



DARRELL NEWKIRK

CANDIDATE FOR CFA DIRECTOR AT LARGE

I have a 15-year-old plus history of service on the CFA Board. Thirteen of those years of service was in the capacity of director at large. The last two years I served as your CFA President. That experience has provided me with a board overview of leadership and service to this not-for-profit, New York-based organization.

DURING MY TENURE IN CFA:

- Served as the Abyssinian Breed Council Secretary
- Served as the chair of the International Division
- Worked with the clubs in Europe during their transition from division to region
- Entered the CFA judging program in 1995; licensed in 1996
- Served on the faculty of the Judging Program Committee's Breed Awareness and Orientation Schools
- Served as a DAL Board member for 13 years
- Served as the CFA President during the worst worldwide pandemic in over 100 years
- Represented CFA as a guest judge in many overseas judging assignments

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

- Graduated Webster University 1986 with a bachelor's degree in nursing and a minor in business management
- Thirty-four years as CRNA, retiring in 2015
- Active CFA judge and breed council member

WE HAVE A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAKING CFA THE BEST IT CAN BE.

HOW DO WE DO THAT?

- Being transparent with those who seek the services of CFA. Certain actions by the board should have a buy in from those that utilize our services. We should always stay true to our business plan and ensuring that our business plan is focused on the current market, as well as the future market.
- Reviewing committee reports and offering feedback on proposed action items.
- Being abundantly cautious when reviewing citations and protests to make sure the constituents feel that punishment—if needed—is fair and not overly harsh.
- Work with committees to make sure CFA remains financially secure for the stability of new breeders and exhibitors into the future.
- Science and genetic principles are part of my skill set. This is a benefit to CFA when considering new breeds and the addition of colors to our existing breeds.
- Commit to acts and deeds which insure CFA stays at the top of our game!

CFA needs to be actively involved in the International Division. Education, guidance and assisting new clubs in the International Division provides an avenue to share our mission statement with people around the world that share our love of cats and CFA.

CFA judges enjoy worldwide respect, possessing extensive knowledge and handling skills. As a CFA judge I have had the honor and privilege to be invited as a guest judge in New Zealand, Australia, and in Europe.

I am asking you to join me to make CFA the best it can be. I have represented you at the board level for many years and now I am now coming to you to ask your support for my campaign for CFA Director at Large.

It's All About the Cat!!

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