counted the valid ballots. We prepared a report for the attendees of the Annual Meeting and announced the results of the Regional Director and Officer election.*

***Recommendation from the Credentials Committee:***

*We recommend that the on line submission of club delegates be restricted to only the club secretary as required by CFA Bylaws (Article III 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.) and (Article IV, Section 4 – Eligibility The secretary of each member shall communicate the names of the officers and delegate of such member to the Central Office of this Association no later than May first of each year.).*

**Dodds:** This is it for me folks, but thank you all for voting. Let's see how many delegates we can get next year. I'll probably start bugging you a little bit earlier. Thank you all.

**Newkirk:** I need a motion to destroy the ballots. I see Tim Schreck. Any objections? Destroy those ballots! Thank you Credentials Committee. You do wonderful work. [Silent raffle auction winners are announced] Let's take a 20 minute break and then we'll come back and finish up the resolutions. We stand in recess for 20 minutes.



#### **(48) CLERK SERVICE AWARDS.**

**Newkirk:** Unfortunately, Credentials is still not ready. It's 3:15 so let's move on to the next item. I would like to introduce John Colilla, Chair of the Clerking Program, to present the clerking awards. I see that there's a lot of clerks here, so if you will come line up over here and be prepared so that when your name is called, we can present your certificate. If you are a clerk getting an award that's on the page, please line up. **Colilla:** Good afternoon everybody. I promise you this will not be short and sweet. The Clerking Committee made four motions this weekend and the board passed every single one of them. The first one, we want to change the name of the "clerking test" to the "clerking review". It should review all the stuff that you know, and the board approved that. Another thing is, while we were going through all the show rules and Clerking Manual, we noticed that that a lot of verbiage is not gender neutral, so we're going to fix that and the board approved that one [*sic*, Clerking Manual only]. There's a new position created. It's called the "clerking advocate" basically serving the same function as the ombudsman. They will represent all the clerks and mediate all the issues. The last one is good news. The board approved lowering the clerking review passing score to 75 instead of 85. Sorry, the master clerks still must make 90 to pass the test. The clerking review is being put online right now and hopefully will be ready by this weekend. You guys will be getting it. We tried very hard. I'm not sure you guys remember when Bill Lee was doing the clerking test it was 100 questions. We were close. There will be 90 questions. I highly recommend anybody taking this review, please print it because otherwise you will be going through 20 pages back and forth to find all the answers, and when you final it online you will make a mistake without printing it. Sorry it's not short and sweet. The clerking review basically covers show rules, ethics and mechanics, so hopefully everybody will do well in the test and if not, oh well, you need to stop for the next 2 years. I would like to acknowledge everyone who clerks. If you are licensed, please stand up so we can recognize you for your years of service. Come on stand up, don't be shy. Thank you. [applause] That's all folks.

### **2022 Clerk Service Awards**

#### **5 Years**

Mireille Gobel  
Tuti Iskandar  
Cristiano Perillo-Marcone  
Krista Schmitt  
Qing Yu Zhou

#### **10 Years**

Kevin Brown  
Chrissie Chan  
Tracey Dalton  
Venus Devoe  
Nancy Kerr  
Yukiko Kuramochi  
Yukiyo Matsushita

Elena Podprugina

#### **15 Years**

Natalia Gfeller  
Reto Gfeller  
Lisa Marie Kuta  
Joann I. Lamb  
Yuri Masuda  
Yusa Masuda  
Yukiko Yoshida

#### **20 Years**

Tara Lenore Gilmore  
Lauren Gonano

### **25 Years**

Karen Boyce  
Kathy Durdick  
Mitsuyo Ohtoh  
Tetsuya Okuda  
Tammy Roark

### **30 Years**

Matthew J. Baker  
Bethany Colilla  
Frederic Goedert  
Stephanie S. Hale  
Megan Hiemstra

### **35 Years**

John Colilla  
Sharon L. Demuth

### **40 Years**

Hisami Irino

### **50 Years**

Betsy Arnold

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Betsy Arnold



(49) **CATTERY OF DISTINCTION AWARDS.**

**Tier V**

***Woodspirit Cattery***

Owner: Sherri Humphreys  
United States

**Tier VI Superior**

***Shelbie Cattery***

Owners: Shelby & John Friemoth & Shelby Bendig  
United States

**(50) STAR AWARDS.**

**Newkirk:** If I can ask Cathy Dunham to come up, we're going to do Star Awards.

**Dunham:** Good afternoon everyone. First, I would like to thank my Committee. We are small but mighty, and we had a huge number of wonderful candidates for this award, so I would like to congratulate each and every one of them as they receive their awards. They have done tremendous work to advance CFA in their areas or to provide support where needed. Thank you.



**Romain Attard**  
France

Romain is fully involved in the promotion of CFA among French and Spanish breeders spending hours to help them in registrations and entering cat shows.



**Cyndy Byrd**  
United States

As treasurer for CFA Breeder Assist and Breed Rescue, Cyndy has been working very hard with all the donations, thank you letters, paying Vet bills, and especially to get the donations to the Ukraine for their immediate urgent needs.



**Charlene Campbell**  
United States  
CFA Breeder Assist and Breed Rescue  
Committee Chair

For her relentless efforts to fund the initiative in  
Ukraine



**Chole Chung**  
China  
CFA Allbreed Judge

For her plentiful and ongoing contributions to the  
CFA Associate judge program.



**Dr. Oleksa Kailash Puri Chyzenko**  
Ukraine

Veterinarian and Coordinator of the team of 6 Veterinarians and Vet Surgeons who provide medical and surgical treatment to all cats in need.



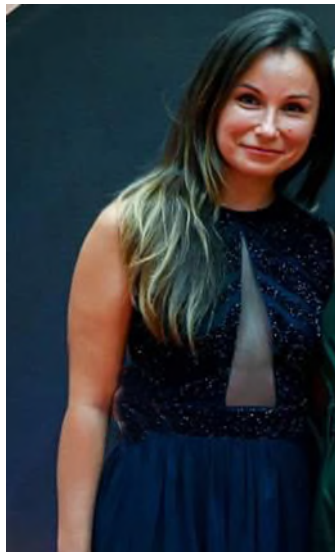
**Pam DelaBar**  
Finland  
CFA Allbreed Judge & Region 9  
Director

Pam has spent untold hours fund raising, procuring supplies and coordinating distribution efforts for the cats & animals of Ukrainian evacuations.



**Adrian Alexandru Drogota**  
Romania  
President, Romanian FIFe

Adrian has been responsible for the purchase and arranging the transportation of food and supplies to CFA breeders and owners in the Odessa, Ukraine area.



**Olga Grebneva**  
Ukraine  
CFA Guest Judge, Tier 1  
Rolandus Union International Judge

For her service to CFA clubs when faced with the fact that her home was under attack when the war started in February. Olga rescued cats and dogs in the area that had been left behind by evacuating people.





**Dmitriy Gubenko**  
Ukraine  
Rolandus Union International Judge

For his work in providing needed cat food and supplies to breeders and owners in Ukraine.



**Heike Anne Hagenguth**  
Egypt

For being available to help and educate breeders. Heike keeps people engaged in activities and maintains interest in CFA through events and quizzes.





**Satu Hamalainen**  
Finland

Satu volunteers her time for rescue efforts in Ukraine.



**Olga Korotonozhkina**  
Ukraine  
CFA Guest Judge, Tier 1  
Rolandus Union International Judge

For her service to CFA clubs when her home was under attack when the war started in February. Olga is a veterinarian, and in addition to assisting in rescue and relief, is providing ongoing free veterinary care to those animals now left homeless.



**Aneta Makowska**  
Poland  
FIFe Judge

For her on-going work as the center point for collection of donated food and supplies for cat and dog breeders and owners in Ukraine.



**Linda Newell**  
United States

For assisting a fellow breeder/exhibitor experiencing a health emergency.



**Olga Rakitnyh**  
Ukraine  
Vice President & Judge, Rolandus  
Union International

For identifying urgent needs for cat breeders and owners throughout the massive area in and around Kyiv, Ukraine when the war started and her ongoing efforts to provide support.



**Krista Schmitt**  
United States

For her assistance as a member of the Breeds and Standards Committee. Krista's skills with spreadsheets for the onerous chore of frequent reporting is extremely valuable.

**Tamara Sender**  
United States  
Region 4 Breeder Assist Coordinator

Tamara worked tirelessly with the large rescue of the Havana Browns left behind when the cattery owner/breeder passed unexpectedly and suddenly in December 2021.



**Orca Starbuck**  
United States

For organizing and participating in a Chartreux Rescue for a breeder who suddenly passed away in July of 2021.



**Teresa Sweeney**  
United States  
CFA Allbreed Judge

For her many year and ongoing work as the CFA Ombudsman. The Ombudsman helps settle complaints, serves as an independent individual who attempts to mediate and to assist with conflict resolution and mediate fair settlements.



**Yana Tyabut**  
President of Dobrokit

Yana coordinated the rescue operation from A-Z in the Ukraine. She works with a team of volunteers and acts as the spider in the center of the web.

**Andrew Ustinov**  
Ukraine

Who assisted rescue efforts in Ukraine.



**Peter Vanwonderghem**  
Belgium  
CFA Allbreed Judge

For his on-going fund raising activities for Felinus and Dobrokit Cat Rescue and determination to assist the cats and animals affected by the Ukrainian evacuations.



**Yanina L. Vanwonderghem**  
Belgium  
CFA Allbreed Judge

Yanina is the coordinator, promoter, inspirer and motivator of the Felinus and Dobrokit Cat Rescue project.



**Liz Watson**  
United States  
CFA Allbreed Judge

Liz has gone above and beyond with her contributions to the CFA Associate judge program.

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

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**RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

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**Newkirk:** Do we have any resolutions from the floor? **Anger:** We do. **Newkirk:** OK, we're going to now move on to – I need to make one announcement here real quick. If you have not picked up your dinner tickets, please see Linda Murphy in the vendor area. This is banquet tickets. If you have not picked up your banquet tickets, please see Linda Murphy.

**Newkirk:** Everyone understands that resolutions from the floor that pass go with a favorable recommendation. They were not pre-noticed. The board can act on it or the board can not act on it. It's up to the board, so I just want to make sure everybody is aware of that. I think everybody that has been here more than once got it.

**– 15 – *Half Moon Cat Clubs***

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules Article XXXVI NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM to change Household Pet Regional awards, as follows:

**Regional Awards**

The awards presented each year in regions 1-9 are:

**Best-25th Best Cat\***

**Best-25th Best Kitten\***

**Best-25th Best Cat in Premiership\***

\*The title of “Regional Winner (RW)” is limited to cats receiving the above awards.

**Best-~~10th~~-15th Best Household Pet\*\***

\*\*The title of Household Pet Regional Winner (HRW)\*\* is limited to cats receiving the above awards.

To obtain any regional award and its associated title (Regional Winner - RW or Household Pet Regional Winner - HNW), the cat/kitten/HHP must earn a minimum number of points over the duration of the show season in the category to which the award will be earned. Those minimums are as follows:

- for championship cats, the cat must earn a minimum of 200 points; for kittens, the kitten must earn a minimum of 100 points; for premiership, the cat must earn a minimum of 100 points, for Household Pets, the cat/kitten must earn a minimum of 50 points. Cats failing to meet these minimums are not eligible for any regional award or title.

**RATIONALE:** Household Pets are a growing class of competition. This past season there were 10 HNWs in The Great Lakes Region alone. With so many cats receiving HNWs, there is not much room in some regional rankings for exhibitors that do not want to run a national campaign. Looking towards the future, retaining local HHP exhibitors can enhance the fancy in more than one competitive class.



**Newkirk:** Half Moon Cat Club? We'll get to you in a minute, Mary. **Jenny Wickle [Chamberlin on the Bay Cat Fanciers; Half Moon Cat Club]:** We want to change the Household Pet regional awards to top 15, so for the record [reads]. We're just changing the wording from 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> best Household Pet. The rationale is, [reads rationale].

**Mary Kolencik [The Cat's Meow; Lilac Point Fanciers]:** We have a situation here where Region 1 I believe had 10 Household Pets. How many? Great Lakes Region. We are dangerously close, one more cat and we would have had a situation where we would have had a Household Pet national winner who didn't happen to be a winner in the region. The people showing these Household Pets for regional wins, they really don't want to come to the annual. They like to go to their region, so this is going to give them a few more places for these cats.

**Michael Shelton [Los Colores Cat Club; New Millennium Cat Club]:** I am also in favor of this, with the concept of point minimums having been brought up. Once the board sets a point minimum, we can establish that we consider that suitable to be a regional win. If a cat achieves that many points, it deserves a regional win. **Mary Auth [International Scottish Fold Association; Pfanciers United For Fun, Inc.]:** I know it's happening in the Northwest Region where they didn't have enough, so I don't know that it's the business of the board to dictate what happens number-wise at the regional level, since every region has a different number of Household Pets competing. I think that it really depends on each individual region determining what's appropriate for the number of Household Pets they award. **Leslie Ann Carr [Cenla Cat Fanciers; Classy Cats Society]:** I am all for Household Pet participation. I have no issue with that. The number that is specified in the show rules for cats that receive the title of Regional Household Pet. In the Southern Region alone – I can't speak for all the others as far as their numbers – we had a total of 32 scored cats last season, total. So, now you're basically proposing that half of the cats that were scored in my region are to receive the title of a Regional Win. In the other regions that I looked at, I believe one region may have had as many as 50. The majority of the regions only had maybe 30-some scored. I am not against the idea of giving them what the numbers actually support, giving a title to that number. I am not in support of giving a title to approximately 50% of the cats scored in every ring. Thank you. **Sue Robbins [Delaware River Cats Club; National Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club]:** And coincidentally president of Half Moon Cat Club. Half Moon Cat Club is the only Household Pet cat club, as far as I know, in the country. We're in Region 7. We did have an issue in Region 7 because we awarded top 15 this year, after much to'ing and fro'ing. The thing is, the cats had achieved the minimum number as set by CFA for a regional win for the cats and Jenny may correct me if I'm wrong; I believe we had at least 5 of our top 10 which carry the Regional Winner title were also national winners.

**Jenny Wickle [Chamberlin on the Bay Cat Fanciers; Half Moon Cat Club]:** There were 7. 11 in the Southern Region qualified for a national win. **Robbins:** Thank you Jenny. I knew she would have the numbers, but this does not mean that if you only have 10 cats competing in the region and 5 of them met the minimum requirements for a regional win, that you have to give the 10 awards because 5 of the cats did not. In this case, we have more cats reach the minimum level and went beyond, so it's a way of encouraging people to come into the fancy, not discouraging them. Please vote in favor of this. **George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]:** I started showing Household Pets in the early 1990's. At the time, only 2 regions gave Household Pet awards – Region 2 and Region 5. A couple of years later, Japan split off as a region and we were up to three. We have made significant progress over the last 30 years, giving Household Pets a place in CFA. If a region doesn't support Household Pets or they don't want Household Pets, if they're not willing to award Household Pets, they won't get



Household Pets. The regions that support Household Pets get cats. The regions that don't support Household Pets don't, so what we need to do is decide as an organization – not just as a region or depending on a regional director as to how many awards they are going to give out this season – we as an organization have to make a decision. Do we support Household Pets or don't we? I do.

**Tyler Deel [Ohio State Persian Club]:** I'm not going to say anything that's going to get me a Silver Slip of the Lip award this time hopefully, but what I am going to say is in support of this proposal. CFA is working hard and pushing this Companion Cat World program out to maybe those who are not CFA exhibitors or maybe future CFA exhibitors, and I feel like the more that we push this, the more that we are going to have to award these people; otherwise, they are not going to come back because they are doing these shows for nothing. We are treating the Household Pet people with their national winners – top 25, just like everything else – so why are we not doing the same thing at a regional level, just like everything else. Make it consistent. That's all I'm going to say.

**Cheryl Coleman [Cats Ink; Straight and Curl Cat Club]:** I started out in Household Pets. That's what got me addicted to this. We had our regional banquet last week or two weeks ago and we were going to have top 10 Household Pets. The week before, we upped it to 15. I thought OK, that's cool. Two people showed up to get their awards and zero entered the show. I mean, that's very disappointing. I heard everything from, "we're not welcome", but if you have Household Pets available, why don't you bring them? If I was a Household Pet person and I got a regional award, I would be damn sure to be there. I want that award. So, bring the Household Pets out but I want to see 15 but I don't think top 15 is going to do it. Let the regions decide. If they want to award 15, let them. That's what we have done before. Nothing says that we as a region can't do top 15.

**Victoria Cabot [Ocicat Trust Japan; Sun Pacific Cat Club]:** I think we just changed the point counts so that chances are pretty good of there not being a zillion Household Pets meeting the point minimum. Maybe, maybe not, I don't know, but this proposal does not change the point minimum to get a regional award. I guarantee you, I'm in Region 4 and we have a million cats that were deserving of an award that did not get it. I would love to see those cats awarded. Thank you.

**Kathy Black [Ozark Cat Fanciers; Texoma Cat Fanciers]:** I just want to address something that was mentioned, and I made the same mistake. When you look at the number of cats that have achieved points, those are cats that made finals and were registered. There's a lot of Household Pets that are shown that don't make a final. Maybe they are rescue cats, maybe they are someone who came to the show and their cat acted up and they decided this wasn't for them and their cat and left. There were a lot of cats that were shown that did not earn points, so when you say there's only 32 cats that were shown in a region and you're giving out top 15, that's not accurate. That's not accurate, because there's a lot of people who don't make finals in the Household Pet group. So, the regions can give as many awards as they want, but only the top 10 get the title of Household Pet Regional Winner. All we're asking is that the cats that achieve the minimum, let's have top 15. That's the same as every other. Kittens can get 50 points and be a regional winner, so we're just asking for a little bit of increase. If you build it they will come, so please support this.

**Norm Auspitz [Cats Limited; Kentucky Colonels Cat Club]:** There is language that talks about behavior detrimental to CFA and stuff like that. None of that is defined, so this is an attempt – [inaudible, multiple speakers, wrong proposal].

**Mary Kolencik [The Cat's Meow; Lilac Point Fanciers]:** The only change in the Household Pet proposal is the number 10 to the number 15. I promise you, that's the only change.

**Robert Clark [Black Tie and Tails Cat Club; Empire Cat Club]:** I see no downside to this. Honestly, I see no downside. If we can encourage people who are showing HHP and they come on later on showing in Premier or Championship, we win

as an organization. I see no reason not to support this. **Newkirk:** Jenny, do you want to wrap up? I don't see anyone else at the microphone. Oh, I'm sorry. **Barbara Irie [Utah Purebred Cat Fanciers]:** My granddaughter showed a Household Pet and started with that. She fell in love with doing that and moved on to showing Devons. It has always been an entry for a lot of people to start showing purebreds. Isn't this kind of like the Field of Dreams concept, when you build a field, they will come. Everybody is talking about a way to improve the entries in the shows. This doesn't hurt anything and it can definitely help. **John Colilla [Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers; Queen City Cat Club]:** I'm in support of this. **Newkirk:** We don't know who you are. Thank God you announced yourself. **Colilla:** I will try to make it short and sweet. **Newkirk:** Yes, no money. **Colilla:** What else is new. I'm in support of this. Last show season I was going to give top 15. 15 cats scored enough points to earn a regional win, but I did not award top 15. I only go with 10. Besides, I have more fun with the Household Pet people than anyone else. We used to 4 Household Pets and that's a big count. Do you want a Household Pet win? Come to my region. We have 30's on a regular basis and they foot the bills for the show. I'm fully in support of this. **Newkirk:** Thank you John.

**Newkirk:** OK, let's have the closing remarks, Jenny. **Wickle:** Yes, Household Pets are the gateway to other classes in the fancy. I can speak as someone who has shown Household Pets and I have national winners in that class. The board has set minimums that are now in the rules that they can change each year. That's for all the classes. Recently, it used to always say what the Household Pet points were in the rules. Now it actually says all classes. That's why I did not put a point minimum. Also, a little history lesson that I was just getting is that Premiership went up in increments to get to top 25, so I would like to see the same for Household Pets. Actually, it was 6 Household Pet national winners from Region 7, but in the Southern Region, like Kathy said, just because it said 34 doesn't mean that was what was actually shown, because you have unregistered cats and 11 of them qualified for a national win so that 11<sup>th</sup> best cat wouldn't have been honored regionally. The 15<sup>th</sup> best cat in the Southern Region was over 200 points which was, it granded. I'm looking at a lot of the regions that have high numbers shown. Their 15<sup>th</sup> best had points high enough to grand, which is 200 points. The point minimum used to be 100 points, so these Household Pet people are really trying and showing up. I would like to see 5 more awards at the regional level. **Newkirk:** Thank you Jenny. OK, let's vote on this. Everyone in favor raise your hands. Don't tell me I can give you a fourth thank you Jesus. Alright, hands down. No votes, hands up. That's even fewer than the last time. That passes by 2/3.

**Carried.**

**Newkirk:** Cyndy, do you want to do your drawing? I see green. **Byrd:** Dotti Olson gets \$520. Kathy wanted to know if you had to be present to win. No, that's why we put your name on them.

**– 16 – Lilac Point Fanciers**

**RESOLVED:** Central Office will create an optional electronic submission process for the essential parts of the show package necessary for scoring. This will be followed by physical shipment that does not have to be next day.

**Mary Kolencik [The Cat's Meow; Lilac Point Fanciers]:** I have two from the floor. They should not be controversial, I hope. [reads proposal] Some of our clubs are paying \$140 for next-day shipping of their show package. Why can we not do this electronically? If it's illegible, send it again. If we work with just creating a process, tell the clubs what they need to send and that's it. **Newkirk:** I have been asking for that for a year and a half, and I've talked to Cathy Dunham who has been working on that trying to optimize what forms need to be sent. I agree with you, it's crazy that we can't send a PDF file with the essential records to Central Office and not pay \$140 to overnight a package. That's crazy. I'm sorry, it's 2022. We've got computers.

**Paula Noble [North Texas Cat Club; Ragdoll Breed Club]:** I did this the first time a year and a half ago. I showed how easy it would be. I actually scanned the entire package. The major portion of it that CFA needs for scoring was done and in Central Office's hands in an email the first thing Tuesday morning. The judges' books, everything else beyond what they needed for scoring got sent the day after, so they had the entire show by Wednesday in a digital format. It doesn't burn up being stored in the basement. It takes up a whole lot less room and it didn't cost the club \$140. That said, my club this year, it was \$146 to send our show package. I have already proved. I would like to see people who are willing to do this send a test scan and email to Central Office to be approved. Once approved, they can do that for shows they support. Thank you.

**Kolencik:** I like the idea of a club having to do a test and that could be part of the process. Whatever Central Office wants, as long as they let us start doing this. **Newkirk:** All those in favor, raise your hands. I want to tell you something, you guys are awesome. That's all I can say. No votes? Nary a hand I see. Oh, thank you Bob Belfatto. Hope your breeding program is going well for you [reference to Silver Slip of the Lip award].

**Carried.**

#### **– 17 – Lilac Point Fanciers**

**RESOLVED:** For all shows held on the last weekend of the show season, clubs will be required to use electronic submission of the essential parts of the show package.

**Mary Kolencik [The Cat's Meow; Lilac Point Fanciers]:** This one is a little bit more controversial but I still think that it's necessary and can be done. Let's all remember, this is advisory to the board. We're telling them we want them to do something about the problem. OK, so here it is. [reads] We have people pulling their hair out this season. Why not tell the clubs who are having their show on the last weekend of the season, "you've got to do this." That's it. **Newkirk:** Another agreement, Mary K. We have had too many years where we are begging for those people from overseas to get their show package in, and scoring gets held up because of it. All those in favor of that one? Mary K, you're on a roll. No votes? Bob Belfatto, there we go, two hands up. That passes by everybody except two votes

**Carried.**

- 18 – *Kentucky Colonels Cat Club, Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees, Classy Cats Society, Rome Cat Forum, Lucky Tomcat Cat Club, North Texas Cat Club, Wildcatters Cat Club, Marina Allbreed Cat Club, Hemet Feline Fanciers, Paul Raines California Solid Color Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rule 1.03 to more clearly define unsportsmanlike behavior:

- 1.03 Unsportsmanlike conduct on ~~anyone's part~~ the part of any exhibitor, clerk, or judge will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Article XV of the CFA Bylaws. Behaviors (in person or on the internet) as listed below but not limited to: Any actions seeking to harm, harass, intimidate, or coerce others; degrading remarks towards others about anyone, their cat(s), or family members, and excessive celebrations in the show hall.

**RATIONALE:** The definition of Unsportsmanlike Conduct is that it is used to describe a number of prohibited acts that violate the rules. This expansion of 1.03 is intended to add some of the behaviors that can be considered unsportsmanlike in our show halls.

[**Secretary's Note:** See combined discussion after Proposal 19]

- 19 – *Kentucky Colonels Cat Club, Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees, Classy Cats Society, Rome Cat Forum, Lucky Tomcat Cat Club, North Texas Cat Club, Wildcatters Cat Club, Marina Allbreed Cat Club, Hemet Feline Fanciers, Paul Raines California Solid Color Cat Club*

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rule 6.34:

- 6.34 Any exhibitor that attempts to ~~blatantly~~ manipulate show counts for the benefit of their entry ~~or to the detriment of another's entry, such as by paying for another exhibitor's entries, may~~ will be considered to have acted in an unsportsmanlike manner and ~~will~~ may be subject to discipline as specified in Article XV of the CFA Bylaws. Count manipulation can occur by but not limited to: paying for other exhibitor's entry(s) to inflate the count; entering additional cats in a show with no intent of showing them at all; encouraging other exhibitors to withhold their cats from all the rings; entering multiple cats and failing to show them in a ring even though the cats are present in the show hall; entering one cat under multiple names/numbers; exhibiting a pattern of any of the above behaviors.

**RATIONALE:** The current show rule lists one action as an example of count manipulation. Because of that, it's sometimes thought that is the only action that can be considered in violation of this rule. Adding additional actions under the heading of "can occur by but not limited to" better describes what could be considered manipulation. These are not the only actions that can be considered but is an attempt to list the ones seen most recently.

**Newkirk:** Norm, you're up. **Norm Auspitz [Cats Limited; Kentucky Colonels Cat Club]:** Looking at Bylaws, we talk about behavior detrimental to the association, so we suggest that there should be two additions to the Bylaws in characterization to these concepts. You all should have these. It's just advisory to the board, so one of your favorite board members may want to take this on and do it. I'm not going to read this to you. It should all be at your desks or tables or whatever.

**Pam DelaBar [German Catwalk; Sophisto Cat Club]:** Through the Chair to the Parliamentarian, I don't think we can address changes, amendments to the Bylaws from the

floor. We can do show rules, but not Bylaws. That's what you said Norm, is a Bylaw. **George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]:** I think he's referring to a lack of a definition in the Bylaws. Therefore, we can file it as a show rule. He is asking for a show rule resolution. I believe that's what he is asking for. **DelaBar:** I read it and he said "bylaws". That's why I came up. **Newkirk:** Shelly? **Perkins:** This is not out of order because it's not a proposed change to the Bylaws. It's a proposed change to a show rule, which does mention "Constitution or Bylaws". **Newkirk:** It's my understanding that this was brought before the board at our emergency meeting in June that the show rules have not been updated to change the word "constitution" to "bylaws" and so Allene, has it been updated on the website? **Tartaglia:** Yes. **Newkirk:** It has been updated on the website, so this is already done. **Cyndy Byrd [Malibu Cat Club, Marina Allbreed Cat Club]:** Mr. President, I think that Norm was trying to share with us a proposal that was left on the table and I have been asked to read it. **Newkirk:** OK. Fine, go ahead and read it. That's in order. **Byrd:** [reads] The reason this was brought up is some of the shenanigans that happened at the end of the year. The expansion of 1.3 is intended to add some of the behaviors that can be considered unsportsmanlike in our show halls, because those behaviors are not [inaudible]. **Mary Kolencik [The Cat's Meow; Lilac Point Fanciers]:** Shelly, I would like to request that you re-read that statement that you read earlier. Can you do that? [unidentified side speaker] I know where we are. **Perkins:** I believe that this is it, although the record will be clear for sure. *The board is still working on issues presented regarding scoring and will be addressing these issues in due course. Some of this discussion was in open session and will be disseminated through normal channels, maybe as early as tonight.* That would be when Pam DelaBar is releasing something. *In addition, a survey will be presented to clubs and exhibitors to help assist the board in further deliberations.* **Kolencik:** Thank you. Thank you so much, because that is exactly the point I wanted to make. I was on the committee, Cathy Dunham's committee that worked on this, and we had some very good ideas. I thought it was very productive. One of the ideas is that we have an exhibitor code of conduct. Another idea is that we have a board action committee. It is my understanding that the board passed those yesterday. I think they are in progress. There's going to be a survey of things that are being worked on. I believe some of what is in this will be encompassed in that work when it continues, and I think that if we pass these, this short circuits that process. Now, if you will read these things, you can respond to the survey and say those things are – you can vote yes today. I believe this is advisory only, but I want to address this to the board. Please be careful of this language that you put into the show rules, because I'm looking at this thing and wonder how are we going to ever know what we're doing? I may not ever set foot in a show hall again if I have to be worried – some of you like to celebrate, I'm just saying – but if I have to worry about somebody reporting me for God only knows what, if I scream too loud for a final or whatever, or if somebody sees something that I say on the internet and takes it the wrong way, which as we all know is completely possible, this is very scary so I would like the board to be very careful when you pass language like this. So, consider it carefully. I like the statement from Shelly that this is being worked on. **Robert Belfatto [Cascade Cat Fanciers; Domesti-Katz Cat Club]:** I don't think we should have the statement *but not limited to*. That's like giving people an open pass to do everything and decide what's happening. Did everyone hear me? **Newkirk:** Yeah, we got you. **Belfatto:** OK, good. **Brad Newcomb [Triple Crown Cat Fanciers]:** I would like to point out about what we said earlier about this not being out of order, but I still think it is out of order, because it irregularly references the Bylaws. The Bylaws do call out what is our behaviors. This subjugates our Bylaws. The Bylaws do precede this, so it still would bypass the Bylaw. Basically

we're changing what the Bylaw says by changing the show rule. Our Bylaws still take precedent, is my understanding. **Newkirk:** Our attorney says it's in order. **Perkins:** I'm going to disagree with that. A lot of what is in our show rules is definitions of some of the things that are in the Bylaws. The show rule specifically says *no unsportsmanlike conduct*. In the show rule, to further define what is unsportsmanlike is not going to be out of order. **Newkirk:** The Bylaws simply call out what is out of order. **Eigenhauser:** I have a different approach to this than Mary does. I believe the factual statement is that the board is working on this now, but the board is working on this on your behalf. We want input from you. A lot of people say we shouldn't do stuffing, but what exactly do you mean by stuffing? How many cats do you have to enter before it's stuffed? How much do people enter shows before it becomes stuffing? I'm going to use a line that a Supreme Court justice used years ago to define pornography. *I can't define it, but I know it when I see it*. If we're going to create rules, there has to be something free of specificity so people can follow it. So, when looking at these rules today that they are proposing from the floor regarding the issue of stuffing or exhibitor conduct, don't look at this is interfering with what the board is doing, we need input from you as to what you will find acceptable. So, some of these things that the board is considering and are going to affect clubs are going to affect how shows are entered. It's going to affect the bottom line in some clubs. If a club usually gets 20 stuffers and doesn't anymore, that is going to affect them. We need to know from you, what things do you think are important, what things you do want changed, what things matter to you. That's not interfering with the board, that's advising the board, which is exactly what these next two resolutions are about – advising the board. Having said that, regardless of how you vote on these two resolutions, that's not the end of the discussion either. The board is going to be considering this probably for some period of time before we reach a final consensus on it, and it's finally done. Continue to give us input. If you have a brilliant idea when you get home from the annual on Monday about stuffing, send it to us then. It's never wrong to advise the board. We work for you. Tell us what you want. **Alene Shafnisky [Portland Cat Club; Turkish Angora Fanciers, International]:** I understand the spirit of this, because believe me I think on behalf of everyone, no one wants to see what happened this spring happen again. To that end, the board is working on it and I think we need to allow the board to work through that and to appoint with their legal counsel and legal input. I don't write these anymore, but when I see words like *on the internet, harass, degrading remarks*, these things can be defined as anything and nothing. You could have someone who is just overly sensitive. You could have someone who is actually doing something wrong, but when you put in something like this, I promise you the next day you're going to get Twitter pages reported to you and FaceBook pages reported to you, and it's really going to end up a bigger problem than the one it's trying to solve. **Newkirk:** Thank you. I don't mean to be Debbie Downer, but it's 6:00. The Great Lakes Region wants to have a celebration tonight starting at 8:00, so I don't want to limit your debate, cut off your debate, deprive you of your conversation, but please keep your comments short, concise, to the point, because we've got some more things to talk about just besides these couple things so that we can get done today, unless you want to come back tomorrow. Was that a no? I thought I heard some no's. **Sue Robbins [Delaware River Cats Club; National Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club]:** I'm concerned about the section that says *degrading remarks*, etc., etc., or anyone yelling out. That's a real abridgement of First Amendment rights. I have a problem with that. **Barbara Schreck [Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers; Russian Blue Fanciers]:** I have something we all need to think about. This is advisory to the board. It's just a laundry list of things that need to be considered when the board takes this under advisement, so I think maybe we're over-reacting a

little bit to this and I think that approval of this would just simply say, “yeah, these are things that should be considered.” **DelaBar:** The notes have not gone out, but with your permission I will read the paragraph that I wrote 13 hours ago. They’re out? *The Scoring Manipulation Investigation Committee presented many short-term and long-term actions for the Board’s approval. The Board will be issuing a strong statement on no tolerance for count manipulation. The current exceptions to Show Rule 4.04 will be rescinded for Regions 1-7. Late fees will be enforced, effective October 1, 2022 for show license processing. A survey to clubs and exhibitors is scheduled to be completed October 1, 2022. Effective October 1, 2022, the Committee has directed a real-time query for each show, linked on the CFA schedule that runs against the CFA entry database. This will provide an ongoing count as entries are added to the database. For the long term, the Committee is developing an Exhibitor Code of Conduct. There will be a special investigation committee to work with the Protest Committee to quickly review allegations of infractions to Show Rules 1.03 and 6.34. This committee will be chaired by Michael Shelton. A centralized entry clerking process is being developed, working toward completion by May 1, 2023.* **Newkirk:** Thank you Pam.

**Byrd:** Thank you George and Barb for speaking, making clear that this is advisory to the board. One of the things that we have talked about in the committee is that we have some simple statements in here, *you will not do X*, but we don’t have anything to tell us about what X is, so this is just one step towards tightening up our processes so we don’t have shenanigans. **Newkirk:** Thank you. All in favor raise your hands. OK, you can take your hands down. Those opposed? Can I get the yesses again? OK, hands down. Opposed? I’m going to say it fails. It doesn’t look like an overwhelming number of yesses, but it’s not a great, overwhelming no. It doesn’t matter. The bottom line is, the board is looking into this. They are going to consider all this stuff. If you are upset about any of this stuff, write your board members. You have a regional director, you have 5 DAL’s and 4 officers. Their emails are posted. Get on your computer and write a letter. Everybody is upset over this, OK? So do your civic duty. Write them. You can even write Shelly.

**Newkirk:** OK, there is a 6.34 proposal on here. I actually think we covered all of this stuff. The board is looking into all this. Do we need to go over this, Cyndy? We know that the board is looking at all this stuff.

**Failed.**

#### **– 20 – Maine Coon Cat Club**

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

[**Secretary’s Note:** In accordance with the following statement, the remainder of the proposal has not been restated.]

**Keith Kimberlin [Maine Coon Cat Club]:** I wanted to revisit Resolution #9 but what I’m going to stay, instead of revisiting it because of the time restraints, that we will probably bring this issue up next year again about hanging on cages after closing hours, so I hope there

will be lots of discussion over the next year about it, so that we can come to some kind of agreement. Thank you.

**Newkirk:** Is that the last one? **Anger:** The last one that I know of.

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**Calhoun:** Darrell, on brighter note, you need to give this money to Charlene. **Newkirk:** Are we going to give it to Cyndy, because it's BAP? **Calhoun:** OK. **Newkirk:** Our Treasurer has a small announcement to make. It's not small. She's short and she's cute. **Calhoun:** So, we raised \$80 in phone ring fines. Then, President Newkirk called me out and he said get that Treasurer something, so I'm going to put another \$20 with it to make it \$100 and Cyndy, come get the money. Thank you for the money. Next year we're going to do a roll call and we're going to give you all a fine.

**DelaBar:** Mr. President, I just wanted to say, there are four of us – and only four of us – in this room to know what it is to stand behind that podium and know how it feels. You find out that you have bladder control that you never knew that you had. I was convinced Don Williams had a catheter until I stood up there and found out that your mind is so focused on everything that's going on here, you're not even thinking about kidney function until now, until I brought it up. But, I wanted to say, you have had two years of probably one of the hardest sessions and hardest runs of any board chair that we have had in quite some time in our history. Just from my viewpoint, I just want to say thank you for your service. [applause, standing ovation] **Newkirk:** Thank you. I promised I wouldn't cry.





**Newkirk:** Would you just hold your horses? Did you go to the horse farm yesterday? Do you know how to muck a stall? Before we adjourn, I hope you have had a laugh. I've had several. This is a wonderful organization. I think we are starting a new era under Rich's leadership and I can't wait to see what he does. I want to congratulate all the winners of the election. If you did not win your election, thank you for stepping up and putting your name forward. That's a lot. I know how it feels to put your name on that list and not get enough votes to get a seat. It sort of hits you in the heart, but that's the way it is. You choose the elected leaders of this organization and those are the people that run the organization. From the bottom of my heart, I thank all of you. Thanks everyone for your input. I'm glad we got everything done today. Let's party!

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Anger, Secretary  
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