

**CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 16/17, 2023**

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Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Monday, October 16, 2023, for the regularly scheduled quarterly board meeting in Ballroom I at the Crowne Plaza, 7230 Engle Road, Middleburgh Heights OH 44130. **President Richard Mastin** called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. EDT. A roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger** found the following members to be present:

Mr. Richard Mastin (President)
Mr. Russell Webb (Vice-President)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Vacant (NAR Director)
Mrs. Pam Moser (NWR Director)
Ms. Paula Noble (GSR Director)
Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)
Mr. Michael Shelton (SWR Director)
Mrs. Cathy Dunham (MWR Director)
Mr. Kenny Currie (SOR Director)
Ms. Yukiko Hayata (Japan Regional Director)
Ms. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)
Dr. Marilee Griswold (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Anne Mathis (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)

Also Present:

Shelly K. Perkins, Attorney at Law, CFA Legal Counsel
Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director
Kristi Wollam, Assistant Director
James Simbro, IT Systems Analyst
Matthew Wong, ID Representative -

Absent:

Eva Chen, ID-China Representative

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

TRANSCRIPT

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

(1) APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

CFA QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA October 16/17, 2023 All Times in Eastern Standard Time			
Monday, October 16, 2023 • Board of Directors Meeting			
8:00 a.m.	1.	Meeting Called to Order/Approve Orders of the Day	Mastin
Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees			
8:10 a.m.	2.	Minutes (corrections/additions); Ratification of Online Motions	Anger
9:00	3.	Appeals	Perkins
11:00 a.m.	4.	Judging Program	Nye/Webb
12:00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK		
12:30 p.m.	5.	Protests	Eigenhauser
12:35 p.m.	6.	Central Office Operations	Tartaglia
12:45 p.m.	7.	IT Report	Simbro
1:00 p.m.	8.	Show Technology	Dunham
1:15 p.m.	9.	Club Applications	Krzanowski
1:45 p.m.	10.	Treasurer’s Report	Calhoun
1:55 p.m.	11.	Budget	Calhoun
2:00 p.m.	12.	International Division	Calhoun
2:10 p.m.	BREAK		
2:25 p.m.	13.	Show Rules	E. Raymond
3:30 p.m.	14.	Sponsorship Committee	J. Raymond
3:45 p.m.	15.	Junior Fanciers	Shaffer
3:55 p.m.	16.	CFA Legislative Committee	Eigenhauser
4:00 p.m.	17.	EveryCat Health Foundation	Calhoun
4:10 p.m.	18.	Experimental Format Report	Griswold
4:20 p.m.	19.	New Exhibitor Committee	Carr
4:30 p.m.	20.	Region 1 Board Liaison/Representative	Mastin
4:45 p.m.	21.	Ratification of Committee Appointments	Mastin
Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees			
		None	
Unfinished Business and General Orders			
4:50 p.m.	22.	Unfinished Business	
4:55 p.m.	23.	Other Committees	
5:00 p.m.	24.	New Business	
5:05 p.m.	ADJOURN OPEN SESSION		Mastin
Tuesday, October 17, 2023 • Board of Directors Meeting			
8:00 a.m.	29.	Breeds and Standards	Wilson
8:15 a.m.	30.	New Business/Old Business	
12:15 p.m.	ADJOURN		

Mastin: Good morning, everyone. Madame Secretary, will you please do the roll call?
Anger: I sure will. [**Secretary's Note:** Secretary Rachel Anger called the roll, as reflected above.] **Mastin:** Thank you Rachel. The meeting is now called to order.

Mastin: Let's do the Orders of the Day. Rachel? **Anger:** May I make a general motion that we can suspend the Orders of the Day, as appropriate, to move reports earlier than they are originally scheduled? **Perkins:** Yes. **Anger:** That's my motion. Generally speaking, we are going to be first moving the Sponsorship Committee Report next, and then we will commence with Items #6, #7 and so on, as time allows. In addition to that, we are going to take our open session appeal hearing last. It was in the middle, and as the appellants claimed whether or not they wanted open or closed session, it just worked out that way. **Newkirk:** Second. **Mastin:** Thanks Darrell. Any questions? Any discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The Orders of the Day, as amended, were accepted without objection and became the Orders of Business.

Anger: Thank you.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

(2) **SECRETARY’S REPORT: ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES; RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS.**

Mastin: Rachel, let’s do the minutes corrections and additions, and ratification of online motions. **Anger:** Thank you.

(a) **Additions/Corrections to the Minutes.**

Anger: We had no corrections submitted to the minutes.

(b) **Ratification of April 4, 2023 and September 5, 2023 Zoom Video Conference Board Meeting Minutes and June 22-25, 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes.**

Action Item: Approve the April 4, 2023 and September 5, 2023 Zoom video conference board meeting minutes and the June 22-25, 2023 Annual meeting minutes, as published.

Anger: To the ratification of the board meeting minutes, I would like to add our September video conference board meeting minutes which are now published, so that would be the April, June and September board meeting minutes. **Newkirk:** I’ll second. **Newkirk:** Thank you. Discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

(c) **Ratification of Online Motions.**

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
MOTIONS THAT REQUIRE RATIFICATION			
1.	Executive Committee 09.23.2023	Because of an error on the show license application, grant the Oriental Crown Cat Fanciers' Club permission to change its show location from Shanghai, China to Ningbo, China for its 4 AB show on September 23/24, 2023.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			
2.	Executive Committee 09.28.2023	Grant the La Revolution Du Persan club permission to hold 4x4 back to back format in-conjunction shows with FIFe club Cat Club Sud Atlantique in Marmande France on November 11/12, 2023, and in the Bordeaux area, France on February 17/18, 2024, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).	Withdrawn.
<p>Mastin: Is this motion time sensitive? If yes, does Pam DelaBar support the request? If this is not time sensitive, can we bring this to the full board in October? By chance does this request need to go to the full board? Anger: The request came from Pam DelaBar and she does support the motion. I have asked Pam if waiting until the October board meeting is problematic. The Executive Committee has approved at least the last couple of these online requests. I can attempt a historical list of online in-conjunction show requests if it will be helpful. Mastin: Thank you for your quick response. If EC has approved these in the past no need for you to do any additional</p>			

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		<p>research. Calhoun: Has the question been answered as to this being time sensitive? If it is I think there should be two separate motions. Anger: Here is Pam's response: <<Yes it is problematic. The club has up to 30 days before the show to license it. Waiting until the board meeting puts the club in late fee. The first request is for 11-12 November 2023. Our board meeting is 16-17 October, 2023.>> Calhoun: Thank you for reaching out to Pam. I can support the November show as the decision is time sensitive. At this time, I will not support the February show as I feel that request should be submitted to the full Board.</p> <p>Anger: Thank you Kathy. Prior to amending the motion, please consider a bit of additional information which Pam has provided about the February show, because she believes the ASAP licensing and planning of that show is important to CFA's re-development of France in Europe after the Goedert tragedy, which Pam has been diligently working to achieve. Additionally, the club changed leadership a few months ago, and the planning really has been quite good since. A delay could hurt the rebuilding that CFA is doing in France. Showing this new group that they have CFA support is crucial to our relationship with them. Hopefully, this expanded response will be helpful in making a more well informed decision. Calhoun: The CFA Board has sent a clear message to the Executive Committee regarding exceeding authority. I see no reason to continue to delay putting forth an amended motion separating the decisions on the two shows. The February 2024 show is four months away and likely would not be considered an emergency by the full CFA Board. If it is indeed perceived as a show of support emergency, a motion for that show can be done online for full Board consideration. I fully support the work being done to rebuild CFA in France.</p> <p>Anger: The motion was to approve both shows, so I must amend the original motion as follows: MOTION: Grant the La Revolution Du Persan club permission to hold a 4x4 back to back format in-conjunction shows with FIFe club Cat Club Sud Atlantique in Marmande France on November 11/12, 2023, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval). Currle: Thank you Rachel for your understanding the ramifications and for your explanation. The approval would provide planning time for the events, a looming uncertain Decision is not a cooperative gesture with potential future Partners. I want vote on the motion as is, keeping in mind that full board ratification is still needed. It may not seem an emergency to some, but Show planning doesn't happen overnight. Anger: Can we please get a second and vote on this amended motion? Currle: Just for clarification on what I am voting on. Is this vote to "amend" the first motion which includes a "time sensitive" date to approve and not include the February date? Or is this a new stand alone motion for the club date only in November so we will have the opportunity to revisit a possible new motion to be heard by the whole board? I vote yes to the new/amended motion and would add I intend to support the February date when I have the opportunity along with the entire board. Anger: This amended motion is only for the November show. I will be making a second executive committee motion for the February show, which I assume will fail and that will boost it to a board action which has been requested to be in executive session. [At this point the motion and amended motion were withdrawn.]</p>	
3.	Anger Krzanowski 09.29.23	Grant the La Revolution Du Persan club permission to hold 4x4 back to back format in-conjunction show with FIFe club Cat Club Sud Atlantique in the Bordeaux area, France on February 17/18, 2024, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).	Withdrawn.
<p>Griswold: I am in favor of this and see no reason why we should not approve and support it. DelaBar: I respectfully request this motion be withdrawn and resubmitted under executive session at the 16-17 October board meeting. In this format, 100% affirmative vote is needed and it appears one executive committee member is unwillingly to support it - I really do not understand why anyone would object to pre-planning and scheduling. Yes, the PTB in the other organizations do read our minutes. I request quick notification on the results of the executive committee vote for the November in conjunction show. [Anger withdraws the motion and proposed to go back to the Executive Committee with an amended motion.] Newkirk: Shelly can rule on this. I do not believe you can amend a withdrawn motion</p>			

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4.	Executive Committee 10.01.2023	Grant the La Revolution Du Persan club permission to hold a 4x4 back to back format in-conjunction shows with FIFe club Cat Club Sud Atlantique in Marmande France on November 11/12, 2023, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			
5.	Executive Committee 10.03.23	Grant the La Revolution Du Persan club permission to hold a 4x4 back to back format in-conjunction show with FIFe club Cat Club Sud Atlantique in the Bordeaux area, France on February 17/18, 2024, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).	Motion Failed. Calhoun abstained.
<p>Anger: The rationale makes it clear that expedient approval of this request is crucial to the successful planning of this event. Calhoun: Rachel please help me understand the reluctance of taking this to the full board as an ONLINE motion. That could be done TODAY and would likely pass. If we had simply taken the original motion to the full board last week this would be a done deal. Is there a reason that we think someone on the Board would object? Currie: I believe you already objected Kathy. Had you not objected to the approval of the February date, this would also would have been a done deal. It just created an unnecessary additional step based on your judgment that the rest of the board thinks we wield too much power. I don't see that including simple approval of events that would benefit CFA as an excessive wielding of power, but I will bring that subject up at our meeting for input from the rest of the board. Calhoun: An opportunity for an expedited decision still exists with an online motion to the full board. Anger: In addition to Kenny's comments with which I strongly concur, presenting the original motion as two new, clean, separate motions will clarify what became a confusing situation. The November piece of the request has now been dealt with successfully. The February request has already been discussed at some length, and based on those discussions it is assumed that you, Kathy, will vote against the February motion, whether that motion is before the Executive Committee or the full board (which would take much longer to arrive at than the instant motion, and likely result in the same outcome). As you see, it is somewhat of a Catch 22, but a new, separate motion seemed to be the best use of the process. We are all entitled to disagree and we are all entitled to vote however we feel best serves our member clubs and strengthens CFA in an underserved area of Region 9. Calhoun: Rachel, your assumptions are not entirely correct. My objection with the February date is not with the in-conjunction opportunity. My objection, which has been made repeatedly, is that it needs to go to the full board. Granted it may take longer for everyone to vote but I doubt that it would take until October 16th. Anger: All that is holding it up is your vote. Please vote.</p>			
6.	Anger Newkirk 10.04.2023	Grant the La Revolution Du Persan club permission to hold 4x4 back to back format in-conjunction show with FIFe club Cat Club Sud Atlantique in the Bordeaux area, France on February 17/18, 2024, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
<p>Newkirk: I think that CFA should take every opportunity for our exposure around the world. I fully support this motion. DelaBar: If we are going to spend time at the upcoming board meeting for a faux strategic planning session, then perhaps we can start by supporting clubs' not particularly long range planning. And, perhaps we can start being more efficient in our conduct of business. Griswold: I am in full support. Noble: I support this. I'm all for supporting improving CFA's position in France. Huhtaniemi: I am always supporting shows like this! Mathis: I am in support of this. Webb: I am in full support of this.</p>			

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7.	Executive Committee 10.04.23	For its 6 Allbreed ring show in Madrid, Spain (Region 9) on October 7, 2023, grant the Alianza Felina club an exception to Show Rule 9.08.n. to allow the club to split the judging schedule and ring share in the allbreed rings.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			

Action Item: Ratify online motions 1 and ~~4-6~~ 4-7, as published.

Anger: Next is the ratification of online motions. My motion is to [reads]. Let me change that to 4-7, since we took care of that business after our – **Mastin:** Can you do the numbers again? **Anger:** Motion #1 and #4-#7. **Krzanowski:** Second. **Mastin:** Thank you Carol. Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Anger: Thank you.

(3) APPEALS.

[Secretary's Note: See Agenda Item #27 for results of the closed session hearings for which sanctions were ordered.]

23-015-0518 CFA v. Yoshiko Sada (open session)

Alleged: Violation of Show Rule 11.26

Witness: Etsuko Hamayasu

Translators: Ayako Tawara and Mrs. Miyamoto

Perkins: Allene, the link that you sent me for the Sada matter, it's dated the 17th. Is that the link? Are you sure the one you just sent me is the correct link? Because she is inquiring by email. [Side discussions regarding admitting Sada were not transcribed.] **Mastin:** For the record, we are back in open session. **Tartaglia:** Did you say that Etsuko is the translator? **Perkins:** Ayako Tawara. **Newkirk:** Etsuko is her niece. [Side discussions regarding admitting the parties were not transcribed.] **Tawara:** I'm Ayako Tawara. I'm the translator for Ms. Sada. **Mastin:** We can hear you. **Perkins:** Thank you. I think that we have asked Ms. Sada to join as a panelist but she is not accepting the invitation. [**Sada** joins the conference]. Ms. Tawara, how do you say your name? **Tawara:** You can call me Ayako. **Perkins:** Ayako, can you please tell me if there is anyone else that is necessary to be present and in the meeting and able to speak besides you and Ms. Sada? **Tawara:** Of course. **Newkirk:** That's Etsuko Hamayasu. That's her niece. **Anger:** The witness. **Tawara:** OK, we're all good. **Perkins:** And is Ms. Sada with you? **Tawara:** Yes, she is right in front of me. I wonder, can you see her screen? <yes> She is in the meeting already with Hamayasu. **Perkins:** Are we ready to begin? **Newkirk:** Who's got the mask on? **Perkins:** Who is in the other screen? It appears to be three people. Can they identify themselves, or you identify them? **Tawara:** Another lady is another translator. **Perkins:** Can you identify everyone in the other video screen by name please? **Tawara:** OK, so the ones who are speaking or who are in the audience room? **Perkins:** We have on our screen, three people were sitting there. One went offscreen with a mask. We would just like to know who is present in the meeting. **Tawara:** Sure. We have Yoshiko Sada, Etsuko Hamayasu and Mrs. Miyamoto. **Perkins:** OK, thank you. We are ready to proceed.

Perkins: This is the time set for an appeal on the matter of 23-015 and this is the time for opening statements. Do you have any opening remarks that you would like to make before we get to the evidentiary portion? **Tawara:** Yoshiko just said that she would like to thank everyone for making the time for her. She really appreciates that. **Perkins:** Is that all? Then we will begin. We have all of the written materials that have been provided. Are there any other comments that you would like to make, beyond those written materials at this time? **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: I believe this whole issue has stemmed from the show manager's attempt to end the cat show as quickly as possible. It is obvious from the submitted testimony of the exhibitors that the show manager bore responsibility for making announcement for the exhibitors to leave early. The manager explained to the exhibitors that their points will be valid if they wrote down their entry numbers before leaving and that I, as a judge, would not be allowed to void the scores. Although I attempted to void their scores, the show manager refused to accept my ruling and instead insisted that she already had the names and addresses of the exhibitors, so she would take full responsibility of their scores, and proceeded to clean up the tables and chairs in the show

hall. Since some exhibitors had already left the show hall having no doubts that their points will be valid, I had no choice but to continue the final in premiership with the remaining cats.

Tawara: That's it from her, Ms. Sada. Up next we have Etsuko Hamayasu sitting right next to her if she can speak. **Perkins:** Yes, go ahead. **Hamayasu** [Translated by Tawara]: Thank you for sparing your busy time. We really appreciate your time for this. I hope all of the board members can now see that Judge Sada was clearly aware of the show rule. I sincerely request this case to be reassessed, based on the truth, and to re-examine the accountability of the show manager. As someone who cannot manage a show which regards rules or confuses exhibitors and judges should not be a part of the CFA cat show. I believe that the show manager's decision was based on wanting to avoid paying the extension fees for the show hall. No matter how many times I asked her to assist Judge Sada's ring, the show manager refused to cooperate and continued cleaning the hall. In concluding my speech, I believe that Director Hayata should not be a part of the final verdict of a subsequent closed session to ensure the fairness of the trial. She has been one of the significant parties involved, as seen by the fact that Director Hayata made an untruthful post on the Japan Region official website, based on her own judgment. **Tawara:** This is the end of the speech of Etsuko Hamayasu.

Perkins: I have a question for this witness. Were you at the show? What was your role at the show? Why were you there? **Tawara:** Are you asking Etsuko Hamayasu, the judge?

Perkins: The person who just spoke. **Hamayasu** [Translated by Tawara]: I was there as a judge myself. **Perkins:** OK. I thought that the show manager was home ill. Was the show manager in the hall? **Tawara:** Did you say that she was ill? **Perkins:** I thought the show manager was not in the show hall. Was the show manager at the show hall that day? **Hamayasu** [Translated by Tawara]: She was at the show hall. **Perkins:** Was she at the show hall the whole day?

Hamayasu [Translated by Tawara]: She was there mainly the whole day, and she was there until she cleaned the chairs and tables, and until the event ends. **Perkins:** As a judge, what announcements did you hear the show manager make about the show ending, personally?

Hamayasu [Translated by Tawara]: First of all, the manager said that she would valid the scores under her responsibility. She said she guaranteed to save the scores, as long as they leave their names and entry numbers. **Perkins:** Did this affect your ring as a judge, or were you already finished? **Hamayasu** [Translated by Tawara]: I'm finished. She already finished. **Perkins:** So, how many rings were still judging when those announcements were made? **Hamayasu**

[Translated by Tawara]: At that time, it was only Yoshiko Sada's ring that hasn't finished yet.

Perkins: What do you mean when you say that there was going to be an extra charge to the show for the club if they continued the show in the normal course? **Hamayasu** [Translated by Tawara]: In our Japanese system, the show hall has set schedules. Rigid schedules. If the reservation goes any beyond the originally reserved time, then there is an extra charge for renting the hall. **Perkins:** At this time I'm just going to open questions to the board.

Newkirk: I know that you have said that the show manager instructed you to hang on empty cages. You understand in our show rules that there are duties of the show management and there are duties of judges? You understand? Yes? **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: She really understands the rules. **Perkins:** Who are you asking? **Newkirk:** I'm asking Sada. **Perkins:** We need to identify that. **Tawara:** That's the reason the Judge Sada told the exhibitors that she is going to void, but it wasn't accepted. **Newkirk:** Would you ask Sada-san if she is aware of Article XI, 11.26, *Voiding of wins by the judge*. This is a judge responsibility. *A judge must void any win, including any win in the finals when in his opinion no entry is sufficient merit to receive*

it. When an entry has been removed from the show hall and is not available for the finals, it is ineligible for a final awards. It goes on. There's two steps to take. It is the judge's responsibility, it's not the show manager's responsibility. It's listed under the responsibilities of the judge. Does she understand that? **Perkins:** This is a question for Ms. Sada. **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: She was aware of the rules. However, the exhibitors were sent home because of the announcements that were made. By that time, she was trying to make any actions, people started leaving the hall. The show manager guaranteed exhibitors that she would take full responsibility, as long as they left their names and the entry number. Once again, she understood the rule but unfortunately because of circumstances, things were out of her control. The announcement was already made when she realized what was happening. When she was reaching out to discuss the problem with the show manager, the exhibitors were either left the hall or – **Tawara:** Ms. Sada is trying to explain using the specific terminology used with the judges. What she is saying is that half of the cats were already in the cage, while a few already left the hall when Sada realized what was happening and tried to discuss this matter with the show manager. Ms. Sada was sympathetic for those people who left the show hall, trusting the words by the show manager. People left the scene believing that their scores are still valid. **Mastin:** OK, Ms. Tawara. Ayako? We're repeating ourselves. We are hearing the same information over and over. **Tawara:** I understand. Yes, we understand. **Mastin:** Let's stick with the questions and not provide additional information. Darrell has more questions. Darrell, make your questions. **Newkirk:** That's what I'm trying to do. Sada-san, how many entries were in the show hall? Was it 157? **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: She said about 120. **Newkirk:** Oh, 120. OK, and what time did the show start? **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: 10:00. **Newkirk:** There was testimony that the show started at 11 and it didn't actually start until 11:10. Is that correct? **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: She's not exactly sure but she thinks that it's earlier than 11:00. **Newkirk:** OK then, that makes it worse, because the show was scheduled until 8 p.m., is that correct? They had to be out of the hall by 8 p.m. **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: That's correct. **Newkirk:** OK, so that means that she had 9-10 hours to judge 120 cats. **Perkins:** What is the question, Darrell? What is your question? That's not a question. **Newkirk:** I said she had 9-10 hours to judge the cats. That's a question. **Perkins:** That's a statement, not really a question. **Newkirk:** OK, with a question mark. **Tawara:** Etsuko would like to speak on behalf. Is that OK? **Newkirk:** No. I want to know, is it correct, did she have 9-10 hours to judge 120 cats. That is a question. **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: The judge itself was already finished, but the problem was that the memo, the notes, that were taken were lost or missing and then it took her extra time to find or locate those memos. **Newkirk:** Did she complete her class judging at 6:10 p.m., as was noted in the protest? **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: Yes, she believes she has already completed her judging by then. **Newkirk:** And she had done the kitten final and the Household Pet final during the day? **Tawara:** I'm sorry, we lost your voice for a moment. Could you repeat the question? **Newkirk:** Sure. She had done the kitten final and she had done the Household Pet final by the time she had finished her class judging. **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: Yes, she thinks she is finished. **Newkirk:** OK, so between 6:10 p.m. and 8 p.m., she did no final in almost two hours. I understand that her paper was lost and she had to re-create one final, but she couldn't do two finals in almost two hours? That's a question. **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: She had to recreate all the memos, so she had to start the paperwork all over again which caused her extra time. **Newkirk:** OK, for both the championship final and the premiership final, she had to recreate both? **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: She couldn't find the division sheet, so that's correct. She had to recreate those two shows. The two division sheets were lost, so she had to create all over

again. Etsuko would like to ask something. Would that be accepted or not? **Perkins:** Go ahead. You can go ahead and add something briefly. **Hamayasu** [Translated by Tawara]: While Judge Sada was trying to locate those missing memos, Judge Koizumi and Director Hayata is still doing their judge. That's what I can recall. Those two judges completed their duty while Judge Sada is still searching or recreating those documents. She understands the trouble was due to Judge Sada's ring, so that was the main cause of the trouble she understood. **Mastin:** OK, thank you for that testimony. We're going to let Darrell continue his questions. **Newkirk:** I have one more statement. In the testimony, it was stated that Sada-san completed her class judging at 6:10 p.m. and it also stated that Koizumi-san and Hayata-san were done at 6:30. So, during that 20 minutes I hope Sada was trying to recreate her breed winners to do her finals, but there was a 20 minute gap there. She still had 90 minutes to recreate her finals and award those finals. So, that's the issue that I have; that she should have been able to recreate, even if she had to start from zero and just go through and mark every breed thing. In 90 minutes, she should have been able to do that and select her winners and do two finals within 90 minutes. Why did Sada-san, why was she not able to recreate those two finals in 90 minutes? That's the answer I think most of us would want to know. Why could she not do that in 90 minutes? **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: Without those memos, she has to pull out all the records from the judge book, which took her extra time. **Mastin:** That's it. We're going to go on to the next question. **Anger:** Rachel Anger here. Earlier you stated that the show manager instructed you to hang the ribbons on empty cages, and the show manager would guarantee they got their points. I just want to be very clear on that statement, that it was the show manager that you are claiming told you to hang the ribbons on empty cages. Is that correct? **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: Your understanding is correct. That's what the show manager told her. **Anger:** Thank you. **Moser:** I have two questions for Judge Sada. The first one is, I would like to know, you said that you were trying to recreate your finals. Where was your clerk? Your clerk should have had those records. You should have just been able to go to the clerk and she could have told you what you did in your breed judging. What was your clerk doing? **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: Unfortunately, clerk was incompetent. She was the one who lost the memo and she passed a wrong memo to Judge Sada, so she had to do everything all by herself. The clerk handed in Ms. Sada's memo that was not written by Ms. Sada. That was from the other judges, so Ms. Sada had to return the memo, saying that it wasn't written by her. **Mastin:** Pam, your second question. **Moser:** My other question is, was there any time during that day of the show that the show manager came to your ring and let you know that she had a concern of you finishing that day on time? **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: She couldn't recall that. I don't think the show manager consulted as such. **Moser:** She didn't think she did? **Newkirk:** She doesn't recall. **Moser:** She doesn't recall, OK. I've got one other question. It's a follow-up. **Mastin:** Alright, go ahead. **Moser:** OK, did Judge Sada let the show manager know that her clerk was incompetent? Did she ask for another clerk? **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: She didn't ask for another clerk. **Moser:** OK, thank you. **Perkins:** I have just one question, or a couple questions. When the show manager told you she was going to guarantee the paperwork, did you tell her, "no, that is not going to happen, I have to follow the show rules"? **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: She recalls that she went up and talked to her, but things were just too chaotic and she couldn't remember exactly what she said at the time to the show manager. **Perkins:** OK, and when she did her paperwork, did she put down cats that were not present in the show hall as having been in a final and awarded them points? Did she have a final where she hung actually a ribbon on an empty cage or did she just do it in her paperwork? **Tawara:** I'm sorry, but could you repeat the question again? She's getting a bit confused. **Perkins:** Did she

hang ribbons on empty cages? **Tawara:** I'm sorry, we lost your voice. Could you repeat again? **Perkins:** Did she hang ribbons on empty cages? **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: [inaudible] **Perkins:** Yes. **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: The show manager promised exhibitors to send the ribbons, so she doesn't think that she has the ribbon herself. **Perkins:** The question was, did she announce people as being in the final and getting an award that were not present? Did Ms. Sada do that? **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: No, she didn't make the announcement. **Perkins:** Did she put in her paperwork that these cats were winners? **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: She wanted to know which class that you were referring to. **Perkins:** I'm referring to the premiership class. **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: She wrote down the numbers of the winners. **Mastin:** You just got the answer to your question. She wrote down the numbers of the winners. That's the answer to the question. **Perkins:** OK thank you. **Sada** [Translated by Tawara]: She didn't hang the ribbons but she wrote the winners on the memo. **Perkins:** OK thank you.

Perkins: I think that concludes our hearing for today, and I thank you all for being present. We will be notifying you by email of the results. **Tawara:** Thank you so much for your time. Can we be excused? **Perkins:** Yes you may, thank you. Goodbye. **Tawara:** Thank you so much.

Mastin: For clarification for the board, we will do deliberations when we go into closed session at the end of the day because we're going to stay in open session. We have Judging Program scheduled at 11 a.m. and it is 11:28, so we're going to go right into Judging Program.

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(4) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

Executive Committee

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Diana Rothermel: Ombudsperson

Mastin: Vicki, can you hear us OK? **Nye:** I can hear you. It’s Vicki. **Mastin:** We can hear you. Who is going to give this board report, Vicki or Russell? **Webb:** Vicki. **Mastin:** Go ahead, Vicki. **Nye:** Hi Rich. I couldn’t hear what you were saying. I turned my volume up. **Mastin:** What I was saying was, you’re going to do the board report. **Nye:** Yes, yes. **Mastin:** Thank you for joining us, by the way. **Nye:** Thank you. So, we’re going to go ahead and do the Judging Program portion now? You’re not going into deliberations? **Mastin:** We are not. We’re going to do that at the end of the day. **Nye:** OK. Can everyone hear me alright? <yes> OK, terrific.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Various committee members have been working on changes to the Judging Program Rules, Show Rules, informational Guides to accompany pre-applicant requirements and Applications to the Judging Program documents. Also, updating Judging Program documents with the current CFA logo. The Continuing Education Sub-Committee leveraged technology this year to re-present the Judges’ Workshop on August 3rd with 40 attendees. This judging educational opportunity, historically available only for in person attendance at each year’s Annual has now reached more than 100 CFA judges. The Maine Coon breed presentation was delivered via ZOOM by the breed council secretary Bethany Colilla on August 15th and has been recorded for viewing on the CFA Website under Education/Breed Presentations. The BAOS will be utilizing the 10 slide breed presentations as they become available and started to use them at the August 24-27, 2023 Hong Kong BAOS.

Nye: I'm going to start at the beginning of the Judging Program Report with the Brief Summary. I'm not going to read this to you. The Committee is made up of 12 members. We have all been very busy, very engaged in trying to make the Judging Program documentation easier for everyone to use. We've had to create some new documents. We have re-branded them with the new logo. In addition to the regular workshop, we have the Zoom workshop, so we actually did a judges' workshop for over 100 people this year. We also had the Maine Coon breed workshop that was delivered by Zoom, and of course right before the board meeting we had another Breed Awareness School. We had 12 attendees in the whole school, plus an additional 8 more that had attended the Zoom versions that didn't have the handling. Barbara Jaeger and Nancy Dodds all assisted those people in both Saturday and Sunday in handling the cats. Do I have any questions about the ongoing workings of the Committee? **Mastin:** No questions.

Current Happenings Of Committee:

Leave of Absence:

None

Retirements/Resignations:

CFA Associate Judge Zulkifli Bin Daud from Singapore submitted his resignation from the Associate Judging program on September 14, 2023, and it was accepted with regret by the JPC.

Nye: We would like to announce the resignation of Associate Judge from Singapore, Zul Daud. He did tender his resignation on September 14th.

The Judging Program Committee received the retirement letter of Sharon Roy effective October 2, 3, 2023, and regretfully accepted.

Sharon Roy and her mother Norma Roy were two of the Tonkinese breeders at the forefront of their acceptance by CFA in 1984. Between the acceptance in 1984 and 1988 Shanfoo cattery achieved the first Tonkinese male Distinguished Merit cat in 1988. Though Sharon was a CFF Judge at that time, she was active and exhibiting in CFA, moving the Tonkinese forward to championship status. Sharon ultimately applied to join the CFA Judging Program from CFF in September 1987. Sharon was advanced to Apprentice Judge in June 1988, serving CFA as an Allbreed Judge for 34 years. Sharon wrote the breed article for Tonkinese in the CFA Almanac and trained many of our judges behind the table. Sharon has served on the CFA Board of Directors as North Atlantic Regional Director three different times 1992-1996, 2011-2014 and most recently 2018-2023. She also filled the role of CFA Ombudsman arbitrating issues between CFA Breeders and exhibitors. The Judging Program committee was fortunate to have Sharon's experience and talents as part of the Committee, and Judging Program Ombudsman from 2016-2020. We wish Sharon the very best in her retirement from the Judging Program, and continued activity within CFA as a club member.

Nye: We would also like to indicate that I have the biography of Judge Sharon Roy, who tendered her resignation effective October 3, 2023. Any questions on those?

[From later in the report] **Mastin:** Vicki, I believe when you were reviewing Sharon Roy, you mentioned resignation letter, but your report states retirement letter. **Nye:** She actually sent it in calling it a “resignation letter” and eventually changed her language to “retirement letter”, but the reports were already put to bed and sent to Rachel by that time. So, I would like to change every reference of “resignation” to “retirement letter”. **Mastin:** Thank you for clarifying that. **Huhtaniemi:** Also, it says in the report October 2nd and I think it was October 3rd. **Nye:** October 3rd is what her date was. **Mastin:** So, that’s a correction in the report? OK, continue Vicki.

Applications and Advancements:

Application Forms:

The Judging Program Committee wishes to add an attestation on all applications to the CFA Judging Program and CFA Associate Judging Program aligned with the language being proposed to be added to the New Club Application regarding criminal charges involving animals or sanctions by another cat association. This is information not readily available on other associations’ websites or without extensive research of court dockets.*

Anger: We skipped the part about the application form, how we want to amend it to include that statement about an applicant’s past record. **Nye:** I don’t have any documentation on that but I did see your email. We do want to make an addition to all our applications to add an attestation that any applicants have never been found guilty of animal welfare violations, have never been suspended or removed from any other judging association. There is currently an attestation that’s already on every application indicating that they will cooperate with the CFA board and Judging Program, and that all decisions are final. That I assume is also a motion in closed session. Is that correct, Rachel? **Anger:** No, it’s an open session matter that we put under Applications and Advancements. **Nye:** Can we get to that? I don’t have anything in my – I’ll have to find the email you sent me on that. If you’ve got the motion. **Anger:** I can read the motion into the record. **Nye:** Do you want to do that now or is that during the Judging Program Rule changes? **Mastin:** Yes.

***Action Item:** Effective immediately, include an additional section on all Judging Program application forms, which shall apply to all pending and future applicants, to read as follows: Have you ever been the subject of criminal charges involving animals or any expulsion, sanction, or discipline by any other cat association? If so, please provide an explanation and complete documentation for each case.*

**Note: In addition to the regular Judging Program application and the application for Associate Judges, this language needs to be in the second specialty application, applications for judges coming from another association, with and without Guest Judge Evaluations – five different application forms in total.*

Anger: The action item is, [reads]. This would be added to 5 different application forms. **Mastin:** Russell, is this your motion? **Webb:** Yes. **Anger:** And it’s my second. **DelaBar:** I think that what Vicki said, “have you ever been convicted of criminal charges involving animals.” Somebody can be the subject, being accused of something, and it could be totally false. So, I think it should be stated, “convicted” of criminal charges. **Perkins:** I have an opinion about that.

A lot of people can be the subject and they can plea, negotiate or get rid of that and they don't actually get a conviction, or the conviction gets to some other – and so sometimes plea negotiations, there could be multiple counts and one of them could be something that we have asked, and so I am a fan of “subject” because look, if there was ever anything out there, let them explain and if they have a good explanation, it's just information for us. **DelaBar:** Let me add on that we do have, as part of our former protocols and as a precedent, that anyone making untrue accusations to animal control or animal welfare against any other breeder or exhibitor or whatever, involved in CFA, is subject to punishment or protest under our Protest Committee, so they do have back-up. We've got a lawyer sitting right here. If she likes “subject”, I'll go with it. **Mastin;** Any other questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, that motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Applications:

Two applications First Specialty Longhair were received by the 6/1/2023 deadline to be considered at the October 16-17, 2023 board meeting. These two applicants are from Hong Kong – Alex Luk Chun Lap and Grace Cheung – were pre-noticed on the CFA website and in CFA News prior to the 7/1/2023 required deadline. Both of these applicants are currently LH Associate Judges, officiating shows in Hong Kong. Both applications have been reviewed as complete, to be addressed in closed session.

One application for 2nd Specialty Longhair for Gavin Cao-China was received August 1, 2023. Gavin's Application has been reviewed as complete, to be addressed in closed session.

Advancements:

One advancement to be presented in closed session—Pam DeGolyer from Approval Pending Allbreed to Allbreed.

Nye: In closed session we will be going over the two 1st specialty applicants, Alex Chun Lap and Grace Chung, both from Hong Kong. They are both Longhair applicants and also 2nd specialty applicant Gavin Cao, who is already an approved Shorthair judge, Longhair Associate Judge. He has submitted his application for 2nd specialty Longhair judge. Another advancement to be done in closed session, Pam DeGolyer from Approval Pending Allbreed to [Approved] Allbreed. We also have an Associate Judge from South Korea who we are proposing to move her from Associate Judge Trainee to Associate Judge. Any questions there? **Mastin:** Vicki. Vicki, Rachel has got a question.

Applicants: *The following individuals are presented to the Board for acceptance:*

Accept as Trainee – 1st Specialty:

<i>Alex Luk Chunlap (Hong Kong), Longhair 1st Specialty</i>	<i>18 yes</i>
<i>Grace Cheung (Hong Kong), Longhair 1st Specialty</i>	<i>18 yes</i>

Accept as Trainee – 2nd Specialty:

Gavin Cao (Chengdu, China), Longhair 2nd Specialty 18 yes

Advancements – Regular Judging Program:

Advance from Approval Pending Allbreed to Approved Allbreed:

Pam DeGolyer (Bloomington, Indiana) 18 yes

Advancement – Associate Judge Program:

Advance from Associate Judge Shorthair Trainee to Shorthair Associate Judge:

Eugene Jeong (Incheon, South Korea) 18 yes

The committee met October 3rd to discuss upcoming Show Rule and Judging Program Rule proposed changes in addition to review of the two Longhair 1st Specialty Applicants, and the Longhair 2nd Specialty Applicant.

Judging Program Rule and Show Rule Changes:

Judging Program Rule and Show Rule changes should only be brought forward at the October Board Meetings, and committee members have been working with Ed Raymond for the Show Rule Changes. The following changes are included in the Board Meeting Reports dealing with show rule changes:

Show Rule Changes

- *Show Rule 3.02 b. defines invitation to judge acceptance for Associate Judges, who may only accept assignment in their approved geographic area-this aligns with the Judging Program Rules.*
- *Show Rule 3.13 edit to include Associate Judge and Guest Judge together under this guideline, effective May 1, 2024. As areas are now open in the International Division for travel, clubs will no longer be permitted to fill their slates with Associate Judges and Guest Judges, regular CFA Judges must also be contracted per the grid.*
- *Show Rule- 20.03 edit rule to include new e) Associate Judge will receive \$0.50 per scheduled paid entry with no paid minimum.*

Nye: I believe I had just mentioned that we have three Show Rule changes from the Judging Program Committee and they are to be handled later on in the Show Rules section.

Summary of Judging Program Rule Changes:

Since the Board Meeting in June, I have heard from several JPC members on issues with the JP Rules, some oversights, definition errors, wrong rule number as reference, and the issue we

discussed at a JPC meeting-removing the Accelerated Program. Section 2 of the Judging Program Rules is called Application Requirements, and several pre-applicants have mentioned to me that the JP Rules are difficult to follow. I can see why, as I have to look things up all the time. Application Requirements should be a place where everything is listed for First Specialty and then Second Specialty; it currently is not. There are rules in Section 6, which is Process for Application, that should be in Section 2 – Application Requirements, such as select a mentor and provide a color photo. The word “Initial” is used frequently when describing a first time applicant; however, this may be problematic, as the JPC may receive an application and before they become a judge, they pull the application or drop out. If they apply again, it really is no longer their initial application. I have made edits to the JP rules to change “Initial Application” to “First Specialty Application”. We refer to someone who has not yet applied, but in the process, as a Pre-Applicant, in several places this person is referred to as prospective Applicant or even Applicant.

Nancy Dodds, Teresa Sweeney, myself, and even Allene Tartaglia provided input or re-wrote rules. I have provided the below JP Rule summary change list prior to the actual JP Rule Change with a motion for each.

Number	Section	Description of Change
1.	DEFINITION	BAOS – remove required for trainee, approval pending and approved judges
2.	DEFINITION	SERVICE AWARD – this is new and recently came to light, it is not written anywhere for judges to read, new rule 11.22
3.	11.22 new	Guidance on how service awards are calculated
4.	2.1	Addition to must be 18, understand and be able to speak English
5.	2.2	Mentor Selection, location of forms & deadlines moved from Section 6 to Section 2. Application Requirements
6.	2.3	Removing option to apply for double specialty
7.	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Change Section 6 the word Initial and Second Specialty to First and Second Specialty
8.	SECTION 6	Title change Process for Initial to Process for First and Second Specialty
9.	2.4	Change Initial to First Specialty
10.	2.7	Scorecard A. Change Initial to First Specialty
11.	2.8 b.	Scorecard B. Change Initial to First Specialty
12.	2.8	Incorrect information-stated requirements for Scorecard first and second specialty are the same – re-written
13.	2.12	Re-written with step-by-step detail on Pre-Applicant marking a Judge’s Book adding clarity and structure

Number	Section	Description of Change
14.	2.13	<i>Change from Applicant to Pre-Applicant. At the time up to 2 years prior to application they are pre-applicants</i>
15.	2.14	<i>Change initial application to first specialty</i>
16.	2.15	<i>Current guidance left out signature of ID Chair or Sub Committee Chair. Rule now includes details of both first and second specialty application requirements.</i>
17.	2.18	<i>Adding Judge's Code of Ethics to application requirement along with current Show Rules, Standards and JP Rules.</i>
18.	2.19-2.20	<i>Combined these rules, as they speak to the same topics</i>
	2.20 new	<i>Rule moved from Section 6 to Section 2 Application Requirements, Recommendation Letter guidance</i>
19.	2.21	<i>Change word from Initial to First</i>
20.	3.9	<i>No need for the term Regular Program, changed to just Applicants referring to clerking requirements. Verifiable to verified.</i>
22.	3.12	<i>Typo correction BOAS to BAOS</i>
22.	5.2	<i>Correction to Rule numbers referenced 5.2.a. from (2.17) to (2.12), and 5.2.b, from (2.16) to (2.11).</i>
23.	5.3	<i>Change Application lead time for Associate Judge to Regular Judging Program from 6 weeks to 4 months – same as a first specialty applicant.</i>
24.	7.1	<i>Word change from initial to first Specialty</i>
25.	11.15	<i>Word change from initial applicant to just applicant. Statement actually appears on 2nd specialty application.</i>
26.	12.4	<i>Change in JP Rules driven by 2 Show Rule Proposals Pam DelaBar has submitted regarding GJ on Sunday – 2 options</i>
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28.	13.1	<i>Edit CEU for Judges Workshop from a flat 3 to be based on number of hours workshop is- 2 hrs = 2CEU</i>
29.	6.1-6.13	<i>Moved several items to Section 2 Application Requirements, the remainder just re-stated as Section 6 is process once applied.</i>
30.	3.1	<i>Removal of reference to Accelerated Process</i>
31.	2.22-2.32	<i>Removal of Accelerated Process</i>
32.	3.5	<i>Removal of reference to Accelerated Process</i>

<i>Number</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Description of Change</i>
33.	8.2	<i>Removal of reference to Accelerated Process</i>

JUDGING PROGRAM RULE CHANGES

Nye: So, for the next 20 or 30 pages, I discussed this with Rachel and she suggested that we go through these, have a brief summary of what they are, I'll take any questions and if there is any one of these motions on any of these Judging Program Rule changes that you're not comfortable with, we'll take them out. Ideally, I would like to get most of them done in one motion, if that's possible, so as we go along if anybody has questions, great. I'll answer the questions and if there's still issues with it, I'll circle it and we'll take that one out of the bulk of these Judging Program rule changes. Is that OK with everyone? **Mastin:** We're going to try it. I'll ask the question. Russell, are you OK with making the motion as a block? **Webb:** Yes. **Currle:** I'll make a standing second. **Mastin:** Rachel's got the standing second. **Currle:** OK, very good. **Mastin:** I did that earlier to save time.

Mastin: Does anybody want to pull – be specific on which ones you want to pull out, keeping in mind the Show Rules are subject to what we approve in Show Rules [report]. John, what do you want to pull out? **Colilla:** I want to pull out the ones about the – **Mastin:** Give me the number. **Colilla:** I lost my page. That's a problem. **Mastin:** Then I'm going to go to the next person. **Moser:** Are we talking about like 11.22 and those rules, right? These little ones? **Mastin:** All of them. **Moser:** 2.1. **Mastin:** What number is that on? **Moser:** #4, 2.1. **Mastin:** OK, you want to pull that out? **Moser:** I want to talk about it. **Mastin:** We're not going to talk about it now. We're going to pull that out, so #4 we're pulling out. John, did you find the one? **Colilla:** It's the one that applies to 13.3 about the Associate Judge and the Guest Judges. I want to talk about that one. **Mastin:** Vicki, do you know which one that is? **Nye:** I think that's a Show Rule change. **Mastin:** That's for Show Rules. **Moser:** We're not doing the Show Rules now. **Nye:** Right. There is no 13.3 in the Judging Program Rule changes. There is a 3.13 Show Rule change which adds the Associate Judge onto the grid for how many Associate Judges and Guest Judges you may have versus CFA judges. Is that what you're talking about, John? **Colilla:** Yes. **Mastin:** So, that's a show rule. That's subject to the approval of Show Rules in the afternoon. **Colilla:** OK, that's fine. Sorry. **Mastin:** Kathy Calhoun, do you have – **Calhoun:** I do. **Mastin:** Which one do you want to pull out? **Calhoun:** I just have a question. I may not need to pull it out, but #4, Section 2.1. **Mastin:** That's the one she wants to pull out. **Calhoun:** OK, alright.

DelaBar: #6, 2.3 talking about judges applying to the CFA Judging Program from other associations may apply for double specialty. **Mastin:** We're going to pull that out. We'll talk about it after we get all these others done. **DelaBar:** Got it. **Mastin:** Are there any others being pulled out? **Calhoun:** I thought that we were going to discuss these, so I'm just looking through them to see if any need to be pulled out. **Mastin:** OK, we'll take the time so you can just review it, because if we can do them as a block, that's good. **Nye:** OK Rich, so far I have #4 which is 2.1. That needs to be pulled out. #6, which is 2.3, the double specialty change, that needs to be pulled out. Was there a third one? **Mastin:** Not yet.

Shelton: Going way down to #26 and #27, the two things that are contingent on passing the changes to Show Rule 3.02.e. Those two things would make two different changes to

12.4.d.2., so passing them as a block would be dangerous because we would be essentially passing two different changes to the same section. **Mastin:** So, pull them out. What are we pulling out, Mike? **Shelton:** #26 and #27. **Mastin:** #26 and #27. Do you hear that Vicki? We're pulling out #26 and #27. **Nye:** I did. **Mastin:** OK. Any others? **Anger:** Just a reminder that Vicki said she is going to review each one individually and if someone has a question or if it becomes problematic where we can't resolve it on the spot, we'll add that to the pull out list. **Mastin:** So Mike, you said it impacts #12, right? **Shelton:** If Show Rule 3.02.e. passes, then one of them is add language to 12.4.d.2. The other one is delete 12.4.d.2. We can't do both. **DelaBar:** That's why it's up as a show rule, Mike. If one passes – **Shelton:** But the point is, if we're doing these now – **DelaBar:** That's why it should not be even brought in yet. **Nye:** It would be contingent upon whatever gets passed with the show rule. I'm OK with either one of them. We just want to make sure the Judging Program Rules line up with the Show Rules. **DelaBar:** My question is, does the Judging Program Rules need to restate what we have in the Show Rules? This is basically a show manager/show committee responsibility, not under Judging Program Rules. Why should the Judging Program care whether a judge judges on Saturday or Sunday. **Nye:** Well, there's guidelines in advancing a Guest Judge from an Approved Guest Judge and in order to do that, we need to have a CFA judge evaluate their work at the show, and so [inaudible, multiple speakers] time on the Judging Program Committee, but it's easier to do it when they're judging on Sunday and we can get a judge from Saturday to come back in on Sunday and be able to watch that judge handle cats, do their final and see what kind of work product they actually have. If they're on Saturday, it's impossible for us to get another judge to do that. They can't be in the show hall. The other issue I had is, the reason we don't really care which way this goes is that any Guest Judge we try to get another judge to do this has not been willing to go back into the show hall on Sunday. They are either going home or they have other plans that preclude being in the show hall on Sunday. So, we're OK with either way. We just want the Judging Program Rule to line up. It does affect our guidelines for Guest Judges and advancing Guest Judges, so it needs to be in the Judging Program Rules. **DelaBar:** Just for Vicki's information, one of the problems that we have with this evaluation process is the fact it does not say that a specialty CFA judge can render an evaluation on an approved Allbreed Guest Judge. **Nye:** It's up to the Judging Program Committee to try and select someone who is judging at the show. It's highly unlikely that, since you have so many Allbreed rings over in Europe, you would be paying for a specialty judge from the United States to come over and render that evaluation. It would be in our best interest to have someone that is capable of doing that evaluation on an Allbreed judge, be another Allbreed judge. **Perkins:** I have a question as a point of order. Are we discussing #26 and #26 now, or are we pulling them out? **DelaBar:** They're pulled out. **Perkins:** They're pulled out, so what are we talking about? **DelaBar:** We just got too far. **Perkins:** Alright. I just want to get back to – **Mastin:** Are we pulling? **DelaBar:** Pulling. **Mastin:** Thank you for identifying that, Pam.

Action Item: Adopt the following Judging Program rule changes, effective immediately.

[From after lunch break] **Mastin:** Rachel, are you all set? **Anger:** Yes. **Mastin:** And you have an announcement to make, or an update? **Anger:** At the beginning of the Judging Program Rule changes, we should have included an action item to adopt the Judging Program rule changes, effective immediately. **Mastin:** OK, so that's a point of clarification on that. Vicki? **Nye:** Yes, thank you Rachel. I was always under the impression that changes to the Judging

Program Rules were effective immediately. **Anger:** I just wanted to clarify it with an action item. **Nye:** Yes, I would rather it be clarified.

Mastin: Are there any others we want to pull out? OK, I'm going to continue. Any objections to the motion to approve these as a block? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Calhoun: Vicki is not going to go through? **Nye:** Do you want me to move on and go over each one of these and I'll give a brief summation of what the change is? **Mastin:** OK, let's do it. Vicki let's go ahead and briefly discuss each one. **Newkirk:** We just approved them. **Mastin:** We approved them. We don't need to. **Newkirk:** We already voted. **Nye:** So, we've taken care of the majority of these Judging Program Rule changes? **Perkins:** Yes.

1. Remove Trainees, Approval Pending and Approved Judges from definition, which were included in error.

Section 1 – Definitions		CFA Judging Program Committee
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
<p>BREED AWARENESS AND ORIENTATION SCHOOL – hereinafter referred to as “BAOS”): A School that is open to all interested parties, and that all Applicants, Trainees, Approval Pending and Approved Judges must attend. It can be in person, which includes handling opportunities, or online with no handling. It includes instruction on colors/patterns, ring etiquette, show mechanics, marking a judge’s book, as well as psychology of judging, applying to the Judging Program. Included are break-out sessions for all longhair breeds and all shorthair breeds.</p>		<p>BREED AWARENESS AND ORIENTATION SCHOOL – hereinafter referred to as “BAOS”): A School that is open to all interested parties, and that all Applicants, Trainees, Approval Pending and Approved Judges must attend. It can be in person, which includes handling opportunities, or online with no handling. It includes instruction on colors/patterns, ring etiquette, show mechanics, marking a judge’s book, as well as psychology of judging, <u>and</u> applying to the Judging Program. Included are break-out sessions for all longhair breeds and all shorthair breeds.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Incorrect information included in definition. Trainees, Approval Pending and Approved Judges are not required to attend BAOS.</p>		

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2. Accept new definition for Service Awards.

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
None.	<p>SERVICE AWARDS: The Service Award is awarded to judges to celebrate their Years of Service to CFA as judges, in 5 year increments.</p>

RATIONALE: Never defined or available for judges to actually read how their tenure is calculated, and this information needs to be available for all judges to refer to.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3. Accept new rule 11.22 detailing how CFA judge service awards are calculated.

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
None.	<p>11.22 Service Awards</p> <p><u>The Service Award is awarded to judges to celebrate their Years of Service to CFA as judges.</u></p> <p><u>a. Service Awards start to accrue on the first day of the month and year of advancement to Apprentice for the first specialty or at whatever status a person from another association becomes a judge in CFA.</u></p> <p><u>b. Judge must have met a full five (5) years of service to receive an award.</u></p> <p><u>c. Service Awards are announced at each Annual in five (5) year increments.</u></p> <p><u>d. A leave of absence (LOA) beyond one (1) year will deduct the time of the LOA in whole-year increments from the accrual date. If longer than one (1) year and six (6) months, the time will be rounded up. Completion of the judges' bi-annual test, if due, and judges' dues must be paid during the period of the LOA.</u></p> <p><u>e. A suspension will deduct the time of suspension in whole-year increments from the accrual date. If longer than one (1) year and six (6) months, the time will be rounded up.</u></p>

RATIONALE: Never defined or available for judges to actually read how their tenure is calculated, and this information needs to be available for all judges to refer to.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

4. *Add language to Judging Program Rules to require applicants to the Judging Program be able to understand and speak English.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
2.1 The Applicant must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.	2.1 The Applicant must be at least eighteen (18) years of age; <u>understand and be able to speak English.</u>
<p>RATIONALE: Some, if not all, color class training will be from English-speaking judges, the required BAOS is only taught in English, all continuing education training is done in English including the bi-annual test. This is a current requirement in the Associate Judge Application Guidelines.</p>	

Mastin: Vicki, #4 – 2.1. **[unidentified speaker]:** We’re going to discuss the ones we pulled out, Vicki. **Nye:** OK great, thank you. OK, the first one is 2.1, #4. We would like to add the language to Judging Program Rule 2.1, in addition to them being eighteen (18) years of age, they must be able to understand and speak English. First of all, it was approved as the Guidelines for the Associate Judging Program for T2 and T3 that they must be able to understand and speak English from the Associate Judges. Nearly 100% of the judges that will be teaching and training these judges speak English only, or if they have another language, it’s not the language that’s needed for this trainee. We’ve run into this problem with the Breed Awareness School, the handling. They all need interpreters. I myself have trained four Japanese judges. At the time they needed an interpreter to get through the training process. It’s not a good training process. It takes at least twice or three times as long, and when you explain things it’s normally an interpreter that is another cat fancier they bring with them, another exhibitor. You ask them a question and you don’t know who’s answer you’re really getting because they have a discussion back and forth. All these people I’ve trained have gotten to the point now after they have been judging that they speak English and we ask that they be able to speak English at least enough to where we can get through a training session with some understanding about handling, evaluating the cats, that they are fluent enough in English to understand that. Many industries require English speaking. The airline industry requires the cockpit cabin, crew and anybody that works in air traffic control, that language is English only. Many scientific areas, everything has to be published in English. All our continuing education, our judges’ testing, our workshops – they are all in English and the understanding of it is imperative for us to get a good training session and for these people to represent CFA. **Moser:** I can understand it, but I think it just adds another roadblock to the people that are like in Japan, possibly China. If they are willing to bring an interpreter that can speak English, or maybe you can say you have to bring – you can’t bring your friend, you have to bring a certified interpreter that speaks fluent English or something like that, but I just think it adds another roadblock and I don’t know if it’s reasonable. **Mastin:** More questions? **Calhoun:** Pam Moser spoke exactly what my issue would be. I do think that it’s a barrier. I think that if an applicant is willing to bring an interpreter and pay for the interpreter themselves, that that should be an option. I get all the other industries that require it and I also get the fact that quite often people in other countries can have the ability to speak English. It doesn’t really even qualify. If you can say “hello”, you have an ability to speak English, so I just think that if an applicant is willing to spend the extra time and money to get an interpreter, that we should allow them to participate in our global program. **Newkirk:** I see some good and bad whichever way we go on this. If they have to have an interpreter for the training sessions and stuff, then what happens

when they become judges? They're not going to haul a translator around with them to all the shows they judge, so the testing, the continuing education that is required of these people, it's all in English. I think the good outweighs the bad. We may miss a couple of really good people because they can't speak English, but you know what? If they want it bad enough, they will learn enough English that they can get through this. So, I think I'm supportive of this based on that, because it's just not the training, it's what goes on afterwards. **Calhoun:** I agree and disagree with what you just said, but I do think it is upon CFA to have translations for some of these things that we expect everybody to be able to read and understand English. I think that's something that we need to aggressively do to make sure that we are servicing all the people, including exhibitors who all of our applications and all of our Show Rules and all of these things are in English. I know from time to time, I know we made an attempt to have some things translated into French and it didn't work out well, but I do think that it's incumbent upon CFA if we want to be considered global that we do those things, that we have testing in various languages to support our initiative globally. **Mastin:** Pam Moser, you were going to make a comment. **Moser:** Kathy said it very well. That was good how she said it. My thing is that, you know, when they're judging people will know if they can speak English or not and it's up to the clubs that invite these people whether they want to have somebody that does not speak the English language, whatever, to decide if they want to invite them to judge. **Newkirk:** Kathy, I couldn't agree with you more about translating, but I'm going to tell you the problem. When this lady right here [DelaBar] was President, I served as the ID Chair for six years of her presidency and briefly under Mr. Hamza. We translated and translated and translated, and then the next meeting we changed something, so it has to be re-translated. So, every meeting that we change something, then it has to be updated and corrected, and there's nobody that's doing that. **Calhoun:** But they should be. **Newkirk:** Suki translated the whole Show Rules one time. How often do we change Show Rules? Every 35 seconds. So, it has to be updated, and who is going to do that? **Calhoun:** That is our responsibility, to figure out who is going to do that, because it should be done. When they change, these items that are identified as new should be updated. Yeah. **DelaBar:** I trained Chinese, I trained Japanese. They all had interpreters. Some of the Japanese are no longer on our Judging Program, but they ultimately learned English. We are one of the few major organizations, part of the World Cat Congress, that does not have multiple language as official languages. Speaking for Region 9, I believe that we have a very high level of English speaking in our region, especially with some of those languages that are a little bit difficult to learn, but it is something for us to think about. We are getting to the level to maybe we need a contract person to make sure that we have – for our major areas, pick one of the Chinese dialects or Japanese, but we really need to think global. Even though English is a global business [language], if we want to keep expanding I think we then need to assure that we're capable of doing that. **Griswold:** I feel like not being able to speak basic English with regards to cat anatomy is already a roadblock for the training judges that come in. Recently, the judges in training we have accepted do speak English and when we train them, that's a much better interaction, they learn a lot better, they become better judges because of it. After their training, they get the follow-up training from us that's all in English. All of our BAOS is in English. If we have people from 5 other countries, we're talking about bringing in 5 different types of interpreters that can do a BAOS in 5 different languages at once for Europe. **Webb:** And Malaysia and Indonesia. **Griswold:** Right, so being able to speak in a basic amount of English to say, "round head, round eyes, big ears" or whatever is going to help us train high quality judges. I have heard from places like Australia. They said, "hey, which CFA judges would be great to

bring to Australia? What do you think? We would love them to speak English.” So, we all have great judges. You can pick any of them, but they don’t all speak English. **Mathis:** All of the judges have taken the judges’ test and obviously have had it translated and have been successful at that. My one concern is reading the paperwork. They need to know enough words, if they can’t read the difference between white and black and blue, we don’t know that the cat that they are assessing on the table is what matches the book. Again, I can see the good and the bad in this, but basic English. If they are Chinese and they are doing their final in China, they’re going to do it in Chinese but they have to be able to read that paperwork. That concerns me. **Webb:** I have to agree. If we’re going to do this, then the testing and everything else has to be in more than 6 or 8 languages. You have Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand – all different. I think it’s just a good effort for them to make, to learn English. I just came back from China and I spoke in a group and they did have a translator, but that group was willing to learn English. They have school appointments to learn their English. They want to be judges and I think the effort for them to learn the English language will make them a better judge. We can’t converse with them in their language, and English is a worldwide language. **Huhtaniemi:** Ten years ago, we tried to add the English requirement for the Guest Judges and it was denied because of the Japanese judges, because many of them don’t speak English. I think it’s the best interests of CFA to have all their judges speak in English, so I fully support the Judging Program. **Calhoun:** Again, I think it’s incumbent upon CFA to break barriers instead of creating barriers. I think that we need to realize – and I’m not going to talk about how much – we all know that a significant amount of our income comes from outside of English-speaking countries. If we want to grow in other parts of the world, we need to make sure or at least to make efforts, and if the efforts are not successful, to continue to make efforts to be indeed global. If that means translations, so be it. **Noble:** While I agree with both sides – I see pro’s and con’s on either side – I think the thing that keeps popping back in the back of my head is the phrase, “something gets lost in the translation.” Yes, they may have an interpreter but some things don’t translate well from one language to another. We don’t know because we don’t speak their language how that interpretation is being received. In other words, exactly what I said is exactly what is being interpreted to the person who doesn’t speak English. You don’t know, and I say this only from personal experience. I did a trip to Haiti years ago and we had an interpreter in our medical clinic, and we were very comfortable getting responses back and forth until one of the nurses came to me and said – because she did speak English – she said, “do you know that what you said is not exactly what was said to the patient by the interpreter, and vice versa. They are making judgment calls in their interpretation and the answers are not really what you need.” So, there’s that issue. While I understand that it is important to be able to communicate with them, you want to know that what you’re saying back and forth is actually what is being said. **Mastin:** I’m going to hold the questions to Kathy, Shelly, then I have questions. **Calhoun:** I think that I would feel a bit more comfortable with the qualification that a trainee must speak English if we at least quantify that. Is it fluent in English? Is it basic English? What is it? Because really when we just say “English,” that really means if you say hello, it’s OK. So, I’m absorbing this but I do still think we need to make our efforts on translations, irregardless [*sic*] of how this goes, but I would like to have some sort of quantification of the degree to English. If it’s basic, I don’t know what the word may be but I would like to have some quantification, because English is – if I need to speak Chinese, I can say hello and goodbye.

Perkins: So, my questions for CFA are, how many people are applying that are unable to speak English and this is causing a problem later on, that they don’t understand their continuing education and/or the application process or the Breed Awareness School. What kind of problems

are you having that is even making you want to do this change? The second is, if you do put this change in, how are you going to enforce it and who is going to be the person that evaluates the applicant and say, “I don’t think your English is good enough that you truly” – at some point, how are you going to – and who is going to make the decision? Are you administering a test? I mean, what is the criteria that you would use to define that they can actually understand and speak it? I just want to say that I think we may even have a board member who may not be able to understand and speak English, for example, so what do you do with that? You have someone on the board and we aren’t providing that person a translator at all the board meetings. That’s my point is, I’m not really sure practically how you enforce this, how you determine it as you move forward, and is there really a problem that needed addressed? **Mastin:** Vicki. **Nye:** Rich, can I answer some of these questions that she’s bringing up? **Mastin:** Yes please. Go ahead. You can answer. **Nye:** OK, so first of all, Kathy, putting a word in there like “basic”, it’s all subjective. There’s no way to really define it. You have to have a vocabulary of 1,000 words or whatever. Whether we say “speak and understand English” or “basic English”, it’s not going to matter. It’s all subjective. Second, just putting it in here is going to give these people the motivation to go and at least start improving the amount of English that they understand and speak. The person that’s going to be evaluating this is the training judge. If they go to a training assignment with an applicant or somebody who has been approved and they can’t communicate with them – we have a very specialized language in the cat fancy. Trying to describe a brown patched tabby and white or a lilac-cream, like Paula said, it does not translate well. It’s a very unique language we have and a translator is not going to be able to translate that well. I had this problem even this weekend with one of our people who is looking to go into the Judging Program. Of course, they came in on T3 so they want to speak and understand English, but they were doing their paperwork at the show – a cattery visit at the show, basically – and she had gone around and handled 7 cats and then she was supposed to – it says right on the form you need to watch two judges judge. She didn’t understand English enough to know that she needed to go and watch two judges judge the class, so all the effort she put into handling those cats was in vain because she didn’t get the rest of it completed by the time the show closed. She didn’t understand. I have two more applicants that don’t speak enough English to understand the Judging Program Rules to get their application together. You try to explain it to them, “you’re missing so-many sections of the application requirements and missing it here is going to be even worse when you go to a training assignment to train someone and they’re not able to understand enough to get through a training assignment. It takes two or three times longer to train someone than it does just judging them, and if it’s an ineffectual training because there’s no understanding of the general terms and being able to communicate back and forth, we’re not going to be putting out judges of the quality we want. We have lots of roadblocks already in the Judging Program. We want them to be a clerk and a master clerk. There’s reasons for these things. They make you a better judge. They make you able to be able to do the paperwork. We need to equip these people with the tools they need, to be able to evaluate these cats in the ring. If they can’t utilize and understand what their training judge is teaching them at the show – and there’s just so much you can get through with sign language and showing somebody, you have to have that understanding of language. We don’t translate all our board meeting minutes for everybody to read. How many languages would you need to do that in? That’s important business for all our constituents around the world. I think it opens up quite a Pandora’s box if we decide we need to be global and we have to have everything produced in every language to meet what our constituency needs. **Mastin:** Shelly, did she answer all your questions? **Perkins:** Yes. **Nye:** Is there anything else I didn’t answer?

Mastin: Vicki, I have a couple questions for you. How many current applicants will this affect? **Nye:** Well, two right now that we weren't able to accept their applications. They are a pre-applicant now, but I would say probably 5 or 6 people that are looking to meet their requirements right now. They haven't applied yet, but the other two don't speak enough English to try and even provide what we need in their application to get through. **Mastin:** So, we don't have anybody in the Program that would be in violation of this new rule? **Nye:** We have Associate Judges who said they spoke and understood English that came on board, but don't speak and understand English. They're not in the regular Judging Program. They haven't ever gone through one on one training with any judges, so no, it does not affect anybody. The two applicants we have right now from Hong Kong and the 2nd specialty from China, they all speak very, very adequate English. **Mastin:** OK, so nobody in the Program that is current is going to be in violation of this rule if the board passes it? **Nye:** We have Japanese judges probably. You just went through a hearing where you have some of the older Approved Allbreed Japanese judges that don't speak English. **Mastin:** That leads me to my second question. Are all those grandfathered into the Program? **Nye:** This Judging Program Rule is applying to the Judging Program. It doesn't affect being a judge. **Mastin:** OK, but your Program is requiring it. **Nye:** This is applying to the Judging Program. **Mastin:** Just to apply. OK, very good. Any other questions? I'm going to call the vote. Those in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun, Dunham and Moser voting no.

Mastin: Rachel, Pam DelaBar, Darrell, Marilee, Carol, Kenny, Anne, Paula, Mike, Pauli, John, Russell. Opposed raise your hand. Cathy Dunham, Pam Moser, Kathy Calhoun. Hayata-san, how are you voting? **Hayata:** I vote yes. **Mastin:** Any abstentions? I see no abstentions. **Anger:** That's 13 yes, 3 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes. **Nye:** I thank you all. I think this is an important conversation for us to have. **Mastin:** Vicki, hold on a second. We're going to break for lunch for 30 minutes and then we'll come back, OK? **Nye:** Yes. **Mastin:** Come back at 12:45.

BREAK.

5. *Accept additional language added to Section 2, Rule 2.2 which came from Section 6.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>2.2 All requirements for application to the Judging Program must be met at the time the application is dated and filed with the Application Administrator. All application-related material must be sent in single file PDF format.</p>	<p>2.2 <u>The Pre-Applicant will select a Mentor from the panel of Approved Allbreed Judges (cannot be a family member), which must be approved by the Mentor Coordinator.</u> All requirements for application to the Judging Program must be met at the time the application is dated and filed with the Application Administrator. All application-related material must be sent in single file PDF format. <u>Application Deadlines and all forms necessary for applying to the Judging Program are located on the CFA Website.</u></p>

RATIONALE: The addition of mentor selection, and guidance for forms and application deadlines should have been in Section 2 – Application Requirements, not in Section 6, which is the process of application. It is difficult to navigate these Judging Program rules for a prospective applicant, and they should be able to go to Section 2 and follow the rules chronologically.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

6. *Applications to the Regular Judging Program will only be accepted for a single specialty.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>2.3 An Applicant may apply for single specialty or double specialty if the requirements of Section 2 and Section 6 have been met equally for both specialties at the time of applying. If applying for both specialties, the application fee is doubled.</p>	<p>2.3 An Applicant may apply for single specialty <u>only. They may apply for the second specialty when they have been advanced to Approval Pending First Specialty, and they have met the second specialty requirements. Exception: Judges applying to the CFA Judging Program from other associations, refer to Section 3. may apply for double specialty. or</u> double specialty if the requirements of Section 2 and Section 6 have been met equally for both specialties at the time of applying. If applying for both specialties, the application fee is doubled.</p>

RATIONALE: Removing the ability to apply for both specialties at the same time. CFA has not had a double specialty applicant since 1978, when we had 15 fewer breeds. There is a huge amount of breed and handling knowledge that a judge shares with the trainee during single specialty training, and the flow of training to actual judging should be focused on one specialty at a time. Additionally, allowing anyone to train with a judge for double specialties would have a negative impact on the show’s judging schedule, and ability to finish the color class session in a reasonable amount of time without rushing. There are very few 2 day shows now, that are not back to back, and no opportunity to spread the training of twice the number of cats out over two days.

Mastin: OK Vicki, we’re going to go on to #6. **Nye:** #6 has to do with applying to the Judging Program. Right now, it says that you may apply as single or double specialty. This has been taken in and out of the Judging Program Rules several times – taken out and then put back in. The last time we took – and this does not include judges that come from another association – the last time we took someone in as a double specialty judge was in 1978, and it was Joann Cummings. They took it out of the Judging Program Rules shortly thereafter because, first of all there were 15 less breeds then, but they took it out because it was a nightmare to train. You really need someone to focus on a smaller group of cats to do their training with, and then move on. It’s really only about 6 or 8 months difference between if you were to come in and then get advanced, get 6 assignments, and get advanced, or do your training and be able to move on if you do actually meet both the qualifications. This is a matter of cleaning up our rules. Don’t put something in there that’s not going to be a possibility or an actuality for anybody. This is more what reality is. I did include an exception for judges applying to the CFA Judging Program from other associations, but they may come in at whatever level they are from the other association.

So, if they are double specialty or allbreed, just as we took in the last two Olgas into the CFA Judging Program. **Mastin:** I don't remember who pulled this. **DelaBar:** I did. **Mastin:** Go ahead, Pam. **DelaBar:** Actually, it states, *Judges applying to the CFA Judging Program from other associations may apply for double specialty*. It says nothing about approval pending Allbreed. This is really at the desire of the board, what level we bring them back. I remember with the two Olgas, because they had had so much extensive experience, that they did come in as approval pending Allbreed but we allowed them to be paid at the approved Allbreed level. This does not give the opportunity for a judge coming in from another association to apply for Approval Pending Allbreed. It only says, "double specialty". **Nye:** In that section of the Judging Program Rules, the last section Coming From Another Association does have the caveat that if they met the qualifications for enough evaluations, that it's at the board's option to bring them in as Approval Pending Allbreed. **DelaBar:** Can't we have both sections reading the same? **Nye:** No, because that section starts off with having them come in as whatever they are eligible for in their association, whether it's single or double specialty. It says they won't be brought in at any level higher than double specialty. However, the last rule with regard to that does cover Approval Pending Allbreed. Let me find it in the Judging Program Rules. **DelaBar:** If I can just state that when people are reading through our Judging Program Rules – and I do state that these people are English speaking, but usually as a second, third or fourth language – they go through and we're at 2.3. They haven't gotten down to the rest of it yet and they read, "oh, *may apply for double specialty*." That's why I'm saying, we should have at least – if you're going to state one, then state it the same as it's going to be in the other part, if you're talking about judges coming in from another association. **Nye:** Right. This rule actually only said that they could come in as single or double specialty before. It never even addressed Approval Pending Allbreed. **Anger:** Make a motion, Pam. **Mastin:** Pam, what you should do is make a motion to include what you want with the – **DelaBar:** But there's a motion already on the floor. **Mastin:** We can amend the motion. You can amend what's here, so where it says *apply for double specialty*, you can add, *unless* and put the rest of your information there. Unless they meet these requirements, then they would be approved for – **Newkirk:** Pam, it's actually application into the regular Judging Program. This doesn't cover transfers. **DelaBar:** Yes, it does. Right here. **Newkirk:** It makes an exception down at the bottom. **DelaBar:** That's what I'm saying, there's another section. But when they start reading, they read numerically. I'll just give it up and just wait to see what happens with my person transferring over that you're going to look at in February. **Mastin:** No, we don't have to do that. Let's address the concerns. **Nye:** Pam, it's already in Judging Program Rule 3.8, *Transfer judges that have satisfactorily completed a minimum of eight (8) guest judging assignments in the four (4) years preceding acceptance may, at the discretion of the JPC and the Board of Directors, have post-acceptance* – oh wait, one more. Let's see. **Shelton:** I would propose – because I think Pam is right about what she's saying here. This doesn't appear to contradict something later, but that sounds like a lot of verbiage to reproduce. Can we say something like, *Exception: Judges applying to the CFA Judging Program from other associations may apply for double specialty at a more advanced level, as described in Section 3.8*. **DelaBar:** That's beautiful. **Nye:** It's actually all of Section 3, because they can come in as a double specialty or in 3.12, *These applicants will be accepted as Approval Pending Allbreed Judges and will follow the standard advancement process thereafter*. So, there's all sorts of different levels that they can come in, if they come in from another association, but they can come in at a level higher than single specialty judge. I'm OK with changing the language on here, it's just that before this was that they could only come in as single or double specialty;

whereas we already do violate that clause, so to speak, by bringing people in as Approval Pending Allbreed now. **Anger:** Am I mistaken? 3.8 I thought referred to judges coming in as transfer guest judges. My understanding was, a judge could apply to our Program without going through the guest judging piece of it, so if we have different classes of transfer judges, I would like to add language to 2.3 here to include double specialty or comparable status in their transfer association. **Perkins:** What are the other rules that apply to judges that are transferring from other associations? What are the other rule numbers? **Nye:** 3.12, *Approved Guest Judges may apply* – and that’s an Approved Guest Judge, so that’s on that tier thing – *may apply to the program by submitting an application, a resume detailing their breeding and exhibiting accomplishments, a history of CFA Guest Judging by show and date and a letter of intent to attend a BOAS within 2 years of acceptance. These applicants will be accepted as Approval Pending Allbreed Judges and will follow the standard advancement process thereafter.* That’s Rule 3.12, but all of Section 3 has to do with judges coming from another association, with or without guest judging for us. So, if they never guest judged for us at all, CFA’s history is that we bring them in at whatever level, but no higher than double specialty, and they may even have to have training. So, there’s lots of different if’s on bringing those other judges in. **Perkins:** Would it be OK to just say, *Exception: Judges applying to the CFA Judging Program from other associations may apply for double specialty as otherwise outlined herein.* **Nye:** You can just leave it at that exception. Just leave it at that. **Perkins:** *Exception: Judges applying to the CFA Judging Program from other associations* – you can just say “from other associations”. That’s an exception and then they know there’s an exception and they can look elsewhere. **Nye:** I would be fine with that and just stopping it before we put *may apply for double specialty.*

Griswold: I was just going to point out, we already have these sections very well worded to accept people from other associations, or from our Guest Judging Program. This section is about applications to the regular Judging Program. Why do we even have to put anything about an exception? If they’re coming from another program or through the Guest Judging Program or through another association, they’re going to be looking at a different section anyway. This section is just applying to the regular Judging Program. We didn’t have an exception on there before because it’s the regular Judging Program. It’s not even referring to coming in the other ways. **DelaBar:** Except they are applying to the CFA regular Judging Program. **Griswold:** As a transfer from somewhere else. **Nye:** That was segregated out from the accelerated program, which we have now gotten rid of. **DelaBar:** Separate from the Associate Program. **Griswold:** These people, you’re either coming in through the regular Judging Program where you’re not from another association or you’re not a guest judge or you’re coming in through the Guest Judge Program or through another association’s program that we have already very well defined. So, this is just the regular Judging Program, so this exception almost kind of confuses things for me because it’s referring to the other ways that you have already defined elsewhere. **Nye:** But Rule 3.1, which is Section 3 – Coming From Another Association, says, *Regular Process Applicants*, so they are applying to the regular Program. **Griswold:** Yes, but we already have defined how they are coming to the Program. So, this is regular Judging Program – **Nye:** They can’t come in any higher than what they are at their other association. **Griswold:** Right. That’s not coming from another association. The other association applicants and the ones from the Guest Judging Program, we’ve got that all very well defined in other sections. This is just coming in when you are not a judge of another association or a Guest Judge. **Nye:** What you’re suggesting is to remove the exception altogether. **Griswold:** That was just one suggestion. **Nye:** Which is what I had to begin with, and then I didn’t want to have guest judges think that they

could not come in other than a single specialty. **Griswold:** You have defined that elsewhere already.

DelaBar: What I am trying to do is to get things to read the same. No matter how you are coming into our Program, it is the regular Judging Program unless you're applying as an Associate. Whether you are coming in from another association, whether you are coming in as an Approved Guest Judge or from the regular Guest Judge level, it's all the regular Judging Program. All we want to do is, make sure that we're saying the same thing throughout our rules.

Newkirk: I agree with Marilee. This adds confusion to it. I understand everybody that applies to come here gets an initial application, but there's an initial application with no experience and there's an initial application with experience. The next section enumerates what it is when you have additional experience. We did this for years with Show Rules. We would stick it here, stick it here, stick it here, until it got so confusing that somebody had to go through and eliminate all that crap and consolidate it, so it was in one spot. To me, this just confuses the thing. Just take all that exception crap out and just what it says that first line there.

Mastin: Pam, that's not what you want. **DelaBar:** I just want to state something – that it follows through. That's all. **Mastin:** Then I will make a recommendation for the group to consider. After *requirements*. then, *Exception: Judges applying to the CFA Judging Program from other associations (see section ____)*. Whatever the section is, period. **Griswold:** I think there's more than one section. There's several sections. **Mastin:** Then list the sections. **Nye:** Section 3. **Mastin:** Section 3. Then that addresses Pam's concern and we don't go into details under this. Does that sound like a good compromise? **Newkirk:** I like your amendment. **Perkins:** Is that a motion? **Newkirk:** He can make an amendment. Anybody can make an amendment. **DelaBar:** OK. **Webb:** I second. **DelaBar:** Let's state it again. *Exception: Judges applying to the CFA Judging Program from other associations (refer to Section 3)*. **Mastin:** Further discussion? **Nye:** Where you put the wording in that section Rich, were you putting in the word *Exception* or just starting it with *Judges applying to the CFA Judging Program from other associations*. **Mastin:** Just *Judges applying to the CFA Judging Program from other associations*. There is no *Exception* there at all. **Nye:** OK, great. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? Objections to the amended motion? Seeing no objections, that motion passes unanimously.

The primary amendment to the main motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Now we're going to vote on the original motion, correct? **Newkirk:** Amended. **Mastin:** Amended motion, correct. Russell had a standing motion, and Rachel you had a standing second on that. OK, any objections? Seeing no objections, that motion passes unanimously.

The main motion, as amended, is ratified by unanimous consent.

7. *Change wording in Table of Contents from “Initial” to “First”.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
TABLE OF CONTENTS	TABLE OF CONTENTS
Section 6. Process for Initial and Second Specialty Applications	Section 6. Process for Initial <u>First</u> and Second Specialty Applications
RATIONALE: The word “initial” is not defined anywhere, and it is clearer if the Judging Program Rules use language already contained in these rules, such as First Specialty rather than “Initial”.	

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

8. *Change wording from “Initial” to “First Specialty”.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
SECTION 6 PROCESS FOR INITIAL AND SECOND SPECIALTY APPLICATIONS	SECTION 6 PROCESS FOR INITIAL <u>FIRST</u> AND SECOND SPECIALTY APPLICATIONS
Initial Application:	Initial <u>First Specialty</u> Application:
RATIONALE: The word “initial” is not defined anywhere, and it is clearer if the Judging Program Rules use language already contained in these rules, such as First Specialty rather than “Initial”.	

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

9. *Change wording from “Initial” to “First Specialty”.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
2.4 An initial Applicant has two clerking options:	2.4 An initial <u>A First Specialty</u> Applicant has two clerking options:
RATIONALE: The word “initial” is not defined anywhere, and it is clearer if the Judging Program Rules use language already contained in these rules, such as First Specialty rather than “Initial”.	

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

10. *Change wording from “Initial” to “First Specialty”.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
2.7 An Applicant has two (2) options to meet the requirements for initial acceptance, first specialty, into the CFA Judging Program:	2.7 An <u>First Specialty</u> Applicant has two (2) options to meet the requirements for initial acceptance, first specialty , into the CFA Judging Program:
RATIONALE: The word “initial” is not defined anywhere, and it is clearer if the Judging Program Rules use language already contained in these rules, such as First Specialty rather than “Initial”.	

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

11. *Change wording from “Initial” to “First Specialty”.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
2.8 b. Complete Scorecard Section B indicating a minimum fifteen (15) point accumulation) and submit with the initial application to the JPC. Cats listed as Grand Champion/Grand Premier in Scorecard Section a. may be included in Scorecard Section b., provided they have achieved the higher title listed.	2.8 b. Complete Scorecard Section B indicating a minimum fifteen (15) point accumulation) and submit with the initial <u>first specialty</u> -application to the JPC. Cats listed as Grand Champion/Grand Premier in Scorecard Section a. may be included in Scorecard Section b., provided they have achieved the higher title listed.
RATIONALE: The word “initial” is not defined anywhere, and it is clearer if the Judging Program Rules use language already contained in these rules, such as First Specialty rather than “Initial”.	

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

12. *Change wording in 2.8 to define scorecard requirement for First Specialty vs. Second Specialty.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
2.8 All requirements remain the same for both specialties with the exception that the Applicant’s Second Specialty will require submitting an Applications Scorecard meeting minimum exhibiting requirements.	2.8 All requirements remain the same for both specialties with the exception that the Applicant’s Second Specialty will require submitting an Applications Scorecard meeting minimum exhibiting requirements. <u>First Specialty Applicants must submit both Scorecard A and Scorecard B. Second Specialty Applicants only submit scorecard B.</u>
RATIONALE: All requirements for both specialties are not the same. This change clarifies what is required for First vs. Second Specialty with regards to the Scorecard.	

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

13. *Accept expanded 2.12 instructions of marking a judge’s book pre-applicant requirement for clarity. Pre-applicants, mentors and participating judge need step-by-step directions on completing this exercise when marking a judge’s book.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>2.12 The initial Applicant must have marked a judge’s book; a minimum of the Championship class being required, to include color class sheets, breed summary sheets and final sheets from a show where he/she sat discreetly in the audience of an Approved Allbreed Judge. This judge must have been mutually agreed upon with their Mentor or the Application Administrator. The Applicant will mark the judge’s sheets corresponding to the way the judge hung his/her ribbons. Error free paperwork signed by the Approved Allbreed Judge must be submitted with the application and will be reviewed by the Application Administrator. The Applicant must obtain permission in advance from the sponsoring club. The Applicant must request the extra judges’ book and all forms necessary to meet this requirement from the sponsoring club.</p>	<p>2.12 The initial Pre-Applicant must have marked a judge’s book <u>in the ring of a CFA Allbreed Judge, as one of the requirements for the application. The paperwork includes color class sheets, breed summary sheets, and finals sheets. The absentees and transfers must be included and marked appropriately.</u></p> <p><u>The requirements and process are as follows:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Approximately six months prior to application submission, the Pre-Applicant will work with their Mentor to select a show and Judge to complete the requirement.</u> • <u>Once agreed, the Pre-Applicant will reach out to the Judge and the club to obtain permission and approval.</u> • <u>The Pre-Applicant will complete the document “Permission To Mark A Judges Book”, with all requested information and required signatures, and email it to their Mentor and applicable Application Administrator.</u> • <u>Prior to the show, the Pre-Applicant will reach out to the Show Manager and ask for a judge’s book, breed sheets and final sheets.</u> • <u>Upon arrival at the show, the Pre-Applicant will sit discreetly in the ring on the opposite side of the table from the Ring Clerk, not impeding the traffic flow or judging in the ring. They will also provide the Judge the “Marking a Judges Book Judges Guide”.</u> • <u>The Pre-Applicant will mark the judge’s color class sheets, breed sheets and finals sheets exactly as the Judge has hung their ribbons in class judging and in the final. This should be done without any assistance from the judge or clerk other than providing information on absentees, transfers and any disqualifications.</u> • <u>At the completion of judging, before leaving the show hall, the Judge will check the Pre-</u>

	<p><u>Applicant’s paperwork, and if error free will sign the last page and include the statement “I have reviewed the paperwork and found it to be identical to mine and error free”. The judge will keep the yellow copy of the color class sheets and the pink copy of the breed and final sheets with their show paperwork.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Within 5 days of the end of the show, the Pre-Applicant will scan the paperwork and email it to their Mentor and the appropriate Application Administrator for review by a member of the Judging Program Committee.</u> • <u>The paperwork must be found error free when reviewed. If errors are found, the process must be repeated until an error free session is recorded.</u>
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RATIONALE: There is not enough direction to Pre-Applicants who want to complete this exercise. Oftentimes, a marked judge’s book is received by the Application Administrator by an individual who has not even obtained a mentor, and with no review of the judge whose ring was marked. This detailed guidance provides structure for the pre-applicant.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

14. Change wording from “Applicant” to “Pre-Applicant”.

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
2.13 An Applicant must attend a BAOS within the previous two (2) years for the appropriate specialty in which the application is made.	2.13 An Applicant Pre-Applicant must attend a BAOS within the previous two (2) years for the appropriate specialty in which the application is made.

RATIONALE: Attendance at a BAOS may be up to 2 years prior to application, and the individual should really be referred to as a Pre-Applicant at this stage.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

15. Change wording from “initial application” to “first specialty application”.

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
2.14 The initial application must include a statement explaining why the Applicant wants to be a CFA Judge.	2.14 The initial first specialty application must include a statement explaining why the Applicant wants to be a CFA Judge.

RATIONALE: The word “initial” is not defined anywhere, and it is clearer if the Judging Program Rules use language already contained in these rules, such as First Specialty rather than “Initial”.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

16. *Accept newly defined rule 2.15 which spells out what is required in the application package of First Specialty Applicant vs. Second Specialty Applicants.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>2.15 An Applicant must complete a Judging Application form signed by their Regional Director. This application becomes a part of the total application submitted.</p>	<p>2.15 <u>First Specialty Application Package.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>An Applicant must complete a Completed Applicant signed First Specialty Judging Application form also signed by their Regional Director or International Chair/Sub-Committee Chair. This application becomes a part of the total application submitted.</u> b. <u>All other requirements as detailed in Section 2 specific to Longhair or Shorthair Specialty application.</u> c. <u>Recent Color Photo of the Applicant.</u> d. <u>Proof of payment to CFA of the current application fee through the CFA Website.</u> e. <u>Proof of Master Clerk license, or certified clerk license plus proof of Master Clerk Test score (2.4).</u> f. <u>CFA Cattery Registration for Breeder Option or proof of seven (7) years of active exhibiting for exhibitor Option (2.5).</u> g. <u>Club Membership signed verification letter (2.6).</u> h. <u>Club Activities Resume (2.6).</u> i. <u>Scorecard A and B (2.7-2.8).</u> j. <u>Litter Registration Certificate for Breeder Option Applicant or Certificate of first Grand for Exhibitor Option Applicant (2.7).</u> k. <u>Exhibitor Resume (2.9).</u> l. <u>Forms for Custodial Care, Agenting and a listing of Exhibiting Experience for First Specialty breeds (2.10).</u> m. <u>Breed-Focused Experience applicable to First Specialty breeds (2.11).</u>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>n. Proof of attendance at a BAOS for first specialty, within the two (2) years prior to application date (2.13).</u> <u>o. Statement of why you want to be a CFA Judge (2.14).</u> <p><u>The following items are not included in the Application Package, but sent directly to the Application Administrator.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>a. Three (3) CFA Club recommendations (2.20).</u> <u>b. Three (3) letters of personal recommendation (2.20).</u> <u>c. Error-free marked Judges Book with Judge’s Statement (2.12).</u> <p><u>Second Specialty Application Package</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>a. Completed and Applicant-signed Second Specialty Application.</u> <u>b. Proof of payment to CFA of the current application fee through the CFA website.</u> <u>c. Scorecard B (2.8).</u> <u>d. Exhibitor Resume of Second Specialty cats/kittens (2.9).</u> <u>e. Forms for Custodial Care, Agenting and a listing of Exhibiting Experience for Second Specialty breeds (2.10).</u> <u>f. Breed-Focused Experience applicable to Second Specialty breeds (2.11).</u> <u>g. Proof of attendance at a BAOS in second specialty within 2 years prior to application date (2.13).</u>
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RATIONALE: Locating a listing of requirements for First and Second Specialty Applicant is difficult in our current Judging Program Rules. Current Rules in Section 2 and 6 provide confused listing of all items needed for First Specialty application, and in many cases are silent for Second Specialty. In some areas it says the requirements are the same; in other rules, it just is silent for second specialty applicants. This rule is now split into First and Second Specialty requirements and documents that must be included in each application package.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

17. *Approve addition of Judge’s Code of Ethics to Judging Program Rule 2.18.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>2.18 An Applicant must have a complete understanding of the CFA Standards, CFA Show Rules, and the CFA Judging Program Rules.</p>	<p>2.18 An Applicant must have a complete understanding of the CFA Standards, CFA Show Rules, <u>Judge’s Code of Ethics</u>, and the CFA Judging Program Rules.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Applicants to the CFA Judging Program per the current 2.18 Rule, requires complete knowledge of the CFA Standards, CFA Show Rules, and the CFA Judging Program Rules, addition of the Judges Code of Ethics should be included</p>	

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

18. *Accept combining rule 2.19 and 2.20 into 2.19, and using 2.20 for Recommendation Letters which came from Section 6, rule 6.7.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>2.19 An Applicant who is an officer, director or judge in an organization structured for purposes similar to those of CFA, will be expected to furnish proof of severance from same, within fifteen (15) days of his/her admission to the CFA Judging Program. Henceforth, he/she may not join any such organization in any capacity noted above while a part of the CFA Judging Program.</p> <p>2.20 Employment with an organization structured for purposes similar to those of CFA is strongly discouraged as it may be considered a conflict of interest.</p>	<p>2.19 An Applicant who is an officer, director or judge in an organization structured for purposes similar to those of CFA, will be expected to furnish proof of severance from same, within fifteen (15) days of his/her admission to the CFA Judging Program. Henceforth, he/she may not join any such organization in any capacity noted above while a part of the CFA Judging Program.</p> <p>2.20—Employment with an organization structured for purposes similar to those of CFA is strongly discouraged as it may be considered a conflict of interest.</p> <p><u>2.20 Recommendation Letters – Regular Applicant – First Specialty</u></p> <p><u>a. Currently licensed CFA Judges and CFA Board Members shall not be solicited to submit character references to fulfill Applicant requirements.</u></p> <p><u>b. The formal recommendation of at least three (3) CFA clubs is required, at least two (2) of which must be clubs that have produced a CFA show in the twenty-four (24) month period prior to the date of the Applicant’s consideration for acceptance by the Board of Directors. Club recommendations should be discussed at a regularly scheduled meeting, be recorded</u></p>

	<p><u>in the minutes of that meeting, and carry the signature of the club’s president and secretary. If Applicant holds one (1) of these offices, another club officer must sign. These letters are to be sent directly to the Judging Program Applications Administrator and must be kept confidential.</u></p> <p><u>c. Multiple recommendations stemming from one (1) source will be treated as a single recommendation.</u></p> <p><u>d. Personal letters of recommendation (at least three [3] are required) are to be mailed directly, scanned and emailed or faxed (signature required) to the Application Administrator, and must be confidential. Letters of recommendation, or copies thereof, must not be sent to the Applicant, nor may an Applicant ask for any preview of the recommendations.</u></p>
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RATIONALE: Language moved from Section 6, rule 6.7 a-d., to 2.20 a-d. Recommendation Letters should be part of Section 2 – Application Requirements, not in Section 6 which is Process for First and Second Specialty Applications.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

19. Change wording from “initial application” to “first specialty application”.

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
2.21 Informal Requirements for Initial Application:	2.21 Informal Requirements for Initial <u>First Specialty</u> Application:

RATIONALE: The word “initial” is not defined anywhere, and it is clearer if the Judging Program Rules use language already contained in these rules, such as First Specialty rather than “Initial”.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

20. Accept change of wording including the removal of “Regular Program”, “initial” when referring to application and changing the word “verified” to “documented” when referring to clerking assignments.

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
3.9 Clerking Requirements: Regular Program Applicants must successfully complete a minimum	3.9 Clerking Requirements: Regular Program Applicants—An Applicant must successfully

of two (2) assistant ring clerking and two (2) chief ring clerking assignments before beginning training (either prior to or just after acceptance to the Judging Program). Completed evaluations must be verifiable by the JPC. If clerking requirements are completed prior to application, they must be listed and verified in the initial Application. If a guest judge Applicant has a sufficient number of satisfactory guest judging evaluations, the clerking requirement can be waived.	complete a minimum of two (2) assistant ring clerking <u>assignments</u> and two (2) chief ring clerking assignments before beginning training (either prior to or just after acceptance to the Judging Program). Completed evaluations must be verifiable <u>verified</u> by the JPC. If clerking requirements are completed prior to application, they must be listed and verified <u>documented</u> in the initial Application. If a guest judge Applicant has a sufficient number of satisfactory guest judging evaluations, the clerking requirement can be waived.
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RATIONALE: This rule is in the section for judges in other associations applying to the CFA Judging Program. It is not necessary to call it “Regular Program”. No need to call it “initial” application either, just application is sufficient.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

21. *Accept correction from BOAS to BAOS.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
3.12 Approved Guest Judges may apply to the Program by submitting an application, a resume detailing their breeding and exhibiting accomplishments, a history of CFA Guest Judging by show and date, and a letter of intent to attend a BOAS within 2 years of acceptance. These applicants will be accepted as Approval Pending Allbreed Judges and will follow the standard advancement process thereafter.	3.12 Approved Guest Judges may apply to the Program by submitting an application, a resume detailing their breeding and exhibiting accomplishments, a history of CFA Guest Judging by show and date, and a letter of intent to attend a BOAS BAOS within two (2) years of acceptance. These applicants will be accepted as Approval Pending Allbreed Judges and will follow the standard advancement process thereafter.

RATIONALE: Correction to type BOAS should be BAOS

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

22. *Accept correction of Judging Program Rule reference numbers 5.2 a. from (2.17) to (2.12), and 5.2 b, from (2.16) to (2.11).*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
5.2 The following requirements may be waived by the Application Administrator when the Associate Judge has completed ten (10) judging assignments with error free paperwork. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Marking a Judges Book (2.17) b. Breed Focused Experience (2.16) 	5.2 The following requirements may be waived by the Application Administrator when the Associate Judge has completed ten (10) judging assignments with error free paperwork. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Marking a Judges Book (2.17)(2.12) b. Breed Focused Experience (2.16)(2.11)

c. Clerking License Requirement (2.4)	c. Clerking License Requirement (2.4)
RATIONALE: Judging Program reference numbers were incorrect.	

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

23. *Approve change of lead time for Associate Judge applications from 6 weeks to at least 4 months, as detailed in the Application Deadline CFA Website.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
5.3 The name of each Associate Judge Applicant to the regular Judging Program will be submitted to the Board of Directors at the first meeting held at least six (6) weeks after receipt by the Application Administrator of the completed application. Please note that applications are reviewed only at the February, June and October Board of Directors meetings.	5.3 The name of each Associate Judge Applicant to the regular Judging Program will be submitted to the Board of Directors at the first meeting held at least six (6) weeks four (4) months after receipt by the Application Administrator of the completed application. <u>Application deadlines are listed on the CFA Website.</u> Please note that applications are reviewed only at the February, June and October Board of Directors meetings.
RATIONALE: The lead time that an Associate Judge application is received by the Application Administrator should be the same as a First Specialty Applicant. None of the Associate Judge names were ever posted to the CFA Applicant website prior to the Board Meetings where they were accepted, giving others the opportunity to write either positive or negative letters.	

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

24. *Change wording from “initial” to “First Specialty”.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
7.1 The name of each Applicant (initial/second specialty) will be submitted to the Board of Directors at the first meeting held no less than four (4) months for initial Applicants and at least six (6) weeks for second specialty Applicants after receipt by the JPC of the completed required documentation, including all related material. Please note: applications are only reviewed at the February, June and October meetings, excluding the Associate Judging Program.	7.1 The name of each Applicant (initial-first /second specialty) will be submitted to the Board of Directors at the first meeting held no less than four (4) months for initial First Specialty Applicants and at least six (6) weeks for second specialty Applicants after receipt by the JPC of the completed required documentation, including all related material. Please note: applications are only reviewed at the February, June and October meetings, excluding the Associate Judging Program.
RATIONALE: The word “initial” is not defined anywhere, and it is clearer if the Judging Program Rules use language already contained in these rules, such as First Specialty rather than “Initial”.	

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

25. *Accept removal of the word “initial” from 11.15, as this statement applies to all applicants and applications.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>11.15 Each Applicant for admission to the Judging Program, and to the Associate Judging Program, each Trainee, each Associate Judge Trainee, each Associate Judge, and each member of the CFA panel of judges, must agree to the following statement before being considered for admission or advancement, or permitted to function under this program as a CFA judge:</p> <p>“I understand that only those Applicants with unquestionable moral character and impressive credentials will be considered for acceptance into the CFA Judging Program. I agree to abide by and accept any recommendations and decisions made by the Judging Program Committee, the Board of Directors or CFA regarding this initial application, as well as any consideration for advancement in the future. All decisions shall be binding and final, in accordance with current and future CFA Show Rules and CFA Judging Program Rules.”</p>	<p>11.15 Each Applicant for admission to the Judging Program, and to the Associate Judging Program, each Trainee, each Associate Judge Trainee, each Associate Judge, and each member of the CFA panel of judges, must agree to the following statement before being considered for admission or advancement, or permitted to function under this program as a CFA judge:</p> <p>“I understand that only those Applicants with unquestionable moral character and impressive credentials will be considered for acceptance into the CFA Judging Program. I agree to abide by and accept any recommendations and decisions made by the Judging Program Committee, the Board of Directors or CFA regarding this initial application, as well as any consideration for advancement in the future. All decisions shall be binding and final, in accordance with current and future CFA Show Rules and CFA Judging Program Rules.”</p>
<p>RATIONALE: The word “initial” is not defined anywhere, and it is clearer if the Judging Program Rules use language already contained in these rules, such as First Specialty rather than “Initial”. In this case, there is no need for the word initial.</p>	

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

26. *If Show Rule 3.02.e. passes, then delete 12.4.b.2. to coincide with proposed show rule change of 3.02.e.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>12.4 Responsibilities in using Guest Judges:</p> <p>b. CFA Clubs must:</p> <p>2. Assign the Guest Judge to judge on Sunday of a two-day show</p>	<p>12.4 Responsibilities in using Guest Judges:</p> <p>b. CFA Clubs must:</p> <p>2. Assign the Guest Judge to judge on Sunday of a two-day show</p>
<p>RATIONALE: To coincide with proposed show rule change of 3.02e brought to the Board by Pam DelaBar R9 Director.</p>	

Mastin: Moving on to 26 and 27. **Nye:** My request is that, is it possible for us to address these after the Show Rule changes? **Mastin:** If that’s what you want to do. **Nye:** Yeah, then I can just withdraw whichever one doesn’t apply. **Newkirk:** Table. Don’t you want to table it and bring it back? **Nye:** Please. **Anger:** So moved. **Shelton:** Second. **Mastin:** OK, Rachel tabled, Mike second.

Tabled.

[**Secretary’s Note:** The following transcript also appears under Unfinished Business; at which time it was taken off the table and voted on.]

Anger: I’m bringing this back up from the Judging Program Rules that we tabled earlier, depending on what the board voted on in the Show Rules portion. It’s items #26 and #27, regarding guest judges, what day guest judges would officiate. I’ll do it a little bit backwards because what we passed in Show Rules applies to #26. I’ll withdraw #27 and bring back #26 which deletes the phrase, *Assign the Guest Judge to judge on Sunday of a two-day show*. **Mastin:** John, was this one of your concerns? **Colilla:** No. **Anger:** This related to #7 in Show Rules regarding Show Rule 3.02.e. **Shelton:** I’m the one who brought it up. **Mastin:** OK, Mike. **Shelton:** We are fixing it by coming back and doing it now, and withdrawing the one that doesn’t apply. **Mastin:** So, in your opinion, is it in order? **Shelton:** We’re good to go. **Mastin:** OK. These were tabled, so we do have to vote on #26 and #27. **Newkirk:** #27 is moot. **Mastin:** #27 is withdrawn. **Anger:** Because I had a standing motion during the Judging Program report, does that still stand? **Newkirk:** You need a motion to take it off the table. **Anger:** I will so move. **Mastin:** Who will second? **Newkirk:** I’ll second it. **Mastin:** I’ve got Mike as a second. Any objections to taking it off the table? Seeing no objections, that motion passes unanimously.

The motion [to take the motion off the table] is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Are you going to make the motion? **Anger:** I move that we accept the Judging Program Rule 12.4.b., as amended, to delete *Assign the Guest Judge to judge on Sunday of a two-day show*. **Mastin:** May I have a second? **Newkirk:** I second. **Mastin:** I’ve got Darrell on that. Any objection? Seeing no objections, that motion passes unanimously. **Anger:** Thank you.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

27. If Show Rule 3.02.e. passes, then add language “When possible” to Judging Program Rule 12.4 b. 2.

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>12.4 Responsibilities in using Guest Judges:</p> <p>b. CFA Clubs must:</p> <p>2. Assign the Guest Judge to judge on Sunday of a two-day show</p>	<p>12.4 Responsibilities in using Guest Judges:</p> <p>b. CFA Clubs must:</p> <p>2. Assign <u>When possible assign the</u> Guest Judge to judge on Sunday of a two-day show</p>

RATIONALE: To coincide with proposed show rule change of 3.02e brought to the Board by Pam DelaBar R9 Director.

Tabled then Withdrawn.

28. *Base CEU's offered for Judge Workshop attendance to be determined by the scheduled hours of the workshop, 1 CEU for each hour.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
13.1 a. Attendance at a CFA Judge's Workshop will earn three (3) CEU's.	13.1 a. Attendance at a CFA Judge's Workshop will earn three (3) CEU's <u>based on the number of scheduled workshop hours; one (1) CEU earned for each hour of the workshop.</u>

RATIONALE: The structure, material and presentation of the Judge's Workshop has changed through the years, starting with the pandemic and the delivery via ZOOM. The Judging Program Committee would like the flexibility to have a workshop associated with the Annual Meeting for our Judges to interact, and presentation of teaching materials, not necessarily a breed workshop. Additional ZOOM Breed Workshops may also be offered, allowing those not able to attend the annual to participate.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

29. *Accept re-written Section 6 as presented which documents the flow of the application once it has been submitted.*

COMPLETE RE-WRITE OF SECTION 6. Process for Initial and Second Specialty Applications

Section 6 of the JPC rules is designed to document the flow of the application once it has been submitted, but many of the actual items in this section appear either to be out of order, or they include information that is already covered in Section 2, e.g., choosing a mentor, including a color photo with the application, proof of payment of the fee, etc.

We are replacing the current Section 6 in its entirety (Column 1) and replacing it with the new verbiage in column 2.

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p style="text-align: center;">SECTION 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PROCESS FOR INITIAL AND SECOND SPECIALTY APPLICATIONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Initial Application:</p> <p>6.1 Any person desiring to apply for admission to the CFA Judging Program may acquire the</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SECTION 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PROCESS FOR INITIAL AND SECOND SPECIALTY APPLICATIONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Initial Application:</p> <p>6.1 Any person desiring to apply for admission to the CFA Judging Program may acquire the</p>

application, application guide, breed-focused experience forms, agenting forms, exhibiting forms and CFA Judging Rules on the CFA Website, or they may write the Application Administrator for all information and guidance. When the decision has been made to apply to the Judging Program, the Pre-Applicant will select a Mentor from the panel of Approved Allbreed Judges (cannot be a family member), which must be approved by the Mentor Coordinator.

6.2 If the prospective Applicant feels he/she is fully qualified to seek admission to the Judging Program, the application form is to be completed and must include the signature of the Regional Director. The application form is to be returned with supporting documentation as a complete application package in PDF format to the Application Administrator.

6.3 A recent color photo of the Applicant and proof of payment to the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. for the required application fee (as noted on the Application Guide) must accompany any application sent to the Application Administrator. If the Applicant fails to gain admission to the Judging Program, a fifty (50%) percent return fee will be retained by CFA. However, such Applicant may re-apply for admission to the Program and may be considered after a lapse of one (1) year. Reapplications require full payment of current application fee.

6.4 If the Applicant wishes to withdraw his/her application within thirty (30) days of the date appearing on it, he/she may do so and his/her application fee will be returned. There must then be a lapse of one (1) year.

6.5 If the Applicant is accepted into the Program, the application fee will, in part, cover the expenses of CFA activities until such time as the Applicant is advanced to the status of Approved Judge.

6.6 No applications for Allbreed Judge will be accepted.

6.7 Recommendations (applicable to Regular Applicants only):

a. It is expected that an Applicant will be so well known and so highly respected for his/her activities in the cat fancy that, having made known his/her intention to apply for admission to the Judging Program, both clubs and individuals will

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wish to send spontaneous letters of recommendation without pressure brought to bear on them. Currently licensed CFA Judges and CFA Board Members shall not be solicited to submit character references to fulfill Applicant requirements.

b. The formal recommendation of at least three (3) CFA clubs is required, at least two (2) of which must be clubs that have produced a CFA show in the twenty-four (24) month period prior to the date of the Applicant's consideration for acceptance by the Board of Directors. Club recommendations should be discussed at a regularly scheduled meeting, be recorded in the minutes of that meeting, and carry the signature of the club's president and secretary. If Applicant holds one (1) of these offices, another club officer must sign. These letters are to be sent directly to the Judging Program Applications Administrator and must be kept confidential.

c. Multiple recommendations stemming from one (1) source will be treated as a single recommendation.

d. Personal letters of recommendation (at least three [3] of which are required) are to be mailed directly, scanned and emailed or faxed (signature required) to the Application Administrator and must be confidential. Letters of recommendation, or copies thereof, must not be sent to the Applicant, nor may an Applicant ask for any preview of the recommendations.

6.8 Notices:

a. Regular Applicants. When all requirements for initial application, with or without judging evaluations, have been received and approved by the Application Administrator, the Applicant's name must be listed on the CFA Website. Every effort will be made to list the Applicant in other official CFA forms of communication for receipt of letters of recommendation or concern. The Application must be sent to the Application Administrator in PDF form. Included in the packet must be proof that the required application fee has been paid, as outlined in Section 6, paragraph 6.3. Following this procedure the Application must be submitted by the date listed on the CFA website under Applying to the Judging Program which is no less than six (6) weeks prior to the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting for consideration by the Board of Directors.

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b. Accelerated Applicants: Upon receipt of the application and successful completion of written and practical test, the Applicant's name must be listed on the CFA Website. Every effort will be made to list the Applicant in other official CFA forms of communication for receipt of letters of recommendation or concern. Following this procedure the Application must be submitted by the date listed on the CFA website under Applying to the Judging Program which is no less than six (6) weeks prior to the next scheduled in-person Board of Directors meeting for consideration by the Board of Directors.

6.9 An Application which has not been completed within one (1) calendar year of the date appearing upon it shall be rendered inactive. If such Applicant wishes to apply for admission to the Judging Program at a later date, such Application will be treated as a new application and must be accompanied by the current application fee (in addition to any fees already submitted). Signed and documented negative letters must be substantiated, and must be received by the Application Administrator no less than six (6) weeks prior to an Applicant's consideration for acceptance into the Judging Program by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors.

6.10 Applicants will be given an opportunity to provide a written response to any negative letter noticed to them by the Application Administrator. Any negative letter and written response will be presented to the Board of Directors as part of the application file.

6.11 The Application Administrator will inform the Applicant when his/her Application has been submitted to the Board of Directors. The JPC may make recommendations and comments, either negative or positive, at the request of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will review the Application and make a decision as to whether or not the Applicant will be accepted into the Judging Program.

6.12 The Application Administrator working with the individual making the Application may make comments on the quality of the Application and his/her experience working with the individual.

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Application process, their file will be forwarded to the Board of Directors.

Second Specialty Application
(applicable to Regular Applicants only):

6.14 Approval Pending single specialty judges desiring to proceed into the second specialty need not complete a Judging Program Application Form. However, proof that the required application fee was paid (check or money order payable in U.S. funds to the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. or online payment to CFA) must be included in the complete application submitted to the Application Administrator. This application must be in PDF form.

6.15 The application must include Breed-Focused Experiences, Custodial Care and Exhibiting Experience, as outlined in Section 2, items 2.10 and 2.11.

6.16 In addition, attendance at breed seminars, judges' workshops, test scores, and attendance at a BAOS for the appropriate specialty are required. Applicants will be expected to have technical breed knowledge on all breeds which make up their second specialty.

6.17 When all documentation for second specialty application has been received by the Application Administrator, at least six (6) weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, the documentation will be submitted for consideration.

6.18 Deadlines for receipt of applications by the Application Administrator may be found on the CFA Website on the Judges' Resource web page under Application Deadlines.

6.19 The Application Administrator working with the individual making the application may make comments on the quality of the application and their experience working with the individual. As long as all Applicants meet the requirements and have successfully completed the application process, his/her file will be forwarded to the Board of Directors.

6.20 Applicants in the Accelerated Application Process have the options to either:

OPTION ONE (1):

~~Application process, their file will be forwarded to the Board of Directors.~~

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~~OPTION ONE (1):~~

Apply for both specialties with the initial application.

OPTION TWO (2):

Apply for a single specialty initially, then apply for second specialty via either the Regular Application Process for the second specialty outlined in Section 6 or Accelerated Application Process if they meet the requirements as outlined in 2.25-2.32.

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~~OPTION TWO (2):~~

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PROCESS FOR FIRST AND SECOND SPECIALTY APPLICATIONS

First Specialty Application

6.1 Once the Applicant has completed the Application in PDF format with the required information and signatures and has forwarded the complete package by email to the appropriate Application Administrator, the Applicant's name will be posted on the CFA website. This CFA website pre-notice of first specialty Applicant's name must be three (3) months prior to the next scheduled Board meeting, where the Application is to be considered. Every effort will be made to list the Applicant's name in other official CFA forms of communication for receipt of letters of recommendation or concern. Applications will be reviewed at the February, June and October board meetings.

6.2 The Application Administrator working with the individual making the Application may make comments on the quality of the Application and his/her experience working with the individual.

6.3. If the Applicant is accepted into the Program, the application fee will be used to cover some of the expenses of CFA activities until the Applicant is advanced to Approved Judge status.

6.4 The Applicant may withdraw his/her application within thirty (30) days of the date appearing on the CFA website and the application fee will be returned. The Applicant may reapply after one (1) year.

6.5 If the Application is not approved by the Board, fifty (50%) percent of the application fee will be retained by CFA and the remainder will be returned to the Applicant. The Applicant may reapply after one (1) year and must pay the current application fee.

6.6 An Application which has not been completed within one (1) calendar year of the date appearing on the application will be become inactive. If Applicant wishes to apply for admission to the Judging Program at a later date, such Application will be treated as a new application and must be accompanied by the current application fee.

6.7 Signed positive and negative letters must be documented and must be submitted to the appropriate Application Administrator no less than six (6) weeks prior to an Applicant's review by the Board.

6.8 The Application Administrator will forward any negative letters to the Applicant, who will be given the opportunity to provide a written response. Any negative letter and written response will be presented to the Board of Directors as part of the application file.

6.9 When Applicant has successfully completed the Application process, their file will be forwarded to the Board of Directors. The Application Administrator will inform the Applicant when the Application has been submitted to the Board of Directors. The JPC may make recommendations and comments, either negative or positive, at the request of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will review the Application and make a decision as to whether or not the Applicant will be accepted into the Judging Program.

6.10 The Application Administrator working with the individual making the application may make comments on the quality of the application and their experience working with the individual.

Second Specialty Application

6.11 When an Approval Pending First Specialty judge has met the second specialty requirements, they may apply for the second specialty. Applicant must complete and sign a Second Specialty Application and forward the Application package in PDF format, by email, to the appropriate Application Administrator. Second Specialty Applications must be complete and received at least six (6) weeks prior to the board meeting where they will be considered. Application deadlines are posted on the CFA website. Applications will be reviewed at the February, June and October board meetings.

	<p><u>6.12 The Application Administrator working with the individual making the application may make comments on the quality of the application and their experience working with the individual.</u></p> <p><u>6.13 The Application Administrator will inform the Second Specialty Applicant when the Application has been submitted to the Board of Directors. The JPC may make recommendations and comments, either negative or positive, at the request of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will review the Application and make a decision as to whether or not the Single Specialty Judge will be accepted into the Second Specialty of the Judging Program.</u></p>
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RATIONALE: Section 6 of the Judging Program Rules is designed to document the flow of the application once it has been submitted, but many of the actual items in this section appear either to be out of order, or they include information that is already covered in Section 2, e.g. choosing a mentor, including a color photo with the application, proof of payment of the fee, etc.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

30. Accept language change in 3.1 which removes Accelerated Process reference.

REMOVAL OF ACCELERATED PROGRAM AND REFERENCE TO “ACCELERATED”

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>3.1 Regular Process Applicants or Accelerated Process Applicants who are or have been judges in similar associations within any CFA region will be considered for initial application by the JPC. All such Applicants, whatever their background, must prove their proficiency by completing breed/division color class evaluations when accepted to the CFA Judging Program by vote of the Board of Directors. Although judging experience in a similar organization does not entitle an Applicant to any preferential treatment, the application requirements outlined in Section 2 may be satisfied by similar achievements in a prior association.</p>	<p>3.1 Regular Process Applicants or Accelerated Process Applicants who are or have been judges <u>An Applicant who is or has been a judge</u> in similar associations within any CFA region will be considered for initial application by the JPC. All such Applicants, whatever their background, must prove their proficiency by completing breed/division color class evaluations when accepted to the CFA Judging Program by vote of the Board of Directors. Although judging experience in a similar organization does not entitle an Applicant to any preferential treatment, the application requirements outlined in Section 2 may be satisfied by similar achievements in a prior association.</p>

RATIONALE: Removing Accelerated Process language.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

31. Remove Accelerated Application process from the Judging Program Rules.

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
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b. At least two (2) solo classes must be successfully completed.

c. At least one (1) assignment must be outside region or five hundred (500) miles of residence.

d. Accelerated Applicant Trainees must work with at least three (3) U.S. judges from Regions 1-7 or 9.

e. Accelerated Applicant Trainees from Japan, Europe and ID/Asia must complete at least two (2) assignments in the United States.

f. If training sessions are completed in the United States, they may be held a week apart to minimize expenses. It is highly suggested that the last supervised and the first solo sessions be completed with judges from the United States.

g. Trainees must attend a CFA Judges' Workshop or Breed Awareness and Orientation school session within two (2) years following their acceptance to the Judging Program if one has not been attended at the time of application.

h. The Trainee shall not have entries owned or co-owned at a show where he/she is to do color classes, nor shall the Trainee judge a cat owned/co-owned or agented by a member of the Trainee's household.

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<p>RATIONALE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved by the Board February 2020 –but no pre-applicant has indicated this is the application stream they intend to pursue. • Many exhibitors and judges feel this process is preferential and not fair compared to what qualifications and requirements regular applicants must achieve. • No infrastructure has been built to accommodate an applicant, even if we had one. (no test, no plans for a practical with ring set up and interview) • There have been no applicants. 	

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

As of October 1, 2023 the JPC has received the following complete applications, meeting the deadline to be considered at the February 3-4, 2024 Board Meeting:

1. *Kadri Koppel—USA First Specialty Longhair*
2. *Issariya (Istzy) Rattanaweerawong—Thailand First Specialty Shorthair*
3. *Elena Podprugina—Ukraine Guest Judge RUI with CFA Evaluations LH/SH or Approval Pending Allbreed*

Mastin: Vicki, what else do you have? **Nye:** Let me turn the 35 pages and get into the next section. OK, what’s happening at the next meeting. I am delighted to have the three applicants we have right now. That will be addressed in closed session. We also have three more applicants for the February board meeting. I think we’ve finally gotten past the stagnation in applying. We’re trying to do what we can to make the Judging Program Rules simpler for everybody to understand. I’ve actually got a Zoom meeting scheduled for October 24th, walking people through applying to the Judging Program, how to use the Judging Program Rules, going over the requirements, actually showing them what a couple of these applications look like and how extensive they are. I think once they see them, they will have a better understanding and idea on how to put them together. The three applicants that we have coming up, one is from the United States – yay, finally. We have an Associate Judge from Thailand, and then we have a Guest Judge who has judged for us many, many times, lots of evaluations. She’s a Tier I Guest Judge coming forward. Any questions on that?

Breed Awareness and Orientation School Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair: Barbara Jaeger

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The first in-person BAOS since October 2019, was held on August 24-27, 2023 in Hong Kong. There were 38 attendees – 29 for both the 2 day classroom presentations and show hall handling, and 9 attendees only in the handling portion, as they had already attended an on-line classroom BAOS within the last 3 years:

<i>Chrissie Chan (Hong Kong)</i>	<i>Grace Cheung (Hong Kong)</i>
<i>Keeratiya (Zuns) Cruvongpaiboon (Thailand)</i>	<i>France Fung (Hong Kong)</i>
<i>Zhen Hao (Howe) Gao (Shanghai, China)</i>	<i>Tan Hua (Chengdu, China)</i>
<i>Pang Chun Hung (Hong Kong)</i>	<i>Tuti Iskandar (Indonesia)</i>
<i>Nadia Jaffar (Singapore)</i>	<i>Charlene Jin (Shanghai, China)</i>
<i>Inhye Kang (South Korea)</i>	<i>Tomoko Kitao (Yokohama, Japan)</i>
<i>Russell Law (Hong Kong)</i>	<i>Jon Lee (Chongqing, China)</i>
<i>Chris Lee (Shenyang, China)</i>	<i>Nattanan Lertjeerawongsakul (Thailand)</i>
<i>Pak Hei Leiung (Hong Kong)</i>	<i>Sandy Li (Hong Kong)</i>
<i>Phebe Low (Hong Kong)</i>	<i>Alex Luk Chunlap (Hong Kong)</i>
<i>Yukiyo Matsushita (Osaka, Japan)</i>	<i>Sau Wah Ng (Hong Kong)</i>
<i>Eric Ou (Malaysia)</i>	<i>Issariya Rattanaweerawon (Thailand)</i>
<i>Chate Ruengruglikit (Thailand)</i>	<i>Amir Sariff (Malaysia)</i>
<i>Allen Shi (Shanghai, China)</i>	<i>Seonhwa Song (South Korea)</i>
<i>Patrick Au (Hong Kong)</i>	<i>Qi Wang (Dalian, China)</i>
<i>Xiuran (5D) Wang (Beijing, China)</i>	<i>Pattama Weeranon (Thailand)</i>
<i>Sabrina Wu (Hong Kong)</i>	<i>Mulin (Morning) Yang (Guangzhou, China)</i>
<i>Andy Yeung (Hong Kong)</i>	<i>Benny Yong (Malaysia)</i>
<i>Atcha Yuenyadchai (Thailand)</i>	<i>He (Danny) Zhang (Liaoning, China)</i>

Our instructors for this class were Barbara Jaeger, Anne Mathis and Melanie Morgan. Suki Lee and Nicolas Pun assisted with the handling portion of school.

Nye: With the Breed Awareness and Orientation School that we had in Hong Kong, we had 38 attendees. The one this weekend we already went over. We had not near as many attendees because most of the ones from the U.S. had attended the Zoom session in May.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Breeds and Standards Committee, in conjunction with the BAOS subcommittee, is working to update and modify the breed presentation materials for the school. These updated 10-slide breed presentations for the 46 breeds taught at the BAOS are a great fit for the time we have to teach and include current standards and photos. To date, we have received 37 updated presentations.

Future Projections for Committee:

- *Working to ensure that the entire slide decks for the BAOS are current and complete. This will not happen overnight, but with the Breed and Standards Committee and the work that members of the JPC are doing, things should be completed soon.*
- *Planning BAOS for October 12-15 to be held in conjunction with the International Show in Cleveland, OH. As of August 24, 2023, we have received seven full attendee registrations and three handling registrations. Registration for the school closes on October 1, 2023.*

Nye: Future Projects, we are looking at a BAOS in Europe in February and that's very exciting. We try to have something in southeast Asia or that area once every year and then the European one. Peter Vanwonterghem will be our point person on the ground there. Any questions on the Breed Awareness Schools?

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

- *Update on the October BAOS in Cleveland, OH.*
- *Budget increase request to put on a BAOS in Belgium in February 2024.*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Jaeger, Subcommittee Chair*

Guest Judging Report

Guest Judging Administrator: Wendy Heidt

CFA Judges to Judge non-CFA Assignments:

Judge	Assn	Sponsor	City/Country	Date
Raymond, Allan	ACF CCCA	Royal National Agriculture	Brisbane, Australia	08/15/23
Yong, Benny	Fun Show	Mo Pet/Mysterious Catz - Oh My Pet Expo	Johor Bahru, Malaysia	08/19/23
Cheng, Amanda	CCCA	NSW CFA	Canberra, Australia	09/03/23
Chung, Chloe	Fun Show	Central Breed Cat Club	Pathumthani, Thailand	09/03/23
Heidt, Wendy	Fun Show	Central Breed Cat Club	Pathumthani, Thailand	09/03/23
Cheng, Amanda	CCCA	NSW CFA	Sydney, Australia	09/09/23
Rattanaweerawong, I	Fun Show	Thai Independent Club	Bangkok, Thailand	09/16/23
Schleissner, Michael	WCF	Magnificats Romania	Lasi, Romania	09/16/23
Yap, Fuiyau	Fun Show	Malaysia Day Meow Championship	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	09/16/23
Raymond, Allan	FCI	The Feline Club of India	Bengaluru, India	09/17/23
Rattanaweerawong, I	Fun Show	Thai Independent Club	Bangkok, Thailand	09/30/23
Sarriff, Amir	Fun Show	Kita ADA Cat Show	Bali, Indonesia	10/01/23
Rumyansteva, Nadejda	Fun Show	SCA	Tian Jing, China	10/13/23

Raymond, Allan	WCF	Feline Council of the Philippines	Manila, Philippines	10/14/23
Zinck, Iris	CFF	United Maine Coon Assoc	Rollinsford, NH	10/28/23
Chung, Chloe	Fun Show	Samoir Cat Party	Surabaya, Indonesia	10/29/23
Raymond, Allan	WCF	ARC	Nonthaburi, Thailand	11/11/23
Griswold, Marilee	CCA	National Cat Club	Kingston, Ont Canada	02/24/24
Dodds, Nancy	NWSCFA/C CCA	Armidale & New England CC	Armidale, Australia	04/27/24
Zinck, Iris	NWSCFA/C CCA	Armidale & New England CC	Armidale, Australia	04/27/24
Newkirk, Darrell	CCA	National Cat Club	Cambridge ON Canada	05/26/24
Redding, Jennifer	ACF	Cats NSW Inc	Clarendon NSW AU	06/08/24
Schleissner, Michael	ACF	Cats New South Wales Inc	Clarendon NSW AU	06/08/24
Heidt, Wendy	ACF	Semi-Longhair Club of QLD	Brisbane, QLD Australia	10/06/24
Heidt, Wendy	ACF	Cats NSW Inc	Richmond, NSW AU	10/12/24
Fung, Kit	CCCA	NSW Cat Fanciers	Sydney, Australia	07/19/25

CFA Club Requests to use a Guest Judge:

<i>Judge</i>	<i>Assn</i>	<i>CFA Show</i>	<i>City/Country</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Date Approved or Tier 1 Guest Judge</i>
Podprugina, Elena	RUI	Starry Sky CF Club	Chengdu, China	9/23/23	Tier 1 GJ
Podprugina, Elena	RUI	Oriental Diamond	Shenzhen, China	9/30/23	Tier 1 GJ
Podprugina, Elena	RUI	Siam Cat Fanciers	Nonthaburi, Thailand	10/7/2023	Tier 1 GJ
Victoria Pohvalina	RUI	Edelweiss CC	Moscow Russia	12/2/2023	App 10/2/23
Nataliia Bielova	WCF	Edelweiss CC	Moscow Russia	12/2/2023	App 10/2/23

2023-2024 Season Guest Judging

<i>Guest Judge Name</i>	<i># Shows</i>
<i>Balciuniene, Inga</i>	1
<i>Christison, Janis</i>	1
<i>Gleason, Elaine</i>	1
<i>Ling, Christine</i>	1
<i>Hamalainen, Satu</i>	2
<i>Elena Podprugina</i>	4

Nye: Guest Judging Program. Wendy Heidt has taken that over and they have kept her very busy with requests for guest judging in Australia and fun shows. She has caught on and really done a great job of vetting these in. Questions on the Guest Judging Program anyone? We're not utilizing the Guest Judges near as much as we did before, because we have so many Associate Judges onboard already.

Associate Judge Program

Sub-Committee Chair: Anne Mathis
Coaches Jacqui Bennett, Pam DelaBar, Chloe Chung, Hope Gonano, Barbara Jaeger, Anne Mathis, Teresa Sweeney, Liz Watson, Russell Webb, Bob Zenda

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Associate Judges continue to judge shows in their areas, but the number being used is less because these areas are using more judges from other areas.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Committee continues to review paperwork submitted by the Associate Judges, and their paperwork continues to improve. Quite a few of the Associates have applied to the regular Judging Program or are preparing to apply. The Committee is pleased and proud to encourage this progress.

Future Projections for Committee:

We will continue to review paperwork and guide them through fixing errors that may have. We hope to get the last trainee through the process, so that they may be advanced. A ZOOM class is scheduled for October 24th, 2023 entitled, Applying to the CFA Judging Program, to assist Associate Judging is understanding the requirements, and how to present themselves in an application.

Board Action Items:

This will be presented in closed session.

Time Frame:

We are hoping for immediate action on our closed session item.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Current updates on the program and its judges will be presented.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Mathis, Subcommittee Chair*

Continuing Education Subcommittee

Sub-Committee Chair: Anne Mathis

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Continuing Education Committee continues to offer online options for our judges to earn the required CEUs for their report cards, which are due for most judges in 2026.

Most recently, the Lykoi breed was presented via ZOOM to attendees. Over 40 of our Associate and regular program Judges attended the session, earning 1 CEU toward the required 12. The session was excellent, providing us all with new knowledge to handle and assess Lykoi we see in the ring.

Other opportunities judges have had to earn CEUs this summer have been the CFA Judges Workshop held at the Annual Meeting, a presentation of the Maine Coon Cat, and a session presented by Coordinating Cat Council of Australia. This 5 hour online class included Marilee Griswold presenting health and structure of the Scottish Fold, Leslie Lyons on the Corin gene, and a segment on the Karpati gene in the Sphynx. All sessions have been well received.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Continuing Education Report Cards: All records have been updated, and I'm pleased to say that all judges are current with their continuing education requirements.

Future Projections for Committee:

After some discussion, the future due dates for all judges' continuing education report cards will be October 1 of their 5 year period. For most judges, this will be October 1, 2026. Judges advanced to Apprentice after 2011, may have a different year as their due date, but all will be due on October 1 of the appropriate year. Co-chair Vicki Nye and I felt that this made tracking less difficult, and with the date being closer to relicensing, provided more incentive to get stuff in on time.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

An update on the status of any judges who have materials due prior to the date of the meeting will be presented.

Nye: Continuing Education. Anne and I are delighted to announce that everybody whose continuing education report cards that were due have all been received and the next ones that are due in bulk are going to be due all in October so that they line up better with our reporting to the board for relicensing. The bulk of those will be October of 2026. People that have come on to the Judging Program since 2011, they have different year due dates because it's due five years from when they actually became an Apprentice Judge.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Mathis, Subcommittee Chair*

Judging Program Reports
Respectfully Submitted
Vicki Nye, Co-Chair
CFA Judging Program

Nye: I think that is the end of the Judging Program reports. **Mastin:** Thank you Vicki. Does anybody have any more questions for Vicki? Seeing no questions, thank you Vicki. **Nye:** I thank you all from the Judging Program Committee for your tremendous support. I apologize for being a little disoriented. I am running on three hours of sleep after flying home last night. See you all in closed session. **Mastin:** Thank you.

(5) **PROTEST COMMITTEE REPORT.**

Protest Committee Chair George Eigenhauser gave the Protest Committee report containing recommendations for disposition of pending matters (see Agenda Item #27). **Motion Carried [vote sealed].**

Committee Chair: *George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.*
Liaison to Board: *Michael Shelton*
Committee Members: *Dick Kallmeyer, Betsy Arnold, Norman Auspitz, Brian Moser and Michael Shelton*
Animal Welfare: Charlene Campbell
Europe Region liaison: Pauli Huhtaniemi
Japan liaison: Terumasa Nagayama
Judging liaison: Victoria Nye
Legal Counsel: Shelly K. Perkins

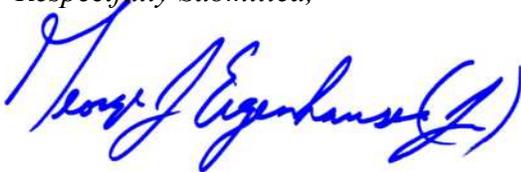
Brief Summation/Current Happenings of Committee:

The Protest Committee met via Zoom on September 26, 2023. Participating were George Eigenhauser, Dick Kallmeyer, Betsy Arnold, Norm Auspitz, Brian Moser, and Michael Shelton. Karen Lawrence also participated. Victoria Nye joined the meeting for one matter. Pauli Huhtaniemi sent in comments on one matter in advance of the meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Ongoing protest investigations and recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,



*George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.
Protest Committee Chairman*

Mastin: George? **Anger:** Protests was just a place marker here. **Mastin:** That's all it is? There's nothing to present? **Anger:** Correct. **Eigenhauser:** The Protest item in open session is just a placeholder. **Mastin:** OK, thank you George.

(6) CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.

Submitted By: Allene Tartaglia

Reregistration - HHP to Pedigreed. *A cat was originally registered as a pedigreed cat (Maine Coon). The owners showed the cat and received the titles of Grand Premier of Distinction (GPD) and Regional Winner (RW) during the time frame of 2017-2022. In April 2023 the owners re-registered the cat as an HHP and showed him at a show in September. There are no current rules disallowing this practice, although normally the pedigreed cat has a disqualifying trait which is why owners choose to show in HHP. The owners realized the error of their ways after exhibiting at one show as an HHP and are requesting the HHP registration be rescinded.*

Mastin: Central Office, #6. **Anger:** #5 is just a place marker. **Tartaglia:** OK, it's short. It's regarding a re-registration of a Household Pet to a pedigreed cat. The information is here in my report. The cat was originally registered as a pedigreed cat, a Maine Coon. The cat received titles during up until the end of the 2022 show season. In April 2023, they re-registered the cat as a Household Pet, showed him at one show in September, realized the error of their ways and they would like to correct the situation. **Anger:** As liaison for the Household Pet Committee, the Committee Chair supports this motion, so I would like to make a standing motion for both the action items. **Newkirk:** I'll second it.

Calhoun: Why am I like the bad guy? OK, so I was at that show and I'm not going to go into the details but this person, after I made this specific cat that I fully recognized who this cat was, who these people were, what they had – this was not a big [surprise] – came to me practically in tears with huge amounts of thank you's for – I made it my best Household Pet. It was the best Household Pet, and this person was so grateful. I'm not going to go into the details, but there was a level of – I don't want to use the word "bullying", but they fully wanted to move forward with this, with their cat. They wanted to go as far as they could as a Household Pet. My concerns are, this is a decision that these people have the – I don't know that I agree with the phrase "error of their ways", but I do feel that they were pushed from multiple directions to pull the cat out of future competition. I know the way this is phrased that they asked for this, but this is not what they – at least my understanding of what they wanted and people should have the ability – I don't understand why we have pedigreed cats that show as Household Pets all the time. There's nothing in the Show Rules that says the cat has to have a defect to show as a Household Pet. It may be a very competitive cat. If it was successful in other areas – a champion or a premier and it received a title of grand or national winner or whatever, but to me that's an individual decision. What the message that this sends is that if you have a cat that is now your run-around cat at home, your companion cat, your Household Pet, whatever, and you want to show it and it's a titled cat as another – a grand premier or grand champion, you shouldn't do this because this is an "error". What this does, not only to me personally because it feels like the wrong decision, it also takes one more entry away from clubs and I think today we need to be – broaden our reach, not narrowing our reach. I see no reason – I mean, I would like to see a quad hit. You are national winning kitten, you are a national winning champion, you are a national winning premier, you are a national winning Household Pet. OK, I'm off my soapbox.

Tartaglia: I believe that there is a show rule proposal coming up which does speak to the situation about pedigreed cats being re-registered as Household Pets and being shown. I think the

spirit of pedigreed cats being shown as Household Pets and registered is for those that had disqualifying traits. Somehow along the way that's been lost. **Calhoun:** But we don't know – **Tartaglia:** I just wanted to point those two things out.

Colilla: I have a problem with this. This is a cat that had three regional awards and GOD award, and then to switch to Household Pet competition in my personal feeling is wrong. It's an insult to the cat. Just my opinion. **Calhoun:** It keeps the people engaged. It brings another entry into the show. I actually think it's actually in my opinion a slap in the face to say this for some reason being shown as a Household Pet is any less than anything else. We are now scoring Household Pets, we give titles to Household Pets, we've done these things. I don't see that showing a cat as a Household Pet is an insult to the cat – (a) because the cat doesn't care and if the cat likes to do it, so be it. **Currle:** Allene, what does the owner want to do? **Tartaglia:** The owner contacted me. I have emails. The owner wishes to rescind the Household Pet registration and go back to a pedigreed cat. **Currle:** And they are a customer in CFA. **Tartaglia:** Yes. That's what they requested. **Noble:** I just know that – I don't know the particulars of this cat, OK? I know of a situation where someone tried to do this and wanted to do this mainly because the cat had suffered an injury, a visible injury, tried to get it repaired, could not, so now even if she wanted to bring it back out and show it, she couldn't because it would never make a ring, a final or anything because of this now-visible injury that can't be medically corrected. So, until we know all of the details, how can we say that we shouldn't allow people to do this? **Newkirk:** First of all, they have requested this, so I think we are honor bound to vote on that, OK? There is no prohibition on showing a pedigreed cat. They could show that cat still in championship or premiership, whichever class it was in, OK. Dog people do this year after year after year. They show the same dogs over and over and over, year after year. We have a few cat people that go for Grands of Distinction that's over three years, and then they're almost ready for the Veterans Class. I can't remember how old the cat was. Do you remember, Kathy? **Colilla:** He's not there yet. **Calhoun:** He's not 7. **Newkirk:** OK, so anyway, at some point in time if they want to do something different, then they can jump into the Veterans Class. It's a beautiful cat. I mean, I've judged it several times and I agree, but you know what? Show it in championship or premiership, whichever the class may be. That's still an entry for the club. **Colilla:** Here's another thing. They just had a Household Pet National Winner last year, first time. They could show the Household Pet again this year and next year. Why they show the Maine Coon as a Household Pet, it doesn't make sense to me. As we all know, there is a cat that is shown how many times every year? A black cat. **Newkirk:** Exactly. **Colilla:** For 7, 8 years. **Currle:** It always has hair on it. **Colilla:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, we've got to move on, on this. I'm going to call on Kathy Calhoun, Cathy Dunham, Shelly then Rachel.

Calhoun: I understand the people asked for this, but why they asked for this I think part and parcel, maybe Allene can clarify this to me but I believe that when a cat that has earned titles in other categories, when they are shown as a Household Pet, those titles are stripped. **Tartaglia:** No. **Calhoun:** They're not stripped? They're not stripped? **Tartaglia:** No. It's a completely different registration. The cat has to be re-registered. **Calhoun:** But it doesn't carry over. **Tartaglia:** It does not carry over. **Calhoun:** So, for instance, if a kitten is a national winning kitten, it has the same registration number and it carries over. That NW stays with them no matter wherever they compete moving beyond that, if it's championship or premiership. **Tartaglia:** Yes, but a Household Pet is a different registration. **Calhoun:** I know. I understand. **Tartaglia:** It's a whole new record, so the pedigreed registration – the original – it stays intact. It

stays there with all of its titles, with all of its history, all the showing. It is re-registered as a Household Pet with a brand new number. It basically is starting over. Nothing as far as showing transfers. None of that transfers. I don't know if I answered your question. We have notes in the regular pedigreed registration that the cat has now transferred and is now a Household Pet, so the system connects the two, but for a better way of say it, the pedigreed original registration, it's on hold. It's in a holding status. It's just sitting there. We don't take anything away from it. We don't strip any titles. **Calhoun:** So, what are we rescinding? **Tartaglia:** Excuse me? **Calhoun:** From what you just said, all of that still exists. **Tartaglia:** Yes. **Calhoun:** We just are taking away – we're rescinding the number – she is requesting to rescind the number of the cat but all the rest of it stays intact. **Tartaglia:** Right. All we're doing, all we're asking is to cancel, remove, whatever you want to call it, the Household Pet registration and then allow the prior registration to be put back in place or put back in play, for lack of a better term, as it was. **Calhoun:** So, this is a whole different thing and I'll take this offline.

Perkins: I just wanted to ask, what is allowed regarding rescission of registrations? If anybody comes and they say, "I want to" – not just in Household Pet but anywhere, they say, "I registered this cat, I had two shows, I changed my mind, I want you to remove my registration. Would you do it?" Do you do this all the time? What rules are there about people saying, "I want to remove my registration from CFA." Number 2, if they remove it after a show, what happens to the points that they gathered? Are those points just now gone or are you re-calculating and adding points to the other Household Pets – say, the 2nd best Household Pet is actually the best now because the other one is gone. What are you doing about that? Then third, what and when – you mentioned a show rule could be addressing this later. You said there might be a show rule coming. I just wanted to make sure that whatever decision you make doesn't conflict with something that you pass in a show rule regarding this issue. That was just my concerns.

Tartaglia: That was a lot of questions. I think I remember most of them, so if I miss anything, let me know. As far as a cat that has been registered, has earned points or even a title and they come back and say, "now we want to cancel the registration." That just doesn't happen. They just simply register in another registry, but the registration in CFA doesn't go away unless the board has instructed us, through a protest matter or something like that. So, that doesn't happen. This is a little bit different because at this time we do allow pedigreed cats that are already registered to re-register as Household Pets, so we keep the other record intact, again for historical purposes. They earned titles. If we remove or strip a cat out, not only does it take away the history, but it also can affect other cats who have had a DM or something like that. I don't think we want to start stripping other cats of their titles for whatever reason. So, I think that probably answers that question. I haven't had a chance to read all the show rule proposals but I believe that there is a proposal, or at least I thought there was going to be one about not being able to take a titled registered cat and re-register it as a Household Pet and show it that didn't have a disqualifying trait or something. Again, I'm sorry, I haven't read all the show rule proposals. I haven't had time, but I believe that there was a conversation about doing that, so that this situation that happened couldn't happen, so that at least a cat with titles – grand, Grand of Distinction, national winning or regional winning – that they can't re-register as Household Pet when they already earned titles as a pedigreed cat. Currently there is no rule or policy against that. **Mastin:** Carol, do you know if there is – **Krzanowski:** I'm searching through the show rules. **Mastin:** Do you see it, specific to that question? **Dunham:** I don't think it's in Ed's Show Rules report. There was a discussion going on about that, but they are trying to rewrite it for the

annual. **Krzanowski:** There's nothing in this one. **Dunham:** I have looked at it and made some suggestions. **Mastin:** Thank you for clarifying that.

Anger: This has been a very informative and helpful discussion. Someone mentioned that we have a customer that has made a request. We actually have two customers – also the breeder of the cat. This is also their preference, so I am fully in support of the original motion.

Mastin: I'm going to close discussion on this. **Calhoun:** What happens to the points from the show. **Mastin:** What happens to the points? **Tartaglia:** What happens to the points in Household Pet? They go away. **Mastin:** But it doesn't impact any of the other cats that showed? **Tartaglia:** Oh, right. No, no other cats in any other shows move up in place or anything, it's just those points go away. So, for the purposes of year-end awards, those points are removed and the cat is taken out of the running, but it doesn't affect individual shows. **Mastin:** That's why it is included in the action item. The action item says, *Rescind/cancel the HHP registration for this cat to include any points earned towards Grand and/or National/Regional.* **Tartaglia:** For the pedigreed registration. **Mastin:** OK. Kathy, does that answer your question? **Calhoun:** Yes.

Action Item: Rescind/cancel the HHP registration for this cat to include any points earned towards Grand and/or National/Regional.

Mastin: I'm going to call for the vote on this. If you're in favor, raise your hand. When I call your name, you can put your hand down.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun and Dunham voting no. Hayata did not vote.

Mastin: Rachel Anger, Pam DelaBar, Darrell Newkirk, Marilee Griswold, Carol Krzanowski, Kenny Curre, Anne Mathis, Pam Moser, Paula Noble, Mike Shelton, Pauli Huhtaniemi. Was I close? **Huhtaniemi:** It was close. **Mastin:** John Colilla and Russell Webb. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Cathy Dunham, Kathy Calhoun. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. Rachel? **Anger:** That's 14 yes, 2 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Allene, before we go on to the next one, is Hayata-san? **Tartaglia:** No. She is not in the waiting room. **Mastin:** OK, so we have a did not vote. **Anger:** That's right, so we have 13 yes, 2 no [side discussion about board members present] zero abstentions and 1 did not vote. **Mastin:** You're right. Thank you for clarifying that. OK, motion passes.

Action Item: Restore the original pedigreed cat registration including the GPD and RW titles.

Mastin: Rachel, the second action item? **Anger:** [reads]. **Mastin:** Darrell, you seconded the motion, correct? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Mastin:** Discussion? **Calhoun:** I have a question. According to what Allene said, they never go anywhere. That still exists. **Tartaglia:** I didn't hear. **Mastin:** Repeat the question. **Calhoun:** According to what you said earlier, the titles that the cat has earned as a pedigreed cat continue to exist, no matter what. **Tartaglia:** Right. We don't remove records. It just goes into hibernation. It's still there, so all we're asking is that we restore – **Calhoun:** I'm confused here, because it's my understanding from what you said is that this cat's registration number as a registered pedigreed cat still exists, so tomorrow this cat could use that number and register for a show. Or, does it have to come out of hibernation? **Tartaglia:** We would have to release the record. We would take it off of hold. Right now it's in an inactive

status. We would simply make it active again. **Krzanowski:** The titles are all still in that cat's record, but the designation that it's currently a Household Pet is also in that record, so that makes everything kind of being held in a limbo situation. We need to actually remove the designation of Household Pet from that pedigreed cat's record. Maybe that's what the motion should be, I don't know. **Mastin:** I thought we just did that. We did it in the first motion. **Tartaglia:** I think we get into what we do in the system. How do we do this? It all comes down to the same thing. Are we just taking away the Household Pet information. Any records regarding it, any shows, and now we're saying – **Mastin:** So, let's shorten this up. We already did that. We did that with the first motion. The cat right now has no designation, by the owner's choice and what the board voted on. **Tartaglia:** For the Household Pet, correct. **Mastin:** Correct, Shelly? **Perkins:** Correct. You already voted. **Mastin:** We already voted to do that, so let's not get into the details of the workings behind the scenes because that's going to confuse us all. **Tartaglia:** OK. I just wasn't clear about what happened. **Newkirk:** We're getting deep into the minutia. Central Office knows how to take care of this. We've already made the motion. Let's just let Central Office take care of it however they need to do it. We don't need to be involved in all of this petty little crap. We're just wasting time. **Mastin:** So, the motion on the floor is, [reads]. We've got to do something. Right now it's nowhere. That's the motion. Any more discussion? Because I'm going to call the vote on this. Any objections to this motion? **Calhoun:** I'm going to abstain because I think it's redundant. **Mastin:** OK. Anybody else going to abstain? Everybody else is a yes, Kathy is an abstention. **Newkirk:** I think you have to call the vote, Rich. It wasn't unanimously. **Perkins:** Technically you do. **Mastin:** Let's do it technically. If you're in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun abstained. Hayata did not vote.

Mastin: Rachel, Pam DelaBar, Darrell, Marilee, Carol, Kenny, Anne, Cathy Dunham, Pam Moser, Paula, Mike, Pauli, John, Russell. If you are a no raise your hand. There are no no's. If you are an abstention raise your hand. Kathy Calhoun. Rachel? **Anger:** That's 14 yes, zero no, 1 abstention, 1 did not vote. **Mastin:** Motion passes.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Allene Tartaglia*

Mastin: We are on break. Come back at 9:02 because then we're going to go into closed session for the hearings, right? **Perkins:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, we're on break.

BREAK.

(7) **IT REPORT.**

Committee Chair: *Tim Schreck*
Systems Administrator: *James Simbro*

Current Happenings of Committee:

Programming for Experimental OCP Scoring: *After a 2-hour review of the existing show scoring with our lead developer, we determined that the changes to accommodate this would not be as difficult as originally feared. The quote for these changes is no more than \$2000 and could be made within 2 weeks of approval.*

CSU2022: *Testing and review of the system refresh has begun. We are currently focused on the new eCat interface which will be introducing many new features. We are also focusing on integrating anti-fraud measures into the litter and cat processing. Additional data verification is being used as much as possible, and automatic notification emails to owners and breeders will become part of the process. We are still on track for an end of the year completion and on budget.*

Genetics: *We continue to work with Dr. Heather Lorimer on refining our base genetics data. Integration of genetics logic is planned to go into effect with the CSU2022 eCat registration process.*

Mastin: IT, James. **Simbro:** Oh, I'm up. I've got to wake up now. I won't go into great detail on the report there. Just saying that the programming for the OCP scoring was the other end of the spectrum of what we feared. It was not nearly as much as we thought it could be, so that was a big relief. It can be complete very quickly. We're on track for CSU2022 which encompasses Genetics. So, if there isn't any questions on those, I will go right to my action item.

Calhoun: On the OCP scoring part of your presentation, you said no more than \$2,000 and it could be made within two weeks of approval. So, two weeks of approval is approval of this becoming a – going from experimental to – **Simbro:** Right. If the presentation is approved, whichever way or both ways, it can be accomplished for under \$2,000. No more than \$2,000. **Calhoun:** And it's a two-week project. **Simbro:** A two-week project. **Calhoun:** So, absolutely by then, because I'm assuming that whatever happens gets approved, or whatever happens, it will be started in May, so it's a guarantee that programming will be done by the end of April. **Simbro:** Oh yeah. It ought to be done much sooner than that. **Calhoun:** Well, whenever we start it. **Tartaglia:** I just want to put a disclaimer in – based on what we know about OCP, and that there's no new curve. **Simbro:** Or new twist to it. **Raymond:** We have to write the show rules that define how you score OCP before you can go with the programming. **Mastin:** Thank you for that reminder.

Mastin: OK James, before you go on to your action item, I do have a question. I have asked this question before but I want it on record. We are still on track for end of the year completion in our budget. End of the year is December 31, 2023. Yes? **Simbro:** Yes. **Mastin:** Everybody heard that. OK, thank you. **Calhoun:** I have a question. So, there's a reference to testing and review of the system refresh has to be done. Who is involved in the testing and

review? Who is doing that? **Simbro:** I'm the first line of defense for that one, because I know how to break things, and then our staff. **Calhoun:** Are you going to have any active exhibitors? Maybe the person sitting next to you [Dunham]? **Simbro:** Yes. When the eCat portion is ready to view and look at, yes, we will be enlisting people to do that. A lot of cat people. **Dunham:** I can do that. **Calhoun:** That would be really good. Are you going to talk about genetics? **Simbro:** Just continue to work on that data. It's just a massive, massive amount of data. I know I have said that before, but it's a lot of stuff to go through. **Calhoun:** I know that – and I think you have mentioned this before but I'm not clear on this, that Paul Patton was also helping with this genetics work. Where are we? Where is that? **Simbro:** Paul is still actively reviewing our daily registrations. **Calhoun:** Right, so you're not using him – **Simbro:** Not currently. **Calhoun:** Not currently? OK. **Simbro:** Just for the review of registrations. **Calhoun:** And then when he reviews the registrations, what happens? **Simbro:** He submits a report to all the individuals in the registration department and they review either their errors or they go back to the customers. What I found in talking to them, they have already caught stuff and it has been corrected. He is very quick on reviewing stuff sometimes. They catch stuff right after it happens. **Calhoun:** So, is there, like, any outstanding questions on what's happening with the logic? The integration of genetics logic? **[unidentified speaker]:** I'm sorry, I couldn't hear what you said, Kathy. **Calhoun:** My question is, is there any concerns or gaps in integration of the genetics logic? **Simbro:** No. We need to get that data correct, to weed out any issues. We don't see any issues at this point, based on our understanding of how it works, but as long as we feed it, we need to make sure what we're feeding it is accurate, to get accurate results. **Calhoun:** That's true. **Simbro:** Garbage in, garbage out. **Calhoun:** I was not going to say that, but yeah. How do we know what we're putting in? Is that part of the work with Heather [Lorimer]? **Simbro:** No. What it will be is when we review. We have a function where we can go in there and we can put in two cats of known colors and look at the – it will literally give us a list of plausible colors, and you look through those colors. Somebody who is knowledgeable. **Dunham:** Who is that knowledgeable person that's looking at that list? **Simbro:** Initially it's going to be Heather. **Dunham:** Is she used to our color genetics in cats? Because they are different than some other genetics. I mean, Paul is a good resource. Other exhibitors that deal with breeds that have multiple colors, we need to know that this data going in is producing what needs to come out, and I am concerned about that. Very concerned. **Simbro:** I want to make sure. I'll send it out to a primary person first. If it looks very solid with that person, then you extend it. Have an extended review, so yes, they may spot things that are missed. **Newkirk:** I think Heather is a Ph.D. in genetics, isn't she? **Mathis:** She is an Oriental breeder, so she is used to dealing with colors. **Newkirk:** Yes. You're not going to get anybody more qualified than her. **Simbro:** We're not going with anybody else.

DelaBar: James, do you think that we could possibly come up with a name for this new system that's coming online to make us look more up to date? Maybe call it CSU2024? Just like, "hey, we're really on this." **Simbro:** That's not the name of the system. That was just the name of the project for our internal reference. **DelaBar:** But your internal reference is showing up worldwide on minutes. **Simbro:** I see. **Tartaglia:** We'll come up with a better term. **DelaBar:** Thank you. **Simbro:** Then we're going to have to refer to it as "formerly". **DelaBar:** Formerly known as. **Calhoun:** That's supposed to be done by the end of December? Who cares what we call it? Let's not get caught up in the issues. **Simbro:** It will be done in 2023. **Calhoun:** I'm sorry. **DelaBar:** OK. I just wanted us to look progressive. **Calhoun:** I know, me too. Then we will lose track of what we're talking about. We're easily confused.

Mastin: James, you can work on the name if that's in your list of things to do, but back to the genetics, real quick. Simple question: will that also be completed at the end of this year?

Simbro: Yes. We have already – **Mastin:** Yes, is all we need. That's it, yes? The end of this year, December 31st. James, December 31, 2023. Yes or no question. **Simbro:** Yeah. **Tartaglia:** Careful. **Simbro:** I'm going to say no, because I can't control all that, so I have to say no.

Tartaglia: It's all dependent on having all good data going in. **Mastin:** OK, so stick with me on this now. If this is not going to be done by December 31, 2023, are you going to come back in a month or two and say, "the CSU2022 is not going to be done by December 31?" **Simbro:** They are not – **Mastin:** You're promising me this, right? The board? Yes, right? **Simbro:** Yes.

Calhoun: OK. So, if the genetics part of this is not going to be done by the end of this calendar year, when is it going to be done? **Simbro:** It all depends on that data. **Calhoun:** OK, so the data is coming from where, that is uncontrollable? **Simbro:** That's [inaudible]. The actual genetics data. What makes up a color? What are all the genetic markers that make up a color or parts of a color. **Griswold:** I guess I'm trying to figure out, that data is already known, right? What is taking up time on this? The knowledge is already there. We already know all this. **Simbro:** Yeah, the knowledge, but it's not – I can't go download a file of [inaudible]. **Mastin:** It's not in the system. **Simbro:** It doesn't exist in the format that I need it. **Griswold:** So, what exactly is – I just don't understand the process. So, she is doing what, and you're doing what? What is holding it up? **Tartaglia:** The whole project started out that we received all this information from all the genetic pieces – the alleles – and I'm not a genetics person. There's probably 5, 6, 7 pieces where you have the little – all the letters and numbers – and we received the majority of that information from the Breed Council Secretaries, I believe. **Griswold:** Years ago. **Tartaglia:** As we worked with that information over the course of time, we found that there were some pieces, or maybe a piece or two that – I don't want to say "missing", but it needed to be presented differently, which we didn't know until we brought Dr. Heather Lorimer in a couple months ago, and she looked at the data and she said, "well, you need this". I don't know what the "this" is, but I know that we were – the data wasn't complete or in the fashion that we needed it, to do what we're trying to accomplish. So, we are relying on Dr. Lorimer to help us with this. However, she has time restraints. It is being worked on. It's not easy to understand. Our programmer – I guess you would call him our programmer – he has had to learn genetics. He knew nothing about genetics in cats. For him to apply the information and the knowledge that we have in the cat fancy to programming, he had to understand genetics himself, so it has been a learning process for him. He is very sharp, he is very bright, he has gotten it, but it's still – he never looked at it before. **Simbro:** They can't provide us the information. We have to feed them the information. **Calhoun:** Dr. Lorimer, is she under contract to do – are we paying for this, or is she just kind of doing this as a volunteer? **Simbro:** She has not billed us for her time yet.

Calhoun: Pardon? What? **Tartaglia:** We have said, "we'll pay you for your time." She doesn't want to be under this time constraint. She is retired. She retired this year from teaching genetics at Youngstown University, so we're kind of at the mercy of how much time she wants to put into this, because she is enjoying her retirement. **Calhoun:** Aren't well all. So, we really need a conversation, because it can't be somebody's "when you just have time to do it, it will get done" and it just kind of lingers out there. So, let me ask you this, because we need to – this is what we do. We're a registry and we need to have accurate information. That is what all the revenue is based on – not all of it, but 90% of it is based on registrations, so we have to get it and we have to get it right and we can't kind of do this at someone else's time that they have that they want to commit. Perhaps we really should have a conversation with Heather that if it is there, what would

it take to have this achieved by, let's say February or whatever, and what would the dollar amount be? I think we need to move the dial on this. **Mastin:** OK Allene, you will have a conversation with her? **Tartaglia:** I will have a conversation. **Mastin:** Thank you.

Action Item:

The Entry Clerk Program Committee (Cathy Dunham, Sheryl Zink, James Simbro) is asking to spend no more than \$2000 for data cleanup. The company supporting the program will use the current API link to our database to verify older existing cats in the Entry Clerk database and prepare a report of cats with mismatching data. This report can then be used to correct these records and reduce errors in the future.

Mastin: I want to move on here. Cathy Dunham, are you going to make the motion?

Dunham: Actually, I'm going to withdraw the motion and I will work with Kathy Calhoun with the process for evaluation for the December budget review. **Mastin:** Thank you.

Withdrawn.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting: *CSU2022 and Genetics Progress*

*Respectfully Submitted,
James Simbro, Co-Chair*

Mastin: James, what else do you have? **Simbro:** That was it. **Mastin:** Great.

(8) SHOW TECHNOLOGY.

Committee Chair: Cathy Dunham
List of Committee Members: Kathy Calhoun and Jaime Lerner

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The committee conducted three separate beta tests for an electric show catalog. The three shows were Lucky Tomcat Club (April 2023), KC Cats (March 2023), and Midwest Regional Awards (June 2023). These shows were chosen as the committee chair was also the entry clerk for each show and the committee did not want to burden another entry clerk with the task of sending these beta test catalogs out.

We asked for feedback (Pro and Con) from the exhibitors receiving the beta test catalog concerning the timing of the catalog being sent out, and if it was something that they liked or disliked. As expected, a variety of responses were received from “I hate it.” to “I like it but want it to be a fillable PDF.” to “I don’t want this because the judges will see it prior to the show.”. The biggest concerns surrounded the timing of when the catalog would be sent out and if it could be a fillable PDF to be used on multiple devices. Generally, the catalogs were well received, and it is something that we will continue to explore.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The committee chair met with Loraine Shelton at the 2023 Annual and discussed the use of electronic catalogs in general and by TICA. We also reviewed the app that TICA uses which includes areas for the judges and exhibitors and it does allow for real time scoring in the show hall if the judges are using the scoring portion of the app. I asked about who they handle a judge or exhibitor that does not want to let go of the paper. Loraine said those individuals that still want paper can have the paper and the ring clerk or master clerk would just data enter the information for the judge’s paperwork. Exhibitors can still request a paper catalog for an extra fee when entering the show. We do currently understand that TICA has had some recent issues with an upgrade they implemented for the app and are currently not using it. The committee does feel that an app is the way of the future, and we are continuing to review the particulars of using technology in our show halls.

We are working with the Entry Clerking Program Enhancement Committee to work on budgeting the possibility of enhancing the Entry Clerking Program to include:

- 1. The ability to attach external files to the email feature, or*
- 2. The ability to enhance the exhibitor catalog report within the program to allow for some personalization so the catalog can be sent directly to exhibitors from the system.*

The committee is also exploring other areas to implement technology that would help automate all areas in the show hall.

Currently, our show rules do not address anything related to the use of technology in the show hall so as more information becomes available, we will be working with the Show Rules committee to enhance current rules or write new rules to cover these technology advancements in the show hall.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue to review enhancements for the show hall.

Board Action Items:

None.

Time Frame:

Ongoing

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Update on ongoing projects.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Dunham, Chair*

Mastin: Show Technology, Cathy Dunham. **Dunham:** This was just an update on electronic catalogs that the Committee did. I actually did three separate shows. Please read it. If you have questions, I am happy to answer it but I have no action items. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions for Cathy? No questions. Thank you, Cathy.

(9) **CLUB APPLICATIONS.**

Committee Chair: Carol Krzanowski

List of Committee Members: Pauli Huhtaniemi

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

New clubs applying for CFA membership were reviewed and presented to the Board for consideration. Assistance and guidance were provided to clubs with questions and issues regarding membership and applications.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Club Name Change Request (Attachment A)

<i>Current Name:</i>	<i>Cat-A-Lina Cats Cat Club (Region 5)</i>
<i>Proposed Name:</i>	<i>The Catalina Cats <u>The Catalinas Cat Club</u></i>
<i>Conflict with Existing Names:</i>	<i>The new name does not conflict with any existing CFA club name.</i>
<i>Reason:</i>	<i>The club feels the current name is cumbersome and difficult to work with due to all the hyphenations and length. The new name is simplified but still reflects the club's geographical location. The Southwest Regional Director supports this change.</i>

Action Item: *Approve the request by the Cat-A-Lina Cats Cat Club to change their name to ~~The Catalina Cats~~ The Catalinas Cat Club, effective immediately.*

Mastin: The next item is Club Applications, Carol. **Krzanowski:** I have an action item for a club name change request. However, the request submitted did not have the correct new name. I received a correction after the reports were already submitted for this meeting, so I'm going to move to amend my action item to reflect the correct new name, which is the Catalinas Cat Club. So, the amended motion will read as follows [reads]. **Currle:** Kenny seconds.

DelaBar: Question for Carol. Is that possessive? Catalina's? **Krzanowski:** No. **DelaBar:** It's plural Catalinas. **Krzanowski:** Catalinas, plural. **Mastin:** Any further questions or discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, that motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

New Club Applicants

Action Item: Approve the nine new club applicants that were pre-noticed for membership (Attachment B). The applicants are:

1. *CFA Judges Association, Region 5; Michael Shelton, Regional Director*
2. *Cat Ambassador CFA Club, International Division - Asia; Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair*
3. *Changan Cat, International Division - China; John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair and Wain Harding, Co-Chair*
4. *China TLCMCC Club, International Division - China; John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair and Wain Harding, Co-Chair*
5. *Golden Panda Club, International Division - China; John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair and Wain Harding, Co-Chair*
6. *King Cat Club, International Division - China; John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair and Wain Harding, Co-Chair*
7. *Meowbulous Cat Club, International Division - Asia; Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair*
8. *Purrfect Cat Club of Thailand, International Division - Asia; Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair*
9. *World Top Feline Club, International Division - Asia; Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair*

Mastin: Carol, before you go on to all your motions, are you going to do a standing motion? **Krzanowski:** Yes. I would like to do a standing motion to accept all the applicants, reserving the right to vote no. **Mastin:** Pam DelaBar has a standing second. Carol, continue.

Club Statistics Pertaining to New Club Applicants (Attachment C)

Dick Kallmeyer has produced maps showing the locations of the new club applicants being presented at this meeting as compared to the locations of existing clubs in these areas. The new club applicants are indicated in green, existing clubs with shows are indicated in black, and existing clubs with no shows are indicated in red. Included with the maps are charts for each proposed new club area showing the total existing CFA clubs, number of shows produced and total registrations.

In addition to the maps and charts noted above, Dick has also provided an additional chart with notes summarizing the total number of clubs, registrations and shows for the 2022-2023 show season in each of CFA's geographic areas.

Many thanks to Dick Kallmeyer for once again providing this valuable information.

CFA Judges Association JA Club
Southwest Region; Phoenix, Arizona, USA
Michael Shelton, Regional Director

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 40 members, nearly all of whom are members of other CFA clubs, and all four officers are currently officers and/or directors in other clubs. The membership list includes many of CFA's esteemed judges who have years of experience not only through judging, but also through work on the CFA Board and various CFA committees. The club intends to further the professional aspects of CFA judging and promote camaraderie, mutual respect and support among judges. Due to the global nature of the membership, the club will not vote for regional directors. This club may sponsor educational activities at various CFA events but will not be directly involved in show production. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to a non-profit organization consistent with CFA policies. The club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The Southwest Regional Director supports this club.

Krzanowski: The first application is from the CFA Judges Association. While this club is currently based in Phoenix, Arizona, the club is international in scope and the secretary's location is likely to change frequently. Because of this, the club will not vote for regional directors. The club's focus is to further the professional aspects of CFA judging and promote mutual respect and support among judges. This club will not be a show producing club but may sponsor educational activities at various CFA events.

Mathis: I'm a proposed officer of that club, so I assume I should not vote on it. **Perkins:** Yes. I believe that the people on this board who are part of this club actually should recuse themselves before we have discussion, if there is going to be any discussion. Any debate or discussion they would need to recuse themselves. Otherwise, when we go to voting you can also just abstain due to conflict. **Mathis:** There's a bunch of us on that list. **Newkirk:** So, anybody that's a member of the Judges Association. **Perkins:** Yes, needs to abstain due to conflict and recuse themselves from debate. **Griswold:** That's going to be about 10 or 11 people. Will we still have enough to get it passed? **Perkins:** Yes, you can. Whenever you abstain due to conflict, that doesn't affect the quorum, so it's just the yes or no. **Currle:** They had a list of members. Am I correct? So there was a list of members. I'm a member of the JA but I'm not on that membership list, so my question would be if I could vote for or against. **DelaBar:** Yes, you can. You're not a member of the club. **Newkirk:** He said he is. **Perkins:** You're not a member of this club or you are a member of this club? **Currle:** I am not a member. **DelaBar:** I am not a member of this club. **Currle:** I'm not a member of the proposed club. **Perkins:** OK, then you are fine to vote. **DelaBar:** Neither am I.

Tartaglia: I have two questions. One is, is the word "association" appropriate to include in a cat club of CFA? The second is more of a comment, that using the words "CFA Judges Association" as a club is very confusing because we have a Judges Association that's not a club. So, how do you – those are my comments. **Mastin:** We can discuss that after we get the people who have a conflict outright. Who has a conflict? **Newkirk:** I have to abstain with conflict. I'm a member of the JA. **Griswold:** I'm a member of the JA. **Mastin:** Abstaining with conflict? **Griswold:** Yes. **DelaBar:** Well, you're a member of the JA but you have to be a member of the club. **Currle:** Is your name listed on the club application? **Griswold:** Yes, so far as I know.

Currle: There's a list of names on the club application. **Perkins:** Let me just clarify. This is a club. If you are part of this club application, you should just say you have a conflict and remove yourself from the room. If you are not part of this club but you are part of the Judges Association, you can stay. There's no conflict because you're not part of the club. **Griswold:** But we voted for the club to exist, regardless of the membership. **Newkirk:** Rachel, can you pull up what the members are? **Anger:** I have it up. This is tiny, sorry. I am listed as a member, Darrell you are listed as a member. I'm going around the table. Pam you are not. Marilee is, Kenny is not, Anne is, Pam Moser is not, John is not but Bethany is, Kathy Calhoun is not. Russell Webb is not [*sic*, Russell Webb is a member]. **Newkirk:** Do you want us to leave, then? **Mastin:** I've got a question. Rachel, Darrell, Marilee and Anne, were you asked to be a member or were you just placed on here to be a member? **Mathis:** I think they used the officers of the JA as the officers of the club, because I didn't know I was an officer until I saw that, so I think they used the same officers. **DelaBar:** They put out an email to everybody that belonged to the JA asking if they wanted to be a member of the club, and that's why I said no, because somebody has to sit at the board table to either vote for or against the club, who happens to be a member of the JA but not the club. **Anger:** I was reading the member list, not the officer list. Just a point of clarification. **Mastin:** So, I don't think I got an answer to my question. Were you asked? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Mastin:** Marilee, you were asked? **Griswold:** Yes. **Mastin:** Anne, you were asked? **Mathis:** I guess I was. **Mastin:** Rachel, were you asked? **Anger:** I was asked. **Eigenhauser:** I see Hayata in the waiting room. Does she need to be elevated to a panelist? **Mastin:** Yes, thank you George. [**Hayata** joins the meeting] **Newkirk:** I don't think she is a member. **DelaBar:** No. **Krzanowski:** She is not a member. **Mastin:** Are we ready so you can leave? **Newkirk:** I'm ready to leave. I'm just waiting for you to give the green light. **Mastin:** OK, green light. Bring something good back. [**Anger, Griswold, Mathis** and **Newkirk** leave the meeting] **DelaBar:** Russell, you're on the list. **Webb:** I don't remember. **Krzanowski:** You're on the membership list. **Mastin:** See you, Russell. [**Webb** leaves the meeting]

Colilla: With the Secretary being gone and she's a member, she is going to listen to what's going on anyway when she types the notes. **Mastin:** This is not closed session, they just have to recuse themselves. **Shelton:** She's not part of the discussion. **Perkins:** So that you aren't influenced in what you have to say. **Colilla:** I just thought. **Mastin:** Carol, I'm going to turn it back over to you because you're presenting this, and then I'll probably ask Mike for questions. I know Kenny has his hand up. **Krzanowski:** I said my piece. I don't know what else I can say about it. It is a slightly different format for a club than what we've had before, obviously. The word "association" I agree with Allene to a certain extent that we typically do not allow the word "association" in club names, so because it is the Judges Association and we also have a club "association," I'm not sure if we can ask them to change that to some other term. **Mastin:** Before you continue, can you tell on the online if there's any other members of the club listening in. **Tartaglia:** That have the word "association" in it? **Mastin:** No, no. Are there any other members of this club in on the Zoom call. **Perkins:** We're not in closed session. I don't care if they listen. It's OK that they listen, but because these are voting board members they need to recuse themselves from debate. There's a different rule for that. **Mastin:** OK. So Carol, you have a concern with the word "association"? **Krzanowski:** I'm not sure. I guess I do to a certain extent because, as Kenny said, there's a Judges Association of which a lot of people are members, which is not a club; but then, they want to have a club. So, it probably should have a slightly different name. It's my bad. I should have probably thought of adding that requirement. **Shelton:** A couple things to say. First, yes, I do approve of this club, but only after I talked to both Jacqui

[Bennett] and Barbara [Jaeger] about it to make sure I understood what they were after and how certain things were done. A couple of salient points; this is not a traditional club, although it is a Region 5 club so my opinion was asked. It's really an international club. They don't vote in regional elections. What I was told when I asked the question about the difference in the complete Judges Association versus the proposed club membership list is that only judges who gave an affirmative response when asked if they wanted to be in the club were going to be put on the club membership application. Lack of response was not enough. Certainly, a no would have been obvious, but they needed an affirmative response, "yes, I want to be in the club," before they were put on the membership list. That's what I was told. I have a question. I don't know if the people who can answer it are in the room anymore, but the CFA Judges Association, we all know it as the CFA Judges Association, but is that because it's an association of CFA judges? Is it an officially sanctioned CFA body? **Krzanowski:** No. **Shelton:** Because if it's not, then we can sit here and call it the Judges Association but it muddies the water on whether there's a conflict in the names. **Krzanowski:** Right. You're right. I probably should have thought of that when the application first came in. **Currle:** You're not a judge, so why would you think of it? Mike, you may know this question. They're not going to vote regionally. What about for officers? **Krzanowski:** Yes. **Currle:** What about At Large? **Krzanowski:** Yes. **Currle:** Alright. Very good, thank you. **DelaBar:** The Judges Association was first founded as a social thing. We used to have dinners on Friday nights at the annual meetings. What this club wants to do is, many times judges are not delegates to the annual meeting, and when things come up about the judges, you are trying to find somebody that's a judge that can speak to the delegation on judge matters. You've got basically what, 120 judges and you've got 400-some odd delegates, so even if every judge was a delegate, you still would not have enough to pass anything, but at least the delegate representing judges could get up and speak to those matters that are pertinent to the Judging Program, such as what is our judging fee? Because this board won't address it, we wait for the delegation to either say yea or nay on the appropriate judges' fees by status. So, this is one of the things that was brought up, especially in dealing with show rules that involve judges. It gives the judges a voice as a delegate to say something on those matters affecting judges. **Mastin:** All set Pam? **DelaBar:** I'm done.

Calhoun: This is a question for Carol. Has the practice been in the past when a club application comes in that has the word "association", that they have been asked to change it? **Krzanowski:** We have never allowed it. That's true. As I said, I should have thought of that when it came in. If we decide to accept the club, we could do it contingent upon a name change. **Noble:** That was kind of where I was headed. Just for the average person out there looking at these new clubs, they are going to assume – and I get it – they're going to assume that because it's the Judges Association club that all members of the Judges Association are in the club. They just assume that, and we know that that's not the case, but there's nothing out there that tells the average other person that sees these new clubs what that is. That would cover that. **Perkins:** Would just adding the word "club" to the end be sufficient, firstly. Second of all, the people that are asking to have the word "association", you said no but that's because they weren't really an association to begin with, but if there is a thing called a Judges Association, then doesn't it make sense that they would have the word "association" in the name of their club, because it is a thing. Those were my comments. **Krzanowski:** The reason we've always disallowed the use of the word "association" is, it implies a registration body in the cat fancy, so if it was the Borneo Cat Association, for instance, you would think that could be a registration body for cats, so it could get confusing to people. This is the reason we have never allowed the use of the word in a club

name previously. **Perkins:** Because we are The Cat Fanciers' Association. **Krzanowski:** Right. I think that changing it to the word "club" would definitely solve the problem – CFA Judges Club. **Tartaglia:** I was going to say, or The JA Club. **Krzanowski:** The JA Club, if they want to abbreviate it, yes. **Tartaglia:** But it definitely needs the word "club". It will be confusing in the office. Someone will call in and say, "here are the members of the Judges Association Club", so adding the word "club" and not having the full name Judges Association could be very beneficial on all fronts. **DelaBar:** I was just going to say what Carol said. If we accept the club, we can make it contingent upon them changing the name to something that does not imply a registry or federation or whatever. **Krzanowski:** I can contact Jacquie Bennett, who is my key person as far as the club application is concerned to see if she would be willing to do that, if we want to table this application until tomorrow morning. No? **Mastin:** I don't know yet. I want more feedback. I have a comment, too. **Calhoun:** I think even "The JA Club" would be – I say maybe "The Judges Club" but my hand was up because, are we going to make a recommendation to them or just say, "you need to not include 'association'"? **Mastin:** We're just hung up on one part of this whole discussion, is the word "association". We're ignoring the fact they are also using the word "CFA" in the beginning of it. Do we want to allow that? We haven't even touched on, do you want the JA to have a club? Nobody has even commented on that yet, correct? We're just stuck on "association" and we don't like it. It sounds like, for the most part, we don't want the word "association". Do we want "CFA" in there, as well? Do we allow "CFA" for any of the other clubs? **Krzanowski:** No. **Mastin:** That's also a concern. **Krzanowski:** That's another concern.

Dunham: I'll move past the "association". My question is, I understand what it says here about wanting to promote the professionalism, but Pam said that they wanted a representative. Doesn't the Judges Association already have a pretty direct connection to the board to make their own recommendations? I'm just asking. **DelaBar:** No, no. **Krzanowski:** I don't think so. **Dunham:** I'm just asking. **Calhoun:** I mean, if the purpose of this club is for somebody to be able to get up at an annual and speak for judges, there have got to be – most judges can stand up and talk and say, "I'm from X club", but they can still represent the judges' point of view without a separate entity. That can happen. I would hazard that probably most of the judges come as delegates, and there would be a number of them. A number of them on the board have a club – a delegate for a club – that would allow them to speak, to vote. That's already there. **Mastin:** So Shelly, I think that you can only speak if you are a delegate. If you're not a delegate, you're not permitted to speak. **Perkins:** Correct, but almost all judges are members already of a club. I'm in one with a judge, exactly. Judges were speaking at the last board meeting in June. I personally witnessed at least one judge stand up and talk. He was a member of a club. **DelaBar:** But you have to be the club delegate to be able to speak, not just a member of a club. **Perkins:** Only the two delegates that this club would send would get to speak, not just every member. It would only be those two, so I don't – **Mastin:** Pam, put your hand down. I'm still awake. **DelaBar:** I'm getting warm now, so I'm very much awake. **Shelton:** I think there is a difference though between a judge getting up to speak at the annual saying, "I represent ABC cat club" versus "I represent the Judges Association". It may not look that different on paper, but I think it would give a different emphasis to what they're saying, saying "I'm here representing the point of view of the judges, as opposed to this other group of fanciers." **DelaBar:** The thing is, getting up and talking is not just about judges' fees, but the other professional parts of being a judge. The way that I'm getting a feeling on some of the comments here is that judges get not as much status for having the loyalty and the involvement and the investment in this organization, and this identity of having this club just sort of validates your identity and position as a judge in this association.

As I said, I'm not a member. I'm not a member; one, because I thought somebody needs to be on this board that can speak to it. I didn't know that Kenny didn't join either until I got the list. I believe that their request to have a recognized organization within this organization is valid.

Calhoun: If the purpose of this club is to – can somebody refresh what the statement was? The purpose of the club is to – ? **Krzanowski:** This is what I have in my notes. *The club's focus is to further the professional aspects of CFA judging and promote mutual respect and support among judges. This club will not be a show producing club but may sponsor educational activities at various CFA events.*

Calhoun: So, how does that differ from what – isn't the Judges Association supposed to do a similar – I get the thing that you don't have a delegate for the Judges Association. **DelaBar:** The JA is social. **Perkins:** I read what they put in here is not that they want to stand up and have a voice at board meetings, because I feel like most judges already do. What they have listed here is “comradery, mutual respect, supporting judges” and that kind of thing, and so I didn't really see it as just wanting to stand up, but if they are trying to do this so they have a voice to be heard at a board meeting, does the board believe that this is undue influence, or could have a chilling effect on exhibitors that might not want to be known as the club that disagreed with all the judges; like, this is the judges' club and they come in and say, “this is what we want”. Are exhibitors going to be afraid that there is going to be a chilling effect on them? **DelaBar:** Not with clicker voting. **Perkins:** But in speaking and writing and standing up and voicing. Maybe not in voting, but in getting their opinion heard. That was my concern about it, but I don't see that they are really trying to have a voice at the board meetings and what they say their statement is. That was something that was said here. **DelaBar:** That I brought up.

Perkins: Yes. **Currle:** Basically, I think that there is nothing nefarious about what they are trying to do. They are simply seeking validation and existence, if you will, and they do want to support each other as judges. Initially I thought there would be a big conflict, but after thinking about it they have been around for a long, long time, they want a voice, they want validation from CFA. Right now it's just a group of people, is the way they feel about it. I think under the circumstances and what they are bringing in, I'm certainly going to support their entry.

Krzanowski: While I read their focus I kind of summarized in my notes, this is what actually appears in the application itself under the section, *Please identify as best you can what activities your club hopes to participate in on a regular basis.* It reads as follows: *Promote the consistent handling and evaluation of cats by CFA judges. Promote comradery, mutual respect and support, and good sportsmanship among judges. Enhance the image and dignity of our CFA judges and further the professional aspects of CFA judging. Assist in the dissemination of information regarding rules and regulations that are promulgated by CFA which affect judging activities. Offer the services of the JA as consultants to the CFA executive board on any matters pertaining to judge-related activities.* That's from the application itself. **Mastin:** Mike, do you have any additional comments? **Shelton:** No. **Mastin:** Carol, do you have any additional comments? **Krzanowski:** No, I think that's enough.

Perkins: I have one more question. So Carol, I know in the last board meeting when we didn't like someone's name, did we table and then come back? **Krzanowski:** Yes. **Perkins:** Or did we vote to say we're going to approve it. You have to give us a name and then we can approve the name tomorrow. **Krzanowski:** We tabled it in June. It was a club in the North Atlantic Region. We tabled it and contacted the individual who was proposing the club. They selected a new name which was then brought back later on for the board to vote upon. **Perkins:** Is it possible to just vote now that we approve, so long as by the end of the meeting we get a name that they approve, so we don't have to send everybody out again? It's just in terms of

logistics. **Mastin:** Is that what you were going to say? **DelaBar:** I was going to say, approve contingent upon a new name.

Tartaglia: How will we classify this club? Is it a Region 5 club? **Currle:** At this time. **Shelton:** Because the secretary resides in Region 5. **Tartaglia:** So, it will be listed on the club table. It will be listed within Region 5; however, there will be a disclaimer that says they can't vote for regional directors. **Shelton:** I don't think there is a CFA rule against it, but they put it in their bylaws. **Tartaglia:** So, we need to determine that, as well. Is that official that they can't vote or is it just a – **DelaBar:** That's not official. They just can't. **Dunham:** They just don't have to fill out the ballot. **Shelton:** They are going to vote for everything else. [inaudible – multiple speakers] **Mastin:** Hang on. Hang on a second. Part of the motion is, they will not vote for regional directors. We need to hold them to it, or it changes the motion. So, that will have to be noted at Central Office. If, 10 years from now, they accidentally submit a ballot for regional director, it has to be denied. So, it has to be noted, OK? **Calhoun:** Do we have a systematic way of doing that? **Mastin:** No, it's got to be done manually. **Calhoun:** So, someone has to remember this through time. **Tartaglia:** We were just discussing that. **Mastin:** Ed Raymond, do you have a comment? **Raymond:** The Credentials Committee will have to be apprised of this, because they throw out any ballot that's not complete. **Krzanowski:** That's true. It would not be complete without that. **Simbro:** As far as programming costs, we would probably add a new field to club records that says, "eligible to vote" and just use that flag to release those. **Mastin:** We're getting really deep on this. **DelaBar:** We don't need to be. **Shelton:** There is at least marginally a precedent for this. Online Feline Fanciers, once upon a time – which is now 44 Gatti – had the same thing in their bylaws because they were founded as an international club. They would abstain. So, it's not that they would send back an incomplete ballot, they would just abstain in the regional director voting every time, so Credentials would not kick it based on it being an incomplete ballot. **Tartaglia:** But I don't think we want to rely on Credentials. We don't want those ballots to go out. The ballots go out from the Central Office, so it's something that we need that needs to start with the club record. The last thing we want is a club saying, "oh, we're not supposed to be voting for this, but we got a ballot from Central Office," so it erodes the confidence and accuracy. That's why we need to know. We can handle it, but we just need to know what the board wants. **DelaBar:** Allene, I don't think the judges are that dumb. If they state that they're not going to vote for regional director, then they can abstain, but they have to have a ballot because they're voting on officers. That's the same election year.

Mastin: This is a wonderful conversation. It has taken up a lot of time. Central Office needs to make a note of it. It also needs to be communicated to Credentials. So, we have this motion in front of us. It is subject to a name change, correct? **Krzanowski:** Yes. **Mastin:** We are not approving "CFA Judges Association", is that correct? **Krzanowski:** That's right. **Calhoun:** They need to eliminate "CFA" and they need to eliminate "Association". **Krzanowski:** Right, right. **Perkins:** Since this is a standing motion that was made by people who removed themselves, if we could on this one motion just get a first and a second from people that are here. **Shelton:** Carol is a standing first. I'll second. **Mastin:** Carol is a standing first. Mike seconds. They are both here. We're good. OK, we're done with discussion. Any objections? Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Rachel's not here. Carol, it passed but they can't use "CFA," they can't use "Association". **Krzanowski:** Right and I will – **Mastin:** Come back with another name for tomorrow to present to the board for approval. **Krzanowski:** Right. I will contact Jacqui right away and hopefully I'll have something by tomorrow and I will present it then. **Mastin:** OK great. Do you want to let them in?

[**Anger, Griswold, Mathis, Newkirk and Webb** re-join the meeting] **Mastin:** For those of you that were out of the room, the motion to accept the club passed, contingent on changing the name. You cannot use the word "CFA" and you cannot use the word "Association". So, come back tomorrow for a new name for the board to vote on. **Krzanowski:** I will contact Jacqui about it. **Mathis:** I can do it. **Krzanowski:** Do you want to do it? **Mathis:** So, a new name and they can't use "CFA". **Krzanowski:** No "CFA", no "Association". **Griswold:** But it can use "Judges". **Krzanowski:** They can use "Judges" but no "CFA", no "Association". **Mastin:** We didn't say you couldn't use "Judges" but not "CFA", not "Association". **Mathis:** OK. **Griswold:** Anne, it can have the word "Judges" in it, but not "Association", not "Judges Association". **Mastin:** We've got to move on. **Krzanowski:** Yes, I'm ready. **Mastin:** Everybody, we've got to move on. Carol, continue.

[From after the afternoon break] **Mastin:** The meeting is called back to order. Carol, do you have an update? **Krzanowski:** Yes. I heard back from Jacqui Bennett regarding the Judges Association club name change. They have chosen "JA Club". So, that should be settled. **Calhoun:** I thought we said no "association". **DelaBar:** JA Club. **Calhoun:** JA commonly means Judges Association. **Newkirk:** Acronym. **Calhoun:** It's an acronym. **Newkirk:** It's not got "judge" and it's not got "association". **Krzanowski:** JA Club. **Shelton:** If anybody asks what it stands for, it stands for JA. **Newkirk:** It stands for JA. I see steam. **Perkins:** You need to vote on it. **Mastin:** Are you sure we need to vote on it? **Perkins:** Yeah, because that was what we said; that they were going to bring it back and you were going to vote on the name. The other club you didn't say. **DelaBar:** We didn't vote on the other one. **Perkins:** That's because the motion said it was contingent and that it would be, but it didn't say they had to come back. **Mastin:** Alright, so Carol, the motion is the CFA Judges Association Club came back with JA Club. **Krzanowski:** Yes. **Mastin:** Correct? **Krzanowski:** Yes. **Mastin:** And that's your motion. Who had the standing second? **DelaBar:** I did. **Mastin:** Pam, are you keeping your standing second? **DelaBar:** Yes. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? **Newkirk:** We had some of us abstain. **Perkins:** You're going to have to call the vote so that they can abstain. **Mastin:** Do they have to go out for discussions, too? **Perkins:** No, because there is no discussion. No one discussed, so we're fine. **Mastin:** OK, alright. **Perkins:** They can just abstain due to conflict. **Mastin:** OK. Then I'll call for the vote. If you're in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Anger, Griswold, Mathis, Newkirk and Webb abstained due to conflict.

Mastin: Pam DelaBar, Carol, Kenny, Cathy Dunham, Pam Moser, Yukiko Hayata, Paula, Mike, Pauli, John, Kathy Calhoun. If you're opposed, raise your hand. If you're an abstention with a conflict, raise your hand. Rachel, Darrell, Marilee, Anne and Russell. Rachel? **Anger:** That's 11 yes, zero no, 5 abstentions with conflict. **Mastin:** OK, the motion passes. **Krzanowski:** Do we need to also vote on the other club name? **Mastin:** No. We didn't make it contingent, right? **Perkins:** Yes. The way the motion was worded was that they were accepted as

a club as long as they change their name, and then Bob said it and you voted. **Mastin:** We're good.

Cat Ambassador Cat Club
International Division - Asia; Sukhothai, Thailand
Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 14 members. Six of the members are members of other CFA clubs. All of the members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA cattery names. One of the members is a licensed CFA Master Clerk, five have attended a clerking school and have some experience, and six have show production experience through work in other clubs. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce two shows a year, one in Chiang Mai and another in Bangkok. As shorthair breeds are becoming more popular in southeast Asia, the club also plans to have some specialties and educational events to help promote various shorthair breeds. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to cat shelters or public vet hospitals such as Kasetsart University Veterinary Hospital. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Committee supports this club.

Krzanowski: The next application is from Cat Ambassador Cat Club. This club is based in Thap Phueng, a town in the Si Samrong District of Sukhothai Province, Thailand. Sukhothai Province is located in the lower part of northern Thailand northwest of Bangkok and has a population of approximately 600,000. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. If accepted, this club plans to produce two shows a year in Chiang Mai and Bangkok. **Mastin:** Bob, why don't you come up and sit between Pauli and Mike? **Calhoun:** I want him right here. **Mastin:** He can sit next to Kathy. Kathy wants you all the way down by her. She's got to keep an eye on you. **Calhoun:** We've got our little corner here. **Mastin:** Hang on one second, Bob. Kristi, do you have a question? **Wollam:** Can you just clarify? The name is written two different ways. It says, "Cat Ambassador CFA Club" and then under the section where it reads the intent of the club, it says "Cat Ambassador Cat Club". **Krzanowski:** Where are you looking? **Wollam:** In #2 it says, "Cat Ambassador CFA Club" and on page 55 it says, "Cat Ambassador Cat Club." **Mastin:** What's on the application, Carol? **Krzanowski:** Let me look. Oh, it is CFA club. **Mastin:** We're not going through this again. Go ahead. Carol, are you done for right now? **Krzanowski:** It does say "CFA Club", so I will have to – this will be another one. **Mastin:** Bob, do you want to speak on this club? **Zenda:** We're in great support. These are folks that are extremely active. **DelaBar:** Bob, you have to speak up. We can't hear you. **Zenda:** Our subcommittee is in support of the club. The folks that are involved in it are extremely active. We need some activity in the Chiang Mai area. Everything is concentrated right now in Bangkok, but these guys want to concentrate in other areas, as well, so we are in support of it. Her summary removed the words "CFA" from the thing. I didn't notice that, either. **Mastin:** Kathy, did you have any comments? **Calhoun:** No. The ID Committee is in support. I think we should officially remove the CFA portion on the name, but without that we would certainly approve. I don't know if it's another one that we're doing contingent upon a name change. **Krzanowski:** Yes, I'll contact them. I'm not sure because of the time change if I can get a reply by tomorrow morning, but if I do, I will bring it back; otherwise, can we do it online? **Zenda:** These guys were here for the show, so they are probably in travel somewhere. **Krzanowski:** I can't hear you, Bob. **Zenda:** Pao, who is really the representative of the club as

secretary, he was here for the show so he is probably in travel somewhere. **Griswold:** I can get a hold of him. **Zenda:** You can? Please do. **Mastin:** Any further comments? Any questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously, contingent upon removing CFA from the name. **Zenda:** So, the name would be Cat Ambassador Cat Club.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

[From later in the report] **Krzanowski:** I would like to go back to the Cat Ambassador CFA Club. Pao has already indicated that he is willing to change the name to “Ambassador Cat Club”. We did accept them, contingent upon the name change, so that’s the name they have selected. **Mastin:** OK, congratulations Ambassador Cat Club. **Zenda:** So, we are taking “Cat” off too, so it’s Ambassador Cat Club.

Changan Cat
International Division - China; Nanjing, Jiangsu, China
John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair; Wain Harding, Subcommittee Co-Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 14 members. None of the members are members of other CFA clubs. Four of the members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA cattery names, and the remaining members own household pets and are participating in CFA shows. One member has show production experience through previous work with another club. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce two shows a year in Xi’an, the capital of Shaanxi Province. The club also plans to hold some educational lectures to help promote CFA and the cat fancy. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to an animal protection agency. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Committee supports this club.

Krzanowski: The next application is Changan Cat. This club is based in Nanjing, the capital of Jiangsu Province, China. Jiangsu is a coastal province that is located north of Shanghai and has a population of over 9 million. Nanjing lies in the western area of the province. The club members’ breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. If accepted, the club plans to produce two shows a year in Xi’an, the capital of Shaanxi Province to the northwest of Nanjing. **Mastin:** John Colilla and Kathy Calhoun, do you have any comments? **Colilla:** The International Committee and the China Committee, we have made a discussion about this. We support this club. It’s in an area of no shows before and we are trying to grow China right now, so any new club that comes in, especially in an area where we haven’t had a show for a while, in my opinion we need to approve it so we can grow China. **Mastin:** Kathy, do you have any additional comments? **Calhoun:** No, John said it all. The entire Committee is in complete agreement. **Mastin:** Any questions? Any objections? Pam, do you have an objection? **DelaBar:** No, the other Pam. **Mastin:** OK, then I’m going to call for the vote. All those in favor raise your hand. Remember, when I call your name lower your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Moser voting no.

Mastin: Rachel, Pam DelaBar, Darrell, Marilee, Carol, Kenny, Anne, Cathy Dunham, Paula, Mike, Pauli, John, Kathy Calhoun, Russell Webb, Yukiko Hayata. If you’re opposed, you

can raise your hand. Pam Moser. If you're an abstention, raise your hand. Rachel? **Anger:** That's 15 yes votes, 1 no vote, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** The motion passes.

China TLCMCC Club
International Division - China; Zhengzhou, Henan, China
John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair; Wain Harding, Subcommittee Co-Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 13 members. None of the members are members of other CFA clubs. Four of the members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA cattery names, and the remaining members own household pets and are participating in CFA shows. One member has show production experience through previous work with another club. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce three or four shows a year in Zhengzhou, Henan Province. The club also plans to hold some educational lectures to help promote CFA and the cat fancy. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to an animal protection agency. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Committee supports this club.

Mastin: Carol? **Krzanowski:** The next application is China TLCMCC Club. This club is based in Zhengzhou, the capital and largest city of Henan Province in east central China. Zhengzhou is located in the north central area of the province and with a population of over 12 million, it is one of the largest cities in central China. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. If accepted, the club plans to produce three or four shows a year in Zhengzhou. **Mastin:** John? **Colilla:** Same thing I said before. **Mastin:** Kathy? **Calhoun:** Ditto. **Mastin:** Discussion? **Wollam:** I just have a question. Do we care what these initials stand for? **Mastin:** Do they stand for something bad in the modern lingo? **Wollam:** No, not that I'm aware of. I was curious. **Zenda:** It's not Mandarin. **Currle:** Tender loving care Maine Coon Cats. **Calhoun:** There you go. **Wollam:** I hope that's what it stands for, is all. **Currle:** That's what I'm assuming. **Newkirk:** I'm voting. I know Pam is going to vote no, so I'm voting. **Mastin:** OK, OK. If you're in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Moser voting no.

Mastin: Rachel, Pam DelaBar, Darrell, Marilee, Carol, Kenny, Anne, Cathy Dunham, Paula, Mike, Pauli, John, Kathy Calhoun, Russell. If you are opposed raise your hand. Pam Moser. **Anger:** That's 15 yes votes, 1 no vote, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes.

Golden Panda Club
International Division - China; Chongqing, China
John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair; Wain Harding, Subcommittee Co-Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 20 members. None of the members are members of other CFA clubs. Two of the members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA cattery names, and the remaining members have participated in many CFA shows. Ten members have show production experience, and five have clerking experience. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce three or four shows a year in Zhengzhou, Henan Province. The club also plans to work with homeless cat rescue and organize educational lectures to help promote CFA and responsible breeding. The dues have been set. If the club is

disbanded, the funds will be donated to a homeless cat rescue center. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Committee supports this club.

Mastin: Carol? **Krzanowski:** The next application is Golden Panda Club. This club is based in Chongqing, a large city in southwestern China with a population of over 30 million. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. My report erroneously noted where the club wishes to produce shows, and I apologize for the confusion. If accepted, the club plans to produce two or three shows a year in Chongqing and Chengdu, Sichuan Province to the west of Chongqing. **Mastin:** John? **Colilla:** We support this club. **Mastin:** Kathy? **Calhoun:** I was going to make a comment because I know people might be concerned about the number of clubs that are coming from China. I'll be brief. Maybe at another opportunity we will get into it more, but there are many competing registries in China that we need to – in order for us to maintain our status in China and grow in China, we need to be aggressive. So, additional clubs means additional shows, and a bigger presence for CFA overall. So, the ID Committee is in complete, complete support. **Mastin:** Pam Moser, what Kathy said, will it change your – **Moser:** No. **Mastin:** OK. **Moser:** Because I disagree. **Mastin:** OK, that's fine. Any other comments? OK, I'm calling for the vote. Raise your hand if you're in favor.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Moser and Newkirk voting no.

Mastin: Rachel, Pam DelaBar, Marilee, Carol, Kenny, Anne, Cathy Dunham, Paula, Mike, Pauli, John, Kathy Calhoun, Russell. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Hayata, did you have your hand up? **Newkirk:** She was a yes. **Mastin:** She was a yes, thank you. Darrell and Pam Moser are a no. Abstentions? No abstentions. **Anger:** That's 14 yes, 2 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** OK, motion passes.

[Transcript goes to Ambassador Cat Club discussion] **Mastin:** Carol, did we just do Golden Panda Club? **Krzanowski:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, congratulations Golden Panda Club. On to the next one. **Krzanowski:** Do we need to vote on the new name for the Ambassador Cat Club. **Mastin:** We said, "contingent upon". They changed it.

King Cat Club
International Division - China; Chengdu, Sichuan, China
John Colilla, Subcommittee Chair; Wain Harding, Subcommittee Co-Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 14 members. None of the members are members of other CFA clubs. Four of the members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA cattery names, and the remaining members own household pets and are participating in CFA shows. One member has show production experience through previous work with another club. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce one or two shows a year in Chengdu and Beijing. The club also plans to hold some educational lectures to help promote CFA and the cat fancy. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to an animal protection agency. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Committee supports this club.

Mastin: On to the next one. **Krzanowski:** The next application is King Cat Club. This club is based in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province in southwest China. Chengdu is located in the central area of the province and has a population of over 20 million, making it the fourth most populous city in China. The population of Sichuan Province is approximately 83 million. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. If accepted, the club plans to produce one or two shows a year in Chengdu and Beijing. **Mastin:** John? **Colilla:** I fully support this. I'm not sure that you folks are aware of this or not. I've been contacted to judge some of the local clubs. There's one club [*sic*, association] with 60 clubs that's trying to put on a show. There's another association that has a schedule every weekend through the end of the year. We need to be competitive and have more shows there. I fully support this club. **Mastin:** Kathy? **Calhoun:** The entire Committee is fully in support. **Mastin:** OK, questions or comments? Calling for the vote. If you're in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Moser voting no.

Mastin: Rachel, Pam DelaBar, Darrell, Marilee, Carol, Kenny, Anne, Cathy Dunham, Paula, Mike, Pauli, John, Kathy Calhoun, Russell, Yukiko Hayata. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Pam Moser. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. **Anger:** That's 15 yes, 1 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes. Congratulations King Cat Club.

Meowbulous Cat Club
International Division - Asia; Selangor, Malaysia
Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 19 members. None of the members are members of other CFA clubs. Four members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA cattery names, and the remaining members are participants in CFA shows. Seven members have show production experience through work with other clubs. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club hopes to produce six shows a year in various cities in the central area of West Malaysia such as Kuala Lumpur, Petaling Jaya, Puchong, Balakong, Shah Alam, Melaka and Nilai. The club also plans to hold some educational events including a clerking school and BAOS. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to animal shelters that help homeless cats. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Committee supports this club.

Mastin: Carol? **Krzanowski:** The next application is Meowbulous Cat Club. This club is based in Puchong, a major town in the state of Selangor, Malaysia. Selangor has a population of over 7 million and is located on the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia surrounding the capital city of Kuala Lumpur. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. If accepted, this club plans to produce six shows a year in various cities in the central area of West Malaysia. **Mastin:** Bob? **Zenda:** Absolutely. We only have one Malaysian cat club now. We have been relying on the Chinese club, borrowing the club here and there and all over the place to do it. This is the first time a club has been able to get through the governmental restrictions to be able to actually support an application, so yes, we are in favor. **Mastin:** Kathy, any additional comments? **Calhoun:** No. They have done a great job overcoming many, many obstacles, so the Committee is in full support. **Mastin:** OK, any

questions or comments? Any objections to this motion? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Congratulations Meowbulous Cat Club.

***Purrrfect Cat Club of Thailand
International Division - Asia; Kanchanaburi, Thailand
Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair***

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 15 members. Two of the members are members of other CFA clubs. Thirteen of the members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA cattery names. One of the members is a licensed CFA Master Clerk, one is a CFA Allbreed Judge and several have show production experience through work in other clubs. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce one or two shows a year in various locations throughout Thailand. As there are many pet lovers in Thailand, the members wish to help promote CFA and the cat fancy in Thailand by attracting new breeders and exhibitors. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to the CFA Foundation. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Committee supports this club.

Krzanowski: The next application is Purrrfect Cat Club of Thailand. This club is based in Kanchanaburi, a town in west Thailand that is also part of Kanchanaburi Province. Kanchanaburi is located just to the west of Bangkok and has an estimated population of about 26,000. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. If accepted, this club plans to produce one or two shows a year in various locations throughout Thailand. **Mastin:** Bob? **Zenda:** We are supporting the club. It's got an all-star cast. Everybody in this club has been extremely active in any show in Thailand. They are probably best suited to compete against what WCF is trying to do in Thailand, so we support it. **Mastin:** Kathy? **Calhoun:** The Committee is in full support. **Mastin:** Any other comments or discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Congratulations Purrrfect Cat Club of Thailand.

***World Top Feline Club
International Division - Asia; Tai Po, Hong Kong
Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair***

The constitution and by-laws are in order. There are 18 members. This club was a former CFA member that was dropped in 2021 due to the pandemic and is now reapplying. None of the members are members of other CFA clubs. Six members are active breeders and exhibitors with CFA cattery names, and the remaining members are exhibiting pedigreed cats or household pets. One member is a licensed CFA Associate Judge and Master Clerk, six have clerking experience, and most have show production experience from when the club produced shows in the past. This is an allbreed club and if accepted, the club plans to produce two or three shows a year in Hong

Kong. The club also plans to hold seminars to help promote CFA and pedigreed cats. The dues have been set. If the club is disbanded, the funds will be donated to a rescue group for stray animals. This club was pre-noticed and no negative letters have been received. The International Division Committee supports this club.

Krzanowski: The last application is from World Top Feline Club. This club is based in Tai Po, an area in the New Territories of Hong Kong that is part of Tai Po District, one of the eighteen districts of Hong Kong. Tai Po District is located generally in the east central area of Hong Kong and has a population of over 300,000. The club members' breeding and show production experience is provided in my report. If accepted, this club plans to produce two or three shows a year in Hong Kong. **Mastin:** Bob? **Zenda:** This club was a club in CFA. It was active until the pandemic. Chrissy used to be our scheduler in Hong Kong before the pandemic. They are all experienced and they are ready to go. We support it. **Mastin:** Kathy? **Calhoun:** The Committee is in full support. **DelaBar:** Question; didn't some of these members also have affiliation with a former CFA judge who founded his own association? **Zenda:** Yeah, FFF. Chrissy Chan, and now she is an Associate Judge with CFA. By the way, it's kind of off subject but is on subject. We have lost a couple of Associate Judges to other associations recently, but both of them who have left us gave great credit to CFA's Associate Judge Program and that was the reason they were accepted at that level in those other organizations. So, we're doing a good job of training people for other places, but we're also getting recognition for the stuff that we are doing to get our judges trained. **Mastin:** Any other questions or comments? Any objections? OK, I'm going to call for the vote. If you're in favor, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Moser voting no.

Mastin: Rachel, Pam DelaBar, Darrell, Marilee, Carol, Kenny, Anne, Cathy Dunham, Yukiko Hayata, Paula, Mike, Pauli, John, Kathy Calhoun, Russell. If you are opposed, raise your hand. Pam Moser. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. **Anger:** That will be 15 yes, 1 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** Motion passes. Congratulations World Top Feline Club.

Revisions to Application Form

We have been discussing changes to the current club application form as well as the outline for the club constitution in order to determine what revisions may be required. Many of the documents we receive have similar issues that need to be corrected and/or revised by the applicants. Changes to the wording on the forms will help applicants better understand the requirements, particularly in situations where English is not the applicant's first language.

Because we are revising the club application form, we are asking for input from the Board as to what additional information would be helpful to see included on the form.

Mastin: Carol? **Krzanowski:** We have been talking about revisions to the application form because we have noticed that many of the applications that come in have similar issues that need to be revised or corrected. A lot of it has to do with the fact that applications are from countries where English is not their first language, of course. So, we're trying to clean up the language and make it easier to understand. At the same time, we're asking for input from the board as to what information you might want to see on the club application that's not already

there. I also have an action item related to this. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any additional information they want added? **Calhoun:** I do not have additional information, but I wonder if we can work with you, Carol, to insure that there is a version of the application in at least Mandarin or Chinese as a start, for our ongoing efforts to support people who are not fluent in English, so I would like to have the ID Committee work with you on that. **Krzanowski:** OK. **DelaBar:** Through the Chair to Kathy, are we going to have a translator being able to translate their responses to their application in Mandarin? **Calhoun:** Yes, we have that – Matthew, Co-Chair. **DelaBar:** OK, as long as we can – **Calhoun:** He does that for some of our documents now. **DelaBar:** As long as we can count on getting the information back in English so the board can understand the club application. **Calhoun:** Yes. **Krzanowski:** And I have to have the information in English so that I can review it and see if any revisions are required. Pauli is on my Committee now, so we're both reviewing these applications together, but we need to see it in English so that we know what we're reading. **Calhoun:** The ID Committee will work with you hand in hand on that effort, without question.

Action Item: Effective immediately, include an additional section on the club application form, which shall apply to all pending and future applications, to read as follows:

Have any officers, directors or members been the subject of criminal charges involving animals or any expulsion, sanction, or discipline by any other cat association? If so, please provide an explanation and complete documentation for each case.

Mastin: OK, specific to the motion, is everybody OK with the way it is written? **Currle:** I would like to change the word “subject.” **Mastin:** To what? **Currle:** Something different. I mean, if you can just have a rumor and call it a subject. **DelaBar:** I was going to say, that was my concern, but then the lawyer in giving her legal opinion stated that she is more comfortable using that, rather than “charged” or “convicted”. **Mastin:** Shelly, do you want to speak on it for the whole group? **Perkins:** I thought the earlier issue was to change “criminal charges” to “criminal conviction”, and so I disagreed with that because if somebody had been charged, I would want to know whether they had been convicted or not – at least what the dispute was, and now you want to know about the word “subject”? I don't know what replacement would you have Kenny, because I'm not really sure. We're just trying to say, “have you been part of a criminal charge, or have you been the recipient of,” and so this is, I suppose, a very legal term often used in criminal complaints, that you're considered the subject. So, I don't know if you have other wording. I have no objection, but I think it's identical language to what you just approved on the judging application, so if you're going to change it here, you might want to revisit so that your language matches, which is what we were trying to do. **Krzanowski:** I just want to comment that, due to CFA's strong stand on animal welfare issues, that I think it's only reasonable to ask for full disclosure from applicants, as far as their past situations. **DelaBar:** This also covers CFA as far as the World Cat Congress. There have been problems in the past between organizations because of clubs jumping from one association, or trying to jump from one association to another, due to some type of infraction or whatever, and at least we're addressing what I consider to be the worst infraction anyone or any club could commit, so I'm all for this. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? Kenny, are you OK? **Currle:** I'm doing just fine, thanks. I understand. I'm going to support this. **Mastin:** Any objections to the motion, as written? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Future Projections for Committee:

Process and submit new club applications for consideration by the Board.

Time Frame:

October 2023 to February 2024 CFA Board meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

All new clubs that have applied for membership satisfactorily completed their documentation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Carol Krzanowski, Chair*

Mastin: Thank you Carol. **Krzanowski:** That's all I have. **Mastin:** That's all you have?
Krzanowski: Yes, thank you. **Mastin:** It is 2:23. We're going to take a 10 minute break to 2:33.

BREAK.

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

Treasurer Kathy Calhoun gave the following report:

May 1, 2023, through August 31, 2023

Total income is approximately 90 % of the budget. This is largely driven by worldwide economic pressures impacting discretionary income. Inflation continues to drive expenses upward and are approximately 11% over budget.

Detailed reports are considered a confidential part of this Board report and are available for review in FileVista.

As stated in June 2023, it has (once again) become apparent that competing registries are tracking CFA's financials. CFA needs to be cognizant of this and manage accordingly. To address this, financial reviews will be conducted via ZOOM meetings which require a passcode to access. The cadence of these meetings will be published shortly after the October Board meeting.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer*

Mastin: We're going on to Treasurer's Report, Kathy. **Calhoun:** We have an abbreviated Treasurer's Report. We'll have an opportunity to talk about the details of the budget at another point in time; the reason being that this is abbreviated, I know that our constituents want to know how CFA's business is doing, so I am recommending that we have and I lead a Zoom call maybe quarterly so that our breeders and exhibitors can dial in, there will be a passcode for this conversation. I'm all about transparency, but I'm also about the fact that we are providing a lot of information on the internet when we do the Treasurer's Report that we probably need to limit. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any questions for Kathy? OK Kathy, are you all done? **Calhoun:** I'm done. **Mastin:** Thank you.

(11) BUDGET COMMITTEE.

Committee Chair: Kathy Calhoun

List of Committee Members: Rich Mastin, Matthew Wong, and Allene Tartaglia

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Prepare the Budget submission and approval timeline.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Budget Committee developed the 2024-2025 budget development timeline which is captured in this report.

Future Projections for Committee:

- *Committee Chairs should work with their Board Liaisons in the development and submission of their respective budget requests.*
- *Committee budget requests should be emailed to the Treasurer by the **Board Liaisons**.*
- *2024/2025 CFA Budget to be approved at the April 2024 Board Meeting*

Communication

<i>10/16/2023</i>	<i>Budget Committee timeline communication.</i>
<i>12/04/2023</i>	<i>Committee spending reports available (May 1, 2023 – Oct 31, 2023). The Treasurer will email reports to the Board Liaison upon request.</i>
<i>12/05/2023</i>	<i>Budget Committee timeline communication.</i>

Input Due Dates for Changes to the 2023/2024 Budget

Request for additional funding should be submitted to the Budget Committee no later than 11/10/2023 for review at the December Board meeting. Requests should include supporting rationale.

Input Due Dates for the 2024-2025 Budget

<i>01/02/2024</i>	<i>Committee Budget Requests from Board Liaison</i>
<i>01/02/2024</i>	<i>Coralville Annual 2024 Budget</i>
<i>01/26/2024</i>	<i>International Show 2024 Budget</i>
<i>01/26/2024</i>	<i>Capital Requests</i>
<i>01/26/2024</i>	<i>Corporate Sponsorship Estimates</i>

Development all meetings @ 7:00 am – 10:00 am central time

11/27/2023	Budget Committee ZOOM Mid-Year Review
02/05/2024	Budget Committee ZOOM
02/07/2024	Budget Committee ZOOM

Approval

03/07/2024	Preliminary Budget due to Board
03/19/2024	Preliminary Budget Review – ZOOM Conference with the CFA Board 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Eastern Time
03/28/2024	Deadline for Budget Report to CFA Secretary
04/02/2024	April Telephonic Board Meeting – 2024 - 2025 Budget Approval

Board Action Items:

None

Time Frame:

N/A

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Review timeline.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Calhoun, Chair

Mastin: Kathy, you're next, Budget. **Calhoun:** The Budget Committee Report – I'm not going to drain the report. It's a standard report that we provide for all of the committees and the board in the October board meeting. We will repeat it and adjust the dates in the December board meeting. The timeline is very similar to what it has been in the past. There is a meeting already on calendars, in the calendar that Rachel sent out in June or July to hold the pre-meeting date for the budget and review so that in the April board meeting, we can address or vote on the budget with any amendments that may have been made in the earlier meeting for review. The only thing that I really want to call out on this that is really important for this mid-year review, if any committees have shortfalls in their budget and would like extra funding for the board's review, that needs to be submitted to the Budget Committee in November so that we can address that in the December meeting. Are there any questions? **Mastin:** Seeing no questions – **DelaBar:** Kathy, I did not realize that there was a change in procedure here. For the May through October reports to request, you want it to go to the board liaison, and from the board liaison to you. Why do you want to add – **Calhoun:** Yes, because we want the board liaison to be aware of what's going on with their committee from a financial standpoint. So, the committee should work with their liaison to get any financial information and submit a budget request to the Treasurer. That

role of the liaison is not new. **DelaBar:** I know, but I wanted just to know why that extra layer was there. **Calhoun:** The point of it is, that at the board table to talk to any additional funding, the liaison will be the person who is making that presentation or leading that discussion about any incremental funding, so the liaison needs to be involved in all of the aspects of getting to that point, as well as budget requests for next year. **DelaBar:** Got it. **Mastin:** Any other questions? OK Kathy, thank you.

(12) **INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.**

Committee Chair/Co-Chair: *Kathy Calhoun/Matthew Wong*
Subcommittee Chair/Co-Chair China: *John Colilla/Wain Harding*
Subcommittee Chair Asia (outside of China): *Robert Zenda*
Subcommittee Chair Africa, W Asia, Middle East: *Jan Rogers*
Subcommittee Chair Central & South America: *Brad Newcomb*

Brief Summary of Events:

The International Division Asia Other (outside of China) Awards Banques and Cat Show was held in Hong Kong August 26-27, 2023 and was an outstanding success.

The International Division Mid-Year Zoom Meeting will occur on October 6th 2024. The ZOOM meeting held on Saturday June 24th as a part of the CFA Annual in Tucson was a notable success and will be the format for this meeting.

The International Division China Awards Banquet and Cat Show will be held in Shanghai, China, November 17 – 19, 2023.

Mastin: Let's go on to International Division. **Calhoun:** OK. So, we have a brief summary of events. We had a banquet in Hong Kong for the International Division – Asia. China will have their annual banquet and cat show in November, so that is being planned. **Colilla:** It's not planned, it's a done deal. **Calhoun:** Yes, it's a done deal. **Calhoun:** I have the menu and I have the show flyer. **Calhoun:** Agnes is leading that effort. Our team on the ground in Hong Kong and in China, they do a fabulous job of putting all this together, so they have done a really, really good job. So, we are really excited about what's coming up in Shanghai with the International Division – China awards November 17-19. We are very excited about that.

Current Happenings:

The International Division Committee supports the following club applications.

- *Meowbulous Cat Club, Malaysia*
- *Purrfect Cat Club of Thailand*
- *Cat Ambassador CFA Club, Thailand*
- *World Top Feline Club, Hong Kong (a CFA club that standing lapsed the pandemic)*
- *Changan Cat, China*
- *China TLCMCC, China*
- *Golden Panda Club, China*
- *King Cat Club, China*

Calhoun: We have already talked about the International Division and the clubs that the Committee is in support of.

Africa, West Asia, Middle East ~ Jan Rogers Subcommittee Chair

Morocco Cat Club is working toward a future application. Morocco is a North African country bordering the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea which is distinguished by its Berber, Arabian and European cultural influences.

Kuwait Cat Club is working toward licensing a show, February 2024. There are small numbers in both the kitten and premiership classes. This is driven by the requirements for a DW in these classes being unattainable.

Calhoun: Jan Rogers has done a fabulous job, being new to the team. There is a club in Morocco. At this point, when the report was written, the cat club people were in the process of putting together their application. Their application has been submitted, from the information I just recently got from Jan today, so we would be very excited to work with the people in Morocco to have a club there, so that's great work. The cat club in Kuwait is working towards a licensed show in February. I think I saw their license come through maybe a week or so ago, so that is well on its way. There has been mention of the reluctance or the low numbers of kittens and premiership entries in Kuwait. The folks there, the exhibitors, feel that the minimum is too high and they just don't have a chance to achieve any DW awards in kittens or premiers, so we're going to talk about that with the ID Committee and we'll look at overall scoring and minimums for the entire International Division and come back prior to the December meeting, to get something in December for discussion. Any questions so far?

Asia Other (outside of China) ~ Bob Zenda, Subcommittee Chair

The International Division Asia other (outside of China) Division Awards Banquet in Hong Kong held on August 27, 2023, was a resounding success with 223 guests from twelve different countries plus Hong Kong.

Bob Zenda had the honor and pleasure to offer opening remarks, Bob took that opportunity to call Mr. Rarteo Lo and Phebe Low to the stage to introduce and acknowledge them as organizers of the very first CFA International Division Awards Banquet held in Hong Kong on August 7, 2006. Mr. Lo was also responsible for commissioning and gifting the "100 Cat" hand painted Scroll commemorating CFA's 100th anniversary, which was on loan from the Feline Historical Museum for display at the Hong Kong Cat Expo and CFA show prior to the Awards Banquet. Suki Lee, our Hong Kong Country Coordinator, and key member of the Banquet organizing committee, submitted a complete review of the event with photos which appeared in the September CFA Newsletter.

Show activity continues at a steady pace during the 2023-2024 show season with twenty-six shows conducted, twelve upcoming licensed shows, and twenty-eight additional club show dates reserved.

[Side discussion regarding location of Bob Zenda was not transcribed.] **Calhoun:** Bob has submitted a report. If there are any questions about his report – the activity in Asia outside of China and China is really on fire. We are really getting a lot of new clubs, lots of shows, and it's very exciting times. Any questions about Bob's portion of the report?

China ~ John Colilla and Wain Harding Subcommittee Chairs

The 2022 – 2023 China Banquet is scheduled to be held on November 17. There will be a Clerking School on November 16, with the show being held on November 18-19, 2023.

Sixteen shows were scheduled May through September. Fourteen shows were conducted while two shows were unfortunately cancelled. Twenty-five shows have been scheduled through the end of this show season.

Calhoun: John? **Colilla:** Actually, we have another group of people request NGO, so right now we have 4 outstanding NGO. If we can get the next one, that means there's 5. It's going to put us in a good situation because there will be more shows. **Newkirk:** Where are those NGOs located? **Colilla:** One is in Chengdu – well, they share. That's the problem, they share with different – **Newkirk:** You said that there were four. **Colilla:** Yes. One is in Chengdu, I know that much. One is in Shanghai and one is in Chongqing. No, no, Shenyang, Chris Lee. **Newkirk:** OK.

Mastin: Is there any further questions or comments on Kathy's report? **Calhoun:** Oh, I have one more thing. **Mastin:** I'll come back to you, Kathy. **Anger:** Please get Kathy's one more thing. I might be my thing also. **Mastin:** Go ahead, Kathy. **Calhoun:** The International Division is starting to talk about having what is called "super shows". We're just trying to put some ideas together. There's other associations in Asia that are putting on these shows and they're calling it "the biggest show in the world" and blah, blah, blah. So, we in our efforts to be competitive and to continue to put the CFA brand forward, we are looking at doing something about that. We'll have more to discuss in closed session about that, but I do want to let the board know that we are having those discussions. **Anger:** Is this connected with the group that I referred to you? **Calhoun:** Yes. **Anger:** OK perfect. We'll talk about it then, thank you.

Mastin: Any other questions? Kathy, any last comments? **Calhoun:** I don't think so. **Mastin:** OK great, thank you.

*Respectfully submitted,
International Division Committee*

(13) **SHOW RULES.**

Committee Chair: Ed Raymond
Liaison to Board: Carol Krzanowski
List of Committee Members: Cathy Dunham, Kathy Gumm, Shirley Michaud-Dent, Brad Newcomb

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Committee has been preparing the show rule changes set forth below based on activity at the 2023 CFA Annual Meeting and requests from Board members, Central Office and other committees.

Mastin: Show Rules, Ed Raymond. **Krzanowski:** Before Ed begins his report, I want to make a standing motion to accept all the show rule changes, reserving the right to vote no. **Currle:** I'll second. **Mastin:** Carol, thank you for doing that. OK, Ed? **Raymond:** Thank you. We'll try to get through these as efficiently as possible.

Board Action Items:

Resolution Prenoticed to the 2023 Annual Meeting and Passed by 2/3

1. Ratify the replacement of "Winn Foundation" with "EveryCat Health Foundation" and the addition of "Breeder Assistance Program" which were approved by more than 2/3 of the delegates at the 2023 CFA Annual Meeting. Approve the addition of the "CFA Foundation, Inc" to the list of suggested donation recipients.

Article XI – During the Show – Judging and Awards, amend 11.37	Sophisto Cat Club, Pam DelaBar, Pauli Huhtaniemi	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	<p>11.37 Clubs are not expected nor encouraged to give judges' gifts to the 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 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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>11.37 Clubs are not expected nor encouraged to give judges' gifts to the 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 <u>EveryCat Health Foundation, Breeder Assistance Program, the CFA Foundation, Inc.,</u> 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.</p> <p>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</p>

Judging Program chair about how the gift should be treated.	Judging Program chair about how the gift should be treated.
RATIONALE: EveryCat Health Foundation replaced the verbiage for Winn Foundation and Breeder Assistance Program was added to the show rule by over 2/3rds vote of the delegation at the 2023 CFA Annual Meeting. the CFA Foundation, Inc. was inadvertently left out. This corrects that error.	

Raymond: The first action item is a resolution that was pre-noticed at the annual meeting and passed by 2/3. It passed by the delegation. It replaced the *Winn Foundation* with *EveryCat Health Foundation and Breeder Assistance Program* to Rule 11.37. Pam has since requested that the *CFA Foundation, Inc.* also be added. It was an oversight that it was omitted, so I've added it here for you to vote on all as one block. **Mastin:** Any discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Resolutions From the Floor at the 2023 Annual Meeting Which Passed by More Than 50%. Advisory Only

2. *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,*

Article XXVIII – Obtaining Titles -- Grands, amend 28.04b	Thumbs Up Cat Fanciers				
Existing Wording			Proposed Wording		
28.04 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:			28.04 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:		
<u>Country/Area</u>	<u>GC Pts Rqd</u>	<u>GP Pts Rqd</u>	<u>Country/Area</u>	<u>GC Pts Rqd</u>	<u>GP Pts Rqd</u>
Regions 1-9 except as noted, China	200	75	Regions 1-9 except as noted, China	200	75
Maritime Provinces of Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Hawaii, Russia east of the Ural Mountains, International Division (except Hong Kong, China, Malaysia Thailand, Taiwan, Vietnam, & Indonesia)	75	25	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	Hong Kong	125	75
Thailand, Indonesia	125	25	Thailand, Indonesia	125	25
Malaysia	125	50	Malaysia	125	50
Ukraine	200	25	Ukraine	200	25
Taiwan and Vietnam	90	40	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.

Raymond: We have two resolutions that came from the floor at the annual meeting. They both passed by more than 50%, so they are advisory only. The first was something that Rachel brought up on behalf of Thumbs Up Cat Fanciers, and that was to amend Show Rule 28.04.b. to remove Mexico from the Region 1-9 grand point requirements of 200 for championship/75 for premiership and include Mexico in the 75/25 grand points. **Mastin:** Any discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3. *Add 4.03f specifying the required distance between shows of various formats.*

Article IV – Licensing the Show, add 4.03.f.		Havana Brown Fanciers
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
None.	<p>4.03 f. <u>No show of six rings or fewer shall be licensed in regions 1-7 on the same weekend within 200 miles (approximately 322 kilometers) of another such show without the approval of the Regional Director and adjoining Regional Director as provided in 4.03.d. This distance minimum does not apply to two one-day shows held in the same location on the same weekend.</u></p> <p><u>No show of 8 or more rings, including two one-day shows held in the same location on the same weekend, shall be licensed in regions 1-7 on the same weekend within 500 miles (approximately 805 kilometers) of another such show without the approval of the Regional Director and adjoining Regional Director as provided in 4.03.d.</u></p>	
<p>RATIONALE: There is currently an unwritten “rule” that a CFA show cannot be licensed if it will be within 500 miles of another CFA show on the same weekend. This proposal adds that limitation to the show rules</p>		

for shows of 8 or more rings and two one-days shows held in the same location on the same weekend. It also sets the minimum distance between shows of six or fewer rings at 200 miles.

Raymond: The second motion from the floor wasn't actually presented as a motion, so I have tried to turn the substance of the discussion into a show rule. That was something presented by the Havana Brown Fanciers. We have added 4.03.f., which provides that, [reads]. **Mastin:** Questions? **Shelton:** I have two things; one of which is fairly trivial, the other one isn't. Can we say in both places, "adjoining regional directors" plural? There's almost always more than one. Somebody will see this and apply for a 7 ring show to try and get around it. This does not cover a 7 ring show. 7 ring shows are mentioned other places in the rules, and they do have it from time to time for one reason or another, so I would say the second part should probably be 7 or more rings. **Currle:** We have a show [scheduling] committee that approves these already. Is this adding to the procedure? **Mastin:** It may be helping them, I'm not sure. Pam, do you have a comment? **Moser:** I was going to – but you brought it up. I'm thinking on the same thing. We do have somebody already doing this. I don't know why the regional directors are there, because it just comes through the Committee, and so personally after doing this for a while – I follow the rules to the T. Trust me, it hasn't been easy because people are really getting angry with me and Mary because they don't like it. I've had one club abandon their show date and blame us because we gave them the same weekend in which the other club's show was 1,000 miles away. So, I am getting a lot of grief and that's fine. It's what I signed up for, but I think that we should stay with the show committee that's doing it and keep the regional directors out. **Mastin:** Comments? **Raymond:** I believe the show rules already require the adjoining regional directors to bless them. The impetus behind this rule was to first memorialize the informal 500 mile rule that has kind of been held there as a rule of thumb but not really part of the show rules, and also cut an exception for small shows where the distance requirement would be less than what was discussed in front of the delegation and voted upon was 200 miles. **Moser:** Then if that's the case, if you're saying that the regional directors are already in there, maybe we should take the regional directors out and put it to the show committee, because otherwise I think it's confusing. In one place in the show rules it's regional directors and the other place – I mean, there isn't any other place, truthfully. There isn't anything in the show rules that says the Show Scheduling Committee should be doing this, so that could be a problem. **Dunham:** I agree with Pam. I get questions and I'm sure other regional directors do too of clubs coming to use because that has been the process for years and I simply direct them to Pam and to Mary to make their request and if Pam and Mary have questions for the regional director, they will come to us and ask if there's an issue, so it might be a good thing to revamp anything in the show rules that says that. **Moser:** I agree, thank you. **Colilla:** I'm doing the same thing as she is doing. I want the people to know at least two regional directors. I'm out of the show scheduling business. Go talk to Mary or Pam nowadays. I appreciate this because I don't have to be the bad guy. **Currle:** I want the grief to go to her. [laughter] **Dunham:** It solves lots of problems in the region.

Mastin: Can I do a straw poll? During this discussion, can I do a straw poll? **Perkins:** Yes, sure. **Mastin:** OK, does anybody object to changing *regional director and adjoining regional directors* to *Show Scheduling Committee*? That was my second question, was to go to you and find out how many other show rules we've got to change. **Raymond:** The show rules don't talk about the Scheduling Committee, they talk about the regional directors. **Mastin:** Correct, so if we change it here, it goes back to what he said – we've got to change it in other

places. **Raymond:** I'll have to go back in and rework Article IV, which is licensing the show, so why don't we table this and bring it back? **Mastin:** Tomorrow morning? **Raymond:** How about next meeting. This is more than an overnight. **Mastin:** That's what I thought, OK. So, we're going to table this one, bring it back for December, OK.

Tabled.

Mastin: Before we move on from this one, I did have a question for Ed and he did answer it, but the question is still there – why is it 200 miles? Why not 250? Why not 300? That's in the motion, so when we go to approve this, they are requesting 200 miles so I just wanted to point that out. If you don't like it, consider it, because when it comes back in December – do you know any history on this, Pam? **Moser:** No, no. I don't like the 200 miles. **Mastin:** Well, what does the Show Scheduling Committee like? **Moser:** I would like to stay with 500 on everything. **Mastin:** Even for the smaller shows? **Moser:** Even for the little shows? Are we talking 4 rings? **Mastin:** Well, it says *6 rings or fewer*. **Moser:** 6 rings, no. **Mastin:** OK, so we're not done talking about this, because I don't want to send Ed back to fix it and come back in December and we say, "you've got to come back in February and fix it again." So, let's get this all wrapped up so he knows what he needs to do. **Moser:** Because a 6 ring show is 225. That's still 225 entries, so I mean I can see it maybe for a 4 ring show because a 4 ring show usually doesn't get more than 100 entries. But, what am I saying? Our 8 ring shows aren't getting any more than that, so anyway, still, 4 rings I can see. I can't see the 6 ring because they are still competing within that 200 mile – I mean, they could have two 6 ring shows within 200 miles with a 225 entry. That's going to cause problems. **Mastin:** So Pam, are you recommending it should say, "no show of 4 rings or fewer for 200 miles?" **Moser:** 4 rings or fewer, yes. Yes, that would be my recommendation. **Dunham:** I was going to say, you might just want it to say 4 rings, because that's the format, is a 4 ring show. **Moser:** Right, 4 ring show. **Dunham:** 4 ring show, 200 miles or whatever the mileage number is. **Moser:** Right, and then anything else it has to be the 500. **Mastin:** OK, so help guiding Ed through this, are there any objections to the 4 ring recommendation? **Raymond:** I will point out the show rules do allow licensing 1, 2, 3 ring shows. **Currle:** Just say, "4 rings or fewer." **Raymond:** They are in there. **Mastin:** Alright, so nobody objected to that, OK. Then, last thing on this, Show Scheduling Committee Chair? **Moser:** Yes. **Mastin:** 200 miles, you are good with? **Moser:** For 4 rings or less, yes. **Mastin:** Great, great. OK Ed, thank you.

Substantive Rule Changes

4. Add "Guest Judges at the Approved Guest Judge level" to the list of persons who may be called upon for judging engagements without prior approval of the Judging Program Guest Judge Administrator.

<p>Article III – Invitations to and Acceptances by Judges, amend 3.01</p>	<p>Pam DelaBar, Pauli Huhtaniemi</p>	
<p>Existing Wording</p>	<p>Proposed Wording</p>	

<p>3.01 A member club must not call upon persons who are not on the CFA judges list for judging engagements without first having secured approval from the Guest Judge Administrator of the Judging Program.</p>	<p>3.01 A member club must not call upon persons who are not on the CFA judges list <u>or Guest Judges at the Approved Guest Judge level</u> for judging engagements without first having secured approval from the Guest Judge Administrator of the Judging Program.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Reflects current procedures and is in concert with Show Rule 3.02c.</p>	

Raymond: Some of the substantive rule changes we're on to next, #4. This is one that came from Pam and Pauli. Amend Show Rule 3.01 to add Guest Judges at the Approved Guest Judge Level to the wording of the rule, to make clear that they do not require approval from the Guest Judge Administrator prior to their invitation. **Mastin:** Pam, you were part of this. Any comments? **DelaBar:** I'm sorry. **Mastin:** That's OK. We're on 3.01, #4. You and Pauli were the backers behind this. I just want to know if you had any comments. **DelaBar:** Just to clarify current procedure. Guest Judges at the Approved Guest Judge level do not have to be cleared by Wendy Heidt for guest judging. **Huhtaniemi:** It basically says what the Judging Program's rule says. **Mastin:** Anybody have any questions or comments? Any objections? Motion passes unanimously, thank you.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

5. *Clarify when Associate Judges may be engaged, particularly in areas which have reopened to international travel.*

<p>Article III -- Invitations to and Acceptance by Judges, amend 3.02b and 3.13</p>	<p>CFA Judging Program Committee</p>	
<p>Existing Wording</p>	<p>Proposed Wording</p>	
<p>3.02 b. Invitations from CFA clubs in the International Division may be considered only by judges who are Approved or Approval Pending, judges that are Approved in one specialty and at least Apprentice in the second specialty, or judges at any level that reside in the International Division. A judge may judge only the specialty(ies) in which he/she is licensed.</p>	<p>3.02 b. Invitations from CFA clubs in the International Division may be considered only by judges who are Approved or Approval Pending, judges that are Approved in one specialty and at least Apprentice in the second specialty, or judges at any level that reside in the International Division. <u>Associate judges are approved for judging only in their own specific geographic areas.</u> A judge may judge only the specialty(ies) in which he/she is licensed.</p>	
<p>3.13 For kitten, championship, premiership and veteran classes, a CFA judge (at least Apprentice) or approved guest judge must be used. For Household Pet classes it is permissible for a club to use a Trainee.</p>	<p>3.13 For kitten, championship, premiership and veteran classes, a CFA judge (at least Apprentice), <u>Associate judge</u> or approved guest judge must be used. For Household Pet classes it is permissible for a club to use a</p>	

Depending on the show location, the number of rings that must be judged by CFA judges at the show are as follows:

Regions 1-9 (excluding Russia)		International Division (including Russia)	
No. of Rings	CFA Judges	No. of Rings	CFA Judges
2-3	2	2-3	2
4-5	3	4-5	3
6	4	6	4
7	5	7	5
8	6	8-9	6
9-10	7	10-11	7
11	8	12	8
12	9		

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Trainee. The term “ CFA judge” does not include Associate judge or guest judge. Depending on the show location, the number of rings that must be judged by CFA judges (CFAJ) and that may be judged by Associate judges (AJ), if allowed, and Guest judges (GJ) at the show are as follows:

Regions 1-9 (excluding Russia)			International Division (including Russia)		
No. of Rings	CFA Judges	<u>AJ/ GJ</u>	No. of Rings	CFA Judges	<u>AJ/ GJ</u>
2-3	2	<u>0-1</u>	2-3	2	<u>0-1</u>
4-5	3	<u>1-2</u>	4-5	3	<u>1-2</u>
6	4	<u>2</u>	6	4	<u>2</u>
7	5	<u>2</u>	7	5	<u>2</u>
8	6	<u>2</u>	8-9	6	<u>2-3</u>
9-10	7	<u>2-3</u>	10-11	7	<u>3-4</u>
11	8	<u>3</u>	12	8	<u>4</u>
12	9	<u>3</u>			

As used above, 11 or 12 rings constitutes two 5 or more ring shows at the same location on the same weekend, sponsored by one or more clubs. A ring is considered judged by a CFA judge if both longhair and shorthair specialties are judged by a CFA judge. In cases where a CFA judge only judges one specialty, and an Associate judge or Guest judge judges the other specialty, the ring is not considered to have been judged by a CFA judge. In the case where a LH Associate judge or Guest judge judges one LH specialty and a SH Associate judge or guest judge judges one SH specialty ring, the ring is considered to have been judged by an Associate judge or Guest judge. In a geographic area which is open to international travel, rings judged by Associate Judges approved to judge in their own geographic area will not be considered to have been judged by a CFA judge. Any combination of Guest judges and Associate judges may be utilized once the minimum number of rings to be judged by CFA judges has been achieved.

RATIONALE: The Associate Program was developed to serve areas where travel restrictions prohibited access by CFA approved judges. As travel opens up globally, we would like to continue to support the program by clarifying when Associate Judges may be engaged, in areas which have reopened to international travel.

Raymond: #5. This is one of the proposals that was put forward by the Judging Program Committee clarifying when an Associate Judge may be engaged, particularly in areas which have reopened to international travel. We are adding a sentence that says, *Associate judges are approved for judging only in their own specific geographic areas* to 3.02.b., and we are also amending 3.13 to note that Associate Judges can be used, and that *The term “CFA judge” does not include Associate judge or guest judge.* We have also amended the table to make it clear. We used to just say you need to have a certain number of CFA judges. Now, the table says you have to have at least this many CFA judges and here’s the number of Associate or Guest judges that you could have. **Mastin:** OK, any questions or comments? **DelaBar:** The one thing I have here, oftentimes – in Finland we have been putting on a series of 2 ring shows and we were coming up with an idea for a 3 ring show. So, if you have 2 CFA judges for a 2 ring show or 3 rings, that would be the first level for Regions 1-9, you can only have one guest judge. That’s only like one longhair or one shorthair, when we want to bring that third ring of Associate Judges – not Guest Judges, Associate Judges. So, we would essentially have 2 allbreed and 1 specialty ring. This would not allow that. **Mathis:** The intent was that it would be 2 Associates would equal one judge, but I know it’s not worded that way. I was not the one that wrote this up, but that would need to be changed because nobody wants a half ring. **Anger:** For instances like this where it’s more of an experimental type of thing, we have always approved exceptions. **DelaBar:** Why do we have to keep coming to the Executive Committee for exceptions? **Raymond:** I don’t think you need to. This is talking about the number of rings. If we go down to the end of that show rule, there is a change that says, *In the case where a LH Associate judge* – I thought we had it covered for two Associate Judges being counted as one ring. **DelaBar:** It doesn’t say that. **Mastin:** It’s half way down that show rule. **Raymond:** I thought we had it. **DelaBar:** It doesn’t say where one of each would be counted as one shorthair specialty ring. **Raymond:** Yes. *In the case where a LH Associate judge or Guest judge judges one LH specialty and a SH Associate judge or guest judge judges one SH specialty ring, the ring is considered to have been judged by an Associate judge or Guest judge.* **DelaBar:** One Associate Judge. **Raymond:** But you’ve got one and one. That equals one ring. **DelaBar:** But it’s not saying that. **Perkins:** You just need to have the word “one” before *an Associate judge or Guest judge.* You just need it to say, *the ring is considered to have been judged by ~~an~~ one Associate judge or Guest judge.* **DelaBar:** You need an “and” in there. You’ve got too many “or”s. **Raymond:** But there is an “and”. *LH Associate judge or Guest judge judges one LH specialty and a SH Associate judge or guest judge judges one SH specialty ring.* So, longhair and shorthair equals one ring. **Mastin:** Anne and Rachel, can you review that real carefully and see if that is what would work? **Mathis:** It’s what we meant. If you have a Guest judge shorthair and a Guest judge [*sic*, longhair] Associate, that’s one ring. **Mastin:** Can you read that rule? **Mathis:** Yeah, it’s a little cumbersome, I would agree. **DelaBar:** Remember, you have to have this being read by people who are using the Associate Judge program who are not speaking English as a first language. **Raymond:** OK, we can work on it. This is the language I got from the Judging Program Committee. This is their requested language. **Mastin:** So Anne, Pam and Rachel, can you work on it and we will table this also to December? **Mathis:** That’s fine. **DelaBar:** I would like Pauli to also look at it, too. **Mastin:** OK, good, thank you. Anne, Pam DelaBar, Rachel and Pauli. **Raymond:** OK, I will be in touch.

Tabled.

DelaBar: There was one other – my notes sometimes are a little hard to read. On Region 9 when it has here, like 6 rings, CFA judges 4, AJs 2 if you have a 6 ring show, or AJs2, Region

9 is allowed 50% guest judges. **Huhtaniemi:** But that’s an exception. **Raymond:** That is currently an addendum. It’s not part of the show rule. If we want to make it permanent, we can, but this is the permanent show rule. **DelaBar:** OK, that was my note.

6. *Limit to guest judges at the Guest Judge Level the requirement that a guest judge must serve as a specialty judge in CFA shows unless a specialty-only CFA judge would be serving as the required specialty judge.*

Article III – Invitations to and Acceptances by Judges, amend 3.02c	Pam DelaBar, Pauli Huhtaniemi	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
<p>3.02c. Invitations from CFA clubs for non-CFA Judges are subject to the approval of the CFA Judging Program Committee, excluding those for Guest Judges at the Approved Guest Judge Level, and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges whose license from an accepted association is on file with the Judging Program Committee and who have been actively judging with their parent association for a minimum of five (5) years. A Judge may only judge the level at which they are licensed. When the show format includes a specialty ring, guest judges will serve as a specialty judge in CFA shows unless a specialty-only CFA judge would be serving as the required specialty judge. Only a licensed CFA judge or a guest judge at the Approved Guest Judge Level may judge a Super Specialty ring. Requests for guest judge approval must be submitted to the Judging Program Committee at least 60 days in advance of the show. Requests submitted with less than 60 days remaining until the proposed show date will not be considered. Approval from the Judging Program Committee is no longer required for a club to contract a Guest Judge at the Approved Guest Judge level.</p>	<p>3.02c. Invitations from CFA clubs for non-CFA Judges are subject to the approval of the CFA Judging Program Committee, excluding those for Guest Judges at the Approved Guest Judge Level, and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges whose license from an accepted association is on file with the Judging Program Committee and who have been actively judging with their parent association for a minimum of five (5) years. A Judge may only judge the level at which they are licensed. When the show format includes a specialty ring, guest judges <u>at the Guest Judge Level</u> will serve as a specialty judge in CFA shows unless a specialty-only CFA judge would be serving as the required specialty judge. Only a licensed CFA judge or a guest judge at the Approved Guest Judge Level may judge a Super Specialty ring. Requests for guest judge approval must be submitted to the Judging Program Committee at least 60 days in advance of the show. Requests submitted with less than 60 days remaining until the proposed show date will not be considered. Approval from the Judging Program Committee is no longer required for a club to contract a Guest Judge at the Approved Guest Judge level.</p>	
<p>RATIONALE: Clubs should be able to contract judges for the formats which benefit the club and give the club more successful opportunities for their shows. Our listing of Approved Guest Judges shows seasoned judging personnel, fully capable of performing Super Specialty Rings and allbreed formats.</p>		

Raymond: The next item is #6. It’s an amendment to 3.02.c. to limit Guest Judges at the Guest Judge level, the requirement that a Guest Judge must serve as a specialty judge in CFA shows unless a specialty-only CFA judge will be serving as the required specialty judge. The change just adds the words “at the Guest Judge level” to a sentence in the middle of the rule.

DelaBar: What this does, those at the Approved Guest Judge level are not required to do specialty rings, because they are basically allbreed judges. **Raymond:** Yes, and this proposal came from Pauli and Pam. **Mastin:** Pauli, any additional comments? **Huhtaniemi:** No. **Mastin:** OK. Any other discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously. Thank you.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Marilee, did you have a question? **Griswold:** I did have a question, because when I was reading this previously, the sentence says, *When the show format includes a specialty ring, guest judges at the Guest Judge Level will serve as a specialty judge in CFA.* **Raymond:** in CFA shows. **Griswold:** Yes, so this doesn't actually – *unless a specialty-only CFA judge would be serving as the required specialty judge.* So, this doesn't actually do what we were hoping to do, which would say that if the Guest Judge was an allbreed level Guest Judge level, that they didn't have to judge specialty. It really doesn't change that part. **Raymond:** It does, because the words "Guest Judge Level," that is different than Approved Guest Judge Level, which is the ones that you don't want to have to do specialty. **Mastin:** They have it worded differently in the show rules, or it's addressed specifically for Guest Judge versus Approved Guest Judge. **Huhtaniemi:** We might invent someday better names for those levels. They are confusing. **Griswold:** Because yeah, it says, *will serve as a specialty judge in CFA shows.* **DelaBar:** Yes unless there is a specialty-only CFA judge. **Griswold:** Right, but this means that the Guest Judge has to do the specialty. **DelaBar:** Can I give you an example? A certain Approved Guest Judge I know was contacted to do an allbreed ring, and then they read this rule and they said, "oh no, we have to change your contract, you're only doing specialties now." **Griswold:** Right. I'm just making sure that this actually fixes that problem. **DelaBar:** I believe it does. **Raymond:** I believe it does, too. **Griswold:** It says, *will serve as a specialty judge in CFA shows.* **Raymond:** *unless,* right. **Griswold:** But you are trying to say Guest Judges can serve as allbreed judges. **DelaBar:** At the Approved Guest Judge Level. **Raymond:** At the Approved Guest Judge Level, not at the Guest Judge Level. **DelaBar:** But the Guest Judge can serve as an allbreed if there's no specialty rings. If you have a 4 allbreed ring [show], and you have 2 CFA judges and 2 Guest Judges, they can all do allbreed rings. Those guest judges do not have to do specialty. It has to fit the format. **Griswold:** Your reading of this, even though it says, *Guest Judges will serve as a specialty judge in CFA shows* means that they can do – **DelaBar:** Read the whole sentence. *When the show format includes a specialty ring, guest judges at the Guest Judge Level will serve as a specialty judge in CFA shows unless a specialty-only CFA judge would be serving as the required specialty judge.* **Griswold:** It still sounds like they have to serve as a specialty then. **DelaBar:** Unless. **Newkirk:** If there is a specialty ring. **Griswold:** Right, and there usually is. **DelaBar:** No, there isn't. Not in Europe. **Newkirk:** They don't need specialty rings in Europe. **DelaBar:** My dear, not where people are using Guest Judges. You don't have Guest Judges here.

Mastin: How do we fix this if we have already voted on this unanimously? **Perkins:** Do you mean, how do we procedurally fix it? **DelaBar:** There's no fix. **Mastin:** She might be right. **Griswold:** There's Guest Judges all over the world. **Newkirk:** But it says, *if there is a specialty ring.* **Griswold:** Right, which there almost always is. **Newkirk:** No, there isn't. **DelaBar:** No. **Griswold:** Super specialty is a specialty. **DelaBar:** No, no. **Griswold:** It includes specialty judges. [inaudible, multiple speakers] **Currle:** Point of Order, sir. **Krzanowski:** Everybody is chatting. **Mastin:** So, I've got three people saying she's right. I read it and I'm confused, so I

don't know if she is right or wrong, so at this point in time, Marilee, since you're the biggest one that feels it's not, I think what we do is, you present something to Ed and we can bring it back in December; otherwise, it's sticking with what we've voted on. **Griswold:** OK. **Mastin:** OK. You may be right. When I read it, I'm confused, too, but as I get more and more into this and understanding the difference between Approved Guest Judge and a Guest Judge, maybe I will understand it better. **Mathis:** I'm reading that as, they have to do specialty unless the specialty ring is being judged by a judge that can only judge specialty. **Anger:** A CFA judge. **Griswold:** So, they have to do specialty. Didn't we want to change it where everybody could do allbreed? **Mathis:** They have to do allbreed. If you hired someone – let's say Pam DeGolyer hasn't been advanced. If she is doing the specialty ring, they have to let the guest judge do allbreed because Pam can't do allbreed. That's the way I read it. **Calhoun:** But if all the judges are allbreed, the Guest Judge has to do the specialty ring. **Perkins:** That's what this says. **Calhoun:** That's what that says. [inaudible, multiple speakers] **Anger:** This rule only addresses Guest Judges that are not CFA Approved Guest Judges. If we have somebody that's not on our list that comes to guest judge one of our shows, they must judge a specialty ring. **DelaBar:** If there's a specialty ring format. **Anger:** Yes, and if there isn't a CFA judge that is only double specialty. **Mastin:** We're going to move on.

7. *Delete the requirement that guest judges at the Guest Judge Level be scheduled to judge on the second day of a two-day show.*

Article III – Invitations to and Acceptances by Judges, delete 3.02e	Pam DelaBar, Pauli Huhtaniemi	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
<p>3.02 e. Guest Judges, at the Guest Judges Level, officiating at a two day show (6 x 6 or back to back) must be scheduled to judge on the second day to enable CFA judges an opportunity to observe/evaluate the performance of Guest Judges. Judges at the Approved Guest Judge level may judge either day.</p>	<p>3.02 e. Guest Judges, at the Guest Judges Level, officiating at a two day show (6 x 6 or back to back) must be scheduled to judge on the second day to enable CFA judges an opportunity to observe/evaluate the performance of Guest Judges. Judges at the Approved Guest Judge level may judge either day.</p>	
<p>RATIONALE: In this time of high air fares, clubs must be able to schedule contracted judges based on what is best economically for the clubs and the Guest Judge. Secondly, the show rule does not require the status of the CFA judge rendering an evaluation on a guest judge; e.g., a specialty judge should not evaluate an allbreed judge.</p>		

Raymond: #7. The proposal is to delete Show Rule 3.02.e., which is the requirement that Guest Judges at the Guest Judge Level or the Approved Guest Judge Level be scheduled to judge on the second day of a two-day show. **Mastin:** So, we are just eliminating it. **Raymond:** That's what this proposal does. If you don't like this proposal, there is a back-up proposal. **DelaBar:** Well, actually this started out being Pauli's idea. It has to do basically with the scheduling and air fares and air schedules, and sometimes depending on the situations, it's cheaper for the club, better for the club, to have them on Saturday instead of on Sunday. We've put a lot of hindrances

and road blocks and requirements on our clubs recently, and to ask them to spend more money just so we can have a judge on Sunday instead of on Saturday when we could save \$300 to \$500 just makes sense for the clubs. **Mastin:** Pauli, any comments? **Huhtaniemi:** This actually changed a few years ago and it was a Judging Committee recommendation because they want to see how the Guest Judges are judging, because they wanted to advance Guest Judges to Approved Guest Judge level, but it's really complicated. When you hire first time a Guest Judge, it's better to schedule them on Saturday because if that judge screws up and it's going to take until 10 [p.m.] until the judge is ready, it's much better to have that on Saturday than Sunday. It makes more sense. **Calhoun:** I always have a problem with rules that start out "when possible." **Huhtaniemi:** We're on #7. **Currle:** We haven't gotten there yet. **Calhoun:** Wait a minute. So, wait a minute. I'm one ahead. OK, I'm one ahead, sorry. I'll save my comments. **DelaBar:** There was just one more comment I had on this. Basically, it's saying to the clubs, if you hire a Guest Judge and you go, "oh my God, this is horrible," the club is going to put in that evaluation, "we will never hire this Guest Judge again," but if they like them – I remember a situation maybe a little over a year ago where we had a judge from another association. The club actually enjoyed working with this person, he may not have had the same picks, but he still had valid picks for his finals, but there was a CFA judge there that said, "oh, God no, whatever," and that's a situation I brought to the board and say, "take this guy off the blacklist and let the club decide if they want to hire him again." The club liked him, he worked and he cooperated well. It should be the club's decision on who they hire and when they hire them and how much they are going to pay to get these judges. This is what we're trying to do is put some of the control back to the clubs. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Any objections to this motion? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously, thank you.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

TO BE CONSIDERED ONLY IF THE PREVIOUS MOTION DOES NOT PASS

8. *Make it a recommendation, rather than a requirement, that Guest Judges be scheduled to judge on the second day of a two-day show.*

Article III – Invitations to and Acceptances by Judges, amend 3.02e	Pam DelaBar, Pauli Huhtaniemi	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
3.02 e. Guest Judges, at the Guest Judges Level, officiating at a two day show (6 x 6 or back to back) must be scheduled to judge on the second day to enable CFA judges an opportunity to observe/ evaluate the performance of Guest Judges. Judges at the Approved Guest Judge level may judge either day.	3.02 e. <u>When possible, it is recommended that</u> Guest Judges, at the Guest Judges Level, officiating at a two day show (6 x 6 or back to back) must be scheduled to judge on the second day to enable CFA judges an opportunity to observe/evaluate the performance of Guest Judges. Judges at the Approved Guest Judge level may judge either day.	

RATIONALE: In this time of high air fares, clubs must be able to schedule contracted judges based on what is best economically for the clubs and the Guest Judge. Secondly, the show rule does not require the status of the CFA judge rendering an evaluation on a guest judge, e.g., a specialty judge should not evaluate an allbreed judge.

Mastin: Ed, #8. **Raymond:** The prior one passing, #8 is withdrawn. **Mastin:** OK withdrawn, thank you.

Withdrawn.

9. *Make the use of the CFA entry clerk program mandatory for all entry clerks.*

Article VI – Entering the Show, amend 6.36c	Central Office
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
6.36 c. For all CFA shows in Regions 1-7, entry clerks must use the CFA entry clerk program. A fee, as specified in CFA’s current price list, is payable by the club to CFA if any other software is used. No further shows will be licensed for the club until this fee is paid.	6.36 c. For all CFA shows in Regions 1-7 , entry clerks must use the CFA entry clerk program. A fee, as specified in CFA’s current price list, is payable by the club to CFA if any other software is used. No further shows will be licensed for the club until this fee is paid.
RATIONALE: All entry clerks are now using the CFA entry clerk program. The only other software that was previously available is no longer being updated.	

Mastin: #9. **Raymond:** #9, currently Show Rule 6.36.c. only requires clubs in Regions 1-7 to use the CFA entry clerk software. According to Central Office, it’s being used around the world. There is no reason to limit it to Regions 1-7 anymore. So, the proposal is to make the use of the CFA entry clerk program mandatory for all entry clerks. **Mastin:** Allene, there have been no other programs submitted all this year? **Tartaglia:** Correct. **Mastin:** That’s good. **Calhoun:** There have been – even in the ID, there has been no – **Tartaglia:** No issues with CFA’s entry clerk software. It’s free, it’s updated, it works. Everybody was really using it before except for one party and they have now switched. They were in the U.S. **DelaBar:** I was one of the ones that asked that this be put to Regions 1-7 because we were concerned about some language difficulties. Now, you said, of course this would be effective 1 May 2024, but we appear to have no problems but our region just had its first show last weekend. **Tartaglia:** I guess we’ll find out. I don’t know what entry clerk software they are using. I guess we’ll find out. **Mastin:** So Pam, your region has 6 months and 16 days to use the new program. **DelaBar:** I think everybody is using it now, yeah, but I want to make sure. She said all the clubs are using it this year. Well, we just had our first show so we really can’t be included in using it. I just want to make sure. **Dunham:** Pam, I think everybody is using it. Your entry clerks are also included on our entry clerk I/O groups list and they do ask questions, so they are getting used to it. **DelaBar:** And you will let me know if there’s any problems, right? **Dunham:** Absolutely. **Mastin:** Any objections to this motion? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously, thank you.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

10. *Remove references to data files which no longer pertain now that all entry clerks are required to use CFA's entry software.*

Article VII – Pre-Show Document Preparation amend 7.03	Central Office	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
<p>7.03 The show entry clerk or designated representative is responsible for creating a computerized file in a format specified by the Central Office which contains complete information as required on the show entry form for all cats/kittens entered in the show (see Data File Information at the front of this booklet). A processing fee, as specified in the CFA's current price list, is payable by the club to CFA if a properly prepared diskette or approved format electronic file is not provided to the Central Office in conjunction with the show records used for scoring.</p>		<p>7.03 The show entry clerk or designated representative is responsible for creating a computerized file in a format specified by the Central Office which contains complete information as required on the show entry form for all cats/kittens entered in the show (see Data File Information at the front of this booklet). A processing fee, as specified in the CFA's current price list, is payable by the club to CFA if a properly prepared diskette or approved format electronic file is not provided to the Central Office in conjunction with the show records used for scoring.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Entry clerks use the CFA entry software, making references to the data files obsolete.</p>		

Mastin: Ed, #10. **Raymond:** #10 is kind of in the same vein. Remove references to data files which no longer pertain now that all entry clerks are required to use CFA's entry software. That's an amendment to 7.03. **Mastin:** Any questions? Any objections? The motion passes unanimously, thank you.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

11. *Provide an exception to the requirements for judging cage sizes for show in Region 8.*

Article IX – Procedures Prior to Benching/Check-In, amend 9.08j	Yukiko Hayata	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
<p>9.08 j. Judging cages must be a minimum of 22 inches (56 centimeters) wide, 20 inches (51 centimeters) deep, and 21 inches (53 centimeters) tall. The door must be at least 14 inches (36 centimeters) tall and 12 inches (30 centimeters) wide that swings open</p>		<p>9.08 j. <u>Except for shows held in Region 8, judging</u> Judging cages must be a minimum of 22 inches (56 centimeters) wide, 20 inches (51 centimeters) deep, and 21 inches (53 centimeters) tall. The door must be at least 14 inches (36 centimeters) tall and 12 inches (30 centimeters) wide that swings open</p>

horizontally rather than doors that slide up and down.	horizontally rather than doors that slide up and down.
<p>RATIONALE: When this rule was put in place the director at that time notified the Board that implementing cages of this size is impossible in Japan. The Board granted an exception to the rule but nothing was added to the current rule.</p> <p>As many of the Board members may know, the majority of the show halls used by the clubs in Japan are small. It may be possible when entry numbers are low and we have more space for the judging rings, but when we need to use the space for the benching area, the space for the judging becomes very limited. In this limited space, we currently place 12-13 cages. The current cage sizes are around 50 centimeters and placing 12-13 cages of this size is just about the maximum number of cages we can place in the limited space. If the cages are to be 6 centimeters wider that'd mean, we would need about 70- 80 centimeters more space. Then that 70-80 centimeters more would be applied to the 4-5 rings we have, resulting in the need for another 2.8 meters – 4 meters. The show halls most clubs use do not have that much space to spare.</p> <p>Along with the space problem, simply the cost for each club to purchase such cages is difficult. Many clubs have looked into the pricing of cages, but the applicable sizes had to be custom made. Then of course the pricing would shoot up. We could, of course, look into purchasing cages overseas, but with the current yen-dollar rate and shipping the cost for each club to prepare roughly 60-70 cages is nearly impossible, considering the financial status of many Japanese clubs. As all of us are aware due to COVID many clubs couldn't host shows in the past few years, so many clubs didn't have any revenue to support such an expensive purchase.</p>	

Mastin: #11. **Raymond:** #11 is an amendment to Show Rule 9.08.j., providing an exception to the requirement for judging cage sizes in Region 8, requested by Yukiko Hayata. The rationale indicates that when this rule was put into place, there was promised to be an exception for Japan but it was never actually built into the show rule. It has just been an informal exception. She indicates it's difficult to fit cages of that size into their show halls and it's also cost prohibitive because that's not a standard size cage for them to easily purchase in Japan.

Mastin: Hayata-san, do you have anything to add? **Hayata:** I would like to put in the show rules an exception for Japan. We tried to buy larger size, but not all of them. So, could you change the show rules just to put the exception for Japan in there? **Mastin:** Thank you Hayata-san. **Hayata:** It was impossible. **DelaBar:** Hayata-san, I hope that they can get some cages. It's very difficult to get the Maine Coons out of the cage to judge. **Mastin:** Hayata-san, can you wait until Pam is done talking and then you can address her? **Hayata:** Yes, please. Sorry. **DelaBar:** When we are dealing in taking Maine Coons in particular, which you do not have bonsai-size Maine Coons over there, the Maine Coons, getting them out with a cage door that acts like a guillotine, it is very difficult for any breed, especially if the cat might be a little resistant to get out of the cage. So, it's not only a problem for the cat, because we don't want to hurt the cats taking them in and out of the cages, it's also a bit of a safety issue for a judge when you're dealing with a possibly recalcitrant cat. So please, please, get your clubs to get those cages changed. **Hayata:** We are trying to ask the Chinese company to make a bigger size, but still we're looking for. Thank you very much. **Huhtaniemi:** This is a question for the judges. Do we still have cages where the door is sliding up and down? **DelaBar:** That's what we're talking about. **Huhtaniemi:** So, it's a problem in Japan, OK. I was kind of hoping we could remove that. **DelaBar:** But, we have them in Spain as well. **Mastin:** Any objections to this motion? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

12. Add rule governing power outages and other unsafe situations.

Article XVI – Responsibilities of Show Management/Show Producing Organizations, add new 16.04, renumber current 16.04-16.06		CFA Board	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
<p>16.03 The show management will take all reasonable care of cats, kittens, carriers and other personal property of the exhibitors, but it is expressly stipulated that neither the show management, nor any other club member, nor any show official, nor the club sponsoring or conducting the show shall be liable for any loss or damage to such property.</p> <p>16.04 When offered, it is the club’s responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provide a setting for feline agility. b. Provide a certified ringmaster (CRM). c. Provide a steward for the ring. d. Provide a table, paper towels and disinfectant. e. Provide lunch for the certified ringmaster. f. To complete the CRM evaluation sheet and send it to the designated person. <p>16.05 In the event a show is cancelled after licensing or after contracts have been signed for judges, the show management must immediately notify all judges under contract, the Regional Director and the Central Office. In the case of a show cancelled in the International Division, the club must also immediately notify the appropriate International Division Chair.</p> <p>16.06 In addition to the above, additional responsibilities of show management can be found in the following rules: Article I, 3.01-03, 3.06, 3.08-09, 3.13-14, Article IV, 5.01-04, 6.14, 6.24, 6.28-29, 6.35, 7.05-20, Article VIII, 9.01-04, 9.09, 9.14, 10.04, 10.10-13, 10.20, 10.26, 10.28, 11.03, 11.27-32, 11.35-37, 12.05, 13.11, 35.05, 35.09, and 35.11.</p>	<p>16.03 The show management will take all reasonable care of cats, kittens, carriers and other personal property of the exhibitors, but it is expressly stipulated that neither the show management, nor any other club member, nor any show official, nor the club sponsoring or conducting the show shall be liable for any loss or damage to such property.</p> <p>16.04 <u>The welfare of cats, exhibitors, judges, vendors, and spectators is of paramount importance. In the event of a hazardous situation, such as a power outage, show management shall order the show to be paused until the situation is rectified, e.g., for example, power is restored. If the situation cannot be rectified, the show shall be cancelled. In the event of a power outage, judging with flashlights or moving the judging rings to an adjoining room with natural light does not constitute rectification of the situation if individuals and cats would still be required to travel through dark spaces to reach those rings.</u></p> <p>16.0405 When offered, it is the club’s responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provide a setting for feline agility. b. Provide a certified ringmaster (CRM). c. Provide a steward for the ring. d. Provide a table, paper towels and disinfectant. e. Provide lunch for the certified ringmaster. f. To complete the CRM evaluation sheet and send it to the designated person. 		

	<p>16.0506 In the event a show is cancelled after licensing or after contracts have been signed for judges, the show management must immediately notify all judges under contract, the Regional Director and the Central Office. In the case of a show cancelled in the International Division, the club must also immediately notify the appropriate International Division Chair.</p> <p>16.0607 In addition to the above, additional responsibilities of show management can be found in the following rules: Article I, 3.01-03, 3.06, 3.08-09, 3.13-14, Article IV, 5.01-04, 6.14, 6.24, 6.28-29, 6.35, 7.05-20, Article VIII, 9.01-04, 9.09, 9.14, 10.04, 10.10-13, 10.20, 10.26, 10.28, 11.03, 11.27-32, 11.35-37, 12.05, 13.11, 35.05, 35.09, and 35.11.</p>
<p>RATIONALE: Clarify that show management should pause, or even cancel, a show when a hazardous situation arises. This is necessary not only to protect the safety of the cats and people involved but to protect the club and show management from unnecessary liability.</p>	

Mastin: Ed, #11. **Raymond:** Actually, #12. **Mastin:** That was #11, sorry. #12.

Raymond: #12, add a show rule governing power outages and other unsafe situations, to Article XVI of the Show Rules and rennumbers the remainders. It's going in as 16.04. **Calhoun:** So, we're on the one with the power outage, correct? **Raymond:** Correct. **Calhoun:** OK. So, we talked about this and I know it was under consideration. I think it might be on page whatever it is, it says, *such as a power outage, show management shall order the show to be paused until the situation is rectified, e.g., power is restored.* Could we just say "such as" or "as an example," so people won't think that that's the only thing. **Raymond:** That's what e.g. stands for. **Calhoun:** I know that's what e.g. stands for. Actually, e.g. stands for, "for the sake of example", but to make it simple, could you just say the same thing you said, "such as power outages", "such as power is restored"? Or, "for example". **Raymond:** I can change e.g. to "for example" if that makes you happier. **Calhoun:** Yes. **Raymond:** Sure. **Calhoun:** When we get this all translated in to Chinese, that would be helpful. **Raymond:** Alright. **Mastin:** Who has the second on this? I know Carol has a standing motion on all these. **Anger:** Kenny has the second. **Mastin:** Carol and Kenny, are you in agreement with changing e.g. to for example? **Currle:** Absolutely. **Mastin:** OK great, that saves some time. Any other questions or comments on this? Any objections? OK, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

13. *Harmonize the language of the rules governing judging fees paid to Approval Pending and Apprentice judges and clarify the judging fee to be paid to Associate Judges.*

Article XX – Responsibilities of Show Treasurer – Show Fee Payments, amend 20.03b and 20.03c	CFA Judging Program Committee/Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
<p>20.03 b. Approval Pending judges will receive \$0.80 cents per scheduled entry with no minimum.</p> <p>20.03 c. Apprentice judges will receive \$0.50 cents per scheduled paid entry with no minimum.</p>	<p>20.03 b. Approval Pending judges will receive \$0.80 cents per scheduled <u>paid</u> entry with no minimum.</p> <p>20.03 c. Apprentice judges <u>and Associate judges</u> will receive \$0.50 cents per scheduled paid entry with no minimum.</p>	
<p>RATIONALE: The show rules do not currently mention the judging fee to be paid to Associate judges. This change clarifies that they are to be paid the same rate as Apprentice judges. The other changes are housekeeping changes.</p>		

Mastin: #13. **Raymond:** #13, coming from the Judging Program Committee, we’re going to harmonize the language of the rules governing the judging fees paid to Approval Pending and Apprentice judges, and clarify the fee paid to Associate Judges, since the fee paid for Associate Judges was never mentioned in the Show Rules. **Mastin:** Any questions? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

14. *Allow transfers to Grand Champion or Grand Premier to be submitted up to 30 minutes before the scheduled start of judging on the second day of a two-day show.*

Article XXVIII – Obtaining Titles -- Grands, amend 28.06	Kenny Currle	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording
<p>28.06 Cats completing the requirements for Grand Championship or Grand Premiership by the close of the first day of a two day show will then be eligible for competition as a Grand Champion or Grand Premier on the second day of the show, including those cats competing with a temporary registration number. All such transfers must be made to the master clerk on a catalog correction form at the end of the first day’s judging. If the</p>	<p>28.06 Cats completing the requirements for Grand Championship or Grand Premiership by the close of the first day of a two day show will then be eligible for competition as a Grand Champion or Grand Premier on the second day of the show, including those cats competing with a temporary registration number. All such transfers must be made to the master clerk on a catalog correction form <u>at the end of the first day’s judging no later</u></p>	

transfer is from Open to Grand the owner/agent must also have filed, either online or with the master clerk, a completed Championship or Premiership claim form and fee before the end of the first day. Claims filed with the master clerk must be accompanied by the appropriate fee. Prior to the start of judging on the second day of the show, the master clerk will report all Grand Championship and Grand Premiership transfers to each ring clerk who will notify the officiating judge of changes.

The master clerk will record all transfers filed by the end of the first day of the show on an absentee/transfer sheet designed for this purpose. Transferring a cat from Open or Champion to Grand in either the Championship or Premiership class is at the option of the exhibitor.

The Central Office will automatically confirm cats that have completed requirements for Grand Championship or Grand Premiership. Certificate of confirmation will be mailed as soon as possible after show records are received and wins have been recorded with the exception of those cats competing with a temporary registration number. In that case, the Certificate of confirmation will only be mailed after the cat has received a permanent registration number.

If confirmation of Grand Championship/Grand Premiership is not received, owners should contact the Central Office by phone via the number listed at the front of this booklet prior to competition in any subsequent show, to confirm that their cat(s) has completed the requirements for Grand.

A cat may also begin to compete on the second day of a two day show, without having the title of Grand Championship or Grand Premiership confirmed by the Central Office if the owner/agent completes a correction slip and transfer with the master clerk at the end of the first day of a two day show.

than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of judging on the second day. If the transfer is from Open to Grand the owner/agent must also have filed, either online or with the master clerk, a completed Championship or Premiership claim form and fee ~~before the end of the first day~~ no later than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of judging on the second day. Claims filed with the master clerk must be accompanied by the appropriate fee. Prior to the start of judging on the second day of the show, the master clerk will report all Grand Championship and Grand Premiership transfers to each ring clerk who will notify the officiating judge of changes.

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minutes prior to the scheduled start of judging on the second day.

RATIONALE: Currently, if a cat completes the requirements for Grand Champion or Grand Premier on the first day of a two-day show, the cat may compete as a Grand on the second day if a transfer form is filed with the master clerk by the end of the first day of the show. But if that cat grands on the first day of two one-days shows held at the same location, the owner has until the end of check-in for the second show to notify the entry clerk that the cat is now a grand. This change will allow grand status to be claimed on the same timeline regardless of the format of the shows.

Mastin: #14. **Raymond:** #14, Kenny I've got your name on this because it came from a situation that I understand just happened at the Daytona show, where a two-day show, somebody graded the first day but didn't get the information to the master clerk until Sunday morning. The show rule requires it to be to the master clerk by Saturday night. Had this been the second day of 2 one-day shows, you only have to get it during check-in on Sunday morning. So, what this change is proposing is that that information that a cat is graded now must be to the master clerk 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the second day of a two-day show, so it would be treated the same way as if there were 2 one-day shows. **Mastin:** Any questions? Any objections. You have an objection? Do you want to comment on it then? **Noble:** I'll comment. **Mastin:** Please do. **Noble:** As a master clerk, that second day, that morning everything is changing over and the master clerk is out and about getting things set up in the rings. By the time I get back over and get sat down, the show is already being scheduled, so getting it to me 30 minutes before the start of the show, it just doesn't work. I can't notify the rings appropriately. I've already got the form filled out the night before of all the ones that have come to me before the end of the show, and I would rather see it stay that way. **Currle:** I understand what she's saying but also we have a commitment to our customers. They can't always find the master clerk by the end of the day. Both of them said they had left notes on the table. Now this rule would require them to actually see them in the morning before the show. To me, it's something that we can provide these people. It took away an advantage. They had to be shown as champions and/or premiers the next day. It took away an opportunity from other people to get the recognition, so this is why we brought it up. We'll just vote on it and see how it happens. **Mastin:** There's more to this story than just what you heard. I was at that show, as well. I was involved in the discussion right from the beginning. I was asked if they can accept the two cats that graded the day before. I advised the show manager, "I cannot tell you to go against the show rules." That ended the discussion. They followed the show rule. So, with that, Kenny and I had a discussion further and one of the exhibitors claims that they provided the change on the table the night before. Both of them actually claimed it was there. One said they couldn't remember. The master clerk said neither one was on the table, so maybe they were on the floor. Kenny and I further discussed the situation that Ed shared earlier on a 6x6. Right now, if you're a master clerk on a 6x6, you accept those by the start of the show, which is 9 a.m. on Sunday. So, there's a concern here, as Kenny says, with customer service. We've got two different show rules out there that are not very clear. Had that been a 6x6, it would have been OK but because it was a 10 ring show, it's not OK. Well, that's an inconsistency within your policies that's not good for your customers, from a customer service aspect. So, I'll call for the vote. If you're objecting, I'm fine with calling for the vote, but I understand your concern. **Calhoun:** So, is it out of order to say, if you have a change that you need to get to the master clerk before the start of the show the next day that the exhibitor send the master clerk an email, so you don't have to worry about the paper on the floor? I don't

know. **Mastin:** Let me further – and then I’m going to call on Cathy and then Mike, and I may have to call on Ed – I had somebody come up to me and said, “we’ve got master clerks that are already doing this. Others are accepting it.” So, we’ve got some who are not and some who are. That further complicates it. So, that’s kind of an issue. **Dunham:** I disagree with your comment that 10 ring shows are the same as a 6x6, because a 10 ring show is not complete until the end of the second day. A 6x6, each show is done at the end of its day and calculated and scored and the master clerk is done with it. So, if a cat grands the first day of a 6x6, they are truly checking in for the second day of a 6x6, so that’s true, they can just say, “I am a grand champion” or “I am a grand premier” when they check in, but in a 10 ring show you don’t. You have to declare that before you open the day of the second 5 rings. So, I don’t see that there is a problem with that policy for a 10 ring show versus a 6 ring show. Now, I understand what happened in Daytona, but the exhibitors all know that they have to make sure the master clerk knows that. Is it a discrepancy that some master clerks take them? Yes, it is. That’s an educational issue that should be addressed through the Clerking Program with master clerks. **Shelton:** Unless I’m mistaken, going to your question about emails, the show rules require that a catalog correction form be filled out. So no, it cannot be done by email. **Mastin:** I don’t know who brought the question up. **Calhoun:** I did. **Shelton:** I knew somebody did. **Noble:** To expound on what Cathy said, the major difference between that 6x6 and a 10 ring back to back is the fact that they don’t have to fill out that catalog correction form for the 6x6. She just said, when they check in for the second day, they just tell at check in, cat number so-and-so is now a grand champion or a grand premier. That’s all they have to do. So, the master clerk is not responsible for notifying each of the rings so that when the judge walks in, that paperwork is there saying that this cat is now a grand. That’s not our responsibility, that falls at check-in. So, that’s why I object to having it for all of them, because again it’s the master clerk’s responsibility to have that information to the judge laying on the judge’s table when they walk in to see that there are cats that granded and are now granded today. I can’t do that if I don’t get the information until the day of the show. **Calhoun:** So, has this been a reoccurring issue, or are we suggesting changing the show rules because of an instance? **Currle:** No.

DelaBar: There was a problem with our International Show. We had the OCP ring on Friday and I don’t know how many you had, but I had at least two cats in my ring after I got done judging the breed or the division, hung the ribbons, the paperwork is in, sent to the master clerk, and the people came up, “but my cat is a grand.” Well, I’m sorry, ESP is not in my job description. **Calhoun:** It was probably the same cat that did it to me. **DelaBar:** Probably. Probably, because we were doing the same – no, the white show. I had a bi-color, one I can remember. Anyway, this happened. We need to formalize how we are going to do this, especially if we’ve got OCP rings on one day and the show is on the next, people need to be educated that it’s not automatic. It’s not something that goes through a semi-permeable structure and ends up on the paper that the individual exhibitor is responsible for transferring their cat on a transfer sheet and notifying the rings and asking the clerk, “is my cat a grand?” Because we went through and checked. In fact, I kept the transfer sheets just to show that this cat was not a grand, and it was judged as a champion.

Colilla: I just have a question. Do they check in Friday for the Friday show, and then check in Saturday for the Saturday/Sunday show? **Raymond:** They did not. They checked in at the same time. **Colilla:** Then we need to change the procedure then in the future. **Raymond:** Individuals, just like any show, they were left to decide for themselves whether they granded.

We were not scoring grand points programmatically on Friday. **Colilla:** But I think we need to change it, to go through the OCP ring check-in Friday, and then the other one come and check in Saturday – two separate check-in sheets. **Mastin:** We can't do that. **Raymond:** There's not enough time. **Noble:** I know I heard conversation that that's what some people thought had happened and I said, "so you're telling me that it wasn't considered part of the show, it was a separate deal?" "No, no, it's part of the show." I said, "if it's part of the show, any of those cats that showed on Friday that granded should be a transfer to grand on Saturday. As the scorer, I need to know that because we don't change the champion count number, OK? When you have a cat that comes into a show as a champion and they grand overnight and change to grand the next day, you still don't change that champion count. Whatever that champion count was at the beginning of the show stays. I'm not sure that that happened. **Calhoun:** The grands, they were taken out of the champion count or the premier count. That's what I have been told. **Tartaglia:** Are we talking about the International? **Newkirk:** This is something different. Different circumstances. **Raymond:** The International Show is kind of sui generis just by itself. **Krzanowski:** I think we're straying off the subject. I don't think we can use the International Show as an example. The cats in the OCP ring at the International Show had a different catalog number than they did in the normal white and gold show. So, technically they did have to tell the master clerk that morning of the Saturday show that they had transferred to grand. This was a very unique situation. With different catalog numbers, it got a little confusing. **Mastin:** Carol, are they supposed to tell the morning before the show starts, or the day before? **Krzanowski:** That I don't know either. **Mastin:** That's part of what the issue is with the show rule. **Krzanowski:** Friday afternoon at the end of the OCP rings, I think it was, is the master clerk even there at that point. **Raymond:** But you have two different sets of numbers. **Krzanowski:** It got confusing for people, so I don't think we can use that show as an example. **Raymond:** No, and we will probably do things differently as we think about next year.

Mastin: Let's get back to this specific motion. I'm going to call for the vote on it. If you're in favor of the motion, raise your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun, Colilla, Dunham, Moser, Noble and Shelton voting no.

Mastin: Rachel, Pam DelaBar, Darrell Newkirk, Marilee, Carol, Kenny, Anne, Pauli, Russell, Yukiko Hayata. If you are opposed raise your hand. Cathy Dunham, Pam Moser, Paula, Mike, John, Kathy Calhoun. If you're an abstention, raise your hand. No abstentions. **Anger:** That was 10 yes votes, 6 no votes, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** The motion passes. [**Wong** leaves the meeting.]

Housekeeping Changes

15. *Change the reference to Youth Feline Education Program to reflect its new name. Correct alphabetization of show rules in Article II.*

Article II – Definitions, amend 2.38	Central Office	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording

2.38 The YOUTH FELINE EDUCATION PROGRAM is a program recognized by CFA which is set forth in the CFA Youth Feline Education Guidelines.	2.38 The YOUTH FELINE EDUCATION PROGRAM <u>JUNIOR FANCIERS</u> is a program recognized by CFA which is set forth in the CFA Youth Feline Education <u>Junior Fanciers</u> Guidelines.
RATIONALE: This amendment reflects the new name for this program.	

Mastin: #15. **Raymond:** Now we move into what I consider the housekeeping changes. #15 just changes the name of Youth Feline Education Program in the Definition section of the Show Rules to Junior Fanciers, since that's what it has been changed to. **Mastin:** Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

16. *Clarify the number of shows in which a cat or kitten can be entered or shown on a given weekend.*

Article VI – Entering the Show, amend 6.13c	Carol Krzanowski	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
<p>6.13 No cat or kitten shall compete in more than 1 two-day show or 2 one-day shows (total 12 rings maximum) within three calendar days of any previous benching. While the two one-day shows may be in separate locations, a cat can not show at a one day show on one day at one location and the first or second day of a two-day show at a different location. If a cat/kitten is scheduled to be judged on only one day of a two day show, it will be considered to be benched only on that day. Cats benched in violation of this rule will receive no credit for the awards/points achieved in the latter show</p>	<p>6.13 <u>a. There is no limit to the number of shows in which a cat or kitten may be entered on a given weekend.</u></p> <p><u>b. A</u> No-cat or kitten shall <u>may only</u> compete in more than 1 two-day show or 2 one-day shows (total 12 rings maximum) within three calendar days of any previous benching. While the <u>The</u> two one-day shows may be in separate locations.</p> <p><u>c. a</u> <u>A</u> cat or kitten can not <u>cannot</u> show compete at a one-day show on one day at one location and the first or second day of a two-day show at a different location <u>within three calendar days of any previous benching</u>. If a cat/kitten is scheduled to be judged on only one day of a two-day show, it will be considered to be benched only on that day. Cats benched in violation of this rule will receive no credit for the awards/points achieved in the latter show.</p>	
RATIONALE: Some exhibitors have been unclear as to the distinction between the number of shows they can enter on a weekend and the number of shows at which the same cat or kitten can be shown on a weekend. These changes clarify those issues.		

Raymond: #16 was requested by Carol. Show Rule 6.13, which is in the section on entering the show currently talks about the number of shows, the number of rings that a cat or kitten can compete in on a given weekend. We have broken it out and added some language to indicate there's no limit to the number of shows you can enter, but there are limits to the number of rings you can show in and the number of shows that you can show in. We did not change the substance of the rule. It still indicates that a cat or kitten can compete in only one 2-day show or two 1-day shows on the same weekend, and that the cat or kitten cannot compete at a 1-day show on one day and then try to go to the second day of a 2-day show on the second day of the weekend. **Krzanowski:** Basically, I had some questions from various exhibitors about is it legal to go to a 1-day show on a Saturday and then go to another 1-day show in a different location on Sunday. While the information is all there in the original rule, it's kind of all together in one paragraph, so I thought separating it out to what is allowed and what is not allowed will make it a little clearer, especially for some of our newer exhibitors who may not be familiar with our rules as much. **Newkirk:** My question is, if there are two 6x6's, can you go Saturday here and Sunday there? **Raymond:** Yes, because they are separate shows. **Mastin:** Any further questions? **Calhoun:** Would this be a show rule that – so in the case of the International Show where it's Friday, Saturday and Sunday, will we be needing an exception to this rule? **Mastin:** Can you say that a little bit louder, Kathy? **Calhoun:** OK. The International Show had OCP on Friday and then Saturday/Sunday. Would this be something that the International Show would have to get an exception to? **Raymond:** I think we would have to talk about it, because given that Friday is only limited to a certain subcategory cats, it's not part of the general – **Calhoun:** This is referring to what the cat can do. **Raymond:** Right. We would probably want to get an exception to it. **Krzanowski:** Also, for the International Show, we make a lot of different exceptions – the top 15's for championship, top 20's for kittens, so I think the board is able to make adjustments especially for the International Show as we have always done. **Calhoun:** I'm not saying that we wouldn't make the exception, but we need to remember to make the exception – come to the board and request an exception because it's not the Committee's call, it's the board's call. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

17. *Remove the indication that the entry clerk needs to review the pedigree submitted for a TRN.*

Article VI – Entering the Show, amend 6.16		Central Office	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
6.16	The temporary registration number (TRN) is obtained for the exhibitor from the CFA Central Office via the Entry Clerk. Temporary Registration numbers will be issued by the entry clerk upon receipt of the appropriate TRN fee (which is in addition to the club's entry fee), application form, and a four-	6.16	The temporary registration number (TRN) is obtained for the exhibitor from the CFA Central Office via the Entry Clerk. Temporary Registration numbers will be issued by the entry clerk upon receipt of the appropriate TRN fee (which is in addition to the club's entry fee), application form, and a four-

<p>generation pedigree (or whatever is required for registration of that breed if fewer than four generations are required, or a five generation pedigree if the cat/kitten is a Bengal) issued either by CFA or a cat registering body recognized by CFA, with all cats on the pedigree being acceptable for that breed per current registration requirements. This would include longhair Exotics shown as Persians (see rule 6.08). If both parents of the entry are registered with CFA, the CFA registration numbers of the parents are acceptable in place of a pedigree. The fee, application form, and pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable) must be provided to the entry clerk no later than the close of check-in for the show and these will be provided to Central Office in the show package. The Entry Clerk will not issue a TRN until they are in receipt of the application, fee, AND pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable). Upon review, which is done prior to the show being scored, the registration number will either remain valid for 60 days from the first day of the show, or be voided if CFA registration requirements are not met for the breed being registered. ...</p>	<p>generation pedigree (or whatever is required for registration of that breed if fewer than four generations are required, or a five generation pedigree if the cat/kitten is a Bengal) issued either by CFA or a cat registering body recognized by CFA, with all cats on the pedigree being acceptable for that breed per current registration requirements. This would include longhair Exotics shown as Persians (see rule 6.08). If both parents of the entry are registered with CFA, the CFA registration numbers of the parents are acceptable in place of a pedigree. The fee, application form, and pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable) must be provided to the entry clerk no later than the close of check-in for the show and these will be provided to Central Office in the show package. The Entry Clerk will not issue a TRN until they are in receipt of the application, fee, AND pedigree (or CFA registration numbers, if applicable). Upon review, which is done prior to the show being scored, The TRN registration number will either remain valid for 60 days from the first day of the show, or be voided if CFA registration requirements are not met for the breed being registered. ...</p>
<p>RATIONALE: The Entry Clerk is not expected to review the pedigree prior to issuing the TRN.</p>	

Raymond: #17 removes the indication that the entry clerk needs to review the pedigree submitted for a TRN. The entry clerk just needs to get the pedigree. **Mastin:** Any discussion? Any objections? Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

18. Clarify that entries in the Exhibition Only Class do not count toward the entry limit for a show.

Article VI – Entering the Show, amend 6.29a	Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
<p>6.29 a. No club shall accept more than 450 entries to be judged by any one judge over a full two-day period. For shows where the judge will not have a ring or the entries available for more than one day, no club shall accept more</p>	<p>6.29 a. No club shall accept more than 450 entries to be judged by any one judge over a full two-day period. For shows where the judge will not have a ring or the entries available for more than one day, no club shall accept more than</p>	

<p>than 225 entries. No allowance shall be made for absentees. All one-day Sunday shows MUST start at 9:00 a.m. or earlier if over 200 entries are entered. (Note that if separate shows are held for Non-Championship and Non-Premiership classes in order to comply with this rule, additional judging rings must be provided.)</p>	<p>225 entries. No allowance shall be made for absentees. <u>Since entries in the EXHIBITION ONLY class are not scheduled for handling by a judge (See 2.22 g), those entries do not count against the aforementioned entry limits.</u> All one-day Sunday shows MUST start at 9:00 a.m. or earlier if over 200 entries are entered. (Note that if separate shows are held for Non-Championship and Non-Premiership classes in order to comply with this rule, additional judging rings must be provided.)</p>
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RATIONALE: The entry limits are expressed in terms of entries to be handled by a judge. Since Exhibition Only entries are not scheduled for handling by a judge, they should not be counted against a show’s entry limits. This is not a change in policy, but simply a clarification.

Raymond: #18 clarifies that entries in the Exhibition Only class do not count toward the entry limit for the show. This popped up earlier in the year. I had a question from Mark Hannon about it. The show was declared closed and there weren’t – it wasn’t at the maximum number of cats to be judged because they counted the Exhibition Only cats in their 225. **Mastin:** Questions? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

19. *Amend show rule to reflect the Winn Foundation’s name change.*

Article VIII – Prizes, Ribbons and Trophies, amend 8.08	Kathy Calhoun	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording	
<p>8.08 In order to benefit the welfare of all cats, CFA clubs are encouraged to consider the possibility of giving award certificates representing a contribution by the club to the Winn Foundation or other research or humane organizations at their shows in lieu of other prizes or trophies.</p>	<p>8.08 In order to benefit the welfare of all cats, CFA clubs are encouraged to consider the possibility of giving award certificates representing a contribution by the club to the Winn Foundation <u>EveryCat Health Foundation</u> or other research or humane organizations at their shows in lieu of other prizes or trophies.</p>	
<p>RATIONALE: Housekeeping change to reflect the organization’s correct name.</p>		

Raymond: #19 just updates Show Rule 8.08 to reflect the Winn Foundation’s name change to EveryCat Health Foundation. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

20. Amend show rule to reflect awards for 4th & 5th AB/LH/SH Champion and 3rd AB/LH/SH Premier, if applicable.

Article VIII – Prizes, Ribbons and Trophies, amend 8.03		Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
<p>8.03 Permanent ribbon designations, ribbons (fabric or paper), or rosettes in the color designated MUST be given for the awards listed below. If more than one type of memorial is listed, any one of the choices may be given.</p>		<p>8.03 Permanent ribbon designations, ribbons (fabric or paper), or rosettes in the color designated MUST be given for the awards listed below. If more than one type of memorial is listed, any one of the choices may be given.</p>	
First Place	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Dark Blue	
Second Place	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Red	
Third Place	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Yellow	
Best of Color Class	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Black	
2nd Best of Color Class	Perm/ribbon/rosette	White	
Best of Breed/Division	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Brown	
2nd Best of Breed/Division	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Orange	
Best Champ/Prem of Breed/Div	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Purple	
Household Pet Merit Award	Ribbon/rosette	Red & White OR Green	
Veteran Merit Award	Ribbon/rosette	Silver or Gray	
Best, 2nd, 3rd AB Champ	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	
Best, 2nd, 3rd LH Champ	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	
Best, 2nd, 3rd SH Champ	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	
Best & 2nd AB Premier	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	
Best & 2nd LH Premier	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	
Best & 2nd SH Premier	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	
Best-10th Best Cat	Rosette/award	Any Color	
11th-15th Best Cat (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color	
Best-10th Best Kitten	Rosette/award	Any Color	
11th-15th Best Kitten (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color	
Best-10th Best Premiership	Rosette/award	Any Color	
11th-15th Best Premiership (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color	
Best-10th Best HHP	Rosette/award	Any Color	
11th-15th Best HHP (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color	
Best-5th Best Veteran	Rosette/award	Any Color	
6th-10th Best Veterans (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color	
Best-5th Best Agility (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color	
First Place	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Dark Blue	
Second Place	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Red	
Third Place	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Yellow	
Best of Color Class	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Black	
2nd Best of Color Class	Perm/ribbon/rosette	White	
Best of Breed/Division	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Brown	
2nd Best of Breed/Division	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Orange	
Best Champ/Prem of Breed/Div	Perm/ribbon/rosette	Purple	
Household Pet Merit Award	Ribbon/rosette	Red & White OR Green	
Veteran Merit Award	Ribbon/rosette	Silver or Gray	
Best, 2nd, 3rd AB Champ	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	
4 th & 5 th AB Champ (if appl)	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	
Best, 2nd, 3rd LH Champ	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	
4 th & 5 th LH Champ (if appl)	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	
Best, 2nd, 3rd SH Champ	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	
4 th & 5 th SH Champ (if appl)	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	
Best & 2nd AB Premier	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	
3rd AB Premier (if appl)	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	
Best & 2nd LH Premier	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	
3rd LH Premier (if appl)	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	
Best & 2nd SH Premier	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	
3rd SH Premier (if appl)	Ribbon/rosette/award	Any Color	
Best-10th Best Cat	Rosette/award	Any Color	
11th-15th Best Cat (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color	
Best-10th Best Kitten	Rosette/award	Any Color	
11th-15th Best Kitten (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color	
Best-10th Best Premiership	Rosette/award	Any Color	
11th-15th Best Premiership (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color	
Best-10th Best HHP	Rosette/award	Any Color	
11th-15th Best HHP (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color	
Best-5th Best Veteran	Rosette/award	Any Color	
6th-10th Best Veterans (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color	
Best-5th Best Agility (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color	

RATIONALE: Rules 11.28 and 11.29 were previously updated to provide for additional Champion and Premier awards if certain entry thresholds were met. This housekeeping change brings the list of ribbons/rosettes/awards into harmony.

Raymond: Rule 20 amends the Show Rule 8.03 to reflect the awards for 4th and 5th best allbreed, longhair and shorthair champion, and 3rd allbreed, longhair and shorthair premier, where applicable. The board changed the rules last year with regard to those awards but we didn't change the list of ribbons. **Mastin:** Questions? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

21. Amend show rule to reflect awards for 4th & 5th AB/LH/SH Champion and 3rd AB/LH/SH Premier, if applicable.

Article XI – During the Show – Judging and Awards, amend 11.30		Show Rules Committee				
Existing Wording			Proposed Wording			
11.30 The following awards will be made by the judge subject to the provisions of rule 11.26.			11.30 The following awards will be made by the judge subject to the provisions of rule 11.26.			
			LH or SH Best of Color/Breed			
a. CHAMPIONSHIP WINS	Allbreed	Specialty	the Bests	Specialty		
Best–5th Best Cat	X	X	X	X		
6th–10th Best Cat	X	X		X		
11th–15th Best Cat	X*	X*		X*		
Best, 2nd, 3rd*** Champion	X	X		X		
Best, 2nd, 3rd*** LH Champion	X					
Best, 2nd, 3rd*** SH Champion	X					
Best of Division	X	X			1	
2nd Best of Division	X	X			2	
Best of Breed**	X	X			1	
2nd Best of Breed**	X	X			2	
Best of Breed/Division Champion	X	X			3	
Best & 2nd Best of Color Class	X	X			X	
First-Third	X	X			X	
AOV	4	4			4	
Provisional Breed	5	5			5	
Miscellaneous Breed	6	6			6	
			LH or SH Best of Color/Breed			
b. PREMIERSHIP WINS	Allbreed	Specialty	the Bests	Specialty		
Best–5th Best Cat	X	X	X	X		
6th–10th Best Cat	X	X		X		
11th–15th Best Cat	X*	X*		X*		
Best & 2nd Best Premier	X	X		X		
Best & 2nd Best LH Premier	X					
Best & 2nd Best SH Premier	X					
Best of Division	X	X			1	
2nd Best of Division	X	X			2	
Best of Breed**	X	X			1	
2nd Best of Breed**	X	X			2	
Best of Breed/Division Premier	X	X			3	
Best & 2nd Best of Color Class	X	X			X	
First-Third	X	X			X	
AOV	4	4			4	
Provisional Breed	5	5			5	
Miscellaneous Breed	6	6			6	
			LH or SH Best of Color/Breed			
c. KITTEN WINS	Allbreed	Specialty	the Bests	Specialty		
Best–5th Best Cat	X	X	X	X		
6th–10th Best Cat	X	X		X		
11th–15th Best Cat	X*	X*		X*		
Best of Division	X	X			1	
2nd Best of Division	X	X			2	
Best of Breed**	X	X			1	
2nd Best of Breed**	X	X			2	
Best & 2nd Best of Color Class	X	X			X	
First-Third	X	X			X	
AOV	4	4			4	
Provisional Breed	5	5			5	
Miscellaneous Breed	6	6			6	
			LH or SH Best of Color/Breed			
a. CHAMPIONSHIP WINS	Allbreed	Specialty	the Bests	Specialty		
Best–5th Best Cat	X	X	X	X		
6th–10th Best Cat	X	X		X		
11th–15th Best Cat	X*	X*		X*		
Best, 2nd, 3rd*** Champion	X	X		X		
4 th & 5th Champion	X*	X*				
Best, 2nd, 3rd*** LH Champion	X					
4 th & 5th LH Champion	X*	X*				
Best, 2nd, 3rd*** SH Champion	X					
4 th & 5th SH Champion	X*	X*				
Best of Division	X	X			1	
2nd Best of Division	X	X			2	
Best of Breed**	X	X			1	
2nd Best of Breed**	X	X			2	
Best of Breed/Division Champion	X	X			3	
Best & 2nd Best of Color Class	X	X			X	
First-Third	X	X			X	
AOV	4	4			4	
Provisional Breed	5	5			5	
Miscellaneous Breed	6	6			6	
			LH or SH Best of Color/Breed			
b. PREMIERSHIP WINS	Allbreed	Specialty	the Bests	Specialty		
Best–5th Best Cat	X	X	X	X		
6th–10th Best Cat	X	X		X		
11th–15th Best Cat	X*	X*		X*		
Best & 2nd Best Premier	X	X		X		
3rd Best Premier	X*	X*				X*
Best & 2nd Best LH Premier	X					
3rd Best LH Premier	X*					
Best & 2nd Best SH Premier	X					
3rd Best SH Premier	X*					*
Best of Division	X	X			1	
2nd Best of Division	X	X			2	
Best of Breed**	X	X			1	
2nd Best of Breed**	X	X			2	
Best of Breed/Division Premier	X	X			3	
Best & 2nd Best of Color Class	X	X			X	
First-Third	X	X			X	
AOV	4	4			4	
Provisional Breed	5	5			5	
Miscellaneous Breed	6	6			6	
			LH or SH Best of Color/Breed			
c. KITTEN WINS	Allbreed	Specialty	the Bests	Specialty		
Best–5th Best Cat	X	X	X	X		
6th–10th Best Cat	X	X		X		
11th–15th Best Cat	X*	X*		X*		
Best of Division	X	X			1	
2nd Best of Division	X	X			2	
Best of Breed**	X	X			1	
2nd Best of Breed**	X	X			2	
Best & 2nd Best of Color Class	X	X			X	
First-Third	X	X			X	
AOV	4	4			4	
Provisional Breed	5	5			5	
Miscellaneous Breed	6	6			6	
			LH or SH Best of Color/Breed			
c. KITTEN WINS	Allbreed	Specialty	the Bests	Specialty		
Best–5th Best Cat	X	X	X	X		
6th–10th Best Cat	X	X		X		
11th–15th Best Cat	X*	X*		X*		
Best of Division	X	X			1	
2nd Best of Division	X	X			2	
Best of Breed**	X	X			1	
2nd Best of Breed**	X	X			2	

d. VETERAN WINS	Allbreed	LH or SH Best of Color/Breed Specialty the Bests Specialty			Best & 2nd Best of Color Class	X	X	X	
Best-5th Best Cat	X	X	X	X	First-Third	X	X	X	
6th-10th Best Cat	X*	X*	X*	X*	AOV	4	4	4	
					Provisional Breed	5	5	5	
					Miscellaneous Breed	6	6	6	
*Where applicable					LH or SH Best of Color/Breed Specialty the Bests Specialty				
**For breeds not divided into Divisions.					d. VETERAN WINS	Allbreed			
***No 3rd Best Champion, 3rd Best LH Champion or 3rd Best SH Champion awards in Color/Breed Specialty rings.					Best-5th Best Cat	X	X	X	
					6th-10th Best Cat	X*	X*	X*	
					*Where applicable				
					**For breeds not divided into Divisions.				
					***No 3rd Best Champion, 3rd Best LH Champion or 3rd Best SH Champion awards in Color/Breed Specialty rings.				
NOTES:					NOTES:				
1) Same as Best Cat.					1) Same as Best Cat.				
2) Same as 2nd Best Cat.					2) Same as 2nd Best Cat.				
3) Same as Best Champion or Best Premier.					3) Same as Best Champion or Best Premier.				
4) AOVs compete only within their breed for First, Second, Third (separately by sex), Best of Color Class, and 2nd Best of Color Class, One Color Class per category (i.e., K, C or P), per breed.					4) AOVs compete only within their breed for First, Second, Third (separately by sex), Best of Color Class, and 2nd Best of Color Class, One Color Class per category (i.e., K, C or P), per breed.				
5) Provisional Breeds compete only within their breed for First, Second, Third (separately by sex), Best of Color Class, and 2nd Best of Color Class, One Color Class per category (i.e., K, C or P), per breed. In cases where a club has opted to give out Best, 2nd Best, and 3rd Best of Breed awards to Provisional cats, each ring will provide such award, one per breed with all cats in the three categories competing.					5) Provisional Breeds compete only within their breed for First, Second, Third (separately by sex), Best of Color Class, and 2nd Best of Color Class, One Color Class per category (i.e., K, C or P), per breed. In cases where a club has opted to give out Best, 2nd Best, and 3rd Best of Breed awards to Provisional cats, each ring will provide such award, one per breed with all cats in the three categories competing.				
6) Cats entered in the Miscellaneous (noncompetitive) Class shall receive no awards unless the club has opted to provide best, 2nd best, and 3rd best of breed awards. In that case, all of the Miscellaneous cats will compete for these awards in each ring by breed, with all competitive categories (kittens/ whole cats/ alters) combined.					6) Cats entered in the Miscellaneous (noncompetitive) Class shall receive no awards unless the club has opted to provide best, 2nd best, and 3rd best of breed awards. In that case, all of the Miscellaneous cats will compete for these awards in each ring by breed, with all competitive categories (kittens/ whole cats/ alters) combined.				
RATIONALE: Rules 11.28 and 11.29 were previously updated to provide for additional Champion and Premier awards if certain entry thresholds were met. This housekeeping change brings the list of awards to be made into harmony.									

Raymond: The next one is an amendment to Show Rule 11.30 doing the same thing. There is a different chart in the Show Rules that indicates what ribbons will be awarded and when. We're just reflecting the additional champion and premier placements. **Mastin:** Questions? Objections? The motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

22. Update rule to reflect scoring calculations where 4th and 5th Best Champion or 3rd Best Premier are awarded.

Article XXVIII – Obtaining Titles -- Grands, amend 28.02c, e, g		Show Rules Committee	
Existing Wording		Proposed Wording	
<p>28.02 c. Second Best Champion or Premier will receive 90% of the points received by the Best Champion or Premier. Third Best Champion will receive 80% of the points received by the Best Champion.</p> <p>d. Best Longhair Champion and Best Shorthair Champion in Allbreed Rings will receive one point for every Open/Champ ion defeated in that specialty in accordance with the method for calculating champions present described in 28.02a.</p> <p>e. The Second Best Longhair Champion and Second Best Shorthair Champion in Allbreed Rings will receive 90% of the points received by the Best Longhair or Best Shorthair Champion. The Third Best Longhair Champion and Third Best Shorthair Champion in Allbreed Rings will receive 80% of the points received by the Best Longhair or Best Shorthair Champion.</p> <p>f. Best Longhair Premier and Best Shorthair Premier in Allbreed Rings will receive one point for every Premier defeated in that specialty in accordance with the method for calculating premiers present described in 28.02a.</p> <p>g. The Second Best Longhair Premier and Second Best Shorthair Premier in Allbreed Rings will receive 90% of the points received by the Best Longhair or Best Shorthair Premier.</p>		<p>28.02 c. Second Best Champion or Premier will receive 90% of the points received by the Best Champion or Premier. Third Best Champion will receive 80% of the points received by the Best Champion. <u>When awarded pursuant to 11.28, the Third Best Premier will receive 80% of the points received by the Best Premier. When awarded pursuant to 11.28, the Fourth Best Champion will receive 70% of the points received by the Best Champion and the Fifth Best Champion will receive 60% of the points received by the Best Champion.</u></p> <p>d. Best Longhair Champion and Best Shorthair Champion in Allbreed Rings will receive one point for every Open/Champ ion defeated in that specialty in accordance with the method for calculating champions present described in 28.02a.</p> <p>e. The Second Best Longhair Champion and Second Best Shorthair Champion in Allbreed Rings will receive 90% of the points received by the Best Longhair or Best Shorthair Champion. The Third Best Longhair Champion and Third Best Shorthair Champion in Allbreed Rings will receive 80% of the points received by the Best Longhair or Best Shorthair Champion. <u>When awarded pursuant to 11.28, the Fourth Best Longhair Champion and Fourth Best Shorthair Champion in Allbreed Rings will receive 70% of the points received by the Best Longhair Champion or Best Shorthair Champion and the Fifth Best Longhair Champion and Fifth Best Shorthair Champion in Allbreed Rings will receive 60% of the points received by the Best Longhair Champion or Best Shorthair Champion.</u></p> <p>f. Best Longhair Premier and Best Shorthair Premier in Allbreed Rings will receive one point for every Premier defeated in that</p>	

	<p>specialty in accordance with the method for calculating premiers present described in 28.02a.</p> <p>g. The Second Best Longhair Premier and Second Best Shorthair Premier in Allbreed Rings will receive 90% of the points received by the Best Longhair or Best Shorthair Premier. <u>When awarded pursuant to 11.28, the Third Best Longhair Premier and Third Best Shorthair Premier in Allbreed Rings will receive 80% of the points received by the Best Longhair Premier or Best Shorthair Premier.</u></p>
<p>RATIONALE: The Show Rules for the 2023-2024 season provide for the awarding a Fourth and Fifth Best Champion and 3rd Best Premier award when an entry threshold is met in the respective class. This is a housekeeping change to spell out the grand point calculations for those placements.</p>	

Raymond: #22 updates Show Rules 28.02.c., e. and g. We very nicely added those extra placements last year. Now we’re telling people how to calculate the points for them. I figured they would like their points. If they are getting a ribbon, they want points. **Mastin:** Questions? Objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

23. *Correct spelling of Philippines.*

Article XXXVI – National/ Regional/Divisional Awards Program, amend International Division Awards	CFA Board (Pam DelaBar)	
	Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	<p><i>International Division Definition:</i> for the purposes of season end awards, the International Division is divided into the following geographical areas based on quarantine requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hong Kong • Indonesia • South Korea • Israel • Malaysia/Brunei • Phillippines • Singapore • South or Central America, including the Caribbean nations; • Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand • Taiwan 	<p><i>International Division Definition:</i> for the purposes of season end awards, the International Division is divided into the following geographical areas based on quarantine requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hong Kong • Indonesia • South Korea • Israel • Malaysia/Brunei • Phillippines <u>Philippines</u> • Singapore • South or Central America, including the Caribbean nations; • Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand • Taiwan

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vietnam • Africa and western Asia (including the middle east (minus Israel), Turkey, Iran, India, Maldives, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, etc.) <p>Three areas in China defined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East China - (the provinces/cities of Fujian, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Zhejiang, Anhui, Shandong, and Shanghai) • North China - (the provinces/cities of Inner Mongolia, Hebei, Shanxi, Tianjin, Beijing, Liaoning, Jilin, and Heilongjiang) • West China - (all of China not already covered by the provinces/cities listed for either East China or North China). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vietnam • Africa and western Asia (including the middle east (minus Israel), Turkey, Iran, India, Maldives, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, etc.) <p>Three areas in China defined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East China - (the provinces/cities of Fujian, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Zhejiang, Anhui, Shandong, and Shanghai) • North China - (the provinces/cities of Inner Mongolia, Hebei, Shanxi, Tianjin, Beijing, Liaoning, Jilin, and Heilongjiang) • West China - (all of China not already covered by the provinces/cities listed for either East China or North China).
<p>RATIONALE: Housekeeping change to correct the spelling of Philippines.</p>	

Raymond: We’re getting there. Last but not least, correcting the spelling of Philippines in Article XXXVI – National/Regional/Divisional Awards. **Mastin:** Questions? Objections? The motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Other Requests:

Please review the 2023-2024 Show Rule Addendum found at <https://cfa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/23-24show-rules-addendum.pdf> Please let the Committee Chair know by November 15, 2023 if you wish to have an item on the addendum brought back, either as is or modified, to be considered for extension through the 2024-2025 Show Season.

Raymond: That is all of the action items to be voted on today, but I did include a request; that is, please take a look at the Addendum sheet for the Show Rules that is currently out on the website. I have provided you with the link here. Let me know which ones, if any, you want brought back to be voted on to be extended. If you don’t vote to extend them, they expire. So, any special exceptions that you want to be carried forward for next season, please let me know. If you could let me know by – I asked for November 15th so I would have time to prepare them for the December board meeting. **Mastin:** Anybody have any additional questions? **Newkirk:** Nice work. **Raymond:** Thank you. **Griswold:** For this addendum, it will expire for the next show season? **Raymond:** Correct. It just goes away. **Griswold:** So, all the grand champion points that we have reduced will go back? **Raymond:** There aren’t that many that are actually reduced. For most, it’s back to where we are. There are only a few that are exceptions. **Calhoun:** What is your deadline? **Raymond:** November 15th.

Future Projections for Committee:

Should the Board vote to make O/C/P rings a permanent format, the Committee will prepare the necessary show rules. Additionally, the Committee will be working with Central Office on simplifying the process for Late Fee Collection set forth in 13.11. Lastly, the Committee will bring forward any Show Rule Addenda which the Board may wish to extend/modify for the 2024-2025 show season.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Raymond, Chair*

Mastin: Have you got anything else? **Raymond:** That is it. **Mastin:** Thank you very much. Great job.

(14) SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE.

Committee Chair: Jodell Raymond
Liaison to Board: Kathy Calhoun

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Jodell and Desiree attended Global Pet Expo in Orlando, FL from March 22-24, 2023 and Super Zoo in Las Vegas, NV from August 16-18, 2023. Over 1,000 exhibitors attended the Orlando show with 350 cat-related company attendees and 3,000 exhibitors attended the Las Vegas show, with over 500 cat-related company attendees.

Both Desiree and I had two primary objectives: Desiree's primary focus was to secure partners for the October International Show and my primary focus was to identify prospective partners to collaborate with CFA on a long-term basis through program support, cross-promotion opportunities, and other marketing efforts.

In my previous report, I stated that partnership development happens over a period of 3-5 years and is set in phases as the organization moves from having event-driven partners to organization-driven partners. In my June 2024 board report, I noted how enthusiastic our interactions with prospective sponsors were and I believe that engagement will increase with further interaction.

There is potential for our association to continue to develop and nurture these relationships. However, corporate partnership revenue does come at a cost and takes a commitment by the organization to invest time and resources.

I would like to thank the board for their time and have enjoyed talking and working with prospective partners. I welcome the opportunity to continue in this capacity.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Report to Board October 2023 to discuss options and receive direction for committee.

Future Projections for Committee:

If it is the board's intention to re-establish partnership relationships, the following action items should be considered:

- 1. Development of a comprehensive sponsorship roadmap to communicate the strategic vision, objectives, and goals that include corresponding timelines and necessary resources.*
 - a. Collaboration with the marketing department to develop quantifiable opportunities (such CFA Seal of Approval, new web site, and development of CFA programs) to attract prospective partners.*

- b. *Development of marketing collateral (Examples: QR Codes, print, email, and web-based)*
 - i. *Sponsor Opportunities/FAQ*
 - ii. *Infogram*
 - iii. *Targeted Email Newsletter*
- 2. *Provide through the budget process, continued attendance at pet expos, trade shows, and other pet-related industry events*
 - a. *March 20-22, 2024 Orlando, FL \$2500*
 - b. *August 14-16, 2024 Las Vegas, NV \$2500*
 - c. *Pet Night at Capitol Hill \$1500*

Mastin: Jodell Raymond? Come right up here, right at the head of the table. Central Office and Cathy Dunham have no room for you back there. Good morning. **J. Raymond:** Good morning. As you can see in my report, the summary of my activities since the beginning of the year, and also the proposed recommendations going forward. Should the board decide to continue, I mentioned the last time we met it was probably a 3-5 year process with partnership development. Congratulations to Desiree. I think she did a really great job, and we can use this show as a springboard really, to continue those relationships with the prospective partners and sponsors. In my report I talk a little bit about three things that I thought, should the board decide, that they should consider. The first thing is like a plan or a roadmap, so that we know where we're going. The development of a plan or roadmap doesn't take too long. It's a written report that kind of talks about what kinds of sponsors, where we want to go, what the targets are to hit, and what-all is included in terms of a budget. The second thing is the development of quantifiable things to sell. Quantifiable – we've done this I know with CFA when I was doing Marketing we did this before. It includes written marketing collateral materials. Now we've also gone to digital, so that's one thing that I think has changed in the past several years, that we use certainly more digital now than ever before. It also helps create that and develop that relationship with sponsors. So, those things I think would help convey the value to the sponsor with CFA. It isn't any more, "we love you, we're going to give you \$100,000." Those days are gone. I think I talked about that last time, as well. It really is looking at what it is that they want and matching what we have with what they want and/or need. So, those three things – again, the roadmap, development of that; development and also the things to sell; and also the development of the marketing collateral. In addition, going through and looking at a budget for attendance at the 2024 trade shows. That's where we really had those conversations – Desiree and I – in terms of what they were looking for. We were more event driven because we had a time crunch to get to those sponsors so we could get them here, so now it's going to be more organization or corporate driven.

Board Action Item: *Include Partnership Budget for attendance at 2024 Trade Shows*

Mastin: Jodell, do you have an action item? **J. Raymond:** Yes. The action item is [reads]. **Mastin:** OK, so looking at this, this spans over two different CFA fiscal years. **J. Raymond:** Right. **Mastin:** OK. Does anybody have any questions for Jodell? **Calhoun:** We kind of chit-chatted about this prior to this morning, and the process directs how we fund mid-year requests. It's in the Budget Committee report. We come with a dollar amount that is desired, it goes to the Budget Committee in November, the Budget Committee fills it into a report to the full board in the December meeting, and the board votes on a dollar amount. That would be mid-year, so that would be one of the events. As I understand it, that's not going to be prohibitive or delay anything for you. **J. Raymond:** Correct. **Calhoun:** OK, so that dollar amount needs to be quantified, established, and go through the process – unless the board wants to do something different, but we have a process established. Then, for the next year, it would come through the normal budget cycle process, so the dollar amount would be established by the requester. It would be brought to the Budget Committee in January. We do all the things that are outlined in the Budget Committee report and it comes to the board for preview two weeks before the April meeting, so that at the April meeting we don't have to talk about it at length. It's a special meeting, and most of you have been through that. So, my recommendation would be that we follow that process unless the board and Jodell feels that this may prohibit something, some sort of action. **Mastin:** Questions? **Currle:** Do you need the money now? **Calhoun:** Who is that question to? **Currle:** Do you need it appropriated right now for this year? Will you feel better? **J. Raymond:** Oh, absolutely. **Currle:** Well then, how much do you want? **J. Raymond:** For the March trip it will be \$2,500. The total is about \$6,500. **Mastin:** When you say "total", total for what? **J. Raymond:** Total for March in Orlando, August in Vegas and then Pet Night at Capitol Hill. **Mastin:** OK, so we go back to, once again it's over two different fiscal years, so let's keep them separate. **Currle:** Let's just keep it in this year. Just ask for money this year. You can appropriate it, as Kathy said. **Newkirk:** So, what's the bottom dollar amount you need for this year, so we can make a motion to approve that? **J. Raymond:** \$2,500. **Newkirk:** I move that we approve that. **Currle:** Kenny seconds. **Mastin:** Hang on a second before we make a motion, because I want to continue to discuss this, because I've got questions for Jodell. **Calhoun:** We can do that, and that's fine. I don't know – and I asked Jodell this prior to this conversation. If you have to register for this event before December. You don't have to register. **J. Raymond:** No. **Calhoun:** Do you have to buy a ticket for March before December? Is that going to make you feel better? That would? **Currle:** Yeah, I think it would. **J. Raymond:** Yes, of course. **Currle:** Knowing that the money is in her pocket, I think it would. **Calhoun:** I would say that would be for anyone who wants a mid-year increase. So, if we're not supportive of that process, we can have people come in and ask for money at any point in time and there's no sense in going through this process if the board is not going to support the process. I'm OK with it either way, but there's no point in us establishing a process where we do the work and we build all these – because we don't prohibit. We know adjustments to the budget is a way of life. That happens. None of us can foresee the future, and that's why we have the mid-year review, unless for some reason the timing impacts the action. If this was for January, that would be a different thing. It's for March. **Mastin:** Kenny, you had some comments. Did you want to make a comment? **Currle:** No, I just wanted to second Darrell's motion. **Mastin:** My question to Jodell is, \$2,500 – is that per attendee? **J. Raymond:** That's just for me to go. **Mastin:** OK. In the past, this past year we have had two attendees go, and that's why I wanted clarification on this motion, because it may not be \$2,500, it may be more. Allene, are we planning to send Desiree with Jodell for these upcoming conferences to continue the development of the corporate sponsorships because

we have the International Show and we have corporate level. **Tartaglia:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK. Are there any other attendees attending these conferences? Is it just Jodell and Desiree, and it could be you, the Executive Director. OK, so I think what we need to do is understand what that total is before we make a motion and come back with another motion and another motion. **Newkirk:** My question is, is there money allocated in the budget for Desiree under her banner of Marketing Director to attend conferences? **Calhoun:** The budget submitted – and Allene, correct me if I’m wrong – I don’t believe that that is built into that budget for this March 2024 event, because that is submitted through Allene. We don’t look at the – if Marketing asks for a travel budget, what the trips are is not necessarily identified. Since this was not discussed until now, I would doubt that that would have been identified, but I can’t say that. **Newkirk:** So, I think that question needs to be answered. Is there money allocated for travel under the corporate banner of Marketing? **Tartaglia:** There is travel allocated, but it wasn’t specific to these events because we were waiting until we were done with them, which was really after the budgeting process for this year. So, we would budget for next year but there’s nothing specific for these events in this year’s budget. **Newkirk:** So, what travel expenses are budgeted for Marketing for this year? **Tartaglia:** I could be going to other events, such as – I don’t know. We didn’t specify this attendant, this attendant, this attendant, because it’s not always that clear and concise. It’s a very fluid type thing of what opportunities come up. **Newkirk:** So, how much money is left in the travel budget for Marketing? **Tartaglia:** I don’t know. We’re only in October and we’ve got a half a year left. How about if we bring that back tomorrow? **Mastin:** I think we’re at the limit. **Calhoun:** I think we’re at the limit, but if we would like to discuss this in a minute or two, I can go into QuickBooks and see if we can pull it up. **Newkirk:** So, how we vote on this is going to be dependent on whether there’s money allocated already or if there’s money not allocated. If there’s not money allocated, then we’re going to have to up \$2,500 to take on the second person. However, if there is money allocated in the budget for travel under the Marketing Committee, then that should be paid there. **Calhoun:** This is exactly why we have set the process so we do the work behind the numbers. That’s why we do this. We have a process assigned for this. Now, there are other situations where it’s more urgent. We allocated money that we didn’t have in August for something that was more urgent that was crisis related. We do that when it’s crisis related. The conversation that Jodell and I had, this decision when we do our homework, as opposed to trying to do our homework in the middle of a board meeting, plays a big part of the major budget [inaudible]. **Newkirk:** So, when Jodell brought this report forward, did you guys ask her to delay it until December? If you didn’t, why wasn’t these numbers that we’re seeking now worked out and provided to us ahead of time? **Calhoun:** We’ve had the conversation about waiting until December and we were fine with that. **Newkirk:** OK, then why is it being brought up now? **Mastin:** It’s only being brought up because I asked the question if there’s action items. That’s it, and Jodell took it as, the action item is, we want money for next year, 2024, and my comment was, it’s over two cycles. Kathy had mentioned that we have to review where we are because of the budget cycle so it comes back in November so we can give you all the detailed information. We also want to confirm that Jodell lists two other events for 2024. There’s another event that probably should be on the list as well, and then if it carries over into CFA’s fiscal year 2024-2025, we need to put on the March event again. So, there’s some more work that needs to be on here. I just want to know if there’s any immediate action items that Jodell has. Based on what I’m hearing from Kathy and Jodell, we don’t need it today, we can wait until November so we can get everything firmed up. That’s all we have to do. I wrote notes on here, questions. I didn’t have a chance to ask Jodell any questions because of the International Show. I asked them

here at the board meeting because I want to know, was it for one attendee or multiple attendees for \$2,500? So, I think we should probably wait until we can get more information provided to the board. This is coming before the board in November or December, Kathy? **Calhoun:** It comes to the Budget Committee in November. **Mastin:** And it goes to the board. **Calhoun:** Yeah. It's not an emergency thing. The latter part of November we prep whatever needs to happen, where we are mid-year, in many aspects where we are mid-year and any committee or person who has a reason that they need money that was not budgeted, when the board approved the budget in April, comes to the board for this mid-year review. We do all of our homework and we look at it holistically and we have answers to these questions that you're asking. **Newkirk:** So, it seems to me, there's no motion made, there's no action item. **Mastin:** Not yet. **Newkirk:** And we've been informed. We know what's going to happen in December, so can we move on to the next item? **Mastin:** Are you all set? **J. Raymond:** I'm all set. **Mastin:** OK. Thank you Jodell. **Currle:** Sorry Jodell. I tried. **Newkirk:** We'll see you in December. **Calhoun:** I'll see you before then.

Time Frame:

October 2023-March 2024

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Progress Report in February 2024 Board Meeting

*Respectfully Submitted,
Jodell Raymond, Chair*

(15) **JUNIOR FANCIERS.**

Committee Chair: Sheri Shaffer – Albert Sweitzer

Liaison to Board: Anne Mathis

*List of Committee Members: Rhonda Smith, Albert Sweitzer, Brian Tripp, Troy Weir,
Beth Grant-Field*

[**Secretary's Note:** The report and transcript of Junior Fanciers was, upon motion by **Ms. Calhoun**, seconded by **Ms. DelaBar** and unanimously **carried**, deemed to be executive session.]

(16) CFA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Legislation Committee Chair George Eigenhauser gave the following report:

Committee Chair: *George Eigenhauser*
Liaison to Board: *Anne Mathis*
List of Committee Members: *Phil Lindsley, Alene Shafnisky*
CFA Legislative Group: *George Eigenhauser, Sharon Coleman, Kelly Crouch*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The U.S. Congress has returned to Washington DC from their summer recess. Given the urgency of the budget crisis it is possible that little, if any, pet-related legislation will be taken up by them in the near future. Many state legislatures have concluded their current session but the CFA Legislative Group is still tracking a handful of "active" state bills. However, local (city and county) government continues to be a problem. Ordinances are being introduced on a variety of subjects, often with very short notice. Bans on pet sales and breeding restrictions continue to be particularly hot topics at the state and local levels.

Our bill tracking begins with help from the Pet Action Network (PAN), who provide us with a list of state, federal, and local legislative proposals based on animal-related parameters we provide. Over the years they have improved their ability to identify and track for us local ordinances being proposed which would impact pets. We review the bills and local ordinances being proposed to select the most relevant for CFA tracking. We track bills that may impact cats or cat fanciers either positively or negatively. However, out of caution we rarely offer our support for bills we assess to be positive until they appear to be near the end of the legislative process. Many states are quite liberal in allowing bills to be amended with new text unrelated to the original language.

We also monitor several dozen pet law lists online as well as relying on our "grassroots" fanciers to report pet-related legislation in their area ("You are the eyes and ears of the fancy.") We work with other animal groups and monitor their alerts. We continue to watch major Animal Rights groups, their websites, and public events for information on upcoming legislative initiatives.

The CFA Legislative News Facebook page provides cat fanciers with a source of current news articles on legislative issues. By posting a wide variety of legislative articles from the news media or other groups focused on pet legislation, usually involving cats, fanciers can use the Facebook page as a quick check for news that may affect them. The Facebook page has increased page-likes to 668 and page-followers to 732. For the 90-day period ending on September 26, 2023, the articles posted generated 389 reaches and post engagements. The post with the most reach and engagement was the Kingsville, TX post about a proposed ordinance for sterilizing impounded cats and dogs. It was closely followed by the Jackson, MS article about the Animal Rescue League wanting better enforcement of the pet limit laws. CFALegislativeNews: <https://www.facebook.com/CFALegislativeNews>

The CFA Legislative Group blog is our platform integrated with our other social media activities and communications strategies that have established an online presence that we manage ourselves. The appearance now features the new CFA logo and a compatible color palette within a current Wordpress Theme. It has public links to our material that can be used in other contexts for direct accessibility and reference. The individual blog posts consist of the What's Hot articles republished here for wider circulation and long-term availability and have included occasional topical pieces of our own work. When there are additional developments, particularly for What's Hot topics, we often add an "Editor's Note" of explanation and/or URL for the latest information. There are also additional pages within the blog site. The Resources page features additional materials including selected Cat Talk articles previously published in the magazine as well as other subject-specific work. The URL for new blog posts is posted on CFALegislativeNews Facebook Page or other pages we follow or as topics come up in other contexts, and this functionality is a particularly useful tool for maintaining our communications strategies. The CFA Legislative Group blog may be found at: <https://cfalegislativegroup.wordpress.com>

Current Happenings of Committee and Group:

Highlights of a few selected issues: (Not by any means complete - just a few examples.)

Federal

HB 3859: The "Animal Welfare Enforcement Improvement Act" amends Title 7 by revising the licensing process and suspension requirements. Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.

HB 5041/SB 2555: The "Better Collaboration, Accountability, and Regulatory Enforcement for Animals Act of 2023" or the "Better CARE for Animals Act of 2023" amends the Animal Welfare Act to expand and improve the enforcement capabilities of the U.S. Department of Justice against animal abusers by allowing the department to levy civil penalties against abusers, suspend and revoke their licenses, and remove or relocate animals who may be experiencing harmful treatment. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. Identical bill SB 2555 has been referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HB 5175: The "Providing Essential Temporary Shelter Assistance for Emergencies Act of 2023" or the "PETSAFE Act of 2023" directs the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to establish a pilot grant program for mobile pet shelters during emergencies and major disasters. Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

State

MI HB 4674: Declawing prohibition. Licensees would be prohibited from performing by any means an onychectomy, a partial or complete phalangectomy, or tendonectomy procedure, or any other surgical procedure that prevents normal functioning of the claws, toes, or paws, on a

cat, unless the procedure is necessary to address a therapeutic purpose. Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

MI HB 4838: Would prohibit pet stores from selling dogs, cats, and rabbits but allow stores to showcase adoption animals. Stores would not be allowed to retain an adoption fee or charge for the space provided. Referred To House Committee on Government Operations.

OR HB 2915: Prohibits retail pet stores from selling cats or dogs, but exempts certain existing pet stores. Enacted.

TX HB 870/SB 1989: Would create a statewide ban on the retail sale of cats and dogs not sourced from humane sources. Died.

TX REGS: There are two different rulemaking processes TDLR will undergo. The first set of proposed rules will comply with the amendments from SB 876 to the Texas Dog and Cat Licensed Breeders Act. Comments are being accepted now for this set of proposed rules. The second set of proposed rules (in the process of being created) will address recent changes to the federal Animal Welfare Act Regulations on standards. The Licensed Breeders Act requires the Texas Rules meet the federal regulations at a minimum.

Local

Los Angeles, CA: Both the City Council Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee and the Board of Animal Services Commissioners, City of Los Angeles are interested in a moratorium to be placed on breeders permits (cats included, \$235 annual permit fee plus \$100 annual intact license) due to overcrowded shelters.

Durango CO., CO: ORD 2023003. Pet Stores would be prohibited from selling dogs and cats but would be allowed to showcase adoptable animals provided they did not have an ownership interest in them and do not charge for the space provided. Failed.

Mancos, CO: ORD 776. Retail pet shop ban on the sale of cats and dogs. Contains the problematic rescue definition excluding rescues affiliated with breeders. Adopted.

Forsyth County, GA: Proposed amendments to its animal law include changes to the existing breeding restrictions by adding a pet dealer license requirement for anyone who allows a female dog or cat to produce more than one litter per twelve-month period.

Porter Co., IN: Prohibits the retail sale of cats, dogs, or rabbits by pet stores. Adopted.

Louisville, KY: Ordinance 0-193-23 - Retail Pet Store Ban and removal of consumer protection provisions. A commercial establishment meeting the definition of a retail pet store would be prohibited from selling or offering to sell dogs and cats but may showcase adoptable animals from an animal shelter retail or rescue. A rescue excludes any entity that breeds animals, is located on the same premises or has personnel in common with a breeder, or obtains or facilitates the sale of animals from breeders.

Berkeley, MI: ORD 2023001. Prohibits the retail sale of cats, dogs, and rabbits in pet stores. Adopted.

Minneapolis, MN: Pet stores and establishments selling dogs, cats, and rabbits sourced from breeders are prohibited in all zoning districts or may not be newly established in any zoning district. Adopted.

Mahwah, NJ: Prohibits the retail sale of dogs and cats in pet shops. Adopted.

Forks, PA: ORD 394. Prohibits the declawing of cats and the retail sale of cats, dogs, rabbits, and guinea pigs by pet shops. Adopted.

Litigation

*The CFA Board has allowed CFA to join with the Animal Health Institute (AHI) coalition on amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs opposing non-economic damages (i.e. "pain and suffering") for injuries to animals. In July 2023 CFA joined an amicus letter to the Supreme Court of the State of California requesting depublication of an appellate court decision in *Berry v. Frazier*. The matter involves claims against a veterinarian related to euthanizing a dying cat. It is alleged that the veterinarian was unable to properly insert a catheter to administer the euthanasia drugs. The owner claimed she was fraudulently induced into agreeing to an intracardiac injection, which was performed without the owner present. She later learned of the "abhorrent and inhumane" nature of the procedure and sued for damages, including noneconomic damages and punitive damages. The case was dismissed by the trial court but reinstated by the court of appeals and sent back to the trial court for further proceedings.*

In California, depublication occurs when a higher court orders that an opinion of the lower court not be officially published. These cases won't be in the official bound volumes of case law and cannot be cited as precedent. However, the ruling of the lower court remains binding on the parties to the action.

The opinion of the Court of Appeals in this matter was not a final ruling on the case. However, the opinion contained problematic language, arguably inconsistent with California precedent, which might open the door to emotion-based recoveries if relied on in the future as precedent in other cases. Depublication would leave the ruling stand between the parties but deny use as precedent in other matters. The Supreme Court denied the request for depublication without explanation.

Publications

The CFA e-Newsletter provides space for a "What's Hot" legislative column used to provide brief information on new and urgent matters of interest to the cat fancy. In general, Cat Talk Almanac articles are written for less time-sensitive matters with a focus on guidance on advocacy. Articles since the February 2023 Board meeting:

- * CFA e-Newsletter, June 2023, "**Texas Animal Rights Activists Succeed in Lowering the Licensing Threshold for Cat and Dog Breeders**" by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison and Sharon Coleman, CFA Legislative Legal Analyst. In 2021,*

activists succeeded in saving the Licensed Breeder Program after the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission recommended eliminating it as part of its sunset review. They also tried to reduce the licensing threshold in 2021 but could not achieve this goal until the 2023 legislative session with SB 876. The licensing threshold was reduced from 11 breeding females to 5 or more adult intact female animals and is engaged in the business of breeding those animals for direct or indirect sale or for exchange in return for consideration. It also eliminated the transaction threshold of not fewer than 20 transactions in a calendar year. The CFA Legislative Group worked with TICA to create a pedigreed cat breeder exemption but were unsuccessful. Cat breeders in Texas were advised to review the law to determine if they need to be licensed or need to adjust their breeding programs for the new threshold. Of course, they should also review their public profile, such as websites, in view of the amendments to the law.

- * CFA e-Newsletter, August 2023 **“Perry, MI Seeks to Tighten Up Restrictive Limit Law”** by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. This article discussed a proposed amendment to a 2016 limit law in Perry, Michigan. The City Council fielded overwhelmingly negative feedback to the limit which, in the past, had largely been ignored. Sixty people showed up to the council meeting on August 3, 2023. Many had not even been aware of the existing limit law before the proposed amendment. Opposition to the amendment, as well as the limit law itself, was overwhelming. The city council unanimously decided to postpone the possible adoption of the proposed ordinance for 120 days and issue a moratorium on enforcement of the current section law as it pertains to dogs and cats for 120 days. Speaking up does make a difference.
- * CFA e-Newsletter, September 2023 **“New Texas Regulations in the Works”** by Kelly Crouch, CFA Legislative Information Liaison. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and its governing board, the Texas Commission on Licensing and Regulation, are about to engage in the rulemaking process, not once but twice, to adopt new rules for the state's Licensed Breeder Program. The Department was to publish a Summary of Proposed Rule changes in the Texas Register on September 22, 2023. Then, public comments would be accepted until October 23, 2023. A link to provide comments was provided in the article. The committee is scheduled to meet again on November 1, 2023.
- * Cat Talk Almanac, July/August 2023, **“How to Research Pet Limit Laws”** by Sharon Coleman, CFA Legislative Legal Analyst. Location matters, particularly when discussion pet limit laws. How many cats can be kept at a particular location, or what terms or conditions apply, will often be determined by local law or private deed restrictions. Public limits may be set by a municipality or county. Limits may appear in the local animal laws, or there may be additional animal restrictions in zoning laws. Private limits can be terms of individual rental agreements or imposed “CC&Rs” (recorded covenant, conditions, and restrictions) limiting use of the property. Enforcement is often complaint-driven and fanciers should be aware of their limits and possible penalties.

Meetings and Conferences:

Pet Week on Capitol Hill was held in Washington, D.C. highlighted by Pet Night on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. Formerly “Pet Night on Capitol Hill” it now includes a lobby day “Pet

Care Community D.C. Fly-In”, several webinars during the week, as well as the traditional Pet Night reception. Pet Night 2023 was an in-person reception held in the Cannon House Office Building on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. Pet Week is hosted by HABRI, the Pet Food Institute, and the Pet Advocacy Network. CFA co-sponsored this event as we have done for 25 years utilizing the Sy Howard Legislative Fund.

This pro-pet, bipartisan event’s attendees include members of Congress, their staff, other federal officials, industry leaders, and media. It provides us with an opportunity to maintain contact with members of Congress, their aides, federal regulators, top representatives of the pharmaceutical industry, veterinary organizations, and other sponsors. Pet Week delivers the message to our federal representatives and agencies that pets are an important part of human health and quality of life.

The event joins CFA with a coalition of pet related groups, including Pet Week sponsors who work on joint legislative strategy on matters ranging from non-economic damages, pet shop bans, and other issues. The Pet Night event joins CFA with a coalition of pet-related groups, including HABRI, the Pet Food Institute, the Pet Advocacy Network, American Pet Products Association (APPA), Animal Health Institute (AHI), CFA, AKC, MARS Petcare, Michelson Center for Public Policy, the World Pet Association (WPA), Animal Health Institute (AHI), American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), and many more.

Representing CFA at Pet Night 2023 were George Eigenhauser, Desiree Bobby, and Alene Shafnisky. Sarah Baker joined us and was responsible for receiving shipments of booth materials from CFA before the event. Attending as CFA’s guests and helping with our table were Jackie Jaakola, Executive Director of the EveryCat Health Foundation and Whitney Armentor, Director of Development and Marketing for the EveryCat Health Foundation. Thanks to everyone who helped with the event and for the support CFA has shown for this endeavor. Special thanks to Desiree Bobby and to her cats “Beeblebrox Grimlakin, the Lykoi cat and Beeblebrox Xochitl, the Sphynx kitten. As always, the cats were the stars of the show.



Future Projections for Committee and Legislative Group:

Upcoming conferences related to legislation –committed or pending:

The Pet Industry Leadership Summit 2024, January 22-24, 2024 in Coronado, CA. This event is jointly sponsored by the American Pet Products Association (APPA), the Pet Industry Distributors Association (PIDA), the Pet Advocacy Network, and the World Pet Association (WPA). This is the largest conference for pet industry executives including hundreds of the pet industry’s leaders. The conference is open exclusively to members of the trade organizations. Participating are the leaders and owners of the pet industry including suppliers, wholesalers, retailers, and others. CFA has always had a close working relationship with the groups participating in this event and it is an opportunity to build connections with other groups who support pet ownership and pet owners. George Eigenhauser plans to attend this year on behalf of CFA.

Ongoing goals -

- *Networking with the sheltering community, aligned organizations, veterinarians and lawmakers so we better understand the problems and trends that cause homeless animals to be in shelters and develop ways to address the issues that motivate legislation detrimental to our interests.*
- *Continuing to find new methods for presenting perspective on the cat fancy views to those in animal related fields and government.*
- *Working with national and local cat fancy teams to defeat legislation/regulation detrimental to pedigreed cats, feral/unowned cats, CFA’s mission and cat ownership.*

- *Enlisting professional help with strategic public relations and communication to build greater public awareness and gain more support for our opposition to mandated sterilization laws across the country.*
- *Increasing efforts to raise funds for the Sy Howard Legislative Fund and to help clubs present projects suitable for funding.*

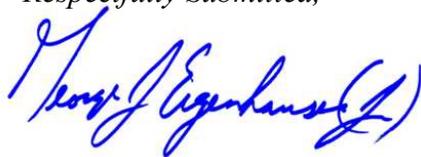
Action Items: *None at this time.*

Time Frame: *Ongoing.*

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates and pending legislative matters.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

George J. Eigenhauser, Jr., Chair

Mastin: We are going on to George, right? **Anger:** Correct. **Mastin:** George?
Eigenhauser: We're up to Legislation. You have the report. There's no action items. I have nothing to add. Do you have any questions? **Mastin:** George, you know the routine. **Currle:** Thank you George. **Mastin:** Thank you so much. **Eigenhauser:** Bye everyone.

(17) **EVERYCAT HEALTH FOUNDATION.**



PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Grant Review Program

- *EveryCat's annual Miller Trust grant review is scheduled for October 19, 2023. We received 10 proposals which cover a broad range of research and include shelter medicine, genetics, behavior, cancer, FIP and other infectious diseases. The total received from the Miller Trust and allocated to this grant cycle is \$229,500.*
- *Without a doubt, feline health research is the primary and most important program maintained by EveryCat. In accordance with our strategic plan and in recognition of our research focus, EveryCat is proud and excited to announce the addition of Dr. Jennifer*

Zambriski to fill a part time position on our staff as Veterinary Science Programs Manager.

- *Dr. Zambriski is a researcher, educator, and executive with 15 years of experience in the interface of human and animal health. She holds a DVM from Tufts University and a PhD in Epidemiology from Cornell. Prior to joining EveryCat, she was appointed as a faculty member of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University and Virginia Tech, where her research focused on the development of novel therapies to promote human and animal health. Dr. Zambriski's career in One Health studying zoonosis has taken her to Indonesia where she worked for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, to Peru where she worked for the National Institutes of Health, and to Ethiopia where she worked for the National Science Foundation. In addition to her love of research, Dr. Zambriski is a practicing veterinarian in companion animal emergency medicine.*

Educational Programs

- *EveryCat has been working extremely hard to expand our base of cat lovers and supporters. We made our second appearance at CatCon in August. CatCon was definitely "back" in 2023 with a sellout crowd of cat enthusiasts which has resulted in an expanded venue for 2024. Despite manning our booth with 4 of our own staff and Board and 3 additional volunteers, we were overwhelmed with the crush of cat lovers. As the only "Feline Only" health foundation, EveryCat was very well received for our unique work and focus.*
- *EveryCat continues to have a presence in the educational programs of major veterinary conferences and, for the first time, was able to sponsor a speaker and presence at the European Congress of Veterinary Internal Medicine for Companion Animals (ECVIM-CA). EveryCat's plea for "more feline health research" was enthusiastically received and endorsed!*
- *For the first time, EveryCat attended Pet Night on Capital Hill. Thanks so much to CFA for allowing us to share in spotlighting cats!*

Donor Programs

- *EveryCat's Cures4Cats is currently winding down. This year the focus has been on the need for more life-saving research into feline diabetes. Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health USA very generously kicked off the fundraising with a matching donation of \$40,000. We are so grateful for corporate sponsors who believe in and support feline research efforts. goal for our Springing into Action campaign was to raise enough in donations to fund at least one grant - \$50,000. We are pleased to announce that we met that goal with total proceeds of \$53,310. Many thanks to all the cat lovers who supported this campaign.*

As always, we thank the CFA Board of Directors and cat fanciers for their collective support and passion for the welfare of every cat, every day, everywhere.

EveryCat Board of Directors

By: Vickie Fisher, President

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Mastin: Kathy, EveryCat. George is a hard act to follow. **Calhoun:** I would say “ditto”, but OK. You’ve got the EveryCat Foundation report. This is an information only. Does anyone have any questions regarding the report? **Mastin:** Kathy, you did pretty good, thank you.

Calhoun: Hey, I learned from the best.

(18) EXPERIMENTAL FORMAT PROGRAM REPORT.

Presented by: Marilee Griswold

Current Happenings of Committee:

President Mastin asked this Committee to address the OCP format and bring a proposal to move this format into the official show formats for future use by our member clubs. This essentially allows the currently Board Approved only OCP rings to become an official format available for use in our show rules without the need for Board Approval. These rings are fairly popular with clubs and exhibitors. This could help draw more exhibitors and entries to the shows.

The committee does acknowledge that we may need to evaluate how these rings may affect the numbers of Grands going forward and adjust as necessary.

Proposal for consideration:

- 1. Any club can add OCP to their show license. This format could be 2 separate Judging rings or part of an existing judging ring.*
- 2. Shows with 6 or less rings can schedule 1 OCP ring. Shows with greater than 6 rings can schedule up to 2 rings.*
- 3. Rings must be AB, No OCP in specialty rings.*
- 4. Minimum entry 35 Champions and 15 Premiers for the OCP ring to be held.*

Mastin: We're on Experimental Formats. Is Ed still in the room? **Dunham:** He is just walking back this direction. Do you need him? **Mastin:** If he's coming back, because I've got a feeling this next conversation may – we're doing the Experimental Formats Marilee? **Griswold:** Right. **Mastin:** So yeah, because if this pertains to Show Rules, if there are, we need a good understanding of where this is going. Ed, could you come up to the table in case we have to ask of you? OK Marilee. **Griswold:** This proposal is for moving the OCP rings into the Show Rules. It pretty much accepts the OCP ring requirements that we have been doing, but this would allow clubs to do their own OCP rings without board approval. So, one of the things I wanted to find out is, how many OCP rings that we actually have successfully completed. It spans – and I had James help me with some of the numbers on this, but it spans for two show seasons but has really been for maybe the last year or so, with the first one in June of 2022. So, we have had a total of nine unique shows. There were three of those shows that were 6x6's, so twelve total shows but nine in unique locations. In those locations we had two in Region 1, one in Region 4 and four in Region 7, so most of them have been in Region 7. One thing I wanted to know was the effect of how many, just the sheer numbers of grands that these created. As far as we can tell between James and Shirley and having to score these by hand, it's an average of about 1.25 more grands per show on average that these create. So, it does create more grands but not a huge amount of grands, which I was a little bit surprised about. I know that our very first show that triggered the top 10 with champions, which was Houston, actually created 10 grands at the show, so that was a significant increase with that particular format, but with our OCP rings it appears to be about

1.25 more grands created per show. Another thing I wanted to look at, and I pulled out some of these numbers was, do OCP rings bring in more entries? So, of those nine unique shows, four of those clubs did not have a show the year prior to compare. I wanted to look at the year before entries, compare them with the numbers of grands and the total number of entries to the shows with the OCP rings. So, four of the nine that produced the shows had not done a show the year prior. I mean, I know like Central PA hasn't had a show in I can't remember how long. This is the first show that they have had in a while, and it had an OCP ring. So, some of the data I can't give you for that, but of the five shows that did have shows the year prior, two of those appear to have an increase in the champion and premier count. It was somewhat significant; like 20 to 30 more champions in the show. Two of those shows had almost identical champion and premier entries – within one or two difference of each other – and one of the shows that the OCP ring didn't appear to do too much of anything, and actually had a slight decrease in the champion and premier count, but the overall show count was a little higher, so that was kind of a plus/minus on that one. So, with the actual data of whether or not it increases the actual entries of the shows, I mean, I'm 50/50 pretty much. With two shows that didn't seem to do anything, two shows it actually seemed to improve the count fairly significantly; one of those being the North Atlantic Regional Show had a significant jump in open/champion entries. So, if we want to, I know James has already told us that the computer programming for this is going to be a lot less expensive than we initially suspected. On a separate note, if we are not going to actually put it into the computer programming, we're going to have to have somebody who continues to score these by hand, which is a pain the derriere.

Future Projections for Committee:

If passed this proposal would be sent to the Show Rules Committee to be integrated properly into the Official Show Rules.

Action Item: *Approve the proposal as stated above to make OCP rings a permanent format beginning May 1, 2024.*

Griswold: So, my proposal is to go ahead and put these into the Show Rules, go ahead and get them put into programming so that they are easier to score, and if we want to come back and look in years that come by and actually see if there's any more data that we can collect on the influence that it has on the number of grands or number of entries, we can do that. **Mastin:** Is that your motion? **Griswold:** Yes. So, my motion would be to accept the proposals as we have here, which would be, *Any club can add OCP to their show license. This format could be 2 separate Judging rings or part of an existing judging ring. This is the same as we have it now. It gives the club that option. Shows with 6 or less rings can schedule 1 OCP ring. Shows with greater than 6 rings can schedule up to 2 rings. Rings must be AB, No OCP in specialty rings.* There is no OCP that can be done in a specialty ring. It continues the minimum entries that we have now of 35 Champions and 15 Premiers in order to trigger that OCP ring. **Newkirk:** I'll second. **Mastin:** Darrell seconds. Questions?

Tartaglia: I just wanted to ask a couple more questions about the format. **Mastin:** Go ahead. **Tartaglia:** So, it would be good if we could define it a little bit further, meaning we do top 10. That should be indicated. Do we do additionally the best allbreed, best longhair, best shorthair, 2nd best – you know, the normal? **Griswold:** The current OCP rings, how we have been

doing them is just 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 through 10. **Tartaglia:** I just want to spell it out in the Show Rules so that clubs know what an OCP ring is, that's all. **Griswold:** Unless they are integrated into an allbreed ring, which then we would go ahead and designate which ones were our best longhair champion, best shorthair champion, but from here on this isn't the verbiage specifically. We would want to send it over to the Show Rules Committee to make certain that we have every bit of the verbiage proper and where it should go in the Show Rules. **Currle:** Ed is probably already aware of this, but it's a top 10. It's an allbreed ring. Judges sitting at this table here, you all have been at show where, say for instance, there was a fabulous group of shorthairs. You could put all 10 shorthairs up, but if you're integrated and still being part of that show, obviously your top 3 shorthairs would have to match in your ring's final. So, keep it simple. **Raymond:** To your question of how it has been done currently, I've never experienced one of these personally. **Currle:** That's the way it has been done. **Raymond:** But what I have also been told is that if it's a stand-alone ring, it's only top 10. It's not the top 3 – best, 2nd best, 3rd best longhair or shorthair. **Currle:** Let me explain. Let's say I'm doing an allbreed and I'm also doing OCP, and I put up 10 shorthair champions. The top 3 in my 10 shorthair OCP have to match. **Raymond:** Right, I understand the mechanics of that, but if you were doing a stand-alone OCP ring, are you hanging just your top 10? **Currle:** Just your top 10. **Mathis:** It's what I did Friday. **Raymond:** The problem is, I believe the programming needs to be the same, whether you are putting the format as a stand-alone ring or part of your 6 allbreed rings, is my understanding. **Currle:** Not if you kept them separate. **Griswold:** There wouldn't be any difference. **Simbro:** [inaudible] for doing it two different ways. **Raymond:** You have? OK. **Simbro:** Really just one. You're just going to be scoring only top ten, the other you are scoring top ten and three. **Raymond:** OK. My conversation with Allene was different. As long as it works. **Tartaglia:** All I want to do is make sure that when we actually get the show rules, it fully explains exactly what an OCP ring is. **Raymond:** I understand that we have to account for a definition of them, we have to account for this in licensing, we have to account for this in scoring and ribbons – the whole way down the line. Am I safe to assume that it's possible for someone to get the full number of points that they need if the show is big enough in an OCP ring? If you're an open, do you still need to gather the requisite number of winners ribbons? I know also the rule says you need to earn points from at least three judges. So, I'm assuming those rules continue to be in effect, so even if you earn your full compliment of points, if you only got them from one or two judges, you just have to wait. **Griswold:** Right. I don't see the OCP rings as changing requirements to become a grand champion or a grand premier. Those remain the same. **Huhtaniemi:** Actually, now you only need to have enough points, even if you gain the points from one ring, you will get grands. **Raymond:** The rule is changed, but there's two parts to the rule. You can move from open to champion or premier if you get enough points without getting the six rings and not being disqualified. **Huhtaniemi:** But there is exception. **Raymond:** That is the exception. There is not an exception to the fact that you have to earn your grand points from three different judges. Mark and I just went through this back and forth for the International Show, so I'm very familiar with that part of the rules. **Newkirk:** Ed, at this OCP thing, they couldn't grand on that one day because it was only one or two judges. **Raymond:** We kind of decided that because it was something special, just to let it go. **Mathis:** There weren't enough because we only had 85. If we had less absentee it may happen. **Raymond:** Yeah, you didn't get the count. **Mastin:** So, for clarification purposes, there were not enough, because there was only 85? **Raymond:** There were not enough. **Mathis:** 85 or 86, yeah. And there were 25 premiers, so you couldn't have done it. **Mastin:** OK, so if there was 125, there would have been plenty, so that goes back to what Kathy was saying earlier,

we need to make sure we do the exceptions before we run into a situation. **Mathis:** Or we need to do three OCP rings so they get their three judges. **Newkirk:** Or make them abide by the show rule. **Raymond:** We are apprised of needing to bring the exceptions to the board for approval. **Mastin:** OK, good. Any other questions? Ed, anything else we need to be aware of? **Raymond:** No. I mean, I think Marilee covered the impact on the number of grands that these things may generate, so it doesn't seem significant.

Newkirk: I want to be clear here. If we pass this, there is still going to have to be a little work-around in the Show Rules to cover the things that Allene brought up. **Raymond:** Yes. I would say, you are approving the concept. We have to come back with a show rule package that implements the concept. **Newkirk:** Got it. That's what I wanted to hear. **Dunham:** Darrell, I think we are covering it, to give the Show Rules Committee enough time because we're asking for this for May 1. **Newkirk:** OK. **DelaBar:** Is this something that we could pass on a straw vote or a concept vote, or do we want to table it until it can be brought back in a full package in December? **Mastin:** Marilee, this is your motion. If it's contingent upon all the required show rules – **Griswold:** I think as long as it's contingent. **Newkirk:** Just table it and bring it back in December. He'll work out all the fine details, then we can pass it. **Griswold:** OK. **Mastin:** With your help. **Griswold:** OK, sure. I just want to make sure that this gets approved and started in the whole process. I don't want to wait. **Mastin:** Now you've got to work harder to make sure it's done right the first time, in December. **Newkirk:** I make the motion to table it. They can work together and then bring it back in December. **DelaBar:** I'll second it. **Raymond:** I'm OK on the when. To me, this is very similar to last season. The board approved the extra placements 4th and 5th, and we just came back this year with the show rule changes. We're more in line of getting them done at the same time so that the roll out is satisfactory. **Newkirk:** This will just be quicker and then you can put the final touches on it. I think everybody is going to go for it. **Mastin:** Any objections? Marilee, do you want to object to it? **Griswold:** I think I kind of want to vote on it just to vote on the concept, like we did with the 4th and 5th champions, and then we come back and work on the – make sure the Show Rules are going to match. It doesn't really matter either way because we're not implementing it until the next show season. **Mastin:** OK, so if it doesn't matter anyway, don't object. If it matters to you, then object. **Griswold:** I'm not objecting. **Newkirk:** It's going to be worked out and you're going to get it. **DelaBar:** Then vote no against it. **Griswold:** Alright. **Mastin:** I didn't say it doesn't matter, I'm giving you advice that it doesn't matter, to speed this up. Then don't object, but you vote how you want to. **Griswold:** OK. **Mastin:** Is there any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion to table is unanimous.

The motion [to table] is ratified by unanimous consent.

Experimental Format Approval – Midwest Regional Awards Show

The Midwest Region Awards Show would like to hold two OCP rings at their show June 15-16, 2024. These rings would be standalone rings and the format would be 7 AB/HHP, 1 SP/HHP, 2 OCP rings. Scoring would be for grand points only for the op/ch and op/pr portion of the final with no points awarded in breed. If the minimums entries are not achieved that portion of the final will not be held.

Motion: Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.06 and allow the Midwest Region Awards Show to include two OCP rings at their show June 15-16, 2024.

Dunham: Rachel brought something up to me and I asked her to pre-notice it. We tabled a request for my Regional in the new show season to have the OCP rings. We are getting ready to license that show, so with this motion being tabled – we were hoping this would pass today so that we could go ahead and license for next show season. So now, I feel like I have to ask the board to approve the exception so that we can go ahead and license our show. **Newkirk:** Make the motion. It's tabled, right? **Dunham:** It was tabled from the August board meeting. I would like to take it off the table and have it voted on. **Newkirk:** I'll second that. **Mastin:** Any further discussion? Any questions? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Dunham: Thank you. **Mastin:** We're granting your Midwest Regional Awards show to do an OCP ring. **Dunham:** Two OCP rings was in the motion. **Mastin:** Correct. **Anger:** I have a point of order. I thought we were just voting to take it off the table. Do we need to also vote to approve the motion? **Newkirk:** We did. **Anger:** We voted to take it off the table. **Newkirk:** And then he asked for unanimous consent. **Anger:** To take it off the table. **Newkirk:** No. He asked for unanimous consent on the motion. **Anger:** OK, alright. **Mastin:** Do I have to do anything different? **Perkins:** No. They voted to table it, so it's actually just tabled. **Mastin:** Well, it was. **Newkirk:** No, we took it off the table. **Perkins:** Oh, that way. I'm sorry. **Newkirk:** And then he asked for discussion and there wasn't any. Then he asked for unanimous consent to approve it, which we did. You're good. **Anger:** Sorry Marilee.

Griswold: Can I make another motion kind of in that vein until we get this officially approved? Is there a way that we can allow clubs in the International Division to request exceptions for OCP rings in their shows until we get it approved for next season? **Mastin:** What are you asking specifically for, in terms of the International Division? **Griswold:** Between now and the time – because we all have a plan to get this approved and work on it – between now and next season if it for sure goes into the Show Rules, Regions 1-7 have been able to request exceptions from the board to be able to do OCP rings. **Mastin:** I think they still can. **Griswold:** Can we do that for the International Division, as well? **Calhoun:** The International Division can request. The International Division can request. **Currle:** Yes, they can request. **DelaBar:** Anyone can request. **Mastin:** Anybody can request. **Griswold:** From what I understand they tried, but it has not been – **Calhoun:** They have not been approved, yes, but they can request. This is because – can I elaborate on this? **Mastin:** Go ahead. **Calhoun:** When we request this, we get data back from every show that did this, and we didn't have any guidelines written, procedures written, that we could pass along to the International Division. I had hoped that this would get passed today, but it was tabled, so to give the International Division carte blanche to do this and every other region no, that they have to come and request, so they can come and request, and the Committee can make a decision. **Griswold:** Right, right. I'm not asking for carte blanche. I would say that they could be allowed to request OCP rings and get granted exceptions from the board like the other regions. **Calhoun:** They can request, yes. **Griswold:** Because we're no longer really worried too much about collecting the data to go further with this. We're going to plan to go further. **Calhoun:** Well, I guess that's based on what happened today, but that was not the case until today. **Griswold:** Right, so from here on? **Newkirk:** I just wanted to say, it doesn't matter whether we passed this or not, it wouldn't be in effect until May 1 anyway, so if somebody wants to do it, they're going to have to come with time sensitive to the Executive

Committee. Why would you not approve it? **Calhoun:** Again, initially early on when this started, it was new, we didn't have any direction. We still have no process. We are still asking for reports and we felt that we wanted to have things a little bit more buttoned down before it went to the International Division and it was done incorrectly and there was a problem that we could have avoided. Now we have more history, they can come to the Division, but I think what Marilee is asking is that they over-ride the ID Committee. **Griswold:** No, I'm saying that they get every chance like all other regions at this point. **Calhoun:** We've had more experience, we're not looking for data. **Griswold:** Right, to be able to request OCP rings for their shows, and they would still require Executive Committee approval and follow-up board approval, just like everyone else until this becomes official show rules, but that they have the capability to ask for and potentially receive, if approved, an OCP ring for their shows. **Mastin:** Correct. **Dunham:** The International [Division] Committee is welcome to work with me as a Regional Director or any of my clubs that have done OCP rings, if international clubs need more information. **Calhoun:** Thank you. **Mastin:** Is there any more? Marilee, do you have anything else? **Griswold:** No. **Mastin:** OK.

(19) **NEW EXHIBITOR COMMITTEE.**

Committee Chair: *Leslie Carr*
Vice-Chair: *Jodell Raymond*
Board Liaison: *Carol Krzanowski*

Mastin: Is Leslie Carr with us? **Tartaglia:** Yes, she is. **Mastin:** Great. Hi Leslie. **Carr:** Hello. **Mastin:** Welcome to the meeting. **Carr:** Thanks. I don't think you want me to read my report. **Mastin:** We definitely do not want you to read your report.

Brief Summary of Past Activities:

Worked with Kathy Durdick to create a query against the CFA Entry database to identify all individuals who marked "New Exhibitor" on their entries.

From May 1 to September 30 shows, there have been 202 individuals who identified as "new" on their entries. This translated to 302 entries. Only 13 individuals entered more than one show and marked the box, but many others only marked "new" on their first show. There is no current guideline on how this box should be used – individuals may believe that they are only to use for a first show.

The 302 entries comprised 40 breeds, with Household Pets/Companion Cats the majority at 113. Maine Coon Cats were next with 31 and Ragdolls with 23. The International Division had the greatest number of new exhibitors at 63. Because not all entries in Regions 8 & 9 and China are submitted to the CFA database, statistics for those areas are hard to define.

The New Exhibitor website has been updated by Teresa Keiger renaming it from NewBees to New Exhibitor. References to the previous Mentor program were removed, as was the link to the Mentor program on the CFA website.

The CFA New Exhibitor Facebook Group continues to grow, and activity is up. There are over 2,000 members of the group. Average engagements are 400 per day. Recent files loaded include:

Cat Showing Basics
International Show Overview
International Show FAQ
Assessment of cats' behavior during a show

A huge THANK YOU to Linda Newell for all she does for the Facebook group.

Carr: I do have only one thing I would like to stress that's on here, and that is a need for additional folks. At the moment we are doing an awful lot of our work through the FaceBook page which Linda Newell manages and has done an excellent job. I would be lost without her. Most of our new people like that, going that way, but we don't have anybody in the International Division or even in Europe or China to handle that. We have had many new exhibitors in China. Europe I can't identify because you guys haven't had any shows, but hopefully we will have those. International has had quite a few exhibitors, but I don't have anybody there that I can task

with helping these new exhibitors at their shows. There is, I know, a challenge because we've got different countries, different languages, different customs, but I would like to put out an ask that perhaps the International Division can put together a list of people that would be notified when there were new exhibitors in the shows out there and they could take over and help those individuals. We're growing, we're getting new people, we've got some new people in the past year that have become quite successful and that they themselves are bringing in new people, too. This is what I want to see. I want to see it become a pyramid where we bring in one person that brings in two more, and those two bring in two more. The next thing you know, that one person is responsible for 20 new exhibitors. **Mastin:** Leslie, Kathy Calhoun has a question. **Calhoun:** I actually don't have a question, I have a comment. We are more than happy to work with the country coordinators to see if we can identify people that would be willing to assist. **Carr:** I'm having a hard time hearing you, Kathy. I'm sorry. **Calhoun:** The International Division is more than happy to work with the country coordinators to see if we can identify people that would be happy to assist. I have not heard of a request for this until this report, but we would be more than happy to participate and assist. **Carr:** Is there a list of those country coordinators that somebody could send me? **Calhoun:** We would like to reach out to the country coordinators first, so they don't get this cold call. Actually, we have an International Division which we kind of think about like a region. We work it like a region. We have a Zoom call that we will be having shortly after this meeting to identify all of the new things that are new news for the ID Division, so that they'll have that and they can bounce questions off the subcommittee chairs. After we have that conversation and we have reached out to those folks, we would be more than happy to share information, but I think it is appropriate that the Committee talk to them first. There may be some concerns that we are not aware of. **Carr:** Kathy Durdick put together a query that I would like to roll out to those folks [inaudible] use themselves is that goes against the entry database and provides only about four pieces of information – the exhibitor name, their email address, their location and what breed they have entered. We don't need anything more than that, but that way we know that we're dealing with somebody that's new in this region at this show – the query is grouped by show – and we can find somebody in that breed to hopefully assist them. Most of the time you don't even need somebody in the breed but you would prefer to have another Maine Coon person helping them or a shorthair whatever, so I like to roll that out, especially for the International Division. I would like them to basically take that and run with it themselves. **Calhoun:** And I think that we would have a far – if you want to send that information to me so that we could introduce that at our next call, we would be more than happy to do that but I think you would be likely to get a higher level of response if they had a head's up. **Carr:** I would be happy to do that. I'll send that to you in the next day. **Calhoun:** I think we're planning on the 25th of October for this. **Carr:** OK. You'll have it before then. **Calhoun:** Great.

Ongoing and Future Activities

- *Creating a “New Exhibitor Welcome” curriculum to be used at shows. This idea has been used at several shows and been helpful. It's a brief introduction to what happens at a show and a way for people to ask questions.*
- *Identify motivated individuals in all Regions/Geographic Areas who want to assist with the New Exhibitor Program. These individuals would be responsible for contacting folks before a show to ask what questions they have and supply help if needed.*

- *Roll out the database query of New Exhibitors*
- *Investigate possibility of having clubs supplied badges, stickers or ribbons to be given to new exhibitors at shows.*
- *Work with Entry Clerks to standardize a greeting that can be sent with confirmations to all New Exhibitors.*
- *Continued updates as necessary to both FB and website*
- *Finish contacting the 17 new exhibitors entered in the International Shows*

Board Action Items:

None at this time

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting

Updates

*Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Ann Carr*

Mastin: Anyone else have any questions or comments from Leslie? Leslie, thank you.
Carr: Enjoy the rest of your meeting. I'm going to take a nap.

(20) REGION 1 BOARD LIAISON/REPRESENTATIVE.

Request to have Board representation for North Atlantic Region 1 has been made by board member(s) and non-board member(s) until the next election.

The CFA Bylaws do not permit appointing/naming a replacement Regional Director with less than 9 months from date of resignation and taking office on June 30, 2024. The Board of Directors can name a Board Liaison/Representative for North Atlantic Region 1 to attend and discuss board meetings without having any voting rights so the region does not go unrepresented at meetings.

Mastin: Item #20 – Region 1 Board Liaison/Representative. A couple of board members have reached out to me. A couple non-board members have reached out to me asking what we are going to do about this. I said, I don't know what the board is going to do about this. I did explain to them what option the board has and what the board can't do. The board cannot appoint a regional director. The board, however, can ratify an appointment to have somebody as a board liaison or a representative for the region, so it's up to the board what you would like to do.

DelaBar: I would recommend that since we have two people from Region 1 already on the board, that you pick one of the two of them to be sort of the head liaison with the regional people. You've got Mr. Vice President and a Director at Large. What I would not do is appoint somebody that may be running, because that sort of gives a political boost up for whoever might be running for that position. So, I think we can keep it at the board level. **Moser:** I was going to say basically exactly what Pam was going to say. I think that you've got two board members here that are already in Region 1. It's going to be unfair advantage if we place a representative there, so I think that yes, we pick that and they're already here on the board. **Anger:** When this situation first came forward, I was in favor of this so that the region would be represented, but on second thought – first of all, I don't think Sharon would have resigned and left the region untended, knowing that we have a couple board members from Region 1 already on the board. Second, when we had this situation in the past; for instance, when we had a representative from what became Region 9, that representative did not run for the position. As I recall, that was intentional. This is different. I believe we can safely say we have a presumptive candidate who is going to run. We don't know if someone else is planning to run, hoping to run, waiting to see how the field turns out, but whatever we do, if we appoint someone, that is going to taint their election and take the choice away from the region. It's going to steal their opportunity to independently vote the person that they want in – not that I have anything against the presumptive candidate, but I would just like to see the region have a clean election. **Calhoun:** Another thing that came up, if we had someone who is already on the board fill in as an interim representative, which we already do because [inaudible], that person also has a vote; whereas, if someone is appointed, they don't have a vote for that region. So, the region would have a true representative that could take their concerns into action with their power [inaudible].

Currle: I would like to make a motion to appoint Russell Webb to be the board liaison for Region 1. **Noble:** Second. **Mastin:** Paula, did you second? **Noble:** Actually, Pam beat me to it. It came out of her mouth quicker. **Mastin:** OK, Pam Moser made the second. Any further discussion? **Currle:** I just want to point out that Russell has served as a regional treasurer and he has been very involved with his region. Most vice-presidents don't do anything anyway. [laughter] **DelaBar:** And that's going to be in the minutes. **Currle:** It was the nicest thing I could

think of. Russell is quite capable and he has already expressed an interest in it. I had already spoken to my dear friend next door [Krzanowski] and she said she has too much on her plate. **Mastin:** So Kenny, I don't want to argue with you, but I thought I was doing something for a period of time. **Newkirk:** I agree with that. **Mastin:** A little bit of something? **Currle:** You were really good at a couple of things. **Mastin:** OK. Any comments? Russell, do you have any comments, because – is this something you want to do? If you don't want to do it, you've got to say you don't want to do it. **Webb:** OK, I'll do it. **Mastin:** Is there anything else you want to say? **Webb:** That's it, thank you. **Newkirk:** You can slam him. **Currle:** You're very welcome, Russell. **Mastin:** You have an opportunity. We do have to vote, but I just wanted to give Russell an opportunity to – **Currle:** Russell can pick a committee. He can do whatever he wants.

***Action item #1:** A North Atlantic Region 1 Board Liaison/Representative shall be appointed to attend and discuss at Board meetings ~~without having any voting privileges.~~*

Mastin: Are there any other comments? Any questions for Russell or Kenny? Any objections? **Newkirk:** You've got to call the vote. He has to abstain. **Mastin:** Oh, that's right. You're an abstain with conflict, OK. So Kenny, your motion was to appoint? **Currle:** My motion was to appoint Russell Webb as Region 1 interim representative and liaison to the CFA board. **Mastin:** Why don't we do it this way. I have to appoint him, correct? The board ratifies, so your motion is to appoint a representative/board liaison to the board and it's going to be a board member, correct? All those in favor. **DelaBar:** We're ratifying? **Mastin:** No, we're not ratifying. We're doing the first one, Motion #1. **Perkins:** He can vote on that, so you can just do unanimous consent. **Mastin:** Any objections? **Griswold:** I would point out that action item #1 says *without having any voting privileges.* **Perkins:** You didn't say #1. He didn't say action item #1. You're just saying you move to appoint the liaison. **Mastin:** I did say #1. **Perkins:** Oh, you did? I'm sorry, I didn't hear that, thank you. **Mastin:** So I have to delete – **DelaBar:** *Without having any voting privileges.* **Perkins:** Just strike that. **Mastin:** OK. Alright, any objections? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

If the first motion passes, recommendations and discussion on naming a Region 1 Board Liaison/Representative.

***Action item #2:** Ratify appointing Russell Webb as North Atlantic Region 1 Board Liaison/Representative until the new North Atlantic Region 1 Regional Director is elected and affirms on June 30, 2024 Board of Directors meeting.*

Mastin: Russell, would you like to do this? **Webb:** What? **Mastin:** Be the board liaison for Region 1? **Webb:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, great. My appointment is to appoint Russell as board liaison for the North Atlantic Region. I ask the board to ratify. Can I have a motion? **DelaBar:** So moved. **Newkirk:** I'll make the motion. **Mastin:** I'm going to take Pam on the motion, Darrell on the second. OK, I need to call for the vote on this. If you're in favor, raise your hand. You can lower your hand after I call your name.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Webb abstained with conflict.

Mastin: Rachel, Pam DelaBar, Darrell, Marilee, Carol, Kenny, Anne, Cathy Dunham, Pam Moser, Paula, Mike, Pauli, John, Kathy Calhoun. Yukiko Hayata, were you in favor?

Hayata: Yes. **Mastin:** Anybody opposed? Nobody is opposed. Abstention with conflict is

Russell. **Anger:** That's 15 yes, zero no, 1 abstention with conflict. **Mastin:** Thank you, motion passes to ratify the appointment.

(21) **RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.**

Mastin: Moving on to the next item, Ratification of Committee appointments.

2023-2024 Updated Committee Appointments

Committee	Chair/Sub-committee Chair	Co/Vice Chair	Board Liaison	email
Agility	Jill Archibald	Nikki Feniak	Marilee Griswold	Jellyb1083@aol.com
Board Ombudsperson	<u>Rachel Anger</u>			camberwel@aol.com
Experimental Formats	<u>Rachel Anger</u>			Camberwel@aol.com
Ombudsperson	Ed Raymond		<u>Carol Krzanowski</u>	ed.raymond@thomsonreuters.com

Mastin: Does anybody want to pull out any one of these appointments? **DelaBar:** #3 and #4. **Mastin:** #3 and #4, OK. So, we're going to pull out #3 and #4. Anybody want to pull out #1 or #2?

Action Item: Effective immediately, ratify the following appointments:

1. *Marilee Griswold, Board Liaison for Agility Committee.*

Mastin: I do have an update on Agility. Jill asked that Marilee be her board liaison, and Marilee has accepted. Marilee, if at any point you decide you don't want to do it or change your mind, Jill has a couple other people that she was OK with. So, that is Marilee as board liaison.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent. [See below]

2. *Rachel Anger, Chair of the Experimental Formats Committee.*

Mastin: May I have a motion to ratify Marilee as the board liaison for Agility and Rachel Anger for Experimental Formats? **Newkirk:** So moved. **DelaBar:** So moved. **Mastin:** Darrell, and Pam you are the second, thank you. Any objections? Seeing no objections, thank you. Marilee, you are the board liaison for Agility Committee. Rachel, you are the Chair of the Experimental Format. **Anger:** Thank you.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

3. *Rachel Anger, Chair of the Board Ombudsperson Committee.*

Mastin: Pam, #3. **DelaBar:** We have an overall Ombudsman, Ed Raymond. The Ombudsman is the leaders' ear to the population, as it may be. I don't see why you need to add another layer for that communication that you should be getting from the Ombudsman by adding

yet another ombudsman. We have more ombudsmans than I think most organizations in the Fortune 500 have. It's the leaders' ability to find out what's going on. It's the Ombudsman's ability to try to resolve conflict before it goes to protest. The Ombudsman gives the leader the feeling of what's going on or problems that are going on, or also corrects action instead of having – I personally think that this board should not be taking up board punishments, protests or whatever. That should go through the established what we have; otherwise, it looks like the board is covering itself and it should be going through a regular procedure. That is my problem with adding yet the position of board ombudsman. I didn't like it the last time and I feel one, it's unnecessary and two, it blocks the function of the CFA Ombudsman. **Newkirk:** I agree with everything that Pam says, and I have no doubt Rachel would make a great ombudsman. I have every faith in her. Rachel and I have been friends for years and I know what her capabilities are, but I agree with Pam. It's just an unnecessary position. We don't need another ombudsman. We've got a great one sitting right across from me over there [Raymond]. He has my full confidence. **Anger:** I just want to clarify for the minutes that this was an existing position that was vacated when Sharon left the board. I offered to Rich to take an of Sharon's committees that he needed a chair for, so because I generally get much of the information that would apply to this position anyway, it made sense but if the board feels we don't need that specific position, I have no problem doing a little less work. **Calhoun:** I agree with Pam and Darrell. I'm all about streamlining and simplification. We don't need the added layer. We don't need the confusion. It makes it overly complex. I don't think the position is necessary. **Mastin:** Pam, do you have another comment? **DelaBar:** Well, I was going to say, what would come through – in fact, the last thing that Sharon put to the board would have gone to Rachel anyway, so it's unneeded. As I said, I did not like the addition of that position to begin with when it was first started, and I do not feel it needs to be continued. **Mastin:** Anybody else? OK, and you're OK having Ed. Ed, do you want to be the board ombudsman? **Raymond:** If everybody behaves, we'll be good. **DelaBar:** He's not the *board* ombudsman, he is *the* Ombudsman. **Newkirk:** We need a motion to eliminate that. **Mastin:** Let me rephrase the question. Ed, are you willing to take on anything that comes from board matters as the Ombudsman for all of CFA? **Raymond:** Sure. **Mastin:** OK, so do we need a motion to eliminate, or do I just eliminate it? It's my committee, I can eliminate it. **Newkirk:** You can eliminate it. **Mastin:** So, he has agreed to take it on. Then, I eliminate the position. So, it's eliminated.

No Action.

4. **Carol Krzanowski, Board Liaison of the Ombudsperson Committee.**

Mastin: Go ahead, Pam. **DelaBar:** On #4, the Ombudsman does not need a liaison to the board. The Ombudsman is your direct communication. There should be no layer between you and the Ombudsman. **Mastin:** Shelly? Because we had this discussion for June and you guys had me – I had some board liaisons that were not board members and we removed them and they report to me directly. So, Ed is going to report to me directly? **DelaBar:** Yes. **Perkins:** If you want that, or you can appoint a board liaison so that it can come through a liaison, so that that person can write reports. It's your choice, because it's actually more work for you now because it's a report you're going to have to generate for board meetings. **Mastin:** Why can't the Ombudsman? **Perkins:** Well, they can but you have to approve it. **Mastin:** That's fine, because I don't write the reports for Central Office, IT or the Marketing Committee. They write their own. **Perkins:** Correct, and you approve it. **Newkirk:** So, if there was to be a board liaison, it should

be somebody on the Executive Committee, because many of these things are time sensitive, and so what's the purpose of having someone outside the Executive Committee that can't bring stuff to the Executive Committee when it's going on? **Anger:** In that case, why wouldn't Rich be the person to do that? **Newkirk:** That's what I'm saying. **Anger:** There we go, OK. **Calhoun:** And it eliminates what could be an occurrence of an odd situation. If the liaison actually had an issue, how does this work? **Newkirk:** It's him anyway. **Calhoun:** It's him. **Mastin:** It goes to the open door policy. If anybody has an issue with a board liaison, they come to me directly. **DelaBar:** And may I say, Carol, this is nothing against you. Definitely not. **Newkirk:** Of course not. **Krzanowski:** I'm fine. It's OK. **Griswold:** Carol says less work, she's happy. **Mastin:** That's kind of what the response was sort of. **Calhoun:** She could help out Russell. **Newkirk:** He doesn't do anything anyway. [laughter] **Mastin:** Here we go again. Alright, so then I will eliminate the position. OK, great. **Newkirk:** He will report directly to you. **Mastin:** Reports directly to me. OK, easy enough. Good education.

No Action.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rich Mastin, President*

Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees

None.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

(22) UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Anger: I have something for Unfinished Business. **Mastin:** That’s what I thought. Alright, we’re moving into Unfinished Business and Rachel has something.

26. *If Show Rule 3.02.e. passes, then delete 12.4.b.2. to coincide with proposed show rule change of 3.02.e.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
12.4 Responsibilities in using Guest Judges: b. CFA Clubs must: 2. Assign the Guest Judge to judge on Sunday of a two-day show	12.4 Responsibilities in using Guest Judges: b. CFA Clubs must: 2. Assign the Guest Judge to judge on Sunday of a two-day show
RATIONALE: To coincide with proposed show rule change of 3.02e brought to the Board by Pam DelaBar R9 Director.	

[**Secretary’s Note:** The following transcript also appears under #26 of the Judging Program Report.]

Anger: I’m bringing this back up from the Judging Program Rules that we tabled earlier, depending on what the board voted on in the Show Rules portion. It’s items #26 and #27, regarding guest judges, what day guest judges would officiate. I’ll do it a little bit backwards because what we passed in Show Rules applies to #26. I’ll withdraw #27 and bring back #26 which deletes the phrase, *Assign the Guest Judge to judge on Sunday of a two-day show*. **Mastin:** John, was this one of your concerns? **Colilla:** No. **Anger:** This related to #7 in Show Rules regarding Show Rule 3.02.e. **Shelton:** I’m the one who brought it up. **Mastin:** OK, Mike. **Shelton:** We are fixing it by coming back and doing it now, and withdrawing the one that doesn’t apply. **Mastin:** So, in your opinion, is it in order? **Shelton:** We’re good to go. **Mastin:** OK. These were tabled, so we do have to vote on #26 and #27. **Newkirk:** #27 is moot. **Mastin:** #27 is withdrawn. **Anger:** Because I had a standing motion during the Judging Program report, does that still stand? **Newkirk:** You need a motion to take it off the table. **Anger:** I will so move. **Mastin:** Who will second? **Newkirk:** I’ll second it. **Mastin:** I’ve got Mike as a second. Any objections to taking it off the table? Seeing no objections, that motion passes unanimously.

The motion [to take the motion off the table] is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Are you going to make the motion? **Anger:** I move that we accept the Judging Program Rule 12.4.b., as amended, to delete *Assign the Guest Judge to judge on Sunday of a two-day show*. **Mastin:** May I have a second? **Newkirk:** I second. **Mastin:** I’ve got Darrell on that. Any objection? Seeing no objections, that motion passes unanimously. **Anger:** Thank you.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

27. *If Show Rule 3.02.e. passes, then add language “When possible” to Judging Program Rule 12.4 b. 2.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>12.4 Responsibilities in using Guest Judges:</p> <p>b. CFA Clubs must:</p> <p>2. Assign the Guest Judge to judge on Sunday of a two-day show</p>	<p>12.4 Responsibilities in using Guest Judges:</p> <p>b. CFA Clubs must:</p> <p>2. Assign <u>When possible assign</u> the Guest Judge to judge on Sunday of a two-day show</p>
<p>RATIONALE: To coincide with proposed show rule change of 3.02e brought to the Board by Pam DelaBar R9 Director.</p>	

Withdrawn.

Anger: Just a note that #27 has been withdrawn.

(23) **OTHER COMMITTEES.**

Anger: There were no Other Committee reports submitted.

(24) NEW BUSINESS.

Mastin: Do we have any New Business? **Anger:** I have no New Business. **Mastin:** Does anybody else have New Business? **Griswold:** Is there a way to add a question for New Business here? I was hoping to ask the IT Committee, I had some questions regarding eCats. eCats at the moment is working where, if we want to register a cat through eCats that it shows up and it's easy to see, and it's easy to see forever. But, if I register a cat just regular U.S. mail or via pedigree, I can't access it in eCats. I didn't know if there was a way we could – there's a lot of other organizations that have a much easier, user friendly way to access their cats that they have registered. I don't know, are we working towards something like that? **Simbro:** The revamp is addressing that, yeah. **Griswold:** That we can then add – **Simbro:** Any cat. **Griswold:** We can put it in ourselves, or how would that – **Simbro:** You put in, I think the thing right now, you enter in the registration number, the certificate issue date and the – I would have to go back and look at my notes, I think the litter number. We added an additional layer. We don't want anybody to add any cat to their account. We've got to have some type of access with unique identification information. Registration via pedigree is a little trickier, but I think we can go by breeder name, maybe. So yeah, that's totally in the plans for the revamp. By the end of the year. **Griswold:** December 31st. **Simbro:** December 31st.

Mastin: Any other New Business? I want to thank you all for attending the open session meeting. I also want to thank our CFA team for all they have done for the International Show, along with Desiree, all our sponsors, all the exhibitors, all the vendors – everybody that put on an amazing event that we had taken a break from for the past four years. Sometimes it's hard to start the engine back up. Everybody did a wonderful job, so thank you all. [applause] OK, the meeting is adjourned. **DelaBar:** One minute early. **Anger:** A minute to spare. **Mastin:** Kenny challenged me. **DelaBar:** You won a drink, right? **Newkirk:** I think we could have gotten done 5 minutes sooner if you had a Vice President that did anything. [laughter] **Mastin:** We've got to work on this, alright? **Newkirk:** You've got some goals to work on, Russell. **Mastin:** I'll work on it with him. It's 5:04, meeting is adjourned. We come back in Executive Session at 5:15 – 11 minute break.

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The Monday open session meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

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

23-017 CFA v. Eric Ou Kian Min
Violation of Show Rules 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, and 6.14(b)

Complainant, Gritthanut Srikritsana, alleges that Eric Ou Kian Min (hereafter Eric Ou) entered 8 different cats over the course of the 2022-2023 show season at various CFA shows in Malaysia and Thailand in violation of local import/export requirements. In addition, Complainant alleges that Eric Ou uses his position as show producer to charge “astronomical prices” to exhibitors entering the shows using “import permits that must be done through his agent.” Shows in which the 8 cats were entered range from August 2022 to March 2023. Complainant attaches information about import/export requirements for Malaysia and Thailand and alleges that at least 41 violations of local law have occurred.

Respondent requested additional time to prepare his defense and was given an additional two weeks. The Response declines to provide any documentation to show compliance with the laws and instead states “If the complainant has sufficient evidence to prove that I am participating the shows illegally and over stay as mentioned, please request the complainant to show and prove it.” Respondent denies overcharging for import services stating: “Even the show hosted by the complainant charges higher permit fees than me for foreigner exhibitor.” No documentary evidence is included with the Response.

In Rebuttal, Complainant discusses the fees charged by his club are excessive and states: “our service is optional.” The Rebuttal notes that when cats are illegally smuggled between countries there is no government paper trail. Instead, the proof is circumstantial. However, if the cats crossed legally Eric Ou would have documents from the government proving his claims. Additional government documents are provided in support of the claims.

Committee Recommendation: *a finding of guilty with a six month suspension of all CFA services and a \$750.00 fine; the fine to be paid within 30 days. If the fine is not paid prior to the end of the suspension period, the suspension will continue until the fine is paid in full. In addition, CFA shall void all points, wins, titles, and awards earned by the following cats during the 2022-2023 show season: Ziteng’s Ben Fu of Winneric (CFA # 7702-02978419); Winneric’s Larissa of Vee D-Master (CFA # 7741-02977939); Vee D-Master Prince in the Moon (CFA # 0154-02981714); Vee D-Master Keyword for Success (CFA # 0108-02987224); Vee D-Master Ananda of Winneric (CFA # 7940-02948457); Lukor-Fold Foster (CFA # 8440-02990816); Vee D-Master Truffle of Blacknumber (CFA # 0108-*

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The Monday executive session meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

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

Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, for the regularly scheduled quarterly board meeting in Ballroom I at the Crowne Plaza, 7230 Engle Road, Middleburgh Heights OH 44130. **President Richard Mastin** called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. EDT. A roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger** found the following members to be present:

Mr. Richard Mastin (President)
Mr. Russell Webb (Vice-President)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Vacant (NAR Director)
Mrs. Pam Moser (NWR Director)
Ms. Paula Noble (GSR Director)
Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)
Mr. Michael Shelton (SWR Director)
Mrs. Cathy Dunham (MWR Director)
Mr. Kenny Currie (SOR Director)
Ms. Yukiko Hayata (Japan Regional Director)
Ms. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)
Dr. Marilee Griswold (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Anne Mathis (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)

Also Present:

Shelly K. Perkins, Attorney at Law, CFA Legal Counsel
Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director
Kristi Wollam, Assistant Director
James Simbro, IT Systems Analyst
Matthew Wong, ID Representative

Absent:

Eva Chen, ID-China Representative

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

CFA QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA
October 16/17, 2023
All Times in Eastern Standard Time

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 • Board of Directors Meeting

8:00 a.m.	29.	Breeds and Standards	Wilson
8:15 a.m.	30.	New Business/Old Business	
12:15 p.m.		ADJOURN	

Mastin: Rachel, will you please do the roll call? **Anger:** Yes, I will. [**Secretary’s Note:** Secretary Rachel Anger called the roll, as reflected above.] **Mastin:** OK, the meeting is called to order.

Mastin: I need a motion to approve the Orders of the Day. Do we have any changes, additions or corrections? **Calhoun:** I don’t have a change, addition or correction, but what I do have, I would like to have the discussion from the Junior Fanciers moved into closed session and not in the notes. Not in the notes. That is a tremendous – that one has a tremendous opportunity for CFA and I think we need to keep it within the closed. Why? **Tartaglia:** We’re not in closed session. This is open. **Mastin:** This is open right now, so you want to move it? **Calhoun:** I want to move it. **Moser:** Was that from yesterday? **Mastin:** She is going to explain why in closed session. OK, so Kathy, we’re going to move that before the Sustainability Focus Session? Get that done first? **Calhoun:** All we just need to do is move it from open to closed. **Mastin:** Oh, that’s all we’re doing? **Calhoun:** That’s all. **Mastin:** Shelly, do we need a motion to do that? **Perkins:** Sure. **Mastin:** OK, Kathy’s motion. Pam DelaBar, is it your second? **DelaBar:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, any objections to moving the discussion into closed session? Seeing no objections, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Any other corrections or additions to the Orders of the Day? May I have a motion to approve? **DelaBar:** So moved. **Newkirk:** Second. **Mastin:** Pam DelaBar, Darrell second. Thank you. Any objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

(25) **BREEDS AND STANDARDS.**

Committee Chair: *Annette Wilson*

Liaison to Board: *Darrell Newkirk*

List of Committee Members: *Carla Bizzell, Melanie Morgan, Krista Schmitt*

Mastin: The first item on the agenda, Breeds and Standards. Good morning, Annette.
Wilson: Good morning. [Wong joins the meeting]. **Mastin:** Annette, you're up. Go ahead.
Wilson: Darrell is my liaison. I don't know how it works now. **Mastin:** Darrell, do you want Annette to present, or do you want to? **Newkirk:** No, she's the chair. **Mastin:** You're going to present, Annette. **Wilson:** OK, thank you. I have a discussion thing but we can postpone it and go to the action items first. I know you guys are time constrained.

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Reminded Central Office of the need to update individual Breed Registration Rules. Worked with the JPC on the 10 slide condensed format for breed presentations for the BAOS. Added Loretta Baugh and Kathi Hoos to the committee for this project, with technical help from Caroline Melia and Holly Muller. Provided several templates and instructions for the presentations. Reminded BCS of deadlines for standard change proposals and provided the links for directions on how to write them. Worked with Kristi Wollam and Rachel Anger on process flow for the BC ballots. Worked on finding a Breed Committee chair for the Khao Manee.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Continuing on the outstanding condensed breed presentations.

The 14 Breed Council ballots have been reviewed and formatted by Rachel. Central Office is currently performing their review. They should be on line for voting by mid-November, if not earlier.

We had an inquiry and follow up from the Tennessee Rex breeders regarding applying as a new breed, but they decided not to proceed this year.

The Toybob has notified us that they wish to apply for advancement to Championship effective May 1, 2024. This will be discussed at the February, 2024 board meeting and we will have an updated summary of judges reports, registrations and exhibits for that meeting.

Reviewing brief breed descriptions developed by Central Office and Marketing (note: IMO, these should be run past the BCS).

Discussion item: The status of the Khao Manee breed, currently registered and shown in MISC category, is concerning. There are no breed committee members, no one that I've contacted that is currently breeding Khao Manee appears to be interested in pursuing the requirements to join the breed committee. There is a club, Khao Manee Cat Club (Reg 9) that paid dues/submitted membership list in Feb., 2023. There were three Khao Manee exhibited in a show in Region 9

April 15, 2023 (last show season) and those were the ONLY Khao Manee exhibited in the 2022-23 show season. Without a breed committee, I'm not sure what next steps are—ideas?

Future Projections for Committee:

Work with Central Office on 'anytime' membership application process. Summarize breed ballot results when available.

Board Action Items:

1. *A couple of Breed Council Secretaries have either refused or are unable to do the condensed breed presentation (10 slides suitable for teaching in person BAOS). These presentations are outlines of the standards, with appropriate photos. The Committee has helped a few BCS do theirs and I am asking the Board for permission to complete any remaining presentations within the Committee (with or without the BCS' approval, though it will be requested).*

Motion 1A: *Permit the Breeds & Standards Committee to complete the remaining 10-slide condensed presentations for the BAOS and for inclusion on the CFA Judges Education webpage.*

Wilson: My first action item is, as we discussed at the Breeds and Standards meeting with the – I'm sorry, I've been up delivering kittens – with the Breed Council Secretaries' meeting with the board in June, we've been facilitating the production of shortened 10-slide breed presentations for the BAOS. It has gone quite well, a little rocky start but we have almost all of them finished. There's a couple of Breed Council Secretaries who either are unable to or just don't have the capability, or we have one that's refusing to produce it. We have actually done a couple of them for folks that aren't able to do it or don't have anyone in their breed council that can do it. What I would like is board permission to complete them all within the Committee, run them by the Breed Council Secretaries who are either refusing. Of course, we want them to look at it and offer any suggestions. Basically, it's taking words from the standards and putting them in a specific format with a point chart and then putting some photos to illustrate the issues. What we would like is to move forward with just getting them finished and if the Breed Council Secretary doesn't like the idea, just moving forward with it. So the motion – can I read the motion or does Darrell read the motion? The motion is [reads]. **Mastin:** Darrell, are you going to have a standing motion on all of these? **Newkirk:** Yes. **Mastin:** May I have a standing second please? Pam DelaBar. OK Darrell, do you want to speak on this? **Newkirk:** No, I agree. **Mastin:** Does anybody have any comments or questions? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

2. *From time to time the Breeds & Standards Committee sees issues regarding registration rules that might be followed better if clarified. We found one similar on a breed that has a ballot this year but the BCS absolutely refuses to have it on the ballot (note, it is a registration issue, not a standard issue). I would like permission from the Board to put the item on the (Birman) ballot to revise the AOV Class for Registration is for cats with POINT colors other than accepted in the standard. Alternatively, I would like to have Central Office highlight the registration rules to clarify the situation.*

Mastin: OK Annette. **Wilson:** My second action item is, we have an issue with a registration clarification for the Birman breed. This actually came up previously, I think in 2019. There is a ballot with some items on it this year and I had asked them to add an item regarding this registration rule. What the registration rule says is to register Birmans in AOV registration of any color. Unfortunately, we have a registration that may or may not be correct, but it says “Chocolate” as opposed to “Chocolate Point”. The Breed Council Secretary’s response was to say, “well, Birmans are pointed and everybody knows that, and therefore Central Office should know to register them as pointed.” That’s fine to say that, but it would just be so much easier if we said to register them as any colorpointed color. That’s all I wanted to put on their ballot.

***Motion 2A:** Insert a proposal on the Birman BC ballot to clarify that all registered colors must be color point.*

Wilson: My first action item is to [reads]. **Mastin:** We just lost Annette. **Wilson:** ... blue tabby point or lilac cream floral point or whatever the color is. **Newkirk:** I don’t have a problem with it, Annette, but I do agree that in her opening statement of the breed standards, it says it is a colorpoint breed. So, it seems redundant, but I don’t have an issue with it. **Wilson:** It’s true that the breed standard says that and to a point I agree, but I don’t think that the registration folks are necessarily looking at the breed standard when they register a cat. My assumption is, they look at the registration rules. I have a second option here. I don’t know that this even needs to be balloted; however, I always like to get breed council input before we do anything. **Currle:** Annette, did the breed council ask for this proposal to be put on their ballot? **Wilson:** I can’t hear. **Mastin:** Kenny asked if the breed council asked to have this proposal put on the ballot. **Wilson:** No, I asked them to put it on the ballot. The Breed Council Secretary refused. She said, Central Office should know what to do and if they make mistakes, well. **Currle:** I have a problem with that. It’s their breed. Although I don’t disagree with what you’re trying to do, it’s their breed and I think that their opinions should matter more. **DelaBar:** It may be their breed, but for us to have some credibility across the associations, it needs to be in at least the Rules for Registration. It’s in the standard. I’m all for Annette putting it on the ballot so everyone is notified and there should be no questions, and that the breed councils are still advisory to us. **Newkirk:** So, is this standard in all pointed breeds, Annette? **Wilson:** I don’t know. I didn’t go and look. **Mastin:** Does anybody know if it’s standard in the other pointed breeds? That would be good to know. **Newkirk:** Yes, it would. **Mastin:** Because if it’s not standard in all other breeds, why are we making them do it? **Tartaglia:** For the Siamese, we do say “Seal Point, Chocolate Point, Blue Point, Lilac Point.” **Newkirk:** We’re talking Rules of Registration, not the in standards. **Dunham:** The Rules of Registration, so the registration people know that it’s a pointed cat. **Tartaglia:** Our folks in the office, they do refer to the show standards to see the color description. I would like to see what it is in our BCS. What does it say for Siamese? Does it say Blue Point for the BCS code as the actual description? **Mastin:** While he’s looking for that, I’ll call on Darrell. **Newkirk:** So, we just looked at the Colorpoint. I don’t think it says anywhere where it says it’s a pointed breed, correct? **Griswold:** The Registration Rules we’re looking at? Colorpoint is almost in the name. **Newkirk:** For like AOVs, it says “Siamese colors”. All the prefixes say “point”, but so do the Birmans. **Wilson:** AOV. AOV. **Newkirk:** And this AOV in the Colorpoint is the same thing. It’s Siamese colors. It doesn’t say, “Siamese color points” or “Siamese pointed”. We know Siamese is pointed, but we also know Birmans are pointed. I think that’s the point that Karen is trying to make. **Wilson:** I agree it makes all the sense in the world. However, it was a sticking point when they asked for the AOV class last time. I think it was in

2019 that they opened their AOV registrations to other colors. While they got it for registration, they had asked for it for showing and it got turned down because they didn't specify what it was for. One of the issues at that meeting was that it doesn't even say they must be pointed. So, just trying to bring some clarity to it. If we put it on the ballot and the breed council members shoot it down, we're still in the same place we are now. I know how the Breed Council Secretary feels about it; what we don't know is how the breed council members feel about it. That's the reason for the ballot. I'm fine with there being an annotation in the Registration Rules by Central Office so that they know, just put a note in parenthesis that the colors must be called pointed or point.

Mastin: Annette, what's the deadline for when this has to be on the ballot? What's the deadline date for this being on the ballot? **Wilson:** Central Office is still reviewing all the proposals, so I think October. Oh, it is October. **Tartaglia:** Let's say October 28th. **Newkirk:** Just as a final clarification, and Annette and I and Karen have had some conversations over the AOV colors. All the AOV colors are being listed. They're adding the cinnamon gene which will add fawn, and they're adding the dilute modifier colors. They are adding smoke points and shaded points, but every one of the colors that are listed says "point". It's point and the thing, so since – I can't remember which breed it was that they forgot to add the basic color, but Annette put on the judges' list that it made sense that the basic color had to be included, even though it wasn't listed in the colors. But, for the Birman ballot, all the AOV colors are listed as cinnamon tabby point, as an example. So, all the AOV colors have "point". There's nothing else other than that list of colors that are going to be in there. Like I said, I don't have a problem with this, but it's not consistent with like Ragdolls, Colorpoints and the other ones. In the Registration Rules for Siamese it's "seal point, chocolate point, blue point, lilac point", but the Birman colors in their registrations, all those colors are listed. **Mastin:** Darrell, is that standard for all other breed where the AOVs are listed colors, or is it listed as all other colors? **Newkirk:** Well, it depends on the breed and even that has not been consistent over the years. Some just say, "Male AOV Colors, Female AOV Colors" and it doesn't list what the colors are. It could be coat length or something else that's in our Show Rules. **Wilson:** This has been an ongoing issue and we've been working over the years trying to get Breed Council Secretaries and breed councils to define what their AOV class for exhibiting or for registration actually is. The Registration Rules tend to be more clear because it's important for exhibiting, but even there sometimes it's open. Some breeds want it to be open, but it's hard to know sometimes. For example, for Manx, is it for colors not described, is it for colors that they might not want to accept, or is it just for tail length? Sometimes it was for coat length, then when they accepted longhair then that went away, so describing the AOV class for showing is important but not all of them do it. We've been working with it. We're more and more clarifying it. **Moser:** I don't see what the problem is. I mean, this is just going to go on their ballot. The Birman breed, they're going to decide whether they want it or not. They're going to say yes or no, so this is just putting it on their ballot. I don't see what the harm is. **Mastin:** So, if this is not on the ballot, are their other proposals going to get turned down? That's what I'm more concerned about, if this one piece is not on the ballot. If we fail to pass this, are they going to have a hard time getting others? **Newkirk:** All this proposal is, if I understand correctly Annette, is it's putting that all colors have to be pointed in the Registration Rules. All the colors in the Birman are pointed. Every color listed in the standard and all the colors listed in their upcoming ballot for adding the cinnamon gene and the variations of that gene, so I don't think whether it goes in the rules or not, I don't think makes a big difference. I think Annette, what she's trying to do is get all the breeds to be consistent toward the same goal. Is that correct, Annette? **Wilson:** Yes. Well, in this case, for registration clarity also. The more

clear we can make it for the registration folks, the better we are I think. **Griswold:** My own personal preference, I kind of lean like Pam does, where I would like to have a unified color description that would go for all breeds. Everybody knows what a brown patched tabby is, and everybody knows what a calico is and how much white it has to have, but in CFA that's not the way we do things. All the colors are defined by the breed council, so it makes me only mildly concerned because I don't think it truly makes a difference here with this one particular thing, but it makes me mildly concerned that we will force a breed council to do something with regards to color descriptions, or at least force them to put something on the ballot that they apparently really don't want for some reason. I don't understand why they would fight something like this, but maybe they have a reason that I'm missing. **Mastin:** OK. Does anybody else have any more questions or comments? **Tartaglia:** The Rules of Registration that we're referring to right now, those were originally created as an internal document to assist the Central Office staff in properly registering cats to provide history and all the things we're talking about. Every Birman color is pointed. The more information we can have in there, the better job we can do. The fact that these have now become public, it's a little odd because there are some notes in there that are really weird, but they were created originally for the Central Office to do their job properly to assist. **Mastin:** Any other questions or comments? Darrell, are you recommending we pass this? **Newkirk:** I know the Breed Council Secretary doesn't want it on the ballot. If we go in the Registration Rules for Siamese and say, "this is a pointed breed" and everybody is going to go, "duh, yeah, it's a pointed breed. Every color listed is pointed," but so are the Birmans. The Birman is a pointed breed with the white gloving gene, because they would look like Ragdoll Colorpoints if they didn't have the gene mutation that causes white gloves. So, I know it doesn't hurt. I understand that, but to me it's redundant. **Currle:** It's respecting the wishes of the breed council. **Tartaglia:** Just one last comment. **Mastin:** Promise? **Tartaglia:** I promise. I wasn't going to say anything today, but I can't help it. We're going to put this note in the Registration Rules that we use internally. So, just so you know, they're going to appear for our purposes, whether it's a yellow Post-It Note or it's officially in that printed copy, this helps us know because not all the registration knows that Birmans are all pointed. They are dealing with all kinds. You know and judges know, but that doesn't mean we know. As I said, these were originally intended to be internal documents to assist us, so it didn't matter where the information came from, it's the fact that, "OK, that's good to know, let's write it down." I don't mean to be belligerent about it, but we're going to put this note in our copy of the Registration Rules for the Birman, that all Birman colors are pointed. **Mastin:** Allene, are you asking this to be improved because it will help Central Office? **Tartaglia:** Yes. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. **Tartaglia:** It would help to have it formalized. **Wilson:** I've got the Registration Rules up and it says, *Register as AOV as of February 2020 any color not recognized in the Birman color show standard. All I want it to say is, ... any point color.* I know Central Office could just put a note in here somewhere, but I think it's important for breeders too. Now that the Registration Rules are available on there, a lot of these colors aren't really being shown here or aren't here, they're in Europe. I appreciate the fact that they're recognizing the colors and incentivizing more people to show them and get them further recognized, but it's not any color. To get these colors, they didn't just use Birmans to get them, so we need to be careful in saying, you can't register a lilac-cream here, but you can register a lilac-cream point. That's all I'm looking for is just some clarification there. I think it helps everybody. We don't know if the breed council members are in favor of it or not. **Mastin:** OK, I'm going to call for the vote. If you're in favor, raise your hand. Once I call your name you can lower your hand.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Currle and Griswold voting no.

Mastin: Rachel, Kathy Calhoun, Darrell, John, Pam Moser, Paula, Cathy Dunham, Pam DelaBar, Anne, Russell, Pauli, Carol, Mike. If you're opposed, raise your hand. Marilee, Kenny. If you are an abstention, raise your hand. Yukiko Hayata, are you in favor? **Anger:** That's 14 yes, 2 no, zero abstentions. **Mastin:** OK, the motion passes, thank you. **Wilson:** Thank you.

If that fails, then:

Motion 2B: *Central Office will annotate the Birman registration rules to ensure that all colors registered must be as xxxxxpoint (i.e., chocolate point; blue tabby point, etc.)*

No Action.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting: *Breeds and Standards Report, including compilation of results of BC ballots.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Wilson, Chair

Wilson: That's it. **Mastin:** Annette, thank you. Have a great day. **Wilson:** OK, have a good day. Bye bye. [**Wilson** leaves the meeting]

(26) **NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS.**

Mastin: Does anybody have any New or Old Business in open session? Any Show Rule changes that Ed needs before he gets to get on the road? Then what's next? Is there anything else? **Anger:** Sustainability Focus Session. **Mastin:** But that's all in closed session. **Anger:** Correct. **Mastin:** It's only 8:27. **Anger:** Perfect. **Mastin:** So, we'll take a 15 minute break. Are you prepared to start at 8:45? **Calhoun:** I've got the documents up there. **Mastin:** Alright, the open session meeting is adjourned.

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The Tuesday open session meeting adjourned at 8:28 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

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

(27) **DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.**

Disciplinary Hearings And Suspensions: Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to the Board. The following case was heard, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the parties, and no appeal and/or appeal fee was filed. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

23-021 ***CFA v. Kam Nok Yi, Cheung Shun Hei, and Shewei Li***
Violation of CFA Bylaws Article XV, Section 4 (b, c, e, and g)

Guilty. *The board has imposed the following disciplinary action: a one year suspension of all CFA services and a joint and several fine of \$1,500.00 payable within 30 days. If the fine is not paid prior to the end of the suspension period, the suspension will continue until the fine is paid in full. [vote sealed]*

23-020 ***CFA v. Danyang Qiao***
Violation of CFA Show Rules 11.08, 11.10, and 11.38
Violation of CFA Exhibitor Code of Ethics 2A, 3B, 3C, 3D, and 4C

Guilty. *The board has imposed the following disciplinary action: a six month suspension of all CFA services and a fine of \$750.00 payable within 30 days. If the fine is not paid prior to the end of the suspension period, the suspension will continue until the fine is paid in full. [vote sealed]*

23-019 ***CFA v. Cavanaugh, Andrea***
Violation of CFA Bylaws Article XV, Section 4 (b)

Guilty. *The board has imposed the following disciplinary action: a six month suspension of all CFA services and a fine of \$750.00 payable within 30 days. If the fine is not paid prior to the end of the suspension period, the suspension will continue until the fine is paid in full. In addition, CFA shall void the March 2023 transfer of the cat Shortcurly's You're Welcome (CFA # 4706-02889311) and restore title to the status quo ante. [vote sealed]*

Board-Cited Hearing: The Board may consider any protest filed by any member of a member club or in any other manner brought to the attention of the Executive Board. The Board may delegate authority to one or more persons to review, investigate, and determine if probable cause exists for the filing of a formal protest. This case was heard on direct cite by the CFA Executive Board. Timely notice was given to the party, and the matter was heard in open session, at the request of the respondent.

None.

Appeals: Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to and heard by the Board, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the party, an appeal and/or appeal fee was timely filed, and the appeal was heard by the Board of Directors. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

23-005-0310 CFA v. Vorapon Mantham

Violation of Show Rule 11.24

Guilty. The board has imposed the following disciplinary action: a one year suspension of all CFA services and a \$500 fine payable within 30 days. If the fine is not paid prior to the end of the suspension period, the suspension will continue until the fine is paid in full. [vote sealed]

23-015-0518 CFA v. Yoshiko Sada

Alleged: Violation of Show Rule 11.26

Guilty. The board has imposed the following disciplinary action: Respondent to be evaluated at the next ten (10) CFA shows that Respondent judges. At each of the 10 shows, the Show Committee will fill out a Judging Evaluation Form, and also specifically note the judging start time and end time. These forms shall be sent to the JPC immediately at the end of each show. [vote sealed]