

**CFA ANNUAL AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS  
JUNE 15-19, 2005**

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**Secretary's Note:** The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Wednesday, June 15, 2005, at the Sheraton Atlantic City, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

President **Pam DelaBar** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present:

**Ms. Pam DelaBar (President)**  
**Ms. Kitty Angell (Vice-President)**  
**Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)**  
**Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)**  
**Ms. Debbie Kusy (NAR Director)**  
**Mr. Dick Kallmeyer (NWR Director)**  
**Mr. James Watson (GSR Director)**  
**Mrs. Loretta Baugh (GLR Director)**  
**Ms. Regina Shaffer (SWR Director)**  
**Ms. Linda Berg (MWR Director)**  
**Ms. Peg Johnson (SOR Director)**  
**Mrs. Kayoko Koizumi (Japan Regional Director)**  
**Mr. Stan Barnaby (Director-at-Large)**  
**Ms. Joan Miller (Director-at-Large)**  
**Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)**  
**Mr. Gary Veach (Director-at-Large)**  
**Mrs. Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)**

Not present due to various medical obligations:

**Ms. Jo Ann Cummings (Director-at-Large)**  
**Mrs. Jody Garrison (Director-at-Large)**

Also present were Mr. Thomas Dent, CFA Executive Director; Mrs. Carol Krzanowski, Associate Director; Ms. Allene Tartaglia, Director Special Projects; and Fred Jacobberger, Esq., CFA Legal Counsel.

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

(1) **CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES.**

No corrections to the February, 2005 minutes having been submitted, Barnaby moved to accept the minutes. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(2) **APPOINT INSPECTORS OF ELECTION/CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.**  
**Credentials Chair Eve Russell** presented the following report:

*The Credentials Committee will meet on Thursday, June 16, 2005 at noon rather than at our usual 9:30 am. Carol Krzanowski, our Central Office liaison, needs to be meeting with the board that morning. At this meeting we will discuss any problems relating to seating of the club delegates.*

*We will meet again on Friday, June 17, 2005 at 7 a.m. to open/count the ballots for the Director-At-Large election.*

*Our 2005 membership includes the following persons: Ken Brown, Karen Crooke, Nancy Dodds, Geri Fellerman, Bill Frew, Yvonne Griffin, Hilary Helmrich, Pat Lichtenberg, Mary Beth Minkley, Nancy Petersen, Eve Russell, Barbara Schreck, Paula Watson. This year Mary Beth Minkley returns after not attending last year's annual due to a conference conflict. Cheryl Thieler will not be attending the annual this year. Thus, we have no new members. The membership years on this committee range from one year to twenty-five years.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Eve Russell, Credentials Chair*

**DelaBar:** At this time, I am going to appoint the inspectors of election in our Credentials Committee: Ken Brown, Karen Crooke, Nancy Dodds, Geri Fellerman, Bill Frew, Yvonne Griffin, Hilary Helmrich, Pat Lichtenberg, Mary Beth Minkley, Nancy Petersen, Eve Russell, Barbara Schreck and Paula Watson. These are all seasoned tellers and credentials people. **Berg:** I so move. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

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

**Treasurer Kathy Calhoun** gave the following report using a standing motion with the right to vote no:

*This report is based on financial reports for the period beginning May 1, 2004 through April 30, 2005*

**KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS**

**Assets:**

*Current assets and properties maintain a total value that is flat to last year.*

**Ordinary Income-Registrations and Related Services:**

*This year's revenue generated from registration is 7.7% lower than last year and 1.7% lower than budget. Along with that, related line items are down which include cattery registrations, transfers, and championship confirmations. Again the headline is that this revenue base is growing smaller. An opportunity may be to develop incentives for pet buyers to register kittens. As a category, Ordinary Income is only slightly down but there a few additional line items that warrant additional consideration in this report. The Breeder Directory has provided incremental revenue, as did the Online Almanac and Web Advertising. In the future, the Online Almanac will be considered as a part of Publications.*

**Yearbook and Almanac:**

*The new Yearbook has provided a great deal of excitement about this publication. Revenue from advertising increased almost 30%. Although the overall publications portfolio suffered a loss, when consideration is given to the Online Almanac the loss is just slightly below budget.*

**CFA Sponsored Events:**

*Both the International and Madison Square Garden were successful shows. The International Show being the more mature venue brought in a healthy profit, while the show at the Garden improved and reduced its loss over the prior year.*

**Operating Expenses:**

*Administrative expense at Central Office, which includes salary, benefits, utilities, building insurance, supplies and postage, ended the year below budget while utilities and other general maintenance items were slightly over budget. Depreciation of computer equipment exceeded budget. CFA Programs varied both positively and negatively and ended the year negative to budget.*

*Overall, this year can largely be categorized as a successful year with a small profit, many well managed program changes and a promising year ahead.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Calhoun*

**Barnaby:** The International Show had a profit, while the show at the Garden lost. Could you explain that? We had more [sponsorship] revenue than we had the prior year. **Newkirk:** I had the

same question, but Kathy addressed some of this. We still lost a great deal of money, although we had additional sponsorship money. Some things went down on income and some expenses went up, which offset the additional money. **Angell** moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**(4) CLUB APPLICATIONS.**

**Club Membership Chair Jo Ann Cummings** submitted the following club applications for approval:

*CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CAT FANCIERS  
Great Lakes Region*

*Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.*

- *Twelve members.*
- *Eleven members reside in Pennsylvania, one in Maryland.*
- *Six members belong to other CFA clubs.*

*Objectives:*

- *To educate the public and improve awareness of CFA registered cats.*
- *To promote the showing of CFA registered cats within CFA.*
- *To sponsor CFA sanctioned cat shows and/or exhibits.*
- *To promote the welfare of CFA registered cats by discouraging both the sale of cats through pet shows and the proliferation of “backyard” breeders.*
- *To encourage the altering of all pets.*
- *To promote sportsmanship and friendship among cat fanciers and breeders.*

*Additional activities:*

- *The club does not plan to incorporate.*
- *The club plans to participate in two local animal fairs to promote owning and showing CFA pedigreed cats.*
- *They plan on having a yearly local show to promote the friendship and sportsmanship of their club members.*
- *The show to be held in Altoona, PA, which is between Pittsburgh and Lancaster, Pa.*
- *Plan to have a dinner/meeting several times a year.*

*As of this date (May 16, 2005), one letter has been received from Ramapo Cat Fanciers and signed by Jeri Zottoli. They feel that this club is in an area that is already saturated with clubs and shows, and there are no show dates available.*

- *Approval given by Great Lakes Regional Director, Loretta Baugh.*

**Baugh:** This is a very young, enthusiastic group in an area where we need clubs. I support the club coming in. **Kusy:** It is several hours from Lancaster PA, but we’re concerned about when they are going to find a show date that won’t impact other clubs in the area. **Baugh:** We can address the show date in that area. **DelaBar:** I maintain that we are going to have to address show scheduling overall in some form or fashion. **Newkirk:** When new clubs come up, I always see how many new people we’re bringing in. At least half the people in this club are new. It would serve a need in getting the cats addressed and introduced to the people in that area. **Miller:** They express their interest in working with animal fairs and some other activities. We have to do everything to grow interest with fanciers. If our show scheduling is blocking our

growth, then we have to deal with that as a separate matter. We should support this and then try to find out how to deal with show scheduling. **Wilson:** My issue is with continually adding clubs when we have a lot of inactive clubs. Validating the clubs we have is an issue we need to address and make a priority. **Johnson:** I have noticed a phenomenon in my region. We have young, enthusiastic people that are trying to get in the fancy. We need to grow, but we seem to feel there's a limit on the number of clubs we can handle. This is an antithesis to growth theory – that we can only get so big and we can only have so many clubs, instead of putting energy toward getting those people involved and giving them a place and a voice in CFA. We don't have good succession plans for our clubs. Clubs don't know how to bring new people in and transfer power. If we put a cap on the number of clubs, we will never grow. **Newkirk:** We need to look at the history of how paper clubs got started. Years ago, when breed clubs came in, there had to be a longhair club and a shorthair club before there was an allbreed club. The massive amount of clubs was perpetuated by the organization. How do you balance what was forced upon the people and what we want to do in the future? We ought to have a stringent set of criteria that a group of people who want to form a CFA club should have to meet before they are even considered for membership in our organization. **Angell:** We are in the process of not only losing clubs but losing states. Why don't we use existing clubs to resume this activity? We have too many shows and we're killing each other. **Dent:** If we have rules for legitimate clubs that want to come to us, then we should make everybody follow those rules. **Baugh** moves for the acceptance of this club. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

*BREEDERS ALLIANCE & SPHYNX TRUST (BAST)  
Southern Region*

*Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.*

- *Fourteen members.*
- *Ten members belong to other CFA clubs.*

*Objectives:*

- *To serve as a Sphynx breed club.*
- *To promote the welfare of all cats.*
- *To promote the breeding of pedigree cats to the standards accepted by CFA.*
- *To sponsor cat shows and exhibits.*
- *To promote sportsmanship and friendship among cat fanciers.*

*Additional Activities:*

- *The club plans to incorporate.*
- *Year-end awards for winners of their breed.*
- *Begin a pedigree data base.*
- *Fund raising, donating funds to Feline health research.*
- *Ring sponsorship.*
- *Donations to Southern Region.*
- *Host an annual allbreed show after funding and dates are available.*
- *Possible show locations: Chattanooga, TN, Macon, GA, Columbia, SC.*

*As of this date (May 16, 2005), two letters of recommendation were attached to initial application: Pat Hawk – Secretary/Treasurer of International Sphynx Society, and C. Sue Gleason – Secretary of Mid-west Enthusiasts of Wonder Sphynx.*

- *Two negative letters received (Emerald Coast Cat Fanciers and Ramapo Cat Fanciers).*
- *A rebuttal letter has been received from Mrs. Sanders regarding the letter from Emerald Coast Cat Fanciers*
- *Approval given by Southern regional director, Peg Johnson.*

**Johnson:** A lot of the members belong to clubs in a lot of different places. This is a very energetic group with ideas about promoting outside of CFA. They want to help CFA any way they can. They're not interested in taking a date unless one is available. **Veatch:** I would support this club because it appears to be a Sphynx breed club on a national level. **Newkirk:** A lot of these members already belong a Sphynx club. How many Sphynx clubs are there? **Miller:** There are 2, which both support this club. That indicates they feel that they can use another national club. **DelaBar:** Once accepted for championship, not too many other breeds have expanded their numbers as the Sphynx has. **Johnson** moved to accept this club. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Newkirk abstained.

*SIAMESE, IF YOU PLEASE  
Southern Region*

*Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.*

- *Twenty-two members.*
- *Nineteen members belong to other CFA clubs.*
- *Members reside in the following states: Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Washington, West Virginia, and Canada.*

*Objectives:*

- *To educate exhibitors, spectators and the general public on matters involving the purebred Siamese cat*
- *To promote health and welfare of the purebred Siamese cat.*
- *To sponsor rings in existing Siamese Breed Clubs and other CFA-sponsored shows including the International Division.*
- *To promote interest in and knowledge of the Siamese breed through breed literature, video shows, breed booths, and sponsorship of judging seminars in coordination with the Siamese Breed Council Secretary.*
- *To maintain a web site with historical and current information on the Siamese cat.*
- *To publish a newsletter that will further promote the welfare of the Siamese cat, and will present news, views and issues germane to the Siamese breed.*
- *To encourage the Siamese breeders to join the CFA Siamese Breed Council.*

- *To encourage friendship, cooperation, and common interests among the members of this club and CFA.*
- *To advance the interests of breeders as well as exhibitors and to promote the welfare of all cats through involvement with all facets and programs of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.*

*Additional activities and aims:*

- *The club does not plan to incorporate.*
- *The breed interest will primarily be focused on the purebred Siamese.*
- *Spectators that attend CFA shows will be educated by answering questions regarding the "more traditional" Siamese versus the Siamese cats that are being exhibited at the shows. They wish to explain the history of the Siamese cat; that Siamese cats are pointed cats which have not been mixed with any other breed of cat.*
- *Since the club membership is so diverse they feel they can reach a great number of people with printed information throughout the entire country and through the International show; we can send this message to other clubs and people who enjoy the Siamese breed in other parts of the world.*
- *They feel that CFA is the only major feline registry that still recognizes Siamese as a breed.*

*As of this date (May 16, 2005), one negative letter has been received from Ramapo Cat Fanciers and signed by Jeri Zottoli. They feel that this club is in an area that is already saturated with clubs and shows, and there are no show dates available.*

- *Approval given by Southern regional director, Peg Johnson.*

**Johnson:** They are very concerned that we are the only organization that has true Siamese colors and they want to focus on that. It's about education. **Shaffer:** Education is a wonderful thing but most of them already belong to several Siamese breed clubs. Why can't they educate under their existing clubs? **Miller:** Traditional Siamese are the historic Siamese. The focus of this club is to get that idea across to the public and to cat fanciers. The people behind this are all very experienced Siamese breeders. They have to rejuvenate the breed. **Newkirk:** I love the idea of them rejuvenating their breed. Why do we need one more club with the same people that already belong to breed clubs, to get a point across? If they want to educate the public, that's fine, but there are all kinds of avenues to do that. **Kusy:** Siamese Alliance of America just had a show and voted in 13 new members. We're very receptive to new people. **DelaBar:** At one time, all the Siamese clubs were thriving. This is not happening now. People that are listed here were members of clubs that have gone inactive, so that's why I'm concerned about bringing up yet another one. **Johnson:** I move that we accept this club. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Calhoun, Johnson and Miller voting yes. Koizumi and Anger abstained.

*Respectfully Submitted*  
*Jo Ann Cummings, Chair, Club Applications*

**DelaBar:** We have lost 10 clubs (3 in Region 2, 1 in Region 4, 1 in Region 5, 1 in Region 8 and 4 in the International Division). **Angell** moves to establish a Club Criteria Committee to look into both new and existing club criteria. **Veach:** I previously drafted a proposal regarding new club applications, for new clubs to have accountability. I would caution that as you establish criteria, we tend to empower people to have an entitlement of acceptance, once they meet the criteria. **Angell:** This is one of the reasons I wish we had more written procedural material in this organization that says we reserve the right at any time to drop you. **Johnson:** We need to help inactive clubs have successions plans. I don't want to lose sight of addressing inactive clubs. **Calhoun:** We need to make participation in the club activity report part of a club's ability to stay active. **Johnson:** Many club members aren't aware of the survey. We send everything to the club secretary and they're not communicating with all the members. We need a way to better communicate with our clubs, rather than just through the secretary. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**(5) INTERNATIONAL DIVISION REPORT.**

**International Committee Chair Darrell Newkirk** gave the following report:

*An International Division meeting was held in March at the Dutch Purrruss show held in s-Gravenpolder, The Netherlands. This, as with other meetings we have had, was well attended by many of the breeders and exhibitors from Europe and Russia. Here are the minutes of that meeting; thanks to Rachel Anger for taking these minutes:*

**CFA INTERNATIONAL DIVISION MEETING  
SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2005**

*A meeting of the International Division of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. was held at the Dutch Purrruss show in S'Gravenpolder, Netherlands, on March 20, 2005. International Division Liaison Darrell Newkirk called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. CFA Secretary Rachel Anger recorded the minutes.*

*Novice Class. The committee (consisting of Alenka Unk, Henny Wintershoven, Juergen Steinbrenner and Desiree Loot) is having discussions about a system to close the novice loophole, and will put a proposal to paper soon.*

*Point System. The existing point system was discussed, and it was pointed out that in certain isolated areas (including Portugal and Spain), only 75 points are required to grand. However, one club in this area has held two or three shows a year, for a number of years. At the February board meeting, Newkirk presented a chart of ID show counts, to help keep the board apprised of the number of entries. Vanwongerghem: Was this point system approved by the board? Newkirk: I will discuss this with Shirley Michaud-Dent, the show scorer, and a decision will be made at the June board meeting. Desiree Loot: The ID should be uniform. Vanwongerghem: We have been talking about that for 7 years. Grim: The shows should be at par. Newkirk: A mathematical formula is used to convert the points. Desiree Loot: Europeans drive long distances to the Portugal/Spain shows. They can do the same. Besides, there are a lot of champions there. Newkirk: There are not enough champions to grand a cat in one show. Vanwongerghem: The point difference makes the title of grand worth nothing. The points should be the same. Schleissner: What can we do? Newkirk: We will have to come up with a proposal the delegates will go for. We can try to separate Europe and Asia. Vanwongerghem: They can count on us to protect their interests.*

*Show License Fee. Vanwongerghem asked Newkirk for an update of what happened at the February board meeting. Newkirk: We will budget for 30 shows. Vanwongerghem: There should be a gentlemen's agreement to pay the license fee. We have to microchip our cats, so we are not showing as many.*

*Judge Travel Fees. Newkirk: You should negotiate what you are willing to pay ahead of time. In your communications with judges, you should respond to their travel requests right away.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

Rachel Anger, Secretary

**Translations:** *We have had many forms and breed standards translated over the past year. We have been very successful at getting most of the major forms completed in many languages. The work of translations has slowed since our last meeting, but we will continue to work with our breeders/exhibitors in the International Division to get more of the breed standards translated.*

**Worldwide Interest in CFA:** *We continue to receive letters and emails from people around the world interested in CFA and registering their cats with CFA. CFA experiences significant name branding in the International Division and our cats and their pedigrees are sought after all over the world. We have had renewed interest in France to revitalize CFA and CFA shows there. We are working with some breeders/exhibitors in Spain to form a club in Madrid. There will be a new club application presented in October from another club forming in Beijing, Mainland China. I recently received an email from Kuwait seeking the forms necessary to register a cattery with CFA.*

**ID Clubs:** *Our club growth remains static. While the CFA Board approved 2 International Division clubs at each of our last Board meetings, we have decreased our total list of CFA clubs as of June 1, 2005. We do experience some problems with communication of the International Division clubs due to post systems in foreign lands and the problem with language sometimes becomes an issue. Marion Donohue has been wonderful at keeping me up to date with mailing to remind the clubs to get their fees and membership lists into CFA central office prior to the deadlines mandated in our rules. We have worked with the Feline Fanciers of the Philippines club, as they mailed their dues but not their membership list. They then requested a refund of their dues in the form of CFA services. Marion requested a letter signed by the President and Secretary, but that was never received. Unfortunately, their membership with CFA was dropped as of June 1. We also lost three of the ID clubs due to failure to renew within the deadline. Those clubs are: Cat Fanciers of Rome, Cat Fanciers of Slovenia and Cat Lovers of Russia.*

**Berg:** *The loss in Italy of Cat Fanciers of Rome is a big loss. Silvia Cassini started everything in Europe for us. We need to get the excitement back for them.*

**ID scoring for Grand Championships:** *The shows in Portugal have been scored at 75/25 points for Grand Championship and Grand Premiership. This has caused much upset with the other ID clubs in Europe. To give you some history on this, the Central Office scorer wrote to Gary and I to get our take on this. She rationalized that since Portugal, like Russia, was a far distance from the other main group of European clubs and that their counts were about the same as the Russian CFA shows that Portugal and Spain should be scored at the lower level. This was not specifically addressed for Portugal and Spain, but it was logical conclusion to us. The Portugal club has held 4 shows to date. Their total counts have been around 100 cats for their first three shows and in April they held a 4 ring show with a total entry of about 70. The Portugal club wants the 75/25 rule for their club, but the rest of the European clubs are insistent they be scored at 200/75 point requirement.*

*The Europeans feel that they must fly to shows to earn points to grand and to campaign their cats in CFA shows. They feel that since they must do this, the breeders/exhibitors in Spain and*

*Portugal should be treated in the same manner and not given preferential treatment toward granding their exhibits.*

*The Portugal clubs believe that they need to maintain the lower requirement in order to attract exhibitors to their shows from the local cat fancier base. The Portugal club has been doing a great job putting on multiple shows to attract exhibitors that are new to CFA. It is my understanding that the other popular organizations are not particularly strong in Portugal and Spain, so we do have some potential for growth there if we can get enough clubs and shows to make CFA attractive to those breeders/exhibitors.*

*Here is a list of the champion/premier counts for the Portugal Cat Club shows:*

<i>3/2004:</i>	<i>LHC</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>SHC</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>LHP</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>SHP</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>12/2004:</i>	<i>LHC</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>SHC</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>LHP</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>SHP</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>2/2005:</i>	<i>LHC</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>SHC</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>LHP</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>SHP</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>4/2005:</i>	<i>LHC</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>SHC</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>LHP</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>SHP</i>	<i>0</i>

**Show Rule 9.03 c.:** *This rule has caused some interest in the International Division. We need to clarify what the intent and meaning was and is for this rule. Should exhibitors in the ID who compete at shows where there is a decreased requirement to grand their cats have their points adjusted according to this rule; e.g., an exhibitor from Cat Friends of Germany travels to Russia where the requirement to grand is 75 points. If a Russian exhibitor received 75 points and grands his exhibit, why shouldn't the cat from Germany also grand if it accumulates 75 points at the same show? This has been a major concern for the European exhibitors caused by the different point requirements to grand cats at CFA ID shows.*

**International Division Animal Welfare:** *What happens to breeders in the International Division that have been expelled from membership or had their registration rights denied due to poor cattery management, fraud or other acts that we consider detrimental to their showing and registering with CFA? Do we have any type of reciprocal agreement with other registering bodies in the International Division or do we need to develop a policy? This is of concern to several of our breeders in the ID, as this has occurred recently.*

**International Division Breed and Color Awards:** *Many of our breeders in the International Division have questioned why they are not given recognition for the breed and color awards. All the CFA regions recognize breed and color awards, as does our National awards system. I would suggest that we add these awards to Article XXXVII, National/Regional Awards Program. I would also suggest that we change the title of Article XXXVII to National/Regional/International Division Awards Program.*

**Novice Class Competition:** *I have received some voiced concerns in regard to our novice competition at CFA shows in the ID. It seems that some novice exhibits are not claiming their championships when they have received 6 winners ribbons as a novice. There could be several reasons for this, but some of these exhibits are entered repeatedly as a novice at subsequent shows. Some of these exhibits are very nice examples of their breeds and are making the final awards in multiple rings. Should this area of the novice class competition be further evaluated*

and a possible addition to the rules be made to limit the number of times a Novice can compete without claiming their championship?

**International Division Clerking Liaison:** Rob Loot has agreed to take on the Clerks/Clerking Schools International Division committee liaison. His position on the committee will be effective immediately.

**International Division Protest Committee Member:** Peter Vanwonderghem has agreed to serve on the CFA Protest committee for all matters dealing with parties in the European portion of the International Division. Peter has been active in CFA for many years and his multilingual talents will make him a valuable addition to the Protest Committee.

**Clerking License Requirements in the ID:** We have a situation where a person meets the requirements for licensure as a CFA clerk; however, there is a limited number of master clerks to sign off on her requirements. Can we not use the same master clerk to meet this requirement when there are no other licensed master clerks available?

**Europe as a Division of the International Division:** At the ID meeting in s-Gravenpolder the breeders/exhibitors attending the meeting have requested that the European clubs be designated as a European Division of the International Division. I am bringing this to the CFA Board's attention and for discussion. I am not 100% sure, but it would seem to me that this would require a constitutional amendment, but would like to discuss this at our meeting to get everyone's input on the subject.

**Action Items:**

1) Should Portugal/Spain be added to show rule 9.03 b as an exception to the 200/75 point requirement for Grands?

**Newkirk** presented a chart of show counts in the International Division and a map demonstrating the isolation of Portugal. **Newkirk:** This issue has created turmoil in Europe. **Berg:** The Europeans are upset because 3 Portuguese shows were each scored differently; not according to the show rules. We made it 75 points for Russia, based on the fact that they couldn't travel the way other parts of Europe could at the time. We didn't include Portugal and Spain. **Anger:** They are very passionate about the scoring disparity. **Wilson:** Are we going to lose those clubs and shows in Portugal if we change it? **Newkirk:** We're trying to bring in new people. **Wilson:** But if we lose a club and a show, we won't have that opportunity. **Newkirk:** Exactly the problem. **Angell:** The Europeans fly to Portugal to show their cats. The Portuguese can get on planes and go to Germany to grand their cats. **Veach:** It is an easy show rules clean-up if we approve the request. If you have someone with a premier interested in CFA in Spain or Portugal and you raise it from 25 points to 75, that cat will never be a grand premier. France geographically isolates Portugal. We need to be open minded and listen to what people in the International Division want. **Kallmeyer:** What is the distance between the rest of Europe and Portugal? **Newkirk:** It's a big distance. **Veach:** Moscow and the Ukraine are the same distance as the rest of Europe is to Portugal. **Watson:** From Madrid, Spain to Dusseldorf Germany, it's about 1,000 miles. That's about the same as Little Rock to Denver. **Newkirk:** This issue has torn

me apart. I want to support the Portugal clubs, but I've got all the rest of Europe saying 200 points. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Newkirk abstained.

2) *Change Article XXXVII to include Breed and Color awards for the International Division Awards. (This would apply to championship cats only, as is the policy for Regional/National Awards.) A minimum point requirement to receive these awards would be set that is fair to the exhibitors in the ID.*

**Newkirk:** I would like input from the regional directors on minimum points to qualify for an award. **Johnson:** We use 100 and we're one of the highest. **Watson:** Zero on breeds and 50 on color. **Dent:** CFA recognizes the highest achieving cats within each breed, regardless of points. There is no threshold. **Veach:** CFA doesn't have minimums for breed wins but we do have minimums for a color win. You can be best of breed but you can't be best of color. We need to look at that.

3) *Change Article XXXVII title to National/Regional/International Division Awards Program. (I am willing to defer this change until the October Board meeting, when show rules changes are discussed).* **No action.**

4) *Should Show Rules Committee evaluate the Novice competition to limit the number of shows in which a novice can compete?*

**Newkirk:** Apparently, some of these cats are not registerable with CFA but are very nice examples of their breed, so they are coming in and taking places in the finals. Cats that are registered with CFA are being beaten by these cats. The novice class competition was intended for cats to come in, compete, see if they like it, get the cat registered with CFA and then compete as a champion. **Veach:** That's a separate issue. We need to draft a show rule for that. They are exploiting that opportunity.

5) *Resolve the requirement for Clerking license in the International Division.* **See Clerking Report.**

6) *Adopt the following show rule change to XXXVII for ID awards, as was approved at the February Board meeting:*

**International Division Awards:**

Asia/Mexico/South America

*Best Cat\*: Trophy*

*2nd -15th Best Cat\*: Certificate*

*Best Kitten\*: Trophy*

*2nd – 15th Best Kitten\*: Certificate*

*Best Cat in Premiership\*: Trophy*

*2nd -10th Best Cat in Premiership\*: Certificate*

Europe/Russia/Ukraine

*Best Cat\*: Trophy*

*2nd -15th Best Cat\*: Certificate*

*Best Kitten\*: Trophy*

*2nd – 15th Best Kitten\*: Certificate*

*Best Cat in Premiership\*: Trophy*

*2nd -10th Best Cat in Premiership\*: Certificate*

*\*The title of “International Division Winner (DW)” is given to cats receiving these awards.*

*This was approved by the CFA Board in February, and these awards will start with the current show season.*

**Veach:** This is retroactive to this year? **DelaBar:** Yes. **Newkirk:** It’s in the minutes that we approved splitting the awards for the current show season, starting 1 May. **Dent:** Inasmuch as people may increase their level of exhibiting if they know about these awards, we ought to put out an addendum. **DelaBar** called the motion (to accept the verbiage). **Motion Carried.**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Darrell Newkirk, Chair  
CFA International Division Committee*

**Newkirk:** The Europeans want to be designated as a separate division of the International Division. Their ultimate goal is to become Region 9. They’ve got a little growth to do first. Dick Kallmeyer travels to Asia often and has made personal contact with some of our clubs over in Asia, so I want to go on record as thanking Dick for doing that.

**DelaBar** gave an overview of the World Cat Congress meeting in New Zealand in June. The WCC will be incorporated in the United States. Information will be shared as to judges who are dropped from our programs, people who are suspended for instances of animal welfare, etc. Elections were held, with Penny Bydlinski (United Kingdom) elected Treasurer, Eric Reijers (Czechoslovakia) elected as Vice President and Pam DelaBar (USA) elected President of the World Cat Congress. **Miller:** Where will it meet next? **DelaBar:** Next year’s meeting will be hosted by FIFE in the Netherlands or England. The year after that, it’s WCF’s turn in Dubai.

**(6) CFA/IAMS CAT CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW.**

**Liaison Gary Veach** presented the following report:

*Plans are proceeding well for the third showcase event at Madison Square Garden, with great cooperation between CFA and IAMS.*

*At this time, Madison Square Garden cannot guarantee the Main Arena far enough in advance to ensure availability on our show weekend, so we are pursuing other possible ways to enhance setup for Best of the Best. IAMS continues to support these efforts.*

*A “casting call” has been issued for experienced Cat Agility performers to help publicize this popular new feature.*

*Listed below are judging slates for the next several shows. Please note that David Mare’s name was inadvertently left out of the hat when names were drawn in February. This omission has been corrected, with apology to Mr. Mare. The show committee was approached by one of the judges who wished to officiate a different type of ring than selected. The committee ruled that if a judge chooses to not judge the type of ring for which he/she is selected, that the next available alternate judge will be asked to officiate instead and the other judge will not judge the show in any capacity. We ask for the Board’s ratification of this decision.*

**2005:** Angell, Anger, Harding, Jacobberger, Jensen, Rothermel  
**BOB:** Veach

**2006:** Adkison, Doernberg, Everett, Sumner, Trevathan, Williams  
**BOB:** Hutzler

**2007:** Cummings, Mare, Newkirk, TBA

*Balloting for the 2007 and 2008 shows will take place this summer (ballots sent to complete roster of 2005 Breed Council members). This is done early because all judges have been asked to hold the second weekend in October open until New York City judging slates are determined. By balloting now, most of the judges can be released soon for other shows in 2007-08.*

**Action Item:** Ratify committee decision regarding judges’ ring assignments.

**Veach** moved to ratify the action item. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Allen Scruggs, Chair, CFA-IAMS Cat Championship*

**(7) CFA INTERNATIONAL CAT SHOW.**

**International Show Committee Chair Debbie Kusy** gave the following report:

*The CIS committee is happy to report a final profit of approximately \$23,000 from the 2004 show in Houston, TX. This will be a difficult goal in 2005, as the show has lost a major sponsor, but we are hopeful that the profit will continue, as well as the success of the show. From the profits of the 2004 show, we once again were happy to make a \$5000 donation to the Winn Foundation. Thanks to all of our exhibitors and supporters of the show – your continued support is what made this donation possible.*

*Plans are going forward for the 2005 show in San Mateo, CA. Show Manager JoAnn Cordes Brown and her sister Jaci met with Allene Tartaglia in San Francisco in March to interview several PR firms. PR will be a challenge in 2005, as we have used the same firm in Houston for the last 3 years and will now be breaking in a new firm. Proposals were received from a number of firms, including Pierpont, the firm that handled the 2002-2004 publicity in Houston. While we were happy with the results from the firm in Houston, we felt that a firm with more local ties would work out better, so decided to go with one of the firms that had come forth with a proposal from the San Mateo area.*

*Entry clerks for the 2005 show will be returning pro Mona Cherrington from Florida and Sheila Kirkwood from Oregon. Sheila has never entry clerked an International Show, but does a lot of entry clerking in the Northwest Region and we are confident that she will do a great job for us.*

*Last year we once again tried an experimental finals format – the judges did not announce the placement of the cats in their finals. No one but the show scorers, the judges, the clerks and the Master Clerks knew the identity of the top cats until the numbers were announced to be called to the Best of the Best final. There were mixed feelings on the success of this procedure, and while it added suspense to the finals presentation, some felt that they missed the thrill of hearing that their cat or kitten was best in an individual judge's ring. For those that are on the CFA list, there was much discussion on the subject after the February board meeting, when the board voted nearly unanimously to continue the procedure in 2005. We will revisit this at the Wednesday June board meeting and will let the delegation know the outcome.*

*We will again be in San Mateo in 2006 and are looking at sites for 2007 and beyond. One of the sites that we tried was the Baltimore Convention Center in downtown Baltimore, MD. It is a great site, and airfares in and out of BWI airport are some of the best in the country, but unfortunately, the price of the hall is prohibitive. Allene Tartaglia and I will be visiting Atlanta GA and Birmingham AL in July to look at their facilities. This would move the show back towards the center of the country, making it more easily accessible to many exhibitors. We are also considering Louisville KY.*

*Artists Jamie Parry and Laurel Burch will be in attendance at the San Mateo show. Jamie Parry is a very well-known artist and designed the cover of this year's Yearbook, which has been so well received. Laurel Burch is a world-renowned designer of cat art – both should be very popular at the show for both the exhibitors and spectators.*

*The committee would like to once again thank all those that were involved in the CIS shows that we held in Houston for the last four years, including, but certainly not limited to, Jimmie Hawley, Barbara Foster, Gail Bercher, Chris Willingham, Steve McCullough, Jeff Janzen, Kitty Angell, Carla Bizzell, Kathy Black, and the many other wonderful people from the Gulf Shore Region that pitched in so willingly to work on the show. Many folks from the Northwest Region have offered to help with the shows in San Mateo and we are sure that everyone will enjoy the shows there as much as they have in the past. This show could not go on without all of the wonderful volunteers who give so much of their time and energy.*

**Board action item** – *revisit the February board vote that we not announce the finals placements at the San Mateo show in 2005.*

**Anger:** I appreciated the input from the CFA list, etc., but input would be more valuable if it came directly to board members when people have issues. **DelaBar:** That's why we didn't think anybody cared one way or the other. We thought we were doing the right thing. **Kusy** moves that the judges announce finals at the International Show. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Kusy:** For 2007 and 2008, we are looking at Birmingham, Alabama, Louisville and Salt Lake City. We will be back in October with a proposal. [Atlanta and Chicago were also discussed.]

*Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Kusy, CFA International Show Committee Chair*

**(8) CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.**

**CFA Executive Director Tom Dent** gave the following report:

1. Out of Region Show Request

- a) *Club Name:* *Portland Cat Club*  
*Home Region:* *Northwest Region (#2)*  
*Show Date:* *October 25/26, 2008*  
*Proposed Location:* *Tokyo Japan (Region #8)*

**Koizumi** moves to accept the out-of-region show request. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- b) *Club Name:* *Dimes & Dollars Cat Club*  
*Home Region:* *Midwest Region (#6)*  
*Show Date:* *December 8/9, 2007; December 13/14, 2008*  
*Proposed Location:* *Louisville, Kentucky (Region #4)*

**Dent:** This involves an out-of-region show which has been held for a number of years. We're not aware that they have ever come to the board to request permission for it. **Baugh:** This is not the only border club with an out-of-region issue. [Other examples were mentioned] **Johnson:** We have always approved these. **Berg** moves to approve the out-of-region show requests. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

2. Club Name Change Requests

- a) *Current Name:* *Hunt Country Cat Club (Region #7)*  
*Proposed Name:* *Tonkinese East*

**Kusy:** We are doing name changes at the board table to avoid conflicts. Do we approach the other Tonk breed clubs to see if they have a problem with this? **Shaffer:** The letter that we received from Hunt Country says that they are going to be a Tonkinese breed club. **Dent:** It's a name change request. There is no other significance to it. **Miller:** We look very carefully at new clubs coming in, but never clubs moving around. If a club switches to a breed club, it would be good to have some input from other breed clubs, but we don't have a procedure right now. **Johnson** moves we accept the name change. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Kusy, Calhoun, Baugh, Miller, Angell voting no.

- b) *Current Name:* *Northern California Cat Fanciers (Region #2)*  
*Proposed Name:* *Slinky Cats Cat Club*  
*Other existing similar club names:* *None*

**DelaBar:** I expect decorum with our cat club names. That's just my opinion. **Newkirk:** A lot of the breeders of these cats refer to them as a Slinky. To me, it's not a derogatory term. **Angell:** As far as I'm concerned, they are changing it into a breed club. We're basically back on the same page (as 2.a.). **Shaffer:** This club is moving into Region 5 and that's why they wanted to remove the words "Northern California". I move to accept the name change. **DelaBar** called

the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun, Baugh, Angell, DelaBar, Kusy, Wilson, Miller, Barnaby voting no.

- c) *Current Name:* Mid-Wisconsin Cat Club (Region #6)  
*Proposed Name:* United Balinese, Javanese and  
Oriental Longhair Fanciers  
*Other existing similar club names:* None

**Berg:** My concern would be the name. It's really a long name. **Berg** moves for approval of the name change, with the right to vote no. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

*Proposed Name:* Rainbow Plumes

[from Sunday] **DelaBar:** They have come back and requested a name change to Rainbow Plumes. **Shaffer** moved that we accept the new club name for Rainbow Plumes. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

3. Ratification of Executive Committee Actions:

- a) *Approved request received from Ragdoll Breed Club and Superstition Cat Fanciers to hang additional breed placement ribbons in class judging for the Ragdoll class. The show is scheduled for October 2005. The number of additional awards would be based on the rules used for the International Show.*

*C.O. Note: Please note that although the issue of scoring the additional awards for National/Regional Awards was not addressed, it is a long standing policy that awards of this nature are not scored.*

**Baugh** moved for ratification. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- b) *Approved request received from The Siamese Fanciers to do a "Top Ten Recognition" in the Siamese Class in two rings. The show is scheduled for July 9-10, 2005.*

*C.O. Note: Please see C.O. Note for 3a)*

**Shaffer** moved to accept. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

4. Ratification of Show Rule/Color Class Modifications voted on by the entire Board via email.

**Jacobberger:** If it requires a change to the standards, I think it has to be submitted [to the breed councils]. **Veach:** It's not a change to the standard. The standard allowed these colors to compete before. Through the breed council secretary's proposal, the intent to include these in the proposal that they brought before us in February accidentally omitted these from competition.

- a) *British Shorthair: The patched tabby & whites are included in the Parti-Color and Bi-Color class.*

**Newkirk** moved for ratification. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

b) *Maine Coon: The Silver Tabby & White class includes the patched pattern.*

*Red Tabby & White VANS are to be shown with the Red Tabby & Whites (color class # 9740-9741).*

*Silver Tabby & White VANS are to be shown with the Silver Tabby & Whites (color class #9736-9737).*

**Newkirk** moved for ratification. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

5. *Delegate Forms. Each year difficulties arise regarding the requirement that the delegate form be signed by the club president, secretary and the delegate. The forms are sent to the club secretary, who then, in many cases, must mail it to the president who then must mail it to the delegate and who then must return it to the Central Office. The CFA Constitution does not specify who must sign a delegate form and it is not known how or when it became the practice to require the signature of two club officers. Most likely, this requirement was established to reduce abuses/issues at the club level.*

***Action requested:** That the requirement for the signature of the club president on the delegate form be removed. Should the lessening of this requirement result in an increase of abuse claims then the requirement could be re-instituted.*

**Dent:** What purpose is being served by requiring the club president to sign the form?  
**Kusy:** I don't understand why it's a problem to get 3 signatures on a form in a 2-month period of time. Your proposal gives the power to one person. **Johnson:** A lot of club members have no idea what secretaries get from CFA. **Veach:** When you require two signatures, at least you are hopefully forcing an issue, whether it's conversation and information shared between two people that absolutely should be sharing information but evidently sometimes don't. **DelaBar:** I view this as a check and balance within a club. If a club does not have it together to get 3 signatures in 45 days, then perhaps we don't want them deciding on the business matters of this organization. **Newkirk:** I'll move. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Newkirk, Wilson, Angell and Miller voting yes.

6. *On-Line Breeder Referral List. Both our "on-line" and hardcopy breeder referral lists are limited to those who have registered a litter with CFA. Recently we have received a request to include a breed rescue group. Inasmuch as this, or any other rescue group would not be eligible, your approval is required. If our policy is amended, should criteria be established relative to the admissibility/acceptability of such groups?*

**Dent:** We just had our 500<sup>th</sup> breeder list their cattery with the breeder referral list. We received a request from a rescue group to be included on the list. Inasmuch as rescue groups don't meet our criteria to be listed, does the association feel that we might be served a greater good by including breed rescue groups? **Miller:** This is our opportunity to promote our breeders and our breeds. The breed rescue website and their 501(c)(3) organization can handle promoting breed rescue groups. **Angell:** I'll so move. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

7. *International Division Clubs/Voting. Our Constitution allows International Division clubs to vote for CFA Officers and Directors-at-Large “if they hold a licensed CFA show within the previous show season”. Two questions have arisen regarding this provision:*

a) *Does ring sponsorship satisfy this requirement, and*

**Dent:** The requirement is that the club must have held a CFA licensed show within the previous show season. **DelaBar:** In my opinion, we should sponsor a constitutional amendment next year to delete this requirement. It appears to be putting them in second class membership. We should look at making things right and equitable across the board so we don't have two different statuses. **Calhoun:** In the United States, we have clubs that never put on a show. That seems to be inconsistent and unfair. **Newkirk:** Both clubs should be on the show license application to be able to vote. Some clubs might be small and that's the best they could do right now. The club is active and participatory in the International Division. I so move. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun abstained.

b) *Inasmuch as the election of Officers/Directors-at-Large straddles two show seasons, a debate could arise as to which show season is “the previous show season”. I'm sure that most would say that for this election (being held in the spring of 2005) that the “previous show season” is the one which began May 1, 2004 and ended in April 2005. Or, it may be that we should consider a liberal definition of “previous”.*

*Action requested: Adoption of a policy in this matter.*

**Dent:** “Prior show season” could refer to either one of the prior two show seasons. It's a matter of clarification. **DelaBar:** We can afford to have a liberal interpretation. **Newkirk** moved that any show in the prior two show seasons be interpreted as either one of the previous show seasons for the upcoming election. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun abstained.

8. *The Central Office and the Persian Breed Council Secretary (Susan Cook-Henry) have entered into discussions with the Veterinary Genetics Laboratory (VGL) at the University of California at Davis. The purpose of the discussions is to determine the feasibility of CFA entering into an agreement with VGL which would reduce the cost to our breeders for certain genetic testing. To obtain reduced costs, the Central Office would process the requests, acting as the conduit between the lab and the breeder. We would be responsible for sending out test kits, collecting fees, transmitting data to VGL, receiving the test results and transmitting the results to the breeder – most of which would be done electronically. This would not be a money maker for CFA, but would be another benefit of registering with CFA (another answer to the question “why should I register my cat?”). Also, I do not see this as a “high volume” situation and would allow us to enter the area of DNA and Diagnostic Testing in a measured manner. Susan has contacted the Persian and related Breed Councils for their input.*

**Action requested:** Give authority to the Central Office to further investigate this opportunity and (assuming everything looks reasonable) with the approval of the CFA Treasurer enter into an agreement with VGL as described above.

**Jacobberger:** It appears to me that this provision would conflict in many ways with what we just signed. The arrangement with CatBank is exclusive. **Angell:** The difference is that with this, we don't get any revenue. We get 10% of everything from CatBank. **Miller:** The Persian breed is our biggest breed, and if they want to deal with a university, that's a factor we should be considering. **Jacobberger:** This proposal would conflict with a contract that has already been adopted by the board. **Newkirk:** It doesn't prevent any of our breeders in CFA from personally going to this company. We don't need any action on this. It has been brought to our attention and we understand it. **DelaBar:** Based upon our attorney's advice, I agree.

9. "Look-up" Fee. *Over the years, in an effort to provide better service to our customers, our staff has researched or "looked-up" the correct registration number for a cat when an incorrect one was provided on an application form. Unfortunately, some have come to rely on this "service" and have become quite careless in the completion of application forms. One could ask "why the form isn't returned to the customer when registration numbers are incorrect or missing?" We could do that, but the expense of postage and processing and the ill will and abuse of our staff makes this option less desirable. Instead, we propose that a fee (\$5.00) be assessed for each incorrect or missing registration on any form that requires this information. We would advise the customer through an "invoice" included with the completed registration document and, as we now do with "short paid" registrations, an Accounts Receivable record would be created.*

**Action requested:** Approve the institution of a "look-up fee".

**Kallmeyer:** Is \$5 enough? Does it meet your cost? **Dent:** I'm looking at this as an incentive for people to do the right thing, not as a money maker. I don't want to discourage people from registering with us. **Newkirk:** We are in the business of registering cats, but we have people with language difficulties and different issues who may not be able to fill their forms out correctly and that concerns me, especially in the International Division. **Dent:** I'm not sure that to copy a registration number from a green registration certificate to a litter application form is so difficult for anybody, regardless of what language they speak. That's all we are asking for is a correct registration number. **DelaBar:** I hate to see people continually getting nickled and dimed in the conduct of providing a service. **Dent:** This is not something that we particularly want to do. We would like to have the application submitted correctly. Incomplete forms cost all the people that do business with CFA more money in the long run because it increases staff time and labor. **Johnson:** I always thought that if I sent in a registration form with missing information, it would be returned to me and my cats wouldn't be registered until I had it right. **Wilson:** The Management Committee would like the board to support this. This is a good way to encourage people and also offset some of the cost without holding up the registration. **Baugh** moved for a look-up fee. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Newkirk and Johnson voting no.

10. Survey. *This spring the Central Office conducted a survey of individuals who had registered litters with CFA in the past but who no longer do so. Of the 2200+ surveys mailed out, over 500 were completed and returned. We are now in the process of reviewing the comments received on the surveys. In brief, the survey results seem to indicate that these breeders stopped breeding more due to the amount of time required than for any other reason.*

*Once the tabulation and comment review have been completed, we will send this information out to you.*

11. *Fee for Certified Pedigrees.*

**Dent:** We have been charging \$20 for a 3-generation certified pedigree for about 30 years. Automation has made the production of certified pedigrees simpler and less labor intensive. However, orders are placed for pedigrees for cats born and registered prior to the automation of records. \$20 does not come close to recovering our labor costs for producing those pedigrees manually. We are asking for a different fee structure for cats born prior to 1980 for whom certified pedigrees are produced and that a research fee be charged of \$80 an hour or \$20 per quarter hour, with the minimum charge being \$20. **Veatch:** So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**(9) ANIMAL WELFARE.**

**Animal Welfare Chair Linda Berg** gave the following report:

*I have written an article that will appear in the delegate book and in the next Almanac this summer. I am hoping that the article will help people better recognize the problem of hoarding so they will be able to try get these people help before Animal Control steps in and takes the cats. Thank you to Pat Jacobberger and Joan Miller for reviewing the article and giving me input!*

*I have also been working on the Cattery Inspection form. I now have many acquaintances in the Animal Control Community so I sent them a copy of our current form and have asked for their input. I have also asked a number of vets for input because many don't feel they can be honest because they know their clients will get a copy of the inspection. We need to keep the Cattery Inspection Program well-respected and hopefully with the input from a broader spectrum of the community we will accomplish that.*

*In April, Joan Miller and I attended the HSUS convention in Atlanta, GA. It was an excellent opportunity to meet many of the animal control officers that I have been dealing with across the country. Our reputation with Animal Control is really spreading we are not the bad guys or the problem. They realize that CFA is very proactive in trying to see that this kind of problem doesn't happen. They are thrilled to learn we have a Purebred Rescue that will help with the neutering/spaying and placement of the animals they have taken in. It can be very overwhelming to Animal Control and shelters when they must take in a large influx of animals. I have also had Karen put an Animal Welfare link at the CFA website so I have some credibility with the Animal Control Officers and DA etc.*

*It is also interesting to note how the attitude of the people at these conventions has changed towards CFA. The convention attendees used to avoid our booth and now they look for us. They love our pamphlets and always ask how they can order more and when are we going to come out with something on a certain subject. They take the breed profiles and put together books for their employees so they can hopefully better identify pedigreed cats. We are liked and much more respected within this community. Our continued presence at these conventions is very important.*

*This year has been a very busy one for Animal Welfare I hope the number of cases decrease for next year!*

**(10) CFA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.**

**Legislation Committee Chair Joan Miller gave the following report:**

*Committee members – Joan Miller, Chair; Tom Dent, George Eigenhauser, Fred Jacobberger, Phil Lindsley; Sy Howard Legislative Fund – Lynn Thompson, Fundraiser*

*The CFA Legislative Group – Joan Miller, Sharon Coleman, George Eigenhauser*

**The CFA Legislative Group:** *George Eigenhauser has now been the CFA Legislative Information Liaison for one year. He has gradually taken on more of the responses to cat fanciers and the general public who write to CFA or submit questions through legislative@cfa.org. He has prepared articles for CFA's Fanc-e-Mews, letters to editors, assisted with strategy and helped guide our local teams. He is monitoring many of the Pet-Law and other online lists to help us keep aware of legislative proposals. He has also attended two humane organization conferences this year and helped with the Public Affairs booth at the CFA International Show. With this transition now behind the Legislative Group we are much better prepared to take on the challenges we expect in the next fiscal year.*

*The Legislative Group provides articles for every issue of CFA's Fanc-e-Mews. We would like to see broader circulation of this information to the cat fancy and the general public and we urge cat fanciers to go to this website to read every issue. We receive requests from other organizations to publish our public affairs articles and welcome this with appropriate credit to The CFA Legislative Group. The articles may be of interest to breed magazines/newsletters, used as information to raise awareness of pet buyers or given to veterinarians. We also welcome Regional Websites mentioning and linking to these articles.*

*Recent "Advocacy in Action" articles:*

*"Pedigreed Cat Breeders and Pet Buyers are Allies", Sept. Oct 2004 issue; G. Eigenhauser*

*"Changing Laws Affect Free-Roaming/Unowned/Feral Cats"; Nov Dec 2004 issue; G. Eigenhauser*

*"Breeder Permits.....and Extinction"; Jan Feb 2005 issue; J. Miller*

*"AVMA's New Position on Free-roaming Abandoned and Feral Cats – A Concern for Cat Lovers"; March April 2005 issue; G. Eigenhauser*

*"What's in a Term – Changing Word Usage in the World of Animal Activism"; May June 2005 issue; G. Eigenhauser and J. Miller*

**Legislative Highlights:** *The last several months have been extremely busy for the Legislative Group. Many bills have now failed, been withdrawn or state sessions have ended; however we are still monitoring or actively opposing 125 state bills. Several state issues have had national media attention, such as the Wisconsin "cat shooting" proposal and the California ban on the sale of cloned cats. On the local level we have helped fanciers in many parts of the country with*

*materials and guidance to oppose ordinance proposals that would impact the breeding of pedigreed cats, humane treatment of feral cats or restrict pet ownership through limits on the numbers of animals allowed. Here are a few highlights of special interest –*

***Wisconsin:***

*Conservation Council Question #62, presented in all 72 Counties in April 2005, would reclassify cats as unprotected wildlife making them vulnerable to shooting by hunters. The proposal had the backing of the American Bird Conservancy. CFA fanciers in the state were active and attended the county meetings. Despite rigorous opposition from*

*Alley Cat Allies, Wisconsin feral cat organizations and cat lovers all over the country the question did pass due to the vote in many of the rural counties. The Conservation Council makes recommendations to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The day after the vote Governor Jim Doyle announced that the proposal would not go further. On May 13 it was announced that the Conservation Council had decided to drop Q62. The positive aspect of this matter is that Wisconsin has created a national awareness of the need to address unowned/feral cat populations. We hope Wisconsin may become a model state in promoting non-lethal methods of managing feral cats as supported by CFA.*

***California:***

*AB 1428 (Levine) - a bill to prohibit the sale of cloned or genetically modified pet animals in the State. CFA opposed this bill arguing that commercial development of appropriate techniques encourages scientific opportunities regarding endangered species, alternatives to capture and transport of wild animals to zoos and could provide benefits to animals and society by making it possible for scientists to study inherited diseases and disorders. Without taking a stand on the ethics or science of cloning cats CFA did present reasons why the sale of cloned cats would not impact the numbers of cats in shelters and argued that the state should not pass a law that would hinder scientific research. The bill was supported by numerous animal rights organizations, including PETA, HSUS, the Anti-Vivisection Society, DDAL, In Defense of Animals, Assoc. of Veterinarians for Animal Rights and many others, while only a few organizations opposed. In spite of this the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions listened and the bill failed on May 3, 2005 with only 2 votes in favor. This was a major victory in an important legislative committee.*

*Stanislaus County – revised ordinance calling for a breeder/intact permit or a “litter permit” of \$100 (authorization annually to give permission to breed a cat/dog), including mandated microchipping registered with animal control and records of new owners; \$500 penalty for violation. A similar proposal was defeated last year, but is still being promoted. Hearings may be soon.*

*Madera County – “Pet Overpopulation” ordinance meetings, breeder fees, microchip requirement, etc. – meetings are underway and cat fanciers are participating.*

*Sacramento County – breeding proposals with mandated vaccinations, microchipping, seizure of “at-large” cats, cat licensing – meetings are underway and one cat fancier is participating.*

*Riverside County – Community Open Forums in progress with fanciers participating.*

**Illinois:**

*SB 169 – would amend the state Code to specifically prohibit any municipality that provides for extermination of “pests” (insects, spiders, rats, etc.) from including feral cats as defined in the Humane Care for Animals Act. CFA supports this.*

*HB 315 – an early version of the “Animal Population Control Act” required mandated cat registration but was pulled three days before the House vote. The bill still has some dog owner fines, differential dog license fees and other dog-related objectionable provisions.*

*HB 707 – CFA alerted and urged vigorous opposition by Illinois fanciers to this bill that changes the state Animal Welfare Act to require individual citizens, including hobby breeders, to be licensed and inspected as “Animal Caretakers”. This would include rescuers who take in stray cats. The bill also changes the existing definition of “hoarder” by removing the word “large” in reference to the number of pets that could be construed as hoarding. The bill was pulled from the scheduled House Agriculture Committee hearing and we hope it will not go further due to the strong opposition.*

**Massachusetts:**

*HB 1346 – the “Commercial Breeder Bill” from last year has recently been reintroduced. Anyone breeding more than one litter is considered a “commercial breeder” and must be licensed and inspected by the state.*

**New Mexico:**

*Albuquerque – a proposal is currently being drafted by a council member that would require mandatory spay/neuter unless a person obtains a commercial breeder facility permit. We are awaiting the draft language.*

**North Carolina:**

*SB 918 – “Right to Hunt and Fish” proposal contains an interesting paragraph that would assure that animals are property and that no law, ordinance, rule or regulation will establish any rights of persons for animals. Dog/cat fanciers will support.*

**Texas:**

*Austin – again considering a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance with intact animal permits to cost \$500 per owner, plus \$10 per animal.*

*El Paso – a new draft for an animal control ordinance is expected in May with requirements of a \$125 permit to breed, a one-litter-per-year limit, \$45 kennel permit with inspection to keep more than 5 dogs/cats/ferrets.*

*We are grateful to the Responsible Pet Owners Alliance of Texas for their work in reporting and taking the lead to mobilize cat and dog fancier action against these and other proposals.*

**Florida:**

*Orange County – recent extensive revisions to the existing county code have been drafted requiring annual registration of cat/dog “pet dealers” (sale of 2 litters or more than 20 cats/dogs per year) including unannounced inspection during “regular business hours”,*

*housing and standards of care, seizure by citizens of at-large animals and many other detrimental issues.*

### **Recent Conferences:**

#### ***No-Kill Solutions, March 25-27, 2005***

*George Eigenhauser and I both attended this conference held In San Diego. Nathan Winograd's intensive seminars to guide shelters toward a partnership approach to save animals lives were outstanding. Sessions included topics such as changing the "catch & kill" Animal Control attitude, "Cats vs. Birds" and other feral cat issues, shelter dog evaluation, building a No-Kill Community, finding homes for all the healthy and treatable pets including the hard to place ones, medical and behavioral rehabilitation, fund raising and development. We recommend the No-Kill Solutions consultation services for counties or cities that want to develop successful plans using innovative approaches, which represent alternatives to legislation that have worked. [www.nokillsolutions.com](http://www.nokillsolutions.com)*

#### ***HSUS Expo – April 6-9, 2005***

*CFA had a booth at this large conference in Atlanta attended by Linda Berg and myself. Reception from shelter staff attendees was generally positive toward CFA and the cat fancy. Networking opportunities with animal control, shelter leaders and corporate contacts were excellent. There were numerous workshops of interest and I attended the all day certificate course on cats – maximizing cat care in the shelter and community. The sessions on shelter medicine were packed reflecting huge interest in emerging topics in infectious disease control, better cat housing, new vaccination strategies and the veterinarian's role in cruelty/neglect cases. The one session on legislation emphasized effective lobbying techniques and grassroots organizing, use of the media as well as an outline of current interests of HSUS.*

### **Legislative Committee:**

#### ***Coalition for Healthy Pets***

*CFA is one of the organizations in a group called the "coalition for healthy pets" that has formed to address the animal rights pressures on pet ownership. The coalition evolved from our sponsorship of the Animal Health Institute's "Pet Night on Capitol Hill" and has started developing coalition principles - both Sharon Coleman and I have participated in the wording. Non-economic damages provisions introduced into law is currently the focus of the coalition members' concerns.*

*Rhode Island HB 5433 is an example. This bill, supported by the ASPCA, Humane Society and State Veterinarian, defines "minimum care" standards, including "adequate space for exercise", adequate food and water, etc. The bill amends the state Cruelty Laws to consider animal neglect, including failure to provide "minimum care", a criminal offense. The bill allows civil action to recover economic damages covering the value of the animal, veterinary expenses incurred or other actual expenses that can be proven when there are situations of animal abuse or neglect. This proposal would allow recovery for punitive damages of \$1000 for each violation as well as recovery of non-economic damages - "compensation for the loss of the reasonably expected society, companionship, love and affection of the pet". Everyone is in agreement that intentional acts of animal cruelty should be severely punished, but there are some gray areas in*

*this bill. Testifying at the March 30, 2005 hearing in opposition were the RI Veterinary Association, Bayer Healthcare, the ACLU and Director of the Fish and Gaming Dept.(hunting, fishing and pest control result in intentional killing of animals, defined in this law as “every living creature except a human being”.) The bill is to be redrafted with one of our coalition members working with the author.*

*The veterinarians, pet industry and pharmaceutical members of our coalition believe that this kind of legislation could mean increased cost of veterinary care, medications, pet products and food. Malpractice insurance rates would rise and there is the potential for increased criminal prosecution for neglect because pet owners may not be able to afford adequate veterinary care. The CFA Legislative Committee shares these concerns and has started to explore possible ways in which non-economic damage recovery laws could directly affect breeders or pet owners.*

### ***National Council on Pet Population Study & Policy***

*There is an upcoming meeting of the National Council on May 20-21, 2005 in Denver. On the agenda is the Free-Roaming Cat study (underway), the “Cats in the Community Survey” proposal, the Shelter Population Index study, partnership with the Alliance for Contraception in Cats and Dogs and potential for participation in the Asilomar Accords “live release rate” data-keeping project for shelters.*

### ***Sy Howard Legislative Fund***

*We very much appreciate donations to this fund from many CFA clubs this past year and strongly encourage support of this fund that promotes CFA’s goals related to public affairs issues. The Fund covers CFA’s dues and participation in the National Council and offers matching support for a variety of projects that help our legislative liaisons oppose detrimental legislation, promote alternatives to legislation or acquire helpful data related to animal population dynamics.*

*Recently, thanks to a donation from the National Capital Cat Show, we provided cardboard carriers for the Alley Cat Allies February 2005 “Spay-A-Thon” in Washington, DC. This was a successful high-volume cat sterilization prototype event that ACA plans as a model for other parts of the country.*

*Pet Ownership and Stray Cat Population Survey – We need help to raise funds. CFA provided matching funds last year for an epidemiological survey follow-up to the study supported in 1993 in Santa Clara County, California. The preliminary data summary has now been completed and reported. The final paper to be submitted for publication by the University of California is now in progress. The resulting information will be extremely compelling, particularly the increase in the percentage of owned cats who are spayed/neutered compared to 1993 and the decrease in the numbers of free-roaming/feral cats in this county and relationship to the successful spay/neuter voucher program supported by the City of San Jose since 1993. The data will be helpful whenever we face mandatory spay/neuter proposals anywhere in the country.*

*We are aware of several other communities interested in supporting similar studies to determine attitudes about cats and dogs and gather data. It would be important to do a follow-up study to the San Diego, California 1995 study also partially funded by CFA and cat clubs. The Director of Animal Care and Control in New York City is also interested in a similar study. If CFA clubs*

*will take the lead to raise stipulated donations for either a San Diego or New York City community survey please let me know. The cost for a community “Pet Ownership and Stray Cat Population Survey” is around \$17,000 – one half of this amount must be raised and the Sy Howard Legislative Fund will match the donations if the project is approved by the CFA Legislative Committee. We require a university veterinary school involvement so we are assured of a peer reviewed journal publication of results. Karen Johnson, National Pet Alliance, has initiated the survey questions and is willing to participate in future studies. In the case of Santa Clara County donations came from cat clubs, the University of California, the County government and the City of San Jose, including CFA’s match of the donations received.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Miller, Chair  
[JMillerArt@aol.com](mailto:JMillerArt@aol.com)*

***Cat Fanciers’ Association Position Statement – The Pet Animal Welfare Statute – 2005 (PAWS Bill) SB1139/HB2669 Unanimously approved by the CFA Board of Directors, 14 June 2005***

- ***CFA opposes the PAWS bill as it is written.*** *The bill is not well drafted, it is confusing and complicated. CFA favors better enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act. It is our understanding that some enforcement provisions in PAWS 2005 are needed because these can only be achieved through the statute rather than the regulations. If the bill were to be amended to include only enforcement provisions we would reconsider our opposition.*
- ***CFA is against regulation of breeders who sell direct to the public.*** *We support the original concept of the AWA, which is to regulate breeders and commercial brokers who sell dogs and cats at wholesale. The USDA should not be involved in licensing/inspecting private breeders raising cats/dogs in their homes. Even if cat breeder licensing were taken out altogether we would not support this bill. Once retailers are no longer exempted the arbitrary thresholds established will always be subject to change.*
- ***There are portions of this bill that either would not affect cats, such as the dog importing provision, or that concern pet store matters.*** *Should the bill be amended to maintain the retailer-breeder exemption then CFA would want to explore these other issues before taking a revised position.*

*It is unlikely that this bill will be amended to maintain the existing retailer (pet store) exemption that applies to cat/dog breeders without a great deal of pressure throughout the legislative process. It would help to have the American Kennel Club aligned with CFA on this matter rather than with the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and the Doris Day Animal League (DDAL) as is presently the case. These organizations have goals that include greatly restricting or ending the breeding of pedigreed cats/purebred dogs. CFA encourages dog fanciers to ask for AKC’s withdrawal of its support for PAWS.*

After an extensive discussion regarding the proposed Pet Animal Welfare Statute, **Miller** presented a proposed position statement and asked that it be ratified by the board. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**(11) JUDGING PROGRAM.**

**Judging Program Committee Liaison Stan Barnaby** presented the following report and made all standing motions with the right to vote no, and introduced Judging Program Committee member **Becky Orlando**, who presented the report to the board.

***Committee Members:*** *The Judging Program Committee consists of five members, four judges and one exhibitor. The members and their duties for the year were as follows:*

*Chuck Gradowski – AB Judge (3 year term) Chairperson, letters of complaint, Board of Directors meeting reports, candidates for application and advancement balloting, Board of Directors communications, Annual Meeting reports.*

*Sharon Roy – AB Judge (4 year term) Judges’ mentoring program.*

*Ray Edwards – Exhibitor (2 year term) New applicants including inquiry, queries, follow up and counseling, judging program rules.*

*Becky Orlando – AB Judge (2 year term) Trainees, International (trainees, advancements, guest judges [Judges in approved foreign associations and licensed judges from foreign associations in CFA]), Japanese trainees and advancements.*

*Norm Auspitz – AB Judge (1 year term) Judges education (workshops, Breeders Awareness & Orientation School), JPC representative on the CFA Protest Committee, Judges’ exam writer.*

*At a meeting to be held in conjunction with the June annual, the Judging Program Committee will be redefining and reassigning the duties of the committee. I will be stepping down as Chair of the committee at that time.*

***Thank You Messages:*** *Thank you notes were received from Holly Ayers, Carolyn Lyons, Carla Bizzell, Kathy Black and Rick Hoskinson.*

***Deaths:*** *Since the February board meeting, we are sorry to report the loss of two of our fellow judges, Donna Norris and Hazel Lindstrand. Both will be sorely missed as judges and ambassadors of CFA.*

***Letters of Resignation:*** *A letter of resignation was requested from Connie Chindlund who had not paid her judges dues for the current year. No letter was forth coming.*

***International/Guest Judging Assignments:*** *Permission has been granted for the following:*

**CFA Judges to Judge International Assignments:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>City/Country</u>	<u>Date</u>
D Fuller	CCCA	Birman C/Queensland	Brisbane, Australia	05/08/05
D Fuller	CCCA	Abyssinian Breeders	Canberra, Australia	05/14/05
D Fuller	CCCA	Birman C/Canberra	Canberra, Australia	05/15/05
D Fuller	CCCA	Birman Society	Melbourne Australia	05/22/05

D Fuller	CCCA	FCCWA	Perth, Australia	05/29/05
C Gradowski	CCCA		Perth, Australia	07/10/05
C Gradowski	CCCA	Capital CC	Canberra, Australia	07/16/05
C Gradowski	CCCA	Launceston ABCC	Launceston, Tasmania	07/23/05
D Newkirk	GCCF	Vic Club	Melbourne, Australia	07/24/05
W Hutzler	FIFE	Stockholm Kattklubb	Stockholm, Sweden	11/11/05
P DelaBar	So Africa	Coty	Johannesburg, SA	07/29/06
P DelaBar	So Africa	Rand CC	Johannesburg, SA	08/05/06
D Newkirk	FIFE	Jyrak CC	Denmark	11/25/06
DJ Thompson	FIFE	Gothenburg CC	Gothenburg, Sweden	02/09/08
K Angell	FIFE	Gothenburg CC	Gothenburg, Sweden	02/09/08

**Non-CFA Judges requesting permission to guest judge CFA shows:**

<u>Judge</u>	<u>ASSN</u>	<u>CFA Show</u>	<u>City/Country</u>	<u>Date</u>
Y Kleijn	IND/SH	Call of the Wild	Santa Rosa, CA	02/10/05
C U'Ren	CCCA	Beijing CC	China	03/19/05
I Kharchenko	RUI	Nika Feline	Moscow, Russia	03/26/05
I Tokmakova	RUI	Nika Feline	Moscow, Russia	03/26/05
R U'Ren	CCCA	Singapore CC	Singapore	04/03/05
A Groenewegen	IND	Portugal CC	Portugal	04/23/05
G Cherrie	IND	Portugal CC	Portugal	04/23/05
C U'Ren	CCA	CF of Thailand	Bangkok, Thailand	05/22/05
G Wendt	WCF/AB	CF of Germany	Germany	07/23/05
A Raymond	ACF/AB	F Soc of Malaysia	Thailand	07/24/05
C U'Ren	CCA	Japan Regional	Tokyo, Japan	01/14/06
Y Kleijn	IND/SH	Call of the Wild	Santa Rosa, CA	02/11/06

**Barnaby** moved to ratify the JPC's acceptance of the International/Guest Judging Assignments. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Workshops:** Plans are being finalized for the Judges' Workshop to be held in conjunction with the Annual. The plans include working with Birmanians with an emphasis on gloving and head type and a comparative workshop on Turkish Angoras and Turkish Vans.

**Action Item:** Acceptance/Advancements: The following individuals are presented to the Board for acceptance/advancement:

**Accept as Approval Pending AB from another Association:**

Cherrie, George	17 yes
Groenewegen, Arie	17 yes

**Advance to Approved 1st Specialty –Apprentice 2nd Specialty:**

Collier, Marge	SH Approved 1 <sup>st</sup> Specialty	17 yes
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*Collier, Marge*      *LH Apprentice 2nd Specialty*      *17 yes*  
*Advance to Approval Pending Specialty:*

<i>Abelson, Vicki</i>	<i>SH Approval Pending 2nd Specialty</i>	<i>17 yes</i>
<i>Davis, Ed</i>	<i>LH Approval Pending 2nd Specialty</i>	<i>3 yes; 12 no (Angell, Anger, Baugh, Berg, Calhoun, DelaBar, Johnson, Newkirk Shaffer, Veach, Watson, Wilson); 2 abstain (Barnaby, Koizumi)</i>
<i>Jaeger, Barbara</i>	<i>LH Approval Pending 1st Specialty</i>	<i>17 yes</i>
<i>Janzen, Jeff</i>	<i>LH Approval Pending 2nd Specialty</i>	<i>17 yes</i>
<i>Johnson, Susan</i>	<i>SH Approval Pending 1st Specialty</i>	<i>16 yes; 1 no (Wilson)</i>
<i>Kurokawa, Kazuko</i>	<i>SH Approval Pending</i>	<i>17 yes</i>
<i>Pinder, Ray</i>	<i>LH Approval Pending 1st Specialty</i>	<i>17 yes</i>
<i>Powell, Sharon</i>	<i>LH Approval Pending 1st Specialty</i>	<i>17 yes</i>
<i>Webster, John</i>	<i>LH Approval Pending 1st Specialty</i>	<i>16 yes; 1 abstain (Shaffer)</i>
<i>Wood, Beverly</i>	<i>SH Approval Pending 2nd Specialty</i>	<i>17 yes</i>

*Advance to Approval Pending AllBreed:*

<i>Komota, Hisako</i>	<i>Approval Pending AllBreed</i>	<i>17 yes</i>
<i>Rogers, Jan</i>	<i>Approval Pending AllBreed</i>	<i>17 yes</i>
<i>Ueda, Ayumi</i>	<i>Approval Pending AllBreed</i>	<i>17 yes</i>

*Advance to Approved Specialty:*

<i>Vanwonderghem, Peter</i>	<i>LH Approved 1st Specialty</i>	<i>17 yes</i>
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*Advance to Approved AllBreed:*

<i>Hoover, Gloria</i>	<i>Approved AllBreed</i>	<i>17 yes</i>
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*The Judging Program Committee would like to express our thanks to the Board, our liaison, Stan Barnaby and the former JPC Chair, Loretta Baugh for their help, guidance and support.*

*Respectfully submitted*  
*Chuck Gradowski, Chair*

**(12) PROTEST COMMITTEE.**

**Protest Committee Chair George Eigenhauser** gave the Protest Committee report containing recommendations for disposition of pending matters (see item #45). **Motion Carried [vote sealed].**

***ACTION ITEM:** The CFA Board approved a policy that where there are credible allegations of animal abuse or neglect, and a party refuses to submit to a voluntary CFA cattery environment inspection after requested by the Animal Welfare Committee, that CFA services may be suspended until the party complies. If that occurs, the matter can be reopened for further proceedings.*

*In practice, these administrative suspensions seem to become permanent. However, they are not published as they are not closed files. The committee would recommend a new category for publication of these matters along with the permanent and temporary suspensions. Suggest a new category for publication, something like: "Suspended and must pass a CFA cattery environment inspection prior to restoration of services." **Motion Carried [vote sealed].***

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

**RECONSIDERATION:** *It has been the policy of the Protest Committee that any requests for reconsideration after a CFA Board decision must be addressed to the Board, not the Committee. They are advised to forward their request and supporting evidence to CFA to present to the Board in the Reading Room. However, as a courtesy, please be advised that the following have requested reconsideration:*

**03-002 CFA v. Gaffke, Donna  
Motion Failed.**

**03-010 CFA v. Kalt, Heather  
Motion Failed.**

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

**PROTEST HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

*Hearings Committee. Protest hearings and appeals will be heard on Friday preceding the February and October meeting. Hearings will be held on Tuesday preceding the June board meeting. Time will be set by the Protest Committee. Attending the meeting will be a majority of: the President of CFA, the CFA Secretary, the Chair of the Protest Committee, the Chair of Animal Welfare when the subject is animal neglect or abuse, the CFA Attorney and any member or members of the CFA Board appointed by the CFA President. In some cases the President may appoint any person or persons he/she feels may be necessary.*

*The above and appointed people will submit their findings to the Board of Directors with recommended decisions as to the action that should be taken. Other CFA Board members may attend and participate in the appeals and hearings at their own discretion. The reports and recommendations of the Hearings Committee shall be advisory only and not binding on the CFA Executive Board.*

**Motion Carried.** Anger abstained.

**(13) INSURANCE COVERAGE SUMMARY AND PROPOSAL.**

Scott D. Allen, AAI of Whitaker-Myers Insurance Agency Inc. presented an overview of the insurance coverages recommended for CFA.

(14) **FUTURE BOARD MEETING SITE SELECTION.**

**DelaBar:** Our best bets are Chicago and Houston. Air fares are not factored in. **Veach** moved to look at Chicago and Detroit for October 2006. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Veach** moved to keep February board meetings in Houston. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**(15) PUREBRED RESCUE.**

**Purebred Rescue Committee Liaison Loretta Baugh** presented the following report:

*We need more foster homes and more purebred rescuers established. To this end, we've designed a Website at <http://cfapurebredrescue.org> to encourage establishment of new rescues and to help them get started. We are working actively with Garden State Cat Club, as well as with TICA and ACFA to expand options for signing up foster homes. This website is also needed to have credence when dealing with some of the shelters that require lots of red tape to get approval to pull cats.*

***POLICY AND PROCEDURES & INCORPORATION:***

*Forms have been generated for use (foster application, foster contract, adoption application, adoption contract, breeder-owner relinquishment form, non-breeder owner relinquishment form) and approved with some modifications by Fred Jacobberger over the last 6 months. Policies and Procedures have been written and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors of CFA Purebred Rescue, Inc. Liability insurance to cover CFA Purebred Rescue Board members and participants is being explored. CFA Purebred Rescue, Inc was incorporated in November, 2004 and 501c3 status with the IRS was applied for soon thereafter and is pending.*

***WORKING WITH OTHER REGISTRIES:***

*Linda Pollack Mercer invited, with the agreement of the CFA Purebred Rescue Committee BOD and the CFA President, both TICA and ACFA to participate and send liaisons to the Board of CFA Purebred Rescue, Inc. These Liaisons will be nominated to the Board of CFA Purebred Rescue, Inc. at our annual meeting to be held in June. TICA has also established a Rescue Committee, and Delynne Satimore (Scottish Fold Rescue Vice President and the Liaison appointed to our Board) is now Chairperson of that Committee. Linda Pollack Mercer, MD, President of CFA Purebred Rescue, Inc., is Chairperson of the TICA Rescue Purebred Rescue subcommittee. Both Linda Berg and Betty Haden are members of that subcommittee. That subcommittee is working on designing pamphlets to hand out regarding fostering and related issues and on involving clubs in signing up foster homes for CFA Purebred Rescue, Inc DBA Purebred Cat Breed Rescue. Diana Engelbert (CFA), Hazel Brandenburg (ACFA), Geri Fellerman (CFA, Garden State Cat Club show manager) are also members of that committee and working to design such pamphlets and a program to involve clubs of all registries in helping to sign up fosters. TICA has said they will not have a freestanding rescue, but the TICA Rescue committee will instead work to support the efforts of CFA Purebred Rescue, Inc. In addition, email lists to mentor shelter workers and fosters have been set up. The TICA Rescue Committee is also working on a pamphlet regarding hoarding. Diana Engelbert is in charge and working with a social worker who is a member of The Hoarding of Animals Research Consortium (HARC) to write up a pamphlet. (see <http://www.tufts.edu/vet/cfa/hoarding/index.html>)*

*We are very excited about the support we are receiving from the other registries, as they make up almost 50% of our fosters and transporters that we currently use, and the donations that we receive.*

*We would also like to thank Kim and Fred Hirsch for their generosity in requesting that donations be made to our rescue in lieu of gifts for their marriage*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Haden, CFA Purebred Rescue Committee*

**(16) CFA FOUNDATION REPORT.**

**Liaison Rachel Anger** presented the following report:

*The concept of what is appropriate to collect in a museum is always somewhat vague and can be difficult to define precisely. The CFA Foundation Committee which is currently comprised of Jan Rogers, Bobara Pendergrast, Karen Lawrence, and myself as Chair, will take it upon ourselves to define this specifically and communicate this to all CFA Clubs in an effort to facilitate what items we seek.*

*The Central Office has, for many years, been collecting and accumulating donations made by individuals and clubs. Some of these items fall well within anyone's definition of what items we would seek in the CFA Museum because they are specifically related to the animals which we love so well – cats. Contained within the current collection are items such as medals and awards and other memorabilia from the earliest cat shows – some dating back to the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Also contained are books and publications related specifically to cats, cat shows, feline health and so forth. The Central Office has been diligent in organizing the books.*

*One of our early goals is to sort and catalogue a large amount of the collected material and eliminate those items which don't fall within the framework of our eventual definition. Some of these items in the latter category will be sold or donated as the item may warrant.*

*This ultimately will become the permanent collection housed at the CFA Central Office. Since, regrettably many of you will not visit the Central Office frequently, if at all, the idea of creating a "moving museum" has been discussed and seems appropriate. It would be our hope to put together a moving museum that could be packaged and sent to some of the larger CFA Venues such as the International Show and Cats Show-NY and other club shows who have room and interest in displaying this for exhibitors and gate to see as well.*

*The committee has some very interesting and aggressive ideas on how this can be accomplished. They are all in the infancy of planning, however, and will become firmer as we know what kinds of money will be required to accomplish this. Look for much more information soon and please keep the CFA Foundation/Jean B. Rose Memorial Library in your thoughts for personal and club donations.*

*Respectfully submitted:  
David L. Mare*

**(17) EDUCATION (PRODUCTS) COMMITTEE.**

**CFA Educational Products Chair Jo Ann Cummings** gave the following report:

*In order to send a complimentary copy of the Breed Identification CD, a complete list of veterinary colleges, address and a contact name has been sent to the Central Office.*

*Several clubs that have sent for and received the Spectator Guide, created by Jan Dick, report that this guide is colorful, eye catching and well received. Jan is still willing to supply any club a copy with her compliments.*

*The trivia pursuit game was a big hit at the Seacoast show. Unfortunately only a handful of clubs have expressed an interest in this informative game for children. I could use some ideas on how to generate club interest; it seems very few clubs wish to take the time to pass out the games. The few that have written back, tell me that not only did the children have a good time, but the parents did as well, and they all considered it a nice learning experience.*

*Several clubs have sent for "The Child's Dictionary." They plan to set up a small sitting area where the child can watch the Power Point Presentation, this presentation is accompanied with the music, Colors in the Wind.*

*Karen has revamped the Activity book that was initially created by Martha Auspitz; she has supplied samples of the book for each of us. The Central Office is seeking quotes on 50,000 copies to be printed and when we know the approximate cost Roeann Fulkerson will look for a sponsor. Plans are to send copies with the clubs show package so that they may be distributed to the children attending the show.*

*Karen Lawrence has pulled together a webpage site for children that are Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. She has the site set up by buttons, the children can click on a button and this will take them to the page they want, this includes: Discover Breed & Colors, Learn about Cat Shows, Junior Showmanship, Have Fun, Links to Interesting Sites, For Parents & Teachers. The pages for children are all written so that a child can understand. The Have Fun section contains jigsaw puzzles, word games, pages to color and the child can also print out a Journal for their cat which keeps track of office visits to their veterinarian, and records of their shots. (Karen has included a sample of this as well). This is all color coded so that any child can follow the section that they want. In the future we plan to include information regarding careers in animal care. The University of Arizona has a nice web page with this information that we can use for guidance. We do not have enough time to list all the features on this webpage, but just to give you an idea of the research she has done, if a child clicks on Links to Interesting Sites, they can send a post card to a friend from, "Charlie the Red Cat".*

*We owe Karen a huge thanks. This work is creative and I think if we can reach the children and have them tap into this page it will change our upcoming history. With that note I call on each board member to visit this site soon, and send a note to the CFA list encouraging parents to have their children tap into this web page, which now has its own address. [kids.cfa.org](http://kids.cfa.org).*

*I sent a post to the list sometime ago asking the show producing clubs to collect the email address of children who attend the shows, so that we could inform the children of this fun,*

*creative, learning webpage. To date I have not received one response from any clubs. This is their future they are neglecting. I encourage clubs to do this and also if possible set up a laptop open to the children's webpage so that their child could see what they would be getting.*

*If any clubs wishes informative on any of the above please write me at: JACmming@aol.com.*

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Jo Ann Cummings, Education Chair*

**(18) AWARDS AND HONORS COMMITTEE.**

**Awards and Honors Chair Rachel Anger** gave the following report:

*UPDATE ON CATLIN AWARD*

*The “Catlin Award Subcommittee” consists of myself, Karen Lawrence, Sharyn Hauck, Teresa Keiger and RuthAnne Miller of Miller Brand Development. We continue to be on track with the timetable presented to you at the October 2004 board meeting, and we’re on our way!*

*A page containing the Catlin Award press release, call for entries, and a short article on “The History of Cats in Advertising” was added to the CFA web site on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The press release was distributed on April 18<sup>th</sup> by Peter Collins, who volunteered to distribute a marketing mail on our behalf, saving us the wire service fee. The news release was sent to marketing editors at magazines, newspapers, news wires, and broadcast media targeted to generate coverage in the business pages that are read by advertising and marketing executives.*

*Peter was almost immediately contacted by the Features editor of Women’s World magazine, who expressed interest in running a feature on the award winners. Peter convinced them that helping to publicize the award now would “mean that we could have millions of readers on the lookout for the best advertisement featuring a feline.”*

*Both the press release and the history article are features in the May/June issue of Fanc-e-Mews. The press release has been picked up by several agencies, and can be found on several websites related to the pet and advertising areas.*

*Our next step is to consider and invite judges. Stay tuned for more exciting developments as the Catlin Award Program unfolds!*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Anger, Honors/Awards Chair*

**Anger:** The CFA website contains a Catlin Award page <http://www.cfainc.org/catlin-award.html> which gives a history of cats in advertising. Nominations may also be submitted. Excitement is building!





















































































































































































