

**SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APRIL 7, 2026**

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SUMMARY

(1) MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Upon motion by **Mr. Currie**, seconded by **Ms. Anger**, the Orders of the Day were accepted without objection and became the Orders of Business.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

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

RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS

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MOTIONS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE RATIFICATION			
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2.	Altschul Griswold	That all action items from open session reports be published 5 days prior to board meetings.	Motion Carried.
	Amendment: Altschul Griswold 02.13.2026	That (1) Board Members who are committee chairs and/or board liaisons must/shall proof and approve the release of all action items with rationale; (2) should concerns/questions come to mind specific to the written motion(s) and rationale will be immediately brought to the attention of the CFA Legal Counsel and CFA President for final approval.	
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4.	Altschul Webster 02.18.2026	Reconsider the decision to create a second set of 25/25/25 regional wins solely for Ukraine in addition to the 25/25/25 regional wins for Region 9 (Europe)	Motion Failed. Tamura, DelaBar, Jensen and Nye voting no. Nasin, Moyer, Griswold and Huhtaniemi abstained for cause.

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20.	Executive Committee 03.22.2026	For the Sapphire Star Cat Club's show to be held April 4/5, 2026 in Shenzhen, China (ID-China), grant an exception to show rule 4.04 and allow the show to be licensed with less than 21 days before the show <u>once all required documents are received</u> .	Motion Carried (subject to ratification). Webb abstained for cause.
21.	Executive Committee 03.23.2026	For the Last Chance International Cat Club's show to be held April 11/12, 2026 in Xi'an, China (ID-China), grant an exception to show rule 4.04 and allow the club to have a one-week extension for their show to be licensed with less than 21 days before the show once all required NGO approvals are received.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).

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22.	Executive Committee 03.28.2026	For the March 28/29, 2026 Central Breed Cat Club's show in Nonthaburi, Thailand (ID-Other), grant an exception to Show Rule 9.08 and allow less than 16 cages per ring.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).

Ms. Anger moved to ratify online Motions #11 through #2, as published. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

(3) JUDGING PROGRAM.

Advancements – Regular Judging Program:

Advance from Trainee to Apprentice Specialty:

Yi Chang – Beijing, China (ID-China) 17 yes
Shorthair 2nd Specialty

Oscar Silva Sanchez – Gran Canaria, Spain (Region 9) 17 yes
Shorthair 2nd Specialty

Advance from Apprentice to Approval Pending Specialty:

Grace Cheung – Sai Kung, Hong Kong (ID-Other) 17 yes
Shorthair 2nd Specialty

Issariya (Istzy) Rattanaweerawong – Nonthabun, Thailand (ID-Other) 17 yes
Longhair 2nd Specialty

Eugene Jeong – Incheon, South Korea (ID-Other) 17 yes
Shorthair 1st Specialty

Jon Lee – Chongqing, China (ID-China) 17 yes
Longhair 1st Specialty

Elevation to Emeritus Status:

Brian Moser (1992) Elevated

(4) CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.

Ms. Calhoun moved that, due to the resignation with regret of Desiree Bobby from the position of Lykoi Breed Council Secretary, with regret, appoint Connie Hurley as the Lykoi Breed Council Secretary for the remainder of the current term which expires April 30, 2027. Seconded by **Mr. Currle**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

(5) TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer Ms. Calhoun had no action items.

(6) NEW CLUB APPLICATIONS.

Mrs. Krzanowski moved to accept with regret the resignation of Motor City Jazz Club, Region 4, effective January 13, 2026. Seconded by **Mr. Huhtaniemi**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent.**

(7) INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.

[**Secretary's Note:** The following motions were originally made in executive session. A motion was made by **Ms. DelaBar**, seconded by **Ms. Nye** and unanimously carried to move the motions and results of the voting into open session and in the notes, with no debate or discussion.]

Motion: Remove from the official count all cats not entered through the online entry system for the Siam Blue Eyed Fanciers show in Bangkok, Thailand on March 15, 2026. **Motion Carried** [vote sealed].

Motion: For the Oriental Diamond Cat Fancier show in Xian, China (ID-China), grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 (third paragraph), and allow the club to license their April 25-26, 2026 show less than 21 days prior to the opening day of the show, provided certain conditions are met. **Motion Carried** [vote sealed].

(8) CFA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Upon standing motion, **Liaison Dr. Griswold** moved that, effective immediately, allow the CFA Legislative Committee and Group to submit testimony on behalf of CFA, whether in person, on the phone, or online, to oppose proposed mandatory spay/neuter laws, pet limit laws, breeding bans, mandatory microchipping, declawing, pet guardianship (vs owner), emotionally based damages, pet store retail bans, animal cruelty, cat licensing, reclassifying unowned/feral cats or colonies, and/or breed specific restrictions or bans, without requiring delays for Board permission. This permission would be ongoing and effective until revoked. Seconded by **Mrs. Krzanowski**, **Motion Carried.** DelaBar and Huhtaniemi voting no. Colilla did not vote. [Altschul and Webster were no longer on the call.]

(9) ANNUAL MEETING DELEGATES.

Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel had no action items.

(10) STEVE DALE SPEAKER SERIES.

Ms. Calhoun had no action items.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

(11) OTHER COMMITTEES.

None.

(12) NEW BUSINESS.

(a) In-Conjunction Request – Felidae e.V.

Ms. DelaBar moved to grant permission per Show Rule 4.08, to conduct an in-conjunction show with Felidae e.V. Additionally request exception to Show Rules 4.06 a through f, to conduct a 3

ring show on 20 November, 4 rings shows on 21 and 22 November 2026, conducted by UK Cat Fanciers, on the condition that the club be informed that they must comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval). Seconded by **Mr. Huhtaniemi**, the motion was **ratified by unanimous consent**.

(b) *In-Conjunction Request – Southwest Sweet Cat Club/Sapphire Stars Feline Club*

[Secretary’s Note: The following motion was originally made in executive session. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to move the motion and results of the voting into open session and in the notes, with no debate or discussion.]

Motion: Grant the China TLC MCC Club permission to hold an in-conjunction show with a CFF club in Shenyang, Liaoning Province, China (ID-China), on May 23-24, 2026, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval). **Motion Carried.** [Vote sealed]

(c) *Process for clubs to notify exhibitors of possible feline contagious diseases that may have been present at shows.*

[Secretary’s Note: A straw poll was taken, indicating majority support.]

(13) OLD BUSINESS.

None.

(14) AWARDS COMMITTEE.

Chair Ms. Dunham had no action items.

(15) 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.

To be reported when appeal period has expired.

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]:

To be reported when appeal period has expired.

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

Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, via Zoom video conference. **President Richard Mastin** called the regularly scheduled mid-quarterly video conference meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight 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 Currie (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
James Simbro, IT Director

Absent:

None

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

TRANSCRIPT

Mastin: Hello everyone. Madame Secretary, please do the roll call, the board oath and the confidentiality. **Anger:** I will. [**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.]

TRANSCRIPT

(1) APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD Video Conference Meeting Agenda April 7, 2026		
Open Session		
1.	Approve Orders of the Day	Mastin
Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees		
2.	Ratification of Online Motions	Anger
3.	Judging Program Report	Nye/Webb
4.	Central Office Report	Tartaglia
5.	Treasurer’s Report	Calhoun
6.	Club Membership	Krzanowski
7.	International Division	Newkirk
8.	Legislative Report	Shafnisky
9.	Annual Meeting Delegates	Raymond
10.	Steve Dale Speaker Series	Calhoun
Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees		
	None	
Reports of Affiliates		
	None	
Unfinished Business and General Orders		
11.	Other Committees	
12.	New Business	
13.	Old Business	
14.	Awards Committee	Dunham
	ADJOURN OPEN SESSION	

Mastin: The meeting is called to order. Welcome to CFA’s April 7, 2026 executive board meeting. Our first order of business is to approve the Orders of the Day. **Currle:** So moved. **Anger:** I will second.

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

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

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

None.

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

RATIFICATION OF ON-LINE MOTIONS

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<p>Mastin: The recommendation above can also be considered and applied to all open session reports <u>in order to publish the consolidated committee reports</u> prior to all board meetings. The purpose of implementing and following proper procedures to publish action items with rationale and open session reports is to avoid publishing statements that are/may be detrimental to CFA and individual participants. Calhoun: As outlined and brought forward in Rich's recommendation, this approach should be considered and applied to all open session reports. Our constituents are invested in the direction of CFA and it is important to ensure transparency and inclusivity in our reporting processes. Much of this information is currently documented in reports by committees that do not necessarily generate actionable items, so these reports still hold value for stakeholders. Altschul: I am good with the recommendations. Mastin: Carissa, thank you for being good on the recommendations (more on this later). All, I clearly understand what Carissa is attempting to do in order to provide some level of published transparency on open session action items. I support doing more by publishing open session reports after each and every report has been proofed and approved. I want to caution the board on acting on a motion to just provide the “Action Items” for open session five days prior to board meetings. CFA’s constituents, supporters and participants want more information on open session board reports, this is their request and expectation. I am suggesting in my recommendations below that Carissa’s motion may need to (imo, should) go further than just publishing “Action Items”. My recommendation is for the board to consider taking this further and not do this in multiple motions. Carissa, are you amending your motion? If yes, please state the amended motion. If you are not amending the motion, we will continue discussing your original motion. Altschul concurs.</p>			

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No comments.			
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No discussion [on reconsiderations].			
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Griswold: Rachel, do we know anything about "Super Cat Association"? Sounds like the director organizes CFA shows but what do we know about SCA? Anger: The officers are listed in the [preface to the] motion, as required. They have helped in show production with other CFA shows, most recently with Meowbulous in Malaysia. No website. That's all the information I have. It sounds like one of the start-up's in China. Colilla: That Association started by Yoyo is all I know. She breeds Scottish Fold. I was told they have about 60 clubs. This was a few years ago.			
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Anger: I am wholeheartedly in support of making this small exception to help grow CFA in a new area. It is what they need, and the club did an excellent job of stating the reasons for that need.			
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<p>Mastin: Let's wait till we receive information from Vicki N., Russell, Darrell and Matt W. on this request. Just want to make sure they support the request before moving forward. Newkirk: I will decline to make a suggestion, as I believe this is a judging program issue. I certainly do not wish to cause harm to one of our ID clubs, but still believe this is a JPC issue. Webb: My opinion is to grant an exception to show rule 3.02c. This is an emergency situation. Judges going thru the Middle East is a risk and the club did do a risk analysis so my thoughts are letting the club have this exception. This club puts on many shows in a year and a big supporter for CFA in Asia. My vote would be to grant the exception. Nye: I am OK with an emergency approval for less than 60 days getting a guest judge, as long as it's someone who has guest judged for CFA recently, say perhaps in the last year. They would still need to submit their request to Neil so that he can verify that we have a résumé on file and that their license is current. Also, Jen Brahler will need to send the guest judge email out to these two replacement Guest Judges.</p>			
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No discussion.			

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20.	Executive Committee 03.22.2026	For the Sapphire Star Cat Club’s show to be held April 4/5, 2026 in Shenzhen, China (ID-China), grant an exception to show rule 4.04 and allow the show to be licensed with less than 21 days before the show <u>once all required documents are received.</u>	Motion Carried (subject to ratification). Webb abstained for cause.

ID Committee – Honey: No comments. I will abide by the Board’s decision. **Mastin:** Rachel, have you heard back from Darrell or Matt Wong? I believe the show flyer must also be submitted in order to license the show. Ed, please verify the show flyer is required in order to license this show due to the timing of the show license being submitted. **Anger:** I have not heard back from Darrell or Matthew, but the last judging contract has surfaced, and the club paid the license fee. **Raymond:** Yes, the show flyer must be submitted with the license application because there is less than 90 days until the show. **Mastin:** Ed, I suspected this was an issue, thank you for responding. Because the show flyer had not been submitted with the show license, can the Executive Committee act on this motion to the point of approval? IMO, I believe the show flyer must be submitted before we can act to approve. Even though the show rules does permit the Executive Committee to act on the approval to accept the license with less than twenty days, I can’t find anything that waves the requirement of the show flyer not being submitted. If the Executive Committee does approve without the show flyer, the Executive Committee and the Club is not following show rules, correct? I’m not all too excited on granting approvals on two show rule exceptions because the club is now 15 days from show date (at least six days late). **Raymond:** The motion is simply for an exception to the 21-day requirement, not to the requirement that the show flyer be submitted as part of the application package. To be safe, I’d suggest the motion be amended as follows ... once all required documents are received **Mastin:** Thank you for the suggestion. Rachel and Kenny, are you both willing to amend the motion as Ed suggests? **Currle:** Amendment accepted. **Anger:** Perfect, thank you. **Mastin:** Russell, as a member of the ID Committee, do you know where Darrell and Matt Wong stand on this? **Anger:** I have still not heard from Darrell and Matt, so I sent them a reminder this morning. **Anger:** Are we waiting for anything else here? I’ve asked Darrell twice for his input. Other motions are coming in. **Mastin:** We are not waiting on anything else. I have reached out to Russell and didn’t see a response yet. I will reach out to Matt Wong by email (it may be too late for him to respond). **Mastin:** Matt, Sapphire Star Cat Club is requesting and exception from a show rule to have their show licensed with less than 21 days from show date (show is April 4-5, 2026). We have attempted to reach out to Darrell on his position and we have yet to hear from him. I believe he is in China and may have difficulty receiving emails and text messages. The questions is – do you support the request to allow the club to license the show with less than 21 days from show date? **Mastin:** Rachel and All, do we want to table this motion until we hear from either Darrell, Matt or Russell so that we can go to the next motion? If we don’t want to table this, I was hoping we could avoid acting on this (one way or the other), that ends up being the opposite of what Darrell and Matt want us to do. It’s possible they both support the exception and all is good. What could happen is we support the motion and later find out neither of them support for issues that are unknown to all of us. If we don’t hear from either of them within the next 8 to 9 hours, we may just have to vote. Here is another challenge, Darrell is in Shanghai and Russell is in Beijing, we may not hear from either one of them for many hours/day or two. **Anger:** The next motion also needs their input, so I guess we are at their mercy. I copied both Darrell and Matt yesterday at 3:30. **Mastin:** Good point. We also need to wait hear from Russell on all the motions that may come this weekend. **Webb:** I’m in Beijing now. I’m judging that show on the 4/5 of April. I think I will need to abstain from commenting. **Mastin:** Thank you for responding and we understand.

Wong: Sorry for my late reply. My view is no exception. We should ultra cautious with late application near the end of the season. We should not give exception. **Mastin:** Thank you for sharing this information with the Executive Committee. If by chance you see or hear from Darrell, please ask him for his opinion and share with us if available. **Mastin:** The information provided by Matt Wong is insightful. Please feel free to share your thoughts. My thoughts - Based on Matt Wong’s information, comments and suggestion will likely be the cause for me not supporting the request. I’m not sure we will hear from Darrell any time soon and I trust Matt’s advice on this. I’m willing to give Darrell a couple more hours from now, unless the Executive Committee wants to vote now (please advise). **Mastin:** Matt, Rachel has another motion to present, if we don’t hear from Darrell soon, I will call for the vote. **Wong:** I have not heard from Darrell. I checked with Nadia, our ID Other show scheduler. She is NOT aware of Sapphire Star Cat Club late show license application. **Webb:** Darrell’s in Shanghai and I

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<p>don't know if he can receive emails. Mastin: I received a text message from Darrell, he said "yes it is fine". Anger: I appreciate Matthew's hardline approach and felt that way initially, but from a business perspective, I'm going to support the motion. The organizer has thrown himself on his sword, and I have been very clear that this is a one-time only entertainment of his situation. He has already taken care of his show the following weekend.</p> <p>Newkirk: I am in agreement with Matt. Sorry for the delay in responding. Mastin: Now that Darrell and Mathew both agree in not supporting this motion, do you all still support this motion? I am strongly considering on changing my vote to no. Please help me understand why we should grant this exception. We have rules for a reason, if they are not good rules or they are not enforced then they should be petitioned to be changed. Anger: I thought Darrell's recommendation was "yes, it is fine". Currle: I would like to see Darrell's response again. Mastin: Darrell did send me that text message just before midnight (yesterday (3/20) my time (EDT)). He must have changed his mind after reading Matt Wong's email. I don't know when Darrell was able to receive and respond to emails. Mastin: I will text all of you Darrell's text message he sent me. Here is Darrell's email response <<I am in agreement with Matt. Sorry for the delay in responding.>> Anger: Rich also received a text message from Darrell, who said "yes it is fine". He provides no reason for later changing his mind, and no basis for his new opinion. I believe he was simply being supportive of Matthew, rather than providing a comprehensive basis for us to change our votes. These are recommendations only, requested from committee chairs as a courtesy. Again, from a business perspective, I am keeping my vote as a yes - on a one-time basis. How will it benefit CFA's bottom line to turn this show down? Zero. Calhoun: I am still a yes. Currle: I remain a yes. Mastin: I will support the groups position and also remain yes.</p>			
21.	Executive Committee 03.23.2026	For the Last Chance International Cat Club's show to be held April 11/12, 2026 in Xi'an, China (ID-China), grant an exception to show rule 4.04 and allow the club to have a one-week extension for their show to be licensed with less than 21 days before the show once all required NGO approvals are received.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			
22.	Executive Committee 03.28.2026	For the March 28/29, 2026 Central Breed Cat Club's show in Nonthaburi, Thailand (ID-Other), grant an exception to Show Rule 9.08 and allow less than 16 cages per ring.	Motion Carried (subject to ratification).
No discussion.			

Anger: I would like to move that we approve Motions #11 through #22. **Krzanowski:** Second.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

(3) JUDGING PROGRAM.

Executive Committee

Co-Chair: Vicki Nye
Co-Chair and Board Liaison: 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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

There are currently 23 individuals working their way through the CFA Judge training and advancing program, 6 of which are trainees. I would like to thank the clubs, show management, our two CFA File Administrators and our Training Judges for their cooperation, and the amount of time and talent it takes to train our judges.

Current Happenings Of Committee:

The Breed Awareness and Orientation School held in Hong Kong, March 19-22, 2026 with 8 individuals registered and 7 attending. Noting that CFA will not have an International Show October 2026, the JCP, with the cooperative effort of Phoenix Feline Fanciers, has scheduled the next U.S. BAOS in Phoenix, Arizona, December 10-11 and 13, 2026. Anne Mathis, Continuing Education Coordinator, arranged for a Zoom breed presentation of the Korat with Cheryl Coleman, Korat Breed Council Secretary, as the presenter. The Zoom call took place on March 26th, 2026 with 32 judges attending. This presentation was recorded for our Judges that could not attend, and a link sent to them at CFAJudgeslist@groups.io to watch at a later date for CEU credit.

Nye: The BAOS in Hong Kong was well received. We had lots of good evaluations from that. Because we do not have an international show to hold the typical U.S. Breed Awareness School at, the Judging Program Committee has arranged to have it in Phoenix, Arizona. More to come on that. As soon as it's nailed down with the details, we will have the flyer updated and it available for people to sign in.

The Judging Program Committee met on March 31, 2026 to discuss advancements and other business to bring before the board.

Leave of Absence:

Hilary Helmrich – Medical LOA extended until 6/30/2026

Karen Godwin – Medical LOA until 8/31/2026

Retirements & Resignations:

None

Applications and Advancements:

APPLICATIONS:

First Specialty Applications received by February 25, 2026 deadline for June 25, 2026 Board Meeting:

- Florent Fissot, First Specialty Longhair, Monsegur, France (Region 9)

Second Specialty Application received by May 14, 2026 deadline for June 25, 2026 Board Meeting:

- None as of March 31, 2026

ADVANCEMENTS:

6 advancements to be presented in closed session.

- Yi Chang – From Trainee SH to Apprentice SH
- Grace Cheung – From Apprentice SH to Approval Pending SH
- Issariya Rattanaweerawong – From Apprentice LH to Approval Pending LH
- Eugene Jeong – From Apprentice SH to Approval Pending SH
- Jon Lee – From Apprentice SH to Approval Pending LH
- Oscar Silva-Sanchez – From Trainee SH to Apprentice SH

Advancements – Regular Judging Program:

Advance from Trainee to Apprentice Specialty:

Yi Chang – Beijing, China (ID-China) Shorthair 2 nd Specialty	17 yes
Oscar Silva Sanchez – Gran Canaria, Spain (Region 9) Shorthair 2 nd Specialty	17 yes

Advance from Apprentice to Approval Pending Specialty:

<i>Grace Cheung – Sai Kung, Hong Kong (ID-Other) Shorthair 2nd Specialty</i>	<i>17 yes</i>
<i>Issariya (Istzy) Rattanaweerawong – Nonthabun, Thailand (ID-Other) Longhair 2nd Specialty</i>	<i>17 yes</i>
<i>Eugene Jeong – Incheon, South Korea (ID-Other) Shorthair 1st Specialty</i>	<i>17 yes</i>
<i>Jon Lee – Chongqing, China (ID-China) Longhair 1st Specialty</i>	<i>17 yes</i>

Elevation to Emeritus Status:

<i>Brian Moser (1992)</i>	<i>Elevated</i>
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What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Applications:

- *First Specialty Applications received by the February 25th, 2026, and 2nd Specialty Application received by May 14th, 2026 deadline, to be considered at the June 25th, 2026 Board Meeting.*
- *Advancements*

Breed Awareness and Orientation School Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair: Teresa Keiger

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Breed Awareness and Orientation School was held in Hong Kong, March 19-22, 2026 with 8 individuals registered and 7 attending.

Attendees

<i>Stella Liu</i>	<i>PakHei Leung</i>	<i>Matthew Ma</i>
<i>Jon Lee</i>	<i>Eugene Jeong</i>	<i>Tomoko Kitao</i>
<i>Yukiyo Matsushita</i>		

Many thanks to Grace Cheung and Thomas Yiu for arranging a 2 day show with clubs New Era Feline Alliance and GIA. Grace and Thomas secured the show hall venue, classrooms, arranged for food and beverage for BAOS, and the hotel. The show hall and associated meeting rooms served as the classroom location in Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Instructors for the school were Vicki Nye, Nancy Dodds and Kit Fung. Grace Cheung arranged for and scheduled the 20 cats of various breeds used in the handling school, providing certificates to those that brought extra cats for us to use with the handling attendees. Classroom instruction was on Thursday and Friday at the show hall, with handling hands-on ring instruction on Sunday, March 22.

Teresa Keiger, BAOS chair, reports that she has been updating the BAOS presentations. Ongoing projects include continuing to update class materials.

Future Projections for Committee:

Report on the next BAOS to be held in the United States, Phoenix Arizona in conjunction with Phoenix Feline Fanciers show December 10-13, 2026.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Keiger, BAOS Coordinator*

Continuing Education Subcommittee

Chair: Anne Mathis

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

On March 26, 2026, the Continuing Education Subcommittee, with input from Judging Program Chair Vicki Nye and Korat Breed Council Secretary Cheryl Coleman, presented a Zoom presentation of the Korat breed. Attendees were awarded 1 CEU for their attendance at this presentation. Those that watch the recording will also earn this credit. Our thanks to Cheryl Coleman for this excellent opportunity. 32 of our Associate and regular program judges attended the Zoom presentation.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Continuing Education report cards continue to be submitted by the many judges that are due by October 1, 2026. Each judge needs to have earned 12 CEU'S during the last 5 year period.

Future Projections for Committee:

A longhair breed presentation will be done this year to continue to provide judges with a way to earn CEU'S. Report cards that are received will be recorded. As of 3/31/26, there are 44 judges who must still submit their report card by 10/1/2026.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Mathis*

Nye: We have approximately 40 more judges that need to submit their continuing education report card by October 1st. Anne Mathis is working on that and we will be prodding them a little more probably with personal reminders.

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:

Judge	Assn	Sponsor/Club	City/Country	Date
Kharchenko, Irina	Fun Show	Interregional Union of Felinologists	Moscow, Russia	02/14/26
Rattanaweerawong, I	Fun Show	Cat Fanciers Club of Thailand	Bangkok, Thailand	03/08/26
Grebneva, Olga	RUI	Rolandus	Kyiv, Ukraine	03/14/26
Korotonozhkina, Olga	RUI	Rolandus	Kyiv, Ukraine	03/14/26
Heidt, Wendy	LOOF	Passion Alliance Feline	Orange, France	03/28/26
Ardinsyah, Ardin	Fun Show	Tangerang Cat Family	Tangerang, Indonesia	04/04/26
Sariff, Amir	Fun Show	Pet Adventure Wonderland	Nusantara, Indonesia	04/11/26
Newkirk, Darrell	CCCA	Capital Cats Inc.	Canberra, Australia	05/17/26
Mathis, Anne	CCA	Motor City Cat Club	Cavan, ON Canada	06/07/26
Griswold, Marilee	Seminar	Scottish Fold Seminar	ACF	06/08/26
Raymond, Allan	ACF	Tasmanian Feline Assoc	Hobart, Tasmania	06/20/26
Schleissner, Michael	Felidae IND	Felidae e. V.	Hamburg, Germany	06/27/26
Dodds, Nancy	CCCA	Cats Queensland Inc	Acacia Ridge, QLD	07/18/26
Schleissner, Michael	Felidae (IND)	Felidae e. V.	Dessau, Germany	08/29/26
Rivard, Lorraine	CCA	Ottawa Valley Cat Club	Ottawa, Ontario	09/27/26
Quigley, Neil	CCA	Club Felin de Montreal	Laval Quebec Canada	10/04/26
Heidt, Wendy	CCA	Club Felin de Montreal	Laval Quebec Canada	11/28/26
Rivard, Lorraine	CCA	Club Felin de Montreal	Laval, Quebec, Canada	11/29/26
Schleissner, Michael	Felidae (IND)	Felidae e. V.	Dessau, Germany	12/05/26
Raymond, Allan	NZCF	Auckland Cat Club	Auckland, New Zealand	04/24/27
Grebneva, Olga	CCCA	Capital Cats Inc.	Canberra, Australia	06/05/27
Misugi, Emiko	CCCA	Capital Cats Inc.	Canberra, Australia	06/12/27

CFA Club Requests to use a Guest Judge:

Judge	Assn	Sponsor/Club	City/Country	Date	Approved
Judge	Assoc	CFA Club	City/Country	Show Date	JPC Approval
Vasilieva, Vera	WCF	Edelweiss Cat Club	Moscow, Russia	2/7/26	app 01/27/26 Board
Gleason, Elaine	CCA	Genesee Cat Fanciers	Brockport, NY	3/7/26	app 03/02/26 Board
Ling, Christine	CCA	Siam Blue-Eyed CF	Bangkok, Thailand	3/15/26	app GJ
Ling, Christine	CCA	Swire Cat Fanciers	Shanghai, China	3/21/26	app GJ
Davies, Allan	CCCA	Galaxy Cat Club	Hong Kong	3/28/26	app GJ
Hamalainen, Satu	FIFe	Micina Cat Fanciers	Tokyo, Japan	3/28/26	app GJ
Ling, Christine	CCA	Oriental Crown CF Club	Shanghai, China	3/28/26	app GJ
Willems, Troy	CCCA	Last Chance CF Int.	Xian, China	4/11/26	app 02/08/26 NQ
Hamalainen, Satu	FIFe	Temiro Cat Fanciers	Istanbul, Turkey	4/18/26	app GJ CXL
Slizhevska, Tetiana	RUI	Temiro Cat Fanciers	Istanbul, Turkey	4/18/26	app GJ CXL
Kuznetsova, Olga	WCF	Galaxy Cat Club	Bangkok, Thailand	4/25/26	app 03/17/25 board

2025-2026 Season compiled guest judge listing:

Guest Judge Name	# Shows
Abramova, Olga	2
Balciunene, Inga	6
Bielova, Natalia	1
Billing, Jurgen	3
Calmes, Fabrice	1
Comorio, Luigi	1
Davies, Allan	3
De Luca, Chiara	2
Dmitrieva, Ekaterina	1
Dyachenko, Anna	5
Gleason, Elaine	2
Gleason, Robert	2
Gnatkevlych, Olena	5
Gubenko, Dmitriy	5
Gudkova, Alla	1
Hamalainen, Satu	3
Harrison, Vicki Jo	1
Ingor, Alina	3
Izmalkova, Anna	1
Khomutovska, Daria	3
Kuznetsova, Olga	2
Lebedeva, Natalia	1
Ling, Christine	8
Mantovani, Gianfranco	1
Matskevych, Natalia	5
Merrill, Vicky	1
Nazarova, Anna	1
Neukircher, Brenda	1
Noskova, Elena	1
Nyman, Pia	1
Pohvalina, Victoria	3
Slizhevskaya, Tetiana	7
Tarnovskaya, Olga	1
Trautmann, Jurgen	5
Van Rooyen, Jan	1
Vasilieva, Vera	1
Vorobyev, Ivan	1
Williams, Troy	2

Nye: Neil Quigley has been very busy. We've had lots of activity in Canada and Australia for U.S. judges.

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

(4) **CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.**

Submitted by: Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director

Central Office – General

Show Scoring. *In order to finalize scoring for the current show season ending the weekend of April 25-26, Cathy Dunham has notified upcoming shows that all TRNs in shows must be paid by Thursday, April 30 @ 5:00 p.m. ET or they will be removed from the count. The ID Committee is assisting in getting the word out to the shows in the ID. It is not uncommon to have 30-40 or more TRNS in one show and if they are not paid by Thursday, April 30 and removed from the count, this could have a major effect on show counts for other exhibitors.*

Tartaglia: First is an information item about the need to have all TRNs in and paid by Thursday, April 30th at 5 p.m. so we can close out the show season. Any unpaid TRNs get removed from the count. We've let shows know. The ID knows, as well.

Lykoi Breed Council Secretary. *Desiree Bobby recently resigned from this position and recommended Connie Hurley as a replacement. Connie has been working with Desiree on breed council matters for a while and was instrumental in developing the questions on this year's Lykoi ballot. Connie has agreed to accept the position if the CFA Executive Board is in favor of the appointment. Annette Wilson supports the appointment.*

Motion: *Due to the resignation with regret of Desiree Bobby from the position of Lykoi Breed Council Secretary, with regret, appoint Connie Hurley as the Lykoi Breed Council Secretary for the remainder of the current term which expires April 30, 2027.*

Tartaglia: The motion is supported by Annette Wilson. **Calhoun:** So moved. **Currle:** I second. **Anger:** Can we amend the motion to say, "with regret"? **Calhoun:** I have no problem with that. **Currle:** I agree. **Mastin:** Is there any further discussion? Is there any objections? Motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

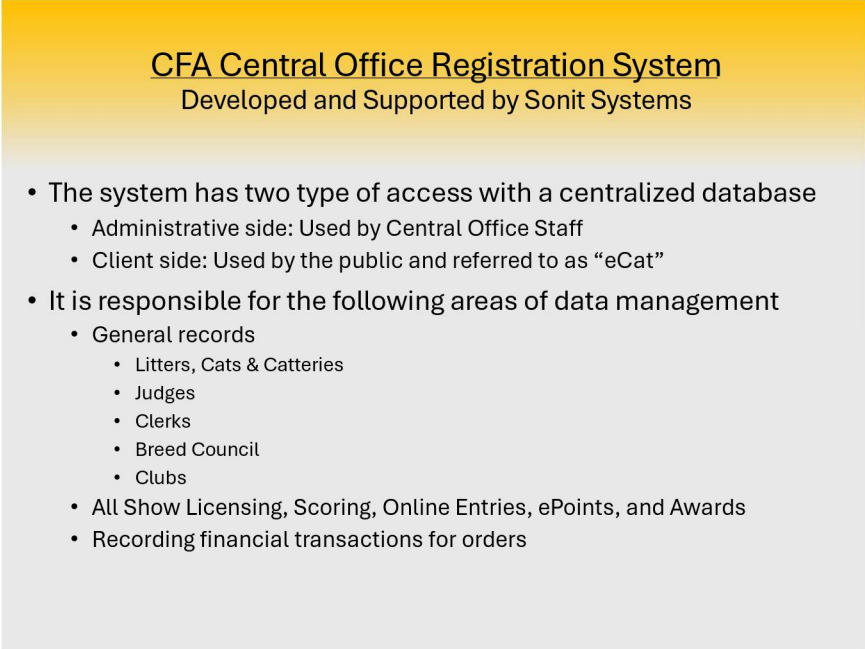
*Respectfully submitted,
s/Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director*

Central Office – IT Systems

Computer System. *There have been discussions recently in various forums about CFA's computer system and are providing a brief overview of the evolution of the system.*

Tartaglia: The next item is regarding the IT systems. This is a PowerPoint. James will just take everybody through this overview of the system. **Simbro:** In October of this year, I'll have been with CFA for 14 years. A lot has changed in that last decade plus and we've had board members come and go. I created this presentation to help remind everyone of how our main

registration system has been developed over that time and to give some context to those on the board who may not be aware of how we got to our present day system.



CFA Central Office Registration System
Developed and Supported by Sonit Systems

- The system has two type of access with a centralized database
 - Administrative side: Used by Central Office Staff
 - Client side: Used by the public and referred to as “eCat”
- It is responsible for the following areas of data management
 - General records
 - Litters, Cats & Catteries
 - Judges
 - Clerks
 - Breed Council
 - Clubs
 - All Show Licensing, Scoring, Online Entries, ePoints, and Awards
 - Recording financial transactions for orders

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Simbro: These first two slides address what the system does and does not do. Primarily, this is our general records for litters, cats and catteries, judges, clerks, breed councils, clubs, and all the show licensing, scoring, online entries, producing ePoints, and ultimately our year-end awards. It also records all of our financial transactions for every order, anything done through eCat, even tasks done through the mail that we receive. All of that gets invoiced or itemized in this system.

Other Systems

- The CFA.org website
 - The developers for the registration system are not involved in the workings of the CFA website.
 - There are links on the CFA website that take users to system reports, such as Breed Council membership and Club Dues lists.
- Entry Clerk System
 - This system is written and supported by Dynamic Edge (located in Michigan) and is used by entry clerks to produce show catalogs, judge's books, and other show supporting documents.
 - The entry clerk system "talks" to the registration system to retrieve some data but is a separate system.
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Other Systems

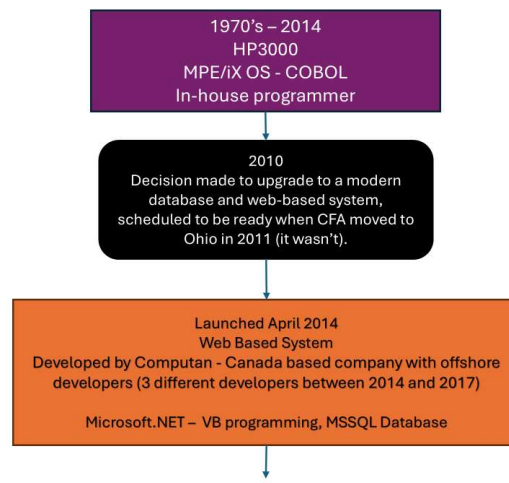
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Online Show Entries: *Managed by the registration system and used by exhibitors but is separate from what the entry clerks use for the shows.*

Simbro: We have other systems that a lot of times may be thought as part of our overall system, but they are not. They have some limited engagement. One is the CFA website. It has nothing to do with our registration system. None of our developers work on that. That's handled by Kathy Durdick. She maintains all the content and the function of the website. The entry clerk system is a standalone system. It talks to our registration system to retrieve some data, but it is a standalone system. Some may wonder why this wasn't done as an integrated system. At that time, we were working with our original company. We did not feel they were capable of doing a system to integrate in, so that was why we went with a different vendor to do that, with the idea that in the future, we could tie them together, which we have done. Online show entries are part of our registration system, in that it ties in with eCat, so people can enter their cats in the shows, and of course, the show licensing feeds the shows in the dropdown to select your cat to enter.

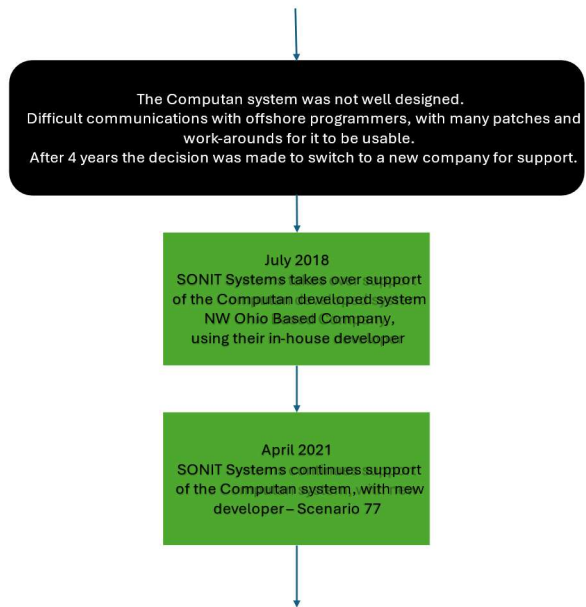
This flowchart documents the support and development stages of the Registration System over the last 46 year.



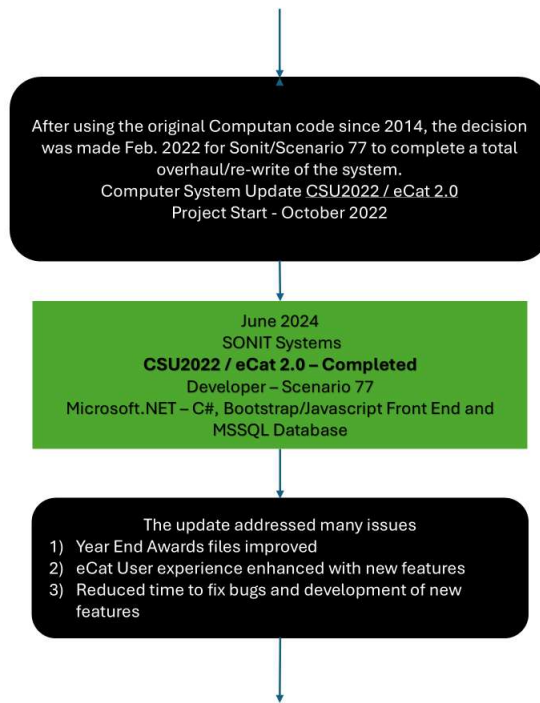
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*HP3000
MPE/iX OS - COBOL
In-house programmer*

Simbro: Here we get into the timeline of our computer system. I've heard the comment that CFA needs to leverage technology. CFA has actually been very forward-thinking in this respect. Online ePoints reports, the Herman phone system – I don't know if people remember the phone system where you would call in with a touchtone phone and key in your cat's number, and it would actually report on your cat's grand points using a computerized voice, all very cutting edge at the time. We had online litter registrations with our old HP system. So, this all started with the HP in the 70s. The 80s is when we started using the latest version of the HP. It lived a very long life. It went from the 80s well into the 2000s, but with the explosion of the internet, it was increasingly difficult to make it work well online. As part of the move to Ohio, it was decided a new system was going to be built. This was supposed to be ready when Central Office moved to Alliance, but it was not. The system build was contracted to a company out of Canada. When I started in the fall of 2012, there had already been two previous IT employees trying to get this new system up and running. It took me a good year to form a decent understanding of all the processes in CFA that the system needed to handle. So much functionality was missing from the system that I came into and needed to get up and running. I worked with several of the Canadian developers to finally get those functions in place and do all the testing, and we finally launched a year and a half later in April of 2014.



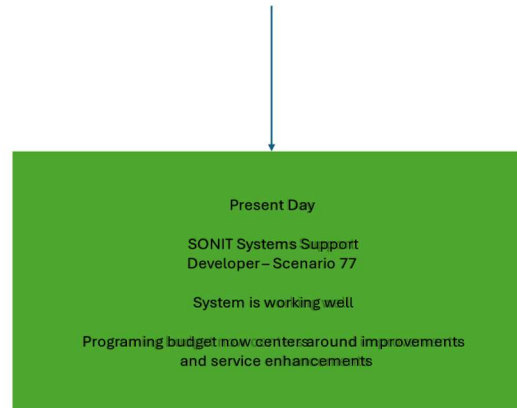
Simbro: The main takeaway here is who and what we were working with at the time. July of 2018 and April of 2021 document how we switched to a new company, SONIT Systems, to take over the support of the Canadian company code. At that time, we did not switch programming. That was still the original code that was not well-designed. It was difficult to work with. They constantly missed their deadlines. That was the focus to change to a new vendor.



2010

Decision made to upgrade to a modern database and web-based system, scheduled to be ready when CFA moved to Ohio in 2011 (it wasn't).

Simbro: After struggling with the original programming for eight years, we decided to do a system overhaul. That was June, and we called it CSU 2022 or eCat 2.0. We launched that new revised overhauled system in June of 2024. The new system was immediately faster to develop on. It was easier to fix bugs when they were found. We fixed many limitations, such as year-end awards, file formatting, and the option to run files in stages and manual by Region 1 through 9, International and China. We added a lot of new features to eCat that had been requested over the years. We also reduced hours for bug fixes and new development. It was much easier to build onto the new system because the developers did not have to spend half their time trying to understand the original code.



Launched April 2014

Web Based System

*Developed by Computan - Canada based company with offshore developers
(3 different developers between 2014 and 2017)
Microsoft.NET – VB programming, MSSQL Database*

The Computan system was not well designed. Communications were difficult communications with offshore programmers, and there were many patches and work-arounds for the system to be usable. After 4 years the decision was made to switch to a new company for support.

Simbro: Today's SONIT systems and Scenario 77, who is the company that is actually the developer that does the programming (we usually refer to that just as SONIT because all the billing goes through SONIT) have given us a great platform to grow on. The developers have learned our unique processes and understand how they all interact together. Many of our core functions rely on other functions, and any new features must keep these other functions in mind. Each new project does not stand on its own. Cats and litters affect breed council membership, catteries linked to cats and litters, clubs for show licensing and voting at the annual, judges and show licensing, show licensing links to show entries. They're all interconnected. Finally, our costs for programming encompasses several roles and not just the coding. Documenting system

requirements is performed by both myself and SONIT. Programming manager is the person who oversees the actual coding. The cost of the actual coding as part of that cost. Finally, the testing and deployment of those changes and new projects into our existing system.

July 2018

*SONIT Systems takes over support of the Computan developed system
NW Ohio Based Company, using their in-house developer*

April 2021

*SONIT Systems continues support of the Computan system,
with new developer – Scenario 77*

*After using the original Computan code since 2014, the decision was made Feb. 2022 for
Sonit/Scenario 77 to complete a total overhaul/re-write of the system.
Computer System Update CSU2022 / eCat 2.0*

Project Start - October 2022

June 2024

*SONIT Systems
CSU2022 / eCat 2.0 – Completed
Developer – Scenario 77
Microsoft.NET – C#, Bootstrap/Javascript Front End and MSSQL Database*

The 2024 update addressed many issues: Year-End Awards files improved, eCat user experience enhanced with new features; reduced time to fix bugs and development of new features.

Present Day

*SONIT Systems Support
Developer – Scenario 77
System is working well
Programing budget now centers around
improvements and service enhancements*

Griswold: I've heard various types of feedback specifically about the interface with eCat. I had mentioned to Allene potentially doing like a small survey or asking for feedback whenever people sign on to eCats, which might be something that we would be able to do, to get that type of feedback. Other folks think that would be a good way to go, as well. Is that something we could do? **Simbro:** Certainly. We're always looking for feedback. We can tweak the interface, make it easier to use. It's heads and tails above what we used to have as far as the user friendliness on mobile and small screen devices.

Mastin: Do you currently have anything in the works for the remainder of this fiscal year as far as projects? **Simbro:** No, we've wrapped up everything. We're gathering statistics about

the color check logic that we had developed. I'm going to report that in June. **Mastin:** Is there any cost associated with that project? **Simbro:** No. **Mastin:** For the 2026-2027 show season, do we have a list of projects in front of the board for a budget approval? **Simbro:** Those are all in the budget. You asked for a list of projects we may want to do in the future that wouldn't be in the 2026-2027 budget. Allene and I are working on that. **Mastin:** Please present that to the board for the June board meeting. **Calhoun:** James and Allene, for the budget review, can you, in your IT budget request, double check and make sure that all of the projects are listed and identified by project and the estimated cost? That would be very helpful for everyone. Double check and make sure that everything is there and you're comfortable with it before we go through the final budget review with the board. **Tartaglia:** We'll do that tomorrow.

*Respectfully submitted,
s/James Simbro*

(5) **TREASURER’S REPORT.**

Treasurer Kathy Calhoun gave the following report:

May 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026

Key Financial Indicators

BALANCE SHEET

CFA’s cash position has improved 18.4% compared to the prior year. This increase reflects strong financial management and enhanced liquidity within the organization.

Profit & Loss Analysis

Registration Revenue and Activity Trends

Litter registration revenue increased 16.44% compared to the prior year, resulting in \$244,544. A similar scenario applies to individual registration, which increased 15.33% and delivered \$404,363. Total revenue from registration contributed \$648,907 to the bottom line. Despite the encouraging growth in registration revenue, it is important to note that the underlying activity, namely, the number of litters and individual cats registered has decreased. This suggests that higher fees or changes in registration structure may be driving revenue gains rather than increased participation. Monitoring these trends closely will be essential to ensure long-term sustainability and to address potential concerns about declining engagement within the community.

	Current Actuals	PY Actuals	% Change	Current Budget
Litter Registrations	\$244,544	\$210,012	16.44%	\$272,891
Individual Registrations	\$404,363	\$350,622	15.33%	\$442,961
Total Registrations	\$648,907	\$560,634	15.75%	\$715,852

While registration revenue is tracking ahead of last year and is approaching budget targets, the decrease in actual registrations raises questions about the sustainability of these gains. The organization may need to review its fee structure and outreach efforts to ensure that revenue growth does not come at the expense of community engagement. Proactive strategies, such as incentivizing participation or reviewing pricing policies, could help reverse the trend of declining registrations and support the long-term health of the registration program. This is being addressed in strategic planning.

Other sources of ordinary income that are trending positively include certified pedigrees which have increased 6.82%, show license fees which have increased 29.83%, and cattery renewals that have increased 32.93%. Total ordinary income experienced a slight increase of 7.83% when compared to prior year.

Calhoun: The financials that we get the benefit from are up, but the number of individual cats, kittens and litters are down. The reason behind that is because some of the changes that we

made with TRNs and registrations of kittens to show and price increasing. We need to be cognizant of that as a board, because we don't want to have all of our growth based on increasing pricing. That's not fair to our constituents. We need to continue to find ways to increase the actual number and the interest in cats, kittens and litter registration.

EXPENSE

Largely, expenses are being managed below prior year's levels with the exception of computer expenses which exceeded prior year by \$18,646. This increase in computer expense was primarily driven by contracted programming.

The Bottom Line

I am very pleased to share great news about the bottom line. CFA's net income at the end of February 2026 was 506,957 more than the year ago. While this strong net income reflects positive financial performance, it's important to recognize that investment returns are included in this calculation which can fluctuate and may not always provide consistent results. Therefore, ongoing attention to operational revenue streams remains essential for long-term stability.

Calhoun: From a perspective of the bottom line, I'm very happy to report, at the end of February, 2026, we were almost \$507,000 more than a year ago. This is strong financial performance. We need to understand that this increase also includes investment returns, and the market is somewhat volatile. We have reaped the benefit for the majority of the first part of the year and we will see how that will continue to keep an eye on that as we move forward.

*Respectfully submitted by
Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer*

(6) NEW CLUB APPLICATIONS.

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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Assistance and guidance were provided to clubs with questions and issues regarding membership and applications.

Club Resignation

One club has indicated to Central Office that they are resigning from CFA membership.

Action Item: *Accept with regret the resignation of Motor City Jazz Club, Region 4, effective January 13, 2026.*

Krzanowski makes the motion. **Huhtaniemi:** I'm going to second that. **Mastin:** Discussion? Objections? Seeing no objections, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Future Projections for Committee:

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

Time Frame:

April 2026 to June 2026 CFA Board meeting.

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 other action items requested by member clubs.

*Respectfully submitted,
Carol Krzanowski, Chair*

(7) **INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.**

Committee Chair: Darrell Newkirk
Committee Vice-Chair: Matthew Wong
Board Liaison: Marilee Griswold

List of Committee Members:
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

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

My thanks to the CFA Board for the approval of the show rules changes for the upcoming 2026-2027 show season.

I have been, and will continue to monitor show flyers, show licenses, online entries and breed summaries. Additionally, Cathy Dunham is sending me the marked master clerk catalogs once the show scoring has been completed. Unfortunately, many people are entering their cats with expired TRNs.

Current Happenings of the Committee:

We recently had a show where a great number of cats were entered into the entry program manually and did not enter via the CFA Online entry process. Show rule 6.36.d. requires all entries for the International Division to be entered through the CFA online entry form on the CFA Website. Please refer to the closed session CFA ID report.

Plans are underway for the CFA International Divisional Awards banquet for ID-Other. Mark your calendars for August 28-29, 2026. The Awards Banquet and an in-conjunction show with the Awards banquet will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, hosted by the Central Breed Cat Club.

The China awards banquet and show is still in the planning stages.

Newkirk: I wanted to let you know that the ID-Other banquet is going to be held in Bangkok on August 28th and 29th. Gavin Cao is doing the research for ID-China. That should be coming up pretty soon.

Report from China Subcommittee co-chairs: Russell Webb and Ellyn Honey, Co-Chairs

No reports for this meeting.

Report from CFA ID committee Co-Chairs for ID East Asia (outside of China): Bob Zenda and Dr. Marilee Griswold

No report for this meeting

Report from CFA ID Committee SubChair AWA – Jan Rogers

Jan has communicated verbally to me that there are potentially two areas of the AWA expressing a desire to form a CFA club. More as it happens.

Report from CFA ID Committee SubChairs CSA – Miguel Mariano Pina Rodrigues / Anne Mathis

No report for this meeting.

What will be Presented at the Next Meeting

Report on International Division Banquets.

[Secretary’s Note: The following motions were originally made in executive session. A motion was made by **Ms. DelaBar**, seconded by **Ms. Nye** and unanimously carried to move the motions and results of the voting into open session and in the notes, with no debate or discussion.]

Motion: Remove from the official count all cats not entered through the online entry system for the Siam Blue Eyed Fanciers show in Bangkok, Thailand on March 15, 2026. **Motion Carried** [vote sealed].

Motion: For the Oriental Diamond Cat Fancier show in Xian, China (ID-China), grant an exception to Show Rule 4.04 (third paragraph), and allow the club to license their April 25-26, 2026 show less than 21 days prior to the opening day of the show, provided certain conditions are met. **Motion Carried** [vote sealed].

*Respectfully Submitted,
Darrell Newkirk, Chair
CFA International Division*

(8) CFA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Legislation Committee Chair Alene Shafnisky gave the following report:

Committee Chair: *Alene Shafnisky*
Liaison to Board: *Marilee Griswold*
List of Committee Members: *George Eigenhauser, Group Members*
CFA Legislative Group: *Alene Shafnisky, Sharon Coleman, Kelly Crouch*
Regional Liaisons: *Leann and Mike Karinick (R2), Holly Mueller (R6),
Mireille Gobel (R9), Nadia Jaffar (ID)*

Griswold made a standing motion for all motions on the Legislative Report.
Krzanowski made a standing second.

Current Happenings of Committee and Group:

The Committee is dedicated to take every action we can to ensure restrictive or negative legislation is not passed at any level from local to national. We have in the past several weeks been inundated by the attempts to create a mandatory spay/neuter law from being enacted for every animal imported to Hawai'i. This would effectively end the fancy by law in that state, at a time it is starting to grow. Hawai'i Humane Society is pouring efforts into getting multiple laws up for voting modified to include this language. It has currently been sent to the Finance Committee as SB 1023, a revived and edited bill from 2025.

Our Legislative Group participated in a very productive Zoom call during the Region 2 Regional Zoom meeting, and we have been asking that any Region holding a Zoom call give us just a few short minutes of your time for us to give a short presentation on how to monitor local laws and answer any questions people in your region may have. We are planning to start offering Zoom meetings to all fanciers who want to know this information at a variety of dates and times so that hopefully, we can offer everyone a chance to attend our meetings.

Future Projections for Committee and Legislative Group:

We continue to monitor legislative situations around the country. We need to have flexibility from CFA in order to quickly pivot to respond to proposed legislation, such as in the Hawai'i situation. It is not uncommon to have less than 48 hour turnarounds to offer testimony in support or opposition to legislation on all levels.

We continue to discuss the best ways to provide shortcuts to the Legislative web presence and the risk and benefit of starting to post with social media. Zoom links will be sent to the CFA and Regional io groups to garner interest and hopefully engage participation among fanciers in our ongoing mission.

Action Item: *Effective immediately, allow the CFA Legislative Committee and Group to submit testimony on behalf of CFA, whether in person, on the phone, or online, to oppose proposed mandatory spay/neuter laws, pet limit laws, breeding bans, mandatory microchipping, declawing, pet guardianship (vs owner), emotionally based damages, pet store retail bans,*

animal cruelty, cat licensing, reclassifying unowned/feral cats or colonies, and/or breed specific restrictions or bans, without requiring delays for Board permission. This permission would be ongoing and effective until revoked.

Shafnisky: We are doing our best to utilize technology in the best way that we can. What we see the most need for is to get testimony from CFA on the books in a lot of these places and we need permission to do that. We're not asking for anything that hasn't been already approved – policy statements, prior legal opinion, that sort of thing. We've restricted our request for permission to those categories of items that CFA has already issued position statements on. We would be tailoring them to whatever legislation it is that we're responding to. **Mastin:** Alene, thank you for addressing the action item. **Huhtaniemi:** I like the action item, but I'm curious to know why microchipping is listed there. It's something we should support, not to be against. **Shafnisky:** We've previously addressed microchipping. At some point, CFA is going to evolve their position statement on it, but I can tell you that in the US, it's a tough sell to do things like this that require registration, required participation. It's not very popular in the US, the way that it is in Europe. That may change for us as a policy, but right now it was just one of the policies that's already been approved by CFA within certain terms. So, we included it on the motion. **DelaBar:** Is this policy essentially for the U.S.? This won't work outside the U.S. **Shafnisky:** Are you referring to the microchipping? **DelaBar:** I'm referring to the whole thing of you calling up, for instance, the Spanish parliament and saying, we don't like your position, or we oppose your position on mandatory spay neuter or something like that. One, you don't know who to call until you get in touch with me or possibly Pauli, but this won't work. We're too fragmented by countries. We've got 44 countries in Region 9 alone, 29 of which are in the EU. I want to address microchipping. It is supported by the Animal Welfare Committee. We see too many cats that people cannot get back from disasters or from civil process seizures. It's something that CFA truly needs to address. Overall, I would support this for the U.S., but I cannot see how it can work for China, Europe and the rest of the ID.

Mastin: The way it's worded, it gives the Legislative Committee a broadband of what they will oppose based on certain areas, correct? It doesn't imply that it's for all areas. **Raymond:** Yes. It allows them to communicate on behalf of CFA. I understand Pam's position, but the intent of the motion is to not have to come to the board before speaking on CFA's behalf. **Mastin:** Alene, that is your understanding and your intent? **Shafnisky:** Correct, that was absolutely the only intent. If something came up, we wanted to be able to say “CFA as an organization either supports or opposes what you're trying to propose.” That's all. **Calhoun:** I had a question around the feedback and the reporting back that CFA and the regional directors would receive from your conversations. Would this be something that would be reported in your board reports, or is this feedback that you would give to the regional directors on an expedited timeline so they would know what's going on? **Shafnisky:** If this were a situation where we were providing testimony on something, that would mean that there's an active need for input and information, and that means I would be in touch with that region and we probably would have already put out a call for action on the regional lists as well. **DelaBar:** I am still concerned about the contact outside of the US. I'm speaking now in my position as the chair of the World Cat Congress Legislative Committee. One, I fully support the CFA Legislative Committee. I've seen it evolve from 1988 forward, but I am concerned on the process. How are we going to handle what we're doing in various countries outside of the U.S.? **Shafnisky:** My answer to you is, we would handle it the way we are now. We've been reaching out to you and Mireille, and we try to

find individual contacts in the different country. It's the kind of situation where we're not talking about making comments here, there, and everywhere. Our statements would be in conjunction with our notifying whoever is the director or contact for that region, and they would be informed of what we were doing if not looped into the conversation. **DelaBar:** I am trying to state why I have a concern. In Europe, the most effective way that we can communicate with the legislators, and it works for the U.S. too, is based upon the constituents for that country. The other thing that I'm concerned about, Europe specifically, are the things that we accept as seeming to be part of good animal husbandry, is listed in the action item as something that CFA fights. So that's where my concern is. As I said, I have problems with how this can become a real problem outside of the U.S.

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar and Huhtaniemi voting no. Colilla did not vote. [Altschul and Webster were no longer on the call.]

Mastin: Ed, I don't want to belabor this motion, but can you explain what this motion is? I don't read this as they're opposed to what's happening in the different countries in Europe. It just gives them the option to be opposed to something that is within a state or a country or a province. **Raymond:** You're correct. The motion does not require the Legislative Committee or Group to do anything. It allows them to do things if they decide that they should. Based on Alene's comments, she'd be reaching out to the appropriate contacts in Region 9 to figure out how to do things and whether to comment at all. **Mastin:** Right. That's my understanding of how the motion's written. **DelaBar:** I understand the motion very well. I understand the evolution of the Legislative Committee and the Legislative Group. My concern is that it does not require them to go through anyone, especially when outside the U.S. My concern on several things we're going to be talking about is that things are written for action in the U.S. That doesn't really work here in Europe or possibly other places. I am all for an active Legislative Committee, but we need serious communication on several things, especially since now the new EU parliament guidelines have been issued to all 29 EU countries and they can come forward and add requirements to the animal welfare law, although most of this is on dogs, cats, ferrets and livestock. I have watched the Legislative Committee evolve over all these many years. I will help them every way. We've gotten outstanding support from them, but I am concerned. I'm voicing that concern. **Shafnisky:** I'll reach out directly to the folks in Europe and try to resolve exactly what the objections are and see if we can overcome them. Again, we reassure them that we'll be working with them, not around them.

Time Frame:

Ongoing.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates and pending legislative matters.

Alene Shafnisky, Chair

(9) **ANNUAL MEETING DELEGATES.**

May 1, 2026 is the deadline for eligible clubs to submit delegate information to Central Office. A proxy may be named to serve in place of the named delegate up to the time of the Annual Meeting. It is critical that clubs send a delegate or proxy since a quorum requires the presence of a delegate or proxy from one-half (1/2) of the eligible member clubs.

*Edward Raymond,
CFA Legal Counsel*

Raymond: This is just a reminder and thinking ahead to the annual in June. In order to have a quorum to conduct business, we need delegates or proxies from one-half of the eligible member clubs. The deadline for clubs to submit a delegate to Central Office is May 1st. This is a reminder to please do so. The delegate can be replaced with a proxy at any time up to the beginning of the meeting. The proxy or delegate does not need to be a member of the club in question. They need to be a member of any member club. So, if there is a club that isn't sending any of its members to the annual, but wishes to have a vote, they can ask a member from another club to serve as their delegate. Every year we hold our breath to make sure that we cross the 50% mark. It's all the more important these days because we're voting by clicker. We see the actual number of votes cast and that tells us whether or not we have as many votes as are required for a quorum. So it's good to have a little fat and have many more clubs represented than are required. **DelaBar:** Where is it stated that a proxy must be a member of any CFA club? **Raymond:** It is in Article IV, Section 5.

(10) STEVE DALE SPEAKER SERIES.

Introduction

Steve Dale, a renowned Pet Expert, Certified Animal Behavior Consultant, and Public Speaker, has been an active collaborator with the Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) for several years. He is a recurring presenter at the CFA International Cat Show and currently serves as Secretary for the EveryCat Health Foundation.

Background and Experience

Steve Dale is well known for his expertise in feline behavior and his dedication to the health and welfare of animals. Over the years, he has been invited to various CFA shows to share his insights on cats, the mission and work of EveryCat Health Foundation, as well as products that support animal health and well-being.

Potential Program Expansion

Recent discussions between Steve Dale, Rich Mastin, and myself have explored the possibility of expanding Steve's involvement to other CFA clubs.

Today's intention is to inform the CFA Board about these initial conversations and to encourage knowledgeable Regional Directors to share their interest and insights regarding this opportunity. A ZOOM meeting will be scheduled for those conversations.

It is important to emphasize that this initiative is still in its early stages and is not yet ready for official launch. Significant planning and collaboration are required before moving forward. This communication serves as the starting point for further discussions, with the hope that more concrete plans will be shared at the February meeting for additional input.

Further Information

For those interested in learning more about Steve Dale and his work, please visit his official website at the link provided: [Home - Steve Dale Pet World](#)

*Thank you,
Kathy Calhoun*

Calhoun: My plan is to contact the regional directors and have a separate call so that the directors may understand more about the program. We're trying to get out in front of the clubs that this opportunity to have Steve Dale come and speak at a show could potentially help get more spectators because of his notoriety and the books that he's written. He is fairly well known and a very good speaker, in that he speaks in everyday terms that anybody can understand about animal care, specifically cat. He would also talk about EveryCat. He would talk about whatever company is sponsoring him to come in. So, the point is to advise, so the board would know that I'll be reaching out to the regional directors to get some ideas of what clubs may be interested and how each region might want to pursue it or not pursue it.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

(11) **OTHER COMMITTEES.**

None.

(12) **NEW BUSINESS.**

(a) ***In-Conjunction Request – Felidae e.V.***

Felidae e.V., an approved German association, has invited UK Cat Fanciers club to participate in an in-conjunction show in Stuttgart, Germany, on 20, 21, 22 November 2026. Felidae has conducted this 3 day show for the past 2 years. The invitation is contingent on our CFA club hosting a show over the 3 days. The current officers of Felidae are Anna Notthoff, 1st chairman, Sabine Kunzel, 2nd chairman, Anna Hirsch, auditor, and Tanja Bowher, 2nd auditor.

Due to anonymous complaints to local government veterinarians, CFA shows have not been held in Germany for the past year. This association with Felidae offers the opportunity to bring CFA back to Germany.

Motion: *Grant permission per Show Rule 4.08, to conduct an in-conjunction show with Felidae e.V. Additionally request exception to Show Rules 4.06 a through f, to conduct a 3 ring show on 20 November, 4 rings shows on 21 and 22 November 2026, conducted by UK Cat Fanciers, on the condition that the club be informed that they must comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).*

DelaBar: This is an approved association. We have judged their shows and we have had in-conjunction shows with Felidae quite often. They are holding a special Friday, Saturday and Sunday three-day event in November for the third time. They have invited UK Cat Fanciers to participate with them. If you all remember, we had some shows canceled because of anonymous complaints sent to the regional veterinarians. We're asking to have an in-conjunction show with Felidae and also asking for an exception to our show rule formats to allow a three-ring show on Friday, four ring on Saturday, four ring on Sunday in conjunction with the Felidae massive event in Stuttgart, Germany. **Huhtaniemi:** I make the second. **Krzanowski:** This is a wonderful opportunity for us and a great chance for us to reintroduce CFA to cat fanciers in Germany. I am 100% in favor of this motion.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

*Pam DelaBar
Director, Region 9 Europe*

[**Webster** joins the call.]

(b) ***In-Conjunction Request – Southwest Sweet Cat Club/Sapphire Stars Feline Club***

Background: *On February 20, 2026, approval was granted for the Southwest Sweet Cat Club to hold an in-conjunction show with a Super Cat Association ("SCA") club in Tianjin, China (ID-China), on May 16, 2026. Unfortunately, due to venue issues on the part of the exhibition organizers, they have requested to call off this show and plan a future event.*

Alternatively, CFF has proposed a joint show the following weekend, May 23-24, 2026, in Shenyang, Liaoning Province, China at the Shenyang Industrial Exhibition Hall. A previous joint

event was approved with this group and a show was successfully held on November 15, 2025, by Sapphire Stars Feline Club in Guangzhou, China. CFF's officers are Duan Ruyu (President), Zhang Yafei (Vice-President), Zhou Jing (Secretary) and Lin Feng (Chief Judge).

[Secretary's Note: The following motion was originally made in executive session. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to move the motion and results of the voting into open session and in the notes, with no debate or discussion.]

Motion: *Grant the China TLC MCC Club permission to hold an in-conjunction show with a CFF club in Shenyang, Liaoning Province, China (ID-China), on May 23-24, 2026, on the condition that the club be informed that they should comply with the Guidelines (and enclose a copy with our approval).*

Motion Carried. [Vote sealed]

(c) *Process for clubs to notify exhibitors of possible feline contagious diseases that may have been present at shows.*

Bennett: In the past two weekends, we have had shows where cats have been in the show hall and found to have a significant contagious disease. Do we want to discuss the possibility of having show managers make notification to exhibitors when a cat is found and confirmed to be contagious, so that they can be watching for symptoms? Similar to the activities we did during COVID where if an exhibitor was found after a show to have COVID, to inform other people to watch this. I'm concerned that we may have a risk to litigation for clubs or to CFA itself if we do not at least request some sort of notification by show management to the exhibitors when they are aware, to watch their cats for symptoms. **Moyer:** This particular show last weekend was in my region. I did some research because the show manager from the first show had called me and I was unable to confirm any other cases from that show. At the second show, the cat was never benched, it was never shown and it was on the outside edge of the incubation period. I talked with Marilee. We wrote a statement and had the entry clerk email it to all the exhibitors informing them that there was a case, it wasn't benched, it wasn't shown, but watch your cats and take your normal precautions. We felt we should do something and it was appropriate. **Mastin:** Thank you for being proactive. **Bennett:** I would like to work with Marilee and some CFA veterinarians on an informative statement that we could provide to show managers if there is a confirmed case of a contagious disease at a show, that they could use to inform the exhibitors. I wanted to see if the board had any appetite for this or if they thought this was overly reactive. **Raymond:** Are you going to require the exhibitor to notify the show manager if their cat receives such a diagnosis? **Bennett:** We didn't require people to tell us when they had COVID. It requires an honor system. **Raymond:** This isn't a personal health issue. There's no HIPAA law for cats. **Bennett:** It's a personal health issue for the cats. **Raymond:** They're not subject to HIPAA. I want to make sure that you're defining what diseases, during what period of time. **Bennett:** If I can work with Marilee and our Health and Welfare Committee, we can come up with something for the June board meeting, if the board has appetite for us to go forward. **DelaBar:** There appears to be a vaccine break, a possible mutation of the gene going on in the U.S. I hope that this stops quickly because it's a very sad occasion when it happens.

[Secretary's Note: A straw poll was taken, indicating majority support.] **Mastin:** Go ahead, Jacqui. If you're going to go down the path of show rules or some type of policy or procedure, I would like you to also include Ed. He can help write it and he can also help guide based on what we currently have in our show rules, and if there is any liability issues.

(13) **OLD BUSINESS.**

None.

(14) **AWARDS COMMITTEE.**

Committee Chair: Cathy Dunham
Liaison to Board: Janet Moyer
List of Committee Members: Martha Auspitz, Ginger Meeker, Beth Polstra
Sub-Committee Fundraiser: Beth Grant-Field

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Medal of Honor presentation to Don Williams family will take place May 16, 2026 at Don's celebration of life.

Update on the national rosette fundraiser - ~~\$8,400.00~~ \$8,650.00 has been received. The fundraiser will end April 30, 2026.

Dunham: I have one update that I'd like to make regarding the national rosette fundraiser. The new amount received is \$8,650 and it's still open. It ends on April 30th. We're always looking for more funds, so any help is greatly appreciated.

Future Projections for Committee:

Present the 2026 Awards at the Annual in June 2026.

Time Frame:

Ongoing

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Update on ongoing projects.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Dunham, Chair*

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The open session meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

The executive session meeting adjourned at 1:07 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

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

(15) 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.

To be announced when appeal period has expired.

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]:

To be announced when appeal period has expired.