

**THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION, INC.**

1999 Annual Board Meeting

Jackson, Mississippi

September 1-3, 1999

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of The International Cat Association, Inc. was called to order on September 1, 1999 at 8:05 AM at the Crown Royale Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi. The following people were in attendance:

Larry Paul - President  
Kay DeVilbiss - Vice President  
Chieko Ohira - Director, Asia  
Dewane Barnes - Director, Great Lakes  
Edith Mary Smith - Director, Great Plains  
Louise Van De Water - Director, Northeast  
Marcel Louwyck - Director, Northern Europe  
Barbara Washburn - Director, Mid Atlantic  
Sue Servies - Director, Mid Pacific  
Fate Mays - Director, South Central  
Jo Parris - Director, Southeast  
Bob Mullen - Director, Southwest  
Laurie Schiff - Legal Advisor

Alice Rhea - Director, Northwest, Inar Pessoa - Director, South America, and Aline Noel - Director, Southern Europe were not present. The President welcomed Barbara Washburn and Laurie Schiff to their first meeting. Also present were Bobbie Tullo, Judging Administrator and Cathy Welch, TICA TREND Editor. Maryanna Geiger was present as the translator for Chieko Ohira, Regional Director, Asia. The President detailed his medical condition and treatment schedule. He also detailed the tribute to Georgia Morgan at the Awards Banquet and the proclamation of her as TICA's First Living Treasure.

Unanimous consent to give the Executive Office staff the day after Thanksgiving as an Annual Holiday.

1. Motion was made by DeVilbiss and seconded VanDeWater to approve the expenses to the 1999 Annual Meeting and Banquet for Larry Hart. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion was made by DeVilbiss and seconded Mullen to approve the expenses for Mary Haffner in relation to the straw polls and all fax expenses. Motion carried unanimously.

Unanimous consent to allow the Judging Administrator and the TICA TREND Editor to remain in the room during Executive Session.

Unanimous consent to allow for a 2-hour lunch during the meeting today.

\*\*\*\*\**See Confidential Addendum*\*\*\*\*\*

Unanimous consent to adopt the official Complaint Form as part of the Standing Rules the By-laws.

\*\*\*\*\**See Confidential Addendum*\*\*\*\*\*

4. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Mays to adopt the proposed changes to ARTICLE XXII.

Discipline, under the Emergency Powers. Motion carried unanimously. (See Motion 24.)

Later, there was unanimous consent to remove the emergency powers section of Motion 4.

Motion 4 then reads: Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Mays to adopt the proposed changes to ARTICLE XXII. Discipline. Motion carried unanimously. (See Motion 24.)

Unanimous consent to accept the Judging Program Preface. See Addendum.

17. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Mullen change the Judging Program, ARTICLE 6, Provisional Allbreed to read: "Have judged at least 20 shows as Approved Specialty (30 LH and 20 SH or any combination thereof.) Motion carried with Smith, Mays, and VandeWater opposed as they felt it should be 30 and 30.

**~~~~~ Judging Program ~~~~~**

18. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Barnes Mullen to change the Judging Program, 10.2 by striking the phrase: "with requirements at least as stringent as ours". Motion carried with Mays and Smith opposed.

**~~~~~ Judging Program ~~~~~**

Unanimous consent to add to 10.2 of the Judging Program: "Any such application shall include a detailed description of prior training and education and shall be evaluated on a case by case basis."

**~~~~~ Judging Program ~~~~~**

Unanimous consent to change the requirements in Motion 17 to "20 LH and 30 SH".

**~~~~~ Judging Program ~~~~~**

19. Motion was made by VanDeWater and seconded by Barnes to change 20.2.e of the Judging Program to read: "Sponsored by a TICA club and a licensed TICA Approved Allbreed Judge." Motion carried with Mullen and Servies opposed.

**~~~~~ Judging Program ~~~~~**

20. Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Mays that Approved Allbreed Household Pet Judges be removed from 20.8 of the Judging Program. Motion denied with Mays and Smith in favor.

Unanimous consent to approve the Judging Program as amended below effective immediately.

**ARTICLE SEVENTEEN - Penalties for Failure to Fulfill Judging Requirements**

17.1 Failure to fulfill judging requirements shall including failure to comply with the Bylaws, Show Rules and other rules, including the Judging Program, specifically ARTICLE Sixteen, of this Association.

17.2 The penalty for failing to fulfill judging requirements shall be assessed by the Board of Directors on a case by case basis, and may include a fine, suspension, demotion or any other penalty.

17.3 The following penalties shall be automatically assessed, unless the judge is an Approved Allbreed Judge, in which case the Judging Administrator shall notify the judge that a hearing shall take place at the next meeting of the Board of Directors:

Failure to:

1. Satisfactorily complete the Annual Refresher Exam by June 30<sup>th</sup>;
2. Accumulate 6 CEUs per year;
3. Pay membership dues and/or license fees by October 30; or
4. Forward a complete Judge's Yearly Record form by October 30.

Failure to forward judges books to the Executive Office within 48 hours; and

Failure to properly notify the Executive Office, show committee and the appropriate exhibitors, upon notification by the Executive Office that a mistake which requires correction has been made in a judge's book, of the correction within 10 days.

- a. First offense - \$25 fine and letter of reprimand from the Judging Administrator;
- b. Second offense (within any 12 month period) - \$50 fine;
- c. Further offenses - may include, but are not limited to, fine, suspension, demotion or any other penalty, except that an Approved Allbreed Judge may not be demoted without a hearing.

Extenuating circumstances, when applicable, shall be taken into consideration.

#### ARTICLE NINETEEN - Discipline

19.15 No action may be taken against an Approved Allbreed judge or an Instructor without full documentation of charges against that judge and a hearing before the Board of Directors except as provided in Article 17, Section 17.3.

#### ~~~~~**Judging Program**~~~~~

The TREND Report was presented by Cathy Welch, TICA TREND Editor. See Addendum.

21. Motion was made by DeVilbiss and seconded by Parris to delete the words "show reports" from ARTICLE XIX, Section 2 of the By-Laws: Newsletter. The Association shall publish a newsletter, at least bi-monthly, which shall contain the names and addresses of the Judges, Board Members, Breed Committee Chairpersons, Committee Chairpersons, trainee judges; current news of the Association; ~~show reports~~; show calendar; informative articles; paid advertisements; officers' reports; and any other material authorized by the Board of Directors.

PRO: Reduces TICA TREND expenses, helps to avoid a potential increase in Membership dues.

CON: Less information provided to members.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### >>>>**Membership Ballot**<<<<

Unanimous consent to go into a committee of a whole for James Reardon.

INSTRUCTIONS: The President instructed Jimmy Reardon to research marketing with the big firms.

Unanimous consent to authorize the Executive Office to disburse funds to the person indicated on the Judging Administrator's Expense Report.

22. Motion was made by VandeWater and seconded by Barnes to adopt the legislation relative to expenses of Regional Directors. Motion denied with Louwyck abstaining. (See Addendum to 1999 Semi-Annual Minutes.)

23. Motion was made by Servies and seconded by Mullen to pay the hotel room expenses for Board

Members for 5 nights. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item to change the By-Laws, ARTICLE V, Section 2: "The President and Vice President shall be elected by the membership at large to serve a term of 3 years or until a successor is duly elected, but shall hold office for no more than two (2) consecutive terms." died for lack of a motion.

Agenda Item to change the By-Laws, ARTICLE V, Section 3: "The Regional Directors shall be elected by the members of the Region where the Director resides to serve a term of 3 years or until a successor is duly elected, but shall hold office for no more than two (2) consecutive terms." died for a lack of a motion.

24. Motion was made by DeVilbiss and seconded by Mays to amend the By-Laws, ARTICLE XXII-Discipline to read:

"SECTION 1. Enforcement of Rules. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to enforce the rules of the Association and to that end the Board of Directors shall be empowered to assess reasonable penalties for infraction thereof and for acts and conduct detrimental to the best interest of the Association or the welfare of cats.

SECTION 2. Procedure. Disciplinary power may be exercised only after due notice and an opportunity to be heard are first given to the party accused.

*a. The complaining party must submit the show protest or other complaint on the official form set forth in the Standing Rules to these Bylaws. The complaining party must state the specific By-Law, Show Rule, Registration Rule or other rule alleged to be violated by the accused party, and attach all documents and other evidence which they contend supports the complaint or protest. Any complaint must be filed with the Executive Office not later than 180 days after the alleged incident occurred, and be accompanied by a non-refundable filing fee of \$25. Any show protest must be filed with the Executive Office not later than 10 days after the close of the show.*

*a. b. The accused party shall be furnished a copy of the charges, all evidence pertaining thereto and be accorded sufficient time to reply.*

*c. Any non-documentary evidence in support of a complaint or a response must be submitted in the form of a declaration or affidavit, signed or sworn under penalty of perjury by the person providing that declaration or affidavit, and include a statement that the facts contained therein are within the personal knowledge of that person.*

*d. Any documentary evidence in support of a complaint or a response must be declared or sworn, under penalty of perjury, to be true and correct copies of such documents.*

*b. e. The Board of Directors may refer the matter to the Judicial Committee for a finding before any action is taken. The findings of the Judicial Committee shall be advisory only and not binding on the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may conduct a hearing itself or appoint a Legal Committee or person to conduct the hearing. All parties shall have the right to be present, in person, with or without counsel or to be represented by counsel and to present a statement, evidence or witnesses in their behalf.*

SECTION 3. Show Protests. Protests charging misconduct or violation of the rules of the association, arising in connection with a show, shall be submitted in writing with any evidence and a \$25 filing fee, to the Show Committee within 10 working days following the completion of the show. If the protest is against the actions of the club, the show committee of the club, a member of the club or show committee, or production company,

the protest can optionally be filed with the Executive Secretary of the Association, with the \$25 filing fee, to be handled by the Board of Directors pursuant to ARTICLE XXII, Section 2 of the By-Laws. A copy of the protest shall also be sent to the show committee. The Board of Directors shall commence action on the protest, pursuant to Section 2 of this article, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the protest in the Executive Office. These fees are non-refundable. The filing fees shall not apply to protests filed by the Feline Welfare Standing Committee in its abuse protocols.

SECTION 4. Injunction. The Board of Directors may enjoin the accused and any member or club involved to cease and desist from any alleged misconduct until a decision is rendered in the matter.

SECTION 5. Interim Suspension of Services. In the event of criminal charges have been filed and are pending against an individual for violation of animal cruelty, welfare or related laws, the Board of Directors may suspend TICA services to such individual until such time as those charges are resolved and/or a hearing is conducted under this Article. In the event such an individual is a Judge or Trainee, the Board of Directors may suspend the individual's judging license or authorization to participate in the TICA Judging Program until such time as those charges are resolved and/or a hearing is conducted under this Article.

SECTION 6. Discipline By Other Animal Associations. In the event an individual has been disciplined by another animal-related association or organization having standards for discipline at least as high as TICA, the Board of Directors may immediately, or after a hearing or investigation, suspend TICA services to that individual or impose such other discipline as may be warranted, including, but not limited to, imposition of the same or similar discipline as imposed by such other association. Such individual shall, however, be provided with the opportunity to provide evidence and argument indicating why such suspension of services or other discipline should not be imposed or continued.

SECTION 5.7. Penalties.

a. Except as provided in Subsection (b) reasonable penalties for misconduct or violation or infraction of the Association's rules may be imposed by a majority of the Board of Directors, and may include reprimand, suspension or revocation of judge's license, except that reprimands to judges and suspension of judge's licenses of 90 days or less shall be governed by the rules contained in the Judging Program, suspension from showing, suspension of registrations or confirmation of awards for any given period, suspension or expulsion from membership in the Association, suspension or revocation of Club Charter, or suspension of all TICA services.

Suspension of all TICA services includes the following:

1. Participation in a TICA sanctioned show in any capacity, including, but not limited to, acting as a entry clerk, ring clerk, master clerk, show manager or any other show official;
2. Participation in a TICA judging school, clerking school or breed committee;
3. Holding an office in a TICA sanctioned club;
4. Registration of cats and/or litters;
5. Confirmations of titles;
6. Scoring for regional and international awards.

7. Serve on a committee or in any other capacity.

b. An elected officer or director of the Association may not be expelled by the Board of Directors from membership in the Association or as officer and director, but may be suspended from membership in the Association and as officer and director for misconduct or violation or infraction of the Association's rules by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors, including the individual being suspended. In the event of such suspension, the Board of Directors must submit a ballot within 60 days to the membership, or a portion of the membership, which elected the individual, requesting a vote on the suspension or expulsion of the individual from membership and as officer and director. The suspension by the Board shall end if the ballot is not so submitted or if the membership does not vote in favor of suspension or expulsion."

RATIONALE: Persons wishing to file complaints or protests must themselves provide the documentation and evidence in support of such a complaint, and must be willing to swear that the facts that they are presenting are true. TICA must have the ability to react quickly when a case of animal abuse is so severe that criminal charges are pending. Finally, TICA must not be put a position where those who have been banned by some other association may simply begin registering and showing in TICA.

Motion carried unanimously.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

25. Motion was made by Mays and seconded by Smith to change the By-Laws ARTICLE XXIV, to read:  
"SECTION 1. The members of the Association may, by an affirmative mail vote of a majority of the members voting, adopt, repeal, alter, amend or modify the By-Laws of this Association.

a. Procedure. Any member may submit a proposal to amend the By-Laws. Said proposals shall be first submitted to the Executive Office in writing ~~along with 20 copies~~, stating the article and section to be amended and the wording of the new or amended section(s). The Executive Office shall then distribute the proposal pursuant to the direction of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may approve, reject or refer the matter back to the appropriate committee. A committee may not reject a proposal on substantive grounds. If the Board of Directors approves the matter, it shall be submitted to a membership vote on the annual ballot in October."

RATIONALE: The entire agenda is printed at once, so copies to be inserted in individual packets simply required additional staff time, and are no longer necessary.

Motion carried unanimously.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

26. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Mays to amend the Standing Rules to the By-Laws as below effective immediately. .

VII. Bad Debts. A "Bad Debt" for the purposes of this section may be either a debt to TICA, a debt to a TICA-affiliated organization or club, or a debt to a TICA judge and/or official.

1. DEBTS TO TICA

a. A debt to TICA is a debt due and owing to TICA for unpaid fees, dues or other charges, including returned check and denied credit card charges, and any resulting fees.

b. The Executive Office shall notify the Debtor or Responsible Party by certified mail, return receipt requested, with a copy sent via regular United States Mail, First Class, Postage Prepaid, and shall inform the Debtor of the entire sum due.

c. If the debt remains unpaid after 30 days from the mailing of notice, the Debtor shall be automatically ineligible to receive any TICA services until the debt is paid in full, including accumulation of wins, titles and points or other scoring of cats, registration of cats and/or litters and any other service or product provided by TICA and the Debtor's name shall be included in the "Temporary Suspension" list published in the Trend.

d. In the event of the receipt of two dishonored checks from one individual within a period of 24 months, the Executive Office may require that all future payments from that individual be made by certified funds or credit card.

## 2. RESPONSIBLE PARTY

a. In the event that the Debtor is a TICA sanctioned club or organization, and the debt is based on a check that has been returned as unpaid, the Responsible Party is the signatory of the check.

## 3. DEBTS TO TICA CLUBS

a. In the event that an individual is indebted to a TICA club or organization for show entry fees, documentation supporting such debt may be forwarded to the Executive Office. The Executive Office shall notify the Debtor by certified mail, return receipt requested, with a copy sent via regular United States Mail, First Class, Postage Prepaid, and shall inform the Debtor of the entire sum due.

b. If the debt remains unpaid after 30 days from the mailing of notice, and the Debtor does not dispute that the debt is owing, the Debtor shall be automatically ineligible to receive any TICA services until the debt is paid in full, including accumulation of wins, titles and points or other scoring of cats, registration of cats and/or litters and any other service or product provided by TICA, and the Debtor's name shall be included in the "Temporary Suspension" list published in the Trend. In the event that the Debtor does dispute the debt is owing, the matter shall be heard by the Board of Directors, who shall then determine the validity of the debt.

## 5. DEBTS TO TICA JUDGES

a. In the event that a debt is owed to a TICA judge judging fees or travel expenses, documentation supporting such debt may be forwarded to the Executive Office. The Executive Office shall notify the Debtor or Responsible Party by certified mail, return receipt requested, with a copy sent via regular United States Mail, First Class, Postage Prepaid, and shall inform the Debtor or Responsible Party of the entire sum due.

b. If the debt remains unpaid after 30 days from the mailing of notice, and the Debtor or Responsible Party does not dispute that the debt is owing, the Debtor or Responsible Party shall be automatically ineligible to receive any TICA services until the debt is paid in full, including accumulation of wins, titles and points or other scoring of cats, registration of cats and/or litters and any other service or product provided by TICA, and the Debtor's name shall be included in the "Temporary Suspension" list published in the Trend.. In the event that the Debtor or Responsible Party does dispute the debt is owing, the matter shall be heard by the Board of Directors, who shall then determine the validity of the debt.

6. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION LIST. A list of those persons who are temporarily ineligible to receive TICA services shall be published in the TICA Trend."



RATIONALE: A method of dealing with unpaid debts to judges and clubs should be included along with the method of dealing with such debts to TICA itself.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

Unanimous consent that Motion 65 from the 1996 Annual Meeting Minutes be placed in the Standing Rules to the By-Laws: "When a club desires a show date from the Regional Director, they may request that date by certified mail. After 30 days, there being no response from the Regional Director, the club may proceed with the show date, scheduling it through the Executive Office by providing the Executive Office with a copy of the written request and a copy of the signed Receipt Requested Card." Motion carried with Noel absent.

**}}}}Standing Rules to the By-Laws}}}}**

Unanimous consent to remove from the Standing Rules to the By-Laws: "International Assignments. TICA judges invited to judge non-TICA shows outside of the North American Continent shall apply to the Board for permission in advance."

**}}}}Standing Rules to the By-Laws}}}}**

Unanimous consent to add to Show Dates in the Standing Rules to the By-Laws: Show Dates. The Regional Director may deny a club a specific show date only if there is a previously scheduled TICA show in the region on the requested weekend. "*The first club that requests a show date is authorized to have the show.*" Motion carried unanimously.

**}}}}Standing Rules to the By-Laws}}}}**

27. Motion was made by DeVilbiss and seconded by Mays to adopt the changes to the Judicial Committee Guidelines as follows:

1. All complaints and protests must be made on the official protest/complaint form as adopted by the Legal Committee. The Legal Committee may revise that form as needed.

2. 1.—The Executive Office shall refer such matters to the Chairman of the Judicial Committee with a copy to the Board Member who serves as the liaison between the Board and the Judicial Committee: forward to the Legal Counsel any protest or complaint that is received in the proper format and with the appropriate fee, and which is not a feline welfare complaint.

3. 2.—The Chairman of the Judicial Committee Legal Counsel shall furnish a copy of the complaint or protest and all attachments evidence pertaining thereto to the Responding Party: accused party(ies). The Responding Party accused party(ies) shall be provided with an opportunity to reply to the complaint or protest informed that s/he (they) have a right to reply to the charges in writing. Such a reply must be received by the Chairman of the Judicial Committee within 21 days. of the date when the accused was mailed a copy of the protest.

4. Upon receipt of a response, or upon the expiration of 30 days, Legal Counsel shall forward the complaint or protest and the response, along with any accompanying documentation, to the balance of the Legal Committee.

5. Legal Counsel shall provide the Complaining Party with a copy of any response and accompanying documentation.

6. The Legal Committee may request further documentation and conduct whatever further investigation as it may deem appropriate.

7. The Legal Committee shall reports its findings and opinions to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may then schedule a hearing, determine that no cause exists to conduct a hearing, or request further investigation or documentation.

8. In the event the Board of Directors schedules a hearing, Legal Counsel shall then notify the parties of the date, time and place of the hearing, and that the parties may appear in person or through an attorney and present evidence and documents in support of their positions, or may submit a written response to be presented at the hearing.

9. Any hearing shall be held in closed session.

10. The Legal Committee may revise these procedures as necessary to manage complaints and protests efficiently.”

~~3. The Chairman of the Judicial Committee shall appoint a subcommittee consisting of two members of the Judicial Committee, who do not reside in the region of any of the parties to the protest, to investigate the alleged violation(s). The subcommittee may request additional evidence, hold a hearing(s), or take whatever steps are necessary to gather all pertinent facts relating to the protest.~~

~~4. The subcommittee will then make a determination of the validity of the protest and report its findings NO LATER THAN 60 days prior to the next Board Meeting to the Chairman of the Judicial Committee and the Board Liaison. The findings of the subcommittee shall be advisory only and not binding on the Board of Directors.~~

~~5. Upon request of the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Judicial Committee shall inform the party(ies) that a hearing will be conducted at the next Board Meeting.~~

~~6. The Board of Directors may conduct a hearing or appoint someone to conduct a hearing on behalf of the Board or accept the finding of the Judicial Committee Subcommittee.~~

~~7. The Board may take disciplinary action only after due notice is given to the accused and all parties are informed that they have a right to appear before the Board, in person, with or without counsel, or to be represented by counsel and to present a statement, evidence or witnesses on their behalf.~~

RATIONALE: The current rules do not reflect the procedure that is currently in use.

Motion carried unanimously.

**}}}}Attached to the By-Laws}}}}**

28. Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Washburn to amend Show Rules 4.6 and 6.4 as follows:

~~“4.6 Temporarily or permanently disabled If a disabled exhibitor wishes special benching, such a request must be made in writing by the show's published closing date.” Upon request, disabled exhibitors must show written handicapped permit, to the show secretary.~~

~~“6.4 Disabled exhibitors will be benched Each show committee shall make reasonable efforts to bench disabled exhibitors in such a way as to allow them those exhibitors unobstructed access to the benching area and to the rings. The show management may not charge additional fees for disabled benching.” The show management may require written proof of disability from exhibitors.~~

RATIONALE: These changes are necessary to comply with the Americans With Disabilities

Act.

Motion carried unanimously.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

29. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by DeVilbiss to adopt the changes to Show Rule 3.9: "The show committee, at its discretion, may refuse to accept any entry for the following reasons:
- a. Maximum entries received.
  - b. Show date is during 21-day prohibitive period.
  - c. Exhibitor's name is on club or TICA ~~Bad Debt~~ Temporary or Permanent Suspension List.
  - d. A formal protest alleging a violation of Show Rules and/or By-Laws has been lodged, and the protest has been upheld by the Board of Directors.
  - e. Prior conduct of the entry and/or exhibitor is detrimental to the best interest of the association or the welfare of cats or the club and/or its show.
  - f. Any The entry is prohibited by law.
  - g. The last entry day is past. The last entry day is the last day and time that entries are accepted, notwithstanding any advertised "closing date". The show committee shall accept entries in the order received, however, may give preference to entries accompanied by payment.

In the event that a show committee has declined any entry pursuant to 3.9(g), no further entries may be accepted for any reason whatsoever."

RATIONALE: The "Bad Debt List" should no longer be published; those exhibitors ineligible to exhibit should be published on the "Suspension List." The definition of the closing date of a show requires further explanation.

Motion carried unanimously.

### >>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<

Unanimous consent to accept the amendments to the Standing Rules to the Show Rules "Meeting Agenda and Amendments to Show Rules as follows:

**"Amendments.** Proposals to amend the Show Rules, By-Laws and Registration Rules shall be considered by the Board of Directors at the ~~Semi-Annual Meeting~~ meetings and must be in writing and **received** in the Executive Office 60 days prior to the opening day of the meeting. Proposals to be submitted according to ARTICLE XVII, Section 1.b. of the TICA By-Laws: "Procedure. Any member may submit a proposal to amend the Show Rules or Registration Rules. Said proposals shall be first submitted to the Genetics, Technical Terminology and Rules Committees and the Board of Directors in writing, stating the article and section to be amended and the wording of the new or amended section(s). The Board of Directors may approve, reject or refer the matter back to the appropriate committee. If the Board of Directors approves the matter, it shall be submitted to a membership vote on the annual ballot in October."

**Form and Format.** The Board will entertain amendments to the By-Laws, Show Rules, and the Registration Rules at each ~~Semi-Annual Meeting~~ if presented in the proper format and in the proper time, with the proper authorizations, i.e., Technical Terminology Committee, Genetics Committee, etc.; and Standards, breed matters, and judging matters will be entertained at the Annual Meeting. Effective 05/01/92, those submitting proposals for changes must use the approved form.

**Restrictions.** All matters restricted under ARTICLE IX, Section 2.h. will be printed in a confidential addendum to the minutes with the admonition that information contained therein is prohibited from dissemination to any persons. All members and officials of the Board in Executive Session are admonished that all matters discussed in Executive Session may NOT be disseminated orally or electronically or in any other manner."

RATIONALE: In practice, these matters are reviewed at each meeting and matters requiring attention should not need be passed over so as to comply with this rule.

**}}}}Standing Rules to the Show Rules}}}}**

30. Motion was made by Servies and seconded by Mays to adopt the following change to the Standing Rules to the Show Rules, effective May 1, 2000 as follows:

“At the completion of the judging, the judge must turn in to the Master Clerk, the COVER and the ORIGINAL (white copy), of all pages of the judge’s book. It is the judge’s job to ensure that all pages are included when given to the Master Clerk. The Master Clerk will sign the cover page of the judges book as being receipted for. The Master Clerk and Judge will sign a check-off sheet provided by the Executive Office with the show supplies. The judge shall retain the pink copy of all pages of the judge’s book for his/her personal records. At the completion of the show, the Master Clerk will submit the marked catalog and the judges’ books to the appropriate member of the club/show committee. The club shall forward the Master Catalog and all judges’ books to the Executive Office within 48 hours after the close of the show. It is suggested that priority mail and/or an express delivery system be used rather than regular mail. In international regions, it is recommended that the senior allbreed judge bring all judges’ books to the US and forward them to the Executive Office.”

RATIONALE: As it stands now, many times it is a hardship on a judge, especially one who is traveling in a country not his/her own or when traveling from coast to coast to send the judge’s books in a timely manner. Additionally, since the catalog cannot be scored until all books are received, it would make the job of the Executive Office easier to know that all judges’ books have been received in one package thereby eliminating the seemingly chronic problem of late judges’ books.

Motion carried unanimously.

**}}}}Standing Rules to the Show Rules}}}}**

**\*\*\*\*\*See Confidential Addendum\*\*\*\*\***

Unanimous consent to approve the Minutes from the 1999 Semi-Annual Meeting. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the 1999 Semi-Annual, in Winnipeg, CANADA.

Unanimous consent to use Alva Uddin at the Tropical Trail Feline Fanciers show of February 26 and 27, 2000.

No action was taken on the following Judging School Notes:

- Remove the red gene from the Burmese Breed Group.
- Reverse the decision to remove the Don Hairless from the list of Peterbald outcrosses.
- Develop a firm procedure for initiating changes to the breed standards.
- Specific rules on who can handle cats in the ring when the judge is not able to.
- Persons not in the Judging Program may not handle cats.
- Additional awards for more than 25 cats in a class.

At the 1999 Semi-Annual Meeting, Motion 54 was made by Barnes and seconded by Parris that the Judging Administrator, the Legal Advisors and the Legislative Committee work on a proposal to address the problem of late Judge’s Books and the failure of judges to meet other requirements with a report at the Annual. Motion carried unanimously. At the 1999 Annual Meeting, there was unanimous consent to table until later in the meeting. (See Motion 30.)

7. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Mullen to refer the change on ARTICLE X, Section 2 of the By-Laws to the October Membership Ballot as follows: "Adoption of any proposal by mail ballot shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of all Board Members who return their ballots to the Executive Office by the deadline stated in the ballot." Pro and con to be done by counsel. Motion carried unanimously.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

At the 1999 Semi-Annual Meeting, there was unanimous consent to refer the following to the Legislative Committee to be acted upon at the 1999 Annual Meeting:

Transitional Committee Structures for new breeds which are felt to require greater representation than a Working Breed Group.

The initial leadership upon acceptance for NBC would be as it is now, with a single representative appointed by the Board. This status could be maintained for as long as it is felt that the needs of the breed section can be met by a single individual. The next step would be to have a committee, the number of members to be determined by the size of the breed section, elected by the breed section members following the same requirements as for recognized breeds. However, the chair would be appointed by the Board, preferably from among the elected committee members, although there may be exceptions if it is felt that another individual would be better suited for this role. This would ensure that the Board continues to have as a liaison an individual with whom they can work and yet at the same time would take some of the pressure off the chairperson while allowing for broader representation of the breeders' interests, especially when the breed section is large and diverse.

CHANGE ARTICLE XVIII to read: "ADVANCEMENT TO CHAMPIONSHIP

Section I - Requirements

a. No breed may be advanced to championship status until the following requirements have been met;

(1) At least 250 cats have been registered with the Association,

(2) Five active breeders, that are TICA members in each region,

(3) Ten different representatives of the breed have been exhibited in the NBC class in a minimum of ten different show weekends in each region, during the show year prior to application,

(4) Recommendation from the Genetics Committee.

b. Procedure. The Working Group Chairperson of the breed involved shall be responsible for petitioning the Board of Directors, Rules and Technical Terminology Committees requesting the breed be advanced from NBC status to Championship status. The Board of Directors may recognize the breed for championship competition, defer it pending additional information, reject it, or refer it to a membership vote. If the breed is accepted for championship status the Board shall assign a Registration Category (I-IV) to the breed under the provisions of ARTICLE VII of the Registration Rules; recommendation of the Genetics Committee will be considered in assigning a Registration Category. The petition packet shall contain the following;

(1) Copy of approved/revised standard,

(2) Copy of approved/revised breeding program,

(3) Recommendation from the Genetics Committee.

c. In order to retain championship status, every new breed accepted for championship competition shall, in each of the next 3 year show years following acceptance, register a minimum of 50 additional cats per year, maintain a minimum of 5

TICA members in good standing in every region that are actively breeding. There must be a minimum of 10 specimens of the breed exhibited in at least 30 rings in each region per show year.”

***RATIONALE:*** TICA is a genetic registry. Therefore, in order to establish and maintain a viable gene pool it is necessary to have a large number of cats registered and available to keep the breed healthy, rather than limit the gene pool to a few cats where more than likely the majority are descendants of two or three prototypes. EVEN 250 may be inadequate to insure a healthy breed.

Invariably, when an application is made for advancement of NBC breed to championship status, many judges have never seen an example of the breed, let alone judged them in NBC classes. We have the best qualified judges in the cat fancy, but in order to maintain proficiency for those already licensed it is necessary for them to have exposure to all breeds. When licensed judges have no idea what a new breed (that is being judged in the NBC classes) looks like, we certainly can't expect new judges coming into the system to be proficient in their knowledge of the breeds.

Unanimous consent to table until of Friday morning. (See Motions 38 and 39.)

8. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Mullen to adopt the change to ARTICLE III, Section 2.1 of the By-Laws to read: “International Family Members. Additional members of an International member’s family, over the age of 18, who pay international family membership dues. Family members have the same rights and privileges as International members, excluding a TICA TREND subscription. Only one additional family member per International member may vote.” Motion carried unanimously.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

9. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Servies to add to the By-Laws, ARTICLE VI, Section 5. “No person who is an officer of another similar association shall be eligible to serve under this article.” Motion carried unanimously.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

Unanimous consent to place the previous motion on the October Membership Ballot.

10. Motion was made by Servies and seconded by Washburn to delete the following from the Show Rules, ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: “*The Show catalog will indicate the entry is a variant. Judges Books will not.*” to be placed on the October Membership Ballot.” Motion carried unanimously.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

Unanimous consent to take no action on defining By-Laws, ARTICLE V, Section 2.b.

Unanimous consent to remove the Isolated Status for Northern Europe effective May 1, 2000.

At the 1999 Semi-Annual Meeting, Motion 87 was unanimous consent to refer the changes to the By-Laws relative to Expenses for Directors to the Legislative Committee. Without objection. (See Addendum to 1999 Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes.) At the 1999 Annual Meeting, there was unanimous consent to table until Friday morning. (See Motion 22.)

Unanimous consent to rescind the Standing Rules to the By-Laws, Election Procedures.

**}}}}Standing Rules to the By-Laws{}}**

11. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Servies to correct ARTICLE XIII, Section 2.b. to read: "All membership ballots shall be sent to each member eligible to vote ~~by the CPA firm~~ by first class mail postmarked at least 45 days prior to the date announced for counting ballots. Lost or misplaced ballots shall be replaced by notifying the Executive Office in writing. Duplicate ballots shall be remailed by the CPA firm. The CPA firm shall mail duplicate ballots by US Postal Service unless other arrangements are made by the requestor and paid accordingly." Motion carried unanimously.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

Unanimous consent to thank Mary Haffner and send flowers.

Unanimous consent to rescind the Standing Rules to the By-laws, Counting Procedures.

**}}}}Standing Rules to the By-Laws{}}}}**

The President appointed Kay DeVilbiss, Marcel Louwyck and Barbara Washburn as the committee to decide Catalog of the Year. The Committee selected the following: Catalog of the Year - Christmas City Cat Club, First Runner-Up - All Points, Second Runner-Up - Cats All Folks.

The following members were appointed to the Abyssinian Breed Committee (5)

Sue Becknell-Bower, Chair  
Janis M Berry  
Sheila Denticio  
Blanche M Struemke  
Marylou Anderson

The following members were appointed to the American Curl Breed Committee (5):

Sharon Wilbur, Chair  
Connie Harvey  
Lisa Aring  
Mark Hack  
Gayle Hunter

The following members were appointed to the American Shorthair Breed Committee (5):

Mary Haffner, Chair  
Kit Boggs  
Nancy Welch  
Vanadis Crawford  
Robin Higgins

The following members were appointed to the Birman Breed Committee (5):

Karen Walbrun, Chair  
A Susan Levine  
Ann Hoehn  
Sharon Hunt  
Genevieve Basquine

The following members were appointed to the Bombay Breed Committee (5):

Beverly Dixon, Chair  
Deborah Reed  
Joan Simmons  
Louis Simmons  
Wendy Klamm

The following members were appointed to the British Shorthair Breed Committee (5):

Joi McNamara, Chair  
Jeane Camarena  
Hisako Yamada  
Pamela A Barrett  
Maria Julia Wagner

The following members were appointed to the Burmese Breed Committee (5):

Deborah Reed, Chair  
Ruth Phillips  
Christina Unangst  
Kate Guynn (not a member of BU Breed Section)

The following members were appointed to the Chartreux Breed Committee (5):

Luci Koizume, Chair  
Jeanne Johnson  
Geoff Roseman  
Beatrice Latham  
Lenora Scallan

The following members were appointed to the Cornish Rex Breed Committee (5):

Ann Hoehn, Chair  
Sean O'Brien  
Nancy Cannon  
Puppi Borgatti  
Carol Fiege

The following members were appointed to the Cymric Breed Committee (5):

Harley DeVilbiss, Chair  
Terry DeVilbiss  
Solveig Pflueger  
Phyllis Durdy  
Linda Swierczynski (not a member of CY Breed Section)

The following members were appointed to the Devon Rex Breed Committee (5):

Ellen Crockett, Chair  
Joan Simmons  
Joe Edwards  
Caroline Fralia  
Louis Simmons



The following members were appointed to the Exotic Shorthair Breed Committee (5):

Chris Unangst, Chair  
Vanadis Crawford  
Lorraine DeAngelis  
Nancy Stolzheimer  
Joan Ehert

The following members were appointed to the Havana Breed Committee (5):

Frances Yow, Chair  
Linda K Ashley  
Clyde R Duncum  
Candice Massey  
David Hamrick

The following members were appointed to the Himalayan Breed Committee (5):

Beverly Goss, Chair  
Rowe Ann Durant  
Lisa Dickie  
Claire Fox  
Debbie Lopeman

Unanimous consent to change the number of the Household Pet Breed Committee to five (5).

The following members were appointed to the Household Pet Breed Committee (5):

Barbara Price, Chair  
Suzanne Servies  
Ann Hoehn  
Lauretta Nawojski  
Melissa Eichler

The following members were appointed to the Japanese Bobtail Longhair Breed Committee (3):

Hazel Blanford, Chair  
Ovid Blanford  
Suzi Coy

The following members were appointed to the Korat Breed Committee (5):

Madeline S Lovelace, Chair  
Judy Bickett  
Ann P Boylan  
W A Gustafson Jr  
Hewitt E Lovelace

The following members were appointed to the Maine Coon Breed Committee (7):

Michael Hammond, Chair  
Alexandra de Guzman  
S Elektra Hammond  
Lynne Sherer  
Laura Cunningham  
Paul Huntley  
Donna Hinton

The following members were appointed to the Manx Breed Committee (5):

Marj Baker, Chair  
Harley DeVilbiss  
Terry DeVilbiss  
Solveig M V Pflueger  
Pat Smith

The following members were appointed to the Nebelung Breed Committee (3):

Cora Cobb  
John Hruza  
Cassie C Kanick

The following members were appointed to the Norwegian Forest Breed Committee (5):

Linda Krall, Chair  
Robert Krall  
Patti Andrews  
Louise Clair  
Linda Stebner

The following members were appointed to the Pixiebob/Pixiebob Longhair Breed Committee (3):

Sharleen Horne, Chair  
Carol Ann Brewer  
Gail Chaney

The following members were appointed to the Persian Breed Committee (7):

Rebecca Brown, Chair  
Kathleen Owens  
Mary Lemp  
Leslie Jacobsen  
Robert W Pease  
Elaine L Gracyalny-Clinton  
Maryann Morrison

Unanimous consent that the Ragdoll Breed Committee be increased to five (5).

The following members were appointed to the Ragdoll Breed Committee (5):

Rosemary Howarth, Chair  
Sue Villareal  
Wain Pearce  
Eileen M Pickett  
Linda K Kauffman

The following members were appointed to the Oriental Longhair Breed Committee (3):

Carol H Milleson  
Cindy Sullivan  
Katheleen Usher

Unanimous consent to reduce the Ocicat Breed Committee to three (3).

The following members were appointed to the Ocicat Breed Committee (3):

Francine M Hicks, Chair  
Barbara Kissinger

Unanimous consent to reduce the Scottish Fold Breed Committee to three (3).

The following members were appointed to the Scottish Fold Breed Committee (3):

Lane Cristy, Chair  
Diane Finch-Smith  
Karen Stephens

Unanimous consent to reduce the Scottish Fold Longhair Breed Committee to three (3).

The following members were appointed to the Scottish Fold Longhair Breed Committee (3):

Lane Cristy, Chair  
Diane Finch-Smith  
Karen Stephens

The following members were appointed to the Selkirk Rex Breed Committee (3):

Suzanne Servies, Chair  
Debra Sutherland  
Solveig M V Pflueger

The following members were appointed to the Siberian Breed Committee (3):

Dana Osbourne, Chair  
Suzanne Servies  
George Evans

Unanimous consent to reduce the Singapura Breed Committee to three (3).

The following members were appointed to the Singapura Breed Committee (3):

Jennifer Shortall  
Jane T Lee  
Patricia Falzarano

Unanimous consent to reduce the Snowshoe Breed Committee to three (3).

The following members were appointed to the Snowshoe Breed Committee (3):

Hellen Pounds  
Holly Howard  
Margot Scott

The following members were appointed to the Somali Breed Committee:

Christinae Vielvoye  
Daniel Vielvoye  
Cindy Sullivan  
Joe Edwards  
Sheila Dentico

The following members were appointed to the Tonkinese Breed Committee (5):

Sheryl Zink  
Christina Unangst  
Laurie Schiff  
Vanadis Crawford  
Sandra Kissinger

The following member was appointed as Munchkin Working Group Breed Chair:

Solveig M V Pflueger

Unanimous consent to authorize sending a membership mailing list to lams when requested by Mary McCollum.

13. Motion was made by DeVilbiss and seconded by Barnes to reduce the lifetime memberships to \$750 effective immediately with the proceeds designated to the Computer Fund ending April 30, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion was made by VandeWater and seconded by Barnes to refer to the Rules and Technical Terminology Committee the matter that no cats will be scored unless the registration number is in the catalog. (This is a change to the Standing Rules to the Show Rules: "Unregistered Cats. May be shown only once in TICA without a registration number. All points and/or wins for titles and/or Annual Awards acquired by an unregistered cat in the second and/or subsequent shows shall be irrevocably lost. The exhibitor is obligated to furnish the registration number to the entry clerk or master clerk **AND** the Executive Office. In order to obtain credit for any points and/or wins received at the first show where the cat, kitten, alter, or household pet adult was shown as unregistered, the owner must notify the Executive Office in writing requesting the first show be credited and stating the name, date and location of the show, and the name, breed (if applicable), registration number, and the entry number. No scoring is done in the Executive Office unless the correct registration number is in the scored catalog (excluding Household Pet Kittens) or the owner notifies the Executive Office as above.")

*~~~~~Referred to Rules and Technical Terminology Committee~~~~~*

Unanimous consent that Regional Directors must have published their financial report in the TICA TREND in order to receive the next regional rebate for Annual Awards.

The President appointed Louise VandeWater as Chair of the Disaster Relief Committee with Laurie Schiff and Barbara Washburn as members of the committee.

Unanimous consent that we notify the American Bobtail Breed Group Chair that we are not considering the new standard, having recently approved another and to advise that the American Bobtail/American Bobtail Shorthair Breeds that their breed comes under the new rules for NBC's and the next report must reflect the new rules.

No action was taken on the appointment of a new Chair for the American Bobtail Breed Group.

Unanimous consent for the Genetics Chair that is working with this group to talk to them about their standard and how it looks suspiciously like another breed's standard.

The California Spangled Breed Report was not received.

Unanimous consent to table the Chausie until Friday. (See Motions 58 and 59.)

Unanimous consent to table the LaPerm until Friday.

Unanimous consent to accept the LaPerm Breed Report.

Unanimous consent to accept the Munchkin Breed Report.

The Ojos Azules Breed Report was not received.

Unanimous consent to approve the changes to the standard for the Abyssinian/Somali Breeds. (See Addendum.)

Unanimous consent that the silver Abyssinian and Somali breeders get with the Genetics Chair to determine the right silver terminology.

Unanimous consent that the matter of the proposed color changes be referred back to the Abyssinian and Somali Breed Sections with the results to be on the Agenda for the 2000 Semi-Annual Meeting.

Unanimous consent to defer this until the new NBC packet was approved..

Unanimous consent to defer the Sierra Leon until the new NBC packet was approved.

15. Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Mullen that the Regional Directors be in charge of mailing Membership Renewal Forms prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and that the Executive Office be relieved of sending out renewals. Motion carried unanimously.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** The President requested that the TICA TREND Editor copy the Regional Financial Reports to the Vice President.

16. Motion was made by VandeWater and seconded by Mays that the Board of Directors approve the Corporate Authorization Resolution for the signatures of the President, Larry Paul, Vice President, Kay DeVilbiss and Business Manager, Leslie A. Bowers and for two signatures on any checks over \$1000. Motion carried unanimously.

The President referred the following to the Rules and Technical Terminology Committee:

Add to the By-Laws, ARTICLE XVI, Section 5.b.: "If circulated to obtain signatures at a show a disclaimer must be printed in boldface type (at least 12 point) at or near the top of each page with the following statement: **"This petition is distributed in accordance with TICA By-Laws, ARTICLE XVI - Initiative and Referendum and does not constitute an endorsement by the show committee of the opinions/statements made herein."** Where no opinion is expressed, a disclaimer is NOT required."

**~~~~~Referred to Rules and Technical Terminology Committee~~~~~**

Unanimous consent that only Board-approved software may be implemented for the association.

**}}}}Standing Rules to the By-Laws{}}}}**

INSTRUCTIONS: The President directed counsel to write a letter to Terry Harris concerning her request for registration, letting her know that this is a dispute between breeders.

Unanimous consent to approve the downsizing of the publications.

No action was taken on the referred Penalties and Withholds: *Many of the abnormalities which are detected in judging are not breed specific but rather occur in a variety of breeds. The following list of defects applies to ALL BREEDS and should be penalized or withhold all awards (depending on the severity). These defects are undesirable in the breeding of pedigree cats and may be detrimental to the individual cats. It is proposed that the following statements be added to the Show Rules, ARTICLE 16:*

When detected in judging, the inability to bear or support weight or to walk normally shall be considered a fault or disqualification, depending upon severity. (This may include but is not limited to the effects of lumbo-sacral dysgenesios, patellar luxation, and hip dysplasia.)

Abnormal position of the legs and feet while standing shall be considered a fault or may be a basis for disqualification, depending upon severity. Examples of limb abnormalities which might be noted in judging include abnormal stance, bowed or cowhocked limbs, splaying of the feet, or obvious toeing in or out of the feet.

Constriction of the thoracic cage such as may be caused by exaggerated ventral curvature of the upper thoracic spine, depression of the sternum (sometimes referred to as a prominent keel or pigeon breast) or unusually prominent, protruding, or depressed lower sternum (xiphoid) should be faulted but may be a basis for disqualification if severe.

Unrepaired umbilical hernia should be a fault.

Small size not in keeping with the breed shall be considered a fault. However, size which is markedly smaller than expected for the breed may be a basis for disqualification in unaltered cats.

Inability to breath normally with the mouth closed, suggesting occlusion of the nasal passages, especially in brachycephalic breeds, shall be considered a fault or may be a basis for disqualification if severe.

**\*\*\*\*\*See Confidential Addendum\*\*\*\*\***

38. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Mays that the Board adopt ARTICLE XIV, New Breed and Color of the Registration Rules.

39. Motion was made by DeVilbiss and seconded by VandeWater to table the NBC rules as below to the 2000 Semi-Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

“ARTICLE III - NEW BREED AND COLOR

SECTION 1. Registration. A breed may be accepted for registration as follows:

- a.. Transfer New Breed - A breed accepted for championship competition in another cat association.
- b Hybrid New Breed - A breed developed from a deliberate cross between two existing breeds, incorporating characteristics of both parental breeds into the new breed.
- c. Native New Breed - A breed identified through selection of phenotypically similar individuals from a naturally occurring population indigenous to a particular geographic region.
- d. Mutation New Breed - A breed which has been defined by the introduction of new genes(s) not present in an established breed.
- e. Experimental - experimental breeding programs which have not yet designated a breed name.

SECTION 2 - Breed Names.

- a. A new breed may not use a name the same as or substantially similar to that of a recognized breed.
- b. A breed name shall not be derogatory, nor shall it make unsubstantiated claims regarding the merits of or geographic or genetic origins of the breed.
- c. TICA may change a breed name at any time it is felt to be in the best interest of the association to do so. In such instances selection of a new name shall be by majority vote of the breed section with approval of the Board. If no clear majority of the breed section agrees on a new breed name, the Board may designate a breed name.
- d. Experimental breeding programs which have not yet designated a breed name shall be designated by the code EX.

SECTION 3 - Evaluation Breed Status.

- a. Requirements for Application. A breed recognized for registration only may apply for Evaluation Breed status upon completion of the following:
  1. At least 15 cats which have attained the age of 8 months are registered with TICA;
  2. At least 10 litters have been registered with TICA;
  3. At least 5 TICA members in good standing, in at least 3 different regions are actively breeding the breed ("actively breeding" means breeding at least one litter within the previous 2 years).
  4. Submit an Application for Acceptance as an Evaluation Breed to the Executive Office and a copy to each member of the Genetics Committee 120 days prior to the board meeting at which approval is sought which includes the following:
    - (a). A letter of intent to apply for approval as an Evaluation Breed, including a proposed Evaluation Breed Chairperson and the names and addresses of the proposed Evaluation Breed Committee;
    - (b). A proposed breed name that is unique;
    - (c). A proposed breed standard that is unique;
    - (d). A proposed breeding program;
    - (e). A processing fee of \$150.00;

(f). A proposed two letter breed designation code, which shall be automatically included in the registration rules upon approval as an Evaluation Breed.

5. At least 90 days prior to the Board Meeting each member of the Genetics Committee shall forward a written report commenting upon the application. Such report may recommend approval, recommend denial, recommend that further requirements be met prior to approval, or make any other comments. Members of the Genetics Committee are invited to address the Board of Directors regarding the breed.

6. The Board of Directors may approve, disapprove or impose additional requirements on the Evaluation Breed, including, but not limited to, appointing a different Chairperson and requiring changes to the standard and/or breed name, or any other modification which the Board of Directors, entirely in their discretion, may require. The Board of Directors shall designate a member of the Genetics Committee as an liaison to the Evaluation Breed Committee. The Evaluation Breed Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, and may be replaced at any time. Any advancement to Evaluation Breed status is entirely within the discretion of the Board of Directors.

b. Competition and Exhibition. A member of a breed designated as an Evaluation Breed may not be entered in any TICA Championship or HHP show. Examples of the breed may, with permission of the Show Committee, be accepted for Exhibition only, and may be handled by any or all of the judges present at the show at the discretion of each judge. The judge shall report on the cat on the approved form, provide one copy to the exhibitor, retain one copy, and provide one copy to the Master Clerk for inclusion with the master catalog. Evaluation cats do not appear in the judges' books and judges do not include these cats in judging fees.

c. Evaluation Breed Committee.

1. During the period of time a breed is designated an Evaluation Breed, the Evaluation Breed Committee will include all of the active TICA breeders of the breed and all members of the Genetics Committee.

2. The Executive Office shall furnish the Evaluation Breed Chairperson and Genetics Committee liaison with a list of the Evaluation Breed Committee members.

3. The Evaluation Breed Chairperson shall provide a report on the status of the breed development and other issues relevant to the breed to the Genetics Committee and the Board of Directors 90 days prior to each Annual Meeting. Any member of the Genetics Committee may submit comments on that report, or on any aspect of the breed, to the Board of Directors.

4. If the report is not received by the Genetics Committee and the Board of Directors 90 days in advance of the meeting, or it reflects lack of interest in the breed, the breed may be dropped from Evaluation status until any requirements imposed by the Board of Directors have been met.

5. The Executive Office shall twice a year forward a report on litter and individual cat registrations for the breed to each member of the Genetics Committee and the Evaluation Breed Chair..

6. The Evaluation Breed Chairperson shall submit on January 1 and July 1 of each year, a progress report on the breed to each member of the Genetics Committee.

#### SECTION 4. - New Breed Status.

a. Requirements. An Evaluation Breed may apply for New Breed Status upon completion of the following:

1. At least two years have passed since the breed was first advanced to



Evaluation Breed status.

2. At least 50 cats which have attained the age of 8 months are registered with TICA;
3. At least 25 litters have been registered with TICA;
4. At least 10 TICA members in good standing, in at least 5 different regions are actively breeding the breed.
5. Submit an Application for Acceptance as an New Breed to the Executive Office and a copy to each member of the Genetics Committee at least 120 days prior to the board meeting at which approval is sought which includes the following:
  - (a). A letter of intent to apply for approval as an New Breed, signed by at least 10 TICA members in good standing;
  - (b). A proposed breed standard;
  - (c). A proposed breeding program;
  - (d). A processing fee of \$150.00
  - (e). An indication that the breed is to be categorized as a Transfer New Breed, a Hybrid New Breed, a Native New Breed or a Mutation New Breed, and the rationale that category was chosen.
6. Cause a Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement to New Breed Status to be published in the TICA Trend at least 120 days prior to the meeting at which the application for advancement will be heard, and which invites comments about the breed to be forwarded to the Executive Office.
7. At least 90 days prior to the Board Meeting each member of the Genetics Committee shall forward a written report commenting upon the application. Such report may recommend approval to advance to New Breed Status, denial of advancement, that further requirements be met prior to approval, return to registration only status, or make any other comments. Members of the Genetics Committee are invited to address the Board of Directors regarding the breed.
8. Make a formal presentation at the meeting of the Board of Directors, including photographs, illustrations, statistics, health and breeding reports, representatives of the breed and any other relevant material.
9. Breedings are limited to the members of the breed and outcrosses allowed in the standard. Any proposed modifications to a previously approved standard must be submitted to all of the members of the Genetics Committee at least 90 days prior to any Board Meeting, and each member of the Genetics Committee shall forward comments to the Board of Directors regarding that modification.
10. The Board of Directors may approve, disapprove or impose additional requirements on the New Breed, including, but not limited to, appointing a different Chairperson and requiring changes to the standard and/or breed name, or any other modification which the Board of Directors, entirely in their discretion, may require. The Board of Directors shall designate a member of the Genetics Committee as an liaison to the New Breed Committee. The New Breed Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, and may be replaced at any time. Any advancement to New Breed status is entirely within the discretion of the Board of Directors.
  - b. Competition and Exhibition. A member of a breed designated as a New Breed may be entered in any TICA Championship show in the New Breed category. Each judge shall examine the entry and report on the cat on the approved form, provide one copy to the exhibitor, retain one copy, and provide one copy to the Master Clerk for inclusion with the master catalog. New Breed cats do appear in the judges' books and judges do include these cats in judging fees, however are not eligible for color, division or breed awards, and

are not scored in any manner.

c. New Breed Committee

1. During the period of time a breed is designated an New Breed, the New Breed Committee will include all of the active TICA breeders of the breed and all members of the Genetics Committee.

2. The Executive Office shall furnish the New Breed Chairperson and Genetics Committee liaison with a list of the New Breed Committee members.

3. The New Breed Chairperson shall provide a report on the status of the breed development and other issues relevant to the breed to the Genetics Committee and the Board of Directors 90 days prior to each Annual Meeting. Any member of the Genetics Committee may submit comments on that report, or on any aspect of the breed, to the Board of Directors.

4. If the report is not received by the Genetics Committee and the Board of Directors 90 days in advance of the meeting, or it reflects lack of interest in the breed, the breed may be returned to Evaluation or Registration Only status until any requirements imposed by the Board of Directors have been met.

5. The Executive Office shall twice a year forward a report on litter and individual cat registrations for the breed to each member of the Genetics Committee and the New Breed Chair.

6. The New Breed Chairperson shall submit on January 1 and July 1 of each year, a progress report on the breed to each member of the Genetics Committee.

SECTION 4. - Championship Status

a. Requirements. A New Breed may apply for Championship Status upon completion of the following:

1. At least two years have passed since the breed was first advanced from Evaluation Breed status.

2. At least 250 cats which have attained the age of 8 months are registered with TICA;

3. Each North American region has at least 2 TICA members in good standing actively breeding the breed, and at least three non-North American regions have at least 1 TICA member in good standing actively breeding the breed.

4. At least five different representatives of the breed have been exhibited in the NBC class in a minimum half of the show rings in each North American region within the year preceding the application, and two unique representatives of the breed have been shown in each of 3 overseas regions within the year preceding the application.

5. Submit an Application for Acceptance as an New Breed to the Executive Office and a copy to each member of the Genetics Committee at least 120 days prior to the board meeting at which approval is sought which includes the following:

(a). A letter of intent to apply for approval as an New Breed, signed by at least 10 TICA members in good standing;

(b). A proposed breed standard which includes the approval of each member of the Genetics Committee;

(c). A proposed breeding program;

(d). A processing fee of \$150.00;

(f). Detailed evaluations of members of the breed from at least 20 different TICA judges.

6. Cause a Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement to Championship Status to be published in the TICA Trend at least 120 days prior to the meeting at which the application for advancement will be heard, and which invites comments about the breed to be forwarded to the Executive Office.

7. At least 90 days prior to the Board Meeting each member of the Genetics Committee shall forward a written report commenting upon the application. Such report may recommend approval to advance to Championship Status, denial of advancement, that further requirements be met prior to approval, return to Evaluation Status or registration only status, or make any other comments. Members of the Genetics Committee are invited to address the Board of Directors regarding the breed.

8. Make a formal presentation at the meeting of the Board of Directors, including photographs, illustrations, statistics, health and breeding reports, examples of the breed and any other relevant material.

9. The Board of Directors may approve, disapprove or impose additional requirements on the Breed which the Board of Directors, entirely in their discretion, may require.

10. If the breed is approved for Championship, a Breed Committee shall be elected in the next regular election.

#### SECTION 5 - New Color/Coat Length of a Championship Breed

a. Any new color, pattern or coat length of a Championship Breed may be Exhibited in the NBC Class.

b. Each judge shall examine the entry and report on the cat on the approved form, provide one copy to the exhibitor, retain one copy, and provide one copy to the Master Clerk for inclusion with the master catalog. NBC cats do appear in the judges' books and judges do include these cats in judging fees, however are not eligible for color, division or breed awards, and are not scored in any manner.

c. Requirements for Championship Status. A New Color may apply for Championship Status upon completion of the following:

1. At least 10 TICA members in good standing actively breeding and/or exhibiting the New Color.

2. Notification has been given to the parent Breed Committee Chairperson and the Breed Committee Chairperson of any other member of the same breed group, all members of the Breed Committee, and all members of the Genetics Committee, requesting acceptance for championship and signed by at least 10 TICA members in good standing, at least 120 days before the next Board meeting.

3. Each member of the Genetics Committee has provided a report on the New Color, and has indicated that the new color, pattern or coat length is genetically valid.

4. The Breed Committee Chairperson has polled all members of the Breed Section, and has included the original letter of intent and the reports of the Genetics Committee members. The results of the poll shall be forwarded to the Executive Office and each member of the Genetics Committee at least 60 days prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors."

**RATIONALE:** TICA is a genetic registry. Therefore, in order to establish and maintain a viable gene pool it is necessary to have a large number of cats registered and available to keep the breed healthy, rather than limit the gene pool to a few cats where more than likely the majority are descendants of two or three prototypes. Even 250 cats may be inadequate to insure a healthy breed.

Invariably, when an application is made for advancement of NBC breed to championship status, many judges have never seen an example of the breed, let alone judged them in NBC classes. We have the best qualified judges in the cat fancy, but in order to maintain proficiency for those already licensed it is necessary for them to have exposure to all breeds.

~~~~~**Referred to the Semi-Annual Meeting**~~~~~

40. Motion was made by DeVilbiss and seconded by Washburn to amend the Registration Rules, ARTICLE VI, Section 6.a: "Purpose. The Foundation Registry is for new breeds which are in an early developmental stage, *which are not recognized for competition in championship and NBC and in which record keeping is vital to the history of the breed.* The registration of these breeds will provide an accurate, precise chronicle of the breed's progress and development, and may prove or disprove its future acceptance as a viable, healthy breed as well as providing analysis of any genetic problems inherent in a particular breeding program. Use of both hybrid crosses and outcrosses to cats of unknown or unregistered parentage is permitted. There are no limitations or restrictions on the breeding programs for these breeds." Motion carried unanimously.

>>>>**Membership Ballot**<<<<

41. Motion was made by VandeWater and seconded by Servies to refer the changes to Show Rules, 11.9 and 11.10 to the 2000 Semi-Annual Meeting:

Show Rule 11.9: "Catalogs shall contain the number of entries present and competing in each of the following categories: LH Kittens, SH Kittens, LH Adults, SH Adults, LH Alters, SH Alters, LH HHP Kittens SH HHP Kittens, LH Household Pets, SH Household Pets and *NBC, as well as list each entry present for Exhibition Only, and FOR SALE cats and kittens.*" and

Show Rule 11.10: "*No cat shall be present in the showhall unless listed in the catalog, except for cats in the possession and under the control of an animal shelter or other rescue group for the purposes of adoption. Such animal shelter or other rescue group shall certify to the show committee that any such cats are in good health and free from parasites, and shall bear any responsibility for any consequences whatsoever relating to the presence of such cats in the showhall.*"

to the 2000 Semi-Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

~~~~~**Referred to the Semi-Annual Meeting**~~~~~

42. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Mays to refer the change to the Registration Rules, ARTICLE IX, Section 1 as below to the 2000 Semi-Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

"Section 1. Non-domestic felines (i.e., cats other than *Felis domesticus*) shall be permitted for registration purposes within the Foundation registry only. They shall not be accepted for *NBC or Evaluation Breed exhibition, or championship competition.*"

~~~~~**Referred to the Semi-Annual Meeting**~~~~~

43. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Mullen to refer the amendment to By-Laws ARTICLE XVIII, Standards as below to the 2000 Semi-Annual Meeting.

"SECTION 1. General Requirements for New Breed Advancement.

a. ~~No new breed may be recognized for championship competition until at least 50 cats meeting the proposed requirements for championship exhibition have been registered with the Association. There must be a minimum of five active breeders representing three or more regions. Collectively, the breeders must be able to demonstrate that at least ten~~

different representatives of the breed have been exhibited in the NBC class during the year prior to application for advancement, including a minimum of ten different show weekends representing at least three regions: the requirements set forth in Article II of the Registration Rules have been met.

b. Procedure. ~~A copy of the proposed standard, including a list of all proposed colors, and the proposed breeding program together with the recommendation of the Genetics Committee shall be submitted to the Rules and Technical Terminology Committees and the Board of Directors by the Working Group Chairperson.~~ Proposals for advancement shall be submitted pursuant to Article III of the Registration Rules. The Board of Directors may recognize the breed for championship competition, defer it pending additional information, reject it, or refer it to a membership vote. The Board shall assign a Registration Category (I-IV) to the breed being accepted for championship under the provisions of ARTICLE VII of the Registration Rules; recommendation of the Genetics Committee will be considered in assigning a Registration Category.”

Motion carried unanimously.

~~~~~**Referred to the Semi-Annual Meeting**~~~~~

Proposal to amend the By-Laws concerning the Renewal of Cattery Registrations was ruled out of order, because the Rules and Technical Terminology Committee had not seen it and no action was taken .

44. Motion was made by Servies and seconded by DeVilbiss to change Show Rule 12.2 to read: “Final awards shall be rosettes with the appropriate award printed on one of the streamers, or other awards such as cups, trophies, medals, gift certificates, books, magazine subscriptions, cash, bonds, and certificates benefitting special projects approved by TICA are permitted.”

*PRO: Rosettes are becoming more and more expensive. Other awards might be utilized to reduce costs to clubs. Certificates indicating a donation to a recognized feline charity might benefit the welfare of all cats.*

*CON: Although rosettes may not mean much to seasoned exhibitors, they are the standard, and are VERY important to new exhibitors - we have all heard the statement: “When my cat won that rosette at this first show, I was hooked.” Will getting a certificate, cat toy or some other gift have quite the same effect? We need to look at this carefully and balance cost with bringing new people back to their second and subsequent shows.*

Motion carried unanimously.

>>>>**Membership Ballot**<<<<

45. Motion was made by VandeWater and seconded by Barnes to change Show Rule 13.3 to read: “Judges shall not solicit judging assignments in any manner whatsoever including offering to use free air miles, or to donate fees. Judges shall not solicit entries for any show at which they officiate. Soliciting entries does not include making general show announcements, either in person or in print or via electronic media, nor does it include distribution of official show flyers.”

RATIONALE : It is felt that judges should not feel pressured to use their mileage for assignments...while most judges are happy to help out a club that is in trouble, they do not feel that it must be a contingent part of their judging assignment. Judges must be a member of at least one club - and many judges belong to several clubs. Regional Directors who are judges must promote all shows in their respective regions, many of which they are contracted to judge. The wording as it exists can be interpreted to mean that a judge could never mention a show at which they were officiating, nor pass out show flyers for a show at which they are officiating, clearly not what the intent of the rule was.

Motion carried unanimously.

>>>>**Membership Ballot**<<<<

46. Motion was made by VandeWater and seconded by Washburn to change Show Rule 14.1 to read: "Judges must be paid fees for judging in US currency, or the equivalent of US currency, for judging as established by the TICA Board of Directors. Judges must submit an entire bill for transportation, parking, incidentals and judging fee. Donations back to the club are at the discretion of the judge. Judging fees are applicable to regular and guest judges regardless of the type, location or duration of the show and are determined by the licensed status at the time of signing the contract."

RATIONALE : There has been a lot of discussion over this issue. While most judges feel that if a club needs help, they are happy to do so, they do not want to feel like it is expected nor a contingent part of their being asked to judge a show. Therefore, it is felt that the bill must be submitted and it is their option if they choose to donate any or all of their judging fee.

Motion carried unanimously.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

47. Motion was made by Servies and seconded by DeVilbiss to add to Show Rule 16.1: "Only licensed judges and/or trainees may handle cats on the judging table or present them in the finals, except under emergency circumstances. Owners/agents may be called upon to present their own cats in a final if the judge so desires."

RATIONALE : At some recent shows, random exhibitors have been asked to present finals by judges; this presents a liability problem to the association.

Motion carried unanimously.

**>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<**

48. Motion was made by Servies and seconded by Mays to reconsider the NBC Rules. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on the NBC Rules at this time.

49. Withdrawn.

Unanimous consent to refer the following straw poll questions to the 2000 Semi-Annual Meeting:

1. Combine the breed committees for like type breeds and require one standard for the breed group.
2. Rework the standards.

**~~~~~Referred to the Semi-Annual Meeting~~~~~**

50. Motion was made by Mullen and seconded by VandeWater to amend Show Rule 1.4 that if May 1<sup>st</sup> falls on the opening day of the show or the first day of a back to back show or weekend that weekend will be in the previous show season. Motion denied with Mullen, VandeWater, and Washburn in favor.

51. Motion was made by Mays and seconded by Servies to amend the Show Rules that all congresses be scored for regional and international awards. Motion denied with Mays in favor.

52. Motion was made by Servies and seconded by Mays to amend Show Rule 1.67. BREED CONGRESSES - Shows wherein cats of the same breed or breed group compete for awards. No breed congress may be held unless there are at least 20 or more cats present and competing. The Top Ten format shall be used when 25 or more cats are present and competing. The Top 9 format requires a

minimum of 24 cats competing. The Top 8 format requires a minimum of 23 competing. The Top 7 format requires a minimum of 22 competing. The Top 6 format requires a minimum of 21 competing. The Top Five format shall be used when 20 cats are present and competing. If 25 or more cats are present and competing, the congress shall be scored for regional and international awards.

*PRO: Provides additional opportunity for regional and international points.*

*CON: Puts smaller breeds, who are unlikely to have 25 competing cats in a congress, at a disadvantage with less opportunity to gain regional and international points.*

Motion denied with Mays, Ohira, and Smith in favor.

53. Withdrawn.

54. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Servies that whatever date is on Saturday determines what season the show falls in.

55. Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Washburn that the previous motion be referred to the Rules and Technical Terminology Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

**~~~~~Referred to Rules and Technical Terminology Committee~~~~~**

56. Withdrawn.

57. Motion was made by Servies and seconded by VandeWater to amend Show Rule, 12.5 as follows:

12.5 The Top 10 format REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF 25 CATS, KITTENS, ALTERS OR HOUSEHOLD PETS COMPETING. Entries not eligible for competition under Show Rules 15.2 and/or 15.4 may be "presented" in the ring where ineligible for competition, and shall be counted when determining the number of entries present and competing.

The Top 9 format requires a minimum of 24 CATS, KITTENS, ALTERS OR HOUSEHOLD PETS competing.

The Top 8 format requires a minimum of 23 CATS, KITTENS, ALTERS OR HOUSEHOLD PETS competing.

The Top 7 format requires a minimum of 22 CATS, KITTENS, ALTERS OR HOUSEHOLD PETS competing.

The Top 6 format requires a minimum of 21 CATS, KITTENS, ALTERS OR HOUSEHOLD PETS competing.

Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NBC.

2nd Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NBC.

3rd Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NBC.

4th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NBC.

5th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NBC (when 20 or less are present and competing).

6th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NBC (when 21 are present and competing).

7th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NBC (when 22 are present and competing).

8th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NBC (when 23 are present and competing).

9th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NBC (when 24 are present and competing).



10th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NBC (when 25 to 50 or more are present and competing).

11th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NBC (when 51 to 60 are present and competing).

12th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NBC (when 61-70 are present and competing).

13th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NBC (when 71-80 are present and competing).

14th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NBC (when 81-90 are present and competing).

15th Best Cat/Kitten/Alter/Household Pet/HHP Kitten/NBC (when 90 or more are present and competing).

Motion denied with Ohira in favor.

58. Motion was made by DeVilbiss and seconded by Mays to accept the changes to the Chausie Breed description. Motion carried unanimously with Barnes absent.

59. Motion was made by Mullen and seconded by Servies to appoint Sandra Cassalia as the Chausie Working Breed Group Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

60. Motion was made by Servies and seconded by Smith that the Longhair British Shorthair be accepted as NBC as a part of the British Shorthair Breed Group. Motion carried unanimously.

The Computer Committee Report was presented by David Thomas, Chair, together with Larry Hart, Programmer and Georgia Morgan, Finances.

61. Motion was made by Servies and seconded by Mullen that the previous motion be effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

Unanimous consent to go into a committee of the whole.

62. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by DeVilbiss to empower the Business Manager to contract for services, equipment and financing for further computerization in consultation with Georgia Morgan, David Thomas and Larry Hart and to advise the Board monthly on progress, expenditures, etc. Motion carried unanimously.

Unanimous consent to approve Guest Judge, Klaas Van der Wick pursuant to ascertaining the fact that he is an Allbreed Judge.

The Clerking Administrator, Dewane Barnes reported that the new Clerking Manual is now available from the Executive Office.

Unanimous consent to accept the report from the Clerking Administrator.

The Vice President, Kay DeVilbiss, reported on the Yearbook for Nancy Nolan.

Unanimous consent to postpone placing a photo in Yearbook for NBC's until the new Scoring System is in place.

63. Motion was made by Servies and seconded by Parris to delay printing each country's cat, kitten, alter, Household Pet and Household Pet Kitten in the Yearbook until financial figures can be reviewed. Motion carried with VandeWater, Louwyck and Smith opposed.

64. Motion was made by Mays and seconded by Parris that the country list of each category be placed in the TICA TREND by each Regional Director or their designee. Motion carried unanimously.

David Thomas and Laurie Schiff presented several suggestions to enhance the Website.

Unanimous consent to authorize this committee to continue exploring implementation and proposals for Website design services.

Unanimous consent to allow Armando Camarena and James Reardon to pursue funding for the new computer equipment.

Unanimous consent to refer the new Exhibitors Guide, presented by Laura Gluhm to the Rules and Technical Terminology Committee.

**~~~~~Referred to Rules and Technical Terminology Committee~~~~~**

Unanimous consent to adjourn at 3:30PM

# **ADDENDUM**

**Trend Financial Report, January-June 1999**  
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|---------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Expenses:           |             | Income:              | 5,366.80    |
| Printing:           | \$9,169.00  | Editor's Commission: | -1,693.90   |
| Postage & Handling: | 10,015.67   | Total Income:        | \$3,672.90  |
| Editor's Fee:       | 6,000.00    |                      |             |
| Production Cost:    | \$25,184.67 | Total Cost:          | \$21,511.77 |

During the three years I have been Trend Editor, we have seen following:

- Two increases in postage rates, both of which have affected international postage as well as domestic.
- The return of show results to the TICA Trend. Show results have averaged 14.5 pages per Trend in the past year despite the fact that I have reduced the size of the font used to print show results (reducing page requirements by 2 pages each in the April/May and June/July Trends).
- The Trend has averaged 57 pages per issue in the past year compared to the average of 44 pages per issue prior to the return of show results to the Trend.
- Compared to the report I presented to the TICA Board three years ago at the 1997 Annual, printing costs are up nearly 15% and mailing costs are up more than 40%.

Advertising income continues to show a steady increase but not enough to offset the increasing costs of production. Both postal rate increases have had a definite effect on the increasing cost of production but the primary factor continues to be the additional pages required by show results. It costs more to print additional

I recommend the Board consider the following solutions:

- Remove show results from the Trend. These appear to be popular with the membership so this may not be a viable option.
- Maintain the Trend as it is but increase the price paid to receive a Trend by 1st class mail in the USA and for receiving the Trend outside the USA.

To give you an example of how much TICA is underwriting 1st class postage alone: Last year, the Trend cost \$1.24 to mail 1st class, excluding the two larger awards Trends. The result was that TICA underwrote more than \$0.44 per year per 1st class subscription to the Trend.

I recommend that the additional charge for 1st class postage and international mailing be increased from \$7.00 yearly to \$10.00 yearly. This should cover the 1999 postal rate increase along with the additional postage required for the two heavier awards Trends.

It may also be necessary to increase membership fees. However, I do not know how much of the annual membership fee is actually applied to the Trend so I cannot make recommendations for a price increase in that area.

Finally, the Trend's mailer has suggested that we now have them ink jet the addresses onto the Trend. This would reduce the extra fee we pay to have them hand label each Trend now. It would also allow them to insert bar coding on the label so that both 1st class and bulk mail postage would be reduced. We will be implementing this procedure as soon as possible.

Yours,  
Cathy Welch

**The International Cat Association, Inc. (TICA)**

## Judging Program

### PREFACE

***THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION SHALL EXPRESSLY RETAIN THE RIGHT AND FULL DISCRETION TO CONSIDER FACTORS NOT LISTED WITHIN THIS PROGRAM IN MAKING ITS DETERMINATION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE INTO, OR ADVANCEMENT WITHIN THE JUDGING PROGRAM.***

Acceptance into, or advancement within The International Cat Association's Judging Program will be considered only at regularly scheduled Board Meetings and will be considered only upon applicant furnishing proof of having met all requirements at each level as set forth in the TICA Judging Program.

Meeting or exceeding the minimum requirements listed in the Articles within this program are not to be considered a guarantee of acceptance or advancement in the TICA Judging Program.

The Board of Directors will consider each new applicant's showing and club activity, experience in breeding\*, exhibiting, clerking and show management, personal appearance, deportment, reputation, ethics and attitude, reports from TICA members, and may consider the applicant's activities in TICA beyond the program requirements, the variety of breeds bred\*, maintained and shown, titles earned and any other pertinent factors it deems applicable and may grant the applicant's entrance into the program, may reject the applicant, or may require additional work.

In reviewing applications for advancement to Specialty Judge, the Board will consider the applicant's knowledge, ability, training, club activity, personal appearance, deportment, ethics, attitude, reports from TICA members, and willingness to abide by the TICA By-Laws, Show Rules, Registration Rules, the TICA Standards, the TICA Mission and Policy Statements and the Rules and Codes as set forth in the Judging Program, as well as any other pertinent factors it deems applicable, and may grant or reject the application or may require additional work.

In considering applications for further advancement in the Judging Program, the Board will review the applicant's knowledge, personal appearance and demeanor, ethics, attitude and reports from TICA clubs, members, and/or exhibitors, the ability to abide by the Judging Program rules and requirements, the timeliness of Judge's Books received at the Executive Office and the number of mechanical errors, and/or the habitual repetition of either late books or numerous errors, timely payment dues, fees, and/or fines, the providing of a snapshot for the Yearbook, as well as any other appropriate factors it deems applicable and may grant the applicant's request for advancement, may reject the application, or may require additional work.

If the applicant is denied acceptance or advancement, s/he may reapply at a later date. This will not be automatic. The applicant must reapply in accordance with the Rules as set forth in the Articles of the TICA Judging Program.

\*The exception being applicants to the Household Pet Judging Program.