

## MINUTES

**Secretary's Note:** The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, 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)**  
**Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)**  
**Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)**  
**Mrs. Doreann Nasin (NAR Director)**  
**Vicki A. Jensen, Esq. (NWR Director)**  
**Ms. Carissa Altschul (GSR Director)**  
**Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)**  
**Mr. Howard Webster (SWR Director)**  
**Ms. Janet Moyer (MWR Director)**  
**Mr. Kenny Currle (SOR Director)**  
**Ms. Aki Tamura (Japan Regional Director)**  
**Ms. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)**  
**Mrs. Jacqui Bennett (Director-at-Large)**  
**Dr. Marilee Griswold (Director-at-Large)**  
**Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Director-at-Large)**  
**Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)**  
**Ms. Victoria Nye (Director-at-Large)**

**Also Present:**

**Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel**  
**Ms. Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director**  
**Mr. James Simbro, IT Systems Analyst**

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

**PLEASE NOTE: Verbatim board meeting transcripts will no longer be published. This condensed version of the transcript is being published as the official minutes of the meeting.** See also the Summary of Motions.

**Mastin:** Hello everyone, Madam Secretary, please do the roll call. [**Secretary's Note:** Secretary Rachel Anger called the roll, as reflected above. All board members confirmed that they are abiding by the CFA Board of Directors' Code of Ethics and Confidentiality Agreement. Side discussions regarding technical difficulties were not transcribed.] **Mastin:** Thank you, Rachel. Meeting is called to order.

## TRANSCRIPT

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

| <b>CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD</b><br><b>Video Conference Meeting Agenda</b><br><b>December 2, 2025</b> |                                |            |
|---|--------------------------------|------------|
| 1.  | Approve Orders of the Day      | Mastin     |
| <b>Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees</b>                                     |                                |            |
| 2.  | Ratification of Online Motions | Anger      |
| 3.  | Show Technology                | Dunham     |
| 4.  | Awards Committee               | Dunham     |
| 5.  | International Division         | Newkirk    |
| 6.  | Show Scheduling                | Moser/Auth |
| 7.  | Judging Program                | Nye/Webb   |
| 8.  | Show Rules                     | Raymond    |
| 9.  | Central Office                 | Tartaglia  |
| 10.   | Treasurer’s Report             | Calhoun    |
| 11.   | Budget Committee               | Calhoun    |
| 12.   | Club Membership Report         | Krzanowski |
| <b>Reports of Affiliates</b>  |                                |            |
| 13.   | CFA Foundation                 | DelaBar    |
| <b>Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees</b>   |                                |            |
|   | None                           |            |
| <b>Unfinished Business and General Orders</b>   |                                |            |
| 14.   | Other Committees               |            |
| 15.   | New Business                   |            |
| 16.   | Old Business                   |            |
| 17.   | Breeder of Excellence Program  | Griswold   |
|   | ADJOURN OPEN SESSION           |            |

**Mastin:** Welcome, everyone, to CFA’s December 2nd, 2025 Executive Board Open Session Meeting. **Ms. DelaBar** moved to approve the Orders of the Day. Seconded by **Ms. Calhoun**, the Orders of the Day, as amended, were **accepted without objection and became the Orders of Business.**

## Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

### (2) RATIFICATION OF ONLINE MOTIONS.

|   | Moved/<br>Seconded                | Motion   | Vote  |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>MOTIONS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE RATIFICATION</b>   |                                   |  |   |
| <b>1.</b>   | Anger<br>Krzanowski<br>09.30.2025 | For the Royal Cat Club’s October 4/5, 2025 show in Kyiv, Ukraine (Region 9) with an entry limit of 120, grant an exception to Show Rule 9.08.n. to allow ring sharing in all rings, in which two allbreed judges share the same ring.  | <b>Motion Carried.</b>                                    |
| <p><b>Jensen:</b> I’m ok with this as an exception for THIS club because of the extreme extenuating circumstances and the low count and distribution of the classes. I am cautious about this becoming mainstream, as we still do not know how the Poppy state experiment will work, or not. I am concerned that she advertised on FaceBook that her format was unanimously approved by the board, which it wasn’t since many of us had concerns and voted against it. <b>DelaBar:</b> Vicki - the split ring format (ring sharing)is “mainstream” and found in our show rules. Difference here is the rings are Allbreed. The Board has granted permission for ring sharing of Allbreed rings previously. <b>Webster:</b> Great point Pam. I think we need to work at setting aside anything to stop new ways of doing things. People may like it and it could be a way to save the clubs money in an era of raising prices.</p> |                                   |  |   |
| <b>2.</b>   | Anger<br>Altschul<br>10.25.2025   | Allow the CFA Secretary to share the minutes of the executive session Marketing Committee Report from the October 4/5, 2025 board meeting with Melanie Morgan, on the condition that Melanie agrees to the Board Member’s Oath and Confidentiality Agreement.  | <b>Motion Carried.</b>                                    |
| <p><b>Calhoun:</b> I did not see any discussion but I do have a question. My apologies if that was a miss on my part. Do we have SIGNED confidentiality agreements on file for all members of the Marketing Committee and other committees given access to confidential information? If not, should we? <b>Mastin:</b> Melanie signed a confidentiality agreement when she was on the board and is willing to sign another one. Allene will send Melanie our current agreement to sign and return.</p>  |                                   |  |   |
| <b>3.</b>   | Anger<br>Bennett<br>10.28.2025    | Grant the Dolce Vita Cat Club permission to hold an in conjunction show with a FIFe/ANFI club in Vercelli, Italy (Region 9), on March 7/8, 2026, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).  | <b>Motion Carried.</b><br>Webb abstained due to conflict. |
| No discussion.  |                                   |  |   |
| <b>4.</b>   | Anger<br>Bennett<br>10.09.2025    | That the following Executive Session results be moved to open session, and posted as an addendum to the Notes: (1) the main World Cat Congress report made by Ms. DelaBar; (2) a statement that verbatim transcripts will no longer be published. A condensed version of the transcript will be published as the minutes of the meeting. | <b>Motion Carried.</b>                                    |
| No discussion.  |                                   |  |   |
| <b>5.</b>   | Anger<br>DelaBar<br>10.19.2025    | Due to a ground stoppage affecting air travel, for the Fort Worth Cat Club’s September 20, 2025 show in Burleson, Texas (Region 3), grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 to  | <b>Motion Carried.</b><br>Griswold abstained for cause.   |

|  | <b>Moved/<br/>Seconded</b>           | <b>Motion</b>  | <b>Vote</b>  |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|
|  |                                      | allow a day of judging switch for Jan Rogers (from Saturday to Sunday) and Marilee Griswold (from Sunday to Saturday).   |  |
| No discussion.   |                                      |  |  |
| <b>6.</b>  | Anger<br>Webster<br>11.13.2025       | Approve the October 4/5, 2025 Zoom video conference quarterly board meeting minutes, as presented.   | <b>Motion Carried.</b><br>Anger abstained for cause.             |
| No discussion.   |                                      |  |  |
| <b>7.</b>  | Anger<br>Nye<br>11.17.2025           | For its show in Orange, France (Region 9) on 28/29 March 2026, grant the Orange Cat Club permission to hold an in-conjunction show with Passion Alliance Feline Club (LOOF), on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).  | <b>Motion Carried.</b>   |
| <p><b>Altschul:</b> I don't have a problem with these requests, but I am just curious about a rationale for doing them so often? I have a club in my region that is actually working well together with a group of TICA exhibitors and they have asked about in-conjunction shows (to get CFA shows started back up in Colorado). It's still very much early in the works... (not even sure if that's the path they want to take, but they did ask me). <b>DelaBar:</b> Show halls are very expensive in some areas. It's a win-win for both groups. Additionally, in Europe, we often will judge for CFA one day and the other (approved) association the next day - expenses are split and that saves our clubs money.</p> |                                      |  |  |
| <b>8.</b>  | Anger<br>Huhtaniemi<br>11.23.2025    | For their 8 ring back-to-back show in Padova, Italy (Region 9) on January 24/25, 2026, grant the Orange Cat Club and Universal Cats Club permission to hold an in-conjunction show with ENFI, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).   | <b>Motion Carried.</b><br>DelaBar and Nasin abstained for cause. |
| No discussion.   |                                      |  |  |
|  | <b>Moved/<br/>Seconded</b>           | <b>Motion</b>  | <b>Vote</b>  |
| <b>MOTIONS THAT REQUIRE RATIFICATION</b>   |                                      |  |  |
| <b>9.</b>  | Executive<br>Committee<br>10.21.2025 | For the UK Cat Fanciers show (with Palatina Blue Cat Club & Edelweiss Cat Club) on November 2, 2025 licensed in Wermelskirchen, Germany (Region 9), grant exceptions to the following show rules: 5.01.a. to change the current show flyer and reflect a change in allowable entry from 225 to 100; 9.08.e. to allow 11 cages per ring; and, 9.08.n. to allow 3 rings in the morning and 3 rings in the afternoon (split rings). | <b>Motion Carried</b><br>(subject to ratification).              |
| <b>Mastin:</b> We encourage the club to change format to address a board member's submitted concerns.  |                                      |  |  |
| <b>10.</b>   | Executive<br>Committee<br>10.22.2025 | Grant the Sapphire Stars Feline Club permission to hold an in-conjunction show with a CFF club in Guangzhou, China (ID-China), on November 15, 2025, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).  | <b>Motion Carried</b><br>(subject to ratification).              |

|                | <b>Moved/<br/>Seconded</b>        | <b>Motion</b>  | <b>Vote</b>   |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| No discussion. |                                   |  |   |
| <b>11.</b>     | Executive Committee<br>10.29.2025 | For the Cat Fanciers of Hawaii’s October 25, 2025 show in Hawaii (Region 5), grant an exception to Show Rules 2.24, 11.24, and 11.30 to allow a format change from 5 allbreed/1 OCP to 4 allbreed/1 SP/1 OCP to allow an OCP final as part of a double specialty ring. | <b>Motion Carried</b><br>(subject to ratification). Webb abstained for cause. |
| No discussion. |                                   |  |   |
| <b>12.</b>     | Executive Committee<br>11.09.2025 | For the November 8/9, 2025 show in Kyiv Ukraine, due to a power outage, allow the Rolandus cat club to share a ring with Tetiana Slizhevska finishing her Saturday schedule of 20 cats plus a final, followed by Dmitriy Gubenko, judging his full Sunday schedule.    | <b>Motion Carried</b><br>(subject to ratification).                           |
| No discussion. |                                   |  |   |
| <b>13.</b>     | Executive Committee<br>11.11.2025 | For Royal Cat Club show on November 15, 2025 in Kiev, Ukraine (Region 9), grant an exception to Show Rule 9.08.n. to allow for ring sharing in all rings.  | <b>Motion Carried</b><br>(subject to ratification).                           |
| No discussion. |                                   |  |   |

**Mastin:** We’re going to go right into your Ratification of Online Motions, correct?  
**Anger:** Correct. I’d like to move that we ratify motions 9 through 13. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski.**

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

(3) **SHOW HALL TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT.**

**Committee Chair:** Cathy Dunham  
**Liaison to Board:** Janet Moyer  
**List of Committee Members:** Sheryl Zink and Paula Noble, Darrell Newkirk, Marilee Griswold, Bethany Colilla, Gavin Cao, Rick Hoskinson, Allene Tartaglia, and James Simbro

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[Dunham joins the meeting]

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

*Master Clerk Data File – All beta testing in the show is complete. Three zoom meetings were held during October and November for anyone who wanted to participate and see the file. We had board members, ring clerks, and master clerks attend. We did record one of the three sessions for future viewing of those that could not attend.*

**Dunham:** I want to inform the board that we conducted three Zoom meetings. We are in the process of putting together a frequently asked questions and answer sheet. I have a recorded session [see link below]. If anybody has questions, I'm happy to address them. **Jensen:** Is there some place that the entry clerks can go to, to get some sort of guidance as to this digital catalog? Or are they supposed to just send out the whole catalog? **Dunham:** No, but they can certainly reach out to me directly.

<https://youtu.be/IPDDSIEmygA>

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*Master Clerk Data File – The committee is working with IT to determine the best place for the recorded session to be located for easy access by master clerks. We are also working on a frequently asked questions document as a quick reference guide, which will sent out to the master clerk's list when completed.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*Projects will be worked on at the request of the board.*

**Time Frame:**

*Ongoing*

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

*Update on ongoing projects.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Cathy Dunham, Chair*

(4) **AWARDS COMMITTEE.**

***Committee Chair: Cathy Dunham***

***Liaison to Board: Janet Moyer***

***List of Committee Members: Martha Auspitz, Ginger Meeker, Beth Polstra***

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

*Worked with Central Office to order the 2026 national awards and rosettes. Met with Beth Grant-Field to discuss her involvement in a sponsorship program for national awards and rosettes.*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*Beth Grant-Field has agreed to lead the efforts and is working on a plan. Anticipated start for the fund raising will be January 2026.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*Gathering and presentation of Star and Diamond Star award nominations for 2026.*

**Time Frame:**

*Ongoing*

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

*Update on ongoing projects.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Cathy Dunham, Chair*

**Dunham:** The Awards Report is an update. At our previous board meeting where our awards budget was approved, there was discussion about a sponsorship program. I reached out to Beth Grant Field and she has enthusiastically taken on the role of our sponsorship champion. The anticipated start for that is after the new year and as we learn more details, we will pass those along to the board. I appreciate the board's time. Thank you.

[Dunham leaves the meeting]

(5) **INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.**

**Committee Chair:** Darrell Newkirk  
**Committee Vice-Chair:** Matthew Wong

**List of Committee Members:**

**Board Liaison:** Dr. Marilee Griswold  
**Subcommittee Co-Chairs China:** Russell Webb/Ellyn Honey  
**Subcommittee Chair Asia East:** Robert Zenda/Dr. Marilee Griswold  
**Subcommittee Chair Africa, W Asia, Middle East:** Jan Rogers  
**Subcommittee Chair Central & South America:** Miguel Mariano Pina Rodrigues/Anne Mathis  
**Subcommittee Chair China Sponsorship:** Gavin Cao

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[Newkirk joins the meeting]

**Dr. Griswold** made a standing motion. **Mr. Webb** made a standing second.

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

*Meowbulous CC in KL, Malaysia held the combined awards banquet November 2, 2025. By most accounts the banquet was successful. I did receive a few complaints about the Awards booklet (many typos) and the handling of awards, but most of the FB posts I have access to were complimentary. Russell Webb and Bob Zenda provided more detail of the awards banquet in their reports listed below.*

*I have been monitoring, and will continue to monitor show flyers, show licenses, online entries and breed summaries. If any board member wishes any info on a particular show, I will be happy to share a Dropbox link for the requested show.*

**Current Happenings Committee:**

*A scoring issue arose from the CFA ID Awards Banquet on October 31/November 1. Three Taiwan cats came to the show and exhibited. They were informed that all their points would be included in their ID ranking, but they would only use points earned in Taiwan shows for their Taiwan ranking (not the ID Awards Banquet show). The Malaysia show points are not included in their regional scoring.*

*The show rules are very confusing on this point and will be rewritten for next year. ID exhibitors receive their points for attending the CIS. A similar exception is being requested for the ID Awards Banquet.*

**Motion:** *Grant an exception to Article XXXVI – AWARDS, International Regional Awards, Paragraph 4, to add any points accumulated at the CFA ID Awards Banquet show to any cat competing at the Meowbulous ID Awards Show held October 31 and November 1, 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to their ID awards, including their country awards, where excluded in the ID show rule awards.*

4. Awards given in the International Division are based only on points earned in the International Division with the following exceptions: a) cats/kittens/household pets from outside of the China DW Award geographical area may NOT earn points at shows in the China DW Award geographical area, b) only points earned at Singapore shows will be accrued towards Singapore DW awards, c) only points earned at Taiwan shows will be accrued towards Taiwan DW awards, d) only points earned at Africa/Western Asia shows will be accrued toward Africa/Western Asia DW awards, e) only points earned at Central/South America shows will be accrued toward Central/South America DW awards, and f) only points earned at shows in Israel will be accrued toward Israel DW awards. In addition, points earned at the CFA International show may be used toward this award.

**Newkirk:** One or more cats from Taiwan attended the awards banquet show. They received notification that the Taiwan cats were not scored for Taiwan awards. I sent a note to Ed Raymond, Rich Mastin and a few of the other Executive Committee members about this, asking for a clarification. Ed sent out the clarification. We're asking that those cats that competed at the ID show have those points awarded to their country, like Taiwan. There's three or four countries that are excluded in the show rules under divisional scoring. It's my understanding that Cathy Dunham is working on a show rule change. This has been in effect for a number of years, but if the people can move between countries, then we feel like the regions shouldn't be restricted and accumulating points when they're competing outside of their area, like Taiwan. The ID Committee were all in favor of this. We're waiting for the presentation by Cathy of a show rule change. **Mastin:** Rachel, can you confirm how many cats from Taiwan were there? **Anger:** My understanding is that there were three cats. I'm in support of this motion. It's very much like we do at the International Show where there's an exception so that everybody can come and bring their cats, and share in the festivities. There was an overall impression that these points would all be scored for everybody. I don't think that three cats will throw a national win or upset anyone. **Krzanowski:** We should support this motion. It seems only fair. It seems a simple matter to hand score those cats for this year's awards. I would be in support of changing the show rule to allow these in the future. **Calhoun:** Were there any cats from any other country that is under the same restriction at the show that should be included in this exception? **Tartaglia:** No. **Mastin:** When it comes to the show rules, I have stood behind a very common response to most of the board and most of the people who have approached me at shows, and that is to follow the rules. I would probably be very much more in support of this if this was presented prior to the beginning of the show and it was announced. I know it only impacts three cats, but my concern is that we're doing it after the show and we're doing it in the middle of the show season. We're giving additional points to cats that were not eligible, based on show rules. That doesn't mean I'm in favor or against just yet, but I have a bit of a concern changing a rule after a show. **Newkirk:** You're correct. This is being done afterwards, but I wasn't aware of this rule until I questioned it and Ed informed me of the rule. Another one of the countries is Singapore. You can't go in and out of Singapore. I can understand that as far as changing something in the middle of the show season. We change things midstream sometimes. Matt Wong just sent me an email that this was previously done. There's already been a precedent set for this about 10 years ago. **Mastin:** That's helpful information. **Nye:** In the United States we do the International Show, and there is a written in exception that attendees at the International Show from any place get to claim their points and keep them. People in the ID and China may view this situation the same way. It's called "the International Show Awards and Banquet", so for them, it may appear to be following

the same precedent that cats attending a show called “the International Show” get to keep their points.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

### ***China Subcommittee***

***Subcommittee Co-Chairs: Russell Webb and Ellyn Honey***

*For 2025:*

- *Licensed 4 shows in West China*
- *4 shows in North China*
- *42 shows in East China*

*Ellyn Honey  
CFA Judge Emeritus*

*It all started on October 31,2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. It began with a 2 Day CFA Cat show. Total cats entered in the show were 167. The show was in a Mall with allotted space for Judges rings and exhibitors. The show was a success. Exhibitors were happy and enjoyed showing their cats. On Saturday after the last cat was judged and the scores were tallied, beautiful rosettes were handed out to the Best Champion, Kitten, Premier and Household Pet.*

*Then on Sunday November 2,2025 the CFA International Division Awards Banquet was held at the EQ Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. There were exhibitors representing all different countries. We had people from Indonesia, Thailand, China, Kuwait, Malaysia, Singapore, Korea, Taiwan Hong Kong and Vietnam. There were 200 people in attendance. We also had officials from the Malaysian Department of Veterinary Services.*

*We had 700 hundred Awards to hand out, and we started the Banquet at 3pm and the sponsors assured me we would be finished at 11pm.*

*The Banquet Hall was magnificent, beautiful table settings and an audio and visual system that was unbelievable. Floor to ceiling projection screens a middle screen that took up the whole stage and the two side screens that were floor to ceiling. The screens focused on each individual receiving an award.*

*I was asked to give a few opening remarks along with Mr. Patrick Chan who is the CEO of Pet Universe Nourish. He was a major sponsor for the event.*

*I would like to thank Mr. Lai Howe Chuan, Mr. Loh Wai Leong and their committee for making this ID Banquet a very special event for all the people that attended. And yes, the Banquet was finished at 11pm.*

*Respectively Submitted,  
Russell Webb, Co-Chair China Division  
CFA Vice President, Co-Chair JPC*

## ***Asia (other than mainland China) Subcommittee***

***Subcommittee Co-Chairs: Bob Zenda and Dr. Marilee Griswold***

*The number of shows in the ID OTHER is well below the previous two seasons with 22 completed, 9 more already licensed and 24 dates reserved for the rest of the 2025-2026 Show Season.*

*More than 700 awards were presented at a very successful CFA International Division Awards Banquet, held on November 2, 2025 at the EQ Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. It was attended by more than 200 exhibitors and guests from China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam. Opening remarks were delivered by CFA Vice President Russell Webb, Mr. Patrick Chan (CEO Pet Universe NOURISH, major sponsor of the event), and officials from the Malaysian Department of Veterinary Services. The banquet facility was elegantly furnished and featured one of the best Audio/Visual set ups I have ever witnessed at a CFA event with a floor to ceiling main stage projection screen, flanked by floor to ceiling side screens that focused on each recipient of awards that were presented. Mr. Lai Howe Chuan, Mr. Loh Wai Leong and their organizing committee made CFA proud and, despite the large number of awards, managed to complete the event by 11pm.*

*Bob Zenda, Co-Chair  
CFA International Division OTHER*

## ***AWA Subcommittee***

***Subcommittee Co-Chair: Jan Rogers***

*The Temiro Cat Fanciers in Istanbul was absolutely fantastic. This was the newest AWA club and their first show and a first in Istanbul.*

*The venue was in the ballroom of the hotel where all the exhibitors and judges were also staying. So convenient, and very spacious. Tetyana Mironova was the show manager and president of the new club as well. She and her team welcomed new exhibitors from Turkey, and the participation of seasoned CFA exhibitors from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, UAE, Qatar and France rounded out the participants. Everyone went out of their way to help the new people, and the friendly atmosphere was so great. The show had 64 entries, (no HHP) and although small we all reflected that the first shows in Kuwait and Egypt were also small to start. New beginnings and new opportunities await and Temiro has already planned their second show for April 2026.*

*Action item that needs to be addressed is to allow all the clubs in AWA to have all allbreed rings. There are just not enough shorthair cats at this time to justify LH/SH. Please advise how to get this before the board/show rules committee so that it will be put in place before we have any more shows in the region.\**

*Kuwait is not having a show this year as Ramadan is affecting their traditional date. Pakistan is organizing a club, and I have their club application pending a few adjustments to their by laws.*

*Jan Rogers*

*\* All the shows in the area have always had allbreed (and super specialty when it came into being) and I was under the impression that it was for all of the area.. Then I looked at the show rules. I respectfully ask that this be put into formal show rules.*

**Newkirk:** The very first show in Istanbul was a good success. Also, they are not excluded like Kuwait from having all allbreed rings, and so that's an issue that I'll be talking to Ed about for the February meeting, to get that included in the rules.

### ***CSA Subcommittee***

***Subcommittee Co-Chairs: Miguel Mariano Pina Rodrigues / Anne Mathis***

*No report for this meeting.*

#### ***Future Projections for the Committee:***

*I am pleased to inform the CFA Board of Directors banquet plans for 2026. For ID -China, Gavin Cao and Agnes Sun have volunteered to be the hosts for the China Awards Banquet. For ID-Other Jay Gritthanut has stepped forward and asked to host the ID-Other awards banquet. Both areas will be sponsored by well qualified individuals that have hosted the awards banquet in the past. I look forward to working with them along with the ID committee.*

**Newkirk:** Next year, we're not having a combined banquet in the ID. The China banquet will be hosted by Gavin Cao, Agnes Sun and their clubs. Jay Gritthanut from Thailand requested that the ID-Other banquet be held in Thailand.

#### ***What will be Presented at the Next Meeting:***

*Any new developments that would be of interest to the CFA Board of Directors.*

*Respectfully Submitted  
Darrell Newkirk. Chair  
CFA International Division*

**Newkirk:** A show in China recently had 225 entries in the show. They actually got 239 online entries and the show filled with 225, all championship. It seemed a little bit odd to me, so I wanted to do a little investigation into it. Cathy sent me the online entries and said if I wanted the time date when they were entered into the show, it was \$200. We don't have a budget, so I decided not to pursue that further. **Mastin:** Darrell, do you sense there's foul play with that show? **Newkirk:** Something was said to me that caused me to suspect that there might be, but I'm not going to pursue it further. **DelaBar:** We had three shows in Region 9 last year that were all championship with no kitten or premiership entries, and it ended up being very copacetic.

(6) **SHOW SCHEDULING COMMITTEE.**

**Committee Chair:** Pamela Moser

**Liaison to Board:** Vicki Jensen

**List of Committee Members:** Mary Auth

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1. Since January 1, 2025 44 requests for Regions 1 – 7 shows have been announced and approved.
  2. Recorded more than 550 email correspondences.
  3. Reconciled posted traditional calendar with planned and licensed shows. Corresponded with clubs to confirm their show planning status.

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

*Deconflict show dates*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*Continue to respond to requests for show dates.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*Continue to respond to requests for show dates.*

**Time Frame:**

*Ongoing*

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

*Updated number of requests*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Pamela Moser, Chair*

**Mastin:** Vicki Jensen, I see there's no action items. Is there anything new that you need to report? **Jensen:** No. **Altschul:** At the last meeting, we had discussed that Pam and/or Mary would be here so we could address the issue with Lincoln State directly with them, and also the issue of clubs that have floating dates that are not marked on the schedule. I thought they were going to be here so we could talk to them about that. **Mastin:** You're right, Carissa. Vicki, reach out to Pam and Mary, and let's invite them to the next meeting in February. Carissa, in the meantime, you can send an email request question to Vicki, copy in myself, and hopefully Vicki can get that in front of Pam and Mary right away. If they can address it before the February board meeting, that'd be great.

(7) **JUDGING PROGRAM.**

*Executive Committee*

*Co-Chair: Vicki Nye*  
*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*  
*Teresa Keiger: Education – Breed Awareness & Orientation*  
*Neil Quigley: Guest Judge Administrator*  
*Teresa Sweeney: Recruitment, Development and Mentoring Administrator*  
*Carla Bizzell: Ombudsperson*

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Ms. Nye made a standing motion. Mr. Webb made a standing second.

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

*Following the acceptance of 3 first specialty trainees, and 2 additional second specialty trainees at the June 26, 2025 Board Meeting, and 2 more first specialty applicants at the October 4, 2025 Board Meeting, the two file administrators are now managing the training requests, training judge assignments and club permissions of 9 trainees, with 3 coming up for advancement to Apprentice at this meeting. A grid of approvals and pending approvals was created for the file administrators and trainees to manage this process. The training of 9 would ultimately require more than 50 training sessions to monitor. To date, 39 training sessions have occurred for these trainees with 14 more sessions approved and scheduled or pending scheduling.*

**Nye:** First, I want to thank all the judges that have taken trainees, all the clubs and show managers and clerks that have worked with these trainees. Since June, we have completed 39 training sessions. Thanks to everybody involved in getting that done.

**Current Happenings Of Committee:**

*Plans are underway for the Breed Awareness and Orientation School to be held in Hong Kong, March 19-22, 2025. Anne Mathis, Continuing Education Coordinator, is working with Cheryl Coleman for a Zoom breed presentation on the Korat, with one more Zoom Breed Presentation 2025-2026 to schedule. The JPC asked Teresa Keiger to fill the role of BAOS Coordinator. Teresa has accepted and is already working on the Hong Kong BAOS flyer.*

*The Judging Program Committee met on November 25, 2025 to discuss advancements and other business to bring before the board.*

**Nye:** The Breed Awareness School is not going to be in Japan this year. The Regional Director is unable to secure a venue in a hotel, which would allow cats to stay overnight. The BAOS has now been picked up by a group in Hong Kong who has secured a venue and a hotel. We should have the flyer out shortly. It will be March 19th through the 22nd.

**One Part Judges' Paperwork:**

*I have been asked to bring the following request to the CFA Board by several judges, many of whom have judged for 20-30 years as a compromise to eliminating all NCR/multi-part judges' paperwork. There are concerns that judges have missed or forgotten cats, and after being used to a process for 20-30 years, going "cold turkey" to no yellow copy, is not easy. It is the owners of these forgotten cats that feel the pain of the one-part judging sheets. The ask is that CFA provide two-part Breed/Division Sheets to those judges that request them. You would not need to ship these in show packages, just provide the forms and ship to the judges that request them. It will be up to the judge to take the two-part breed/division sheets to the shows.*

**Motion:** *CFA to print and provide two-part breed/division sheets for those CFA judges that request them, and ship them directly to the requesting judge through December, 2026.*

**Nye:** I have been approached by several judges regarding the one-part paperwork. They understand that there is an expense with shipping, but are asking on a one-off basis if they can obtain the breed sheets, shipped directly to those judges as they request. These are experienced judges who have been using a system for 20 or 30 years. It is difficult to change cold turkey. I ask that the board members support those judges that want to obtain a supply of breed sheets to have Central Office ship those forms directly to them, for the next year. **Currle:** I fully support this. I've been around 40 years. My main concern is missing a cat. The more information we can write down as we have done for years and years, we can ensure that missing a cat won't happen, particularly at the end of the day. I'm going to support this fully. **Calhoun:** I'm in support as well. You already answered one of the questions that I had, and that was about how long, and you said perhaps a year. Would you be willing to put that in your motion? And then second, how much inventory do we have? **Tartaglia:** We have no inventory. **Nye:** I would be happy to include through December, 2026. My suggestion would be that we don't need to have these glued and padded. **Calhoun:** How long will it take to get inventory to start shipping out to judges? **Tartaglia:** If we do not have to have it padded, we can do it immediately because we can print two-part paper in the office. **Bennett:** This may be something that would be better managed by the entry clerks than the clubs. **Altschul:** We did this to save money, and we're talking about undoing it. As part of being fiscally responsible, before we vote on this, we need a general idea on the price. **Tartaglia:** To go to one-part paper, it would save about \$16,000 a year. Two-part paper is expensive to purchase. To satisfy this motion for the judges, we can print it in the office on a copier. We will have to purchase the paper and mail it out to the judges. **Nye:** We're not talking more than 10 judges who have perhaps 20 shows a year. **DelaBar:** Could this be provided to the judges living outside the U.S.? **Altschul:** When this first came up before, I did some research on two-part NCR paper. I didn't find that it was that expensive, that you can get it pre-printed with your own forms. There are literally dozens of websites that you can do this on.

1,000 sheets is \$156 with your own form. Can this be shopped out better for the best possible price? There's a lot of options that we're just not exploring. I'm not necessarily against this. I just want to make sure that we do this in a fiscally responsible way. **Mastin:** Based on what you reported, 1,000 sheets at \$156, we could do 10,000 sheets and it will be one-tenth of the \$16,000 we spent. So your suggestion is a good suggestion. We can shop that. **Tartaglia:** When I gave that estimate, I was including color class sheets, as well. It wasn't just the forms for the judges. That included postage, as well. **Nasin:** What if we have a made to order kind of thing where we provide the licensing and the format to a printing company and the judges can buy those papers themselves and have their own stash? **Nye:** There is a PDF on the CFA site with the breed sheets, the final sheets, all the other forms that we use. I don't think we're going to have that many judges. A lot of judges actually like the one-part form and don't have a problem with it. **Calhoun:** Vicki, would you be agreeable that any requests come through you? **Nye:** Sure. **Calhoun:** That would be a good way of ensuring that this doesn't blow up.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

### ***Judging Program Rule Changes***

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

| Section 8.01  | Judging Program Committee  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Existing Wording  | Proposed Wording   |  |
| <p>b. The Trainee and File Administrator will jointly select shows that are appropriate for the Trainee to train. The Trainee must not discuss training with the Training Judge or the Show Manager before approval has been obtained from their File Administrator. The Trainee must complete the first part of the Trainee Permission Form and send it to the File Administrator. The File Administrator arranges with the selected training Judge to accept a Trainee at the proposed show. The File Administrator then secures approval from the Show Manager and obtains the signed Permission Form for a Trainee to train at the show. The File Administrator will request of the Show Manager a Judge's book including color class sheets, breed and final sheets for the specialty and will request specific scheduling for the Training Judge.</p> | <p>b. The Trainee and File Administrator will jointly select <u>Training Judges and</u> shows that are appropriate for the Trainee to train. <u>The final decision on Training Judge selection rests with the File Administrator.</u> The Trainee must not discuss training with the Training Judge or the Show Manager before approval has been obtained from their File Administrator.</p> <p><u>Judges must not make any offer of training at any time in advance to any pre-applicant or trainee.</u> The Trainee must complete the first part of the Trainee Permission Form and send it to the File Administrator. The File Administrator arranges with the selected training Judge to accept a Trainee at the proposed show. The File Administrator then secures approval from the Show Manager and obtains the signed Permission Form for a Trainee to train at the show. The File Administrator will request of the Show Manager a Judge's book including color class sheets, breed and final sheets for the specialty and will request specific scheduling for the Training Judge.</p> |  |

**RATIONALE:** File Administrator and Trainee agree on both training judges and shows. Any offer made by a judge to a trainee in advance interferes with the duties and workings of the File Administrator and the Judging Program Committee. It could imply that the trainee would receive a favorable evaluation if the judge makes an offer to a particular trainee. If passed, this will be communicated to our Judging Program Panel via [CFAJudgeslist@groups.io](mailto:CFAJudgeslist@groups.io). This documented addition to the JP Rules will serve to protect both trainee and training judge from criticism and favoritism.

**Motion:** *Accept changes to Judging Program Rule 8.01.*

**Nye:** This policy has been in place for years, that trainees cannot approach a club or try to secure a training assignment in that show. We get judges that approach trainees and say, “I really want to train you, ask for me,” but training judges need to go into training sessions with an open mind. I also want to point out the addition to the second section. *The final decision on training judge selection rests with the File Administrator*, has always been the policy. What the trainee asks for is not always what they’re going to get. It is up to the file administrator. When an applicant is advanced and becomes a trainee, the file administrators send out a welcome letter to the trainee that outlines all the requirements, and that is part of that letter. That has always been the Judging Program Committee’s policy, so we want to document this. The new section, *Judges must not make any offer of training at any time in advance to any applicant or trainee*. We want to make sure that judges are not approaching pre-applicants or trainees with this type of request. They should work directly with their File Administrator.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**Leave of Absence:**

*None*

**Deaths of Currently Active CFA Judges:**

***Donald J Williams, CFA Allbreed Judge 9/13/1933 –11/17/2025***

*The following tribute was provided by Karen Lawrence.*

*It is with profound sadness that I learned of the passing of Don Williams today. Seems like I’ve known him forever since I started in the cat fancy in 1971, both as a judge with great handling ability and always fair in his decisions, and through working with him on The CFA Foundation shortly after its 1990 inception .. plus as a friend.*

*Don has been around the cat fancy forever it seems, at least as early as the photo below of him grooming a white Persian in 1957. He and his first wife shared the cattery name Sherdon and bred Persians. It didn’t hurt that his mother-in-law was Vi Schuh, of Skyway cattery .. well-known for its fabulous white Persians of the time. Upon the passing of Mrs. Schuh, Don inherited the Skyway cattery name and continued with that legacy.*

*He also shared the Squire cattery name with his second wife, the amazing Leta, breeding Persians, Exotics, Abyssinians and Singapura.*

*Don began judging for ACFA during the 1960s and moved to the CFA Judging Program in 1965. We were all thrilled to see him in June at the Orlando annual meeting, where he received his award for 60 years as a CFA Judge.*

*In 1977, he was elected to the CFA Board of Directors, serving almost constantly until 2004. He was President of CFA from 1986-1994, and again from 1998-2004 – a total of 14 years leading CFA!*

*In 1990 Don, and a few close friends (Tom Dent, Vaughn Barber, Michael Brim, and Sy Howard) developed an interest in preserving cat fancy history, and a proposal to the CFA Board resulted in the Cat Fanciers' Association Foundation (The CFA Foundation) being created as a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization. Don had maintained his interest in the Foundation and when it was reorganized in 2006, he became a Board member. He was the current President, being elected to that position in 2018. To his last day, he was a strong supporter of their cause to collect and preserve cat fancy history.. and of the Feline Historical Museum in Alliance, Ohio.*

*I love the 2024 photo of Don with this Burmese kitten, and thank Melody Boyd for permission to use it. This is the way I choose to remember him.*

*Having just spoken to Don last Friday, to say I will miss our conversations is an understatement. I am so, so very sad to learn of his passing, but what a great life he lived!*

*Rest in peace, my friend.*

**Nye:** A beautiful tribute was written by Karen Lawrence which has a lot of his historical information, how he has served the Cat Fancy and CFA. His memorial service will be on May 16th, somewhere in Ocala, Florida.

### **Retirements/Resignations:**

*Hope Gonano – effective July 21, 2026*

*Retirement email from Hope Gonano and Judging Program reply with regret.*

*I'm 65 March 1st, I'm going to retire from the judging program. My last show will be Garden State, I will only have to cancel Asheville next year. With it being a year away, Eric should be able to get a good judge to replace me.*

*Please leave me go in peace, I have served well.*

*Good wishes,  
Hope Gonano*

*Response from the CFA Judging Program Co-Chair Vicki Nye:*

Dear Hope,

*I am saddened to see your retirement date set as July 21, 2026. You have been an active and very popular judge for the past 15 years and you will be very missed by the exhibitors and your judging colleagues. You have indeed served well, and I hope you decide you will still be active in the cat fancy. You have had many areas that you excelled in, including your continued breeding of Himalayan and Pointed Exotics, and your phenomenal fundraising success with a 2025 Southern Region Annual. As Co-Chair of CFA's Judging Program, I accept your future retirement date with regret.*

Sincerely,  
Vicki Nye  
CFA Judging Program Co-Chair

**Nye:** Hope Gonano has submitted her retirement as of July 21st, 2026. She has eight or 10 more shows maybe to complete before that time, and this was her resignation and acceptance with regret from the Judging Program Committee.

### **Applications and Advancements:**

#### **Applications:**

##### **First Specialty Applications received by the October 7, 2025 deadline for February 7, 2026 Board Meeting.**

- Patrick Au, Associate Judge LH, First Specialty LH, Hong Kong –ID
- Chrissie Chan, Associate Judge SH, First Specialty SH, Hong Kong, ID

##### **Second Specialty Application received by the October 7, 2025 deadline for February 7, 2026 Board Meeting.**

- Agnes Sun, Second Specialty Shorthair—Shanghai, China

#### **Advancements:**

Seven (7) advancements to be presented in closed session:

- **Issariya (Istzy) Rattanaweerawong** – From Trainee LH to Apprentice LH
- **Jon Lee** – From Trainee LH to Apprentice LH
- **Grace Cheung** – From Trainee SH to Apprentice SH
- **Chris Lee** – Apprentice SH to Approval Pending SH
- **Yukiyo Matsushita** – from Apprentice LH to Approval Pending LH
- **Alex Luk Chun Lap** – from Apprentice SH to Approval Pending SH
- **Yi Chang** – From Approval Pending LH to Approved LH

**Advancements – Regular Judging Program:**

**Advance from Trainee to Apprentice Specialty:**

|  |        |
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| Issariya (Istzy) Rattanaweerawong –<br>Nonthaburi, Thailand (ID-Other)<br>Longhair 2 <sup>nd</sup> Specialty | 17 yes |
| Jon Lee – Chongqing, China (ID-China)<br>Longhair 1 <sup>st</sup> Specialty                                  | 17 yes |
| Grace Cheung – Hong Kong (ID-Other)<br>Shorthair 2 <sup>nd</sup> Specialty                                   | 17 yes |

**Advance from Apprentice to Approval Pending Specialty:**

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Chris Lee – Shenyang, China (ID-China)<br>Shorthair 1 <sup>st</sup> Specialty     | 17 yes |
| Yukiyo Matsushita – Osaka, Japan (Region 8)<br>Longhair 1 <sup>st</sup> Specialty | 17 yes |
| Alex Luk Chun Lap – Hong Kong (ID-Other)<br>Shorthair 2 <sup>nd</sup> Specialty   | 17 yes |

**Advance from Approval Pending Specialty to Approved Specialty:**

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Yi Chang – Beijing, China (ID-China)<br>Longhair 1 <sup>st</sup> Specialty | 17 yes |
|--|--------|

**Elevation to Emeritus Status:**

|                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Donald J. Williams (1967) | Elevated [Vote sealed] |
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**What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:**

**Applications:**

- First Specialty Applications received by the October 7, 2025 deadline, to be considered at the February 7th Board Meeting.
- Advancements

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

***Subcommittee Chair: Teresa Keiger***

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

*Resignation of Barbara Jaeger from her role as BAOS Coordinator, CFA Judging Program  
October 13, 2025*

*After the BAOS this past week, I have come the decision to step away in my role as Coordinator for the Breed Awareness and Orientation School. I have enjoyed the opportunity to help in the development of new Judges and. during COVID, the Associate Judging Program. I am hoping that the next person who fills the role finds the same enjoyment I have over the past five years.*

*Respectfully,  
Barbara Jaeger  
Coordinator, Breed Awareness and School (BAOS)*

*Response from the CFA Judging Program Co-Chair Vicki Nye October 13, 2025*

*Dear Barbara,*

*Words cannot fully express the Judging Program's appreciation for your service as Breed Awareness and Orientation School Coordinator. Pat Jacobberger chose well when she handed over this program to you. In the last five years, the majority of curriculum presentations have been updated to reflect the changes CFA show rules and judging program processes have undergone. Our longhair and shorthair breed presentations have all been updated to clean, crisp, uniform PowerPoints, and offer the faculty and students a clear guide for teaching the structure and attributes of each of our breeds. The BAOS hands-on handling instruction is much more structure including a recent handout Handling With A Purpose. In the last five years, we have delivered 10 sessions of the CFA BAOS to 221 attendees in the United States, Thailand, Belgium, Hong Kong, and even via Zoom during the pandemic. These successes, you can be very proud of in addition to your Diamond Award you received at the 2024 CFA annual for these very contributions. On behalf of the judging program, I regretfully accept your resignation.*

*Vicki Nye-CFA Judging Program Co-Chair*

*The Judging Program Committee was polled for their input to fill the role of BAOS Coordinator. Teresa Keiger was selected, and she has graciously accepted. I would also like to add that Teresa immediately dove right in to work on the upcoming 2026 BAOS and training Powerpoint updates.*

*The October 9-12, 2025 BAOS was held in Cleveland, OH. In conjunction with the CFA International Show. The following individuals attended:*

*Kadri Koppel-SH  
Siim Koppel-SH  
Phebe Low-LH  
Cristiano Perillo-Marcone-LH  
Holly Mueller-SH  
Sheri Shaffer-SH  
Albert Sweitzer-LH  
Agnes Sun-SH  
Doug Welsh-SH*

*The following CFA Allbreed Judges served as faculty*

*Nancy Dodds  
Marilee Griswold  
Barbara Jaeger  
Vicki Nye*

**Current Happenings of Committee:**

*Registration for the March 19-22 2026 BAOS will be posted to the CFA website and open for registration soon. After several months of trying to locate a venue and hotel by the Japan Regional Director Aki Tamura, with no luck, the site of the Spring BAOS has now been moved to Hong Kong. With the location assistance of Grace Cheung and Thomas Yiu, they have secured a show hall venue and hotel which will serve as the classroom location in Hong Kong. The show will be licensed by New Era Feline Alliance and Glamorous Int'l Ambassador (GIA).*

*Instructors for the school will be Vicki Nye, Nancy Dodds and Kit Fung. Classroom instruction will be on Thursday and Friday at the hotel:*

*Nina Hotel Tsuen Wan West  
8 Yeung Uk Rd, Tsuen Wan, Hong Kong  
Room Rate (March 18 to 23, 5 nights):  
Average US\$130 per night (includes breakfast)*

*SHOW HALL and Sunday Handling School location  
New World Town Hall  
83 King Lam Street, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon*

*NOTE: This facility is not typically open to the public, however an Instagram Page will be created so anyone who likes the page can enter the show hall. This information will be posted so that the Hong Kong cat fancy has access to the show hall.*

*Thanks to Chrissie Chan and the members of World Top Feline Club for loaning their 2025 date to New Era Feline Alliance and GIA to sponsor the show and allow us to put on the BAOS.*

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*Report on the March 19-21, 2025 BAOS in Hong Kong.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Vicki Nye, Interim BAOS Coordinator*

**Nye:** Barbara Yeager has resigned from her role as BAOS coordinator. The Judging Program Committee asked Teresa Keiger to join us in her role as the Breed Awareness and Orientation Coordinator. She has gracefully accepted and she has already started working on some of our critical materials. I would like to thank Teresa for now joining the Judging Program Committee. Last, this outlines what Barbara has accomplished in her role since she came on board in 2019.

## **Guest Judging Report**

**Guest Judging Administrator:** Neil Quigley

### **Current Happenings of Committee:**

*In addition to approving CFA Club requests to contract Guest Judges from Approved Associations, the Guest Judge Administrator also approves requests for CFA Judges to officiate for other approved Associations.*

### **CFA Judges to Judge non-CFA Assignments or present seminars:**

| <b>Judge</b>       | <b>Assn</b> | <b>Sponsor/Club</b>             | <b>City/Country</b> | <b>Date</b> |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Marcone, Cristiano | ENFI        | Club Felino Pistoia             | Quarrata, Italy     | 11/01/25    |
| Vargas, Teo        | ENFI        | Club Felino Pistoia             | Quarrata, Italy     | 11/01/25    |
| Sariff, Amir       | Fun Show    | Bolt Northern Feline            | Mertajam, MYS       | 11/08/25    |
| Low, Phebe         | Seminar     | Kakato Festival                 | Hong Kong           | 12/07/25    |
| DelaBar, Pam       | WCF         | Feline Union Registry           | Sri Racha, Thailand | 12/27/25    |
| Suherly, Okto      | Fun Show    | Fur-Ture Stars 2026             | Makassar, Indonesia | 01/10/26    |
| Fung, Kit          | NZCF        | Canterbury All Breeds CC Inc    | Christchurch, NZ    | 05/31/26    |
| Veach, Gary        | NZCF        | Canterbury All Breeds CC Inc    | Christchurch, NZ    | 05/31/26    |
| Pearson, Brian     | CCA         | Motor City Cat Club             | Cavan, ON Canada    | 06/06/26    |
| Veach, Gary        | ACF         | Queensland Feline Assn.         | Brisbane, Australia | 06/20/26    |
| DelaBar, Pam       | FIFe        | Polarkattens                    | Mo i Rana, Norway   | 08/22/26    |
| Bennett, Jacqui    | ACF         | Armidale & New England Cat Club | Sydney, Australia   | 09/12/26    |

### **CFA Club Requests to use a Guest Judge:**

| <b>Judge</b>          | <b>Assn</b>  | <b>Sponsor/Club</b>   | <b>City/Country</b> | <b>Date</b>      | <b>Approved</b>     |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Judge</b>          | <b>Assoc</b> | <b>CFA Club</b>       | <b>City/Country</b> | <b>Show Date</b> | <b>JPC Approval</b> |
| Ling, Christine       | CCA          | China Kiwi Cat Fan    | Shanghai, China     | 11/8/25          | app GJ              |
| Gudkova, Alla         | WCF          | Edelweiss Cat Club    | Moscow, Russia      | 11/29/25         | app 9/29/25 NQ      |
| Hamalainen, Satu      | FIFe         | Sawasdee Cat Club     | Bangkok, Thailand   | 12/21/25         | APP GJ              |
| Dyachenko, Anna       | RUI          | Royal Cat Club        | Kyiv, Ukraine       | 12/27/25         | app 10/27/25 NQ     |
| Gnatkevych, Olena     | RUI          | Royal Cat Club        | Kyiv, Ukraine       | 12/27/25         | app 10/27/25 NQ     |
| Dyachenko, Anna       | RUI          | Cat Club Sherry       | Kyiv, Ukraine       | 1/3/26           | app 11/04/25 NQ     |
| Gnatkevych, Olena     | RUI          | Cat Club Sherry       | Kyiv, Ukraine       | 1/3/26           | app 11/04/25 NQ     |
| Ingor, Alina          | WCF          | Cat Club Sherry       | Kyiv, Ukraine       | 1/3/26           | app 11/04/25 NQ     |
| Matskevych, Natalia   | RUI          | Cat Club Sherry       | Kyiv, Ukraine       | 1/3/26           | app 11/04/25 NQ     |
| Slizhevskaya, Tetiana | RUI          | Cat Club Sherry       | Kyiv, Ukraine       | 1/3/26           | app GJ              |
| Noskova, Elena        | FIFe         | China Kiwi Cat Fan    | Shanghai, China     | 1/10/26          | app 11/03/25 NQ     |
| Nyman, Pia            | FIFe         | Sherwood Manx Club    | Kerava, Finland     | 1/17/26          | app 11/10/25 NQ     |
| Trautmann, Jurgen     | WCF          | Universal Cats        | Padova, Italy       | 1/24/26          | app 11/20/25 NQ     |
| Balciuniene, Inga     | WCF          | Purrfect Paws Catwalk | Riga, Latvia        | 1/31/26          | APP GJ              |
| Dyachenko, Anna       | RUI          | Royal Cat Club        | Kyiv, Ukraine       | 2/14/26          | app 10/27/25 NQ     |
| Matskevych, Natalia   | RUI          | Royal Cat Club        | Kyiv, Ukraine       | 2/14/26          | app 10/27/25 NQ     |
| Comorio, Luigi        | FIFe         | Dolce Vita Cat Club   | Milan, Italy        | 3/7/26           | app 10/02/25 NQ     |

*2025-2026 Season compiled guest judge listing*

| <b>Guest Judge Name</b> | <b># Shows</b> |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Abramova, Olga          | 1              |
| Balciunene, Inga        | 3              |
| Bielova, Natalia        | 1              |
| Billing, Jurgen         | 2              |
| Calmes, Fabrice         | 1              |
| Comorio, Luigi          | 1              |
| Davies, Allan           | 1              |
| Dmitrieva, Ekaterina    | 1              |
| Dyachenko, Anna         | 2              |
| Gleason, Elaine         | 1              |
| Gleason, Robert         | 2              |
| Gnatkevych, Olena       | 5              |
| Gubenko, Dmitriy        | 4              |
| Gudkova, Alla           | 1              |
| Hamalainen, Satu        | 2              |
| Harrison, Vicki Jo      | 1              |
| Ingor, Alina            | 1              |
| Izmalkova, Anna         | 1              |
| Kuznetsova, Olga        | 1              |
| Lebedeva, Natalia       | 1              |
| Ling, Christine         | 4              |
| Mantovani, Gianfranco   | 2              |
| Matskevych, Natalia     | 3              |
| Merrill, Vicky          | 1              |
| Nazarova, Anna          | 1              |
| Neukircher, Brenda      | 1              |
| Noskova, Elena          | 1              |
| Nyman, Pia              | 1              |
| Pohvalina, Victoria     | 3              |
| Slizhevskaya, Tetiana   | 4              |
| Tarnovskaya, Olga       | 1              |

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Trautmann, Jurgen | 3 |
| Van Rooyen, Jan   | 1 |
| Vorobyev, Ivan    | 1 |

**Nye:** Neil Quigley chairs the Guest Judging Program. We provide the board with everything that has happened since the last board meeting – requests for CFA judges to judge other associations or fun shows, and also clubs that have received approval to hire judges from approved associations. That is documented here, and the 2025-2026 cumulative number of judging assignments each of our guest judges has had.

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

**(8) SHOW RULES COMMITTEE.**

**Committee Chair:** *Ed Raymond*  
**Liaison to Board:** *Carol Krzanowski*  
**List of Committee Members:** *Cathy Dunham, Carla Bizzell*

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**Mrs. Krzanowski** made a standing motion. **Mr. Currie** made a standing second.

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

*The Committee has been preparing the show rule changes set forth below based on requests from Board members, Central Office and other committees.*

**Board Action Item:**

**Show Rule Changes effective May 1, 2026**

1. *Amend SR 2.24 to clarify that an OCP ring cannot be held as part of a Specialty ring and make permanent the reduced OCP requirements for entries in Hawaii.*

| <b>Article II: Definitions -- Amend: 2.24</b>   |  | <b>Central Office/Howard Webster</b> |
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| <b>Existing Wording</b>   | <b>Proposed Wording</b>  |                                      |
| <b>2.24</b> An OPEN, CHAMPION, PREMIER RING (OCP) is an allbreed competition where a judge will award Best AB Champion through 10th Best AB Champion and/or Best AB Premier though 10th Best AB Premier. Such a ring may be part of an existing judging ring or held as a stand-alone ring, but may not be held as part of a Super Specialty ring. In order for an OCP ring to be held in Championship, at least 30 Champions and Opens in Championship must be entered in the show. In order for an OCP ring to be held in Premiership, at least 15 Premiers and Opens in Premiership must be entered in the show. | <b>2.24</b> An OPEN, CHAMPION, PREMIER RING (OCP) is an allbreed competition where a judge will award Best AB Champion through 10th Best AB Champion and/or Best AB Premier though 10th Best AB Premier. Such a ring may be part of an existing <u>allbreed judging</u> ring or held as a stand-alone ring, but may not be held as part of a <u>Specialty or Super Specialty ring. In Regions 1-9 (excluding Hawaii) and the International Division</u> <del>In</del> order for an OCP ring to be held in Championship, at least 30 Champions and Opens in Championship must be entered in the show. <u>For Hawaii in order for an OCP ring to be held in Championship, at least 20 Champions and Opens in Championship must be entered in the show. In Regions 1-9 (excluding Hawaii) and the International Division</u> <del>In</del> order for an OCP ring to be held in Premiership, at least 15 Premiers and Opens in Premiership must be entered in the show. <u>For Hawaii in order for an OCP ring to be held in Premiership, at least 10 Premiers and Opens in Premiership must be entered in the show.</u> |                                      |

**RATIONALE:** The original intent of the OCP ring was for it to be held as a stand-alone ring or in conjunction with an allbreed ring. This clarifies the intent. Also, due to the limited entries available in Hawaii the original requirements for an OCP ring were not attainable. Since asking for a reduction in the requirements for OCP it has become possible for Hawaii to utilize the OCP format and again show growth in the number of entries at their shows. Hawaii would like to make the reduction in requirements permanent for their shows.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

2. *Amend Show Rule 4.06 and Appendix A to require the same number of specialty rings at shows in Hawaii as are required for shows in the International Division outside China for one-day shows and for shows in Hong Kong, Macau, and Kuwait for two-day shows.*

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| <p><b>Article IV: Licensing the Show – Amend 4.06 and Appendix A</b></p>   | <p><b>Howard Webster/Central Office</b></p> |  |
| <p><b>Existing Wording</b></p>   |   | <p><b>Proposed Wording</b></p>   |
| <p><b>4.06</b> The CFA Central Office will issue a license for the following types of shows:</p> <p>a. A one day show which permits:</p> <p>1. one, two, three or four judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings. Shows with four or fewer judging rings are not required to contain a specialty ring, but may offer them if they so choose. Such shows have an entry limit of up to 225 cats.</p> <p>2. a one-day show format consisting of up to six rings with an entry limit of up to 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings for shows licensed in the International Division (excluding China). For shows licensed in Regions 1-9 or China, the combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings must include at least one Specialty ring for both longhair and shorthair specialties in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of a Super Specialty ring will not meet this requirement.</p> <p>...</p> <p>b. A two day show which permits up to ten judgments per entry over the two days of the show and a maximum of six judgments per entry per day. It is recommended that a judge shall not be scheduled to judge more than 250 cats on either day. For shows in Regions 1-9 or China utilizing a total of 5, 6, 7, or 8</p> |   | <p><b>4.06</b> The CFA Central Office will issue a license for the following types of shows:</p> <p>a. A one day show which permits:</p> <p>1. one, two, three or four judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings. Shows with four or fewer judging rings are not required to contain a specialty ring, but may offer them if they so choose. Such shows have an entry limit of up to 225 cats.</p> <p>2. a one-day show format consisting of up to six rings with an entry limit of up to 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgments per entry in any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings for shows licensed in <u>Hawaii</u> or the International Division (excluding China). For shows licensed in Regions 1-9 (<u>excluding Hawaii</u>) or China, the combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings must include at least one Specialty ring for both longhair and shorthair specialties in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of a Super Specialty ring will not meet this requirement.</p> <p>...</p> <p>b. A two day show which permits up to ten judgments per entry over the two days of the show and a maximum of six judgments per entry per day. It is recommended that a judge shall not be scheduled to judge more than 250 cats on either day. For shows in Regions 1-9 (<u>excluding Hawaii</u>) or China utilizing a</p> |

rings, at least one of these rings must be a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 1-9 or China utilizing a total of 9 or 10 rings, at least two of these rings must be both shorthair and longhair Specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows licensed in the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait), utilizing a total of 7, 8, or 9 rings, at least one of these rings must be both a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait), utilizing 10 rings, two of these rings must be both longhair and shorthair specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of Super Specialty rings will not meet the requirement for specialty rings. There are no specialty ring requirements for shows licensed in Hong Kong, Macau or Kuwait. Two day shows offer a variety of formats:

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total of 5, 6, 7, or 8 rings, at least one of these rings must be a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 1-9 (excluding Hawaii) or China utilizing a total of 9 or 10 rings, at least two of these rings must be both shorthair and longhair Specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows licensed in the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait), utilizing a total of 7, 8, or 9 rings, at least one of these rings must be both a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait), utilizing 10 rings, two of these rings must be both longhair and shorthair specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of Super Specialty rings will not meet the requirement for specialty rings. There are no specialty ring requirements for shows licensed in Hawaii, Hong Kong, Macau or Kuwait. Two day shows offer a variety of formats:

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**Appendix A**  
**Minimum Number of Specialty Rings Required**  
**[Super Specialty Rings do not meet requirement]**

**One Day Shows (SR 4.06a)**

|                         | # of Rings |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------|------------|---|---|---|---|---|
|                         | 1          | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| <b>R1-9</b>             | 0          | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| <b>China</b>            | 0          | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| <b>ID outside China</b> | 0          | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

**Two 1-day shows of up to 6 rings in same location**  
**1 in each show but both can be held on one day**  
**and none on the other day**

**Two Day Shows (SR 4.06b)**

|   | # of Rings |   |   |   |   |    |
|---|------------|---|---|---|---|----|
|   | 5          | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| <b>R1-9</b>                               | 1          | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2  |
| <b>China</b>                              | 1          | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2  |
| <b>ID outside China</b>                   |            |   |   |   |   |    |
| <b>excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait</b> | 0          | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2  |

**Appendix A**  
**Minimum Number of Specialty Rings Required**  
**[Super Specialty Rings do not meet requirement]**

**One Day Shows (SR 4.06a)**

|   | # of Rings |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|------------|---|---|---|---|---|
|   | 1          | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| <b>R1-9 (<u>excluding Hawaii</u>)</b>     | 0          | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| <b>China</b>                              | 0          | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| <b><u>Hawaii</u> and ID outside China</b> | 0          | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

**Two 1- day shows of up to 6 rings in same location**  
**1 in each show but both can be held on one day**  
**and none on the other day**

**Two Day Shows (SR 4.06b)**

|   | # of Rings |   |   |   |   |    |
|---|------------|---|---|---|---|----|
|   | 5          | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| <b>R1-9 (<u>excluding Hawaii</u>)</b>     | 1          | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2  |
| <b>China</b>                              | 1          | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2  |
| <b>excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait</b> |            |   |   |   |   |    |
| <b><u>Hawaii</u> and ID outside China</b> | 0          | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |

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| <b>Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait</b>   | 0 0 0 0 0 0 | <b>ID outside China excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait</b> | 0 0 1 1 1 2 |
|   |             | <b><u>Hawaii, Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait</u></b>             | 0 0 0 0 0 0 |
| <b>RATIONALE:</b> Hawaii breeders and exhibitors have worked very hard to promote CFA on the islands and have shown growth in their base. By allowing Hawaii the same courtesy as the International Division (excluding China) it would allow Hawaii to continue growing the cat fancy by utilizing the best show formats possible to maximize entries potential. |             |  |             |

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

3. *Amend Show Rules 6.29a and 11.04 to provide that all one-day shows and the Sunday portion of a back-to-back show must start at 9:00 a.m. or earlier if over 200 entries are entered.*

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| <b>Article VI: Entering the Show – Amend 6.29a;</b><br><b>Article XI: During the Show – Judging and Awards – Amend 11.04</b>   | <b>Janet Moyer</b>  |  |  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Existing Wording</b></p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Proposed Wording</b></p>  |  |  |
| <p><b>6.29</b> Number of entries permissible:</p> <p>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 225 entries. No allowance shall be made for absentees. Since entries in the EXHIBITION ONLY class and Agility are not scheduled for handling by a judge (See 2.23 g and 2.23 h), those entries do not count against the aforementioned entry limits. All one-day Sunday shows <b>MUST</b> 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>...</p> | <p><b>6.29</b> Number of entries permissible:</p> <p>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 225 entries. No allowance shall be made for absentees. Since entries in the EXHIBITION ONLY class and Agility are not scheduled for handling by a judge (See 2.23 g and 2.23 h), those entries do not count against the aforementioned entry limits. All one-day <del>Sunday</del> shows <b>MUST</b> 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>...</p> |  |  |
| <p><b>11.04</b> It is the responsibility of the show manager that the judging begins at the advertised hour.</p> <p>All one-day Sunday shows and the Sunday portion of a back-to-back show <b>MUST</b> start at 9:00 a.m. or earlier if over 200 entries are entered (see 6.29.a).</p>   | <p><b>11.04</b> It is the responsibility of the show manager that the judging begins at the advertised hour.</p> <p>All one-day <del>Sunday</del> shows and the Sunday portion of a back-to-back show <b>MUST</b> start at 9:00 a.m. or earlier if over 200 entries are entered (see 6.29.a).</p>   |  |  |

**RATIONALE:** All one-day shows with more than 200 entries should start at 9:00 a.m. or earlier in order to give exhibitors (and judges) a better chance of being able to travel home that evening. .

**Raymond:** This is for all regions and all areas. **DelaBar:** We have many countries where people still work on Saturday and we only can have Sunday shows. To allow people to drive in, we can start the shows later. This would require at Region 9 to keep coming to the Executive Committee or to the board to ask for an exception on start times. In some of our one-day shows, we only have 60 to 70 entries. So, we're not keeping people for hour upon hour. We're having the show, we're having fun, and people go home safely. I cannot support this. **Jensen:** I'm against this as well, but because it limits clubs and venues. Buying that extra day of setup can make or break a club. One of my clubs opted to do an early morning setup and we needed that time to be able to set up before the judging started. I don't like tying the hands of clubs. When you add in these extra rules and you lose flexibility for the clubs, it's going to hurt. **Nye:** In China and the ID, and perhaps even in Region 9, we have vet check-in at many shows. Also many shows use malls as their venue and they can't get in that early to start a show. So, this might be feasible in some areas, but not others. And absolutely prohibitive if they have a vet line, which can cause a show to start at 11 or 12. **Tamura:** I also can't support this proposal because we are starting at 10:30 because it's not possible to start at 9 a.m. on a Saturday. **Altschul:** This only takes effect if there's over 200 entries. Small shows on Sunday are already exempt from this rule. This only changes the start time for Saturday, one-day shows. We already have a required start time of 9 a.m. on the Sunday portion of back-to-back shows and a required start time of 9 a.m. on one-day Sunday shows. This proposal says that a one-day Saturday show needs to start at 9 a.m. only if over 200 entries are in the show. Everybody needs to actually read the show rule and think about how it might impact your shows. I understand the reasoning behind this, because if you have a one-day Saturday show that starts really late, it could be problematic. **Bennett:** This could work very feasibly for Region 1 through 7. Shows in Asia never start before 11:00. Often shows start later in Europe. This is not going work on a global scale. If you want to change it to Region 1 through 7, I could support it, but if we're going to make Regions 8 and 9 and ID follow this, we're basically just asking them to violate the show rules because they're going to. **Raymond:** The intent of this change was simply to address one-day shows on Saturday that start at 10 a.m. or later. In many cases, if exhibitors want to fly to those shows, they can't get out that night because if you live in a city that requires a connecting flight, your chances of making it are slim to none. **Bennett:** It says "if over 200 entries are entered." Flyers are going to be written before the shows are closed. You can't start any earlier than what the flyer says, which means you're going to wind up having people confused by this. The show rule is not going to be followed in a large portion of the world, the way it's written. I could support it if we amended to add Region 1 through 7 on it, but other than that, I can't support it because of the cultures and the normal times in the rest of the world. **DelaBar:** I will not be voting for this because of my firm belief that we have saddled the clubs with so many rules and so many different hurdles they have to jump through to put on a successful show. I don't want to add yet another hindrance to our clubs. I see this as being another thing that each club, each area, each region needs to decide for themselves. They know what's going to be good for them. They know what's going to be good for their market. We've got to trust the clubs. **Anger:** I'm wondering about the reason for bringing this forward. This is just another hurdle, another challenge we're throwing at clubs. I haven't heard an adequate reason yet, so I can't support it. **Moyer:** I will give the reasoning. This came about because there actually was a show in my region. It was a one-day Saturday show. It

started at 10, it had over 200 cats and it was probably 7:30, 7:45 when we got out of there. I had talked to the show management about it and asked them why they started so late, because typically we start early. In fact, all my Sunday shows are now starting at 8:30 because people need to get home. In my region, most exhibitors drive a very long distance to shows. Show management felt that hotels are expensive and they were trying to schedule the show so people could drive in. In fact, most people who drive in are going to have two hotel nights because they have to come Friday night and then they have to stay Saturday night because the show runs late and they can't get home. People that fly in can't fly out. It completely eliminates their ability to get out that day because it's so late. Judges can't get home, either. It's not a good situation. So that's where this came from. I am fine with amending it for Regions 1 through 7. **Krzanowski:** I don't really agree with this rule. Some clubs need to get in and set up that morning and then have a later start as a result. Some venues charge clubs extra if they have to open the venue earlier than the norm. So that could be an issue too. I don't want to amend the motion. **Moyer:** We already have a show rule that one-day Sunday shows start at nine. So all this was doing was making the show rule that one-day Saturday shows start at nine. **Currle:** If your flyer says an opening time of 10 o'clock and you get over 200 entries, this rule would require you to start at nine o'clock. We've already advertised on our flyer a 10 o'clock beginning for weeks. If we pass this rule and get over 200 cats, we've got to start our show at 9 a.m. You're not going to know you're going to have 200 entries until that Monday before the show. You've already got a flyer that states a starting time of 10. You can't win with this rule. **Altschul:** This is a great example of a show rule that a lot of people obviously did not know was there. It appears that this is not a one size fits all kind of rule. We have exposed that it is clearly something that we might need to come back and revisit for our friends overseas who have different cultures who don't necessarily have a weekend off like we do here in Regions 1 through 7. I just want to reiterate, this is not changing anything except for one-day only shows on Saturday. Everything else that this rule says has already been in place. So if you have a one-day Sunday show or a back to back, it was already in place. For those who are concerned, there's a really easy solution if we're going to leave this rule in place. License your show for 200 entries because you only have to have the 9 a.m. start if you get over 200 entries. So if you just license your show for 200 entries, now granted, some people may want more than 200, but if you license your show for 200 entries instead of 225, this rule does not apply and you can put on your show flyer whatever time you like. **Raymond:** This rule, if passed, would go into effect with the new show season. I don't think there are any show flyers out there right now for shows in the next show season. If you're going to license a show with a limit of 225 for a one-day show on a Saturday, you would have to plan to start at 9 a.m.

**Mastin** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Moyer voting yes.

4. *Add new Show Rule 6.36.c. and renumber current 6.36.c.-e. to provide a latest closing deadline for shows in Region 9.*

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| <p><b>Article VI: Entering the Show – Add 6.36c and renumber current 6.36c-e.</b></p> | <p><b>Show Rules Committee</b></p> |
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| Existing Wording   | Proposed Wording  |
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| <p><b>6.36</b> a. For all shows in Regions 1-7, excluding Hawaii, all shows must close to entries no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on the Monday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time.</p> <p>b. All shows in Region 8 must close to entries no later than 11:59 p.m. Japan time on the Monday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time.</p> <p>c. All shows in the International Division outside of China must close to entries no later than 9:00 p.m. China time on the Wednesday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time.</p> <p>d. For all shows in Regions 1-9 and the International Division outside of China, all entries must be received through the CFA online entry form on the CFA website. All entries will be time-stamped and the online form will be disabled for each show when that show is closed to entries.</p> <p>e. For all CFA shows, 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.</p> | <p><b>6.36</b> a. For all shows in Regions 1-7, excluding Hawaii, all shows must close to entries no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on the Monday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time.</p> <p>b. All shows in Region 8 must close to entries no later than 11:59 p.m. Japan time on the Monday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time.</p> <p>c. <u>All shows in Region 9 must close to entries no later than 11:59 p.m. in the time zone of the show on the Monday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time.</u></p> <p><del>d.</del> All shows in the International Division outside of China must close to entries no later than 9:00 p.m. China time on the Wednesday before the opening of the show. Shows may close to entries prior to that time.</p> <p><del>e.</del> For all shows in Regions 1-9 and the International Division outside of China, all entries must be received through the CFA online entry form on the CFA website. All entries will be time-stamped and the online form will be disabled for each show when that show is closed to entries.</p> <p><del>f.</del> For all CFA shows, 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.</p> |
| <p><b>RATIONALE:</b> The show rules are currently silent as to a closing deadline for shows in Region 9. Given the number of time zones in Region 9, the committee proposes a deadline based on the time zone of the show.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Central Office estimates the cost of programming changes to the online entry program to accommodate closing times based on the time zone of the show to be no more than \$500.</p>  |   |

**DelaBar:** I have a question for Central Office and for James-IT. Not only do we have different time zones, but we also have different times zones for our entry clerks and the clubs that they support. What’s the problem going to be if we have an entry clerk in one time zone and the club in two time zones away? **Simbro:** The solution that we have planned if this goes forward is that we’re going to set the closing time for every single show. Every time they do a show license, they will have to set the appropriate closing time for that show, so we have as fine grained control as we possibly can. **DelaBar:** Then you don’t foresee a problem with any kind of mix-up with the entry clerk maybe putting in corrections or whatever, TRNs, the whole nine

yards on that, and the club having already cut off because of the time zone for the club? **Simbro:** Right. The only thing that gets cut off is online entries where the exhibitors actually go in and submit their entries. Once that's locked down, now the entry clerk can continue to put entries into the entry clerk program because if they get a last flurry of 20 entries, they're not going to get 20 entries put into the entry clerk system in five minutes. So you're going to have possibly a one-to-two-day discrepancy while the entry clerk catches up. So that's where a difference in the numbers can play. **DelaBar:** I would feel safe in supporting this knowing that you've got my back. **Calhoun:** Do you have a quote on this? Ed said \$500. That sounds like a very, very low number, but if it's a solid number, that would be great. **Simbro:** I can tell you it's such a solid number that technically the work's already been done. When I discussed the changes that need to be done with the programmers, we looked at the code, saw what needs to be changed, and he could have done the change right then. We need to make the changes and then do testing. That's why we said \$500, because the change can take less than an hour of time, but then you might have another hour in testing and troubleshooting. We're well under \$500.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

5. *Amend SR 11.28 to clarify that an OCP ring cannot be held as part of a Specialty ring.*

| Article XI – During the Show-Judging and Awards | Central Office/Scoring   |   |
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| Amend: 11.28                                    | Existing Wording   | Proposed Wording  |
|   | <p><b>11.28</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>OCP Rings</p> <p>In an OCP ring which is judged as part of an existing ring, the finals awards for Champions when fewer than 85 cats are entered will be Best through 10th Best Allbreed Champion, Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Longhair Champion, and Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Shorthair Champion. For Championship entries of 85 or more, the finals awards for Champions will be Best through 10th Best Allbreed Champion, Best through Fifth Best Longhair Champion, and Best through Fifth Best Shorthair Champion.</p> <p>In an OCP ring which is judged in a standalone ring, the finals awards for Champions will be Best through 10th Best Allbreed Champion.</p> <p>In an OCP ring which is judged as part of an existing ring, the finals awards for Premiers when fewer than 50 cats are entered will be Best through 10th Best Allbreed Premier, Best and 2nd Best Longhair</p> | <p><b>11.28</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>OCP Rings</p> <p>In an OCP ring which is judged as part of an existing <u>Allbreed</u> ring, the finals awards for Champions when fewer than 85 cats are entered will be Best through 10th Best Allbreed Champion, Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Longhair Champion, and Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Shorthair Champion. For Championship entries of 85 or more, the finals awards for Champions will be Best through 10th Best Allbreed Champion, Best through Fifth Best Longhair Champion, and Best through Fifth Best Shorthair Champion.</p> <p>In an OCP ring which is judged in a standalone ring, the finals awards for Champions will be Best through 10th Best Allbreed Champion.</p> <p>In an OCP ring which is judged as part of an existing <u>Allbreed</u> ring, the finals awards for Premiers when fewer than 50 cats are entered will be Best through</p> |

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| <p>Premier, and Best and 2nd Best Shorthair Premier. For Premiership entries of 50 or more, the finals awards for Premiers will be Best through 10th Best Allbreed Premier, Best through Third Best Longhair Premier, and Best through Third Best Shorthair Premier.</p> <p>In an OCP ring which is judged in a stand-alone ring, the finals awards for Premiers will be Best through 10th Best Allbreed Premier.</p> <p>...</p> | <p>10th Best Allbreed Premier, Best and 2nd Best Longhair Premier, and Best and 2nd Best Shorthair Premier. For Premiership entries of 50 or more, the finals awards for Premiers will be Best through 10th Best Allbreed Premier, Best through Third Best Longhair Premier, and Best through Third Best Shorthair Premier.</p> <p>In an OCP ring which is judged in a stand-alone ring, the finals awards for Premiers will be Best through 10th Best Allbreed Premier.</p> <p>...</p> |
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**RATIONALE:** The original intent of the OCP ring was for it to be held as a stand-alone ring or in conjunction with an allbreed ring. This clarifies the intent.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

6. *Amend SR 12.05 to clarify who supplies the club with the appropriate forms, and rewording how evaluations are to be completed and returned.*

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| <b>Article XII: Show Recordkeeping -- Amend 12.05</b>   | <b>Judging Program Committee</b>   |  |
| <b>Existing Wording</b>   | <b>Proposed Wording</b>  |  |
| <p><b>12.05</b> In all cases where an Apprentice or Approval Pending judge is used, or when a Trainee is judging Household Pets, a questionnaire supplied by the Chairman of the Judging Program must be filled out and signed by a majority of the show committee and forwarded to the Central Office within 30 days of the close of the show. Similarly, if the club contracts a Guest Judge, a Guest Judge Evaluation Form will be completed by the club and mailed to the Central Office within thirty (30) days of the show. Evaluations are no longer required for guest judges at the Approved Guest Judge level. Judging questionnaires and Guest Judge Evaluation Forms not received by Central Office within 30 days after receipt of the show package are subject to an additional fine as specified in the CFA's current price list. In addition, such clubs will no longer be considered in good standing for the purpose of putting on future shows, etc. until such time as the evaluation or questionnaires are received by Central Office.</p> | <p><b>12.05</b> <del>In all cases where</del> <u>When</u> an Apprentice or Approval Pending judge is used, or when a Trainee is judging Household Pets, a <u>Judging Program File Administrator will email an evaluation form to the show manager a questionnaire supplied by the Chairman of the Judging Program must be filled out</u> for completion including signatures by a majority of the show committee. <u>The show manager will scan and email the completed evaluation which is signed by the appropriate show officials, back to the appropriate File Administrator and forwarded to the Central Office</u> within <del>30</del> <u>thirty (30)</u> days of the close of the show. Similarly, if the club contracts a Guest Judge, a Guest Judge Evaluation Form <del>will</del> <u>must be completed by the club and signed by the appropriate show officials and mailed</u> <del>emailed</del> to the Central Office within thirty (30) days of the show. Evaluations are no longer required for guest judges at the Approved Guest Judge level. <del>Judging questionnaires</del> <u>Evaluations not received by the appropriate File Administrator and Guest Judge Evaluation Forms</u> <u>evaluations</u> not received by Central Office within 30 days after receipt of the</p> |  |

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|  | show package are subject to <del>an additional</del> a fine as specified in the CFA’s current price list. In addition, such clubs will no longer be considered in good standing for the purpose of putting on future shows, etc. until such time as the <del>evaluation or questionnaires</del> <u>evaluations</u> are received by <u>the File Administrator or Central Office, as appropriate.</u> |
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**RATIONALE:** Housekeeping: Updating who supplies the club with the appropriate forms, and rewording how evaluations are to be completed and returned.

**Nye:** There were some housekeeping changes to change it from a questionnaire to an evaluation, but what had been left out was “signed and completed” before it was emailed back. Those were the changes that were done.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

7. *Amend Show Rule 28.03.c. to eliminate the awarding of “ghost points.”*

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| <b>Article XXVIII – Obtaining Titles – Grands</b>  | <b>Central Office/Scoring</b>  |  |
| <b>Amend 28.03.c.</b>  |  |  |
| <b>Existing Wording</b>  | <b>Proposed Wording</b>  |  |
| <p><b>28.03</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>c. Opens, Champions and Premiers which receive the award 2nd Best of Breed/Division in each of the Breeds/Divisions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 30.01) will receive 90% of the points of Best of Breed/Division within the Breed/Division in accordance with the method for calculating cats present described in Article XXXVI Show Points Official Count.</p> <p>...</p>   | <p><b>28.03</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>c. Opens, Champions and Premiers which receive the award 2nd Best of Breed/Division in each of the Breeds/Divisions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 30.01) will receive 90% of the points of Best of Breed/Division within the Breed/Division in accordance with the method for calculating cats present described in Article XXXVI Show Points Official Count. <u>When 90% is less than 1 point it will be rounded down to zero.</u></p> <p>...</p> |  |
| <p><b>RATIONALE:</b> Currently when a breed class has only two cats, one which is a grand, and the other an open/champion and the open/champion receives second best of breed it is being awarded “ghost points” for each ring. This is an unintended consequence of the scoring change that allowed a champion to get a point when it defeated a grand in class judging. This language clarifies the change proposed by CO.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Central Office estimates the cost of programming changes to implement this change to be no more than \$500.</p> |  |  |

**Raymond:** When a breed class only has two cats, one of which is a grand and the other is an open/champion or open/premier, the open that receives second best of breed is being awarded a ghost point, even though it didn't defeat any cats. This is an unintended consequence of the scoring change that allowed a champion to get a point when it defeated a grand in class judging. This language clarifies the change proposed by Central Office. Again, the cost estimate for this would be no more than \$500. **Altschul:** This doesn't really eliminate ghost points. It only eliminates a ghost point for a single circumstance when there's only two cats in the class. If there are three cats in the class and a champion gets second best of breed for beating one cat, it gets two points. I think this is trying to fix a problem that doesn't truly exist. I'm not in favor of this. Last time when we talked about this, Allene made it clear that this was going to be very difficult and it was going to be very confusing. Now here we are making an exception for one type of ghost point, but not for any other kinds of ghost points. It's going to make it more difficult on the exhibitors. I'm not a fan of doing something piecemeal like this. It's confusing to me. **Raymond:** This had come up from a few different people over the course of the last year, wondering how they got a point when they didn't defeat a cat, so we were trying to clean that up. **Bennett:** We have a lot of cases where this happens. If you have two longhair premiers or two shorthair premiers entered in the show, they both get a final. They both get the same number of points in the final, even though they're the best and second best premier. I would suggest if we're going to do this, we do it thoroughly and make it for all under one point. I agree with Carissa, if we're going to do it in this one case and not do it in the other, we're opening ourselves up for really strong confusion. I would suggest we table this and do it comprehensively. I don't think doing it piecemeal is a good idea. **Raymond:** My question is, should we do it at all? This is the only circumstance where this happens because of there being a grand in the mix. There isn't a grand in the mix when you have only two longhair premiers across all the breeds. Given that it's only one point, should we just leave it alone? **Krzanowski:** It is only one point and I'd be willing to withdraw this motion.

**Withdrawn.**

8. *Amend Show Rule 30.01 to clarify how male cats whose color combinations occur only by virtue of genetic anomaly should be marked by a judge.*

| Show Rule 30.01  |  | Judging Program Committee   |  |
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| Existing Wording   |  | Proposed Wording  |  |
| <p><b>30.01</b> The following breeds and colors are recognized as entitled to win Championship or Premiership honors.</p> <p>(NOTE: Male cats whose color combinations occur only by virtue of genetic anomaly (more than one X chromosome present) are never eligible for Kitten, Championship or Premiership competition. Where permitted by Article XXXI, an exhibitor may transfer such entry to an AOV class. If there is no AOV class for that breed or the exhibitor does not agree to transfer to AOV, the judge must disqualify</p> |  | <p><b>30.01</b> The following breeds and colors are recognized as entitled to win Championship or Premiership honors.</p> <p>(NOTE: Male cats whose color combinations occur only by virtue of genetic anomaly (more than one X chromosome present) are never eligible for Kitten, Championship or Premiership competition. <u>These cats will be marked NA/IE (No Award/ineligible for entry) by the judge.</u> <del>Where permitted by Article XXXI, an exhibitor may transfer such entry to an AOV class. If there is no AOV class for that breed or</del></p> |  |

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| (DISQ) such entry if entered and present in the Kitten, Championship or Premiership competition. Examples of the multiple possibilities of these colors and patterns include, but are not limited to tortie varieties and patched tabbies (torbies) and can be combined with any pattern or patterns with or without white.) | <del>the exhibitor does not agree to transfer to AOV, the judge must disqualify (DISQ) such entry if entered and present in the Kitten, Championship or Premiership competition.</del> Examples of the multiple possibilities of these colors and patterns include, but are not limited to tortie varieties and patched tabbies (torbies) and can be combined with any pattern or patterns with or without white.) |
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**RATIONALE:** Adding the more appropriate marking of NA/IE (No Award/ineligible for entry) by the judge rather than DISQ. Also removing the alternate of transferring to AOV as these entries are never eligible for entry and transferring to AOV requires the consent of the exhibitor.

**Nye:** For consistency, in the past, some breeds had an AOV class and others did not. There were two different ways judges would handle this. Since we now have the new “no award/ineligible for entry”, which the rule already states that they’re not eligible for entry, that the judges should be marking them “NA/IE” instead of transferring them to AOV or disqualifying them.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*The Committee will present any additional required show rule changes at the February meeting. Additionally, based on show rule changes approved at this meeting and prior meetings, the Committee will be updating cross-references found within the show rules as well as the Index.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Ed Raymond, Chair*

**DelaBar:** Are you going to do addendums that we want to have applicable for next show season? **Raymond:** There’s at least one, which is the minimum points required for national and regional awards. Other than that, you have to tell me what you want to carry forward. **DelaBar:** When do you want them? **Raymond:** By the middle of January.

**Jensen:** A couple of months ago, we voted in something where people could be barefoot in Agility. Somebody was going to check with the insurance carrier to see if that was an issue. **Tartaglia:** The insurance company is always interested to hear from us because we come up with the most unusual questions. They said that if anybody wants to run barefoot, we should have them sign a waiver that they understand that they risk hurting their feet in some way. It would be a good idea to have a waiver for them to sign if they’re going to run barefoot. **Jensen:** I was more concerned about somebody spreading a communicable disease to other people and cats. **Raymond:** I provided language to Allene to add to the agility entry form that anyone who runs barefoot assumes the risk of injury. **Mastin:** I understand that there’s probably more grip in an agility ring running barefoot. However, I share similar concerns that Vicky brought up, also liability concerns. Even at these new jump parks or bounce parks or trampoline parks that they have for kids and families, they require them to wear a special sock. It’s usually included in the fee that they’re charging because they don’t want kids running around with bare feet. That’s why

I mentioned the concern and asked Allene to bring it to our insurance broker. It's one thing if it's in the sand, but if it's on a floor everybody is walking on, I think it's just a little strange to me.

**Griswold:** This came out of the Agility Committee. They strongly believe that running barefoot is actually much safer than running in slippers or sandals or boots or high heels or something with a slick bottom. That was why they brought this up – not because it was more dangerous, but that it was going to be safer. For me, if you want to run the risk of getting fungus, you can walk around the show hall barefoot, but that's your risk that you bear. There's nothing to stop people from walking around the show hall barefoot right now. As far as being dangerous, the agility people believe that it would actually be the opposite.

**Bennett:** I'm less concerned with a human getting ringworm from a cat than I am somebody's show cat getting ringworm from the human who insists on running barefoot, and then that person throwing a fit about it. This seems like we're inventing a problem that doesn't truly exist. The last thing I want is somebody's top show Persian to have a ringworm spot and then blame it on "that guy in agility who did it." We don't need this problem.

**Mastin:** My question to Google was, does AKC allow barefoot in agility? Answer, *no. The American Kennel Club, AKC does not allow bare feet or open-toed shoes for handlers participating in agility events.* I don't think this is a good direction.

**Moyer:** Why not just require shoes that are safe for running the course, and protect ourselves that way.

**Mastin:** Marilee, you're the board liaison for Agility. When this came up, did the board approve it or is it pending the outcome of what the insurance company said? [**Secretary's Note:** At the October 2025 board meeting, the following motion carried (DeLaBar, Jensen, Nasin and Calhoun voting no): *Amend Show Rule 26.03 to allow handlers to run barefoot.*]

**Raymond:** It got approved. The show rule prior to October stated that agility handlers are required to wear low heeled shoes. That was changed to also allow them to run barefoot.

(9) **CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.**

*Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director  
James Simbro, IT Systems*

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***Central Office – General***

***Double Mutation Ineligible Entry:*** Show Rule 2.23 f. (definition of the Household Pet Class) was modified for this show season to include the following: "Cats that by their appearance are the result of combining two or more structural mutations, or any coat mutation (hairlessness, waviness, wiring, etc. but not including coat length) with one or more structural mutations, are not eligible for entry."

*The first DQ for the double mutation clause occurred at the Cotton States Cat Club 8-ring show held on November 1-2, 2025. The cat was shown in all 8 rings, received 9th Best in one ring and was given "No Award-Ineligible Entry (NA-IE)" in one ring. Due to the NA-IE, the cat was not scored and was removed from the HHP count.*

*Apparently, the HHP is a breed which CFA does not register - Highlander. The Highlander is a cat with curled ears and a shortened tail and recognized/registered in other registries.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
s/Allene Tartaglia*

**Nye:** I want to bring up the double mutation-ineligible for entry. That cat actually had three mutations. In addition to the curled ears and the foreshortened tail, the cat was also a polydactyl. It wasn't specific to Highlander. I don't think they addressed polydactylism.

***Central Office – IT Systems***

***Microchip Recording:*** As of 11/26/2025 we have had customers submit 84 microchip records with CFA. Our first submission was on 10/07/2025.

***Pedigree Verification:*** The QR code and pedigree serial number system has been well received. Pedigrees are also being offered as an additional purchase during the cat registration application process. We will be tracking pedigree sales in the upcoming months in the hope this convenience results in increased pedigree sales.

***Electronic Show Data Import:*** We anticipate a test group of master clerks will start using this in December. The data will then be checked for any issues and used in Central Office.

*Respectfully submitted,  
s/James Simbro*

**Mastin:** Do we have any outstanding projects that need to be completed by the end of this fiscal year? **Simbro:** The subscription service is not yet complete. We are reviewing what we were calling the My Files project. It was the next step beyond the microchip. We are going to

allow people to upload their vet records to each cat in eCat. **Mastin:** What about the genetics color project we started many years ago? **Simbro:** That has been integrated into the online registration system and presents the staff with color calculations. We're using that on a limited basis to see how it's working. There's no more costs associated with it. **Mastin:** Have you found any errors with it? **Simbro:** Not that I'm aware of. **Mastin:** We spent a lot of money investing in that program and it took years. We should reach out to whoever is working on this to confirm that we don't have any errors, if you wouldn't mind following up on that. **Simbro:** Sure.

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

Treasurer Kathy Calhoun gave the following report:

*May 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025*

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*Balance Sheet Summary*

- **Total Assets Overview:** *The total assets of the association were \$3,378, 122, including current and fixed assets.*
- **Current Assets Breakdown:** *Current assets were \$2,451,276, with bank accounts holding \$2,400,443, primarily in Wells Fargo and Huntington National Bank accounts.*
- **Accounts Receivable and Other Assets:** *Accounts receivable were \$0, while other current assets, including prepaid expenses and inventory, totaled \$50,833.*
- **Fixed Assets Details:** *Fixed assets were valued at \$926,846 after deducting accumulated depreciation of \$674,048. Key components included office furniture, computer software projects, and buildings.*
- **Liabilities Summary:** *Total liabilities amounted to \$158,446, mainly current liabilities such as accounts payable (\$10,772) and other current liabilities (\$147,674), with no long-term liabilities.*
- **Equity Composition:** *Equity totaled \$3,219,676, consisting largely of unrestricted net assets (\$3,060,877) and net income (\$158,799).*
- **No Long-Term Debt:** *The association reported no long-term liabilities or lease liabilities as of the balance sheet date.*

*Profit and Loss Summary*

**Summary of results**

- **Gross profit:** \$1,407,641
- **Total expenses:** \$1,402,644
- **Net operating income:** \$4,997
- **Operating margin:** 0.36%

**Calhoun:** The good news is that, at this point in time, our net operating income is positive. So that's very good news there.

### ***Income breakdown***

| <b><i>Category</i></b>                       | <b><i>Amount</i></b> | <b><i>Share of total</i></b> |
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| <i>Ordinary income (registrations, fees)</i> | \$822,780            | 58.5%                        |
| <i>CFACS income</i>                          | \$472,662            | 33.6%                        |
| <i>Annual income</i>                         | \$94,942             | 6.7%                         |
| <i>Publications income</i>                   | \$15,902             | 1.1%                         |
| <i>Merchandise income</i>                    | \$1,135              | 0.1%                         |
| <i>Marketing income</i>                      | \$220                | 0.0%                         |
| <i>Total income</i>                          | \$1,407,641          | 100.0%                       |

**Calhoun:** This provides a different look at income, showing our income sources and the percent of the total.

### ***Ordinary income details***

- ***Total registrations:*** \$400,621
- ***Litter registrations:*** \$154,898
- ***Individual registrations:*** \$245,723
- ***Other ordinary fees/services:*** \$422,159 (*cattery, transfers, pedigrees, shipping, expedited, show fees, dues, penalties, etc.*)

### ***Expense breakdown***

| <b><i>Category</i></b>                                      | <b><i>Amount</i></b> | <b><i>Share of total</i></b> |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Central Office expense</i>                               | \$576,826            | 41.1%                        |
| <i>CFACS expense</i>  | \$425,075            | 30.3%                        |
| <i>Annual event expense</i>                                 | \$165,102            | 11.8%                        |
| <i>Corporate expense</i>                                    | \$94,213             | 6.7%                         |
| <i>Computer expense</i>                                     | \$55,073             | 3.9%                         |
| <i>Marketing expense</i>                                    | \$23,548             | 1.7%                         |
| <i>CFA programs</i>   | \$35,080             | 2.5%                         |
| <i>Legislative expense</i>                                  | \$23,526             | 1.7%                         |
| <i>Show entry surcharge expense</i>                         | \$1,755              | 0.1%                         |
| <i>Publications expense</i>                                 | \$840                | 0.1%                         |
| <i>Bank charges &amp; fees</i>                              | \$1,127              | 0.1%                         |
| <i>Other net adjustments (bad checks, accountant-other)</i> | \$480                | 0.0%                         |
| <i>Total expenses</i>                                       | \$1,402,644          | 100.0%                       |

### **Key drivers and variances**

- **CFACS net:**
  - **Income:** \$472,662
  - **Expenses:** \$425,075
  - **Surplus:** \$47,587
  - **Top CFACS revenues:** Tickets \$169,834; Corporate sponsors \$182,000; Exhibitors \$57,545.
  - **Top CFACS costs:** Decorator \$87,207; Advertising \$43,735; Show hall rental \$44,925; Entertainment \$73,955.
- **Annual event net:**
  - **Income:** \$94,942
  - **Expenses:** \$165,102
  - **Deficit:** -\$70,160
- **Registrations concentration:**
  - **Total registrations:** \$400,621 (largest single revenue block).
  - **Individual vs litter:** \$245,723 vs \$154,898.
  - **High ancillary fee revenue:** Certified pedigrees \$68,421; Registration by pedigree \$54,054; Cattery registrations \$60,430; Breed council dues \$25,165; Championship confirmation \$29,535; Expedited services \$28,217.
- **Processing and overhead costs:**
  - **Credit card + PayPal fees:** \$40,030.
  - **Postage (all):** \$15,062.
  - **Insurance (total):** \$40,610.
  - **Central office compensation:** \$296,108 plus contract labor: \$74,955.

### **Quick checks**

- **Math tie-out:** \$1,407,641 income – \$1,402,644 expenses = **\$4,997 net operating income.**
- **Operating margin:** \$4,997 ÷ \$1,407,641 ≈ **0.36%** (razor-thin).

***Practical recommendations***

- ***Optimize CFACS costs while preserving surplus:***
  - ***Decorator/entertainment/show hall:*** Prioritize bids and multi-year contracts where possible; explore ROI regarding entertainment.
  - ***Advertising ROI:*** Tie \$43,735 spend to ticket conversions
- ***Trim administrative overhead without service degradation:***
  - ***Postage (\$15,062):*** Expand digital delivery for certificates/booklets where permissible.
  - ***Insurance (\$40,610):*** Annual market check on D&O, club/show, and building policies for bundling discounts.
  - ***Utilities and telecom:*** Audit usage; renegotiate internet/phone

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer*

**(11) BUDGET COMMITTEE.**

**Committee Chair:** *Kathy Calhoun*  
**List of Committee Members:** *Rich Mastin, Matthew Wong, and Allene Tartaglia*

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***Recent Committee Activities***

*The Budget Committee convened for its mid-year review in December 2025. During this session, the committee assessed the current fiscal year's expenditures, compared actuals to projections, and identified variances requiring adjustments and reviewed CFA major events i.e. the Annual Meeting and CFA Cat Show.*

***Current Activities***

*The committee is presently focused on preparing the 2026/2027 CFA Budget. This phase involves soliciting updated budget requests from all standing committees, analyzing spending trends, and aligning resource allocations with the CFA's strategic initiatives. The committee has established a structured timeline for budget submissions and is actively communicating with stakeholders to ensure clarity and compliance.*

***Future Projections and Collaboration Guidelines***

*Looking ahead, the Budget Committee will continue to collaborate with all committee chairs and department heads to ensure that budget submissions are complete, justified, and aligned with organizational goals. The committee will provide guidance on submission requirements and offer one-on-one consultations as needed to facilitate accuracy and transparency.*

***Communication Schedule:***

- *12/02/2025 – Budget submission, review, and approval communication timeline.*
- *12/02/2025 - Committee spending reports available (May 1, 2025 – Oct 31, 2025). The Treasurer will email reports to the Board Liaison upon request.*

***Input Due Dates for the 2026/2027 Budget:***

- *01/02/2026 - All Committee Budget Requests from Board Liaisons unless otherwise listed.*
- *01/02/2026 - Syracuse Annual Meeting 2026 Budget.*
- *01/19/2026 - International Show 2026 Budget.*
- *01/19/2026 - Capital Requests.*
- *01/19/2026 – Asset depreciation schedule*

- 01/26/2026 - Corporate Sponsorship estimates.
- 01/26/2026 - Depreciation and Amortization schedules.

**Development Meetings: Budget Planning Sessions:**

- 02/04/2026, 7:00 AM (CT): Committee Budget Review Meeting (Zoom)
- 02/11/2026, 7:00 AM (CT): Committee Budget Review Meeting (Zoom)

**Approval Schedule:**

- 03/04/2026: Circulation of draft budget to Board for review
- 03/11/2026: Board Q&A and feedback
- 04/02/2026 - Budget Report to CFA Secretary
- 04/07/2026 - April Telephonic Board Meeting - Budget Approval.
- 4/28/2026 - CFA Emergency Only Board Meeting to Finalize Budget if needed.

**Calhoun:** The critical piece of this for our upcoming budget cycle and development is the input due dates. Development meetings, the Budget Committee is planning to add an additional meeting and meet three times. That third meeting has not been confirmed as to time and date. This is followed by the approval schedule.

**Board Action:**

**Motion:** Request budget increase of \$5,328 the 2025 – 2026 World Cat Congress budget to support two attendees at the 2026 World Cat Congress meeting in Liverpool, United Kingdom.

**Rationale:** Attending the 2026 World Cat Congress meeting in Liverpool, United Kingdom continues the engagement and leadership role of the Cat Fanciers Association as a member of the World Cat Congress.

The cat show is hosted by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy (GCCF). Should the two attendees be invited to judge the show the total hotel stay is 10 nights, otherwise the hotel stay is 8 nights.

- U22 April 2026 - Delegates Arrive
- U23 April 2026 - TBD
- U24 April 2026 - Seminar and Open Meeting
- U25 April 2026 - Cat Show

**Calhoun:** The World Cat Congress has planned the 2026 meeting, which will fall into this CFA fiscal year and therefore it wasn't originally budgeted. So, a budget request is in place for \$5,328 to support two attendees to go to the 2026 World Cat Congress meeting in Liverpool,

United Kingdom. CFA is a founding member of the World Cat Congress. We want to continue to take engagement in a leadership role in the activities of the Congress. It's important that we continue to send people to attend. Pam, does the GCCF, which is the hosting association for the show, pick up the additional night for judges that have to stay? **DelaBar:** That is usually done and is part of the World Cat Congress bylaws, as we did in Hong Kong last August. **Mastin:** Pam, based on your estimates, do you believe the \$5,328 is a "not to exceed" number? **DelaBar:** Yes, I do. I believe in budgeting high and coming in low, like we did come in under budget from Hong Kong. **Calhoun:** Yes, you did, and we appreciate that. Seconded by **Mr. Webb.**

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

*Respectfully Submitted*  
*Kathy Calhoun, Chair*

(12) **CLUB MEMBERSHIP REPORT.**

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

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**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***

*Current Name:* Eva Cat Club (Region 8)

*Proposed Name:* Pretty Garden Cat Club

*Conflict with*

*Existing Names:* The new name does not conflict with any existing CFA club name.

*Reason:* The club base was recently changed to another area, and the club members wish to have a new name that better reflects the current location. The Japan Regional Director supports this change.

***Action Item:*** Approve the request by the Eva Cat Club to change their name to Pretty Garden Cat Club, effective immediately.

**Krzanowski:** We received a club name change request from a club in Region 8.

**Anger:** I'll second. **Tamura:** I support this club name change.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**Future Projections for Committee:**

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

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

*All new clubs that have applied for membership and satisfactorily completed their documentation, as well as any additional club membership requests.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Krzanowski, Chair*

## Reports of Affiliates

### (13) CFA FOUNDATION.

*FROM: Pam DelaBar, CFAF Liaison, Region 9 Director*

*TO: CFA Board of Directors*

*SUBJECT: CFA Foundation Election Result*

*Due to the passing of Don Williams, late president of the CFA Foundation, an election was held for the office of president. Mrs. Roeann Fulkerson, former CFA Foundation vice president, was elected president.*

*The museum will remain closed for the inventory of assets. Additionally, accounts are being changed to reflect the change in leadership.*

*Pam DelaBar  
Director, Region 9 Europe  
CFAF Liaison to the CFA Board.*

**DelaBar:** The Foundation was very saddened by the passing of Don Williams, who was the longtime president of the Foundation. An election was held and Roeann Fulkerson, previously the vice president, was elected president. The museum will remain closed for the inventory of our assets. **Mastin:** Congratulations to Roeann for being elected and we are very sorry for the loss of Don. Condolences to his family and all the friends and everyone in CFA who had relationships with Don.

## **Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees**

*None.*

## Unfinished Business and General Orders

(14) **OTHER COMMITTEES.**

*None.*

**(15) NEW BUSINESS.**

**BACKGROUND:** *Orange Cat Club is holding a two AB ring show 4 January 2026 in Orange, France. The show hall authorities have told the club they would only be provided enough tables for the club to have between 60-80 entries. The total space being allotted to the club will allow for one ring set-up and the entries. Orange CC has already paid most of the expenses for the and feels they cannot cancel. They have licensed the show for 2 Allbreed rings.*

*Considering the reduced space and equipment being allowed by the show hall management, Orange CC is requesting an exception to show rule 9.08n to allow split rings, to conduct one Allbreed ring in the morning and one Allbreed ring in the afternoon. Their entry limit of 80 is well within the limits of the show rule.*

**MOTION:** *For the Orange Cat Club's 4 January 2026 show in France (Region 9) with an entry limit of 60-80, grant an exception to Show Rule 9.08.n. to allow ring sharing in both rings, in which two allbreed judges share the same ring.*

**Anger:** You see the motion there before you. **Currle:** I will second. **Bennett:** In the last board meeting, we granted the same exception to Ukraine with a much higher count. There's absolutely no reason not to carry over. We've set a precedent. We should accept this as well. **Nye:** Do you know if they've been able to secure another judge? **DelaBar:** Yes. This show hall seems to have a new person that was enjoying their authority. All of this came at the last minute after everything was planned.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

(16) **OLD BUSINESS.**

*None.*

(17) **BREEDER OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM.**

**Griswold:** I'm happy to entertain questions from the board on the Breeder of Excellence Program. **Mastin:** Did any board members submit any questions in advance? **Griswold:** No. **Calhoun:** Who are the committee members? **Griswold:** Melanie Morgan was a very active at one point. We have at its core Annette Wilson, Susan Cook-Henry, Joy Yoders, Cyndee Hill. **Calhoun:** Has there been a quote received on what this would cost? **Tartaglia:** No. We met with Marilee yesterday to get the details that James needs. He can now go to the programmer and discuss it. We hope to have a quote within the next few weeks. **Calhoun:** My fundamental concern is that you need someone on the financial side on your committee. We need to have some way of measuring what the revenue benefit is going to be to CFA. There has been some talk about reaching out to suppliers and particularly discounts on litter or kitten registrations, but all that needs to be quantified into real numbers. I'm concerned that we're not doing that. My opinion on this is still out, but I feel like there's a great deal of work that needs to be done before we move forward in any way, shape or form. One of the things that keeps me up at night, as Ed has said, there should be no liability to CFA. I struggle with trying to understand why the program that we discontinued had liability and this one has no liability. I would like to have a conversation with our insurance carrier to make sure they understand this and to understand whether there is any liability that they feel that CFA needs to cover and the cost of that. Those are my headline concerns. We need to broaden the participation in the committee and get some clear understanding around the financial impact. **Mastin:** There's a lot of work that still needs to be done. I outlined several areas and Marilee agreed with the outline. She is well aware that there's a lot of work that needs to get done.

*Some key unknowns to help guide the board to making a final decision:*

- total short term (upfront) and ongoing expense(s)
- who is handling what day to day work
- what exactly is needed from CO staff and contractors
- who has control/managing oversight of the overall program (is this the Committees, the Boards, CO, other or combination of parties?)
- contractual needs, expectations and restrictions (if any at all)
- benefits of the program to participants and CFA
- what are the potential financial returns
- etc.

*Marilee has a meeting this coming Monday with Allene and James to further address some of the needs and estimated costs.*

*This item was not on the agenda, it is now on for ten minutes (and it may likely take longer), due to concerns and confusion. I am asking everyone if you have specific questions (and or concerns) to please submit them directly to Marilee prior to the*

*meeting so that she is prepared to address them during 12/2's meeting. I'm sure this topic will need far more than 10 minutes to obtain a decision, be it to approve, not approve or seek additional information.*

*The final decision to move full steam ahead (or not) may not be given till later in CFA's fiscal year (or next).*

**Mastin:** What I do want to get clarified tonight is what Kathy brought up about the liability potential concern that we had with the one program, but on this program, we don't. I would like to keep this discussion to questions specific to what Marilee is trying to propose and get done, and let her work on the list that I've already created and provided based on some of the information you folks have shared. Ed, will you please take the board through why you feel this program does not share the same type of liability as the other program? **Raymond:** The main point is, it's a very well-defined program over which CFA has complete control, at least as it's currently proposed. It's very objective. Either a person meets the requirements or they don't. There's no such subjectivity as there was in the prior program that has been sunsetted, and there is no third party that is making the determinations and CFA is just accepting them. **Moyer:** I'm extremely concerned about the liability. It has come to light to me that lemon laws exist in the United States in 22 states. I would like to know how any breeder misrepresentation paired with a breeder of excellence logo on a pedigree would not become part of a chain of reliance in a dispute or a lemon law claim. **Raymond:** The lemon law applies to the individual animal being sold. CFA is making no representations with regard to that animal. They are making representations in connection with the qualifications of the breeder. That's a fundamentally different thing. **Calhoun:** I'm not convinced. Ed, you're the attorney, but I'm very concerned and that has not alleviated my concern. **Raymond:** I don't know what you want to hear to alleviate your concerns. We're also talking about making sure that there are very clear disclaimers attached to this program. Have we worked out the language of those disclaimers yet? No, but we will, so that any individual who encounters the program can't claim that they are misled or confused by what it represents. **Nye:** What I understand of the program that Marilee is spearheading is that it has just to do with the achievements of that breeder, number of grands or being a breed council member or being a club member. It has nothing to do with the quality of their cattery or how they house their cats. Is that correct? **Griswold:** Yes, that's correct. **Mastin:** It used to be called breeder referral. It's changed, correct? **Tartaglia:** Yes, it's Find a Breeder. **Mastin:** I requested that be changed years ago because I had the same issues you're referring to as a referral versus finding a breeder. **Tartaglia:** It's a perception thing. If I, as a purchaser of a cat, see the breeder of excellence, that in my mind is going to say, this is a great breeder, they're going to have a great cat. Everything's going to be great. I wouldn't feel the need to do further investigation because CFA says this is a breeder of excellence. I know there's disclaimers. We know people don't read the small print. We've labeled somebody a breeder of excellence. That's where I see the liability.

**Griswold:** For my purposes, I was more concerned if we could actually do this from the CFA computer standpoint. From my meeting with Allene and James yesterday, I'm happy with the idea that we can do it. The question of, how will this benefit CFA going forward? We're a registry, and if we can encourage people to register more litters and register more cats, then that may help our bottom line. So the question is, if we give them the incentive, will they register more than what they're doing now? I know there's many people who don't register all their

litters, and there's many people who don't register all the kittens in those litters. If they see this as enough of an incentive, then maybe they will. Or, if they don't see it as an incentive, then they won't, and we will have no change in registrations, whether you're a breeder of excellence or not. This should be fairly easy for us to test going forward with percentage of litters and registrations, or at least prepaid registrations, with a particular breeder who becomes a breeder of excellence before and after. So we can say, two years before they were a breeder of excellence, here's what they registered. After they're a breeder of excellence, here's what they registered. There may be some other things at play there, but we might be able to show a change in registrations that way. Maybe it won't make a difference at all, and people won't register their litters regardless. Part of the goal of this is to encourage people to register litters and to register or prepay and register the kittens in that litter. Based on what Allene and James and I talked about yesterday, that's going to be something that we can do with the computer system.

**Mastin:** Do you feel comfortable that you could address the questions and concerns by the February board meeting? **Griswold:** Yes, if people get those questions and concerns to me. This is loosely based off of the AKC Breeder of Merit Program, which when I spoke to the AKC, they've never had any issues with people suing and with liability and things like that. They also have disclaimers on their site. We have a list of people on the breed council that's easily found on our website. Whether you're on the breed council or not doesn't necessarily mean that you're a good breeder. It means you've passed the requirements to be a breed council member, and so this would be very similar to the Breeder of Merit Program for the AKC and similar in that sense of a breed council member in that you have fulfilled the requirements put forth in this program to meet this. But yes, I can write everything up. I can do another video, whatever's needed to answer more questions. I just need to know what those questions are. **Calhoun:** Given the fact that you'll be coming back in February, how does this impact if there will be a budget request this year? **Griswold:** The budget is part of this gigantic system. This program is not ready to go right now. Knowing what we might need to spend to actually make the computer program work and be able to keep track of these things might be a big consideration as to whether or not the board wants this program. I need to know all of this in order to present it as a complete package. **Mastin:** James, when do you think we can get a response from the programmer specific to the program that's needed? **Simbro:** Two to three weeks. **Mastin:** We'll have that before the January 2nd due date for budget requests. **Griswold:** That's probably all of it. The OFA does their recording of the health tests for free with us, so we don't pay them anything to do that. **Mastin:** What about the items that I brought up last week? Is there any additional time required from Central Office staff and/or contractors? **Griswold:** I don't know if we're going to be able to integrate numbers from OFA into the computer system or if someone has to enter the certification numbers for the cats into the computer system. I don't have that complete answer, but I know that the approval for who would be a breeder of excellence, who would keep track of the breeders of excellence and all of the health testing for the animals involved, none of that will take anything from Central Office. **Mastin:** We don't want to do something that is not done right and it ends up costing us a lot of money and there's no return for it.

**Bennett:** My question was around the requirements of registering all litters, microchipping all kittens, etc. How are we going to verify that? Is that an honor system? Or is that something we shouldn't be concerned about? **Calhoun:** How do we keep folks honest? **Bennett:** Is it going to be an honor system only or are we going to periodically have some sort of spot check or check and balance? **Griswold:** Once we start trying to go into people's homes, we

run into the issues and the problems that we had with the first cattery of excellence. We're not going to go police people. How the AKC does it is, I want to register a litter of puppies. This litter has five puppies in it. I will pre-register all my puppies. At the end of the year, all of the litters registered, all of the puppies have been registered and the AKC can see that pretty easily, and they give them a certificate that says, thanks for supporting the AKC by registering every puppy in your litter. So does that mean that maybe there's breeders who have litters and just decide they're not going to register them? I suppose, but I will tell you the way that we're going to have this set up is, they won't be able to get the Breeder of Excellence logo on their litters or their kitten registrations or their pedigrees unless the cat itself has a certification from OFA that it has passed all the health tests. It's twofold that has to happen from the breeder and then certification from the cat standpoint. So, there's a little bit of a check there, but if people are just going to have 10 litters and only register one, that's probably what they're doing right now anyway. **Bennett:** I wanted to find out if we were going to start digging into it, because that could then get other issues and legal requirements and data privacy. I'm fine with the answer you gave. It's perfectly valid.

**Altschul:** In listening to what everyone said and in listening to what Marilee has presented and thinking about it, Marilee, my advice to you is, the scope of this program has exceeded where we need it to be to launch. My recommendation would be to scale back all of the ideas of the breed-specific testing and the OFA recording, because that is not free. We need to back off that part of it and let's focus on breeders who participate in CFA. These are the people we want to reward. They register their litters, they register their kittens, and no, we can't go in their homes and guarantee that they are registering everything that is born in their home, but if they register a litter and they say there's five kittens in it, all five of those will have to be either prepaid or registered. Focus on the fact that they participate in cat shows. Focus on the fact that they are granding their cats. Focus on the fact that they are active in at least one show-producing club and have to be part of show management. Let's focus on the fact that they are in their breed councils. If we start there and focus on things that are revenue streams into CFA, then if the program takes off and it gets a lot of attention, you can come back later with enhanced recognition in the program for people who then do this additional health testing that we're talking about now. It's going to take some time for the breed councils and the breeders to settle on what they think their breed needs. Having all of this breed testing at the forefront of this is going to be an impediment. Nobody's going to want to spend hundreds or even thousands of dollars at the very beginning of this program when they don't know if the program is going to do anything for them at the outset. So, my recommendation is that we start off with simple, that we recognize what a lot of breeders are already doing. We get those people to buy into the program and to make the program make money for CFA, and then over time, we introduced this idea of breed-specific testing. I'm not saying that we eliminate it. I think this program has worth, but that's my recommendation. That's where I'm hearing a lot of people stalling out, both on the breed council list from the breed council secretaries and from the breeders within my own breed. That is where their sticking point is – this breed-specific testing. **DelaBar:** Having started back in 1991 in establishing the Animal Welfare Committee and the subsequent inspections and testing to where we are today, we cannot emphasize the health of cats enough right now. Surely, you have seen on Facebook about the proposed European Union legislation that has come out. One of the things that we do right now is, we are all testing our cats for the appropriate breed testing. We need to really push this on our breeders because you've got more and more breeders outside the US that are looking at what is happening, and if the US doesn't pick up on this and

we don't emphasize the health of our animals – and I'm not talking about extreme type, over type, hyper types – I'm talking about the basic health of our animals. We have really got to jump on that. CFA has been a leader for so long in this. Our other associations here in Europe, the big ones that were here before us, they don't have anything like our animal welfare. They didn't have any health committees or anything like that until the World Cat Congress established one. We have got to look at where the world is turning, and we need to emphasize more than just the numbers and the buck behind those numbers. We have really got to push the health and let it be known that CFA stands for this. We have got to set our reputation high. **Griswold:** Part of where this Breeder of Excellence Program developed from is exactly what Pam was talking about, that our breeds are coming under attack, that organizations say we don't care about the health of our cats, that all we want is the almighty dollar that's behind it, and so this was the birth child of those concerns, that if we say we're addressing this, not only do you have to be a good breeder that would help CFA and be a part of CFA, but you also have to prove that you care about health. This is not a requirement. Everybody is nervous about this, nobody likes change, but this is not a requirement for anybody to participate in. If people don't want to do it, then nothing changes for you. You still register your cats all the same or not, you still sell your cats the exact same way. So, if you choose to participate in this or choose to integrate slowly into this, then that's something you can or cannot do, depending on what you want. LOOF and WCF and FIFe are already requiring DNA testing and health testing specifically of certain breeds, and they already have microchips. It is my belief that the very first Breeders of Excellence if this program ever gets off the floor would be out of Europe. They already have all the information, all they need to do is send it in. People are already doing this. The OFA has a framework set up for us, they are ready to accept all of the information for our cats. If we had the required health tests for Maine Coons, they could give you a CHIC number today. We could start this program today. They're ready for it. But that's going to be up to us. Where do we want to stand in the world? Do we want to be a leader in this? Do we just want to say we're not interested? That's going to be up to us, our breeders, this board. I'm seeing the writing on the wall coming from Europe and from animal rights activists. This can't look bad in their eyes that we're trying to promote the health of our animals, but in the end, it's going to be up to CFA and what we want to do. **Mastin:** We'll further take it up at the next board meeting. Thank you, Marilee, and thank you everyone for your questions and comments.

(18) **CFA INTERNATIONAL SHOW.**

*Committee Chair: Ed Raymond*

*Liaison to Board: Rich Mastin*

*List of Committee Members: Mark Hannon, Linda Murphy, Allene Tartaglia, Rachel Anger, Kathy Calhoun, Desiree Bobby, Amber Goodright*

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[**Secretary's Note:** Discussion on this item originally occurred in executive session. An online motion was made by **Ms. Anger**, seconded by **Mr. Huhtaniemi** and unanimously carried to move the motion and voting results into open session with no debate or discussion.]

**Mr. Currie** moved to approve the holding of the 2026 CFA International Cat Show & Expo at a location to be determined. Seconded by **Ms. DelaBar**.

**Mastin** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Moyer and Jensen voting no. Colilla did not vote.

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The open session meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m. EST.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Rachel Anger, Secretary*

**(19) 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:

*None.*

**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.

**25-044 CFA v. Doreann Nasin**

***Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4(g) – conduct seriously and patently detrimental to the best interest of CFA in connection with the release of Executive (Closed) Session information in violation of the CFA Board of Director’s Confidentiality Agreement and Code of Ethics.***

***Guilty.*** *The board has imposed the following disciplinary action: exclusion from all executive session discussions until the end of her current term as the North Atlantic Regional Director and a \$2000 fine to paid in monthly installments and paid in full prior to the end of the show season. [vote sealed]*

**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:

*None.*

**Related Board Actions:** Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following Related Board Actions were unanimously approved [vote sealed]:

***(1) Matter 25-037.*** *CFA shall void the registration of litters F4208158, F4203034, F4202211, and F4203506. In addition, the registration of all cats and kittens registered from these litters, or any descendants of those cats, shall be re-registered as not for breeding, and flagged as not for showing.*

***(2) Matter 25-043.*** *CFA shall void the registration of litter F4340017. In addition, the registration of all cats and kittens registered from these litters, or any descendants of those cats, shall be re-registered as not for breeding, and flagged as not for showing.*

**(3) Matter 25-045.** *CFA shall void the registration of litter F4202210. In addition, the registration of all cats and kittens registered from these litters, or any descendants of those cats, shall be re-registered as not for breeding, and flagged as not for showing.*

**(4) Matter 25-047.** *CFA shall void the registration of litters F4143043, F4187196, and F4165294. In addition, the registration of all cats and kittens registered from these litters, or any descendants of those cats, shall be reregistered as not for breeding, and flagged as not for showing.*