

Marilee Griswold

Candidate for

CFA President

Focused • Engaged • Professional

A FOCUS ON BREEDS AND BREEDERS

Accomplishments:

- Active breeder with 32 years of experience
- Breed Council Secretary for over a decade
- Advocate for breed preservation
- International lecturer on feline genetics

Presidential Focus:

- Establish a new breeders' education and mentorship program
- Create a Breeder of Excellence program
- Strengthen breed protection efforts and promote health-focused breeding standards
- Expand the Junior Showmanship program into a wider contingent of youth groups

CFA INVOLVEMENT AND SHOW INNOVATION

Accomplishments:

- Eleven years as a CFA allbreed judge
- International judging experience with CCCA, CCA, WCF
- Served on many CFA committees as a board member including: Judging Program, Protest, Agility, International, Genetics, Show Technology, and Legislative committees
- Supported formation of OCP rings with research and advocacy
- Experience in representing and listening to fanciers with diverse backgrounds and perspectives

Presidential Focus:

- Encourage innovative show formats while maintaining CFA traditions
- Recruit and mentor the next generation of CFA judges
- Modernize technology systems for shows
- Work towards worldwide show rule uniformity

ORGANIZATIONAL AND FINANCIAL STABILITY ROOTED IN LEADERSHIP

Accomplishments:

- Extensive committee service providing insight into CFA operations and governance
- Experience leading large departments in professional settings
- University of South Carolina School of Medicine Graduate (1994)
- Board-certified forensic psychiatrist and former department head
- Active-duty U.S. Navy (1998-2006), retiring as Lieutenant Commander (O-4)
- World Cat Congress Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker (2025)
- World Cat Congress CFA Advisor

Presidential Focus:

- Maintain fiscal responsibility and strong financial oversight
- Ensure the long-term sustainability of CFA
- Lead with data-driven decision making aligned to strategic financial goals
- Strengthen international collaboration



My history of health-focused breeding, scientific research, and international lectures—combined with years of service across CFA committees—has prepared me to be YOUR VOICE for our breeds and CFA's next president.

I appreciate your consideration and welcome your questions.

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