

2023 CFA ANNUAL MEETING
Friday, June 23, 2023

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

CFA ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA June 22-25, 2023 All Times in Mountain Standard Time			
Friday, June 23, 2023 • Annual Meeting			
9:00 a.m.	32.	Call Meeting to Order & President's Welcome	Mastin
9:05 a.m.	33.	Southwest Region Welcome	Shelton
9:10 a.m.	34.	Declare the Determination of a Quorum	Mastin
9:12 a.m.	35.	Appoint Parliamentarian for the Annual Meeting	Mastin
9:15 a.m.	36.	Special Rules of Parliamentary Procedure	Perkins
9:20 a.m.	37.	Approve Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting	Mastin
9:25 a.m.	38.	Proposed Amendments to the CFA Bylaws	Mastin
10:00 a.m.	39.	Board Member Service Awards	Mastin
10:15 a.m.	40.	Treasurer's Report	Calhoun
10:25 a.m.		BREAK	
10:40 a.m.	41.	Marketing Report	Bobby
10:50 a.m.	42.	EveryCat Health Foundation	Fisher
11:00 a.m.	43.	Pre-Noticed Resolutions	Mastin
12:30 p.m.		LUNCH	
1:45 p.m.	44.	Judging Program Report	Morgan
1:55 p.m.	45.	Judging Program Service Awards	Morgan
2:10 p.m.	46.	Judges' Association Spotlight Award	Bennett
2:20 p.m.	47.	CFA Foundation	L. Shelton
2:30 p.m.		BREAK	
2:55 p.m.	48.	Credentials Committee Service Awards	Mastin
3:00 p.m.	49.	Credentials Committee Report and Election Results	Dodds
3:20 p.m.	50.	Clerk Service Awards	B. Colilla
3:25 p.m.	51.	International Division Report	Calhoun
3:35 p.m.	52.	Cattery of Distinction Awards	Mastin
3:45 p.m.	53.	Star Awards	Dunham
4:05 p.m.	54.	Resolutions from the Floor	Mastin
5:00 p.m.		ADJOURN • Annual Meeting Closes	

President Richard Mastin called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. Mountain Standard Time.

Mastin: There is a slight correction on the agenda. It looks like we have a start time of 9 a.m. We're really going to start at 9:25 a.m. I apologize for any of the delays this morning, but we want to get things right. We have 300 delegates checked in. The determination of a quorum has been met and I call the meeting to order. [applause] Please give me a couple minutes to go through this. As President of CFA cat fanciers, I extend a heartfelt welcome to the 2023 Annual Meeting and Banquet, and look forward to having many wonderful conversations in the coming days, both personally and professionally. It is a great honor and delight for me to be here with all of you, as it has been 116 years since the first CFA Annual business meeting at Madison Square Garden in New York City. This year we have the privilege to convene at the beautiful JW

Marriott Tucson Star Pass Resort here in the Sonoran Desert in Tucson, Arizona. As we are here to celebrate the past season, let us continue to remember our fanciers in Ukraine and Russia, and let us all hold onto the hope this war will end soon. Much like the years in the past, we welcome delegates from all regions and all around the world. With several events scheduled over the next few days, we will come together in celebration and to conduct official business, both of which are essential to the ongoing success and growth of our association. The first thing this morning, I went around and chatted with some people, and I met a woman this morning. It's her first time ever attending a CFA Annual. I also met Desiree Bobby's husband for the first time, and this is his first Annual. Whether this is your first Annual or you are a seasoned attendee, take this opportunity to meet and talk with new people. One of our greatest assets is our ability to communicate with one another and build lasting relationships. Take some time to reflect on and be proud of your personal accomplishments within our Association over the past year, from moments of challenge to great feelings of joy and success in your hard work and dedication. This past year, CFA has been productive and rewarding, from the introduction of the new additional FaceBook Discussion page with over 5,000 members to the new branding and Marketing initiatives, to granting over 180 show sponsorship awards to clubs, just to name a few. CFA is beginning to experience positive signs of recovering from the social and economic impacts of COVID-19. Our shows are worldwide and spectators are anxious to attend events. Speaking of events, CFA's largest and most prestigious event – the CFA International Cat Show and Expo – is returning after a four-year absence to the I-X Center in Cleveland, Ohio. [applause] In case you are wondering, the event is only 16 weeks away. Make your plans! Desiree tells me this is going to be bigger and better than 2019, so we look forward to that.

Mastin: This has been my first year as your President. I would like to tell you a few things about me. I am a husband, a father and a grandfather. I am in the restaurant hospitality business for over 45 years and I like to fish. I haven't done much of that this past year, but I do like to fish. I have been involved in CFA for only – underscore “only” – 25 years and I say that with great respect, because I look upon this room and there are people that have been involved far longer than 25 years – more than double that. I believe in listening before speaking, and respecting opinions that I may not agree with. I am honored by your support and trust in having me as your President. I also believe in saying “thank you”, which are two words that are under-used, so I have to take a little bit of time here to say some thank you's. I know that's the boring part of the speech, but it will take a minute and I only get to do it once a year. I sincerely want to thank you all, and the clubs and their delegates that are active participants in the business of CFA. Thank you to the breeders who are the core of CFA and do so much to work behind the scenes to produce exquisite kittens. Thank you to the exhibitors that show their beautiful cats in CFA. Thank you all. To our judges, clerks, stewards, club members and the many other volunteers for the production and entertainment to all our attendees at our CFA shows. Thank you to all the CFA Board of Directors, and I mean that sincerely. I had a tremendous first year as President on the board working with the other 17 board members and our legal counsel. It was hard work and there were some stressful moments, but the board was wonderful to work with and I respect every one of you. Now I lost my spot. That wasn't written down. Alright, where did I leave off here? So, it really says here, thank you to all the CFA Board of Directors and all committee members that spent countless hours working on projects and programs for CFA. That other stuff I talked about, I just kind of did that. Thank you to the dedicated CFA staff and contractors who are all led by an individual who goes without introduction, but not without recognition. Thank you Allene. Thank you to the Southwest Region and the team here at the Star

Pass Resort for making this Annual memorable. Thank you to Vickie Fisher, Jackie Jaakola and their team from the EveryCat Health Foundation for all you do in support of feline health research. Thank you to the CFA Breeder Assistance and Rescue Team led by Charlene Campbell and all you do for the cats in need. Thank you to all my CFA cat friends and family. Last but not least, the one very special person in my life who provides me with the greatest support of all to be here with all of you today and involved in CFA – my wife Lisa. Lisa, please stand up. You are the very best.

Mastin: In closing, let us all remember our mission as representatives of CFA to preserve and promote the pedigreed breeds of cats, and to enhance the well-being of all cats. Remaining focused on this mission in a diplomatic way will allow us to continue to thrive in an organization for many years to come.

(33) SOUTHWEST REGION WELCOME MESSAGE.

Mastin: Without further ado, please join me in giving a warm, thunderous welcome to Southwest Regional Director Mike Shelton. **Southwest Regional Director Michael Shelton:** Thank you very much, Rich. I don't know that I have ever had a thunderous welcome before. I would like to add my welcome to Rich's and thank you all for coming out to the Tucson desert. You didn't necessarily get a true taste of Tucson weather since it has only been about 102-104. If you wait until next week I think it's supposed to be over 110 and we might actually get thunderstorms, so that's a whole different experience. Like Rich, I have a boatload of people to thank. This is a monumental task, and the region only has really a small part of it. The Central Office staff really does the heaving lifting in putting on an event like this, and I would like to add my thanks to Allene and Amber and the rest of the Central Office staff. I'm sure Amber would be very pleased to not keep getting emails from me all the time. I would like to thank a couple of specific regional people who have been tirelessly getting this event put on – Bob Zenda, who was our Annual Chair, and our Regional Treasurer Carolyn Osier who has been keeping track of all the donations that were brought in. Thank you to all of them. There are other people in the region. I can't thank everybody or we would be here all day. I want to thank all of the clubs and individuals who made donations to our delegate bags, either in items or in funding. There were also a couple of clubs that were inadvertently left off of the list that is in your delegate book, which is entirely my bad, but I also want to add my thanks to the Twin City Cat Fanciers and Phoenix Felines, who were inadvertently left off that list in your delegate book. There were also a few donors who came in too late to get on that page, so I want to thank them. The Northwest Region, the Midwest Region and Catalina Cats, who all generously donated. An event like this takes a lot of other fundraising besides what went into the bags. We have been selling for the last 10 months or so fundraising pins which I see a number of people wearing here today. Thank you very much for that. I want to thank some people specifically who helped out with that. Lisa-Maria Padilla, who designed the pin. Some people who helped with pin sales – Pam DelaBar, John Webster, Jennifer Reding, Bob Zenda again, Mary Kolencik and Carmen Johnson-Lawrence, all of whom took pins literally all over the world to sell and help us raise money so we can do all the stuff that we're doing here today. I want to thank the people who helped with stuffing these delegate bags that you all have. We had a great turn-out of volunteers. We actually, from the time we started, we had all of these bags filled and done in under an hour because of the great help we had with doing this. Mark Campbell, Jennifer Reding, Donna and Richard Fujie, Darrell Newkirk, Ellyn Honey, Richard and Nancy Katris, Rhonda Avery, again Sue Swaim, Linda Berg, Pat Jacobberger, Bob Zenda, Charlene Campbell. All of you came by and helped out. I can't tell you how much I appreciate it. A couple other things that are going on. We are having a hospitality event tonight which is in the Tucson Rooms A-D which is over that way. In your delegate bag tucked into the outside pocket there is a ticket for a free drink, so make sure you don't miss that. One last thing which is really a way to say two things, we have a table in the back of the room where we have extra delegate bags for sale and we have a few of the fundraising pins left over. Those are being held up in the back. The bags we are selling for \$20 and the pins are for \$10. Like Rich, there is one other person I have to thank who is holding up those bags – my wife Lorraine, who will be very glad that we do not have all that delegate bag stuff in our garage anymore. Thank you very much for coming and I hope you have a good time.

(34) DECLARE THE DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.

(A quorum is representation from 50% plus 1 of our clubs, or 265.)

[Secretary's Note: The Credentials Committee final count of seated delegates was 300 (when the meeting was called to order) out of 530 eligible to vote. There were 530 clubs which had paid dues and membership lists were received by June 1.]

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Abyssinian Breeders International	Carolyn L Osier
Abyssinian Midwest Breeders	Pat Jacobberger
Abyssinian Society of the South	Jennifer Herr
Agua Caliente Cat Club	Charlene Munro
Alamo City Cat Club	Kate Sain
Alianza Felina	Tuija Aaltonen
All Chiefs No Indians Cat Club	Mike Pina
All States Burmese Society	Art Graafmans
Almost Heaven Cat Club	Ann Marie Bingham
American Gothic Cat Club	Susan Charles
American Manx Club	Cathy Dinesen
American Shorthair Club	Ellyn Honey
American Shorthair Lovers of Europe	Ulrike Knueppel
Americans In Paradise	Howard R Webster
Americans West	Carol W. Johnson, DVM
Ameridream Cat Club	Jennifer Deel
Ancient Capital Cat Society	Todd Moyer
Anthony Wayne Cat Fanciers	Robert Irvine
Arkansas Feline Fanciers	Pamela J. Bassett
Atlanta Phoenix Cat Society	Donna Andrews
Atlantic Himalayan Club	Jim Land
Basic Black Cat Club	Kathy Calhoun
Bengal Alliance (The)	Samantha Kerr
Beverly Hills Cat Club	Darrell Newkirk
Beyond Love Feline Fanciers	Timothy Fowler
Black Diamond Cat Club	Joy Dey
Black Tie and Tails Cat Club	Gail Ress
Bluff City Cat Fanciers	Pamela J. Bassett
Bombay Enthusiasts of America	Jeri Zottoli
Bonita Cat Fanciers	George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
Brazos Valley Cat Club	Paula Noble
Buccaneers Cat Fanciers	Iris Zinck
Buffalo Cat Fanciers	Carmen Johnson Lawrence
Burmese South Cat Club	Robert Zinck
Burmilla Enthusiasts of America	Keith Kimberlin
Cable Car Cats	Mark Campbell
California Silver Fanciers	Howard R Webster
Call of the Wild	John Webster
CanUsa Cat Club	Loretta Baugh
Capital Cat Fanciers	Claire Dubit

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Carolina Sophisticats	Vivian Baylor
Cat Club of the Palm Beaches	Karen Lane
Cat Fanciers Club of Thailand	Chate Ruengruglikit
Cat Fanciers of Finland	Pauli Huhtaniemi
Cat Fanciers of Hawaii	Donna Fujie
Cat Fanciers of Washington	Mark Hannon
Cat Nation Fanciers	Brian Tripp
Cat-A-Lina Cats Cat Club	Dorothy L Olsen
Cat'n on the Fox	Cathy Dunham
Cat's Incredible Inc.	James Land
Cats Ink	Robert Miller
Cats of Wisconsin Cat Club	Jon Brubacher
Central Carolina Cat Fanciers	Robert Miller
Chamberlin On the Bay Cat Fanciers	Peter Deal
Champagne Cat Club	Nancy Mikita
Chartreux International	Amy Sutherland
China Scenery Cat Fanciers' Club	Anya Thurlow
Chocolate City Cat Club	Mark Hannon
Cincinnati Cat Club	J. Brook Cole
City Cats	Gayle A. Hand
Classy Cats Society	Leslie Ann Carr
Cleopella Cat Fanciers of Estonia	Petri Hinkka
Cleveland Persian Society	Sharon Powell
Club Felins Fleur De Lys	Pierre Rivard
Coastal Cat Club	Michelle L. Piatt
Coastal Empire Cat Club	Susan Charles
Coastal Paws Cat Club	Bob Dubit
Cochise Cat Fanciers	Robert Zenda
Colonial Annapolis Cat Fanciers	Claire Dubit
Cotton States Cat Club	Annette Strople
Country Faire Cat Fanciers	Jodell Raymond
Cow Hill Cat Club	Kate Sain
Crab and Mallet Cat Club	Donna Clas
Crafty Cat (The)	Teresa Keiger
Crow Canyon Cat Club	Noelle Giddings
Crown City Cat Club	Tracey Dalton
Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club	Annette L. Wilson
Damn Yankees Cat Club	Vincent Pina-Crupi
Delaware River Cats Club	Margaret Hoffmeister
Desert Cats	Bruce Carrington
Devon Rex Breed Club	Debbie Van Patten
Emerald Cat Club	Wendy Heidt
Emerald Coast Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Carla Bizzell
Empire Cat Club	Keith Kimberlin
European Burmese Cat Club	Lauren Castle Flynn
European Shorthair Club	Kenny Currle
Exotic Breeders	Teresa Sweeney
Fancy That Cat Club	Jodell Raymond

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Feline Fanciers of Benelux	Diana Rothermel
Feline Forum of Greater New York	Teresa Land
Felinus International	Richard Kallmeyer
Finicky Felines Society	Joy Dey
Foot of the Rockies Cat Club	Cindy Rogers
For The Love of Cats Cat Fanciers'	Dennis Ganoe
Fort Worth Cat Club	Leesa Altschul
Freestate Feline Fanciers	Donna Clas
Friends & Family	Diana Heinzen
Frontier Feline Fanciers	Kadri Koppel
Fyfe and Drum Himalayan Club	Patti DeBiasse
Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey	Geraldine Fellerman
Gateway Arch Persian Society	Kathy Calhoun
GEMS	Laurie Coughlan
Genesee Cat Fanciers Club	Betsy Arnold
German Catwalk	Pam DelaBar
German Phoenix - Cat Friends Europe	Alice Rosol
Golden Triangle Cat Fanciers	Kathleen Doyle
Golden West Cat Club	Earl Brown
Grand Canyon Cat Club	Bruce Carrington
Grandview Cat Fanciers	Neil Quigley
Grassroots Cat Fanciers	Alicia K. Herman
Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees	Martha Auspitz
Great Lakes Great Maines	Bethany Colilla
Great River Cat Fanciers	Beth Grant-Field
Greater Baltimore Cat Club	Bob Dubit
Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers	Laurie Coughlan
Greater Northwest Cat Fanciers	Brian Moser
Gulf Coast Cat Club	Hilary Helmrich
Half Moon Cat Club	Sue A. Robbins
Hallmark Cat Club	Edward Raymond
Happy Alternative Cat Club	Mike Altschul
Havana Brown Fanciers	Dawn Pettyjohn
Hawai'i Hulacat Club	Nancy Dodds
Hawkeye State Cat Club	Janet Moyer
Hemet Feline Fanciers	Cynthia Byrd
Hidden Peak Cat Club	Lyn Knight
High Plains Cat Club	Becky Galloway
Hong Kong Black Cat Club	Yin Ling Phebe Low
Houston Cat Club	Becky Galloway
Hudson Valley Cat Club	John Adelhoch
Hugger Mugger Feline Society	Carissa Altschul
Huntsville Cat Club	Beth Polstra
Idaho Cat Fanciers	Noelle Giddings
Illini Cat Club	Jim Wuersch
Indy Cat Club, Inc.	Pamela DeGolyer
International Egyptian Mau Society	Tim Fowler
International Havana Brown Society	Russell Law

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
International Scottish Fold Assn.	Beth Feininger
International Toybob Cat Club	Meg Lambert
Jazz Kats	Mischa Taylor
Jiang Nan Cat Fanciers Club	Agnes Sun
Johnny Appleseed Feline Fanciers	Ronna Colilla
Just Cat-In Around Cat Fanciers	Tyler Deel
K-Cats	Cindy Yanez
Kentucky Colonels Cat Club	Martha Auspitz
Kino Kat Klub	Barbara A. Jaeger
Lakes Country Cat Fanciers	Richard Kallmeyer
Lance and Bertha Cat Fanciers	Marilyn Conde
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
Last Chance Cat Fanciers Int'l	Caroline Melia
Lewis & Clark Longhair Specialty	Pam Moser
Liberty Trail Cat Fanciers	N. Jill Archibald
Lincoln Cat Club	Beverly A. Wood
Lincoln State Cat Club	LeAnn Rupy
Lincoln State Longhair Fanciers	Lana Keroson Oksnee
Lincoln State Shorthair Society	Carolyn E. Huddy
Lone Star Cat Club	Sherilyn S. Shaffer
Long and Short of It Cat Club	Nancy Petersen
Longhair Japanese Bobtail Breeders	Lisa Mastin
Los Colores Cat Club	Michael Shelton
Lucky Penny Cat Club	Orca Starbuck
Lucky Tomcat Club	Paul Meeker
Mad Catters (The)	Lyn Knight
Maine Attraction Cat Fanciers	Wayne Weikhorst
Maine Street Cat Club	Teresa Keiger
Malaysia Cat Fanciers Club	Chate Ruengraglikt
Malibu Cat Club	Marsha Johnson
Marina All Breed Cat Club	Cynthia Byrd
Mary Hantzmon Abyssinian Club	Caroline Melia
Masters Cat Club (The)	Cheryl Peck
McKenzie River Cat Club	Gayle A. Hand
Metroplex Allbreed Cat Club	Judith Bemis
Micina Cat Fanciers	Rachel Anger
Mid South Cat Fanciers	Alvin Green
Midlands Cat Fanciers	Tom Lukken
Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers	John Colilla
Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers	Anne Mathis
Mid-West Shaded and Smoke Society	Richard Mastin
Midwest TGIF Fanciers	Lucy Drury
Mississippi Belle Feline Fanciers	Diana Heinzen
Mohawk Trail Cat Club	Ronna Colilla
Mo-Kan Cat Club	James Dinesen

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Monroe Shorthair Club	Beth Reilly
Morris and Essex Cat Club	Christine D'avirro
Mount Laurel Cat Fanciers	Karen J Bishop
Mountain Mist Cat Fanciers	Leicy Bartlett
Mt Fuji Tokyo Cat Club	Yukiko Hayata
Muskogee Cat Club	Mary Auth
Nashville Cat Club	Siim Koppel
National American Shorthair Club	Carol W. Johnson, DVM
National Birman Fanciers	Jeri Zottoli
National Maine Coon Cat Club (The)	Cindy Rogers
National Siamese Cat Club	Ann Marie Bingham
National Alliance of Birman Breeders	Karen Lane
National Alliance of Burmese Breeders	Vivian Baylor
National Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club	Sharon Roy
New England Meow Outfit	Iris Zinck
New Millennium Cat Club	Michael Shelton
New Vision Cat Club	Beth Deal
North American Blues Allbreed Cat Fanciers	Brian Moser
North Pacific Siamese Fanciers	Kendall Smith
North Texas Cat Club	Paula Noble
Nova Cat Fanciers Inc	N. Jill Archibald
Oakway Cat Fanciers	Wendy Goldman
Ocicat Society	Christina Makl
Ocicats International	Jacqui Bennett
Ocicats of North America	Elizabeth Deal
Ohio State Persian Club	Tyler Deel
Opposites Attract Cat Club	Wendy Klamm
Oriental Crown Cat Fanciers' Club	Jennifer Bristol
Orientials West	Beth Grant-Field
Osnaburg Shorthair Club	Earl Brown
Ozark Cat Fanciers	Mike Altschul
Pacific Rim Allbreed Cat Fanciers	Jacqui L. Bennett
Packerland Cat Fanciers	Charles T. Gradowski
Paper Tigers	Heidi Murphy
Paul Raines California Solid Color Cat Club	Andrea Bohren
Pawprints In The Sand	Peter Deal
Paws & Claws Cat Fanciers	Wendy Goldman
Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers	Wendy Goldman
Persian & Exotic Cat Club	Nancy Petersen
Phoenix Feline Fanciers	Suki Lee
Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers	John Randolph
Poinsettia City Cat Club	Linda Berg
Polaris (The)	Jennifer Bristol
Poppy State Cat Club	Heidi Murphy
Portland Cat Club	Carol Krzanowski
Puget Sound Cat Club	Linda L. Flanigan

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers	Anya Thurlow
Ragamuffin Cat Society	Charlene Campbell
Ragdolls Around the Globe	Lauren Tan
Rainbow Plumes	Teresa Land
Ramapo Cat Fanciers, Inc.	Sharon Powell
Rebel Rousers Cat Club	Karen Thomas
Responsible Cat Fanciers of the Northwest	Beth Feininger
Rocky Mountain Cat Fanciers	Tom Lukken
Rolandus Cat Club	Alice Rosol
Rome Cat Forum	Cynthia Lewis
Russian Blue Fanciers	Stephanie Grady
Sacred Cat of Burma Fanciers	Joann Brubacher
Saintly City Cat Club	Bobbie Weihrauch
San Diego Cat Fanciers	Carolyn L. Osier
Sanguine Silver Society	Mike Pena
Santa Clara Valley Cat Fanciers	Betty Haden
Santa Fe Trail Shorthair	Cathy Dinesen
Santa Monica Cat Club	Art Graafmans
Saudi Cat Club	Anne Mathis
Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance	Amy Haden
Seacoast Cat Club	Mary Myers
Seattle Cat Club	Kendall Smith
Sherwood Manx Club	Tuija Aaltonen
Shorthairs Unlimited	Betty Bridges
Show Me Cat Fanciers	Janet Moyer
Siam Blue-Eyed Cat Fanciers	Pattama Weeranon
Siamese Fanciers	Jennifer Deel
Sign of the Cat Fanciers	Karen J. Bishop
Siouxland Cat Fanciers	Jim Charles
Sophisto Cat Club	Pam DelaBar
Southeastern Michigan Cat Fanciers	Christina Makl
Southeastern Persian Society	Melanie Morgan
Southern Dixie Cat Club	Melanie Morgan
Southern Indiana Longhair Society	Lisa Mastin
Southwest Japanese Bobtail Fanciers	Jennifer Reding
Southwest Scottish Fold Fanciers	Victoria Nye
Sphynx Without Borders	Desiree Bobby
Stars & Stripes Tabby & Tortie	Sheryl Zink
Steinbeck Country Cat Club	Neil Quigley
Sun Pacific Cat Club	Sheri Shaffer
Sunkat Feline Fanciers	Victoria Nye
Sunshine Cat Club	Pauli Huhtaniemi
Superstition Cat Fanciers	Margaret Benzer
Swire Cat Fanciers' Club	Agnes Sun
Tabby Fanciers of America	Diana Rothermel
Tails and No Tales Cat Club	Jo Ann Cordes Brown
Takarazuka Cat Fanciers	Russell Law
Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc	Pennie Pendleton

Club Name	Delegate/Attendee
Texoma Cat Fanciers	Christine Fuge
Thai Smile Cat Club	Pattama Weeranon
Thumbs Up Cat Fanciers	Rachel Anger
Tigers Lair Feline Fanciers	Jim Charles
Titletown Cat Fanciers	Paula Haren
Tokyo Cat Fanciers	Wendy Klamm
Tonkinese Breed Association	Nancy Mikita
Tonkinese East	Loretta Baugh
Topeka Cat Fanciers	Allene Keating
Touch of Class Cat Fanciers	Nancy Dodds
Triple Crown Cat Fanciers	Brad Newcomb
Twin City Cat Fanciers	Kathie Hunt
UK Cat Fanciers	Ulrike Knueppel
Underground Gourmet Cat Fancy	Linda L. Flanigan
United Persian Society	Rich Mastin
United Singapura Society	Bethany Colilla
Utah Cat Fanciers	Erin Cutchen
Utah Purebred Cat Fanciers	Barbara M. Irie
Valley Empire Cat Fanciers	Merilee Griswold
Valley View Cat Fanciers	Charles T. Gradowski
Vermont Fancy Felines	Lorraine C. Rivard
Victor Valley Cat Club (The)	Darrell Newkirk
Vietnam Cat Club	Nguyen Kieu Ngoc
Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers	Edward Raymond
Warwick Valley Feline Fanciers	John Adelhoch
Wenatchee Valley Cat Club	Pam Moser
West Hills Cat Fanciers	Charlene Munro
West Shore Shorthair Club	George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
Western Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers	Ginger Meeker
Western Reserve Cat Club	Annette L. Wilson
Wild Rose Cat Club	Todd Moyer
Wildcatters Cat Club	Sheryl Zink
William Penn Cat Club	Carol Krzanowski
World Lykoi Association	Desiree Bobby
World Wide Feline Fanciers	Mary Auth
Worldwide European Burmese Society	Judith Bemis

Perkins: The quorum for this meeting will be established pursuant to the CFA Bylaws and 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 eligible member clubs, a quorum has been declared for the entirety of the meeting.

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

Mastin: Next, I need to appoint our Parliamentarian for this meeting. That is Shelly Perkins and I invite her up to go through the procedures.

(36) SPECIAL RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE.

President Mastin 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: I have some Special Rules of Parliamentary Procedure. Rich Mastin has mentioned earlier that we have 300 people registered. Our actual quorum needed was 265. Here are the Special Rules of Parliamentary Procedure. [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 the CFA, Inc., its Certificate of Incorporation, and applicable rules of law, and the Democratic Rules of America shall govern the proceedings of this meeting.*
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: We actually have passed out a flyer for you to see which outlines the quorum rules for this meeting and motion. It's important that you remain for all motions and engage in this voting process to help us with the quorum requirement for each motion. For this meeting to be held, the presence of the delegate or proxy from one-half of the number of clubs constitutes a quorum. The Credentials Committee has established that at 265. For motions to proceed, a quorum of 265 must be cast on each individual motion. Absentee votes choosing not to vote because of a conflict of interest to a specific motion is counted to meet that quorum. If a motion does not meet the quorum on the yes or no votes cast, then CFA President Rich Mastin will poll the floor to see if there were any absentee votes due to conflicts of interest. If a motion receives less than 265 total yes/no/absentee due to conflict votes, the motion fails and no further action

will be taken on the motion. For purposes of counting votes, only the total number of yes and no are actually counted for passage. Absentees of any kind are not counted for passing the motion. Passing of the motion is based either on an affirmative majority of more than 50% or 2/3, depending on the type of motion. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you Shelly.

(37) **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING.**

Eigenhauser moved. Carried.

Mastin: Next, we need to approve the minutes of the 2022 annual meeting. May I have a motion? **Eigenhauser:** So moved. **Mastin:** George Eigenhauser made the motion. Do I have a second? **Eigenhauser:** We don't need seconds. **Mastin:** Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously, thank you.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

(38) **2023 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CFA BYLAWS.**

Determination of a Quorum:

Number of CFA member clubs represented: 313

Number of votes for a simple majority: 157

Number of votes for a two-thirds majority: 209

*[**Secretary's Note:** The final delegate registration number was 314]

Mastin: Voting practice intro. We have a new method of counting delegate votes this year and electronic voting system. Hopefully all of you have watched the tutorial video by James Simbro from Central Office posted online and playing during delegate registration. You have all received your clickers assigned to the clubs you are representing. If you are voting for two clubs, you should have two clickers; one for each club. First, to wake up your clickers, press the button. You should see an icon in the top left of the LCD screen. Now, we'll do some practice questions to get all of us comfortable with this method of voting. James will display a voting screen.

[**Secretary's Note:** Images referred to in this section are not available, since they were run on the clicker software and weren't any part of a presentation program.] You can now see the first question on the screen. Keep in mind you can't vote until I open voting. When voting is open, you will see the *OPEN* indicator in green at the top of your screen and your clicker will indicate a flashing heart, which indicates it is ready to receive your vote. Voting is now open. Please cast your vote for the first question – A for yes; B for no. Your clicker displays 1 for yes and 2 for no.



Mastin: Question #1, *Is this your first annual?* Remember, press A for yes or B for no. After you click A or B, your clicker will say *OK*, indicating the receiver has received your vote. If you look at the screens up front, you will see boxes change color, indicating a vote has been received. James Simbro will answer any questions. Does anyone have any at this point? I see no

questions. We will now close the voting for Question #1. You will see the *CLOSED* indicator in red at the top of the screen when the vote tally is displayed. We're allowing a couple extra minutes here for any missing votes. We're still waiting for a few more, so any in the gray is obviously not voting. James, do you want to close the vote? Wow, we have 65 votes in for your first annual. That is fabulous. To all those who are here for the first time, be sure to ask a lot of questions. Feel free to ask anybody. We're here to address your questions.

Mastin: Voting is now open for Question #2, *Have you ever kissed a giraffe?* Remember, A for yes, B for no. Voting is now open. We'll have fun with this one, right? **Anger:** I'm sure someone will say yes. **Mastin:** I'm sure. OK, we're looking for 2 more votes. We had 301 on the last one. One last vote. There it is! Oh, we picked up an extra one. We have picked up 2 since I declared we had 300. James, let's close it. 48! That's great, congratulations. Please share the experience with all of us and let us know how that kiss was.

Mastin: OK, voting is open for #3, *Do you like this Arizona hot weather?* A for yes, B for no. **Anger:** Wow, that's very fast. **Mastin:** It is, isn't it? I don't have to scan the room and count hands. Well, we picked up two more delegates. We're up to 304. James, can we close this vote before we move on to the next one? 306 – it's almost even, great.

Mastin: Let's close this vote and open up Question #4, *Have you ever ridden a motorcycle?* Please cast your vote. Yes is A, and B is for no. OK, we're going to close this vote so we can explain what's happening here. As you notice – James, close it down [voting is intentionally closed with only a partial response]. Shelly, would you come up here and just explain what happened with the 262 votes? **Perkins:** OK, if we don't get enough votes, this motion fails even though it has a majority or a 2/3, then it would fail because it didn't get enough votes. So, that was a sample to show you what happens if we don't get enough votes before it closes, so you have to be fast and make sure you get enough votes quickly and timely, and not leave the meeting. **Mastin:** Thank you. OK, real quick, does anybody remember how many votes we need to have? [265] Correct, 265.

Mastin: We only have two more practice questions and then we're going to move on. In moving on, I'm going to bring Shelly up again because we have a change in how many are voting. OK, Question #5, *Do you have a tattoo of a cat?* Please cast your vote. Voting results, 23 yes, 277 no. James, let's close the vote.

Mastin: The last question, *Do you like frogs?* I have nothing against frogs. OK James, let's close the vote. 209 yes, 82 no. OK, very good. **[unidentified speaker]:** Rich, I voted and it didn't show up. I'm club #181. I did change my vote. I voted wrong and changed it. **Anger:** I'm 181. **Mastin:** Are you sure you are 181? What number are you? Is it up there? **[unidentified speaker]:** Sorry about that, Rachel. **Mastin:** Thanks Rachel. You just solved that.

Mastin: OK, before we move on to the next item on the agenda, which is Proposed Amendments to the CFA Bylaws, I need to bring Shelly back up here to explain what happens with the vote as the total number changes that exceeds the required 265. **Perkins:** As you have seen as we have gone along, we had more people register so at this point we have 313 registered delegates that have received their clicker. So, at this point our majority is now 157 and our 2/3 is 209. So, you will see we may update those numbers as people register and that actually changes

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Proposed Amendments to the CFA Bylaws

Mastin: The next Order of Business is to do the proposed amendments to the CFA Bylaws. A number of these are presented by the CFA Executive Board. I have board members coming up that will present each of the amendments.

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

Section 4 – Regional Assignment

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reorganized outside the current assigned region, have conducted activities outside the current assigned region, and the secretary also resides outside the current assigned region, may petition the board to be assigned to the new region.

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

Mastin: The first presenter is Rachel Anger. I'm sorry, the first presenter is Russell Webb, our Vice President. Sorry, Rachel. **Anger:** Russell and I get confused for each other all the time. **Webb:** This is a resolved from the Executive Board on Section 4 – Regional Assignments. They put in *primary residence address. If at any time the secretary's primary residence address moves outside of the region, the secretary must inform Central Office of the secretary's new primary residence address.* The rationale on this is [reads]. **Mastin:** Thank you Russell. Do we have any comments or questions? Seeing no comments or questions, we are going to open the vote. Please cast your vote. [voting takes place] OK, we will close the vote. James, please close. We have 277 yes votes, 29 no votes. Motion passes.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 1	277	29	--	306
313 Delegates Registered				

Carried.

Mastin: I just want to point out, we are making CFA history. That was the first vote done electronically. [applause]

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

ARTICLE IV — ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1 – Annual Meetings

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

Midwest, Southern, North Atlantic, Northwest, Gulf Shore, Great Lakes, Southwest, Midwest, Southern. For the purpose of the Annual Meeting location, the regions are divided into three (3) areas: East (Regions 1, 4 and 7), Central (Regions 3 and 6) and West (Regions 2 and 5). No specific rotation within the areas is required other than the meeting must take place at least once in each of the three (3) areas every seven (7) years. The meeting may be held consecutively in one location for more than one year.

~~There shall be no change in the order of rotation, and each time an Annual Meeting shall have been held in each of the seven Regions, the order of rotation shall thereafter be repeated. A location city within the eligible Region shall be chosen for the Annual Meeting to be held five years hence and announced to the delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Association. Electronic or written notice of the time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be made to member clubs by the Central Office not less than forty (40) nor more than fifty (50) days prior to the opening day of the meeting.~~

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

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

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

Mastin: Our next amendment will be presented by Kathy Calhoun, our CFA Treasurer.
Calhoun: You can just imagine how small the print is. Resolved, [reads]. Rationale, [reads].

There's a reason why they have the Treasurer present this. We have a very positive Treasurer's Report coming up, but we have headwinds that we have to address relative to cost – the cost of rooms, the cost of facilities, the whole entire production of putting on an annual. We need to figure out ways in our organization to minimize costs but still provide an excellent experience. To that, when we have the negotiating power of leverage when discussing with venues, maybe a two-year contract as opposed to a one-year contract, our bargaining power is increased. Here's an example. Let's say George, he is going to go to the car dealership and he is going to buy a car and he is just going to say, "I'm here today and I want to buy this car. What kind of deal are you going to give me?" "I'm going to give you like 3%." George goes home with a car. Nancy on the other hand, she comes up to the same sales guy and she says, "I'm going to buy a car from you this year and I'm going to come back next year and I'm going to buy another car." Do you think she might get more than 3%? How many people think so? Yeah? We don't need a clicker for that one, right? Alright, so please support this. Thank you.

Mastin: Thank you Kathy. I invite anybody to come up with questions or comments. As you do, please state your name and the clubs you are representing. I'm going to start at microphone #2, Darrell Newkirk. **Darrell Newkirk [Beverly Hills Cat Club, Victor Valley Cat Club]:** I am not in support of this. The concept that Kathy gave is very good, OK, but if you're going to limit the central and the west having an annual once every 7 years, so that's 2 west of the Mississippi ever 7 years. This organization over the years has been moving toward the east coast. I realize that, and I understand things are more expensive out there. We have a lot of people in this organization that won't get on an airplane and fly. There's people that take trains all the way across the United States. That's very expensive, and if there was some way to guarantee some equity, which we talk a lot about these days, and making sure that every region is represented equally and fairly, then I would support this, but that's not what we get. We get an unintended consequence for us that live out here in the west and people that live in central, so I won't support this. **Mastin:** I'm going to alternate microphones to make things easier, unless there is a number of people lined up. I'm going to go to microphone #1. **Nancy Petersen [Long and Short of It Cat Club; Persian & Exotic Cat Club]:** I wonder how this will affect the regions in terms of support and financially. If it happens to locate in one region for two years, does that region have all the local support and cost for two years? **Mastin:** Thank you for your comments. **Dennis Ganoë [For The Love of Cats Cat Fanciers; LaPerm Society of America]:** This proposal will remove the annual rotation among the seven North American regions and replace it with three areas. The rotation would be set up once per area every seven years. It would further allow the annual to be located in the same place for multiple years, purportedly to reduce the cost to CFA. Let's set aside the existing disparity and not even considering the non-North American regions in this rotation, and focus on what's actually happening. The western parts of CFA are being incrementally removed from the running of CFA. A few years ago, the changes made to have Central Office manage the Annual and have CFA bear the brunt of costs, instead of each region independently. This did not require a change to the constitution. OK said the membership, that's less costly to the regions. Nearly concurrent with that change, the selection of the annual meeting site was delegated to Central Office staff and Helms Briscoe. Well OK said the membership, since they are paying for it, they should have a say where it's held. Now the board wants to change the constitution so the regions are no longer assured to have a local annual. The deception is to tell us it's to save money. Hogwash! If you really wanted to save money, you would send the responsibility of running the annual back to the regions and saving CFA the entire cost. What this really means is a slow erosion of

regional input into the running of CFA; specifically, the western regions. It may be a little thing to many of you, but it is a big deal to us. Local member clubs are losing control by a thousand little cuts. My second point is this; the proposal favors the east over the west. Should this pass, it's almost certainly going to be that most of the annual meetings will be held in the eastern part of the U.S. Two of the three regions are east of the Rocky Mountains. We only have to look at the International Show to see evidence of east coast bias in scheduling CFA events. Why should only those of us who live in the west have to travel great distances at considerably more cost to attend CFA events? This proposal ensures west coast participation, already more expensive than east coast participation, will get even more expensive. The more expensive it is, the less likely we are to participate – but maybe that's why this is designed. In the west there are two regions. This proposal would require CFA to hold the annual meeting in one of those regions every 7 years. That is reduction in the number of times these regions would have a local annual from 2 times every 7 years to once every 7 years. Yeah sure, it could be held multiple times in a row but let's face it; people on the east don't like traveling west, yet they expect westerners to travel east. Remember that this is the same, whether you are going west to east or east to west. Now, for my region, the Northwest Region, the more attractive sites to hold an annual meeting are in the bigger cities and tourist destinations. None of them are in the Pacific Northwest. This proposal severely limits the probability of ever having an annual meeting in the Pacific Northwest. The closest we will get to having a local annual is if it happens to end up in northern California. It probably will never be in Portland, Seattle or Salt Lake City. The presence of the annual business meeting locally allows and encourages those who may not have the wherewithal to travel to participate without breaking the bank, if only for one year. How many significant contributions are we going to eliminate before the entire enterprise falls down? This proposal is another slip down the slope to irrelevance of the west. I urge delegates to vote no and preserve local participation of CFA events. **LeAnn Rupy [Lincoln State Cat Club]:** I understand the board's position, but I also understand what Darrell and Dennis just said. I think that every stakeholder in this organization should have an opportunity to attend this meeting. When I mentor someone, the very first year I work with them I try to drive into the annual that this is where policy is made and they need to see it. If you take it away from the regions, you are taking that opportunity away from a lot of people. The new exhibitors aren't going to fly to the DC area, they're not going to fly to each coast if they are new. It just doesn't happen. Very rarely do you get the exhibitor who wants to travel that far. The cost – I understand [inaudible] determined the cost – everything is so much more expensive now. Using the car analogy, if you're going to buy a fleet of cars, we don't go to the local Ford dealer and tell them we want to buy a fleet of cars, we go to the corporate office of Ford and tell them we want to buy a fleet of cars. So, why are we negotiating with local hotels, rather than going to Marriott and saying, "hey Marriott, we do this every year across the country. Can we secure a contract with Marriott in different cities across the country?" It's a different solution, so maybe we can look at different solutions to this problem, rather than leaving out individual regions. **Laurie Coughlan [GEMS; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** As someone who has gone to annuals for 23 years, regardless of their location, I can say that if the pricing of the hotels and the food and the drink reaches \$300 a room, it doesn't really matter that much where the annual is. You are pricing people out of the event entirely. This proposal, which I support, offers the option to do this negotiating and this moving. It doesn't mean that the board is not, first and foremost, going to try to maintain that rotation. I sense in the room a feeling that there's a plot afoot to move everything east, and that's not necessarily what I'm perceiving. I would like to give our elected officers, directors at large,

etc., the benefit of the doubt that we picked good people and they will try to be fair. They can try to go for a rotation as we have done in the past and if it's not financially possible, I would like them to have the option to negotiate and flex a little bit to get the job done. Thank you. **Ed Raymond [Hallmark Cat Club; Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers]:** In my day job, one of the things I have been responsible for over the years is negotiating and running a conference for 2,000 lawyers and I routinely negotiate 5-year contracts with hotels to do that, because that's how I get the best rates. Usually two years in, I renegotiate the contract and ask for more gimmes by adding a couple more years to the contract. That's just how this industry works. From a business perspective, I urge you to support this. Thank you.

Mastin: Kathy, will you come up and make some closing statements? **Calhoun:** Thank you. I want to have people rest assured that there is no plan or plot to remove events from the west coast. That is the furthest from the truth. That does not exist. That's not what CFA is all about. That's what none of us is all about. So, we should set that aside. There will be a concerted effort to make sure that the annual events are held in all parts of the country. You can rest assured of that, as well, but we do need to ensure or try our best that we don't price our delegates, our award winners, our fanciers out of the market. So, we are just looking for an opportunity to be able to leverage our numbers to make that happen. Now, with the analogy of going to a Marriott or a Hilton, that's very good. That's a great idea. If we're talking to Marriott about one event a year, that's probably not going to make a big dent in their decision making, but if we're talking to the local hotel manager and sales people where they have some ability to leverage their pricing or give you more gimmes or free opportunities, that's where – we're not big enough to go to Marriott I believe, but we're certainly big enough to have a serious conversation with a sales manager in a specific location. That all set aside, let's dismiss the thought that we're trying to write off the west coast. That's not healthy for us so let's not go there and hopefully we can support this amendment. Thank you. **Mastin:** Normally I don't make too many comments during motions, but I'll keep this brief. I just want to remind all the delegates, CFA is not an east/west, east of the Rockies or Mississippi/West of the Rockies organization. We have a number of delegates from overseas each and every year. Half of CFA's business is globally, not here domestically. Therefore, we need to keep those individuals and those clubs in mind when we vote on this. Is it fair to them that all the meetings are here in the United States? They don't care if it's east or west. At this point in time I'm going to open up the vote. Please cast your vote. [voting takes place] OK James, do you want to close the vote? We have 306 – 142 yes, 164 no. The motion fails.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 2	142	164	--	306
313 Delegates Registered				

Failed.

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

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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

RATIONALE: To declare for the office of Regional Director, the general understanding is that a candidate declaring for this office must live within the region; yet, there doesn't appear to be anything in the By-Laws which clearly states this. Section "c. Candidates", addresses being a member of a club assigned to the region. However, someone could belong to a club assigned to Region 7, yet live in Region 1. This could be interpreted to mean they can declare for Region 7 Regional Director even though they reside in Region 1.

Mastin: The next presenter of the next amendment is CFA Secretary Rachel Anger.
Anger: How about a nice short and sweet one? Resolved, [reads]. Rationale, [reads]. **Mastin:** Thank you Rachel. Do we have any questions or comments? Seeing no questions or comments, we are going to open the amendment for a vote. Please cast your vote. [voting takes place] OK James, please close the voting. We have 305 total votes, 295 yes, 10 no. The motion passes.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 3	295	10	--	305
313 Delegates Registered				

Carried.

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

Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, ~~Luxemburg, Luxembourg~~, Macedonia, Malta, Monaco, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, ~~Russia~~, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

RATIONALE: The country of Luxembourg is now spelled correctly.

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

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

Mastin: Our next presenter is past President and Regional Director Pam DelaBar.

DelaBar: I have to look at them all the time so I'm going to turn around and look at you all. One, Region 9, specifically Finland, would like to invite you all to come to an annual meeting sometime. We have great saunas in Finland, we have really good food and you can have a lot of fun if you came to Europe for an annual meeting. But perhaps not now. Resolved, [reads]. One of the changes was adopting the spelling of Luxembourg to be the same as the U.S. Department of State spells Luxembourg. The other change is removing Russia from the list. Rationale, [reads]. Currently, Russian CFA clubs can put on shows for Russian exhibitors using Russian judges. We have two Russian CFA judges and as with the ID, Region 9 also has the ability to have up to 50% guest judges. So, right now they could put on 4 ring shows. The proposed amendment will allow Russia to be placed in the International Division where the breeders and fanciers can earn divisional wins and possibly national wins. The board will enact the necessary show rule changes to implement this amendment, should it pass. In the meantime, pray for peace.

Mastin: Thank you Pam. Please come up to address your questions and comments.

Darrell Newkirk [Beverly Hills Cat Club; Victor Valley Cat Club]: This amendment is sort of personal for me because when Pam DelaBar got elected President of this organization, she appointed me Chair of the International Division. My goal through that time was to make Europe a region of this organization. I worked my ass off for about 4 years to get the clubs up to snuff and following our rules. When we presented that amendment to the delegation, it passed. I never expected it to pass because usually things that big don't pass on the first time, but it was overwhelmingly received. There were conflicts within the clubs in Europe. I won't mention any names, but the usual suspects didn't want Russia and Ukraine in Region 9, but I talked with them and we stuck to our guns and we did it. I don't believe this organization – whatever we do as far as this war that Russia started, the Ukrainians didn't start it – Pam, I'm with you. I pray every

day that this gets over with. The war will end at some point in time. If we reassign – I'll use Pam's words – reassign Russia to the International Division and this war gets over with next week and we pass this, then we've got to wait a year to try to undo the bylaw amendment, because to kick them out takes an amendment, to put them back in takes an amendment. As yourself what good does it do CFA to put Russia in the International Division? I just makes no sense to me. If they have a show there, they will get ID points or they will get regional points. They're going to get points one way or the other. It's not an advantage for them. Elena Kalinina who has Chatte Noir, in the note she sent to Pam that Pam shared on FaceBook, she wants Russia to be a region. Well, we're not going to give Russia a region with one show-producing club. That's what I told Pam. Please don't vote for this. This disenfranchises at least 70 breeders over there. We have falling registrations over there like we have in a lot of other areas of CFA. We need all the registrations and all the support we can get. We don't need to disenfranchise our Russian breeders. Period. Mike drop. **Dennis Ganoe [For The Love of Cats Cat Fanciers; LaPerm Society of America]:** I have some questions about the nebulous concept in the proposal about changes of show rules. I'm not certain how we would have what would be the points they would change to, would they still do 200 for a grand, 75 for premiership grand? I don't know how to vote on this because I don't know what those show rule changes would be, so I'm hoping for clarification. **Jacqui Bennett [Oicats International; Pacific Rim Allbreed Cat Fanciers]:** My club has several concerns on this. The first, no Russian club sponsored this amendment. The Russian clubs have not asked for this, they did not put it up. Do we really want our executive board selecting winners and losers as to who is going to be in a region, with no representation from those individuals. Two, undoubtedly the emotions run high right now. Russia instigated a war. Segregation does not heal. If you disenfranchise Russia, you are doing nothing to bring our fanciers back together. We cannot support this. **Vivian Baylor [Carolina Sophisticats; National Alliance of Burmese Breeders]:** I happen to have a dissenting voice in that I do support this resolution. Part of the reason why is because I don't see that we're disenfranchising them by moving them to another part of CFA, so that's one. Number two is that, admittedly I'm old but I cannot ever foresee in the rest of my lifetime ever going back to Moscow. If I can't show in one of our regions, and I am part of Regions 1-9, if I can't go to that country and show comfortably and safely, then I don't see a validity to them being part of that Region 1-9 umbrella. **Lucy Drury [Midwest TGIF Fanciers]:** I am also a breeder of Siberian cats. I've been to Moscow. I have friends and breeders in Russia and Ukraine. I cannot support this amendment. The comradery among many Russian breeders and Ukrainian breeders is real. As someone else pointed out, they have not asked to be removed from Region 9. Russia is part of Europe. This war, as Darrell said, will not last forever and what do we do then when we have kicked them out? I see absolutely no reason for this. Our Siberian breed winner was a member of the Russian Federation two years ago, I think. I cannot see these cats and these breeders not being able to compete as part of the European Region. Thank you. **Leslie Ann Carr [Classy Cats Society]:** I'll be the first to admit that I have never shown in Region 9 in Europe. I have never shown in Region 8 either. Region 8 has quarantine requirements that most people here can't get by; they can't come here. My main objection to this though is that we keep hearing, we should listen to the wishes of the members of CFA and go by that, and that the board should be following that. I have not seen where Region 9 as a whole or the Russian exhibitors and members as a whole have come and said, "this is what we want". I also haven't heard the International Division or anybody from there say, "we want Russia to become part of the International Division." That's the second part of this. It's not just removing one country from

Europe, it's moving it into an entirely different division. The ability to move people from one area to the other is an issue, and that issue still remains today as a result of COVID. We had problems with some of the oriental countries. I'm not sure exactly of all of them, but I know Hong Kong has had issues, China has had issues that are remaining from COVID and we didn't make any show rules or change anybody around simply because COVID existed and because of COVID things weren't able to be done the way that they were before. Judges could not go over there. We didn't move them, so why are you looking at doing something when the people that are affected have not requested this? I can't support this. **Alice Rosol [German Phoenix - Cat Friends Europe; Rolandus Cat Club]:** I could also give you a message of Kalinina from the Chatte Noir club, but I couldn't carry three votes. Rolandus is Olga Rakitnyh and she will not support the amendment. She says Russia has to stay with us. I have her speech here, sorry. She is asking, "where was the CFA club in Europe? Where was the first show? I personally got to know CFA in Moscow. I clerked there. We liked it and in 1998 we were given the club CFA Rolandus." So, this is her opinion on it and of Rolandus and also of the judges and breeders. Also from the Russian side I can say that the breeders and exhibitors want to stay. They are thinking maybe it will becoming their own region. I think that would be great. I don't know if it's possible. She doesn't know if we are not so used to the bylaws, but maybe the board can think about it. I know my friends in the ID Division, they said, "nobody ever asked us if we want this." Also, the Russian breeders don't want to belong to the ID Division. Thank you. **Pat Jacobberger [Abyssinian Midwest Breeders]:** I have a question for our attorney. Does it really take an amendment to the constitution to correct a misspelled word? **Perkins:** Yes. The answer is yes. **Mastin:** Shelly says the answer is yes. Unfortunately. **Anya Thurlow [China Scenery Cat Fanciers' Club; Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers]:** This is my first season in CFA. I have family in Ukraine. My heritage is Ukrainian and I am against this amendment. I do not feel we should punish a whole country for the actions of one person. I feel like this is exactly what this is doing. I think this amendment is actually problematic. It's discouraging to see the bias as a whole and lack of diversity that is being shown here and I just think we should all be a little more accepting of each other.

Mastin: Pam, do you have closing arguments? **DelaBar:** I had hoped that more of you would be aware of the sanctions that the UN, the U.S. and the EU (European Union) have placed upon Russia. Last year, in 2021-2022, our best cat in Region 9 was from Russia. She did not get to come to pick up her award because she couldn't. The banking system has been frozen. Registrations are down because people cannot get money to pay for these registrations. Where Russia usually has over 1,000 registrations a year, so far they have 165. They can't get the money out because the SWIFT system is frozen. No Russian aircraft can fly over Europe. Borders are closed. Those of us from Finland live approximately 200 miles from the Russian border. I had a three-year business visa with Russia, an expensive business visa which I cannot use. The Russians cannot get visas to come into the [inaudible] area of Europe, or anywhere else in Europe. We cannot get visas to go into Russia. A region should be open to all. Dennis, the show rules were already written up and were addressed yesterday very quickly at the board meeting. I do have copies of those if you are interested in seeing them. Chatte Noir, the show-producing club, was the one who came to me and said, "we should look at being separate," so the Russians did ask. As a matter of fact, I have, *Dear Pam DelaBar: The breeders of CFA Russia are contacting you. We appreciate your trust and support. Thank you for trying to keep the CFA movement in Russia. It is important for us that CFA shows continue in our country. The only active Chatte Noir CFA club continues to maintain the work of the CFA in Russia. The territory*

of the country is huge and breeders travel long distances to attend a CFA show. In modern restrictions, a cat will not receive the title of CH CFA for one show, which does not add to the desire of breeders to go to the CFA exhibitions. We ask you to find a solution, under the conditions of sanctions and restrictions, to hold a CFA show in Russia, in the format of 4 rings-Championship, 75 gr/p for GC, 25 gr/p for GP. We also ask you to consider the possibility of a separate rating of the season for Russia. This will encourage breeders to show their cats at the CFA show in Russia. We really want to keep CFA in Russia, but it is impossible without your support. We attach a list of CFA breeders of Russia who support this appeal.” I have 79 breeders who have signed on to this letter. I received another letter, and I’m giving you the facts as far as the sanctions of why we don’t have a full region. It would be like saying California can no longer come into Arizona, or Massachusetts cannot go to another part of the region like New York. From Cat Club Sherry, which is our other active club in the Ukraine, *According to the situation with Russian aggression and war between Russia and Ukraine, we want to ask you to separate Russia and Ukrainian breeders at exhibitions in Ukraine and Europe. It happened just because a lot of Russian breeders support the man and Russian war crimes in Ukraine, especially missile attacks against civilian people. They feel happiness when they see these horrible crimes against old people, children, women. In the past we were friends and went a lot of times to Moscow. We were then Kiev, but after 24-02-2022 they showed the real faces and the real relation to the Ukrainian people and their approval to nuclear missile attack on capitols in Europe and U.S. According to this, we can’t be at the same exhibition for 50 years. At least it caused a really big conflict. We ask you to transfer all Russian breeders to another region, as it helps to cope with this horrible situation in the future and avoid conflicts and scandals at exhibitions. With hope for your support, Ukrainian Breeders.* There were 28 of them signing this letter. What we have are the facts, but there’s another side to this, too, and that’s the emotional side. There’s some things that you all need to know, one of which you all have been very good in making donations to the Breeder Assistance Program to where we have been able to get food and supplies into Ukrainian breeders so they can try to keep their cats alive. Ukrainian breeders and their cats have been killed by missiles and the attacks. We have two CFA judges in Ukraine. Olga Grebneva, who has I know judged for Garden State. Her mother was 7 years older than I am, evacuated to a shelter with no heat, no water, no food, for over a week and our CFA judge Olga Grebneva’s mother died. We had last September a Siberian breeder from Ukraine come with her son to our show in Belgium. She was keeping her son who was an older teen – her son and her cats in Belgium, and she said, “my cats and my son will be safe; I must go back to Kharkiv.” Surely you have heard of Kharkiv in the news. I said, “why are you going back to Kharkiv?” She said, “I’m a doctor and I am needed.” We have worked with other associations – FIFe and WCF in particular. This has been one of the positive things that has come out of this horrible tragedy. It will take years for the infrastructure of the Ukraine to build back up to where we can see a lot of activity in the cat fancies within Ukraine. I hope that the emotions can heal as quickly as the infrastructure will come back, but one of the problems – I can tell you right now, I was called a “queer Nazi” because I lived outside of Russia. I also want you to know that I also told them that I vehemently oppose being called a Nazi. Some of you got it. We ask for this – I read you the messages – for some peace and for some continuity in our region. We can’t have this with, we’re not a complete region when we cannot go to all parts of our region. I thank you for your consideration. **Mastin:** Thank you Pam. We are going to open the amendment for a vote. Please cast your vote. [voting takes place] OK, please close the vote. The results for the vote, 306. Yes 82, no 224. The amendment fails.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 4	82	224	--	306
314 Delegates Registered				

Failed.

Mastin: Another change in the agenda. It is 11 a.m. We are going to take our 15 minute break and return at 11:15.

BREAK.

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

MEMBERSHIP

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

Mastin: Let's start returning back to our seats. We do have one more amendment that has to be voted on. Charlene Campbell in the back of the room is selling raffle tickets. She will do the drawing at the end of the meeting, at the end of the day. The second announcement is the change in the lunch break. It will be 1 p.m. to 2:15. We are roughly 40 minutes behind schedule. Our next presenter for the amendment is Director at Large Annette Wilson. **Annette Wilson [Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club; Western Reserve Cat Club]:** Resolution #5 is [reads]. I'm not going to read the entire thing. We're removing the optional two-year membership due to the complexity of administration and we are removing the words *for any given year will not be accepted after August 1 of that year*. I apologize that there is no rationale here, so I will read the rationale. **RATIONALE:** *Newer breeders are often excited about qualifying for breed council membership. Currently they must wait until May 1st to become a breed council member. The change above will permit Central Office and/or the board to set a different policy for membership application with the caveat that only those who join by August 1st may vote. The application form will be changed to clarify membership term and voting membership deadlines.* I have brought this up several times at the Breed Council Secretaries' meeting with the board and there has been positive feedback about it, so this is our opportunity to welcome breeders who are wanting to join the breed council as soon as they qualify, to participate in the activities of the breed council, to have a voice heard even if they aren't able to vote until the following year. Thank you.

Carissa Altschul [Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Land of Oz Cat Club]: I'm also the Persian Breed Council Secretary, which is the largest breed council in CFA. I appreciate removing the two year membership, because it has been so confusing and there has just been no way that I can make [inaudible] my membership. I can't even get a correct membership from the previous year from Central Office because I need to personally email people. Like, "hey, you need to renew your membership." I can't get a correct membership with this two year thing, which is great, but I also reach out to people about, "hey, you need to vote, the deadline is coming up." I have very little faith that we are going to have a correct membership list of who can vote and who can't vote and who I'm supposed to reach out to, and it's going to create a lot of confusion and consternation among people who want to join the breed councils. We have a three month period where people can join. I believe that is adequate and I'm very concerned

about adding another level of confusion with the breed council membership and what you are allowed to do and not allowed to do, and it's going to make people just not want to join because they're like, "I paid my money, now I don't get to vote?" I think that's going to create a problem, so I'm in favor of it. **Melanie Morgan [Southeastern Persian Society; Southern Dixie Cat Club]:** I have faith in Central Office and faith in our new breeders that they can figure the system out. **Mastin:** Excuse me. **Morgan:** Oh, introduce myself? **Mastin:** Yes please. **Morgan:** Melanie Morgan, Southern Dixie Cat Club, Southeastern Persian Society. Again, I have faith in our breeders and Central Office. I'm really happy that the board has brought this up. The request keeps coming up, and I think that's because it's a really real issue here. I can speak to this as a breeder, as a breed council secretary for almost 15 years, and as a mentor. When I talk about mentor, we're talking about the fact that I have brought in a ton of new breeders and I find that they get very, very disappointed when they have met the requirements to become a breed council member and they are told, "oh no, you need to wait 6 months or 7 months." The current system really is confusing to those new breeders. It has frustrated them because they're excited about meeting those requirements and they want to join. They want to be part of something and they are told, "no, no, you need to wait." That delay can be substantial, depending on the timing. By the time they are able to join, many times the excitement has waned and they are like, "yeah, whatever, I have moved on," which is a shame. We should be encouraging membership in our breed councils, which frankly have had a precipitous decrease in membership lately. We should be doing everything we can to encourage that. We should be making things inviting. We shouldn't be creating barriers to entry. We will lose an opportunity to get their participation and will delay their process. This is an instant gratification culture and we need to accept that and address our systems accordingly. Needless to say, I strongly support this and I thank Annette and the board for bringing it up. We keep bringing it up in our Breed Council Secretaries' meeting with the board year after year after year. The reason we keep bringing it up is, we keep hearing from our new breeders that this is something they really, really like. Thank you. **Iris Zinck [Buccaneers Cat Fanciers; New England Meow Outfit]:** And Siberian Breed Council Secretary. I would like to echo everything that Melanie said. She said most of what I was going to say. What I would like to add is, for those of us who are working very hard to grow our breed council, this amendment would, as Melanie said, allow for the immediate gratification of somebody who has just qualified for the breed council to be able to move forward and become active immediately and allow us to strike while the iron is hot and grow our breed councils, so I urge you to support this. **Stephanie Grady [Russian Blue Fanciers]:** I'm a breed council member. I usually have way too many words and this is the first time I have done this, but I see this as being inclusive, which we need to do, and also simplify it.

Mastin: Annette, closing statement? **Annette Wilson [Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club; Western Reserve Cat Club]:** Thank you. Do I have to introduce myself again? Yes? Annette Wilson, Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club; Western Reserve Cat Club. I appreciate the input and for those who are concerned about different statuses, we already have different statuses. We're removing the two-year thing to make this simplified. I have great faith that we will be able to come up with a system that will work that will allow Breed Council Secretaries to know who is active in their breed council and when their breed council membership expires. I think that this is a way to welcome new people. I don't think that new people join the breed council because they want to vote on something right away. As anybody knows who attends the Breed Council Secretaries' meeting with the board, we're not there to change standards and have proposals every year, we're there to protect and guide our breeds. That's the message we need to get out to

new breeders. The reason to join a breed council is to participate with people who are breeding cats seriously and who want to protect the standards of the breeds. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you Annette. We are going to open the motion to vote. [voting takes place] I have been asked to give a count down. You have 15 seconds to cast your vote. James, close the vote. Total vote, 308. Yes 268, no 40. Motion passes.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 5	268	40	--	308
314 Delegates Registered				

Carried.

(39) BOARD MEMBER SERVICE AWARDS.

Mastin: Next on the agenda is the Board Member Service Awards. **Webb:** It is my honor to award the 10 year Service Award to our President, Richard Mastin.

10 Years
Richard Mastin

Webb: Rich will now present the balance of the Service Awards. **Mastin:** Russell, thank you. Our next Service Award, 5 years, Kenny Currle.

5 Years
Kenny Currle

Mastin: Our next service award, Melanie Morgan, 5 years.

5 Years
Melanie Morgan

Mastin: Our next service award, Mike Shelton, 5 years.

5 Years
Michael Shelton

(40) TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mastin: Our next presenter, presenting the Treasurer's Report, Treasurer Kathy Calhoun.
Calhoun: Good morning again. I'm back. So, I hope everyone takes a moment, even if you've just view from inside the hotel to really enjoy the landscape around this facility. Oh my gosh, this is just awesome. When I was coming in with an Uber, I was like, "I'm not in Chicago anymore. We don't have mountains, we don't have cactus." Well, wait a minute, I had a cactus once on the deck and I killed it. Anyway, enough of that.

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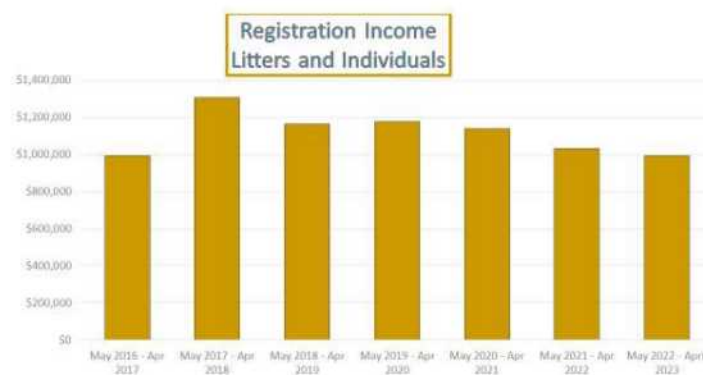
CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION Treasurer's Report

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Calhoun: So, I'm pleased to provide the Treasurer's Report focusing on CFA's financials.

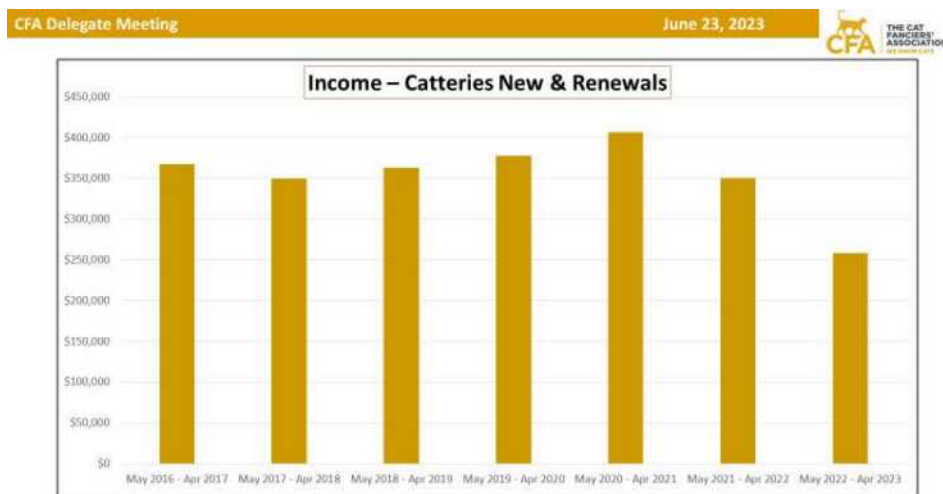
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Calhoun: This slide focuses on income from registration of litters and individuals. As you can see, there has been a slight decline over the past three seasons, but if you look at the trends over the past seven seasons, a few interesting facts jump out. In 2017-2018, it was the season that this category's revenue was at its highest. During that period, there was significant growth in the ID Division, particularly in China. In the next two seasons, the revenue declined but was stable. Then, along came COVID and the global markets were impacted, as was CFA.

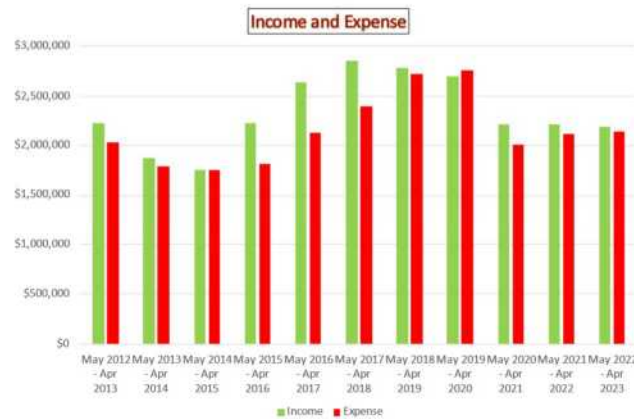
This past season we returned to the level we experienced in the 2016-2017 season. That being said, we need to continue to focus on increasing registration globally.



Calhoun: This slide shows a significant increase in catteries in the 2020-2021 season, but now we are seeing a decline. There are probably a number of reasons behind that decline. There are competing interests, but one of the primary factors I believe is that we are not attracting new people to the fancy. This needs to be addressed, and we're hoping to do something in that area with some of our new people, getting people together, reaching out in social media. Our new marketing campaign, we hope to address this and see our catteries continue to grow.



Calhoun: This next slide depicts show sponsorship expenses. As you can see in the 2020-2021 season, the amount of show sponsorships awarded was dramatically lower because of the lack of shows being held at the beginning of the pandemic. Subsequent to that, our show sponsorship awards have continued to increase.



Calhoun: Income and Expense. This slide captures income and expense for a number of seasons. As you can see, the past three seasons income has decreased but so have our expenses. We have done a really good job on keeping a watchful eye and balancing our budgets, spending no more than we make.

Investment Performance 2017 through 2023

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
May 2022 - Apr 2023	-\$2,119	\$216,092

Calhoun: This next slide captures performance of our investments from 2017 through 2023. I will focus on the last two seasons. As you can see, 2021-2022 there was a significant loss, but that was driven by the volatility of the entire market driven by the pandemic, and the Ukraine-Russia war. The good news is that markets are definitely on the rebound. Although we lost a bit of money in our investments this past season of \$2,000 we continue to see improvements and, as I said, the market is rebounding which is good news for everybody in this room.



Net Operating Income – Expense + Other Income ~ \$49,988

Depreciation Expense/Amortized Costs ~ \$134,517

Net Income ~ -\$84,528

Calhoun: So, here is a summary. Income from core operations came to about \$2,154,000. Expenses from core operations came in about \$2,142,000. Income from non-core activities such as interest, rental and unrealized capital gains came in at \$38,000. The result is a net income positive of \$50,000 and we also had some depreciation expense in the amount of \$135,000. Overall, I would say that CFA had a very good year.



Budget Committee
 Rich Mastin
 Allene Tartaglia
 Mathew Wong

Robert Tablack CPA

Thank You!!

Calhoun: With that, I would like to thank our Budget Committee. I don't know if people are aware, but the Budget Committee meets every month. Those meetings are generally scheduled for an hour and a half, but they quite often go way beyond that. We scrutinize every single category, so I want to take this opportunity to thank our Budget Committee members and President Rich Mastin. Thank you. Allene, thank you. Matthew Wong, where are you? Stand up. Matthew calls into these meetings in the middle of the night and he is an active participant. We're really fortunate to have him. We also have our accountant who is not here, Bob. I want to give him a shout out. He has been a real asset to our Committee. Thank you Bob.



Calhoun: So, ending this, we're going to see you in Coralville at the next Annual, right? Now, here's the commercial. In the back of the room somewhere there is a table. Wave table people. There's a raffle. Oh my gosh, the raffle is awesome. You've got to get into that. You've got to get into that raffle. There are buttons and there's a big one. You can get this big pin. It's gorgeous and they're running out, so hurry up and get one. Thank you very much.

Mastin: Before I make the next introduction, I have another announcement. This came through Cyndy Byrd from the CFA Breeder Assistance Program. *Did you donate to support Breeder Assistance to Ukraine? Please visit our table in the back of the meeting room to receive a small token of our appreciation. We would have listed your names but there are lots of you. Thank you all.*

(41) **MARKETING REPORT.**

Mastin: Our next presenter is Desiree Bobby doing the Marketing Report.



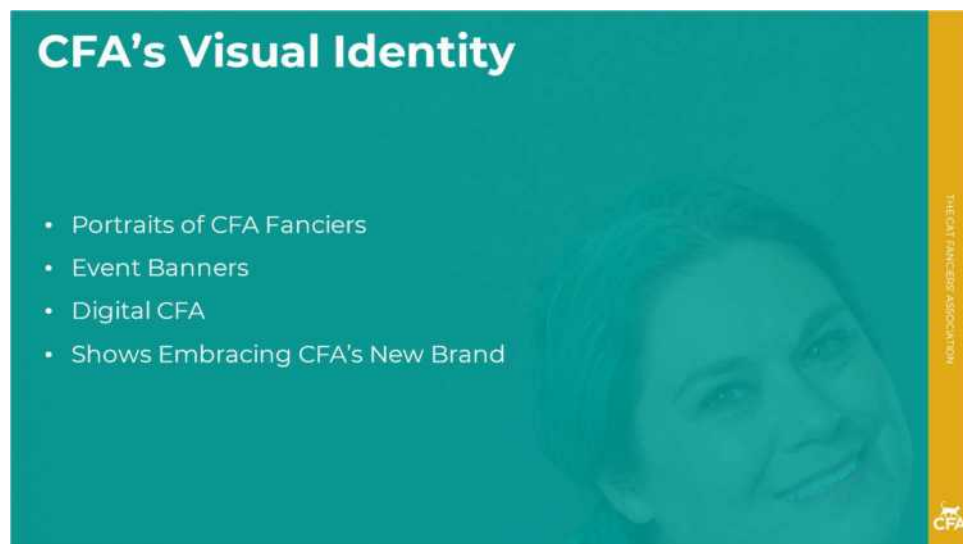
Bobby: Hi everyone. I am Desiree Bobby, CFA's Brand and Marketing Director. CFA is built on a foundation of shared values – the welfare of all cats and the profound human-feline bond that unites all of us. With this guiding principle in mind, our Marketing Team is dedicated to supporting and uplifting our community, ensuring that every campaign is developed to not only drive our brand forward, but to elevate the status of our breeders and exhibitors, as well.



Bobby: All the work Marketing accomplishes is through a collaborative effort put forth by the Marketing Co-Chairs, Mark Hannon and Melanie Morgan, the Executive Director Allene Tartaglia and myself. Our strategic efforts could not come to life without support. We'd like to thank:

- Teresa Keiger, who creates the social media graphics and most recently our newly branded banners.
- Iris Zinck, a wordsmith who writes most of our content in a factual yet whimsical way.
- Nicole Turk, who is the machine behind our social media.
- Karen Lawrence, who assists on projects and ensures data and documents are sparkling clean.
- And our Brand/Marketing Agency, Atomic Wash, who continues to help support our desire to be best in class.

Bobby: We also would like to acknowledge the leadership of our President, Rich Mastin, who provides an unwavering amount of guidance and support, as well as deep insight and wisdom. I say this on a personal level, too, because he has walked me through moments of stress. His commitment and advice helps us navigate the challenges we face and ways to overcome them as a team. Branding/Marketing does many things, but today we just want to focus on our brand identity. We will also touch on a few other projects we have in the works.



Bobby: I'm going to talk a little bit about the direction we're going visually. I'm going to show you portraits of CFA fanciers, the event banners that we have that are popping up, some of our identity pieces that are in print, our CFA app and some of the ways that the shows are embracing our new brand. I'm sorry, the presentation was not a completed one, so we've got the wrong one up right now. So you know, I worked on this presentation very hard and there's been many, many drafts of this over and over. I limited it to 10 minutes and I think the one that they put on was my 20 minute version. I'm thinking you probably don't want that, so what they're going to do is stop me now and go on to the next one, and then we'll get the short one to save you guys at least 10 minutes of me rambling, so I apologize but I'll be back.

[**Secretary's Note:** Due to technical difficulties, the Marketing Report was terminated at this point and presented in its entirety later in the meeting.] **Mastin:** If we have time before our 1:00 break, Desiree will come back and do the presentation.

[From after conclusion of Show Rule Resolutions] **Mastin:** I would like to call Desiree Bobby back up. **Bobby:** I apologize for that, but I knew you would be much happier with a shorter presentation.



Bobby: I have the immense pleasure of sharing with you the incredible success and popularity of the I AM CFA photoshoots that we have held at 9 shows so far. Our photo shoots have transformed into much more than just a simple means to gather images for CFA advertising; they have evolved into a celebration of the unique bond fanciers have with their feline companions. Out of curiosity, how many of you here have participated in one of the photoshoots? Stand up if you have. Thank you. Thank you for participating in them and sharing your special moments with your feline friends in front of the camera. Your photos make us feel warm and fuzzy, and inspire us. We are hoping that more of you participate in the I AM CFA photoshoots so we can continue to capture the magic that unites us all. We have held these photoshoots at 9 shows so far. We have reached every region except the ID, China and I think there is one region yet to do in the United States.

Visual Identity - Show Banners



Bobby: While not all of the photos taken by CFA will be used for marketing purposes, they have helped us build a vast collection of images that beautifully portray the extraordinary bond between CFA fanciers and their felines. This treasure trove of memories serves as a constant reminder of the passion and dedication that fuels our community. Many of you have celebrated your personal photos on social media and apparently even some are framed in your homes! Here are some of those magnificent moments of love captured on camera and printed very large! These banners are about 3 feet wide and 6 feet tall. They're popping up at shows. You can have some at your club, obviously. You can have them made for your show and you can customize them to have exhibitors from your region put on them.

Visual Identity - Show Banners



Bobby: This banner is a banner that we made. It's exceptionally large, I think 8 x 10. The photo can't do it justice, if any of you have seen this in purpose. The colors just really pop and you can feel that love between Helen and her Brit.

Visual Identity - Show Banners



Bobby: On our images we chose "thunder gray" as our primary photo background color because it does match our brand within our new color palette, and because it can be easily removed digitally when needed. By removing the gray background, we are able to use different colors and design elements and do different things with them. These are a great example of how those photos can come to life in different ways. These 3 banners were made for the CCW/HHP Committee.

Visual Identity - Show Posters



Bobby: If you've held a show lately, this posters will look familiar to you. There's also some more of them. They are part of the show package that you get when you have a show.

Visual Identity - Show Banners



Bobby: This is Carolyn Jimenez holding up the CFA poster with her photo on it. Clearly, she is happy as a clam. Look at her smile. It's the same smile that we seen when the CFA exhibitors leave the photo shoot, because they're just so thrilled. And the large banner of Helen that you can see in that photo. This banner was at the Pittsburgh Pet Expo last November. So far, this is personally my favorite photo because it oozes so much love and the colors are just so striking. You'll see this, and Helen and the Brit, a lot in the CFA International Show marketing.

Visual Identity – Digital



Bobby: These digital images, which you may have seen on CFA's public FaceBook page, or FaceBook discussion group and even on Instagram, shows how we are exploring the development of our digital visual identity online using color and style. We use the CFA submark with the WE KNOW CATS tagline when the topic is either educational or if it is about a person in the fancy. We tend to use the SINCE 1906 tagline when we are promoting the organization itself.

Visual Identity – Digital

CFA CATS APP

- Available on iPhone App Store
- Available on Android Google Play
- 500+ Android Downloads
- 500+ Apple Store Downloads
- 1000+ Registered Users

*Be sure to install latest version



THE CAT FANCIES' ASSOCIATION



Bobby: We have also brought our visual identity over to our app. In case you didn't know we had an app, we do, We currently have over 1000 users on that app. Just so you know, since it has been rebranded, there are some things that may not have just been updated, that won't be available unless you re-install the new version. Just keep that in mind. To make sure you have the most up to date version, check the App Store or Google Play.

Embracing CFA's New Visual Identity

- Adhering to brand guidelines
- Utilizing Our Color scheme recommendations
- Elevated professional, clean design
- Visual consistency

THE CAT FANCIES' ASSOCIATION

Bobby: Since we rolled out the new logo and brand identity guidelines, we've seen some really nice examples of show collateral that clubs have been making. We're very impressed with how clubs have been embracing the new brand.



Bobby: Region 9 is putting out some really impressive designs that embrace the new CFA visual identity. This is a catalog that we were very excited to see, using the grays and the golds.



Bobby: This is a very nicely designed catalog and rendering of the CFA logo in white.



Bobby: This club used a common theme on both their show flyer and the catalog. This visual consistency is a nice way to elevate the status of a show. I just wanted to share those with you as you're thinking about developing the brand for your show. You don't always have to use a theme, like a holiday or something like that; you can just consider design themes as well, and having your flyer match your catalog and your FaceBook events cover. That's just a really nice way to elevate the status of your show.

Bobby: The marketing committee would like to thank all of the clubs for embracing CFA's new logo and visual identity. Soon, we will be releasing a guide to help you make some of those decisions on what logo or color scheme to use. In the meantime, feel free to email marketing@cfa.org with any visual branding questions and either Teresa Keiger or I will be happy to help you.



Bobby: Most of you are probably on this Official CFA FaceBook Group, but in case you are not, CFA now has an Official CFA Discussion Group on Facebook. The group is an initiative developed in partnership with members of CFA's Executive Committee, Rich Mastin and Kathy

Calhoun, and marketing. The goals of the group are to: foster connections between fanciers and new people coming into the fancy, a place where we can share knowledge and resources, and it can increase communication amongst everyone in CFA. Right now, the group has moderation where if you post it has to be approved. I'm sure most of you would appreciate that. If you could see some of the posts that come through of people selling things and posting their kittens for sale and things like that, so we do have a group of moderators that do all the requests that come in. The group has grown to over 5000 members and is a nice mashup of our core CFA family, the faces we all know well from shows, and thousands of cat lovers who aspire to be fanciers, as well. Keep in mind that when you are on the group too, a lot of people on there want to be involved with CFA or they want to be involved in showing or breeding, so any information that you can share on there and help people will be really helpful for the growth of CFA. The group is moderated by a dedicated group of CFA experts. When I say your name, could you please stand up:

- Anne Mathis
- Cathy Dunham
- Dennis Ganoe
- Jennifer Reding
- Kathy Calhoun
- Matt Wong
- Pam DelaBar
- Paula Noble
- Teo Vargas
- Teresa Keiger

Bobby: Without your moderators' daily, and often hourly support, the FaceBook discussion group just wouldn't even exist. Thank you very much for all the work that you do to keep the group safe and active. We really appreciate it.

2023 / 2024 Launches

- CFA Website – Coming Winter 2023
- Breed Videos – Project kick-off at 2023 International Show
- CFA Swag Storefront – Coming Fall 2023

Bobby: There's just a couple more things I want to mention before closing up. In 2023 we have a few more exciting things happening as well. Our website is getting a major facelift to reflect the new brand identity. It's not only the face of FaceBook but also the backing. The new experience will be user-friendly, easy to navigate, and visually stunning. Our goal is to create an online experience that reflects our dedication to cats and provides an easy way for people to learn about and connect with us. We're also looking to kick off video shoots of cats at the International Show in order to begin the development of breed-specific videos. And lastly, we will have a storefront on the CFA website even prior to the new website release where you can order CFA branding swag.

International Show

- Marketing
- Sponsorships/ Partnerships



Bobby: After the annual is over, all hands will be on deck planning and preparing for the International Show. Of course, that means Marketing will be very busy. Marketing handles everything – marketing and advertising for the show and all the stuff that goes along with that, as well as entertainment, the Expo, the sponsors and the rescues; what I call “everything south of the competition.” It's really the Expo part that Marketing really supports, and of course overall advertising for the event. You can check out www.cfacatexpo.com if you haven't already. There

you will see our line-up of entertainment, education, things like that. Also, that's where you would go also for information on entering the show. Entries open on July 1st. Spectator tickets go on sale the same day.



Bobby: And that's everything Marketing has for you today! Thank you for your time.
Mastin: Thank you Desiree.

(42) EVERYCAT HEALTH FOUNDATION.



**Advancing Feline Health
2023 Update**



Mastin: Our next presenter is Vickie Fisher, EveryCat Health Foundation. Vickie, will you come up, please? **Fisher:** Alrighty. Good morning. I think it is still. It's a pleasure for me to be able to spend just a little bit of time with you all today. It has been a long time since we have actually be able to get up in front of you and say a few words, and this is actually my very first time, so again thanks ever so much for the time to chat with you. Before I really get into things, I want to recognize some of our board members who are here. To my left is Kathy Calhoun, who is our Treasurer also. George Eigenhauser, our wise counsel. In the back of the room is – where is Drew? There he is, waving his arms around. Drew Weigner – Dr. Drew – is our immediate past president and he is, after 9, 10 years or so on the board, we have kind of loosened his chain a little bit. He is going to take a little bit of respite from the board but he is going to stay on as one of our scientific advisors and reviewers, so we really, really appreciate that. Our board members never really go away, we just kind of shuffle them into something else. We don't let them go. In the back of the room, I think I see her back there, is Jackie Jaakola, who is our executive director. Jackie came to us a couple years ago. She has done an absolutely fantastic job and we're really, really excited to have her with us.

Fisher: What I want to do in my quick time this morning is basically do four things very, very quickly. One is, I'm going to just do a brief flashback of EveryCat and our origin as Winn Feline Foundation. Most of you probably already know this, but there may be one or two that don't. I want to talk a little bit about what we've done and again many of you may already know. Then we're going to talk a little bit about where we're going, etc., and most importantly how you all can help. We appreciate the support we've gotten so far, but there's plenty, plenty more to do and as you know there is plenty more research that needs to happen for the welfare of cats. So, we're going to talk about all of those things.

The Beginning



In 1968, Robert H. Winn, along with The Cat Fanciers' Association began the EveryCat Health Foundation journey.

For over 35 years, the Foundation was nurtured and grew due to the passion of the Cat Fanciers.



Fisher: Doing a little flashback here, most of you know – and many of you may, in fact, have met Mr. Winn, but in 1968 Robert Winn, along with the Cat Fanciers' Association, began Winn Feline Foundation, which is now the EveryCat Health Foundation. So, for over 35 years the Foundation was actually nurtured and grew due to the passion of you all, and we kind of operated under the protective wing of the Cat Fanciers' Association.

And Then ---

In 2006, we became a separate entity - and still honor our legacy today.

You all should be proud of the vision you nurtured 55 years ago. EveryCat Health Foundation has funded more than \$9 million in grants since its inception and remains the only worldwide Foundation focused on advancing feline health.



Fisher: Then, in 2006, you guys kicked us a little out of the nest. Not too much. We kind of went out on our own to explore the world a little bit more and with that we have very, very proudly extended the vision that you all had and the organization has been nourished by that passion. We have funded more than \$9 million in grants since inception. To this date, as far as we know, we are in fact the only worldwide foundation/association that focuses only on advancing feline health. We found smaller groups here and there around the world that are pretty well focused on their local areas or countries or whatever, but EveryCat is now truly international. To give you a little flavor of that, the \$9 million in grants that we have funded are not confined to just the United States. At the moment, we have active research going on in Australia, in Brazil, in Belgium, in Italy, in the UK, in places that I actually had to pull out the globe to find, but it's the

effort if you will of capturing the passion of all these researchers that want to advance the welfare of cats. That's what we're looking for, so our research goes to qualified researchers doing important research throughout the world.

Every Cat Health Foundation Greatest Hits

- Diagnosing feline heart disease
- Taurine deficiency and dilated cardiomyopathy
- Finding the Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV)
- Ways to measure blood pressure in cats
- Early-age spay/neutering
- Dietary treatment of diabetes in cats is developed
- Approval of appetite stimulants in cats.
- Stem cell treatment for Feline Stomatitis
- Defined blood groups in cats and genetic mutations responsible for feline hypertrophic cardiomyopathy in Maine Coons, hypokalemia in Burmese cats, and feline polycystic kidney disease
- AND after 50 of research funding, treatment has been identified for FIP



Fisher: OK, some of you know some of this, some you may not know. We've had a lot of great hits over the years, in all the years we have been in existence, but just to condense it to kind of one slide, we put our absolute greatest. These particular items are research that has had a huge impact. Some of them you will identify with and some probably not, but one of the first huge successes we had was having to do with diagnosing feline heart disease. Now, of course, we have a lot more knowledge in heart disease in cats. We have clubs sponsoring HCM clinics, we have all sorts of tools now that have come about – not to say there's not a lot more to do, and there is, but again it was one of our very, very earliest hits. The other is taurine deficiency. I remember when this came up way back many, many times. We funded a grant that produced the result that taurine deficiency in cat food was linked to dilated cardiomyopathy. So, if you recall those times, many of the cat food manufacturers pulled their formulas, reformulated and put it back out, so that is not the issue that we had some years back. That was very major. We also funded research that had to do with identifying the feline immunodeficiency and FIV viruses. You guys know that we have vaccines now that address some of those issues. That was groundbreaking research at the time. Even ways to measure blood pressure in cats. As you guys know, cats are not little dogs but for many, many years they were considered the little dogs. We all know that cats are special and require special treatment, so even research that basically looks to find ways to measure blood pressure in cats was an important advance. A huge, huge item in this is early spay/neutering. That has been a total game changer in the shelter world, especially in the rescue world and certainly some of the breeders, we now consider spay/neutering kittens before they even leave the house. So, it is a huge piece of research that we funded. A treatment of diabetes, we've had successes there. We have more to do. We are still funding a number of grants having to do with diabetes. We also were responsible for funding some research that developed appetite stimulants for cats, because you all know that as breeders that if a cat doesn't eat, that's not good. If they're eating, there's a chance. So, appetite stimulant is going to be a big thing. Stem cells – this is really exciting. We were really, really kind of like wow when we saw the proposal to use stem cells to treat stomatitis. Stomatitis as you know is kind of an awful thing. And so in fact there was a treatment that was researched and discovered that would treat the very, very severe cases of feline stomatitis using stem cell therapy. Now, of course, we're getting into all the genetic

possibilities, all the genetic research. It's kind of a new thing. It's incredible what we can do with the amount of genetic research that's going on now, and we have funded research that has produced the discovery of mutations that cause HCM in Maine Coons, potassium imbalances in Burmese and PKD, polycystic kidney disease, and many, many other genetic research projects that have given us information on how to diagnose and understand the effect of genetics, if you will, in disease and to be able to use that for diagnosis, and to make breeding decisions. We've even learned a lot about the origin of cats and where they're coming from, and what causes the silver gene and all these sorts of things. There is so much more and so much more exciting when we start mixing in all the genetic work that is going on and is available to us now. And, probably the most exciting – the research that we are probably the most proud of, and this is a huge thank you to every one of you, and that is, after 50 years of research funding, there is a treatment that has been identified for FIP. Those of you that attended the symposium last night, it was focused on where we are with the FIP, the diagnosis and what have you. I hope you found that very, very interesting. As one of our speakers pointed out last night, even though we have identified a treatment, there is still a lot of work to do. It's identifying the right treatment, the dosage for the treatment, the diagnosis, test vaccines – there's just zillions of things left that researchers are now getting excited about trying to discover for us.

Looking to the future of feline medicine

In 2022, we awarded \$703,679 through 3 grant cycles: EveryCat, Miller Trust, & Cap-K



For the 2023 EveryCat Grant cycle, our largest, we funded:

- 2 FIP Studies
- 2 Oncology Studies
- 1 Urinary Tract Study
- 1 Kidney Disease Study
- 3 Pharmacology Studies
- 1 Treatment alternative for antibiotic resistant infections Study
- 1 Genomics Study

TOTAL \$316,500

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Fisher: Looking at last year, 2022, we were able to fund over \$700,000 in grants. That was composed of three cycles – our regular EveryCat cycle every March, the Miller Trust which is a very large donation that is specific to certain universities in feline research, and Cap-K which is the result of a special partnership between Mars and Purina that in fact does look at some dietary issues. So, in this year, we've had one grant cycle. That was back in March. We funded two more FIP studies, two oncology studies, a urinary tract study, kidney disease – still very, very important, some pharmacology-type studies having to do with drugs and treatments and what have you, a treatment alternative to antibiotic resistant type infections, and a genomic study. So, we were able to fund \$316,000 in this last cycle. Let me tell you, that is just a drop in the bucket. The good news is, the good news is, that there are now a lot of researchers that have finally focused their attention on cats. It has always been dogs, it has always been dogs, but thanks to the internet, thanks to “I can has cheeseburger” and all the cat memes, people are now starting to live the appreciation of cats, and with that the interest in their welfare and wellbeing, and with that the cat food manufactures, the pet food pharmaceuticals are following, and so the

researchers are following, too. So, we finally are at the time when we have people that are interested in solving some of the medical problems that we've been dealing with in cats for years and years and years. That's the good news.

Helping Paws



We rely on a growing donor community of cat lovers and corporate partnerships to keep our programs running.

We have grown to a staff of 5 and continue to depend on a cadre of volunteers.

In 2023, we are formalizing and expanding our volunteer program.

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Fisher: OK, so all of this, of course – and those of you that attended the symposium last night, know that all of this research doesn't just happen. One of our speakers last night, Peter Cohen with ZenByCat mentioned that he talked to Dr. Pedersen and Dr. Pedersen told him that it would take a million dollars a year to fund FIP research. That's a lot of money. So, this research doesn't just happen. There has to be obviously the interest from the researchers, but there also has to be the money that we can pay for it, so we do rely very, very heavily on growing our donor community of cat lovers everywhere. We affectionately refer to us being concerned about every cat, everywhere, every day – shelter cats, pedigreed cats, community cats, your cat, my cat – cats everywhere. That's who we are looking to find, those cat lovers we're looking to find to help us with the advancement of research that we, in fact, need to pursue. Physically, we don't have a physical location. You may or may not have known that. We have a staff that has grown now to 5. Jackie is in Florida, we have an assistant in Florida, we have our Development Director in Louisiana, in New Orleans. Our Education Coordinator is in Iowa. So, we are strictly kind of an online group. Jackie has done a marvelous job of keeping us all on track. We are looking, in fact, to add another person half time and that is to provide us with the scientific staffing knowledge. So, we are in fact interviewing veterinarians who would be interested in working part time, among other things to guide our most important program, which is the Scientific Review Program that goes to our grant program, but also to be able to take our research that we have which I can't read. I'm a bean counter, so I can't read these proposals, I can't read the summaries of what the research does, so we're looking for someone that can take that research and move it from the scientific realm into the minds and comprehension of – maybe you all are scientific, but something that I can understand. That's really, really important. So, that's our next step. That's part of our strategic plan.

Pouncing Forward – We Need YOU!



Increased efforts to reach cat lovers everywhere:

- ❖ Outreach events
- ❖ Webinars
- ❖ Symposia
- ❖ Blogs
- ❖ Collaborations

Make sure to be signed up for our e-newsletter and social media posts to find out how you can volunteer your time to cat health!



Fisher: The other thing that we're doing right now is, we are beginning to formalize more and more a volunteer program, so let me tell you why – because we are trying to meet all of those cat lovers out there everywhere, people that have an interest in cats. We have increased our outreach efforts, we have increased our online webinars, we have done a couple of major symposiums. The last one was based on FIP at the University of Florida last year. We had a small symposium here, but we're looking for the opportunities to again share the mission and share the results of the good work that has been done. Flawless collaborations were all of these outreach efforts, but again we are a small group so we're always looking for ways, for things for volunteers that you all can do to help us help cats, so among the very first thing I would mention is, make sure that you are signed up for our newsletter and watch our social media posts, because we try to keep everybody up to date on what's going on.

Pouncing Forward- We Need YOU!

But the best is yet to come with your help: many of you donate club proceeds; ask for outreach kits; remember us with a recurring gift or legacy



How You Can Give Back:

- Volunteer on Our Outreach Committee
- Facilitate Fundraisers at Shows
- Small Zoom Meet and Greets with Rxperts?
- Run any ideas by us!

We do offer large and small kits for shows to hand out EveryCat materials to the public.
Free but gladly accept donations to offset costs!



Fisher: So, what can you do? If you have a little bit of time and you want to help us out, hey, let us know if you have a great idea for maybe a fundraiser at a cat show. I have to say, some of you have been so very, very generous. The clubs have had special fundraisers for us or have made donations, but again we're here, we can support that effort. If you have a bigger event, we can maybe come up with some ideas if something is a little bit more complicated, but consider volunteering and being part of basically the outreach committee. We have some kits, so if you are

holding a cat show and you actually do have a place for a booth and someone that wants to do that, we have a larger kit that we can send out. If you just want to put some information out on the table about EveryCat, we have that, too. Just let us know. We are happy to share that with you if you are happy enough to share us. So, again, just let us know. We're always looking for folks that are willing to help out and get the word out.

Announced in 2022: Robert H. Winn Sustainability Fund

To honor the incredible legacy that Winn established for the future of feline health and to ensure that we are always here for our feline friends, EveryCat Health Foundation established the Robert H. Winn Sustainability Fund in 2022.

This fund will enable growth to continue supporting high-level, meaningful feline health research in years of economic recession and unforeseen downturns.



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Fisher: Last year, going to the checkbook side of things, if you feel that you would like to contribute to EveryCat, last year we created the Robert Winn Sustainability Fund. The idea of this is that it is a type of endowment fund, but it's to weather us through times when donations may be a little low, but we want to keep the quality research going. So, it provides some stability for the major program, which is scientific feline research. So, that is available now and we are very, very excited to see that.

Fisher: Two nights ago, we had our EveryCat board meeting and the new investigator award that we have had for many, many years, we took the opportunity to rename "The Joan Miller Investigative Award" in honor of Joan and in honor of her passion, if you will, for the innovative research that advance the health of cats, so we're really excited about that. Again, keep track of the newsletter and what have you, and we'll have more information on that if you're interested.

Working towards a 10th Life

400 million domestic cats bringing joy to their human companions across the world. The scientific and medical communities are just beginning to really understand what cats need to live longer, healthier lives.

Thanks to all the cat lovers at CFA, interest in cats all around the world is increasing!

EveryCat Health Foundation would not exist without collaborations between Cat Lovers everywhere!

*Big challenges and opportunities remain.
Our feline friends still need our help.*



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Fisher: So here we are, we're all together. There are 400 million domestic cats around the world and probably more. They are our friends, our companions, our children. We want the best for them, and it does take a team passion to keep advancing their health. In summary, I just want to thank again all of you, I want to thank CFA in general for starting us and getting us going – all of you for your continued support and all of the great stuff that you have done for the welfare of cats. EveryCat Health Foundation would absolutely not exist without the collaboration between cat lovers everywhere, every day around the world. Again, lots of big challenges, lots of work yet to do trying to get cats up there – not little dogs, but cats – to where they are front and center for us and can have the healthiest cat lives.



Fisher: Again, I want to thank all of you for this time. The website, www.everycat.org. Lots of information there on research. The diagnosis guidelines for FIP are there. If you have ideas to help spread the word, if you have ideas that you would like us to help with to raise money for the benefit of cats, please contact us. Again, thank you so much for your time today. It has been our pleasure. **Mastin:** Thank you Vickie for that presentation and all you do.

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Mastin: I have another announcement. This is from Nancy Dodds, Credentials Committee. According to the bylaws, the Credentials Committee has to announce balloting results as soon as they are tabulated. See Article VI, Section 2.e. They will be ready to announce right after the return from lunch, so that will help plan your early afternoon.

(43) **PRE-NOTICED RESOLUTIONS.**

PROPOSED SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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

Mastin: We are going to next move on. I have been told we are doing the Pre-Noticed Resolutions. **DelaBar:** Are you ready, Rich? **Mastin:** I am ready.

***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.*

– 6 – Sophisto Cat Club

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

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

Pam DelaBar [German Catwalk, Sophisto Cat Club]: Resolved, [reads]. I have to admit that I talked with our CFA lawyer and at the October board meeting I will be adding *The CFA Foundation* to this. I've got to admit to something else. It appears I am the new vice-president of the CFA Foundation, so I assure that this will definitely be added. **Mastin:** Do we have any comments or questions for Pam? OK, then let's open the vote. James? [voting takes place] **Mastin:** 15 seconds and we will close the vote. OK, let's close the vote. 309 total. 281 yes, 28 no. That exceeded 2/3 and this passes favorable to the board. This passes. I have been advised that less than 2/3 is advisory only.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 6	281	28	--	309
314 Delegates Registered				

Carried.

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

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

DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS

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

Eligible Wins

1. Best cat/kitten/household pet (HHP) – one point for each cat/kitten defeated.
2. 2nd Best cat/kitten/household pet (HHP) – 95% of the points awarded to best cat/kitten/HHP, 3rd best cat/kitten/HHP 90%, 4th best 85%, 5th best 80%, etc. ~~6th best 75%, 7th best 70%, 8th best 65%, 9th best 60%, 10th best 55%.~~
3. ~~11th~~ 6th Best cat/kitten/household pet (HHP) – 1 point less than ~~10th~~ 5th Best; ~~12th~~ 7th Best 2 points less than ~~10th~~ 5th Best, ~~13th~~ 8th Best 3 points less than ~~10th~~ 5th Best, etc.
4. Best of breed/division – one point for each cat defeated within the breed/division.
5. 2nd best of breed/division – 95% of the points awarded to best of breed/division.
6. Points achieved in individual rings are added to determine an entry's total points for the show.

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

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

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

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

A review of scoring options is below.

Current Board Hybrid system decrements stop at 10th	Proposed Hybrid system decrements stop at 5th
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Count	Current Points @ 10 th place	Current Points @ 15 th place	Proposed Points @ 10 th place	Proposed Points @ 15 th place
10	4.95		2.20	
20	10.45		10.20	
21	11.00		11.00	
30	15.95	10.95	18.20	13.20
40	21.45	16.45	26.20	21.20
50	26.95	21.95	34.20	29.20
60	32.45	27.45	42.20	37.20
75	40.70	35.70	54.20	49.20
85	46.20	41.20	62.20	57.20

Bottom line – Acknowledging the difference of opinion between those in favor of keeping a 5% decrement system with those who prefer a simplified system of 1 point per cat defeated, this compromise would address both concerns and could be instituted at minimal cost.

Mastin: Let's go on to #7, Proposed Show Rule Resolution. **Beth Deal [New Vision Cat Club; Ocicats of North America]:** Resolved, [reads]. Then 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th go down in 5% decrements and then for 11-15, 11 gets 1 point less than 10th, etc. Our proposal is just to move this from 10th best up to 5th best. So, 5th best you get 80%, 6th best we get 80% less 1 point, 7th best we get 80% less 2 points. So, we just are proposing leaving the decrement for 1 through 5, and then starting at 6, 1 point less than 80%. Points achieved in individual rings are added to determine an entry's total points for the show. [reads first paragraph of rationale] At the 2022 Annual Meeting, and the 2021 Annual Meeting for that matter, the Delegates voted to change the Show Rules to award 1 point in a final to a cat based on each cat defeated. At the February 2023 CFA Board Meeting, the Board replaced this Show Rule change that the Delegates voted for with a "hybrid" system that had nothing to do with what the delegates had approved. So, this will preserve the 5% decrements through 10th place and replacing the scoring for the placements between 11th and 15th to 1 point. Most CFA Shows do not have counts large enough to enact the hybrid system. So far this season there have been no shows in any division that have enacted this hybrid system. This resolution would reward cats in all shows. Our current scoring system highly rewards cats in low counts and unfairly penalizes cats as the count grows larger. I think you all can read this table and I think you all can follow from there. I would encourage you to support this, to closely match what the board chose as they over-rode what the delegates had voted for. Thank you. **Mastin:** Anybody wishing to ask questions or submit comments? Seeing nobody wishes to submit any questions or comments, we will now vote. [voting takes place] 10 seconds. [An inaudible off-microphone side discussion regarding voting difficulties was not transcribed.] OK, we will close the vote. Total votes 305. Yes 107, no 198. The motion fails.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 7	107	198	--	305
314 Delegates Registered				

Failed.

Mastin: That is the conclusion of the proposed resolutions.

PROPOSED NON-SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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None.

(44) **JUDGING PROGRAM REPORT.**

Mastin: If we could reconvene, I would like to call the meeting back to order please. Calling the meeting back to order. I have three announcements before we return to the agenda. The first announcement is, I made an error when announcing Show Rule Resolution #6. All I needed to do was say “it passed” so I am sorry for the confusion on that one. Another announcement, this is a courtesy announcement. Please, while others are presenting, keep personal conversations on hold as others around you are having difficulty focusing on what the presenter is saying; plus, it’s rude to the presenter. My last announcement before I call up Melanie, the Breeder Assistance Program 50/50 raffle will be drawn after the afternoon break. So far, there are \$390 in the 50/50 pot. Be sure to check the cup raffle at the close of the meeting to see if you have won. We received word that the Credentials Committee will not be returning until 2:45. I don’t know why, just that they will return at 2:45, so we’re going to have Melanie Morgan present the Judging Program Report.

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CFA Judging Program Melanie Morgan



Morgan: Hello everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to address you as a representative of the Judging Program. As always, it is an honor and a pleasure to see all of you and be up here speaking to you. The first order of business has to be an introduction of the hard-working team that works so diligently to ensure that the CFA Judging Program remains second to none worldwide. My everlasting thanks to each and every one of you for all that you do for CFA and for our Judging Program. If you’re here, I’m not necessarily going to demand that you stand, but I would ask that you either stand or raise your hand so people can see you.

Vicki Nye

- Vice Chair, Executive Committee,
Guest Judging Administrator,
Statistics and Records



Morgan: Vicki Nye.

Rachel Anger

- Executive Committee,
• AP Applications Administrator,
• Advisor and Coordinator



Morgan: Rachel Anger.

Loretta Baugh

- Education Chair and Mentor Administrator



Morgan: Loretta Baugh.

Nancy Dodds

File Administrator



Morgan: Our next member is busy tabulating votes for you, so lets' give her a big hand; Nancy Dodds.

Marilee Griswold

File Administrator



Morgan: Marilee Griswold.

Kathi Hoos

Applications Administrator
Education Committee
Secretary



Morgan: Our next member is not here, but she has worked tirelessly all year long and is absolutely invaluable to the Program; Kathi Hoos.

Barbara Jaeger

Education Committee
BAOS Coordinator



Morgan: Barbara Jaeger.

Anne Mathis

AP – Training Administrator
Education Committee
Tests, Workshops, CE



Morgan: Anne Mathis.

Diana Rothermel

Judging Program Ombudsperson



Morgan: Diana Rothermel.

Sharon Roy

Experimental Formats



Morgan: Sharon Roy.

Teresa Sweeney

Education and Recruitment
Administrator



Morgan: Last but not least, Teresa Sweeney.

CFA Judging Program

• Melanie Morgan, Chair; Vicki Nye, Vice Chair; Rachel Anger, Advisor

- Rachel Anger – Executive Committee, AP applications administrator
- Loretta Baugh – Education and Mentoring
- Nancy Dodds – File Administrator
- Marilee Griswold – File Administrator
- Kathi Hoos – Applications Administrator, Secretary, Education
- Barbara Jaeger – Education; BAOS
- Anne Mathis AP Training Administrator, Judges' training/test & continuing education
- Vicki Nye – Executive Committee, Guest Judge Coordinator, statistics and records
- Diana Rothermel – Ombudsman
- Sharon Roy – Experimental formats
- Teresa Sweeney – Recruitment and Development Administrator

Morgan: I hate slides like this where there's all this tiny print. While that print may be too small to see, the list of tasks these incredible powerhouses have taken on, all you have to do is look at the pictures I just showed you and see in the love on their faces and in their hands to know that each and every member of this team brings a passion to CFA's Judging Program that is unparalleled. Our Judging Program would not and could not continue to excel without support from our President – thank you Rich – the board members, each and every one of you, the Central Office staff, and each and every member of the judging panel and every one of you, the breeders and exhibitors. So, I would like to take a moment to thank you all. I continue to be proud to be part of CFA.

CFA Judging Program

- In Memoriam
 - Vicki Abelson
 - Teruko Arai
 - Betty Denny
 - Edna Field
 - Roger Lawrence
 - Sharon McKeethon Bounds
 - Joan Miller
 - Douglas Myers
- Resignation
 - Rod U'ren
- Retirement
 - Gene Darrah
 - Donna Fuller
 - Wain Harding
 - Ellyn Honey
 - Sheila Mizzi

Morgan: As I was putting my report together for this meeting, I had a chance to reflect on the thousands of hours our dedicated volunteers willingly give to make CFA a better place. I also found myself thinking about the collective years of experience represented by our judging corps, and I am humbled. There's so much talent, so much passion, so much dedication. Sadly, the cat fancy lost some of that talent this year. Please join me in a brief moment of silence as we cherish the memories of Vick Abelson, Teruko Arai or "Hot Cookie", Betty Denny, Edna Field, Roger Lawrence, Sharon McKeethan-Bounds, Joan Miller, Douglas Myers. Our hearts are heavy with these losses. We also had five judges who retired or resigned this last season. Resigned, Rod U'Ren. We wish him well in his future endeavors. Gene Darrah, Donna Fuller, Wain Harding, Ellyn Honey, Sheila Mizzi. We wish Rod, Gene, Donna, Wain, Ellyn and Sheila all the best.

CFA Judging Program

- Judge Emeritus Status
 - Gene Darrah
 - Wain Harding
 - Donna Fuller
 - Ellyn Honey

Morgan: Gene, Wain, Donna and Ellyn were given Judge Emeritus status. Please join me in a huge congratulations to all of these wonderful judges.

CFA Judging Program

• New Judges

- Chate Reuengruglikit
- Pattama Weeranon
- Olga Grebneva (APP AB)
- Olga Korotonozhkini (APP AB)

Advanced to Apprentice

- Chate Reuengruglikit – LH 1st SP
- Pattama Weeranon – LH 1st SP
- Lyn Knight – SH 2nd SP
- Mie Takahashi – SH 2nd SP

Advanced to Approval Pending Specialty

- Laura Gregory – LH 1st SP

Morgan: Moving forward, let's celebrate our future. It has been another great year for new judges, with some superb talent emerging. Many judges have moved through several advances during the year. I'll announce the most current status as of Thursday's board meeting. I'll ask that each judge, if you're here, stand when your name is announced and remain standing. Please hold your applause until the group is announced and then join me in congratulating these judges on their acceptance and advancements. We welcomed four new judges this year, two of which came to us from the Guest Judging Program and two from Thailand. Advance to apprentice in their first specialty, Chate – my apologies in advance – Chate Reuengruglikit, longhair first specialty. Yay Chate. Also advance to apprentice in her first specialty, Pattama Weeranon, longhair first specialty. OK you two, follow instructions and keep standing. You earned this! Advance to apprentice second specialty, Lyn Knight, shorthair. Mie Takahashi, shorthair second specialty. Advance to approval pending specialty, Laura Gregory, longhair first specialty. [From later in the meeting] Oscar Silva Sanchez advanced to longhair first specialty approval pending.

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• Advanced to Approved Second Specialty; Approval Pending Allbreed

- Pam Degolyer
- Jennifer Reding

• Accepted; Approval Pending Allbreed

- Olga Grebneva
- Olga Korotonozhkini

• Advanced to Approved Allbreed

- Amanda Cheng
- Teo Vargas-Huesa
- Nadejda Rumyantseva

Morgan: Advance to approved second specialty, approval pending allbreed, Pam DeGolyer and Jennifer Reding. Not here, but certainly so happy to have them, accept as approval pending allbreed, Olga Grebneva and Olga Korotonozhkini. And introducing our newest approved allbreed judges, Amanda Chang, Teo Vargas-Huesa and Nadejda Rummyantseva. Please join me in congratulating these members of the Judging Program on their advancements. I'll now ask all our judges here in the audience stand as we thank them for their hard work in representing CFA so well.

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CFA Judging Program

Judge Utilization 2022-23 Show Season

Based on show counts, judges at CFA shows handled 190,060 cats which is about the same weight of 146 male African elephants!



Morgan: Now for some interesting fun facts and a statistical look at where we are. Thank you Dick Kallmeyer, our numbers statistics guru for these numbers. It really does boggle the mind. Post-COVID shut-down, this season saw a resurgence of shows and, as a result, well, our judges proved they can do some heavy lifting. 146 African elephants full of handling, loving and presenting over 190,000 cats this season. That's a lot of heavy lifting.

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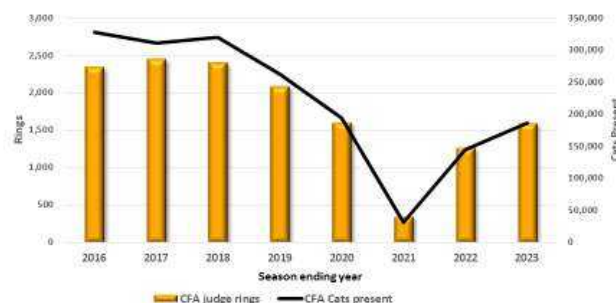


CFA Judging Program

Judge Utilization 2022-23 Show Season

Our shows – Rings and cats

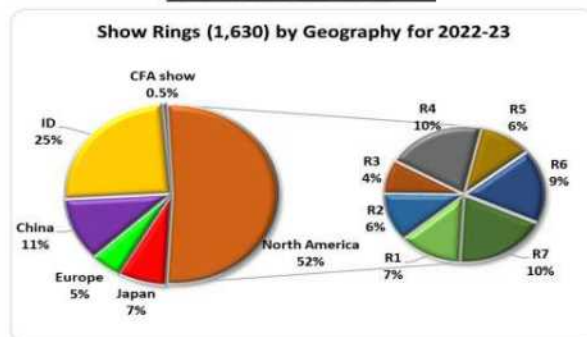
CFA Rings and Cats Present



Morgan: It's hard to read all the numbers. I know that, but let me just tell you what this slide says. It says, Shows – CFA Rings and Cats Present. It serves to show that we are slowly returning to pre-COVID numbers. As you can see, 2023 is pulling even a little ahead of 2020. We still have a ways to go but we're on the right track.

CFA Judging Program

Judge Utilization 2022-23 Show Season Distribution of shows



Morgan: I love a pie chart. This distribution of shows, shows that over 50% of the shows are held in Region 1-7. The numbers for China and the rest of the ID reflect the fact that travel is still limited. Interestingly, Regions 4 and 7 are pretty much neck and neck for the largest numbers of shows in 1-7, with Region 6 showing a strong climb.

CFA Judging Program

Judge Utilization 2022-23 Show Season

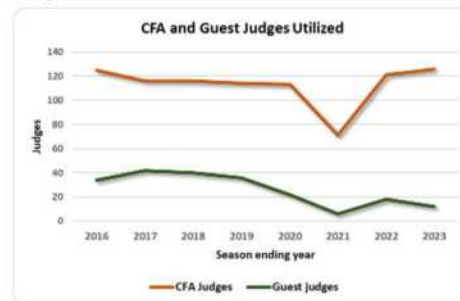
	2023			2022			2021			2020			2019		
	Judges	Rings	cats/judge	Judges	Rings	cats/judge	Judges	Rings	cats/judge	Judges	Rings	cats/judge	Judges	Rings	cats/judge
CFA Judges	126	1,591	2,370	121	1,264	1,195	77	340	411	113	1,600	1,719	114	2,085	2,306
Guest Judges	12	39	119	18	35	204	6	12	204	22	49	256	36	121	352

Notes: Year is season ending year; "cats/judge" are total cats present / judge

- Judges are judges who judged during the season, not actual judges on the roster and numbers include Associate Judges.

Morgan: In this slide, lots of little numbers, the addition of – it shows us that basically the total numbers of our judges. In addition, the Associate Judges have kept our numbers up in the judging panel. Thank you to all of you. In 2019, the 51 Associate Judges didn't exist and we had 114 CFA judges, who handled over 2,000 in 85 rings. Guest judges utilized were at a high level of 36%. In 2023, a little bit of a different environment. With the addition of 50-odd Associate Judges, we had 126 judges during the season, 1,500 in 91 rings, a reduction of 23% in terms of the number of rings. Guest judges were down 66% to 12.

CFA Judging Program Judge Utilization 2022-23 Show Season



Judges/Show CFA and Guest Judges

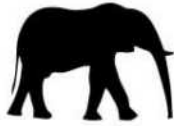
Morgan: This slide just shows that our levels are climbing back to pre-COVID levels. Again, the Associate Judges are included in these numbers.

CFA Judging Program Judge Utilization 2022-23 Show Season

—124 active CFA Judges and Associate Judges

- 47% Judge 10 shows or less
- 66% Judge 15 shows or less
- 5% judged 31 or more shows
- We now have associate judges helping keep CFA active in China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, S. Korea, Thailand and Europe

Morgan: So, in summary, we have 124 active – we’re talking about judges who are active this past season, CFA judges and Associate Judges, the majority of which judged 15 shows or less, so there’s room for more judge utilization. That said, we need more talent. As noted here, we now have Associate Judges helping keep CFA active in China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand and Europe. Happily, many of them are parlaying their experience and training into honing their skills and applying to the regular Program. Chate and Pattama are wonderful examples of that. We continue to look for ways to interest talented individuals in the Judging Program, and are exploring options for allowing more flexibility in the application process without lowering the high standards that are synonymous with the words “CFA Judging Program.” We continue to look for ways to provide tools for our existing judges and people interested in joining the team.



CFA Judging Program

What we hear



- It is too hard to become a judge: the requirements are unreasonable
- It is too easy to become a judge: they have dumbed it down and we are doomed
- The process is expensive and there is hazing involved
- There is no training, only testing
- They play favorites
- There is no transparency and too many secrets

Morgan: Despite all of that, there is still a significant amount of discontent, confusion and – dare I say – false information out there. So, let's talk about the elephant in the room. Here's what we hear. It's too hard to become a judge; the requirements are unreasonable. It's too easy to become a judge and then on the other side of the coin, they have dumbed down the Program and we are doomed. The process of applying is expensive and there's so much hazing involved. There's no training, none at all – only testing. They play favorites. There's no transparency and it's all about secrets. Alright, let's address some of that. I know I've heard all of those complaints for as long as I can remember, well before my time standing up here. It doesn't mean they aren't valid. Trust me, we are listening. First and foremost, we need to recognize that our world is changing and we need to change with it. We need to come up with ways to cultivate talent and be supportive without lowering our standards. So, how are we doing that and what are we really doing?

CFA Judging Program

What we HAVE done in the last 11 months...

- **Application requirements now reflect the realities of a current global environment.**
 - Menu system for
 - custodial care,
 - breed focused experiences,
 - clerking and club membership requirements
 - Created Breeder AND Exhibitor options
 - Recruitment team there to support and guide interested talent

Morgan: In the last 11 months, we have completely revamped the application system to incorporate a menu system that gives applicants multiple options to fulfill requirements so that we can address those barriers to entering that come hand in hand with dealing with people from all over the world. We are recognizing exhibitor and breeder experience. We have created a

whole new recruitment team designed to identify and support interested and talented individuals who are potential judges and assets to CFA.

CFA Judging Program

What we HAVE done in the last 11 months...

- Emphasis on training and education
 - Board approved handling schools
 - Associate Program
 - Multiple options for joining the judging panel, Breeder, Exhibitor, Associate, Accelerated
- Created and revised forms to minimize confusion and expedite the process

Morgan: We have put the emphasis on training and education with handling schools, the Associate Program. We continue with online workshops and BAOS's. We have created “how to” instruction sheets and revising every form in the Program to expedite the process and help alleviate confusion. We have a record number of potential applicants working on their packages, and we continue to push the envelope. Last, we have completely reorganized the judge resource page. Our online resources for existing and potential judges continue to be expanded and is truly impressive.

CFA Judging Program

We want YOU!



Judges Resource page completely reorganized with lots of tools to facilitate easy access to information – Check it out!

<https://cfa.org/judges-resources/>



Morgan: It's a good time to be thinking about becoming a CFA judge. We want you and are here for you. With all of that, I say to you, CFA clubs and exhibitors, thank you again for giving opportunities to handle beautiful cats at shows all over the world.

Mastin: Is Carolyn Osier in the room? Is she here?

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

Judging Program Chair **Melanie Morgan** presented the Judging Program Service Awards.

Service Awards

5 Years

*Bethany Colilla
Pam DeGolyer
Emiko Misugi*

10 Years

Irina Kharchenko

15 Years

*Cathy Dinesen
Jim Dinesen
Anne Mathis
Lorraine Rivard*

20 Years

Iris Zinck

25 Years

Edward Maeda

30 years

Kayoko Koizumi

35 Years

Victoria Nye

40 Years

Yukiko Hayata

Morgan: Congratulations all! **Mastin:** Melanie, thank you very much. Great job, and great job to all the judges who received their awards.

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

Mastin: Next on the agenda is Jacqui Bennett to present the Judges' Association Spotlight Award.

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Judges Association Spotlight Award

Bennett: Ladies and Gentlemen. The Judges' Association spotlight award was created to recognize our colleagues who have gone above and beyond in their support of CFA, and the cat fancy as a whole. Nominations come from both within the Judging Program, as well as from exhibitors. This year we were thrilled to be offered so many great nominations. Each and every one of them have been amazing contributors and ambassadors for CFA, so our decision was a difficult one – so hard, in fact, that we broke tradition, set a historical precedent and selected two. Moreso than just selecting two, for the first time in JA history, we have selected colleagues from our Region 9 family.

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Bennett: Members of our region 9 family, this year's winners face the realities of the war in Ukraine as part of their everyday lives. It would have been perfectly reasonable – no, I'll go one step further, it would have been expected had today's recipients pulled away from their

responsibilities with CFA and focused on their own family and hardships, as they have families directly impacted within the Ukraine itself. However, they didn't do that. Not only are they taking care of their family and the hardships they are in, they have continued to help take care of both the CFA and Cat Fancy family as well as dedicating themselves to the rescue and protection of those without a voice – the displaced and injured cats in the war-torn region. They have dedicated time and resources to supporting their friends at Dobrokit and Vetexpert that are rescuing, feeding, and providing medical care to the many, many cats that roam the streets of the Ukraine. In the beginning of the war, cat food was rare and difficult to come by. With the financial help of CFA BAP and BRP and many, many CFA breeders and exhibitors, large quantities of cat food were bought and distributed to cat rescue centers in war tormented areas. However, as more and more people were leaving their home country in search of safety, more and more abandoned cats needed help, food and medical care.



Bennett: My friends, the drama of this war is so huge and the number of animals that need help runs in the hundreds of thousands. It is impossible to help all those animals in need but the team in Cherkasy continues rescuing one animal at the time, and provides care and love and find new caring families for all of them. In the past 6 months most of the rescues come from cats saved by Ukrainian servicemen and -women, fighting at the war front and stopping to help those in need. Hundreds of cats have been saved by this courageous team, and they help support by collecting financial needs via friends, family and social media. All these animals are traumatized and some heavily wounded.



Bennett: Our Spotlight winners are working with Dobrokit and Vetexpert for monies and supplies to support evacuating these cats from the dangerous areas and provide shelter and help in Cherkasy. As long as this war lasts, as long as there are cats that need help because of this war, they will continue sending money and material that support Dobrokit and Vetexpert in doing their heroic work. Together, our recipients have over 70 years in the cat fancy, breeding and showing Persians and Exotics. Peter was our very first European CFA judge entering the judging program more than 20 years ago and Yanina started her judging career 16 years ago the Ukrainian cat fancy where she was an AB judge in Rolandus Union International and where she exhibited (and clerked for Peter) at the CFA shows in Kiev. They found each other at a CFA show in the North of beautiful Thailand where Yanina was a guest judge and Peter one of the regular CFA judges. Shortly after that Yanina applied to the CFA Judging Program and they can since be seen judging at CFA shows all over the world.

Bennett: Congratulations to Peter and Yanina Vanwongerghem on winning the CFA Judges Association Spot Light Award. **Mastin:** Thank you Jacqui.

(47) **CFA FOUNDATION.**

Mastin: Our next presenter is Lorraine Shelton. Lorraine is going to talk to us about the CFA Foundation.

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CFA Foundation and Feline Historical Museum

- Lorraine Shelton for Don Williams, President



L. Shelton: My goodness, the second TICA judge to address the CFA Annual delegates. On behalf of Don Williams, I would like to say a few things about the CFA Foundation. Thank you Pam DelaBar, one of our board members, for the wonderful introduction with the resolution. We really hope that you'll keep us in mind when you're thinking of the foundations that need your support. Our other board members include Carol Krzanowski, Liz Watson, Roeann Fulkerson, our treasurer Kathy Calhoun, thank you, and myself. We have been working on the CFA Foundation. This was originally conceived of by Don Williams and Vaughn Barber in 1990 and is always our dream to have an actual physical museum. That dream came true, of course, with the move of CFA to Alliance, Ohio. That dream became the Feline Historical Museum. We would like to talk to you a little bit about what we have been doing this year.

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Year in Review



- Reopened February, 2023
- ~600 visitors in 2023
- Traveling exhibits - San Diego CA, Gardner KS, Canada: Ancaster, Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa, St. Catharines, Fredericton
- Collections: Noel Newton, Carolyn Vella (John McGonagle), Monte Phillips, Jeanie Johnson, Donna Jean Thompson, Edna Field



L. Shelton: Unfortunately, we did have a setback like most things in the cat fancy during the COVID times. We avert our eyes here, but we did reopen in February 2023 and we ended up with 600 visitors to our museum in 2023, but we also have traveling exhibits. You might have seen me at the San Diego show and seen Karen Lawrence in Kansas, and at various shows in Canada. We also received some collections from our fanciers that had passed away. Going through Noel Newton's collection of correspondence during the debates concerning the CPC Persians and the chocolate Persians and all of these issues we have gone through was just amazing. We're preserving those, keeping those on file for you to do research and remind people of where we've been and how we've gotten to where the cat fancy is today. Carolyn Vella donated some wonderful autographed library books to enter the museum's library. John McGonagle gave a financial donation to ensure that that is going to be preserved forever. A wonderful maneki neko collection that's going to add to our room dedicated to that form of art. Monte Phillips, of course; we have some of his treasures preserved. Jeanie Johnson, the history of the silver Persian and her program in working with a new breed that she attempted called the Sterling. Donna Jean Thompson donated some wonderful things to the collection. And, of course Edna Field. We have a corner dedicated to her, as well.

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L. Shelton: Here are some pictures that I took when I was there a couple of months ago of some of the new things that have been added to the museum. I love that art work. Anybody here have the Himalayan Breeder's Manual that Noel worked so hard on? Remember that painting? We have the original now in the museum. It's just gorgeous. It makes me smile seeing those kittens every time.

Thank you, Karen Lawrence!



- Retiring at the end of July
- Physical museum build -out
- Open to the public beginning in June 2011
- Glendale, CA library acquisition
- Registration index card scanning project
- The History Project at cat-o-pedia.org
- Social media: Icons of the Cat Fancy



L. Shelton: Unfortunately, we have Karen Lawrence retiring at the end of July. She has been the one that saw us to our physical museum location, helped us with that build out, made it open to the public for us to get to know the public, especially those local to Alliance, Ohio, and established that relationship that we have with the city. She oversaw the integration of the Glendale cat library collection into our collection when that Glendale Library was no longer feasible and supported by their city. The registration index cards – those index cards that go back to many, many years before we were computerized; those have been scanned. That was a big project, again preserving the history of our hobby. The History Project at cat-o-pedia.org, Karen is going to continue of course to maintain that. If you have seen the social media posts, the *Icons of the Cat Fancy*, our first one was dedicated to the memory of Connie Stewart. You're going to be seeing those once a week. Go to our web page and sign up for those, and they will come across your feed.



Research and Publications

- A Persian Rhapsody in Blue - John Smithson
- The American Shorthair - Valerie Edwards, Karen Lawrence and Gayle Hand
- The Descendants of Bastet – Karen Lawrence
- Monthly columns (24) in *Felis Historica*



L. Shelton: One of our things that we're most proud of is the research and publications that we have supported, like being there physically available for researchers to come and go through the history of the cat fancy. The *Persian Rhapsody in Blue* about the blue Persian from

John Smithson, also a member of our board; *The American Shorthair* book is amazing; the Abyssinian book that Karen Lawrence captured so much of the history within, and she also worked on the monthly columns in *Felis Historica* that continued for two years, capturing a lot of the early history of the cat fancy. We hope that more of these projects will help. Please, feel free to come to our museum in Alliance, Ohio, to look at all of these old publications that can help you develop and communicate your breed history in various breed publications that you may be involved with.

The Future

- Part-time employee supported with volunteers to assist with classification, assessment, inventory, and presentation
- Guest Curator program and special exhibits
- Support additional research projects
- Scanning documents and historic records
- International Show exhibit
- Sales of duplicate Yearbooks, Studbooks, collectibles



L. Shelton: So, what do we have planned for the future? One of our immediate needs, of course, is a part-time employee now that Karen Lawrence is not going to be based in Alliance, Ohio. We're looking for volunteers to come, spend a few days, help us with the classification, assessment, inventory, presentation of our collection. We're thinking of establishing a guest curator program where we can have experts on various parts of art or breed history come to the museum and be available to answer questions, maybe even do some Zoom seminars and special collections of special exhibits that we can do onsite in the CFA Museum. We want to support additional research projects. I want to make sure that things that we have in paper form get scanned so that we can make them more broadly available on the internet for researchers and for the public to learn more about the history of our hobby. We're hoping to have an exhibit at the International Show, and we will be doing a sale of duplicate yearbooks, stud books and collectibles. If there's something that's missing from your own collection of yearbooks and stud books, please let me know and we can make sure that you get on top of the list when we start getting through the inventory and deciding what we're going to place with our fanciers in private collections.

Thank You for Supporting the CFA Foundation!

- Entrusting us in preserving your breed, club, and cattery history
- Donations of artwork and collectibles
- Financial support for museum rent, displays, and restoration to ensure preservation of cat fancy history for the future
- Estate planning: Inform your family and trustees of your intentions



L. Shelton: We want to thank you all for supporting the CFA Foundation, whether it's through your breed history, your club history. We have some wonderful club notebooks and scrap books that have come in that show the cat shows that you have, some newspaper clippings. We even have a video tape from an ad that was run in the 90's to support one of the cat shows. Your own cattery history – think of how that can be compiled for the future and live forever in the CFA Historical Museum. Of course, donations of artwork and collectibles are always welcome, but I want you to also realize that in order to keep this museum going forever, we do need financial contributions, as well. Please think of us when you're planning your estate, realize that you put so much work into this hobby you want to make sure that it doesn't fade away with time. We do have recurring expenses, most notably the rent that we are paying for our physical location. That's an expense that we need to make sure we can maintain for the future. When you do your estate planning, please make sure your family is aware of the museum in Alliance, Ohio, make sure that the executor of your will is aware of what you intend for the things that are meaningful that you want preserved in Alliance, Ohio. We've had unfortunately some incidents where the family just didn't know and these things that were precious to us but not recognizable to the general public were disposed of, so please make sure that your family is in on your plans for the future.

L. Shelton: I want to thank you very much. Thanks to the board and the delegates for allowing me to show you a little bit of the CFA Foundation, and I hope that you will visit us in Alliance, Ohio. **Mastin:** Thank you Lorraine for that pleasant presentation. I also want to give a special thank you – and Lorraine mentioned it earlier in her presentation – a special thank you to Karen Lawrence for all the work that she did with the Foundation. She is now retiring, so thank you Karen Lawrence.

Mastin: We're kind of back on schedule here. Just a reminder that when we return from lunch, we're going to go to Nancy Dodds and the Credentials Report with the elections. We're going to break here early. We still want to be back by 2:15. That gives you a little bit more than an hour and 15 minutes, so we will see you back here at 2:15. Thank you.

LUNCH BREAK.

(48) CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE SERVICE AWARDS.

Mastin: We will now present our Credentials. Nancy, Dodds, would you please come forward? Before Nancy comes forward, I am going to present our Credentials Service Award to Jill Archibald.

15 Years

Jill Archibald

(49) CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTION RESULTS.

Mastin: OK, now we are ready for Nancy. Nancy will do her presentation. **Dodds:** Thank you, Rich. To our board members and officers, delegates and friends visiting. Due to the systematic accumulation of the online voting, we have reduced the size of the Credentials Committee. As a reminder we pay our way and pay to stay at every hotel at every annual. We may be further out of a job due to the clicker system in place for counting votes here at the annual, but it has been a tremendous improvement in how the delegates function during voting. However, I have to note that club/delegate #1 and 13 and others did not vote on any issue here.

The most important duty for a club is to pay your dues and send membership lists in January. That's all you have to do in order to be able to take advantage of what your club can do. CFA will update their file that is maintained for every club. It is posted by region/division and alphabetically within region. They monitored almost 600 clubs throughout year. You can check this file at any time. One word of advice – don't wait until January 31st to discover your club has not paid the fee or completed the membership lists. If you miss the January 31 deadline, you cannot vote for your favorite 5 Directors at Large this year or Officer/Regional Director/International Rep (next year). That vote is free. That's the one free thing you get. If you miss that deadline you can still pay a fee to have a vote at the Annual Meeting. You can name a delegate and pay the fee. Once you pay the fee you can send a delegate. From comments I heard this year, "I can't afford to attend the Annual – it is too expensive to get there". You can always ask another person to carry your club's vote at the Annual. At least 20 people have contacted me to offer to take other clubs' votes. If there is an important issue for your club, it is in your best interest to send a delegate to the Annual. Remember, if you send no one you have no voice at the Annual. Only delegates can speak here.

Let's talk about the club secretary. Only the club's secretary of record – that's the same person who can provide CFA with the annual list of officers and members, and who can give CFA information about the club membership. That's also the only person who is authorized to vote online in any of our elections. If something happens to your club secretary, all other officers must sign a letter and name another person to that position. It isn't for an inner conflict where opposing people group together to have a "secret" club meeting where the secretary of record either doesn't know about it or may be out of town; it's for a real issue – e.g. there is a death or hospitalization or an accident, or something serious has happened where the club secretary is unable to write to CFA. Otherwise, the current secretary must sign the communication to CFA to transition to a new secretary.

Questions seem to come up about who can vote right around the deadline. The most popular question has been, "Can the President vote instead of the Secretary?" The other question has been, "Can I change my vote?" or "The secretary voted but did not vote as the club wanted." Choose your club secretary wisely. This year I also heard, "What if we can't find 5 people we want to vote for?" or "Is it true that for the DAL election the clubs must vote for 5?" Yes, it's true, they must vote for 5. There is no abstaining on the DAL ballot. The online system will not let you vote for any more or any less than 5 people, no matter how hard you tried. Even when the ballots were mailed in there was no abstention for the DAL. If the committee received a ballot with the incorrect number of votes, the ballot was discarded and not counted. Keep in mind that

this is in accordance with New York Law. Look – it’s your organization. You control who gets on the board. If your club does not vote in the election, you have nothing to complain about.

As for this year, 3 regions had 100 percent of their eligible clubs voting. Congratulations to Regions 1, 2, and 4. There were 13 clubs in 9 regions who were eligible to vote but who did not vote in this election. Our International friends need to have put on a show in order to vote for our Directors at Large and officers. As far as I know, 44 clubs out of 105 at the time hosted shows in this past show season, and those clubs also had paid dues and sent membership lists on time. And 7 of those clubs who were eligible to vote – and keep in mind the ID has stricter conditions – did not vote. Seven did not vote.

I worked through each Regional Director to address the issue and, for the most part, they came through with very positive results. Congratulations all around because we had over 90% participation in the DAL election.

CFA provides the Credentials Committee with some information that allows us to help reconcile last year’s club list with this year’s club list, who is eligible to send delegates, who is eligible to vote. It has come full circle. They have done such a tremendous job for us. I can’t thank them enough.

The Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc.
Credentials Committee Meeting Report
Thursday, June 22-23, 2023
JW Marriot Starr Pass Resort Tucson AZ

Meeting called to order by Nancy Dodds, Chairperson at 9:30 AM on June 22, 2023. Hilary Helmrich was appointed Secretary. All members actually signed the signature forms and reviewed the Oath of Delegates to the Committee; that says basically what we do in the Committee is secret. We don’t talk to people outside the Committee and nobody makes a secret signal when we come in as to whether who voted for whom. The Chairperson outlined the procedure regarding electronic tally and adding hard-copy votes.

There was a correction we needed to make to the final number last year from June 2022. One club, club #180 North Shore Cat Club, actually resigned 1/5/2022 but was missed by both Central Office and Credentials Committee. The actual number for 2022 ended up being 584. That gives us a starting number of 584 clubs this year.

CLUB INFORMATION

CFA Clubs added between June 1, 2022 and June 1, 2023: 13

<i>Club Number</i>	<i>Clubs Added by Name</i>	<i>Region</i>
<i>1762</i>	<i>ALIANZA FELINA</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>1763</i>	<i>CHINA CAT FANCIERS</i>	<i>ID -CN</i>
<i>1764</i>	<i>GLAMOROUS INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADOR (GIA)</i>	<i>ID</i>

1765	OSAKA NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT CLUB	8
1766	TOKYO MIDTOWN CAT CLUB	8
1767	ELITE CAT FANCIERS' CLUB	ID
1768	FELINE FANCIERS SOC. OF SINGAPORE	ID
1769	LA REVOLUTION DU PERSAN	9
1770	THAI SMILE CAT CLUB	ID
1771	CHINA MORNING STAR CLUB	ID
1772	JELLY PAW CAT CLUB	ID
1773	PURRADISE CAT CLUB	ID
1774	UNIVERSAL FELINE FANCIERS	ID

Dodds: We added 13 clubs throughout this year. Region 9 added Alianza Felina. Region 9 also added La Revolution Du Persan. Region 8 added Osaka Norwegian Forest Cat Club and Tokyo Midtown Cat Club. The ID added China Cat Fanciers, Elite Cat Fanciers' Club, Feline Fanciers Soc. Of Singapore, Thai Smile Cat Club, China Morning Star Club, Jelly Paw Cat Club, Purradise Cat Club and Universal Feline Fanciers.

Clubs dropped (for failure to pay dues and/or submit membership list by June 1 or resignation): 13

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

<i>Club Number</i>	<i>Clubs Added by Name</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>Reason Dropped</i>
72	DAYTON CAT FANCIERS	4	Resigned
630	PERSIAN BI-COLOR & CALICO SOCIETY	1	Resigned
734	MARK AND LINDA	7	Resigned
210	QUEEN CITY CAT CLUB	4	Membership list not received
1286	TOKYO A&A CAT CLUB	8	Dues not paid/membership list not received
1595	CHINA CENTRAL CAT FANCIER	ID	Membership list not received
1711	MAN MIAO CLUB	ID	Membership list not received
1588	NEI MONGGOL AM SH FANCIER CLUB	ID	Membership list not received
1632	CHINA YANTZE RIVER CF CLUB	ID	Membership list not received

1576	CHINA AMERICAN SHORTHAIR FANCIER CL	ID	Dues not paid/membership list not received
1589	CHINA EAST CAT FANCIERS	ID	Dues not paid/membership list not received
1699	CHINA FELINE FANCIERS ALLIANCE	ID	Dues not paid/membership list not received
1708	REGAL CAT FANCIERS ISRAEL-RCFAI	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: 44**
- **Clubs in ID Division which paid dues, submitted membership lists and did NOT hold a show: 32**
- **Clubs in ID Division that did not meet voting deadlines or have a show but remain on roster: 21**
- **CFA Clubs as of June 1, 2023 (after clubs dropped): 583**

(One Club is under suspension currently, and is not counted)

of Clubs determining a quorum: 529 (583 clubs, minus 6 clubs in R1-9 which didn't meet the May 4 deadline for dues and lists, minus 48 ID clubs which did not meet the dues/membership list deadline of May 4 and/or did not hold a show).

of Club Delegates necessary to be checked-in to meet the quorum: 265

Dodds: On the downside, we dropped 13 clubs. So, we didn't gain any, we really didn't lose any. They were dropped for failure to pay dues and/or submit membership by June 1, or they resigned. [reads list] In the ID, there still seems to be some issue with communication, because we have 4 clubs that paid their dues but did not list membership. So, we had plus 13, minus 13, one under suspension, coming up to 583. The number of club delegates necessary to be checked in to meet the quorum was 265, and you all know that we well exceeded that.

Delegate Forms

All Delegate info received by deadline. Central Office confirmed that delegate info received and/or approved by club secretary of record.

Ballots for CFA Directors-at-Large – General Info

1. **Ballot information and link to vote emailed: March 23, 2023**
2. **Ballot reminders emailed: May 15, 2023 and May 30, 2023**

3. ***Ballots cast online: Daily***
4. ***Deadline for voting or receipt of ballots: June 1, 2023***
5. ***Electronic ballots for Directors-at-Large received by deadline: 476***
6. ***Ballots received via method other than online: 4 (1 mailed, 1 faxed, 1 emailed, 1 texted and mailed)***
7. ***Club which sent an electronic and paper ballot: 0***
8. ***Ballots received after deadline: 0***
9. ***Ballots received TOTAL: 480***
10. ***Clubs eligible to vote for Directors-at-Large (includes clubs in ID-China and Other-which had a show): 516***
11. ***Club which sent a ballot but cannot vote: 0***
12. ***Final discussion on any unresolved topics***
 - a) *Cat-H-Art is suspended and is inactive in the CFA system. This club will not show up on the list of clubs online since it is inactive. The club is not included in the 583 count since they are not considered in good standing as of June 1. They were not eligible to vote for DAL.*
13. ***5 clubs sent in “paper” ballots:***
 - a) *Siamese Fanciers – ballot accepted*
 - b) *Havana Brown Fanciers – sent email with ballot information – unusual format-accepted ballot*
 - c) *Warwick Valley Feline Fanciers- paper ballot – ballot accepted*
 - d) *Crab and Mallet – took 25 days to go through mail – ballot accepted*

Election Results were as follows:

Election Results for CFA Officers for the term June 2023-June 2025 were as follows:

CFA DIRECTORS AT LARGE: (480 votes tallied)

Dodds: I want you to notice that, even though you have a line here [in the delegate book] for abstain, there were no abstentions allowed. Nobody abstained. Everybody who voted online had to vote for 5 – no more, no less. Here are the results you are so anxiously waiting for:

<i>Auth, Mary</i>	221
<i>Griswold, Marilee</i>	338*
<i>Honey, Ellyn</i>	125
<i>Huhtaniemi, Pauli</i>	292*
<i>Krzanowski, Carol</i>	342*
<i>Mathis, Anne</i>	262*
<i>Morgan, Melanie</i>	217
<i>Newkirk, Darrell</i>	252*
<i>Sweeney, Teresa</i>	222
<i>Wood, Beverly</i>	129

*** Elected**

Dodds: Elected – Marilee Griswold, Pauli Huhtaniemi, Carol Krzanowski, Anne Mathis, Darrell Newkirk. Thank you all for your attention, and let’s move on. **Mastin:** Thank you Nancy and your Credentials team for all your hard work. I would like to take a moment to thank our outgoing board members for all their years of service; that being, Annette Wilson, Melanie Morgan, George Eigenhauser and Mark Hannon. **Eigenhauser:** Are we having a motion that we destroy the ballots? **Mastin:** Yes. **Eigenhauser:** I so move. **Mastin:** George made a motion to destroy the ballots. I didn’t know if the rest of you heard. **Dodds:** Amber has the instructions on how to take care of them electronically, as well as the five we received manually. **Mastin:** Thank you. **Eigenhauser:** I have a question. That’s a motion. You have to call the question. **Mastin:** Any objections to destroying the ballots? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Thank you George. I also want to take a moment to welcome our new board members. Nancy just announced it, I will repeat it. Marilee Griswold, Pauli Huhtaniemi, Carol Krzanowski, Anne Mathis and Darrell Newkirk. Congratulations everyone, and welcome.

(50) CLERK SERVICE AWARDS.

Mastin: I need CFA Clerks who are listed on the Service Award page in the delegate book, page 3, to please line up on the side of the stage where Allene is standing. Bethany Colilla, Chair of the Program, please come forward. [Chair Bethany Colilla presented the Clerk Service Awards]

2023 Clerk Service Awards

5 Years

Jacqueline Bates
Jennifer Deel
Edward Goatseay
Hideki Kudo
Jon Lee
Bingqin Ma
Holly Mueller
Sarah Sau Wah Ng
Zikun Wang

10 Years

Ayano Adachi
Kitty Barie
Sung Jun Kim
Kimie Shiratori
Izaddin Syah Yusof

15 Years

Tuija Aaltonen
Linda L. Flanigan
Zhen Hao Gao
Christina Makl
Kiyoko Ueda

20 Years

Laurie Coughlan
Sharon McKenzie

25 Years

Donna Andrews
Mariane Toth
Makoto Wakamatsu

30 Years

Cheryl Coleman
Donna Hinton

35 Years

Linda S. Bartley
Nancy Grandison
Mary Frances Marron

40 Years

Ronna Colilla
Howard R. Webster

50 Years

Mark Hannon

Mastin: Bethany, thank you and congratulations to all recipients of this year's Clerking Awards.

(51) **INTERNATIONAL DIVISION REPORT.**

Mastin: Next is Kathy Calhoun with the International Division report. Once Kathy is done with her report, we will take a 15 minute break, and we will return that.

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International Division

Kathy Calhoun & Matthew Wong
Co-Chairs

Calhoun: Hello again. Could Bob Zenda, John Colilla and Matthew Wong come to the stage? We are going to tag team on this. I want everyone to be aware they spend a lot of their time and do a lot of work for the International Division. This is their moment.

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China John Colilla and Wain Harding Subcommittee Chairs

- **Allen Shi - Area Advisor East China**
 - This area includes the provinces/cities of Fujian, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Zhejiang, Anhui, Shandong, and Shanghai.
 - 20 clubs
- **Wang Xiu Ran(5D) - Area Advisor North China**
 - This area includes the provinces/cities of Inner Mongolia, Hebei, Shanxi, Tianjin, Beijing, Liaoning, Jilin, and Heilongjiang.
 - 2 clubs
- **Eva Chen - Area Advisor West China**
 - This area includes all of China not already covered by the provinces/cities listed for either East China or North China.
 - 31 clubs

Calhoun: John Colilla? **J. Colilla:** I have to start? **Calhoun:** You have to start. **J. Colilla:** Oh my. How about that. It has been a very fun year and challenging year so far. I would like to recognize a few of the people who are part of our Committee. I don't know whether you are aware or not, but China is divided in three divisions. Allen Shi is the advisor for the East Region. That includes the provinces of Fujian, Jiangsu – I have a problem with these, even though I am Chinese – Jiangxi, Zhejiang, Anhui, Shandong and Shanghai. There's 20 clubs there. In the Northern part, which is 5D, that includes the provinces/cities of Inner Mongolia. Hebie, Shanxi, Tianjin, Beijing, Liaoning, Jilin and Heilongjiang. Lastly is Eva Chen, the West Region. She is also the China Rep. This area includes all of China not already covered by the

provinces/cities listed for East China or North China. There's 31 clubs there. Even though I am half Chinese, I cannot speak Mandarin and I cannot read it, so sometimes when we have a problem, I have to talk to my good friend here [Matthew Wong]. He resolves a lot of our problems and he is a tremendous help.

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Bob Zenda
 Asia Outside of Mainland China
 Subcommittee Chair

- **Suki Wong – Country Coordinator**
 - Hong Kong – 9 clubs
- **Indra Faisal – Country Coordinator**
 - Indonesia - 4 clubs
- **Jinson Choi– Country Coordinator**
 - South Korea - 3 clubs
- **Muhammad Hafidz bin Rahmat– Country Coordinator**
 - Malaysia/Brunei - 8 clubs
- **Nadia Jaffar – Country Coordinator**
 - Singapore - 1 club
- **Keratiya (Zun) Cruvongpalboon– Country Coordinator**
 - Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand – 7 clubs
- **Tsung Chih Tsai – Country Coordinator**
 - Taiwan
- **Nguyen Kieu Ngoc– Country Coordinator**
 - Vietnam – 1 club
- Philippines

Zenda: What a privilege it is to represent the International Division outside of China. In addition, I didn't do it by myself but hey, we had 75 shows. We had almost 8,000 entries and we've still got 46 active clubs in the ID – Outside of China. The reason it is going so well is because we have a cadre of country coordinators that I would like to acknowledge and thank at this moment. From Hong Kong, Suki Wong. She facilitates and helps a lot of things in the International Division. From Indonesia, Indra Faisal. From South Korea, Jinson Choi. From Malaysia, Muhammad Hafidz bin Rahmat. From Singapore, our International Division Scheduler and country representative, Nadia Jaffar. From Thailand, I know she is here, Zun please stand. From Taiwan, Tsung Chih Tsai. From Viet Nam, Nguyen Kieu Ngoc. Nicki, are you here? Kathy, thanks for trusting me.

Open Position
 Subcommittee Chair – Central/South America

Central and South America, including the Caribbean nations

Calhoun: OK, my partner in crime Matthew Wong, come on up and talk about the open positions. **Wong:** The ID Division, we have seen excellent rebound post-COVID. A big thank you, as Bob and John went through. We have very passionate helpers and CFA participants to make this happen. Of course, going through the last month of the season was really, really tough. I think the number of [inaudible] rumors, it's all just rumors. It never happened. I think we all want to close the season, but there's three things I want to mention about ID. One, we do have competition in all these markets, so you see all these wonderful participants in all these locations. In every, single one of them, I can tell you who we are competing against and our competitors. They are aggressive and promoting even small sponsors. Number two is, we are able to attract a lot of young people, a lot of newcomers, and yes they all want their own club. That's why we have all the clubs, but just a reminder, in Asia and the ID, "no show, no vote". The great thing is, we are expanding, so thanks Kathy for the leadership. I'm learning a lot from everyone on the team, being the relatively newcomer to CFA, only 20-something years. My daughter is 17, so that counts.

Wong: We are looking to Central and South America.

Open Position Subcommittee Chair

- Africa and Western Asia
 - Turkey
 - Iran
 - India
 - Maldives
 - Afghanistan
 - Pakistan
 - Uzbekistan
 - Turkmenistan
- Middle East
 - Egypt
 - Israel – 1 club
 - India -1 club
 - Kuwait – 1 club
 - Saudi Arabia & the United Arab Emirates

Wong: India, it's not so easy. It's very established with one local organization already, but we will try. We understand for CFA to grow, we wish that we are a global organization and ID counts for a big portion in every single slide we see. We want to keep that going, and we are not staying still. We will go into all these new markets. Thank you for your support. **Calhoun:** I am so fortunate to have such a wonderful team. A big round of applause. Also, I want to thank Wain Harding who is not here for this event, but we also want to acknowledge Wain, who is doing a fabulous job. We'll have a couple of subcommittee chairs open and we hope to fill them shortly. We will need a chair for Central/South America, including the Caribbean nations. Also, we will have a subchair for Africa and Western Asia and the Middle East. So, more news to come.

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International Division Key Roles

- Matthew Wong
 - International Division Representative
- Eva Chen
 - China Representative
- Suki Wong and Phebe Low
 - International Division Treasurers
- Agnes Sun
 - Corporate Sponsorship - China

Calhoun: In addition, we have other individuals that play key roles in the International Division. Matthew is also the ID Division Rep. John mentioned Eva, who is the China Representative. Suki Wong and Phebe Low are the treasurers. They are co-treasurers. Suki and Phebe are in the room. And Agnes Sun, who is our Corporate Sponsorship – China. Agnes, would you stand if you are here?

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International Division Initiatives

- Continue focus on growth in the International Division
 - 2020 – 2021 – 27 Shows
 - 2021 – 2022 – 62 Shows
 - 2022 – 2023 – 102 Shows
- Execute a “targeted area” action plan
- Communicate and establish processes in support of the Exhibitors Code of Ethics.
- Ensure all exhibitors and those involved with show production have clear communication of updated or new show rules.

Calhoun: I just wanted to briefly cover some of the International Division initiatives. We're continuing to focus on growth. In 2020-2021 there were 27 shows. Of course, that was immensely impacted by COVID. In 2021-2022 it increased to 62 shows, and in 2022-2023 we had 102 shows. So, the ID Division is coming back strong. I think Matthew alluded to, we are focused on growth and registrations, and we are going to take a targeted approach in this next year with an action plan around specific areas to compete with competition and re-establish CFA. We also are focusing on communicating our Exhibitors' Code of Ethics throughout the International Division, and we are focusing on ensuring that our breeders, exhibitors and fanciers around the world have the tools that they need to be able to navigate the CFA system. That would mean, in addition to translations, mentors and people who can just help maneuver the website, eCats and all sorts of things. So, we are focusing on that.

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Upcoming Events

International Council Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 24 at 9:00 – 10:30 am eastern time

In-person, ZOOM and Facebook Stream

International Division Awards Banquet

Saturday, August 27, 2023

Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wanchai, Hong Kong

International Division China Awards Banquet

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Shanghai, China

Calhoun: Tomorrow from 9 to 10:30 we will have the International Council Annual Meeting. That's going to be a combination of in-person and Zoom so that we can maximize our participation. Also, we will be streaming on FaceBook. We also have two division award events coming up. On Saturday, August 27th, we will have the International Division awards banquet in Hong Kong, and then on November 18th we will have the International Division – China awards in Shanghai.



Calhoun: I would like to just take a moment for everybody who is here from the International Division, who traveled far, from faraway places, to stand. Everybody stand up. Stand up. Stand up. Thank you for coming. To all of the dedicated volunteers working for the International Division, and to all the exhibitors and breeders across the globe, huge thank you.

Calhoun: Time for break. Break will be 15 minutes.

BREAK.

(52) CATTERY OF DISTINCTION AWARDS.

Mastin: If everyone could take your seats so we can call the meeting back to order. We're going to do the Cattery of Distinction Awards. I would like the recipients listed on page 3 of the delegate booklet to please line up on the side of the stage where Allene is standing. [The Cattery of Distinction Awards were presented by President Mastin.]

Tier V Superior

Kitzn

Owner: Keith Kimberlin & James Frederick
United States

Tier V Superior

Castlkatz

Owner: Paul & Ginger Meeker
United States

Tier V Superior

Seaflower

Owner: Deborah & Clinton Parker
United States

Tier VII Superior

Stedam

Owner: Dawn & Michael Skupin & Lyn Knight
United States

Tier VIII

Cacao

Owner: Janet, Rebeckah & Carissa Altschul
United States

Tier VIII Superior

D'Eden Lover

Owner: Frederic Gaspard & Valery Boucher
France

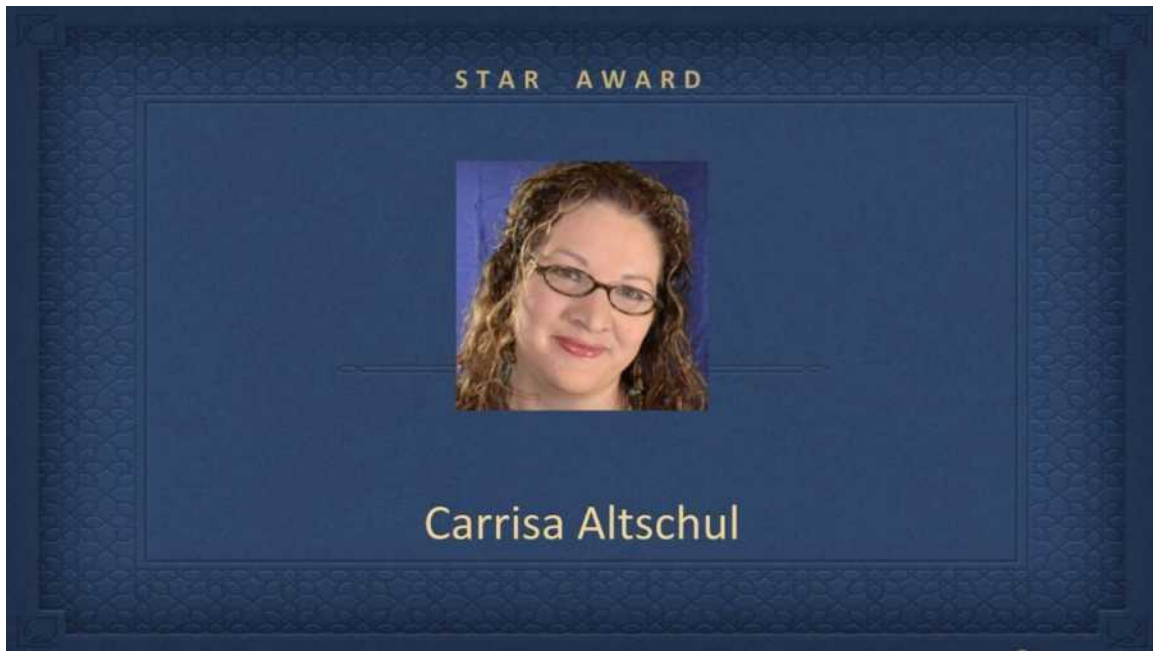
Mastin: Congratulations and thank you.

(53) **STAR AWARDS/DIAMOND STAR AWARDS.**

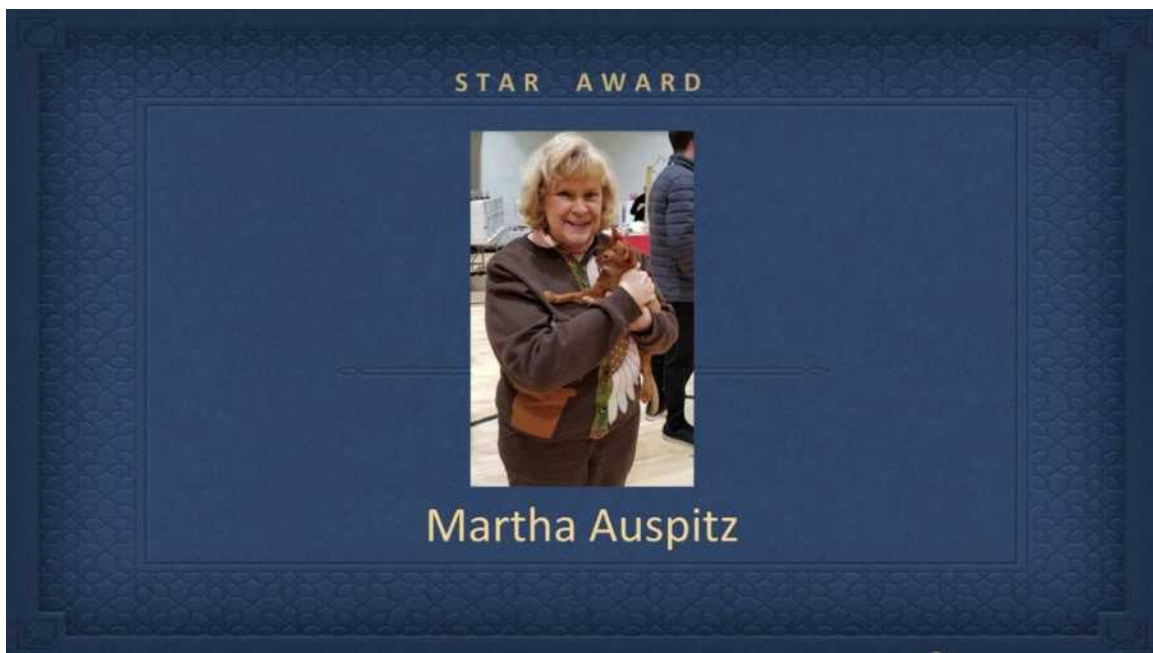
Mastin: Star Awards and Diamond Award Recipients, Cathy Dunham.



Dunham: Good afternoon. As we all know, the Star Award is our award to honor those people in the cat fancy that have donated countless hours and gone above and beyond in everything they do for CFA. The Committee had a large number of nominations this year. As we were going through them, we realized that some of these people have far exceeded the expectations of the association and really deserved a little bit of a higher honor. So, the Committee proposed to award a new level for Star Awards called the Diamond Star Award. To be eligible for this award, the individual is to work behind the scenes every day to make CFA great. It is intended to honor those individuals that have demonstrated continued outstanding work in the same area for a substantial number of years and would only be awarded this once as an individual for that body of nominated work. The nominations for this award would come from the Awards Committee from the nominations that are submitted to us in general. They may not be awarded every year – only when someone meets the criteria. The guidelines are that they would have at least received one Star Award for their body of work, they continue to work in that same area for at least five years. So, with that, I am honored to present this year's Star Awards and Diamond Star Awards.



Carissa Altschul: Mentoring New Breeders/Exhibitors



Martha Auspitz: Awards Committee



Thanaban Authongmak: Support of CFA in Thailand



Cyndy Byrd: Awards Committee



Loretta Baugh: Judging Program - Education Subcommittee



Leslie Carr: Awards Committee and Support of Southern Region breeders/exhibitors after Hurricane Ian

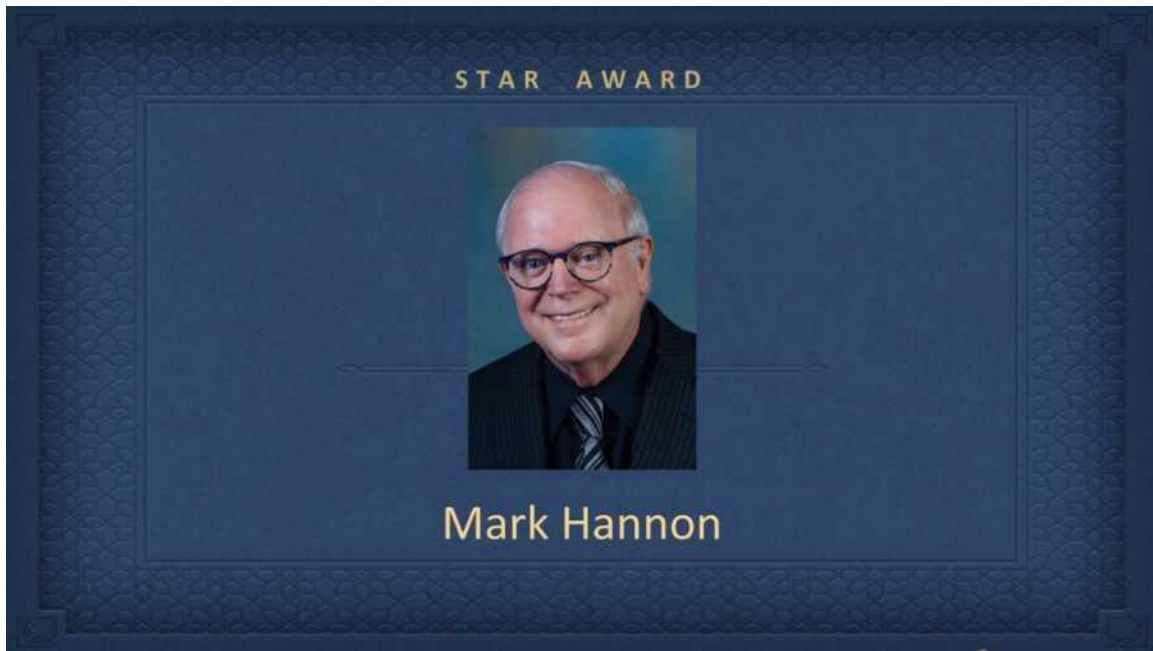
Cathy Dunham: Work on ad hoc Count Manipulation Committee



Indra Faizal : Support of CFA in Indonesia



Doerte Haendel: Maine Coon Rescue in Ukraine and ensures breeders who stayed with their animals had cat food and supplies



Mark Hannon: CFA rebranding and website redesign



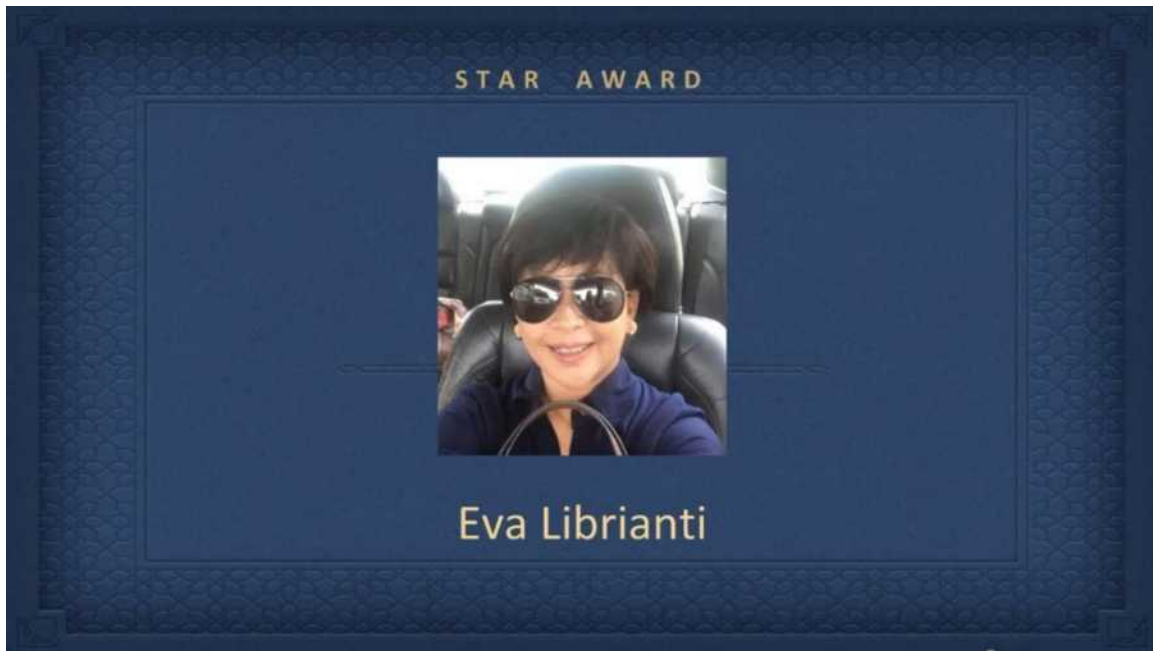
Kathi Hoos: Judging Program Applications Administrator and general support



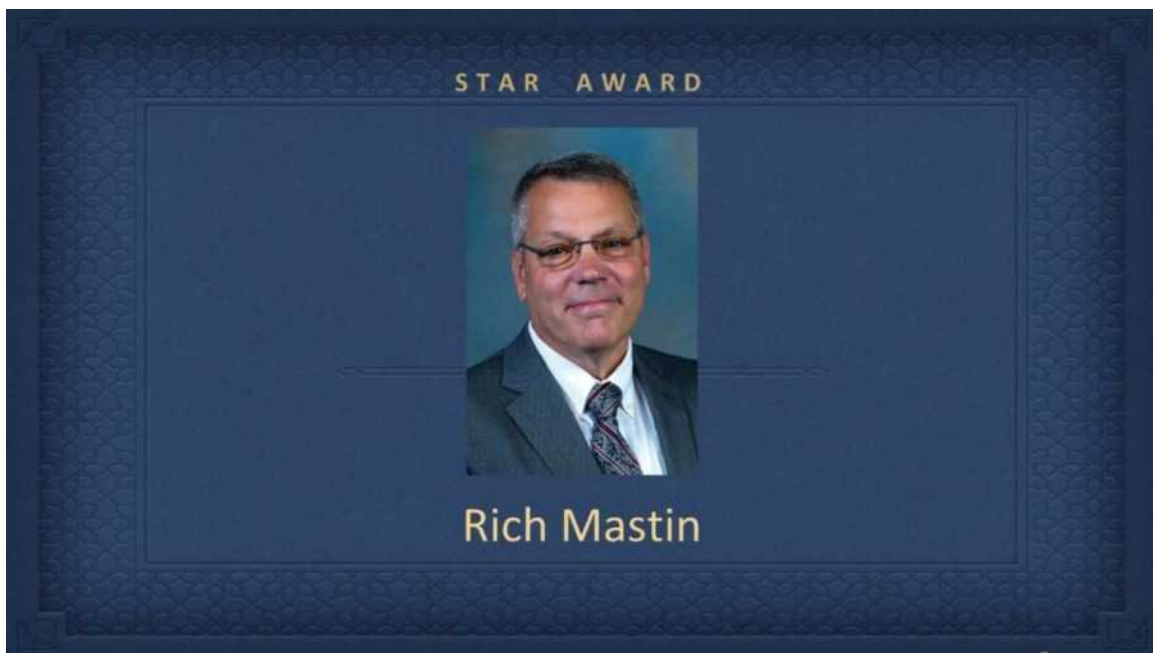
Pauli Huhtaniemi: Development of CFA throughout the Nordic and Baltic countries



Thomas Yiu Wing Kai: Support of CFA International Division in Hong Kong



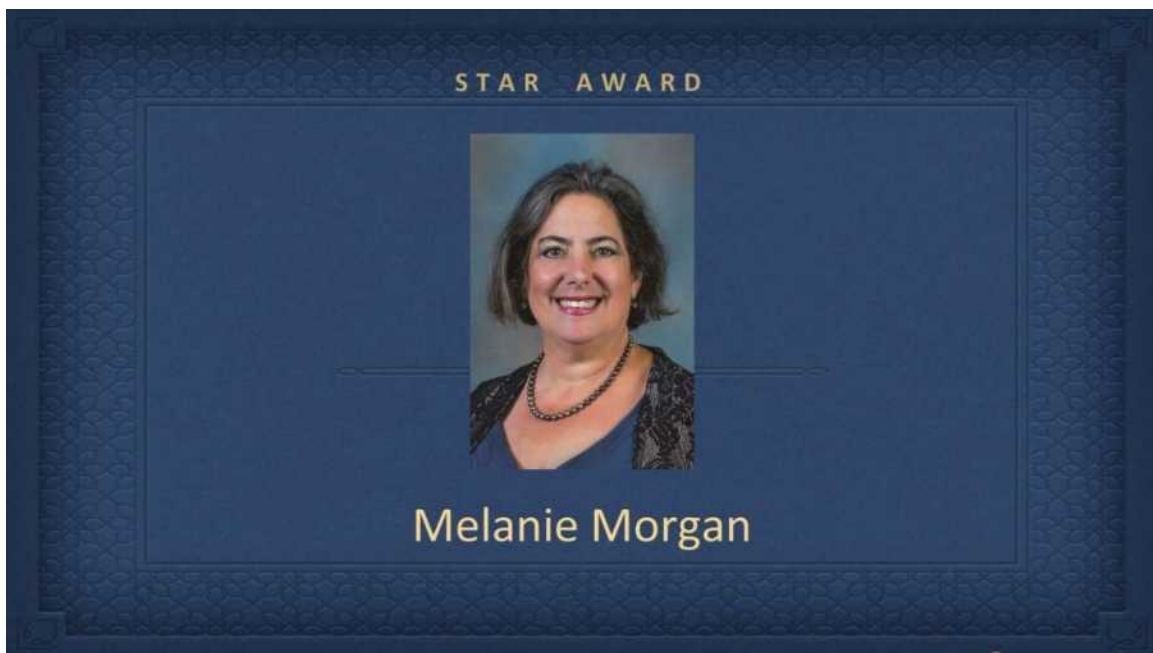
Eva Librianti: Support of CFA in Indonesia



Rich Mastin: Contributions to the budget and finance committees



Ginger Meeker: Breeder Assist Fund Raising, Cattery Management Book



Melanie Morgan: CFA rebranding and website redesign



Zhu Ning: Support of CFA in China



Vicki Nye: Reorganization of the Judging Program files.



Masayuki Okada: Support of Japanese Clerking Program and CFA in Japan



Anne Paul: Breeder Assist rescue



Cary Plummer: Going Above and Beyond for the welfare of a cat in the show hall



Ed Raymond: CFA Ombudsman



Dr. Cynthia Rigoni, DVM: Breeder Assist Rescue



Diana Rothermel: CFA Judging Program Ombudsman



Gritthanut Srikritsanaarak: Support of CFA in Thailand



Albert Sweitzer: For his support of CFA Junior Fanciers



Andy Valles: Burmese Rescue Program in Ukraine



Peter Vanwonderghem: Judging Handling Schools.



Leona Wong: Support of the International Division



Matthew Wong: Contributions to the International Division Committee and the Budget Committee



Suki Wong: Support of CFA in Hong Kong and China.





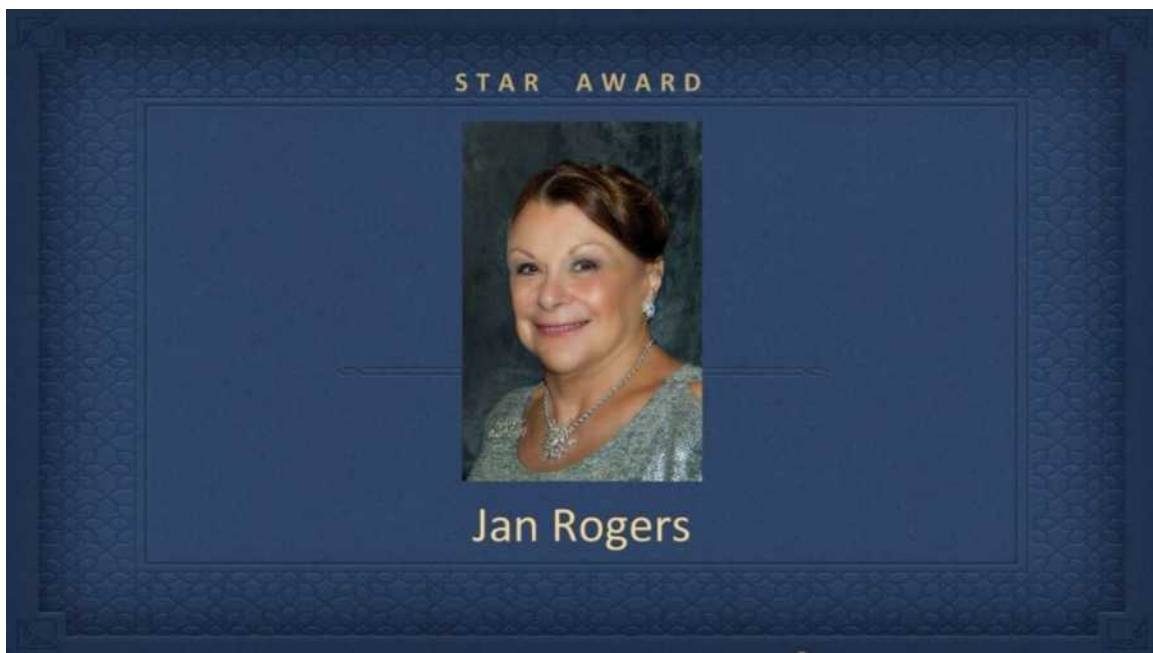
Linda Berg: CFA Breeder Assist, Breed Rescue Board President, and CFA Animal Welfare Chair



Nancy Hitzeman: CFA Breeder Assist Food Pantry Chair



Dick Kallmeyer: CFA Statistical Analysis



Jan Rogers: CFA Breeder Assist, Breed Rescue Fund Raising



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

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

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Mastin: We're in the home stretch here. Next is the resolutions from the floor and I have an announcement. Resolutions from the floor are more than 50% and advisory only. So, more than 50% passes as advisory only. 50% or less fails.

– 8 – Thumbs Up Cat Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 28.04.b. to remove Mexico from the Regions 1-9 grand requirements of 200/75 and include Mexico in the 75/25 grand requirements, to read as follows:

b. Grand Point Requirements for the Grand Champion and Grand Premier title are as shown in the following table based on location of cat ownership:

Country/Area	GC Pts Rqd	GP Pts Rqd
Regions 1-9 except as noted, China	200	75
Maritime Provinces of Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Hawaii, <u>Mexico</u> , Russia east of the Ural Mountains, International Division (except Hong Kong, China, Malaysia Thailand, Taiwan, Vietnam, & Indonesia)	75	25
Hong Kong	125	75
Thailand, Indonesia	125	25
Malaysia	125	50
Ukraine	200	25
Taiwan and Vietnam	90	40

RATIONALE: In the past, CFA has had activity in Mexico, but very little in recent years and no show producing activity in a very long time. Due to many factors, Mexico has experienced economic challenges and has underperformed in terms of growth, inclusion, and poverty reduction compared to similar countries. which caused the CFA cat fancy in Mexico to wind down. However, Mexico is on the verge of change. It is currently among the 15 largest economies in the world and the second-largest economy in Latin America. We have seen a recent uptick in registrations and activity from Mexico, evidencing renewed interest in CFA. However, considering that it is a 16 hour drive or a 2-1/2 hour flight from Mexico City to Houston, it is difficult for our fanciers living in Mexico to attend shows. This proposal requests the same exception as, for instance, the Maritime Provinces of Canada, who may experience a 6 hour drive to a CFA show. Until the fancy grows in Mexico and clubs are able to be formed and hold shows, CFA must provide achievable goals for exhibitors in this remote area. CFA already provides a reduced qualifying ring requirement for Mexico in Show Rule 27.03.a. We are asking that Mexico be granted the grand point requirements for other similar remote areas.

Rachel Anger [Thumbs Up Cat Fanciers]: Resolved, [reads]. **Mastin:** Thank you Rachel. Any questions or comments? **Heidi Murphy [Paper Tigers; Poppy State Cat Club]:** Thank you Rachel, so much. I've been working with exhibitors with CFA registered catteries in Mexico, and I asked Rachel to help me with this. We can have a show next year in Mexico. We

have the exhibitor base down there. I have a veterinarian that has bought many cats from the United States that wants to put on a show in Mexico, but it's important that we get these things changed because it's not fair. They can only have four rings in a show. I would like to see them produce at least two shows a year. I know we can do this if this rule is changed, and we can finally get representation in Mexico. Thank you again Rachel.

Mastin: Thank you. Seeing that there are no additional questions or comments, we will now open the motion for a vote. Shelly, we still need 265 or we don't have a quorum? **Perkins:** Correct, you still have to have 265. [voting takes place] Ten seconds to cast your vote. James, close the vote. Total votes, 285. Yes votes, 250; no votes, 35. **Anger:** Thank you. **Mastin:** Passes as advisory only.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 8	250	35	--	285
313 Delegates Registered				

Carried.

– 9 – *New England Meow Outfit, Inc., Happy Alternative Cat Club, Ozark Cat Fanciers, Fort Worth Cat Club, Las Vegas Cat Club, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers, German Phoenix Cat Friends Europe*

RESOLVED: That the Show Rules Committee is hereby requested to develop a procedure for disciplining or penalizing exhibitors who are found to have caused substantial damage to a hotel room in an official show hotel.

RATIONALE: Every year, it becomes more of a challenge to find hotels willing to allow cats, and when exhibitors do not take proper care of their hotel rooms, the sponsoring club may find itself responsible for covering the cost of any damage in order to be able to maintain a relationship with the hotel.

Currently, the only recourse a club has when an exhibitor is found to have damaged a hotel room is to either file a protest or follow up with the exhibitor and request that they cover any costs involved. Since there are no negative consequences to the exhibitor for refusing to do so, there's no reason why they should pay up. The protest procedure is long and involved and not well suited to this type of situation.

Something shorter and sweeter is called for. We are requesting the help of the Show Rules Committee in devising it in order to bring it to the Annual next year for the delegation's approval. Were we to create such a procedure ourselves, it would be likely to take two or three years before the delegation and the Board would be comfortable approving it. A proposal originating from the Show Rules Committee is likely to be more thorough and concise and able to be implemented within a shorter time frame. We would be very grateful to the Committee for addressing this situation, which is important to all show-producing clubs.

Mastin: Do we have additional motions from the floor? **Iris Zinck [Buccaneers Cat Fanciers; New England Meow Outfit]:** This is a resolution sponsored by New England Meow Outfit, Inc., Happy Alternative Cat Club, Ozark Cat Fanciers, Fort Worth Cat Club, Las Vegas Cat Club, Ragamuffin Cat Fanciers and German Phoenix Cat Friends Europe. Before I read this resolution, I would like to say that this covers an issue and a process. Although we're going to be talking about the issue in the rationale, I'm going to ask you to focus on the process, because the process is something different and may have the ability to move CFA forward a little faster than what we've been able to do in the past. So, resolved [reads]. Again, it's both a process and an issue. Rationale, [reads]. Again, as you discuss this, please focus on the process and not the issue. Thank you.

Mastin: Does anyone have any questions or comments? **Mike Shelton [Los Colores Cat Club; New Millennium Cat Club]:** I am very strongly in favor of pursuing something like this. I think it would also be great for clubs to be able to use it with negotiation with hotels if they can say that they have some recourse against exhibitors and that there's additional disincentives for exhibitors to trash hotel rooms, because they are more likely to be held accountable. **Laurie Coughlan [GEMS; Greater Lancaster Feline Fanciers]:** I just wonder if this doesn't fall under *conduct detrimental to the cat fancy*, which we already have. Maybe we should visit that instead of starting a whole new show rule. We might call this *conduct unbecoming to the cat fancy* and avoid a whole bunch of other rigamarole. **Karen Thomas [Rebel Rousers Cat Club]:** I have two problems with this. One, what is the definition of "substantial damage" and two, who is going to be sure that what the hotel is complaining about is real, because I know a Sphynx breeder that got fined by the hotel for having too much hair in the room. I myself was fined by the hotel for smoking in the room. I've never smoked in my life, so who is going to verify and what is "substantial"? **Jacqui Bennett [Ocicats International; Pacific Rim Allbreed Cat**

Fanciers]: I would like everybody to remember, this is not a proposed show rule. This is a resolution asking for an exploratory committee to come up with these answers. All these clubs are asking for is a way to expedite and optimize our process for those activities which are immediately detrimental which cannot go through a 6, 9 or year-long process to be addressed. We're talking about hotel rooms, but there are a number of other things that are happening, things that you might need an immediate recourse for – damage to a show hall, even physical altercations. If an exhibitor is going to have a physical altercation, shouldn't we have an immediate way to deal with it, as opposed to seeing if they hurt somebody else at another show? This is just a request for an exploratory committee. That's all she is asking for.

Mastin: Iris, closing comments please. **Iris Zinck [Buccaneers Cat Fanciers; New England Meow Outfit]:** Thank you Jacqui for bringing the focus back where I wanted it. All we are doing is asking for the Show Rules Committee to use its expertise in devising something that will be agreeable to next year's delegation. We did not intend to analyze the right or wrong way to address the hotel situation. We want to take it to the experts. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you. Let's open the motion on the floor for the vote. [voting takes place] Ten seconds. OK, let's close the voting. Total votes 298. Yes votes, 242, no votes, 56. The motion passes as advisory only. Thank you.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 9	242	56	--	298
313 Delegates Registered				

Carried.

– 10 – *Havana Brown Fanciers*

1. It is my understanding that all clubs have a Charter that was submitted when their club was submitted for acceptance into CFA.
2. By being accepted by CFA, each club was given a voice in the form of a vote, provided the club remained in good standing.
3. Over the years, many clubs have come and gone, and the purpose of some clubs has changed, but their charter was never updated. There are different club types, some are show producing, some are breed clubs, some are social clubs that provide feline education, support charities, research or have other value to the cat fancy community.
4. My proposal is that CFA convene a committee to review club charters to verify that clubs are in compliance with the charter that was submitted. Should a club be found not to be in compliance with its charter, it will be given a three year term to either
 - (a) Update/revise its charter and have it approved by CFA
 - (b) Become compliant with the existing terms outlined in its charter
 - (c) Close the club
5. Should a club not meet the requirements within the allotted time, it will lose their right to vote. It doesn't mean the club won't exist, just that it will no longer have bargaining power within the organization if they cannot make a contribution.

RATIONALE:

- It is known to many that there are a small number of people who hold a large number of 'paper clubs'. By this we mean clubs who pay dues every year but do not make a contribution to the organization in any form (educational, breed support, charitable fundraising, hosting shows, etc.) yet still have voting rights at the annual and for officer positions. Collectively, these few people holding paper clubs are able to manipulate the vote in their favor and are not likely to vote themselves out of power or against anything that is not in their interest, even if it is not best for the organization.
- The three year rule would allow a club that was chartered to produce shows to gather the support of new members, search for venues and get an acceptable date to plan a show. This does not happen quickly and any club that WANTS to be productive should be given the opportunity to do so.

This is a fair and reasonable proposal but many will vote against it. When it comes time to vote, please look around you at those who decided NOT to vote for this proposal and ask them why.

The organization needs to be run by those who are actively participating in its success or failure. People who hold clubs with the intention of stuffing a vote are no better than the exhibitors who stuff shows to manipulate the count in their favor.

Mastin: Additional motions from the floor? **LeAnn Rupy [Lincoln State Cat Club]:** I'm going to kick a can down the road that we've been kicking for a long time, so bear with me.

This is about club charters and paper clubs, so I'm going to read through five points. [reads] Nobody is saying that any club can't vote for any reason, it's just asking you to go do what you said you were going to do when you signed up to be a voting member of this organization. Rationale, [reads]. There are a lot of reasons to have paper clubs, but when you have one person holding in excess of 20 clubs, that is the majority vote in a region, so think about that. That exists, so that's only one example. There are a lot of those out there. Please think about this. We are requesting that a committee be put together just to evaluate the charters and see if we can get charters and clubs in compliance.

Mastin: Any questions or comments? LeAnn, you don't have any closing comments, do you? **LeAnn Rupy [Lincoln State Cat Club]:** No. **Mastin:** OK, we will open the motion on the floor for a vote. Please cast. [voting takes place] Ten seconds. Please close the vote. Voting results, 274 total. 145 yes, 129 no. It is more than 50%. The motion passes as advisory only. Remember, we need to have a minimum of 265 total votes to maintain the quorum. We have 274 with 145 yes. That is greater than 50%. We do not count the total votes based on the quorum, we count the total votes cast. As long as we have 265 total votes cast, including abstentions that have a true conflict, the motion will continue and we base it on yes and no. There are 145 yes votes. That is greater than 50%. 50% of 274 would be 137. The screen is set up for 2/3. Motions from the floor require greater than 50% and it's advisory only. Any other questions? You are free to ask questions so we get this clear.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 10	145	129	--	274
313 Delegates Registered				

Carried.

The best way to increase our exhibitor base is through cattery registrations. I would like to go back at least 5 years and send out an email to those who registered catteries or kittens saying, “Would you like to show your cats in CFA? If so please check the box. By checking the box CFA can help put you with the right mentor to help you understand what you need to show your cat/kitten in a CFA show.”

Mastin: Moving on to the next motion from the floor if there is one. **Heidi Murphy [Paper Tigers; Poppy State Cat Club]:** As we all know across this country, we have lost many exhibitors and we are all trying to come up with ways to bring new exhibitors into this organization. As we saw here today from Kathy Calhoun, we know that registries are up. Why are we not getting them into exhibiting their cats? I won’t call them “backyard breeders”, I want to call them “breeders that don’t exhibit”. I have a proposal that CFA should put a box on every cattery registration, litter registration, “would you like to show your cats in CFA?” I would like to go back 5 years and after talking to Shelly Perkins, I know it can be done. On those cattery registrations that mark the box that they want valid information from CFA. It is not a privacy issue. I would like to go back and send them also the box, “would you like to show your cats in CFA?” Especially since the pandemic, we know numerous catteries have been registered and we are not seeing them in the show hall. I feel this is a great opportunity for CFA to get new exhibitors. I have proven it to myself this last year. With the help of Poppy State and Paper Tigers, in northern California I have put on 4 shows as a new club. We were able to acquire Poppy State and the are only two members of our club that have been in the cat fancy is myself and Jose Ayala. All my other members were members that I found on FaceBook that have been breeding but not exhibiting. Why? They said they were afraid, intimidated. From me working with them, all these new members have either granded a cat or got regional wins. They are all young. They are under 45 years old [laughter]. I’ll be 61 in a week. This is my 30th year in the cat fancy. I remember from California in the Bay area where we had a show every weekend. We’ve lost most of them but I am grateful for Pam Moser allowing us to have the dates to put on the shows that we had, and the dates coming up this next year. Again, I’m finding new exhibitors all the time on FaceBook that have registered catteries that are not showing. I feel like it’s a detriment to CFA if we don’t put these boxes on cattery registrations and kitten registrations. Now, how do we facilitate this? I want to work with the breed councils and do a format for clubs to put forth something for the club to welcome new exhibitors. That’s what we’re working on with our club this year. Somebody to walk them through and set up their cages, how to put their cats in a ring, to make them feel more than welcome to come to a show. I know that we can increase our exhibitor base easily by 20% in the next 3-5 years if this comes to fruition, because I truly believe the exhibitor base is there, through these boxes that I would propose for CFA catteries and kittens. Even as Ellyn Honey said, we should go back and have those boxes to help facilitate these people coming into the show hall. I want to say one thing. I have seen this happen to breeders getting treated right and being taught well and being exhibited. I want to thank Leesa Altschul for all the work she has done. We appreciate it. [inaudible] my club that she has helped bring these new breeders in, and also in my region, Leicey Bartlett has done a wonderful job up and down the west coast helping new breeders. So, don’t tell me it can’t be done. It can be done. It just needs a little work and a little bit of everybody putting themselves out in your breed to help these breeders. Teach them how to breed, teach them how to show. They want to come in. They’re just intimidated. They need their hand held. So, this is my proposal to CFA. I would like to see those boxes on these registrations. Thank you. **Vicki Nye [Southwest Scottish Fold**

Fanciers; Sunkat Feline Fanciers]: Though I agree with the concept, I think the execution might have a little flaw in it. You're a breeder, you sell a cat that's got a tail fault or you sell a pet and you don't ever want it to be in a show hall. Now, we put a box asking them to come on into CFA and get her in a show, it's sending the wrong message. Maybe something more of an outreach. *Come and visit a CFA show*, but we don't want to promise them to come and show and have a great time if they've got a cat from a breeder that's never really supposed to be in a show hall.

Mastin: Thank you. Additional questions or comments? Heidi, any closing comments?

Heidi Murphy [Paper Tigers; Poppy State Cat Club]: I agree, Vicki, with some of the comments from Vicki, but most of the breeders I'm finding, even on FaceBook – I see them all the time – they are posting great pictures of great cats that can be shown. Yes, there may be some, but we as breeders, how many times have we incurred a tail fault or something happened? It's a learning experience, but it's still a way to get a majority of these breeders back in the show hall. I still stay we need a majority of yes votes to help bring these new exhibitors in, which we desperately need. Thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you Heidi. The motion on the floor will be open for voting. Please cast your vote. [voting takes place] Ten seconds. Please close the voting. Total vote, 297. Yes 111, no 186. The motion on the floor fails.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 11	111	186	--	297
313 Delegates Registered				

Failed.

The 500 mile radius show rule was implemented in an effort to support shows as we saw the population of exhibitors dwindling. At the time, it seemed like a reasonable way to address the problem. There were too many shows and a limited number of exhibitors, so to prevent clubs from competing for entries, we required that shows be distanced apart so that only a few ‘campaign’ exhibitors would be choosing which shows to attend rather than attending the shows local to them.

The problem: very few show are now local to anyone! The exhibitor base hasn’t changed much in volume and we now have reduced the public view of the Cat Fancy significantly by eliminating shows in many demographic areas.

What we have seen in the last couple of years is that the entry in a show is not what makes a show financially successful, but rather the spectators/gate. They really don’t seem to care if we have 120 cats or 220 cats; they want our shows to be close to their homes so they can take their families for a day out and enjoy the cats.

By removing shows from a lot of local communities, we have not only reduced visibility of the Cat Fancy but we have reduced the ability to engage the public in the purchase of pedigreed cats. Seeing the cats and meeting breeders at shows is one of the most valuable ways to find homes for kittens.

While I don’t believe it is realistic to have shows on back-to-back weekends in the same geographic area and expect to make money, an area MUCH SMALLER than 500 miles will be necessary to get people back in the show halls. We are losing local spectators as well as more senior exhibitors who don’t feel comfortable with driving 6-10 hours every other weekend.

Can we please change our focus from exhibitor base to public interest? This will not only help clubs make money, but will also introduce more people in more places to our hobby. And, in case anyone has forgotten, a small show can be a lot more fun than a big hectic one. I’ll happily produce 4, one-day, 6-ring shows each year in my local communities, but have no interest in being involved in shows that are a day drive away and require months of planning and coordination to make them a success.

Smaller, 200 miles/322 kilometers.

Mastin: Any additional motions coming forth on the floor? **LeAnn Rupy [Lincoln State Cat Club]:** I would like to talk a little bit about the 500 mile rule. [reads] The proposal just before this talked about new exhibitors not going to shows, and that’s probably because a new exhibitor doesn’t want to drive 6/8/10 hours to a show. That’s just the reality. [The large shows] are exhausting, the volume of exhibitors to deal with and all the drama can be tough. We’re pulling from the same kind of people over and over again. So, I’m asking people to think about how we’ve been making money these last couple years on shows – shows that have been financially successful and it’s been due to – Mike [Altschul] can tell us how his FaceBook marketing has taken us over the top and we need to start looking at the spectators as our source of income, rather than milking dry the exhibitors. **Mastin:** LeAnn, can you state your motion specifically? **LeAnn Rupy [Lincoln State Cat Club]:** Amend the 500 mile rule. **Mastin:** Are you putting a number on it? **Rupy:** No, I just said that I would like for it to be evaluated to be changed. **Mastin:** Do you want to make a recommendation? **Rupy:** OK, let’s say I make a recommendation that it stays 500 miles between 8 ring or more shows. For anything smaller than an 8 ring show it would be 200 miles. **Mastin:** OK, that’s helpful, so everybody understands what we’re voting on.

Mary Auth [Muskogee Cat Club; World Wide Feline Fanciers]: So, I'm speaking on behalf of – since I am the Vice-Chair of the Show Scheduling Committee and, LeAnn, you might recall that I'm the one that started the 4 ring, one day shows for that specific reason, so that more people can have smaller shows to go to. The 500 mile rule is what we're using to protect ourselves, but Pam [Moser] and I have also had discussions that, should there be a 4 ring, one day show come up 350 miles from a 10 ring show, that we understand that those two shows are really competing against each other and that we could support having a 4 ring, one day show the same weekend within the 500 miles if the format is such that they're not competing against each other. So, we have had that discussion. We haven't as yet had anybody approach us to add a show to the traditional show date schedule, yet we certainly are open to that proposition. **Mastin:** Before I call on Ed, I just want to make a quick announcement. We still have business going on and there are people having private discussions. That is a distraction. We also have people that are leaving. If you are leaving, please leave quietly but don't forget to drop off your clicker or you will be paying \$100 per clicker not turned in. Allene said in the back. Amber is waving her hands. **Ed Raymond [Hallmark Cat Club; Vieux Carre Feline Fanciers]:** For purposes of this, also the Chair of the Show Rules Committee. The 500 mile rule is not a show rule. It's simply a rule of thumb used by the board and the standing committee as they are evaluating whether to license a show or not to license a show. It's not a show rule. **Mastin:** Thank you for clarifying that. **Brad Newcomb [Triple Crown Cat Fanciers]:** I was actually going to say the same thing that Ed did. The only thing actually in the show rules is that you have to have permission from the adjoining regional director allowing you to put on that show with an adjoining region. That's the only rule in the show rules. There is no 500 mile rule in the show rules. **Loretta Baugh [CanUSA Cat Club; Tonkinese East]:** We have to remember that not everybody wants to go compete against the campaigners. People that are showing and breeding a little bit, not a whole lot, need to have success, so smaller shows are important to help us maintain our exhibitor base. **George Eigenhauser [Bonita Cat Fanciers; West Shore Shorthair Club]:** The fact that it's not a written rule actually makes it worse. If there's a written rule, you need to change it. If it's an unwritten rule, you're stuck with it. There's no oversight, there's no protection, there's no way to change it. That's what they're telling us – it's an unwritten rule so we can't change it. Yes, we can. You're the delegation. It's up to you. A lot of us have been in CFA a long, long time and it's hard to remember what it's like to be a new exhibitor. My first cat show I went to was about 30 minutes from home. My second cat show was about an hour from home. The third cat show I wanted to go to was 90 minutes from home and I thought they were nuts. What kind of crazy person would drive 90 minutes to a cat show? But, a neighbor across the street bred American Shorthair cats and she had this gigantic van, and so I went along for the ride, and I went 90 minutes for a cat show. We look at this from the wrong perspective. Many of the people here are campaigners and experienced breeders and experienced exhibitors, but we're not replacing ourselves. We need to reach out to the little guy – the new exhibitor who goes to a show that's 60 miles or – God forbid – 90 miles from home. So, let's do this. Let's say, yeah, 500 miles is the unwritten rule, but it can still be changed if you want to change it. Let's make the change and make ourselves open and amenable to new exhibitors who don't have cat show fever yet, in the hopes that some day they will. **Sue Robbins [Half Moon Cat Club]:** A couple weeks ago, about 3 weeks ago, I – oh gosh, I did – went to an LCWW show in Chantilly as a vendor. That's Chantilly, Virginia. They had a total of about 50 or 60 cats present. It didn't matter. They had about 4,000 spectators. I had a great weekend selling Sturdi products because everybody was buying. They had 5 rings set up in a pentagon

around a central area. As an organization, we need to rethink and get with the program of what younger people are doing today. I'm 76 years old. I'm not going to be around that much longer, and God knows I'm not going to be whipping those Sturdi boxes back and forth, but I will tell you that the excitement and the fun – fun – at that cat show was absolutely amazing. OK guys, you see me talking to the whole room. I have a degree in theater, I ran an opera company, I directed a lot of productions, and let me tell you, it's all about theater. If we are not reaching out to everyone in the room, we're going to lose them. We're losing our exhibitor base because we're all getting older. Where are the 25 year olds and the 30 year olds and the 40 year olds if we don't replace them? And people want to have fun. Now, Mike Altschul has been doing a tremendous job in teaching people one aspect of how to go about reaching an audience. I also spent 30 years in public relations. I know a little about this. I worked in New York City. You also have to go out and get the media. It means television, it means radio, in addition to doing the online stuff. There's a lot of stuff that can be done, but people want to be entertained, they want to be brought in, they want to have fun and they want to be asked. Most importantly, they want to be asked to become a part of the group. It's not necessarily about the number of cats that were there. People had a wonderful time. So, you know, learn from the competition and do it better. I think we need to rethink this and make the cat fancy vibrant and make it grow. Thank you very much.

Ronna Colilla [Johnny Appleseed, Mohawk Trail Cat Club]: I'm not here to argue for or against this, I'm here to provide you with a lot of answers to your questions. I have been in the cat fancy and my cattery was registered 41 years ago in May. I've been in here for a very long time. I've raised two children in the cat fancy. One has stayed in the cat fancy and made it her own, in spite of growing up in a very abusive situation. We would get flyers that said "children should be seen and not heard," children were yelled at for squealing and yet people cheer in finals to shake the roof. It was hard being a family back in the 80's and the 90's, and raising children. That's where your young people are – they're gone because CFA ate them, but they are gone. None of the young people are left from when we started showing. There was a lot of families, but they are gone. You've got the Friemoths left. No comment. We've got Eddie who is now growing up and finding out, eh, there's more than the cat fancy. We have all sorts of people but they're going away. Another thing, I'll give you my experience, I have a degree from Ohio State University in journalism and I have minors in sociology and creative writing. I know how people think. Don't worry, I can talk much louder than you, I don't need a microphone. I know how people think. I know how the next generation works. I worked 8 years – actually 13 years in a public school district. Our computers, our technology which is wonderful, has changed the way people think, the way people act and the way people do things. Because of social media, we're mean to each other. We're not nice because of the ability to have information at the snap of your fingers, we want things. We want gratitude immediately. No one is willing to wait. I waited 8 years to have my first grand champion – 8 freaking years – and it wasn't even my first breed. My first breed was Himalayans and I was up against Noel Newton, I was up against Barbara Lamb, I was up against all these people. No matter how much better my cats got, theirs got even better. I switched breeds to Exotics to get my first grand. It wasn't easy. It wasn't easy to be a family. If you want to get people in here, you need to get the young people. Young people want instant gratification. Technology has made them want it now. They don't want to pay their dues, much less pay them. I understand that. I get it. Us older people who have pains and are crippled and had tons of surgeries, we remember what it was like to pay our dues. So to answer your questions, yes you are right, you need to grab people, you need to get them, but the exhibitors

have a lot of responsibility also. Don't be mean to spectators. I went to my first – this is my last story. I went to my first show with my husband and with my daughter who was one year old, and we are walking around. To answer the question, I very much remember what it was like to be an exhibitor. We were walking around and a bunch of people sitting in a circle in front of a Himalayan's cage. Oh, I was all excited. I wanted to find a male for my female that I had bought. Kind of sounds like a backyard breeder, but that's not how it ended up. But I wanted to find a male and I walked up to [inaudible] and she turned to me and said, "do you need something?" I said, "I just wanted to talk to you. I'm looking for a good seal point male." I was laughed at and I was told, "well, aren't we all?" Now, I'm a stubborn person and I thought, "I'll show you some day," and I still to this day remember all those people and the one who made this nasty crack to me was a Himalayan breeder no longer breeding named Cheryl Mahoney. Fast forward to the future, I'm at a show standing in the balcony looking down watching my husband judge his very first show. I see him handling Himalayans. I see him take her cat out. I see him hang ribbons on that cat and he ended up finaling the cat later and I thought to myself, "you should be nice to everybody you meet in a show hall, because someday they may be judging your cats."

Pam DelaBar [German Catwalk, Sophisto Cat Club]: LeAnn, as a global organization, can we amend your rule to add 805 kilometers? [inaudible off-microphone statement] Thank you. That's it. I wanted kilometers to be included for my people who really don't understand miles. **Carissa Altschul [Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Land of Oz Cat Club]:** I think sometimes people forget that I grew up in the cat fancy. My whole family did. My mom started literally seven years before I was born, and the cat fancy is my family and always has been. Even as a child in the show halls, I was welcomed by the cat fanciers. I have many mothers and many fathers, and they taught me a lot. I don't think that we have a bad atmosphere towards families. I don't think we ever have. Unfortunately, society has changed and families have all these activities for their children. When I talk to my peers who I work with who have children, they have dance recitals and band recitals and their children are involved in all these activities to keep them out of trouble, so they really don't have time for cat shows, which I get. I don't 'think here in the United States, we don't need to be focusing on 20 and 30 year olds. That's actually [inaudible] here in the United States, so what we need to be focusing on are the 40 and 50 year old investors. They are bored and they want to spend their money and time on something, because their children are gone. They're like, "I can travel. I'm willing to drive far distances." I absolutely support LeAnn's resolution because we need more shows. If they can only travel 8 hours or 10 to their first show, it ain't going to work. They need something local. They need something small. They need something easy, and I really think that we need to consider officially not limiting our shows based on distance. Thank you. **Meg Lambert [International Toybob Cat Club]:** Betsy Arnold and I were talking about how in the past when we were showing and I had my first national winner, there were A shows and B shows, sometimes even C shows, because there were more clubs. That's not the case now. We've lost a lot, so this distance thing is a problem. I'm also from New England, the northern part of the region, and her suggestion could save the northern part of the North Atlantic Region because all associations are losing shows. We've lost clubs there. We've lost several clubs there, and having a smaller show further north, even in Quebec, this would be a big help to not have to be – I know it's not a rule, but to not have to be 500 miles from the larger shows. **Carmen Johnson Lawrence [Buffalo Cat Fanciers]:** I'm actually going to take a little bit off of what Meg just said with shows in Canada and this mileage thing. I know it's an unspoken rule, but part of the challenges that we have in growing our clubs in Canada is finding available dates for these clubs

to have shows. I remember a number of years ago there was a club that wanted to create itself in Canada and couldn't find a date because the dates they wanted there was a show maybe within 400 miles to the place in Canada. Not everyone can go into Canada easily. New Yorkers, Michigan can easily get into Canada with their enhanced driver's license, but otherwise you need a passport to go to Canada. We have one show-producing club in Canada. They had a show a month ago, Golden Triangle Cat Fanciers. Luckily, a number of U.S. residents came up and supported that show, and there was a lot of cross-over from the Canadian Cat Association that came to that show. Had it not been for them, this club continues to struggle because it doesn't get support from the U.S. I hate to say it, but it feels like Canada is treated like a red headed stepchild of CFA. The only way we can save Canada is to not make them deal with this mileage limit. If there is show in Cincinnati which is a Great Lakes Region show, a club in Canada should be able to have a show in Hamilton or in Kingston, because not everyone who goes to that show in Cincinnati is going to think about coming to Canada. Thank you. **Beth Deal [New Vision Cat Club; Ocicats of North America]:** I somewhat support this, but I think we need to be looking at a number and pick something more in the neighborhood of 400 miles, period. That gives us something – and if you want kilometers, that gives us something that's concrete, it can separate regions and it gives us something that's workable. **Darrell Newkirk [Beverly Hills Cat Club, Victor Valley Cat Club]:** We, as clubs, need to change what we think about our shows. If you have a show, the first thing that people ask you, "how many entries did you get?" What we ought to be asking is, who did you use to advertise your show, because that's where the money is, is that gate coming in. LeAnn is right. If we don't change the paradigm of what we think a successful show is, you're going to be doomed to fail. So, you're right, we need a lot more shows. Let the local people go and show, let the local people come and learn about our cats. I went to an LCWW show in Portland, Oregon in February. You wouldn't walk through the show hall. It was stuffed. It was stuffed. People were in line to get in. You know what? It was \$25 a pop to get in - \$25 to get in. Now, I'm an old fart so I got in for \$20. I was happy for that \$5 discount, living on a fixed income. So, let's change our way of thinking here. Let's have more shows so people don't have to drive so far. So what? Even if it's 300 miles away, if you do the right advertising, you will get the people in and you will make some money. You're not going to make the money on the entry, you're going to make the money on the gate that comes in and supports that show, so let's change our thought. **Mastin:** Thank you Darrell. I will allow for two more speakers. I think Mary is waiting also. We'll go to Mary first, then we'll go to mike #1, then I'm going to ask LeAnn to come back to the mike. **Mary Auth [Muskogee Cat Club; World Wide Feline Fanciers]:** Perhaps many of the people in the room didn't realize that there is now a Show Scheduling Committee within CFA. Pam Moser is Chairman, I am Vice Chair. If you see something on the traditional show calendar that you think is a barrier to you putting on a small show, rethink that, because the reason we got the Show Scheduling Committee is so that we can sort of think outside the box. So, you have a tool to have shows inside the 500 mile limit if you have a good argument and we can get everybody to agree that it's a good idea to have that show. So, you can come to Pam or I and propose a show and see what happens. **Barbara Irie [Utah Purebred Cat Fanciers]:** I think we are looking at distance as an issue and maybe it's not distance that we should be looking at. If you really, really want to think outside the box, CFA should consider doing two types of shows. Right now we're talking about catering to the spectators. Well, I've heard several shows – in fact, I had a discussion with somebody about, I'm not going [inaudible] about LCWW or whatever, put on a show for the spectators, made lots of money with 19 cats. Now, that's an exhibition show. That is not a cat show where they were

having judges judge cats, so if CFA wants to make that kind of money, maybe we ought to consider putting on two kinds of shows. It won't conflict in terms of distance, but put on an exhibition show, get volunteers, breeders and go ahead and get about 15 different breeds and put on a show for the spectators. We cannot have shows that are so close to each other when we're trying to have – we're starting to not cater to the exhibitors, because if exhibitors want to go ahead and have 3 shows within a 500 mile distance and have 50 cats in the show, they're not going to make points. We're defeating our purpose in competition, so I think we ought to seriously consider a spectator show, and that could be anywhere. You could put that within two cities that are 50 miles from each other, but when it comes to a competition show, that's a whole different animal, because you've got clubs that are struggling. If we start catering to spectators and not consider the amount of cats coming, we're going to have issues. I'm going to get back to the distance thing, because that's what we're supposed to be voting on, but maybe we ought to start putting some wheels that grind towards the thing about CFA because *We Know Cats*, to consider putting on two kinds of shows – a spectator show, where we can make lots of money just like LWCC, and we can do it better because we'll have a variety of cats and we can exhibit our breeds, and then we can bring in 2,000-3,000 spectators. Have spectator shows, but we need to keep that separate from competition shows. That's a whole different thing.

Mastin: LeAnn, please provide everybody the specifics to your motion. **LeAnn Rupy [Lincoln State Cat Club]:** I'm going to respectfully disagree with Bobbi. Four ring shows – I breed a minority breed, Havana Browns, and I can't tell you how many shows I've gone to and am really happy to go home with 15 points. I mean, that's most people in this room, but if you're a minority breeder you realize how hard it is to get points. If you can drive an hour and a half, that 15/20/25 points, competition with other people equally in that driving distance while the campaigners went to a different show, you would be thrilled. So, this rule isn't the only problem. Actually, the most important thing that was said here, George, this is no rule. Thank you. I don't think most of us realize that. There is no 500 mile show rule. Yee-haw, so let's look at how we re-evolve what we did pre-COVID and say OK, we've got 8 ring, 10 ring shows that are major campaign shows. They are big show-off shows that we can charge you a lot more to get into because we have to pay a lot more for set up and show halls and judges. It's going to be a big deal, and we don't want other 8/10 ring shows around us. So, that's fair. We don't have to limit 500 miles of each other, but if somebody wants to have a 4 ring show 200 miles down the road for local breeders who want to come and show their cats, pick up 15 or 20 points and go home, I don't think there should be a problem with that. The community comes in, they get to see our beautiful cats, they get to talk to us, we breeders get to engage with each other because we actually have time at that kind of show to do that, and then the following weekend we go to the International Show, which is a spectacle where we compete for points we know most of us won't get, but we enjoy it anyway. It's just a totally different idea, so let's say 500 miles or 805 kilometers for an 8 ring, 10 ring or 12 ring back-to-back show, you can't have another one of those within 500 miles. If it's anything smaller, 200 miles, which is a 4 hour drive. **Pam DelaBar [German Catwalk, Sophisto Cat Club]:** That would be 322 kilometers. **LeAnn Rupy [Lincoln State Cat Club]:** 322 kilometers. **Mastin:** Discussion is over. Please cast your vote. [voting takes place] Ten seconds. Please close the vote. 266 total votes. 144 yes votes, 122 no votes. Passes as advisory only.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total Votes
Question 10	144	122	--	266
313 Delegates Registered				

Carried.

Mastin: Are there any more motions from the floor? If there are no more motions from the floor, I have a couple of announcements before we adjourn. Oscar Silva Sanchez advanced to longhair first specialty approval pending. He was not announced during that, and Melanie has asked that we make that announcement. Stephanie Grady donated \$100 of her 50/50 raffle winnings back to Animal Welfare. My last announcement, everyone please return your clickers before you leave the room. Our Central Office staff – for those you who would like to know, Central Office staff was here this weekend. We had Allene, Kristi, James, Amber, Shelly and I know Teresa Keiger is around here as well. They are at the exit doors to collect them. There is a \$100 fee for clickers that are not returned. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mastin: May I have a motion to adjourn? **DelaBar:** So moved. **Mastin:** We are adjourned. Thank you very much everybody.

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The Annual Meeting adjourned at 5:34 Mountain Standard Time.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary
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