

**SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE  
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
APRIL 2, 2024**

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**Secretary's Note:** The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, via Zoom video conference. **President Richard Mastin** called the regularly scheduled mid-quarterly video conference meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. A roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger** found the following members to be present:

**Mr. Richard Mastin (President)**  
**Mr. Russell Webb (Vice-President/Region 1 Board Liaison)**  
**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:**

**Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel**  
**Allene Tartaglia, Executive 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.

**Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees**

**(1) APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.**

<b>CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD Video Conference Meeting Agenda April 2, 2024</b>		
<b>Open Session</b>		
<b>Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees</b>		
1.	Approve Orders of the Day	Mastin
2.	Ratification of Online Motions	Anger
3.	Judging Program Report	Nye/Webb
4.	Central Office Report	Tartaglia
5.	Club Membership	Krzanowski
6.	Show Rules	Raymond
7.	International Division	Calhoun
8.	Virtual Cat Competition	Kerr
9.	Junior Fanciers	Shaffer
10.	Experimental Formats	Anger
11.	Registration Rule Proposal	Anger
12.	Board-Sponsored Delegate Proposals	Moser
<b>Unfinished Business and General Orders</b>		
13.	Other Committees	
14.	New Business	
15.	Old Business	
	ADJOURN OPEN SESSION	

## Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

### (2) RATIFICATION OF ONLINE MOTIONS.

#### RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS

	Moved/ Seconded	Motion	Vote
<b>MOTIONS THAT REQUIRE RATIFICATION</b>			
<b>1.</b>	Executive Committee 02.01.2024	Due to a clerk shortage, grant an exception to Show Rule 9.08.n. to allow the Alianza Felina club to ring share their 6 ring show, holding 3 rings in the morning and 3 rings in the afternoon at its show on February 3, 2024 in Malaga, Spain (Region 9).	<b>Motion Carried</b> (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			
<b>2.</b>	Executive Committee 02.02.2024	For the Japan Dancing Cat Club's February 11, 2024 show in Yokohama, Japan (Region 8), grant an exception to Show Rule 5.01.m. to increase the entry limit from 120 to 130. The club will issue a new flyer, publicize the change, and send notifications to all entered exhibitors and judges.	<b>Motion Carried</b> (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			
<b>3.</b>	Executive Committee 02.05.2024	Allow the Persian and Exotic Club to have one OCP Ring at its April 20/21, 2024 show in Hong Kong (International Division). The ring will use Suki Lee, an allbreed judge on the regular slate. 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.	<b>Motion Carried</b> (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			
<b>4.</b>	Executive Committee 02.08.2024	Due to a clerk shortage and low entry, grant an exception to Show Rule 9.08.n. to allow the Pawprints in the Sand and Chamberlin on the Bay Cat Clubs to ring share their 6 ring one day show, holding 2 of its rings in the morning and 2 rings in the afternoon, with the remaining 2 rings on their regular schedule, at their show on February 10, 2024 in Newport News, Virginia (Region 7).	<b>Motion Carried</b> (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			
<b>5.</b>	Executive Committee 02.17.2024	Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.14 and allow Jeri Zottoli to judge in place of Melanie Morgan at the Black Diamond Cat Club/Ramapo Cat Fanciers show February 18, 2024 in York Pennsylvania (Region 1).	<b>Motion Carried</b> (subject to ratification).
<b>Secretary's Note:</b> The entire Board of Directors wishes Melanie a speedy recovery.			

	<b>Moved/ Seconded</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>6.</b>	Anger Huhtaniemi 02.19.2024	Accept the resignation of Morning Yang as a CFA Associate Judge, effective April 30, 2024, with regret.	<b>Motion Carried</b> (subject to ratification).
Discussion will be reported in official minutes for April 2 meeting.			
<b>7.</b>	Executive Committee 02.21.2024	Grant an exception to Show Rule 9.08.n. to allow the Sunshine Cat Club to ring share at their show, consisting of an allbreed ring in the morning and a single specialty ring in the afternoon (or vice versa) at their show on March 16, 2024 in Vantaa, Finland (Region 9).	<b>Motion Carried</b> (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			
<b>8.</b>	Executive Committee 02.23.2024	For its February 24/25, 2024 show in Shanghai China (ID-China), (1) grant an exception to Show Rule 4.14 and allow the Mountain City Cat Fanciers Club to change its show format from a two-day show to a back-to-back show, and (2) grant an exception to Show Rule 5.01.m. to decrease the entry limit from 450 to 225. The club will issue a new flyer, publicize the change, and send notifications to all entered exhibitors and judges.	<b>Motion Carried</b> (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			
<b>9.</b>	Executive Committee 02.27.2024	Grant an exception to Show Rule 4.14 and allow the China Ace Cat Club to add a specialty ring at their March 3/4, 2024 show in Chengdu, China (ID-China), changing the show license from 6 AB/3 SP to 6 AB/4 SP.	<b>Motion Carried</b> (subject to ratification).
Discussion will be reported in official minutes for April 2 meeting.			
<b>10.</b>	Executive Committee 02.29.2024	Allow the United Feline Odyssey club to have 2 OCP Rings (one each day) at their April 6/7, 2024 show in Hong Kong (International Division). The rings are stand-alone, using judges on the regular slate. 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 minimum entries are not achieved, that portion of the final will not be held.	<b>Motion Carried</b> (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			
<b>11.</b>	Executive Committee 03.05.2024	For its March 16, 2024 show in LiaoCheng Shandong, China (ID-China), grant the China Brilliant Cat Club an exception to Judging Program Rule 12.4.b. and allow Jorgen Billing to guest judge in place of Nancy Dodds.	<b>Motion Failed.</b>
Discussion will be reported in official minutes for April 2 meeting.			
<b>12.</b>	Executive Committee 03.05.2024	Reconsider the previous motion.	<b>Motion Carried</b> (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			

	<b>Moved/ Seconded</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>13.</b>	Executive Committee 03.18.2024	For the Delaware River Cats' proposed show scheduled April 13/14, 2024 in Region 1, grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 (second paragraph) and allow the show to be licensed with less than 30 days remaining prior to the opening day of the show.	<b>Motion Failed.</b> Anger, Calhoun and Webb abstained for conflict.
Discussion will be reported in official minutes for April 2 meeting.			
<b>14.</b>	Executive Committee 03.20.2024	Reconsider the previous motion.	<b>Motion Carried</b> (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			
<b>15.</b>	Executive Committee 03.21.2024	For the Delaware River Cats' proposed show scheduled April 13/14, 2024 in Region 1, grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 (second paragraph) and allow the show to be licensed with less than 30 days remaining prior to the opening day of the show.	<b>Motion Failed.</b> Anger, Calhoun and Webb abstained.
<p>Emergency online motions are decided by the Executive Committee (EC) of the Board. The EC consists of the four officers and Kenny Currle. Pursuant to New York law, online motions must be passed unanimously; a single vote of “no” or an abstention without cause by a member of the EC will cause the motion to fail.</p> <p>The initial motion to waive SR 4.04 and allow Delaware River Cat Club to license its show less than 30 days before the opening day of the show failed, with three members of the EC abstaining for cause and two voting “no.”</p> <p>After that vote, numerous emails were received asking that the decision be appealed to the full Board. While there is no right to appeal from the EC’s decision on an online motion, the EC passed a motion to reconsider its prior decision so that input could be solicited from the full Board. Some but not all Board members offered their input with only one Board member indicating support for extending the licensing deadline. At the close of the comment period, the initial motion to waive the deadline found in SR 4.04 was brought before the EC once again. The results of this EC vote were the same as the initial vote.</p> <p>Further discussion will be reported in the official minutes for April 2 meeting.</p>			

**(3) JUDGING PROGRAM REPORT.**

*Executive Committee*

*Co-Chair: Vicki Nye*  
*Board Liaison and Co-Chair: Russell Webb*  
*Advisor/Coordinator: Rachel Anger*

*List of Committee Members:*

*Rachel Anger: Associate Program Applications Administrator*  
*Anne Mathis: Associate Program Training Administrator, Education – Judges’ Training/Tests and Continuing Education*  
*Nancy Dodds: File Administrator*  
*Marilee Griswold: File Administrator*  
*Leslie Carr: Application Administrator – Regions 1-9*  
*Jodell Raymond: Application Administrator – International Division*  
*Barbara Jaeger: Education – Breed Awareness & Orientation*  
*Wendy Heidt: Guest Judge Administrator*  
*Teresa Sweeney: Recruitment, Development and Mentoring Administrator*  
*Diana Rothermel: Ombudsperson*

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*Since the February 3-4, 2024 Board meeting, several topics have been brought to the Judging Program Committee to discuss and provide a possible solution. These issues or topics were discussed on the Judging Program email list, and again at our March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Judging Program Committee Meeting.*

- Establishment of a JPC Sub-Committee to review and provide recommendations on Judges Social Media activity.*
- The unintended deletion of breed council membership to the breeder stream judging program application requirement.*
- Approved Guest Judge 2 tier status, no requirements for judging or license to remain as an Approved Guest Judge*
- Putting a sunset date on the current T1, T2, T3 Associate Judging Program at 5 years from May 1, 2024.*

**Current Happenings Of Committee:**

**Leave of Absence:**

*None*

**Retirements/Resignations:**

*On March 18, 2024, the Judging Program Committee received the retirement letter of Kayoko Koizumi effective March 31, 2024, and regretfully accepted. Kayoko bred Persians under the Laves prefix with an impressive history of 58 Grands and 4 Distinguished Merit cats. Kayoko began judging for CFA in 1994 and judged worldwide for 30 years. In addition to her service to CFA in the Judging Program, Kayoko served as Japan Regional Director for 6 terms, June 2002 through June 2006, June 2010 through June 2014 and June 2017 through June 2020 leading a fairly new region into a robust region with enough shows for Japanese exhibitors to obtain National wins in Region 1-9 standings. Kayoko was very giving of her knowledge and talent in the judging ring, training nearly every Japanese Judge since 2003. Kayoko also served several years on the Protest Committee. When leaving her CFA Board seat after one of her Regional Director terms, Pam DelaBar, as CFA President, noted that “Kayoko was very instrumental for Japan in January 1995, when a devastating earthquake hit Kobe and Kayoko helped direct relief efforts for animals in Kobe”. The CFA Judging Program thanks Kayoko Koizumi for her 30 years of judging service and 11 years as Regional Director for Japan.*

*Morning Yang, CFA Associate Judge as of November 2020, from China, submitted her resignation from the Associate Judging program on February 14, 2024, effected April 24, 2024.*

*On March 20, 2024, the Judging Program Committee received the resignation of Iris Zinck, dated March 18, 2024. CFA has accepted the resignation of Iris Zinck as a CFA Allbreed Judge in good standing.*

### **Applications and Advancements:**

#### **Applications:**

*None.*

#### **Advancements:**

*Two Regular Judging Program advancements to be presented in closed session.*

#### **Advancements – Regular Judging Program:**

##### **Advance from Longhair Trainee to Longhair Apprentice (1st Specialty):**

*Alex Chun Lap (Hong Kong)*

##### **Advance from Apprentice Shorthair to Approval Pending Shorthair (2<sup>nd</sup> Specialty):**

*Mie Takahashi (Hyogo, Japan)*

#### **Social Media Policy Subcommittee Update**

**Members: Marilee Griswold, Michael Shelton, Pam DelaBar, Teresa Sweeney, Linda Komar**



*The Social Media Committee formed with 3 board members, 3 judges and 1 exhibitor member (5 total members). We collected data from various similar organizations regarding social media policies. We also presented a poll to our CFA constituents. The results of the poll were made available to the board.*

*The original Social Media policy included board and committee members as well as judges. It was clear with the poll results that the main concern revolves around Judges in this realm. Because of this, we felt it prudent to merge the SM policy into the Judges Code of Ethics and no longer include board members or committee members. This is similar to several other dog and cat fancier organizations. In addition, when reading the Judges Code of Ethics and the SM policy, it was clear that there was already much overlap.*

*Some of the verbiage and decisions on the committee were easily agreed upon, especially based on the poll results. Judges should not post photos of cats currently exhibiting or of their owners or awards (singling out particular cats or owners). We easily removed the prohibition for not recognizing individuals or club members who put on the show (general thank you for well-run show). The biggest disagreement was in regards to allowing judges to post photos of their own cats on social media, whether at home or in a show environment. The poll was also pretty mixed with responses on these questions. In the end, 3 of our committee members felt judges should be allowed to do this (2 in dissension).*

*Another issue that was discussed and carried 100% agreement was with regards to enforcement of this policy. It was felt by some that they were being 'singled out' with regards to their SM postings. Keeping in mind that someone may only 'see' the Facebook/SM postings of friends or people they 'follow' it may very well appear to some that they are "picked on" regarding their postings while others are completely ignored. Because of this perception, the committee feels that this policy, like all other policies in CFA, be enforced when a complaint arises in particular and not be "policed" by the JPC. Discussion regarding the integrity and trust of our judging panel was forefront with this point.*

*In the document, words that are ~~struck out~~ were removed from the original Code of Ethics and words that are **bolded** were what we added.*

*Thank you for allowing us an attempt to hammer this out. The board can, of course, accept the new Judges Code of Ethics, reject our recommendation and keep the current SM policy or completely remove the SM policy altogether. This is our best approximation of a compromise.*

*Respectfully  
Marilee Griswold, MD*

## ***Judges' Code of Ethics***

### ***Preamble***

*The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. ("CFA") is a not-for-profit association created to register pedigreed cats, sanction CFA's clubs, shows and events, protect the hobby of breeding and*

*showing pedigreed cats, and enhance the well-being of all cats. CFA Judges officiate at CFA shows to evaluate cats using CFA standards and policies.*

*CFA Judges are Ambassadors for CFA to the cat fancy and public. A CFA judge must embody and project unwavering integrity, dedication and ethical behavior that protects the reputation of fair, honest and educated judging. All CFA Judges affirm their endorsement of this code and acknowledge their commitment to uphold its principles and obligations by accepting and maintaining their license in the CFA Judging Program. ~~With common sense, judges can avoid situations which might raise ethical questions.~~*

***The following Code also applies to Social Media, which includes not only text, but also photographs, audio, video and any combinations of these. Social media communications should be regarded as public at all times, even if created with private intentions. If you are going to use social media, recognize that your communications might be read by anyone at any time, and that postings on the internet may be permanent. Commenting on lists or any other internet communication reaching multiple individuals, excluding your private email, is considered use of social media. “Re-tweeting” or clicking on the “like”, “share” or similar buttons on someone else’s social media comment is interpreted as commenting.***

#### *Judges’ Code of Ethics*

*CFA Judges shall at all times abide by and conform to the following code of conduct in their capacity as judges:*

- *Abide in all respects ~~to~~ by the rules and regulations including but not limited to CFA’s By-Laws, Show Rules, and Judging Program Rules.*
- *Conduct themselves in and out of the ring with honesty, integrity, due diligence, and competence as Ambassadors of CFA.*
- *Carry out all obligations to the best of their ability including, but not limited to, their responsibilities to the clubs who employ their services, exhibitors who entrust their cats into their hands, breeders who look to them for advice, and to the cats themselves.*
- *Base all judging decisions firmly on condition and the standards for each breed. Evaluate the exhibits strictly, fairly and impartially, in accordance with the accepted standard for each breed. **Do not put yourself in a position where you give the impression that you have given up your impartiality.***
- *Participate in continuing education, and keep current in the standards and rules in a manner that will allow judges to render an educated opinion which exhibitors will seek out.*
- *Communicate with the public, exhibitors, breeders, fellow judges, and club members in a responsible, respectful, and professional manner. **Promote your participation in the cat fancy in a positive light and with a general feeling of pride and professionalism.***

- ~~Not~~ **Do not** engage in or facilitate any discriminatory or harassing behavior toward CFA staff, CFA board members or officers, club members, exhibitors, breeders, or others in the context of activities relating to CFA. **Positive and promoting comments regarding a show, CFA and club members are encouraged.**
- Act at all times in the best interests of CFA and not for personal or third-party gain or financial enrichment. Avoid placing, or the appearance of placing, one's own self-interest or any third-party interest above that of CFA. **Posting photos of your own cats is allowed on social media except for those cats/kittens currently being exhibited.**
- ~~Not~~ **Do not** solicit or accept gifts, gratuities, personal property, or any other item of value from any person as a direct or indirect inducement to provide special treatment to the donor in matters relating to CFA. Never accept any gifts suspected to be inappropriate.
- Never solicit judging assignments.
- ~~Not~~ **Do not** criticize by act or word the work of other CFA judges. ~~Not~~ **Do not** offer criticism of any previously judged cat(s) to anyone including other officiating judges during the course of a show. **Avoid any situations where you single out a specific animal or breeder, whether it be a cat currently showing, or one that may be in the future.**
- Advise potential exhibitors not to show their cats in their ring when doing so might give the impression of unfair advantage. For example, if the exhibitor is: Their employer or an employee. A relative. A member of their household.
- Respect and work together with the CFA Judging Program Committee, the CFA Board of Directors, fellow judges, clerks and stewards, and especially the clubs who hire them, in a spirit of cooperation and harmony.
- Provide proper care for their cats and maintain them in an exemplary manner beyond CFA's Minimum Cattery Standards.
- Honor and respect the CAT.

**Motion:** Remove the Social Media Guidelines as a stand-alone document from the CFA website and approve the revised Judges Code of Ethics which incorporates the social media policy for judges.

### **JUDGING PROGRAM RULE CHANGES**

**Motion:** Adopt the following Judging Program rule changes, effective immediately.

- New Judging Program Rule 5.4 would sunset the current Associate Judging Program for T1, T2 and T3 (China, Singapore/Malaysia/Indonesia/Thailand, Hong Kong, South Korea & Region 9), at 5 years from May 1, 2024. This means current Associate Judges would need to complete their regular Judging Program requirements and apply for their

*first specialty by February 2029. This would not close the door permanently to a new Associate Judging Program if future country lockdowns or pandemics occur. The Board would of course have the ability to establish another Associate Judging Program. The current Associate Judges, many of whom have either already applied to CFA's regular Judging Program or are currently working on requirements (Marking a Judges Book, showing other breeds in their specialty) need to have a positive path to the regular judging program. T1 China Associate Judges accepted 10 in the program and began judging December 2020. Two of these have moved through acceptance in the Regular Judging Program in the Specialty they were accepted as an Associate Judge, one more has applied to be decisioned at the June 2024 Board Meeting, and a fourth has resigned. This leaves six remaining of the T1 China Associate Judges. Three of these are actively working on their regular application requirements, though two have not judged in the last year. The T2 Associate Judges from Singapore/Thailand/Indonesia/Malaysia program originally accepted 20 and could judge December 2021. Six have resigned, and five have applied and are either now training or actively judging for CFA. Several of the remaining nine are working on their requirements (doing cattery visits, showing other breeds in their specialty) though one has not judged since October of 2022. In China T2 December 2021, 10 were accepted, 2 have never judged, and 1 has only judged once. It is time to encourage those that want to move on in the judging program and eliminate those that only want the title or status of Associate Judge without serving their area as a judge.*

<b>Section 5 - REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGES FOR APPLICATION TO THE CFA REGULAR JUDGING PROGRAM</b>	<b>CFA Judging Program Committee</b>	
<b>Existing Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>	
<b>None.</b>	<u><b>5.4</b> The Associate Judging Program will no longer exist as of May 1, 2029.</u>	
<b>RATIONALE:</b> The Associate Judging Program was initially put in place to allow CFA to continue to produce cat shows in China during the COVID Pandemic. Nearly all training was executed via ZOOM and breed knowledge was only taught in the breeds common to that particular country or country group. This program was extended to the ID in Thailand. Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia also during the time when neither US or R 9 judges could enter these countries. Eventually, the Associate Program was offered to other ID countries and Region 9, and trainees were accepted from Hong Kong, South Korea, Finland, Germany, Spain and Italy. The Associate Judging Program was never intended as a permanent program and efforts have been continuing to encourage Associate Judges to meet the requirements and application into the regular CFA judging program. This sunset date gives the Associate Judges 5 years to complete their requirements and apply to their first or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Specialty in the regular CFA Judging Program		

- *Correct the Judging Program Rules inadvertent deletion of Breed Council Membership for Breeder Applicants. Requirement was removed in error with the June 2023 Judging Program Rule revision.*

Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
	<p><b>2.15 <u>First Specialty Application Package.</u></b>  <u>p. The Breeder Applicant must be an active member in good standing of a CFA Breed Council at the time of application.</u></p>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> In April 2023 the Judging Program Rule 2.29 was: The Applicant must be an active member in good standing of a CFA Breed Council at the time of application. The Breed Council Membership requirement was inadvertently removed when the Exhibitor application requirements were created October 2023. Motion is to correct this error.</p>	

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*As of February 1, 2024 the JPC has received the following complete applications, meeting the deadline to be considered at the June 27, 2024 Board Meeting in Coralville, IA:*

- *Allen Shi – China Associate Judge SH, Application for First Specialty Shorthair*
- *Eugene Jeong – South Korea Associate Judge SH, Application for First Specialty Shorthair*
- *Yukiyo Matsushita – Japan, Application for First Specialty Longhair*

***Breed Awareness and Orientation School Subcommittee***

***Subcommittee Chair: Barbara Jaeger***

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*The first Allbreed BAOS was held in Peer Belgium, February 7 – 11, 2024. Our instructors for this class were Peter Van Wouterghem, Barbara Jaeger, and Nancy Dodds. Attendance included 2 Approved AB Judges who transitioned from the RUI Association to CFA this past year. They were required to attend a BAOS and this class satisfied the requirement. We also had one additional Judge from RUI, who is transitioning to the CFA program and is currently Approval Pending Allbreed. In addition to those three individuals, we had one AB Judge taking the class for Continuing Education Credits, and 3 Associate Judges (one from Germany and two from Finland) attending the BAOS. The two additional individuals are exhibitors from Region 9 who are interested in learning more about the CFA Judging Program. One thing we did determine was that an Allbreed BAOS is too much material for the attendees to absorb in five days. We will be going back to the Specialty format for the October 2024 school.*

<i>FIRST NAME</i>	<i>LAST NAME</i>	<i>AB</i>	<i>LH</i>	<i>SH</i>	<i>COUNTRY</i>	<i>TYPE</i>
<i>Tuija</i>	<i>Aaltonen</i>	<i>X</i>			<i>Finland</i>	<i>AB Attendee</i>

<i>Florent</i>	<i>Fissot</i>	X			<i>France</i>	<i>AB Attendee</i>
<i>Olga</i>	<i>Grebneva</i>	X			<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>AB Attendee</i>
<i>Ulrike</i>	<i>Knueppel</i>			X	<i>Germany</i>	<i>SH Attendee</i>
<i>Olga</i>	<i>Korotonozhkina</i>	X			<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>AB Attendee</i>
<i>Marika</i>	<i>Lahti</i>	X			<i>Finland</i>	<i>AB Attendee</i>
<i>Inaki</i>	<i>Mansilla</i>	X			<i>United Kingdom</i>	<i>AB Attendee</i>
<i>Elena</i>	<i>Podprugina</i>	X			<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>AB Attendee</i>
<i>Yanina</i>	<i>Vanwongerghem</i>	X			<i>Belgium</i>	<i>AB CE</i>

*The Breeds and Standards Committee in conjunction with the BAOS subcommittee completed the updates and modification of the breed presentation materials for the school. This was not completed in time for the Hong Kong or International BAOS but was completed by the Breeds and Standards Committee and hopefully, we can keep these presentations current and up to date.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*Working to ensure that the entire slide decks for the BAOS is current and complete. This will not happen overnight, but with the Breed and Standards Committee and the work that members of the JPC have done, things have been completed and we are hoping to keep them current.*

*Planning BAOS for October 2024, to be held in conjunction with the International Show in Cleveland, OH.*

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

1. *Update on the October BAOS in Cleveland, OH*
2. *Flyer for the October 2024 BAOS, should be completed and distributed by the end of June 2024.*
3. *Budget figures for the BAOS for Cleveland, OH, October 2024 and possible additional locations for 2025 schools.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Jaeger, Subcommittee Chair*

***Guest Judging Report***

***Guest Judging Administrator: Wendy Heidt***

**CFA Judges to Judge non-CFA Assignments:**

<b><i>Judge</i></b>	<b><i>Assn</i></b>	<b><i>Sponsor</i></b>	<b><i>City/Country</i></b>	<b><i>Date</i></b>
<i>Nye, Vicki</i>	<i>Seminar</i>	<i>Alianza Felina (CFA)</i>	<i>Malaga, Spain</i>	<i>2/2/24</i>
<i>Cheng, Amanda</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>ELCATS</i>	<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>2/2/24</i>
<i>Sarriff, Amir</i>	<i>Fun Show</i>	<i>?</i>	<i>Banda Aceh, Indo.</i>	<i>2/17/24</i>
<i>Yang, Morning</i>	<i>CFA?/Fun show</i>	<i>Grooming &amp; Fashion Show</i>	<i>Liaocheng, Shandong</i>	<i>2/17/24</i>

Rattanaweerawong, I	Fun Show	Thai Independent Club	Bangkok, Thailand	2/24/24
Ruengruglikit, Chate	Seminar	Royal Canin	Bangkok, Thailand	3/5/24
Nasin, Doreann	CFF	Cute and Curly Selkirk Rex Club	Barrington, RI	4/20/24
Zottoli, Jeri	CFF	Cute and Curly Selkirk Rex Club	Barrington, RI	4/20/24
Dodds, Nancy	CCCof A/ NSW CFA	Dorrigo& District Cat Club	Armidale, Australia	4/27/24
Ganoe, Dennis	CCCofA	Dorrigo and District Cat Club	Armidale, Australia	4/27/24
Dodds, Nancy	ACF	CatsWA	Perth Australia	5/4/24
Ganoe, Dennis	ACF	Cats NW	Perth, Australia	5/5/24
DelaBar, Pam	FIFe	Satakissa	Nakkila, Finland	5/25/24
Cruvongpaiboon, Keeratiya	Fun Show	8CL - Suroboyo Wani	Surabaya, Indonesia	5/26/24
Yuenyadchai, Atcha	Fun Show	8CL - Suroboyo Wani	Surabaya, Indonesia	5/26/24
DelaBar, Pam	WCF	Fennica Cattus	Finland	6/1/24
Pun, Nicholas	ACF	Cats NSW INC	Clarendon NSW Australia	6/8/24
Sarriff, Amir	Fun Show	?	Pontianak, Indonesia	6/9/24
Reding, Jennifer	NZCF	National Show	Awapuni, New Zealand	6/16/24
Gradowski, Chuck	ACF/Cats NSW	Borderline Cats Inc	THS, NSW, Australia	8/31/24

**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>
Ling, Christine	CCA	China Ace Cat Club	Chengdu, China	3/2/24	app GJ
Ling, Christine	CCA	China Kiwi	Shanghai, China	3/9/24	app GJ
Hamalainen, Satu	FIFe	China Brilliant CC	Liaocheng, Shandong China	3/16/24	app GJ
Balciuniene, Inga	WCF	Borneo Cat Fanciers	Jawa Barat, Indonesia	3/30/24	APP GJ
Ling, Christine	CCA	Borneo Cat Fanciers	Jawa Barat, Indonesia	3/30/24	app GJ
Ling, Christine	CCA	Sawasdee Cat Club	Bangkok, Thailand	4/6/24	app GJ
Merrill, Vicky	CFF	Seacoast Cat Club	Concord, NH	5/5/24	2/21/24 app WH

**2023-2024 Season Guest Judging**

<i>Guest Judge Name</i>	<i># Shows</i>
<i>Balciuniene, Inga</i>	2
<i>Christison, Janis</i>	1
<i>Gleason, Elaine</i>	1
<i>Ling, Christine</i>	5
<i>Hamalainen, Satu</i>	3

**Approved Guest Judges - Two Tier Program**

**Background and Rationale:**

*In 2020, the CFA Board approved a two tier status of guest judges, elevating 14 other association judges who had judged for CFA a minimum of 15 times, to Approved Guest Judge. It was determined that these judges were experienced in CFA Show Standards & Rules, and their*

paperwork was reviewed and error free. The guidelines put in place to become an Approved Guest Judge were listed, however nothing was documented on requirements to remain as an Approved Guest Judge, regarding CFA judging activity or their current association license. Though the Approved Guest Judge Level is defined as “judges for CFA regularly” the Judging Program Committee is requesting two additions: 1) vi. In order to maintain Approved Guest Judge Level, must judge 2 times in 3 years. This is similar to what is required of our CFA judges to continue to be licensed. Additionally, 2) vii. Maintain their judging license with an approved association. The judges that do not meet the Approved Guest Judge guidelines will still be able to guest judge for CFA, however the CFA club will need to request approval from the Guest Judge Administrator, 60 days prior to their show date and provide Guest Judge Evaluations. CFA club use of Guest Judges has diminished in the last 3 years, with more reliance on CFA Associate Judges to fulfill those judging assignments.

**Guest Judging Procedures (passed at August 11, 2020 CFA BOD Meeting, effective immediately)**

**1. Create two levels of guest judges:**

**a. Approved Guest Level – judges for CFA regularly.**

**i. Meets or has met requirements of Guest Judge Level.**

**ii. Reviews the on-line breed presentations of newly accepted/advanced breeds and any breeds with significant standard changes.**

**iii. Must have no remedial evaluations or unanswered complaints on file.**

**iv. Will have paperwork reviewed at least bi-annually and expectation is that it will be free of mechanical errors and with minimal paperwork errors.**

**v. May judge up to ten (10) CFA shows in any region or division, without prior approval from the JPC.**

**vi. In order to maintain Approved Guest Judge Level, must judge 2 times in 3 years.**

**vii. Maintain their judging license with an approved association.**

**APPENDIX 1:**

**List of Frequent Guest Judges identified to elevate to the Approved Guest Judge Level.**

			# CFA Shows	# CFA Shows
	<b>Guest Judge</b>	<b>Association</b>	<b>2017-18 - 2020</b>	<b>2011- 7/2020</b>
<b>1</b>	Davies, Allan	CCCA	22	35
<b>2</b>	Du Plessis, Kaai	WCF	20	27
<b>3</b>	U'Ren, Cheryle	CCCA	20	69
<b>4</b>	Hamalainen, Satu	FiFe	18	36



<b>5</b>	<i>Merritt, Chris</i>	<i>CCCA</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>32</i>
<b>6</b>	<i>Balciuniene, Inga</i>	<i>WCF</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>16</i>
<b>7</b>	<del><i>Slizhevskaya, Tatiana</i></del>	<del><i>RUI</i></del>	<del><i>14</i></del>	<del><i>25</i></del>
<b>8</b>	<i>Ling, Christine</i>	<i>CCA</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>13</i>
<b>9</b>	<i>Counasse, Daniel</i>	<i>LOOF/WCF</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>14</i>
<b>10</b>	<del><i>Nazarova, Anna</i></del>	<del><i>WCF</i></del>	<del><i>10</i></del>	<del><i>29</i></del>

**Motion:** Add vi. to Approved Guest Judge Level, “In order to maintain Approved Guest Judge, must judge 2 times in 3 years”, and “vii. Maintain their judging license with an approved association”. Additionally, remove Cheryl U’Ren, Tatiana Slizhevskaya and Anna Nazarova from Approved Guest Judge Level due to no CFA guest judging in 3 or more years, or no longer holds a judging license.

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

(4) **CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.**

*Submitted by: Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director*

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***Cattery Reports:*** *With the release of eCat 2.0, cattery reports can be provided "live" from an eCat account, provided the owner of the eCat account is also an owner/co-owner of the cattery. We propose this enhancement to eCat be provided complimentary to the cattery owner.*

*Cattery reports generate little to no revenue for CFA and are a resource for cattery owners to monitor activity of their cattery name and help determine if there has been any suspicious/fraudulent activity. Cattery reports were provided at no charge to 2023 Breed Council members for this reason.*

*Supplying the cattery reports to breed council members was manual and labor intense. Programming to automate this task for breed council members would incur programming costs. Cattery reports being available on demand through eCat completely eliminates the need for staff time and/or programming costs.*

*Annette Wilson, Breeds and Standards chair, supports this change.*

***Action Item:*** *Provide cattery reports at no charge to a cattery owner from their eCat account, effective with the release of eCat 2.0, and cease sending cattery reports to breed council members, effective with 2024 memberships.*

(5) **CLUB MEMBERSHIP.**

*Committee Chair: Carol Krzanowski*  
*List of Committee Members: Pauli Huhtaniemi*

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*New club applications have been received and are being prepared for presentation to the Board at the June 2024 meeting. Assistance and guidance were provided to clubs with questions and issues regarding membership and applications.*

**Club Resignations**

*Three clubs indicated to Central Office that they are resigning from CFA membership: Alianza Felina, Region 9, Attachment A; Birmingham Feline Fanciers, Region 7, Attachment B; and Greater St. Louis Cat Club, Region 6, Attachment C.*

**Action Item:** *Accept with regret the resignation of Alianza Felina, effective March 11, 2024.*

*Included in the resignation letter from Alianza Felina was a request that the club name be retired and not reissued to another club in the future.*

**Action Item:** *The club name Alianza Felina shall not be reissued or reused by any other CFA club.*

**Action Item:** *Accept with regret the resignation of Birmingham Feline Fanciers, effective January 23, 2024.*

**Action Item:** *Accept with regret the resignation of Greater St. Louis Cat Club, effective January 23, 2024.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

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

**Time Frame:**

*April 2024 to June 2024 CFA Board meeting.*

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

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

*Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Krzanowski, Chair*

**(6) SHOW RULES.**

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

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*The Committee has prepared the show rule changes set forth below based on requests from Board members and others.*

**Board Action Items:**

1. *Define the Allbreed and Specialty ribbons to be hung in Super Specialty finals.*

*NOTE: While these changes will be made to the permanent show rules, they will be included, along with an appropriate note, in the Addendum to the print version of the 2024-2025 Show Rules because the print version has already been sent to press. These changes will be incorporated into the digital version of the 2024-2025 Show Rules which can be accessed on [CFA.org](http://CFA.org).*

CFA Central Office	
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<b>Article XI – During the Show – Judging and Awards, amend 11.28 and 11.29</b>	
<b>11.28</b> <b>Standard Allbreed Rings</b> ... <b>OCP Rings</b> ...	<b>11.28</b> <b>Standard Allbreed Rings</b> ... <b>OCP Rings</b> ... <b><u>Super Specialty Rings</u></b> <u>In the Allbreed portion of a Super Specialty ring, the Championship finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat and Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Allbreed Best Champion when cat entries are less than 85. For Championship entries of 85 or more, the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat and Best through Fifth Best Allbreed Champion.</u>

	<p><u>In the Allbreed portion of a Super Specialty ring, Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 75; for kitten entries of 75 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten.</u></p> <p><u>In the Allbreed portion of a Super Specialty ring, Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat and Best and 2nd Best Allbreed Premier when cat entries are less than 50. For Premiership entries of 50 or more, Best through 15th Best Cat, Best, 2nd, and 3rd Best Allbreed will be awarded.</u></p>
<p><b>11.29</b> a. In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings the Championship finals will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Champion when cat entries are less than 85.</p> <p>For Championship entries of 85 or more, the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best through Fifth Best Champion.</p> <p>Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 75, for kitten entries of 75 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten.</p> <p>Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best and 2nd Best Premier when cat entries are less than 50. For Premiership entries of 50 or more, the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Premier.</p> <p>Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management.</p> <p>b....</p>	<p><b>11.29</b> a. In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings, <u>including the Longhair/Shorthair Specialty portions of a Super Specialty ring,</u> the Championship finals will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Champion when cat entries <u>in the particular specialty (longhair or shorthair)</u> are less than 85. For Championship entries of 85 or more <u>in the particular specialty (longhair or shorthair),</u> the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best through Fifth Best Champion.</p> <p><u>In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings, including the Longhair/Shorthair Specialty portions of a Super Specialty ring,</u> Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries <u>in the particular specialty (longhair or shorthair)</u> are less than 75; for kitten entries of 75 or more <u>in the particular specialty (longhair or shorthair)</u> the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten.</p> <p><u>In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings, including the Longhair/Shorthair Specialty portions of a Super Specialty ring,</u> Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best and 2nd Best Premier when cat entries <u>in the particular specialty (longhair or shorthair)</u> are less than 50. For Premiership entries of 50 or more <u>in the particular specialty (longhair or shorthair),</u> the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Premier.</p> <p>Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th</p>

	Best Cat as determined by show management. b....
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> While shows featuring Super Specialty rings do not usually receive sufficient entries in a class to trigger the awarding of Top 15 placements and additional Champion and Premier placements, it does happen on occasion. These changes are intended to clarify that, when such a situation arises, the determination of the placements to be awarded is made independently for the LH, SH, and Allbreed finals in that ring.</p>	

2. *Delete the Addendum to the 2024-2025 Show Rules which extends the waiver of Show Rule 4.03 for the 2024-2025 show season.*

Addendum	Show Rules Committee
Existing Wording	Proposed Wording
<p>The waiver of Show Rule 4.03 is extended whereby cancelled shows during the 2024-2025 show season do not count against a club's traditional date.</p>	
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> During the course of the 2020-2021 show season, the Board passed an exception to SR 2.34 which provided in part: “Clubs that do not hold a show for two (2) consecutive years starting on or after May 1, 2023, on their traditional date will lose the distinction of having a traditional date weekend. The failure of a club to hold a show before May 1, 2023, will have no effect on that club's traditional date.” That exception was extended for the 2021-2022 show season.</p> <p>Beginning with the 2022-2023 show season and continuing through the 2023-2024 show season, the Board passed show rules addenda which “Extended the waiver of Show Rule 4.03 whereby cancelled shows during the [2022-2023] show season do not count against a club's traditional date.” [Reference to a different show rule where Traditional Dates are mentioned but having the same impact.] At its December 2023 meeting the Board passed a similar addendum to be effective for the 2024-2025 show season.</p> <p>At the present time, available show dates are in short supply. The addenda which have been in place since the 2020-2021 show season have effectively frozen the traditional date calendar and that freeze will continue to be in effect until two years have passed following the expiration of the last addendum. Currently, the last addendum will expire at the end of the 2024-2025 show season, meaning that a club that does not hold a show will be able to retain its traditional date until the end of the 2026-2027 show season.</p> <p>Recognizing that the pandemic is over, this proposal would end the exception/waiver and require clubs to hold a show on their traditional date by the end of the 2025-2026 show season in order to retain their traditional date. By moving up the end of the freeze by one year, clubs without traditional dates which wish to put on shows may have access to available dates sooner.</p>	

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*Currently, no show rule changes are anticipated to be brought forth at the June Board Meeting.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Ed Raymond, Chair*

(7) **INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.**

*Committee Co-Chairs: 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*

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*Jan Rogers – Subcommittee Chair Africa, W Asia, Middle East*

*Request to reduce the required points for a DW Award for Premiership and Kittens in Kuwait*

***Motion:*** *The point requirement for kittens be reduced to fifty points and the point requirement for premiership be reduced to 40 points for the 2024 – 2025 show season.*

***Rationale:*** *This would be experimental for the new show season and only for the February show 2025 for Kuwait. Currently the ONLY show in the AWS region.*

*Original Kuwait shows 12 years ago had significant entries. The February show this year had 7 (seven) kittens. Even if only one kitten had gone best across the board it would have accrued only sixty points - so no award... no recognition. In premiership there were fourteen entered and one absent. Only thirteen competed for the 100 pt minimum, and obviously only a few would cross the threshold of one hundred points. The awards for the cats should be about the cats.... and many of the ones shown were certainly deserving of a DW.*

*These cats and kittens are not going to be traveling the world to get national points, but recognition at the local level would mean a great deal, especially in this culture.*

*Our objective is to increase entries and observe the quality and competitiveness of the area.*

*Current quarantine issues also confound the equation. The government may change the rules on less than a moment's notice as evidenced this year in which the only airport in Kuwait allowed only one cat per person - which caused one exhibitor to only bring cats when he was planning to bring four! Driving for him was not an option.*

***Motion:*** *Allow an exception to Show Rule 8.05 – Ring sponsorship, etc. for Kuwait for the 2024 – 2025 show season.*

***Rationale:*** *Prior to this rule coming into existence, Kuwait generated an enormous amount of money from Breeder Sponsorships. This rule stopped this activity to the detriment of the funding of the club expenses.*

*The breeders loved to see their cattery name and photos of cats in the show hall for the spectators (who do not buy or have access to the catalog ) to view and for exhibitors to show off their cats and catteries. The exhibitors have since pulled a lot of their funding for the show. The*



*exception would allow them to re-engage their previous advertising and enhance the bottom line of the club. We would stipulate no signage on rosettes (unless a memorial tribute), no signs in rings advertising the catteries in the judging rings with photos of their cats competing or otherwise. Outside the judging rings , they would be able to do this with the only stipulation that no photos of currently competing cats in the show be featured. In the same light no CFA judge currently even speaks Arabic, so writings and catteries in or near the rings would have no influence on anyone or any cat.*

**Motion:** *An additional \$15,000 for AWS for the purpose of re-energizing several of the clubs to put on shows.*

**Rationale:** *Would be used to supplement judge’s airfare (no guest judges) specifically for Turkey and for Egypt, with review for other countries.*

*We have lost the clubs in Egypt. The one in Turkey has gone to other registries. Time to spend some money in partnership with the money we ask them to spend on CFA.*

**Bob Zenda – Subcommittee Chair – Asia Other**

**Motion:** *Reduce the point minimums for DW awards and eliminate the required number of rings.*

<i>Kittens</i>	<i>50 points</i>
<i>Championship</i>	<i>100 points</i>
<i>Premiership</i>	<i>75 points</i>

**Rationale:** *There are not multiple shows with a 4-month period for a kitten to accumulate a significant number of points. A reduction in the number of points in championship will increase participation. The same rationale applies to premiership.*

**Motion:** *Target \$6,000 for shows in Singapore to assist with show production.*

**Rationale:** *To assist offsetting the increased costs of putting on shows, and judges’ expenses. Accountability will be the responsibility of the club to report the spending to the chair of the ID committee and subsequent analysis be given to the CFA board.*

*Regards,  
International Division Committee*

**(8) VIRTUAL CAT COMPETITION.**

**Committee Chair:** *Nancy Kerr*

**Liaison to Board:** *Marilee Griswold*

**List of Committee Members:** *Michael Altschul, Nancy Kerr, Jaime Lerner (as of 04/02/24)*

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*We have been looking at alternative platforms to host the contest.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*A first draft of the feedback form for the judges' use has been developed. For the platform, there appears to be two options: WordPress (WP) Voting Contest Plugin and Submittable (Social Impact Platform). A representative from Submittable gave us a ballpark range of \$8-\$10k annually. WP Voting Contest Plugin has a lite version that we can try for free. However, there is an additional cost for addons such as Pay to Vote, Paid Entry Fee and Judging Addon. The price for the voting contest plug and the three addons for one website would be around \$437.00. The cost for the level that the company recommends is around \$841 (included multiple websites). The plugins would require us to have somewhere to host the website. WordPress hosting is around \$3.00 to \$11.00 per month, depending on the options, etc.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*We would like to do a trial\proof of concept using the lite version of WP Voting Contest Plugin. It is the most cost-effective option with a relatively low cost to trial the software. There is also an option to hire the company set-up the contest.*

**Board Action Items:**

*Need feedback from the Board on the proposed judges' feedback form.*

**Time Frame:**

*Ongoing*

**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

*Report on software trial\proof of concept.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Kerr, Chair*

(9) **JUNIOR FANCIERS.**

***Committee Chair:*** Sheri Shaffer – Albert Sweitzer

***Liaison to Board:*** Anne Mathis

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

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*Junior Fanciers has many of our Juniors taking part in CFA Cat Shows these past six months, mainly in Regions One and Seven. Our Juniors are enjoying shows and enjoying showing their cats.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*We are working on a Guideline for Regions to develop a partnership with 4-H Programs. Junior Fanciers' trial program, where we joined with Pennsylvania's 4-H State Program, has successfully engaged over twenty Juniors who have continued to take part in CFA shows following our joint CFA-4-H show held in July 2023.*

*Our guideline will include how to reach out to different state 4-H programs, teaching Juniors cat show etiquette, how to bathe and groom a cat, discussing supplies needed at a cat show (show tent, cat bed, etc.), and how to best present one's cat to a Judge.*

**Board Action Items:**

*N/A*

**Time Frame:**

*Next Six Months – we hope to have our guidelines ready, and we hope to have another joint CFA-4-H Cat show in the Pennsylvania area.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Sheri Shaffer, M.A., CFA Junior Fanciers' Co-Chair*

(10) **EXPERIMENTAL FORMATS.**

*Committee Chair: Rachel Anger*

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**Board Action Items:**

(a) ***Summit Request – GEMS/CFW July 27-28, 2024***

*For the past seven years, with the support of the CFA Board, GEMS has successfully produced Breed Summits that take breed focus to another level. The Board has graciously supported our requests to have combined breed judging for the Egyptian Maus.*

*The Breed Specialty judging – Per Summit judging guidelines (included below), In eight Allbreed rings All Egyptian Mau classes, kittens, championship and premiership will be judged together, top three in each class awarded and then awards given overall based on the total entry for each breed: up to 15 entries = top 3; 15 to 20 entries = top 4; 25 or more entries = top 5. No points will be associated with these awards. Best of the Best for each breed will be awarded at end of show based on breed results from these rings. With finals used as a tie breaker.*

*Details on the show are as follows:*

*Chantilly Virginia, July 27-28, 2024. Format is a 10 ring back to back show with 8 AB rings.*

*Proposed show hours: Egyptian Mau judging start both days at 7:30AM. Show hours for all other breeds would start at 9AM.*

*All judges were notified of this request when contracted and if approved the format will be noted on the flyer.*

***Motion:*** *Grant an exception to Show Rule 7.01 and 11.35 and allow the Global Egyptian Mau Society/Cat Fanciers Of Washington to hold breed specialty rings for Egyptian Maus in the allbreed rings at their co-sponsored 10 ring back to back show on July 27-28, 2024 In Chantilly, Virginia (Region 7) in the following manner: all classes (Kittens, Championship and Premiership) will be judged consecutively and awarded in the usual manner, which will include top three breed awards; then, a breed specialty final for each breed will be held across all classes (i.e., including Kittens, Championship and Premiership competing together in a breed specialty final). Awards will be given based on the total Breed entry for each breed as follows: up to 15 entries = top 3; 15 to 20 entries = top 4; 25 or more entries = top 5. No points will be associated with these awards.*

***Summit judging guidelines:***

*Summit judging for Breed Club shows and shows that are honoring breeds.*

*Any breed club hosting a show can schedule breed summit judging at their show. They should be encouraged to do so.*

*Any club “honoring” a breed can ask for breed summit judging at their show. This should be limited to only two breeds or division per show.*

*It should be limited to AB rings only. This is mostly for the sake of the schedule.*

*Clubs wishing to have this type of judging “must” communicate with their judges their intention, when contracting them. Judges may “opt” out. The “opt” out must be done at the time they sign their contract. Clubs can cancel if they do not get the entries to ensure success.*

*All information on the Summit, including judges who will be participating, must be clearly marked on the flyer. Basics of Summit breed judging.*

*All kittens, cats and premiers of a breed will be judged at the same time. Mechanics of it depend on how many cats of a breed are present.*

*Judge shall hang, BOB and 2BOB (and in this case 3rd BOB) on each class. The judge then calls back their top XX to give out overall best.*

- *1-5 present in breed BOB and 2nd overall best.*
- *6-10- Best through 3.*
- *11-15- Best through 4th.*
- *15+ Best through 5th.*

*Show Rules:*

*7.01 ... In cases where the show contains a separate breed summit workshop type activity, the breed summit workshop shall not be conducted by a judge authorized to judge a competitive class at the show (kitten, championship, premiership, or household pet) before that judge has completed judging all of their competitive classes. If the individual scheduled to perform the breed summit workshop is not judging one of the regular classes, the summit workshop can be conducted at any time during the show. ...*

*11.35... No award shall be offered for which the officiating judge must make a decision in addition to those required for official CFA awards.*

**(b) Experimental Format Request – Traditional Style Ring**

*Just Cat-In Around Cat Fanciers is holding a show April 13/14, 2024 in Taylor, Michigan (Region 4). At the February 2024 board meeting, the board was introduced to the possibility of basing future shows a bit more on the “traditional” show approach used by European associations. Just Cat-In Around believes this might enable the club to provide exhibitors with a modest level of specific feedback on their cats, which they are telling us (via Facebook) that they would love to have and would value greatly. It would be fun and a new format of interest to the fancy. The proposal is to allow one traditional style ring on Sunday, to be judged by Rachel Anger, who is a regular Saturday judge at the show. Exhibitors would sign up in advance for a 10-15 minute one-on-one session.*

***Motion:*** For its April 13/14, 2024 show in Taylor, Michigan (Region 4), allow Just Cat-In Around Cat Fanciers to hold a one-on-one traditional style ring on Sunday, April 14, 2024, conducted by Allbreed Judge Rachel Anger.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Rachel Anger, Chair*

## (11) **REGISTRATION RULE PROPOSAL.**

**RATIONALE:** This proposal introduces a solution to the problems created by the 8-generation requirement, which no other registry sees a need for. CFA itself cannot provide an 8-generation pedigree. This requirement is driving away much-needed business at a time when CFA needs to create a path to the show ring, not discourage fanciers with beautiful (sometimes world-winning) pedigreed cats from joining CFA. This is crippling CFA's growth and is dramatically affecting our registrations and our bottom line. DNA is now available to answer the questions which caused these breeds to want 8 generations in the first place. As one smart board member said, "Science will set us free."

First, the proposal creates an elite "legacy registration" for cats of any breed that have 8 generations of CFA-registered ancestry. This would be called a "legacy registration", which would have a special indicator in the registration number and on CFA certified pedigrees. It will work the same way the prefix number works, to guide breeders with their own individual breeding philosophies on what they wish to use in their breeding programs and what to stay away from. Second, we cap the registration requirement at 5 generations for all breeds.

Why should CFA and our member clubs (in entries) turn away business from fanciers who can't get 8 generations of pedigree (or can, but at great time and expense), yet they have beautiful cats that offer genetic diversity in our breeding programs, greater competition in our shows and increased registrations? Currently, our pedigree requirements are driving them to other associations and away from our CFA shows. Let's allow them to show and register their cats, but they don't get the legacy registration until they have their 8 generations.

CFA's core business is registrations. We should not be imposing rules that cripple our core business.

***Motion #1:** Adopt the following proposal to cap the pedigree requirement at five generations for all breeds, and implement a "Legacy Registration" for all cats with eight generations of CFA ancestry.*

**2.20 LEGACY REGISTRATION** is for any cat with eight (8) generations of CFA-registered cats (the cat plus eight generations). Such registration is indicated by the letter "L" at the end of the cat's registration number.

[Renumber subsequent Show Rules]

And:

### **Rules for Registration**

**RECORDED CATS:** Cats with one less generation of ancestry than required for the breed may be individually recorded for breeding purposes only. The requirements for recording are identical to those for individual registration via pedigree, except that one less generation of ancestry is required. Recorded cats may not be shown at CFA shows. The following breeds require the full number of generations for registration by pedigree (recording for breeding only does not apply): Abyssinian, Bengal, British Shorthair, Colorpoint Shorthair and Persian.

NOTE The following breeds require certified pedigrees for the number of generations indicated in parentheses after the breed name: Abyssinian (8), (5), American Wirehair (4), Balinese\* (3 or 5), Chartreux (4), Colorpoint Shorthair (3 or 5\*), Devon Rex (3), European Burmese (~~8 from North American registries; 5 from all other registries~~), (5), Japanese Bobtail (3), Khao Manee (proof of import), Korat (3), LaPerm (no pedigree required, see \* at beginning of Section 3), Lykoi (3, unknown permitted), Oriental (3), Persian (8), (5), Ragdoll (3), Russian Blue (8), (5), Scottish Fold (3), Selkirk Rex (no pedigree required, see \* at beginning of Section 3), Siamese (8), (5), Siberian (3), Tonkinese (3), Toybob (3, unknown permitted) and Turkish Angora (3). All other breeds require 5 generations.

\*Only certain outcrossed Balinese/Javanese and certain Colorpoint Shorthairs are eligible to be registered using a 3 generation pedigree. Contact the CFA Central Office for details.

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### ABYSSINIAN

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PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date: 2/96	8 generations	Date:	
Date: 4/2024	5 generations	Date:	

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### EUROPEAN BURMESE

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PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date: 6/03: 8 generations <i>All registries per Board ruling</i>			
Date: 4/2024	5 generations	Date:	

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### PERSIAN

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PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date: 5/19	8 generations. Exception: 4 generations are acceptable for cats with ALL CFA registered Persians in the 4th generation (CFA registration numbers of all 16 cats in the 4th generation must be on the pedigree and validated by either the BCS or Central Office). Allowances can be made if a 4th generation cat is not a CFA registered Persian, but both parents are CFA registered Persians and CFA registration numbers are on the pedigree and validated.		
Date: 4/2024	5 generations	Date:	

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### RUSSIAN BLUE

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PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date: 2/02	8 generations	Date:	
Date: 4/2024	5 generations	Date:	



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## SIAMESE

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### PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date:	8 generations	Date:	
Date:4/2024	5 generations	Date:	

*If Motion #1 fails:*

**Motion #2:** Sponsor the following Bylaw amendments:

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## PROPOSED NON-SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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– 3 – *CFA Executive Board*

**RESOLVED:** Add a new show rule , and amend the CFA Registration Rules to cap the pedigree requirement for all breeds at five, and add a classification of “Legacy Registration” for all cats that have an eight generation pedigree, as follows, effective immediately:

**2.20** LEGACY REGISTRATION is for any cat with eight (8) generations of CFA-registered cats (the cat plus eight generations). Such registration is indicated by the letter “L” at the end of the cat’s registration number.

[Renumber subsequent Show Rules]

And:

### Rules for Registration

**RECORDED CATS:** Cats with one less generation of ancestry than required for the breed may be individually recorded for breeding purposes only. The requirements for recording are identical to those for individual registration via pedigree, except that one less generation of ancestry is required. Recorded cats may not be shown at CFA shows. The following breeds require the full number of generations for registration by pedigree (recording for breeding only does not apply): Abyssinian, Bengal, British Shorthair, Colorpoint Shorthair and Persian.

**NOTE** The following breeds require certified pedigrees for the number of generations indicated in parentheses after the breed name: Abyssinian (~~8~~, 5), American Wirehair (4), Balinese\* (3 or 5), Chartreux (4), Colorpoint Shorthair (3 or 5\*), Devon Rex (3), European Burmese (~~8 from North American registries; 5 from all other registries~~), 5), Japanese Bobtail (3), Khao Manee (proof of import), Korat (3), LaPerm (no pedigree required, see \* at beginning of Section 3), Lykoi (3, unknown permitted), Oriental (3), Persian (~~8~~, 5), Ragdoll (3), Russian Blue (~~8~~, 5), Scottish Fold (3), Selkirk Rex (no pedigree required, see \* at beginning of Section 3), Siamese (~~8~~, 5), Siberian (3), Tonkinese (3), Toybob (3, unknown permitted) and Turkish Angora (3). All other breeds require 5 generations.

\*Only certain outcrossed Balinese/Javanese and certain Colorpoint Shorthairs are eligible to be registered using a 3 generation pedigree. Contact the CFA Central Office for details.

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**ABYSSINIAN**

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PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date: 2/96	8 generations	Date:	
Date: 4/2024	5 generations	Date:	

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**EUROPEAN BURMESE**

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PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date: 6/03: 8 generations <i>All registries per Board ruling</i>			
Date: 4/2024	5 generations	Date:	

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**PERSIAN**

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PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date: 5/19	8 generations. Exception: 4 generations are acceptable for cats with ALL CFA registered Persians in the 4th generation (CFA registration numbers of all 16 cats in the 4th generation must be on the pedigree and validated by either the BCS or Central Office). Allowances can be made if a 4th generation cat is not a CFA registered Persian, but both parents are CFA registered Persians and CFA registration numbers are on the pedigree and validated.		
Date: 4/2024	5 generations	Date:	

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**RUSSIAN BLUE**

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PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date: 2/02	8 generations	Date:	
Date: 4/2024	5 generations	Date:	

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**SIAMESE**

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PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date:	8 generations	Date:	
Date: 4/2024	5 generations	Date:	

**(12) BOARD-SPONSORED DELEGATE PROPOSALS.**

*Motion: Sponsor the following Bylaw amendments:*

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**Proposed Amendments to the CFA Bylaws**

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**- 1 - CFA Executive Board**

**RESOLVED:** Amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VIII – REGIONS, Section 1 -- Geographical Boundaries, to redefine regional boundaries to avoid splitting states between regions, as follows:

**ARTICLE VIII — REGIONS**

**Section 1 – Geographical Boundaries**

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

**REGION 1 - NORTH ATLANTIC**

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

**REGION 2 - NORTHWEST**

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

**REGION 3 - GULF SHORE**

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

**REGION 4 - GREAT LAKES**

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

**REGION 5 - SOUTHWEST**

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

## **REGION 6 - MIDWEST**

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

## **REGION 7 - SOUTHERN**

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

## **REGION 8 - JAPAN**

Japan.

## **REGION 9 - EUROPE**

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

**RATIONALE:** While GPS coordinates might define a specific location, it is far easier to articulate a location/region by its state boundaries when making decisions that potentially affect in what region a person resides. Using state boundaries removes any possibility of misinterpretation of actual residential information and assignment of region to an exhibitor.

### ***- 2 - CFA Executive Board***

**RESOLVED:** Effective June 28, 2026, amend the CFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VIII – REGIONS, Section 1 -- Geographical Boundaries, to redefine regional boundaries and names, amend ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 – Titles and ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING, Section 1 – Membership, to reduce the number Regional Directors from nine to six, and amend ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 1 – Annual Meetings, to adjust the regional names and order of meetings, as follows:

## **ARTICLE VIII — REGIONS**

### **Section 1 – Geographical Boundaries**

The United States, Canada, Bermuda, Mexico, Japan and Europe are divided into ~~nine (9)~~ six(6) geographical regions as follows:

#### **REGION 1 - ~~NORTH~~-ATLANTIC**

Bermuda, Canada (East of the 77th meridian), Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York (East of the 77th meridian),

Pennsylvania (East of the 77th meridian), North Carolina, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, US Virgin Islands, and Vermont, and Virginia.

## **REGION 2 – NORTHWESTGREAT LAKES**

Alaska, California (North of the 36th parallel), Canada (West of the Western border of Manitoba), Idaho, Montana, Nevada (North of the 37th parallel), Oregon, Utah and Washington. Alabama, Canada (East of the 90th meridian and West of the 77th meridian), Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

## **REGION 3 - GULF SHOREMIDWEST**

Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas (South of the 38th parallel), Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee (West of the Tennessee River), Texas, Wyoming, and the Mexican states of Aguascalientes, Campeche, Chiapas, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Colima, Durango, Federal District, Guanajuato, Guerrero, Hidalgo, Jalisco, México, Michoacán, Morelos, Nayarit, Nuevo Leon, Oaxaca, Puebla, Querétaro, Quintana Roo, San Luis Potosí, Tabasco, Tamaulipas, Tlaxcala, Veracruz, Yucatán, and Zacatecas. Arkansas, Canada (East of the Western border of Manitoba and West of the 90th meridian) Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and the Mexican states of Aguascalientes, Campeche, Chiapas, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Colima, Durango, Federal District, Guanajuato, Guerrero, Hidalgo, Jalisco, México, Michoacán, Morelos, Nayarit, Nuevo Leon, Oaxaca, Puebla, Querétaro, Quintana Roo, San Luis Potosí, Tabasco, Tamaulipas, Tlaxcala, Veracruz, Yucatán , and Zacatecas.

## **REGION 4 - GREAT LAKESWEST**

Canada (East of the 90th meridian and West of the 77th meridian), Kentucky (North of the 38th parallel), Michigan, New York (West of the 77th meridian), Ohio, Pennsylvania (West of the 77th meridian), and West Virginia. Alaska, Arizona, California, Canada (West of the Western border of Manitoba), Hawaii, Idaho, Mexican states of Baja California Norte, Baja California Sur, Sinaloa, and Sonora, Montana, Nevada , Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

## **REGION 5 – SOUTHWEST**

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

## **REGION 6 – MIDWEST**

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

## **REGION 7 – SOUTHERN**

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

## **REGION 8<sub>5</sub> - JAPAN**

Japan.

## **REGION 96 - EUROPE**

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

### **ARTICLE VI — OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

#### **Section 1 – Titles**

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

The Directors of this Association shall consist of ~~nine (9)~~ six (6) Regional Directors, representing the geographical regions herein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions specified shall be elected a Regional Director, and five (5) Directors at Large.

No person may hold more than one office.

### **ARTICLE VII — EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AND VOTING**

#### **Section 1 – Membership**

The government of the affairs of this Association shall be in the hands of the Executive Board. The President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the ~~nine (9)~~ six (6) Regional Directors, and the five (5) Directors at Large of this Association shall be members of the Executive Board.

### **ARTICLE IV — ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS**

#### **Section 1 – Annual Meetings**

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held commencing on the third, fourth or fifth (if applicable) Friday in June, or the first Friday in July, of each year in each of the regions listed below successively (excluding the Japan and Europe regions), beginning in ~~1982~~ 2026 and in the following order:

~~West, Atlantic, Great Lakes, Midwest, Midwest, Southern, North Atlantic, Northwest, Gulf Shore, Great Lakes, Southwest.~~

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

The Executive Board shall have authority by two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the entire Executive Board to change the Annual Meeting date, location and/or manner of meeting if circumstances outside the control

of the Association arise. Notice of such change shall be provided to member clubs by the Central Office as set forth above.

**RATIONALE:** Due to the ever-changing world, CFA has become bloated on the board level and needs to become more in line with the size of our organization. Also, with the decline of our registrations and our bottom line we need to get our expense in line with our income.

## Unfinished Business and General Orders

### (13) OTHER COMMITTEES.



(14) **NEW BUSINESS.**

(a) ***Persian and Exotic Club Format Change Request.***

*The Persian and Exotic Cat Club is sponsoring a two-day 5 ring show on April 20/21, 2024 in Hong Kong. The show is in a shopping mall, with a very large LED wall on top of it. It would be a very good chance to draw the attention of the cat fancy in Hong Kong. The club's committee members are all thinking about how to make the show more attractive and they would like to increase the chance for exhibitors of getting a rosette and entering a final. They would like to change the judging format of Suki Lee's ring from AB+OCP, to SSP+OCP. Suki has agreed to the change.*

***Motion:*** *For the Persian and Exotic Cat Club's show on April 20/21, 2024 in Hong Kong (ID), grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 and allow a format change from 1 AB/OCP (Lee); 1 AB/SSP; 3 AB to 1 SSP/OCP (Lee); 1 AB/SSP; 3 AB.*

20 - 21(L), HONG KONG, HONG KONG, Tai Po Mega Mall, Zone C, G/F Tail Po Mega Mall Tai Po, Hong Kong, PERSIAN & EXOTIC CAT CLUB, 1 AB/OCP (Lee); 1 AB/SSP; 3 AB  
Judges: E. PODPRUGINA(AB), E. HAMAYASU(AB), E. MAEDA(SSP), A. UEDA(AB), S. LEE(AB)  
Entry Limit: 75  
Entry Clerk: ALEX CHAN, 5/F, 70 SOUTH WALL ROAD, KOWLOON, (852)9133736  
Email: ALEXCHAN310@HOTMAIL.COM

(b) ***Midwest TGIF Fanciers OCP Show Format Change Request.***

*The Midwest TGIF Fanciers would like to formally request changing the format of their August 3-4, 2024 show to include the OCP final in two rings, one each day, as defined by the newly approve rule change 2.39 for the 2024-25 show rules. This would be part of two existing Allbreed rings and not separate rings. Brian Pearson (Saturday) and Kathy Black (Sunday), who have already been contracted to judge the show, have agreed to add the OCP final to their ring. The club understands that there must be 30 open/champions and 15 open / premiers for the final to be held. The show is licensed as a 7 AB/1 SP show. 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 4.04 and allow the Midwest TGIF Fanciers to change its show license to include two OCP rings using already contracted judges at their August 3/4, 2024 show in Gray Summit, Missouri (Region 6). 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.*

**(c) Judges' Association Club Requests.**

To Cat Fancy Association Board of Directors

cc: Head of Judging Program Committee

*The JA Club has, per our constitution, reached out to obtain input from our CFA judge colleagues regarding issues they would like to our club bring to the attention of the CFA Board and to the Judging Program Committee. Subsequent voting showed that members of the Judges Association had the following thoughts, suggestions and opportunity for improvement.*

**Item 1** – *The ability to provide feedback directly to the board regarding JPC rule updates and changes. While all colleagues respect and admire the Judges Program Committee and fully support the need of the committee, we would like the opportunity to provide feedback on changes directly to the board. To accomplish this, we would like the board to consider sending a ballot of proposed changes to the CFA judging program to all approved allbreed CFA judges for our feedback. We believe that knowing the thoughts of the CFA judge population will allow the board to operate with more information.*

**Item 2** – *The ability to face the originator of concerns and accusations. Judges are often asked to respond to anonymous concerns and accusations with no ability to face the individual who has raised the concerns. This means that judges must respond to an issue without all of the information they may need. In some instances, this may result in the accused judge being asked to solve a problem without understanding the root cause of said problem. Feedback from some of our colleagues notes that many feel frustrated defending themselves against whispers and innuendos. This causes severe moral issues, especially in our younger and associate judges. We would like to be aware of the source of accusations. CFA judges are professionals who judge cats, not people, and awareness of the source is not going to change that. If someone feels strongly about bringing an issue up to our board or to the JPC, then they should be willing to include their name. Our board and the JPC should trust in our judges' professionalism at handling these situations.*

**Item 3** – *Show hall climates. Judges have recently been subjected to show halls which were not climate-controlled, resulting in very uncomfortable working conditions for judges, clerks, exhibitors, and cats. We respectfully request that the board send a reminder to all ID clubs (especially in China) that if a show hall is not climate-controlled, per show rule 5.01g, that information needs to be on the flier. Also, that that flier needs to be sent to the judge IN ENGLISH prior to the show so the judge can pack accordingly.*

**Item 4** – *The ability to utilize retired judges in the capacity of mentoring and education for new judges. As CFA and the judging program move forward, there are a number of judges who have retired from active judging but would like to continue to participate in our hobby and in the*

*development of new judges. We request the board consider allowing retired judges in good standing to serve as mentors to new judges.*

*Respectfully Submitted for your consideration*

*Jacqui Bennett  
President CFA Judges Association  
President JA Club  
CFA Allbreed Judge*

(15) **OLD BUSINESS.**

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The open session meeting was adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. EST.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Rachel Anger, Secretary*