

THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION, INC.

2004 Annual Board Meeting
Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA
September 1-3, 2004

The meeting was called to order in the Leduc Room of the Westin Hotel in Edmonton, Canada at 8:30 AM on September 1, 2004.

The following members were present:

Kay DeVilbiss - President
Dewane Barnes - Vice President
Chieko Ohira - Director, Asia
Cynthia Skipchak - Director, Great Lakes
Tracey McCullough - Director, Great Plains
Louise VanDeWater - Director, Northeast
Kurt Vlach - Director, Northern Europe
Alice Rhea - Director, Northwest
Jim Dickie - Director, Mid Atlantic
Pamela Barrett - Director, Mid Pacific
Don Caruthers - Director, South Central
Jo Parris - Director, Southeast
Genevieve Basquine - Director, Southern Europe
Vickie Fisher - Director, Southwest
Laurie Schiff - Legal Advisor
Frances Young - Legal Advisor

Luiz Paulo Faccioli - Director, South America, was unable to attend.

1. Unanimous consent to allow Maryanna Malelu, interpreter, Bobbie Tullo, Judging Administrator, Nancy Parkinson, Rules Chair and Georgia Morgan, past President to remain in Execution Session. Without objection.

2. Unanimous consent to go into Executive Session. Without objection.

*******Executive Session*******

39. Unanimous consent to accept the following corrections to the MINUTES - 2003 Semi-Annual Meeting, Schaumburg, IL. Without objection.

Motion 13 was made by Vlach and seconded by Fisher to relicense Francesca Gagern. **Motion carried.**

Motion 14 was made by Fisher and seconded by Barnes to relicense Tamami Hamano. **Motion carried.**

Motion 15 was made by Caruthers and seconded by Barrett to relicense Ann Hoehn. **Motion carried.**

Motion 16 was made by Barnes and seconded by Fisher to relicense Nobuo Hosoe pending confirmation of fees. **Motion carried.**

Motion 22 was made by Fisher and seconded by Parris to relicense Robert **Whyte**. Motion carried.

Motion 32 was made by Barrett and seconded by Ohira to advance **Yumeko Katoh** to Approved Allbreed Judge, Japan ONLY. Motion carried.

Motion 33 was made by Ohira and seconded by Barrett to advance Eriko Odaka to Approved Allbreed Judge, **Japan ONLY**. Motion carried.

Motion 86 was made by Barrett and seconded by Fisher to amend Show Rule 217.5.4. Motion denied with Barnes, Basquine, Caruthers, Dickie, Rhea and Vandewater opposed, **Vlach abstaining** and DeVilbiss breaking the tie. 217.5.4 Each judge shall select and ~~place~~ **announce** best, second and third best of breed awards, except as provided in 216.7. These selections are made *directly after and* from all the best, second and third best of division awards.

Unanimous consent 62 to table this motion to the **2004** Annual Meeting for a report from the

appointed committee. Without objection.

Unanimous consent 63 to untable Motion #106 from the 2003 Annual Meeting: Unanimous consent to table Lindsey vs Montgomery to the 2004 Semi-Annual Meeting with the understanding that Montgomery is going to working closely with monitors. Without objection.

Unanimous consent 71 to accept the Leave Reports. Without objection. This motion was left out and 72, 73, and 74 were misnumbered and are corrected below.

Unanimous consent **72** (was 71) to table the breeds until Friday. Without objection.

Motion **73** (was 72) was made by Vlach and seconded by Basquine to establish a 5-year membership fee for regular and international members to be \$110 for regular members and \$135 for international members, effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously,

Unanimous consent **74** (was 73) to table the Yearbook Report until Friday. Without objection.

Unanimous consent 84 to add the definition of domestic longhair/ shorthair to the **Standing Rules** and the Glossary. Without objection. Domestic longhair/shorthair: Any cat belonging to Felis domesticus not **registered** as a recognized breed.

Unanimous consent 89 to add a list of breeds by registration category to the standards.

Declined.

Correct Motion #99 to read: 1012.3.1 Isolated Area List: **Asia Region** - Entire Region, *except Japan*, **Northwest Region** - Alaska area, **South America Region**, **South Central Region**- Costa Rica and Mexico, **Southwest Region** - Hawaii, **Northern Europe Region** - United Kingdom, **International** - Australia.

Motion 106 was made by Fisher and seconded by Parris to change the amendment to the By-Laws, Show Rules and Registration Rules **in the Standing Rules**.

Motion 114 was made by Vandewater and seconded by Vlach to amend the UCD as amended at the meeting. 84.1.3 **Either** lighter, white or almost white pigment on the chin, lips, muzzle, and upper throat or ground color pigment is acceptable. Motion carried with Barrett and Rhea opposed.

Unanimous consent 120 to accept the changes to the Judging Program as presented.

42.6 The applicant may request a comprehensive written open book examination covering TICA By-Laws, Show rules, Breed Standards, Ethics and the cat fancy in general up to one year prior to the anticipated date of application. The applicant must score 95 percent or higher on the examination, and all questions missed must be answered correctly. Should the applicant fail to complete the examination within the time allowed, application may not be resubmitted for six (6) months.

42.6.1 Application and examination must be received no later than May 15th for application at the Annual or November 15th for application at the Semi-Annual. 42.7 Upon successful completion of the examination the Judging Administrator shall submit the applicant's name for consideration by the Board for admittance into the TICA Judging Program.

Replace "90 days" with "May 15th or November 15th" and "60 days" with "June 15th or December 15th" in the following articles: 44.2*, 44.2.1*, 44.3, 44.5, 45.2.5, 45.2.6, 45.3.1, 45.3.1.1, 45.5, 45.6, 46.2.6, 46.3.1, 46.3.1.1, 46.5, 46.6, 47.4.2, 47.5, 47.7, 410.2, 410.2.2.4, 410.5 and 418.12.

44.2 When the training portion or the program has been completed, the trainee shall send the completed Application for Advancement to Probationary Specialty Judge to the Trainee Coordinator, the Allbreed Sponsor and the Judging Administrator to be received by May 15th for application at the Annual or by November 15th for application at the Semi-Annual.

44.2.1 All training, including all solos, must be scheduled by May 15th or November 15th and completed no later than June 15th or December 15th prior to the respective Board Meeting.

Unanimous consent 126 to pay the Board Members' hotel rooms for up to **5** days.

Motion 151 was made by Barnes and seconded Caruthers to strike "excluding lilac, chocolate, cinnamon and fawn" under colors on the Maine Coon Standard. Fisher votes in favor because it is appropriate given our rules. **Parris** is in favor because it is against TICA rules to exclude them. Rhea in favor because it is in accordance with the TICA Registration Rules. **Motion carried.**

The President appointed Kurt Vlach, Vickie Fisher and Don Caruthers as the Catalog of the Year Committee

40. Unanimous consent to pay the hotel bill for the directors for up to 6 nights. Without objection.

41. Unanimous consent to pay \$40 per diem meal allowance up to 4 days with Expense Report submitted to the Executive Office. Without objection.
 42. Motion was made by Vlach and seconded by Barnes to accept the contract for the TICA TREND Editor. Motion carried unanimously. (See Addendum.)
 43. Motion was made by Caruthers and seconded by Rhea to reimburse Cathy Welch \$328.68 for her expenses to the World Cat Congress Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
 44. Unanimous consent to postpone discussion on Budget Revision until Georgia Morgan was present. Without objection. (See Addendum and Motion 54.)
 45. Unanimous consent that when logo sheets are sent from the Executive Office both logos (regular and anniversary) will be furnished and then the clubs may use whichever logo they choose. Without objection.
 46. Unanimous consent that the Yearbook Report be tabled to Friday when John Harrison would be present. Without objection. (See Addendum.)
 47. Unanimous consent to transfer the Special Breed Awards to a new awards system of using breed pages in the Yearbook instead of the annual awards presentation to honor these people. Denied.
DENIED
 48. Unanimous consent to table the Pannell and Meadows awards. Without objection.
 49. Unanimous consent to table the Membership Benefits Report, Fisher, Vlach, Bowers until tomorrow. Without objection. (See Motion 67.)
 50. Unanimous consent to add Regional Directors to the list of people who get catalog error reports. Without objection.
 51. Unanimous consent to provide Special Recognition for Pat Carrigan. Denied.
DENIED
 52. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Dickie to give a special recognition award to Pat Carrigan. Motion carried with Barrett opposed because the endowment was seeking funding not an honorary TICA membership; besides, we don't have "honorary" members and this is not a person who has bred, shown or been involved in TICA--what are we accomplishing by sending her a TICA TREND.
 53. Unanimous consent to recess until 8:30AM in the morning. Without objection.
- The meeting was called to order at 8:32AM on Thursday morning.
54. Unanimous consent to remove the Budget Revision from the table. Without objection.
 55. Motion was made by Barrett and seconded by Barnes, to approve additional employees: an accounts maintenance clerk, a computer technician and a scoring clerk. Motion carried unanimously.
 56. Motion was made by Caruthers and seconded by Barnes to reimburse the Rules Committee Chair for expenses to attend meetings in the same manner as the Judging Administrator. Without objection.
 57. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Vlach that the Board authorize payment to Leslie Bowers for carryover compensatory time of 429.5 hours at her current level of compensation and at her choice of time. Motion carried with Basquine and Dickie, abstaining.
 58. Unanimous consent to add provisions to the Personnel Policy that will limit the amount of compensatory time and annual leave that can be carried over each year. Without objection.

59. Unanimous consent to set up a committee to investigate the whole matter of reimbursing Regional Directors for traveling expenses. Without objection.

The President appointed Nancy Parkinson, Chair, Alice Rhea, Jo Parris, Louise Vandewater, Kurt Vlach, and Leslie Bowers.

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

60. Motion was made by Vlach and seconded by Barnes to increase the budget for reimbursed expenses from \$28,000 to \$32,200. Motion carried unanimously.

61. Withdrawn.

62. Unanimous consent to appoint a Travel Relations Committee to work with the airlines to develop a program to help get our cats to a show. Without objection.

The President appointed Pam Barrett, Chair, Linda Ferguson, Tracey McCullough, Genevieve Basquine, and Georgia Morgan to the Travel Relations Committee.

63. Unanimous consent to approve an addition to the Standing Rules effective next year: 901.2.4.2 and 901.2.4.2.1. Without objection.

901.4.4.2 Special breed awards shall be acknowledged in the TICA TREND, Yearbook, Annual Awards Program and the Annual Media Presentation.

901.4.4.2.1 Special breed awards shall be sent directly to the recipient.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

64. Unanimous consent to expand the Sue Pannell Himalayan Breed Awards for this year's awards. Without objection.

65. Unanimous consent to approve the Tommy Meadow Singapura Award for next year. Without objection.

66. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Parris that we have the TICA TREND published on glossy paper for a trial period of 1 year. Motion carried unanimously.

67. Unanimous consent to table the Membership Benefits Report to the 2005 Semi-Annual Meeting in Harlingen, Texas. Without objection.

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

68. Unanimous consent to move the agenda. Without objection.

69. Unanimous consent to appoint a committee to certify Entry Clerk Programs. Without objection.

The President appointed Don Caruthers, Chair, Jim Dickie, Jo Parris, and Fran Green.

70. Unanimous consent to accept the TICA Complaints Form for Commonly Asked Questions as part of the complaint package to include modifications as necessary. Without objection. (See Addendum.)

71. Withdrawn

72. Unanimous consent to add a two letter association code followed by a slash at the beginning of a cat's name to cats registered from another association. Without objection.

73. Unanimous consent to have a courtesy copy of rule changes submitted to the Rules Committee, sent to the Board List at the time the Rules Committee gets them and a finished copy with Rules Committee comments before the agenda is published. Without objection.

74. Unanimous consent to change the word "newsletter" to TICA TREND and to change it where ever it occurs in the rules. Without objection.

+++++Housekeeping+++++

75. Unanimous consent to amend By-Laws 119.2 and Add Standing Rules 1019.2 - 1019.2.3.
DENIED

76. Motion was made by Caruthers and seconded by Barnes to amend By-Laws 119.2 and add Standing Rules 1019.2 - 1019.2.3 as below. Motion carried with Basquine abstaining and Barrett and Rhea opposed. Barrett felt that the proposal was too vague as to what information was going to be supplied to the membership.

77. The question was called by Caruthers. Motion carried with Basquine abstaining and Barrett and Rhea were opposed; Rhea was opposed because she felt it was denying Board Members to speak to the issue.

Amend By-Laws 119.2 TICA TREND. The Association shall publish the TICA TREND, at least bi-monthly, which shall contain *information as set forth in the Standing Rules*. [~~the names and addresses of the Judges, Board Members, Breed Committee Chairs, Committee Chairs, trainee judges, current news of the Association, show calendar, informative articles, paid advertisements, officers' reports, and any other material authorized by the Board of Directors.~~]

Add Standing Rules 1019.2 - 1019.2.3

1019.2 The following shall be included in every issue of the TICA TREND:

Names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of Board Members, Judges, and Judge Trainees

Names and addresses of Show Reporters

Show Calendar

Results of Board Mail Ballots

Temporary Suspension List

Judging Program - Notices of intent

Late Judges Books

Disciplinary Actions

Dates/Locations of Annual/Semi-Annual Meetings

1019.2.1 The following shall be included in at least three issues of the TICA TREND per year:

Names, addresses, phone numbers of Breed Committee Chairs and Standing Committee Chairs

List of Standing Committee Members

List of Clerks

1019.2.2 The following shall be published in the TICA TREND as required:

Board Meeting Minutes in the first available TICA TREND following Board Meetings

Quarterly financial report and annual audit report of the Association

Regional Awards (Aug/Sep)

International Awards (Oct/Nov)

Candidate Election Statements (Oct/Nov)

Hall of Fame, TICA Treasure, Lifetime Achievement

Judge of the Year/Member of the Year Ballots

Annual Service Awards

Membership Ballot Results

Photos of Applicants to the Judging Program

Notices of Intent - Breed/Trait Advancements

Officer's Reports

Recall Petitions/Rebuttals

Initiative and Referendums/Rebuttals

Five-year chart showing membership numbers by region (Feb/Mar)

1019.2.3 Each issue of the TICA TREND shall contain current news of the Association, informative articles, paid advertisement, and any other material authorized by the Board of Directors or dictated by the rules of this Association.

RATIONALE: Specific schedule of information to be published belongs in Standing Rules, not By-Laws. Eliminates current conflict between required and actual publication schedule for certain information.

NOTE: This proposal is an attempt to consolidate information into one place for easy reference.

>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<

78. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Fisher that the proposal to set up a Complaint Committee be denied. Motion carried with Barrett, McCullough, Parris, Rhea and Skipchak opposed and Vlach abstaining.

Amend ARTICLE 22 (Complete Rewrite), Standing Rules 106.4.3, Add Standing Rules 106.4.10, Add Standing Rules 1022.1, 1022.2, 1022.3, and 1022.4, Delete Standing Rules 903.5 through 903.5.10. Amend By-Laws as follows:

122.1 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]~~ is empowered to assess ~~[reasonable]~~ penalties for ~~[infraction thereof and for]~~ *misconduct or violation or infraction of the Association's rules and for acts and conduct detrimental to the best interest of the Association or the welfare of cats.*

122.1.1 *Rules of the Association include, but are not limited to, Show Rules, By-Laws, Registration Rules, Standing Rules and Judging Program.*

122.1.2 *Complaints Committee. A three member Complaints Committee and two alternates shall be elected by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors.*

22.1.2.1 *TICA Legal Counsel shall be a de facto member to serve as an advisor on any legal questions.*

122.1.3 (122.2.5) ~~[The Board of Directors may refer the matter to the Legal Committee for a finding before any action is taken.]~~ The findings of the ~~[Legal]~~ *Complaints Committee shall be advisory only and not binding on the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may accept the findings of the Complaints Committee or 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.]*

122.1.3.1 (903.5.8) *If a hearing is held 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.*

122.1.3.2 (903.5.9) Any hearing shall be held in closed session.

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

122.2.1 Complaints. The complaining party must submit the complaint ~~[on the official form]~~ as set forth in *Standing Rules 1022.2 and 1022.4.* ~~[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. 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 as set forth in the Standing Rules.]~~

122.2.1.1 *Complaining party must be directly involved in the complaint or directly affected by defendant's actions.*

122.2.1.2 *Third party complaints will be automatically dismissed.*

122.2.2 Show Protests. Protests charging misconduct or violation of the rules of the association arising in connection with a show shall be handled in the same manner as general complaints, as set forth in Standing Rules 1022.2 and 1022.4.

122.2.2.1 A copy of the protest shall be sent to the Show Committee. ~~[submitted to the Show Committee in writing, with any evidence and a filing fee as set forth in the Standing Rules, within 10-21 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 filing fee as set forth in the Standing Rules, to be handled by the [Board of Directors] Complaints Committee [pursuant to this article. A copy of the protest shall also be sent to the show committee. The Board of Directors] The Complaints Committee shall commence action on the protest pursuant to Standing Rules 1022.4. 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.]~~

122.2.3 *Committee members shall keep all complaint information including the identity of the parties confidential. Only such information as absolutely necessary shall be disclosed to involved parties during the course of the complaint investigation.*

122.2.3.1 *The complainant and the defendant and any other involved parties may not discuss a complaint with any uninvolved parties. Violation is grounds for disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.*

122.3 Fees. Any complaint must accompanied by a non-refundable fee as set forth in Standing Rules 1022.3

122.4 Complaint Procedures. See Standing Rules 1022.

122.5 (122.3) 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.

122.6 (122.4) Interim Suspension of Services. In the event that 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.

122.6.1 (122.4) 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.

122.7 (122.6) Penalties.

*122.7.1 (122.6.1) Except as provided in 122.7.2, ~~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 *public or private reprimand; suspension of some or all TICA services; imposition of fines and suspension or revocation of judge's license. ~~except that, 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~~.**

122.7.1.2 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.

122.7.1.3 Final action shall be determined by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors.

122.7.2 (122.6.2) Suspension of all TICA services includes the following, but is not limited to:

122.7.2.1 (122.6.2.1) 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;

122.7.2.2 (122.6.2.2) Participation in a TICA judging school, clerking school or breed committee;

122.7.2.3 (122.6.2.3) Holding an office in a TICA sanctioned club;

122.7.2.4 (122.6.2.4) Registration of cats and/or litters;

122.7.2.5 (122.6.2.5) Confirmations of titles;

122.7.2.6 (122.6.2.6) Scoring for regional and international awards.

122.7.2.7 (122.6.2.7) ~~Serve on a Service on any~~ committee or in any other capacity.

122.7.3 (122.6.3) 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 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~~

122.8 (122.5) 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.

122.9 Registration Documents. In complaints regarding a failure to provide registration papers, if the defendant refuses to provide such papers when require to by the Board of Directors, or if the defendant is not available to provide such paper for some reason, such as death or incapacity, the Board of Directors is empowered to direct the TICA Executive Office to issue such papers.

122.9.1 The Board of Directors may require that the person receiving such papers provide an executed save and hold harmless agreement to the Association.

122.9.2 The Board of Directors may require the person receiving such papers to provide a sworn affidavit setting out the facts to establish the other reasons such as death or incapacity.

Amend Standing Rules 106.4.3 as follows: 106.4.3 Legal Committee. To advise the Board of Directors on legal rights, obligations, and liabilities and to offer legal opinions and interpretations of proposed amendments to By-Laws, Show Rules, Registration Rules and Standards of the Association, and to offer advice regarding other matters which may affect the Association including contracts and agreements; ~~[to investigate and advise the Board of the facts surrounding protests]~~, to serve as *de facto* member of *Complaints Committee*, to act as hearing officers or in any other matters delegated by the Board of

Directors. The chairperson is authorized to appoint any such ad hoc committee as may be advisable to assist with such investigations

Add Standing Rules as follows:

106.4.10 Complaints Committee. To investigate complaints and protests and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

1022 Discipline. (By-Laws, ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO By-Laws, ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO)

1022.1.2 Complaints Committee.

1022.1.2.1 Each member of the Complaints Committee shall serve for three years.

1022.1.2.2 Terms rotate with a new member elected by the Board of Directors every year at the Semi-Annual meeting. The term of office begins on May 1 each year.

1022.1.2.3 There is no limit on the number of terms a Complaints Committee member may serve.

1022.1.2.4 The Committee members and alternates shall decide which committee member shall serve as committee chair.

1022.1.2.5 No serving member of the Board of Directors or member of any other appointed committee may serve on the Complaints Committee.

1022.1.2.6 An alternate shall replace any Committee member personally involved in a complaint.

1022.1.2.7 Any Committee member who feels unable to render an impartial decision on any given complaint must disqualify himself and shall be replaced by an alternate.

1022.2 Filing Procedures.

1022.2.1 (903.5.1) Complaints must be submitted on the official form accompanied by a fee as set out herein.

1022.2.1.1 Complainant must specify the rule(s) allegedly violated and attach all supporting documents and evidence.

1022.2.1.1.1 (122.2.3) 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.

1022.2.1.1.2 (122.2.4) Under penalty of perjury any documentary evidence [in support of a complaint or a response] must be declared or sworn, to be true and correct copies of such documents.

1022.2.1.2 (903.5.2) All complaints along with all supporting documentation shall be sent to the TICA Executive Office. The Executive Office shall forward any complaint received in the proper format and with the required fee to all three Committee members, the two alternates and legal counsel within two weeks of receipt.

1022.3 Fees and Time Limits.

1022.3.1 (1022.2.1) The fee for filing a complaint or protest shall be based upon the number of single-sided pages submitted, including the complaint form and any attachments and documentation. All fees shall be payable by cash, credit card, certified check or money order. (formerly 122.2.2) The filing fees shall not apply to protests filed by the Feline Welfare Standing Committee in its abuse protocols.

1022.3.1.1 (1022.2.1.1) The filing fee for ten pages or less shall be \$50.

1022.3.1.2 (1022.2.1.2) The filing fee for more than ten pages shall be \$50, PLUS \$2 for each page over ten.

1022.3.1.3 (1022.2.1.3) There shall be no fee for filing a response of ten pages or less. For each page over ten, the fee shall be \$2 per page.

1022.3.2 Complaints and Protests must be filed by the following deadlines.

122.3.2.1 Show Rules: Within 21 days following the last day of the show

122.3.2.2 By Laws: Within six months of the violation

122.3.2.3 Standing Rules: Within six months of the violation

122.3.2.4 Judging Program: Within three months of the violation

122.3.2.5 Registration Rules: Within five years of the violation

1022.4 Complaint Procedures.

1022.4.1 If a complaint involves parties outside the continental United States and/or parties who do not speak English, the response times may be extended at the discretion of the Complaints Committee.

1022.4.2 Except as otherwise noted, electronic communication may be used for information requests, status advisories and any other communication that does not require copies of documents. The committee chair, complainant and accused must request and receive confirmation of receipt for electronic communications.

1022.4.3 The Chair shall confirm receipt of the complaint to the complainant within one week. The Committee may require additional information or clarification of information from the complainant and/or involved parties. The complainant must provide the requested information within 30 days.

1022.4.3.1 After the complainant provides all required information, or no response has been made to the request, the committee may recommend to the Board that the complaint be dismissed due to insufficient evidence.

1022.4.4 (903.5.3) If the Committee feels that the complaint has merit, the chairman will forward all complaint information to the accused with a request for a reply within 30 days.

1022.4.4.1 The accused must send the reply to all three committee members, the two alternates and Legal Counsel.

1022.4.4.2 Upon the expiration of 30 days with no response received, committee may make a recommendation to the Board without a response from the defendant.

1022.4.5 (903.5.6) The Committee may contact the accused or any additional parties named in the reply for additional information or clarification of information provided.

1022.4.6 (903.5.4) A copy of the defendant's response and any accompanying documentation shall be forwarded to the complainant.

1022.4.7 The committee may request any DNA or health tests that may be needed to resolve a complaint.

1022.4.7.1 Failure to comply is grounds for disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

1022.4.7.2 If the tests confirm the validity of the complaint the accused shall bear the costs of such tests; if not, the costs shall be assessed against the complainant.

1022.4.8 The Complaints Committee shall keep both the complainant and accused informed of the status of the complaint at all times during the course of its investigation.

1022.4.8.1 Should the Complaints Committee determine that disciplinary action is appropriate, the accused shall be notified that said accused has two weeks from receipt of notification to request a hearing at the next scheduled Board meeting.

1022.4.9 Settlement.

1022.4.9.1 The committee may try to get the parties involved to agree to a settlement.

1022.4.9.1.2 Legal Counsel will draft any settlement agreement. Signatures of both parties must be notarized.

1022.4.9.2 If one party does not honor the agreement, the complaint can be reactivated with no additional fees.

1022.4.10 Final Resolution.

1022.4.10.1 When all information has been reviewed, the Chair shall call for a committee vote. By a majority vote the Committee may recommend dismissal or any penalty in 122.7.

1022.4.10.2 Within 14 days of the final Committee vote, a cover letter with the Committee's recommendation, a summary of the complaint and any comments from Legal Counsel shall be sent to the Executive Office. To the extent possible, all names and obvious identifying information within the summary shall have been replaced with alpha codes.

1022.4.10.3 The Executive Office shall copy and mail that information to all Board of Director members within 14 days.

1022.4.10.3.1 (903.5.7) By mail ballot the Board of Directors may immediately vote upon the Committee's recommendation or approve an alternate course of action or schedule a final decision at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

1022.4.10.4 Upon final resolution of a complaint, the chair will send the entire file to the Executive Office for storage.

1022.4.10.4.1 All committee members and alternates shall destroy their copies.

1022.4.10.5 Complaints Committee Chair shall notify the parties of the final resolution within two weeks of said resolution.

Delete Standing Rules 903.5 Legal Committee Guidelines

The above guidelines in their entirety have been incorporated into the above proposal.

DENIED

79. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Barnes to amend Show Rule 23.3, add Standing Rule 203.3.1, amend Registration Rules 34.2 and amend and add related Registration Rules. Motion carried with Basquine abstaining.

Amend Show Rule 23.3 (23.6) Cats erroneously registered and/or entered in an incorrect class may be transferred to the correct class and re-registered at the option of the owner. [~~without loss of status, awards or points previously won.~~]

Add: 23.3.1 The color class in which a cat is shown should be determined by the phenotype (physical appearance) of the cat. This may or may not be the same as the genotype-based color recorded on the registration certificate.

23.3.1.1 A cat may be transferred from one color class to another at any time without loss of previously earned points or awards.

Add Standing Rule 203.3.1 For purposes of scoring, the Executive Office shall be notified in writing whenever a cat is shown in a different color class from the genotype-based color recorded on the registration certificate. (I.e. a cat registered as a self (solid) red but shown as a red spotted tabby, etc.) Amend and Add related Registration Rules:

34.2 Rules Governing Registration of a Color. *A cat is to be registered according to its genetically determined color and/or pattern.*

34.2.1. *When a discrepancy is present between the genotype (genetically determined color and/or pattern) and the phenotype (physical appearance of the cat), registration should be based upon genotype. For example, a black cat with a distinct smoky undercoat but no silver in the background should be registered as a black. A self (non-agouti) red with heavy ghost tabby patterning should be registered as a solid. However, regardless of the color designated in the registration, a cat may be shown in the color class that is best approximated by the phenotype. (See Show Rule 23.3.1)*

Balance remains the same, but renumbered.

34.2.2 Any cat of a breed recognized for championship may be registered regardless of color provided one of the following criteria is met:

34.2.2.1 The color of the cat in question is one which is recognized for registration by the association and said color is the genetically plausible product of the parents as listed on the application for registration. Genetic plausibility shall be defined as present knowledge of cat color genetics as indicated by standard reference works and established scholarly journal publications.

34.2.2.2 The color of the cat in question is one which is recognized for registration by the association but is not the anticipated product of the parents as listed on the application for registration. Such a cat shall be accepted for Registration ONLY with the approval of the Genetics Committee and a statement by the breeder of the cat indicating that there has been no known potential for parents other than those indicated on the registration application.

34.2.2.3 The color of the cat in question is not one which is recognized for registration by the association. In such instance the color shall be accepted as a new mutation following approval of the Genetics Committee and the TICA Board of Directors. Emendation of the Registration Rules (34.1 above) shall be made and a color name and code assigned, with notice of such emendation to be printed in the next available issue of the official newsletter.

RATIONALE: It has been an understood principle of TICA that cats are registered by genotype and shown based on phenotype, but it has never been codified. It is time that this "understood principle" be put in writing. This was part of the original Greensboro Packet.

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80. Unanimous consent to amend Show Rules, Article Five (Complete rewrite), and add Standing Rules 205

Amend Show Rules, Article Five (Complete rewrite)

Article Five - ~~Procedures Prior to Benching~~ *Vetted and Non-Vetted Shows*

25.1 The show committee or club has the option of sponsoring a "Vetted Show" or a "Non-Vetted Show."

25.1.1 Show flyers shall indicate whether a show is "Vetted" or "Non-Vetted".

25.2 Vetted Shows. A licensed practicing veterinarian acting for the club must examine each cat or kitten including household pets and entries for sale or exhibition prior to benching and shall disqualify any cat that shows evidence of fungus, fleas, ear mites, or any infectious or contagious illness. (See Standing Rules 205.2)

25.3 Non-Vetted Shows. Any exhibitor, judge or show committee member suspecting any cat of having fungus, fleas, ear mites or any infectious or contagious illness may report same to the show manager. (See Standing Rules 205.3)

25.4 All Shows. These Show Rules must be presented to the veterinarian prior to his/her inspection of the entries.

25.4.1 The decision of the veterinarian acting within the jurisdiction of these Rules is final and binding.

25.4.2 The same requirements as to health shall apply to any cat in the show hall as to those in competition.

Add Standing Rules 205 ~~Procedures Prior to Benching~~ *Vetted and Non-Vetted Shows:*

205.2 Vetted Shows.

205.2.1 The owner or the agent of each cat inspected and considered to be in good health by the veterinarian shall be issued a card or other document to that effect and the cat shall be benched.

205.2.2 The show veterinarian has the authority to order the immediate removal of any sick cat from the show.

205.2.3 In the event a veterinarian is unable to officiate or does not appear at the designated time for benching inspection and a substitute veterinarian cannot be engaged to perform the benching inspection, the show shall be declared a non-vetted show.

205.3 Non-Vetted Shows. If a cat is suspect under Show Rules 25.3, it is the duty of the show manager to have the cat in question immediately removed from the show hall until a veterinarian confirms and/or diagnoses the suspected illness OR certifies that the cat is free from contagious or infectious illness.

205.3.1 It shall be the responsibility of the owner or agent of the suspected entry to obtain a veterinarian's services immediately upon removal from the show hall; *the show committee shall have the right to select the veterinarian or to provide a list of veterinary references.*

205.3.2 If illness is confirmed, the cat shall be disqualified.

205.3.2.1 If the cat is diagnosed as having a contagious or infectious illness, all charges for veterinarian services shall be paid by the owner or agent of the entry.

205.3.2.2 In case of disqualification by a veterinarian, all other entries from the same house or cattery and all cats for whom such exhibitor is agent shall be automatically disqualified and removed from the show hall; however, all awards shall be retained.

205.3.2.3 If an agented cat is disqualified, the agent's own cats shall be disqualified.

205.3.3 Should the cat be certified free of any illness, it shall be returned to the show hall for competition.

205.3.3.1 If the cat is certified free from contagious or infectious illness, all charges for veterinarian services shall be paid by the complaining party.

205.3.4 Awards received prior to either decision will remain in effect.

205.3.4.1 In the event a disqualified cat is subsequently selected for a final award based on the decision of a judge, the show manager has the authority to officially excuse the entry from being presented in order to receive the award.

205.3.5 In no event is the club or show management required to refund entry fees.

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81. Unanimous consent to add Standing Rule 505.2.2 and amend Standing Rule 209.1.1.4. Denied *DENIED*

82. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Caruthers to add Standing Rule 505.2.2 and amend Standing Rule 209.1.1.4. Motion carried with Barrett and Dickie opposed.

Add Standing Rules 505.2.2

505.2.2 Record all absentees, transfers, registration numbers, and corrections to the Master Catalog. Require exhibitors to give correction information in writing for accuracy and to ensure that the information is not left out of the Master Catalog.

Add Standing Rules 505.2.2 (related to the above Clerking Manual article)

505.2.2 Corrections to the Master Catalog of any kind shall be given to the Master Clerk in writing on the approved form.

505.2.2.1 Master Catalog Correction Forms shall be completed in triplicate. The original shall be forwarded to the TICA Executive Office with copies of the Master Catalog. A copy shall be given to the owner/agent making the correction and a copy shall be retained by the Club with the original Master Catalog and the Posting Slips.

505.2.2.2 The Master Clerk shall initial each Master Catalog Correction Form when the correction is made in the catalog.

Amend Standing Rules 209.1.1.4 Marked Catalogs. The show committee is required to forward (via first class mail or better) one completely marked catalog to the Executive Office of TICA, the regional reporters and the appropriate regional director within 48 hours after the close of the show. *Master Catalog Correction Forms shall be forwarded to the Executive Office with the Master Catalog.* The show committee is required to forward one completely marked catalog to the judging administrator, to each judge, the master clerk and to any person who ordered a marked catalog NO LATER THAN 7 DAYS AFTER THE SHOW. The show committee shall also send a catalog marked with the finals page(s) and the appropriate breed awards to each certified ring clerk within 7 days after the show.

RATIONALE: Master Clerks are given corrections for catalog errors that are not being made in the catalog. There needs to be a way for the owner to document that corrections were made. There is less room for error if catalog corrections are given to the Master Clerk in writing and in a standard format. Many times corrections are written on scraps of paper that can be easily lost.

NOTE: It is suggested that the attached form be printed on 3-part NCR paper and bound into notepads of 20 3-part forms that can be included with show supplies.

Master Catalog Corrections

Show: _____

Date: _____

Master Clerk: _____

Entry: _____

Owner/Agent: _____

Correction(s): _____

}}}}Standing Rules{{{

83. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Rhea that we require that changes in the catalog with the exception of pending be reported to the Master Clerk before the end of the show or the cat does not get scored for the show. Motion denied with Barnes McCullough and Parris in favor. Barrett was opposed because that she didn't feel it was exhibitor friendly; Caruthers was opposed because it was not included with the entry clerking program; Dickie agreed with the intent of the motion; McCullough felt that it's not too much to ask owners and agents to read the catalog and walk over to the Master Clerk and make the corrections.

DENIED

84. Unanimous consent to amend By-Laws 14.1 and 14.2 and 15.4 Breed Sections. Denied.

DENIED

85. Motion was made by Caruthers and seconded by V lach to accept By-Laws 14.1 and 14.2 and 15.4 Breed Sections as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Amend By-Laws 14.1 and 14.2 Breed Sections

14.1 Breed Section. A Breed Section(s) shall be established for each breed *or breed group* and one or more sections for household pets. Each member shall automatically be eligible to apply to belong to one Breed/*Breed Group* Section as a part of his or her membership.

14.1.1 Any member may belong to additional Breed/*Breed Group* Sections by applying for and paying an additional fee *AND by showing proof of one of the following:*

14.1.1.1 *Individual registration of a cat of the breed/breed group in the three years immediately preceding application*

14.1.1.2 *Registration of a litter of the breed/breed group in the three years immediately preceding application*

14.1.1.3 *Showing a kitten, cat, or alter of the breed/breed group in the three years immediately preceding application*

14.1.1.4 *Ownership of a kitten, cat or alter of the breed/breed group*

14.2 Duties. Members of each Breed/*Breed Group* Section shall sponsor the breed/*breed group* and be responsible for developing a comprehensive standard for the breed/*breed group* and proposing amendments and revisions of the standards for the breed/*breed group*. ~~In addition, each Breed Section is strongly encouraged to present at least one Breed Seminar every three years.~~

Amend 15.4 as follows:

Change all references to "Breed Section" to "Breed/Breed Group Section".

Change all references to "Breed Committee" to "Breed/Breed Group Committee".

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86. Unanimous consent to **DENY** adding Standing Rules 104.1, 104.1.1 and 104.2. Without objection. Add Standing Rules 104.1, 104.1.1 and 104.2

104.1 Breed sections of breeds belonging to a Breed Group shall be combined into a single section upon failure to elect a full Breed Committee for any section in the Breed Group. Once combined, there shall be no separation into individual breed sections.

104.1.1 Each breed in a Breed Group Section shall maintain its individual breed name for purposes of registration and exhibition.

87. Unanimous consent to add 104.2 or appropriate number as below. Denied

DENIED

88. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Vlach to add Standing Rules 104.2 Each Breed/Breed Group Section is strongly encouraged to present at least one Breed/Breed Group Seminar every 3 years. Motion carried with Barrett, Basquine, Rhea and Vandewater opposed.

89. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Fisher to **DENY** the amendment to By-Law 13.1. Motion carried with Barrett, McCullough, Ohira, Parris, Skipchak, and Vandewater opposed.

90. Motion was made by McCullough and seconded by Vandewater to reconsider Motion 89 to amend By-Law 13,1. Motion denied with Barrett, McCullough, Ohira, Vlach, and Vandewater in favor.

Amend By-Laws 13.1 Qualifications: Membership shall be open to any individual person who is interested in owning, breeding or exhibiting domesticated cats. *New members must complete the application form which includes an agreement to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association, pay the required membership dues and have at least one cat or a cattery name registered with TICA.* A member's region of record is the region where the member resides.

13.1.1 No more than four (4) people residing at the same mailing address may be voting members.

13.1.2 TICA clubs may collect and send in dues for club members. Dues must be sent with a list, which shall include each club member's name and mailing address, and an email address if available.

13.1.3 Membership cards may be sent only to an individual member's mailing address and not to a club's mailing address.

13.1.3.1 In the case of a lost number, only the member may request confirmation of the number. Confirmation must be mailed to that member's mailing address.

RATIONALE: Helps prevent buying additional memberships in an election year by making it much more difficult, time consuming and expensive. No TICA office should be "For Sale". Ensures that a person's TICA membership number will be given only to that person. This helps prevent vote fraud.

DENIED

91. Unanimous consent to amend By-Law 15.3.2. Denied.

Amend By-Laws 15.3.2 to read: 15.3.2 If for any reason the office of the Regional Director shall become vacant *or the boundary of a region is changed*, the Board of Directors shall appoint a qualified member from the region to assume the office. *At the next regular election date (i.e. the next fall-ballot), but not later than 16 months after the appointment a new Interim Regional Director shall be elected by the members of the region in question The next elections for Regional Director in the region in question shall follow the intervals set forth by Standing Rules 1014.4.*

RATIONALE: TICA is a membership driven association. The new wording of the By Law would take this into account while at the same time ensuring that a Region would not go without representation. It would give the members of the region in question more control over who their new RD shall be while not causing any extra expenses since the new election would be part of the following regular election. When following the current wording of the By Law it might be possible that a region is represented by somebody who does not have the support of the majority of the members of the region in question for up to 3 years. (There has been one instance where the Board conducted a straw poll before appointing a new Regional Director, however, the Board decision did not follow the majority of the straw poll results.)

DENIED

92. Motion was made by Vlach and seconded by Barrett to amend By-Law 15.3.2. Motion denied with Barnes, Barrett, Fisher, Ohira, Parris, Skipchak, and Rhea opposed.

DENIED

93. Unanimous consent to amend Motion #92 By-Law 15.3.2. Without Objection.
Amend By-Laws 15.3.2 to read: 15.3.2 If for any reason the office of the Regional Director shall become vacant ~~or the boundary of a region is changed~~, the Board of Directors shall appoint a qualified member from the region to assume the office. *At the next regular election date (i.e. the next fall-ballot), but not later than 16 months after the appointment a new Interim Regional Director shall be elected by the members of the region in question The next elections for Regional Director in the region in question shall follow the intervals set forth by Standing Rules 1014.4.*

94. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Dickie to amend By-Law 15.4.1.3. Motion carried with Rhea opposed.

Amend By-Law 15.4.1.3 to read: If for any reason the Breed Committee Chair is vacated, the Breed Committee member who received the next highest number of votes shall become the Breed Committee Chair. *The vacant seat on the Breed Committee shall be filled with the Breed Section member who received the next highest number of votes. If all members who ran in the election for Breed Committee are already serving, the Breed Committee may complete the term with a vacant seat(s) or request that the vacancy be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors. The Breed Committee shall notify the Executive Office of any such changes. Notice of Breed Committee resignations and replacements shall be published in the TICA Trend.*

RATIONALE: In the case of large Breed Sections (RD, BG, MC, etc), more than seven section members usually run in the Breed Committee election thus the Breed Section has already voted for a replacement member. The expense of re-polling a Breed Section is not insignificant for large sections. The MC section has over 400 members and more than 100 of them are overseas! Since the only duty of the Breed Committee (By-Laws, 17.4) is “to represent the Breed Section members on any proposed Breed Standard change.....”, very few Breed Committees are actually active, thus completing a term with a vacant seat is usually not a problem. While realizing that many people don’t care or pay attention, TICA is a democracy thus members should be notified of Breed Committee membership changes.

95. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by McCullough to **DENY** the amendment to the By-Laws 113.1. Motion carried with Ohira opposed because her region wanted her to bring to the Board’s attention where they have a special situation they’ve fallen into when there is an election year they see a unusual number of membership increase in her region. .

Amend the By-Laws, 113.1 as follows: 113.1 Qualification. Each member in good standing, one whose dues are paid and who has no outstanding indebtedness to TICA or to any TICA club, and who is not/was not on the Temporary Suspension List on the qualifying date, who was a member in good standing 3 years [6 months] prior to the first day of the month in which a ballot is to be mailed, shall be eligible to vote.

Add: 113.1.3 In order to be eligible to vote, a member must be 21 years of age or older.

RATIONALE: The number of TICA members has suddenly increased in the Asia region between March, 2004 to May, 2004, and this year is an election year for Asia. It is a grievous situation and I take it seriously. For the sake of TICA’s future, I feel it is necessary to change the By-Laws and more strictly limit the qualifications to the membership voting in the election. Here is the proposal for the October ballot.

96. Unanimous consent to amend By-Law 113.2.2. Denied.

DENIED

97. Withdrawn.

98. Unanimous consent to **DENY** the amendment of By-Law 113.2.2. Without objection.

113.2.2 All membership ballots shall be sent to each member eligible to vote by first class mail postmarked at least 45 days prior to the date announced for counting ballots. Lost or misplaced ballots shall be replaced as set forth in Standing Rules.

113.2.2.1 Membership ballots may only be sent to an individual member's mailing address.

RATIONALE: The average member is not familiar with the relationship between the By Laws and Standing Rules numbering system. Giving the number instead of just “Standing Rules” makes TICA more “member friendly”. Hunting through 85 pages of Standing Rules is very frustrating. It is *presumed* that “by first class mail” means to an individual member’s mailing address. This should be specifically stated rather than assumed.

99. Unanimous consent to **DENY** the addition of By-Law 113.2.3 B. Denied.

100. Motion was made by Vlach and seconded by Fisher to **DENY** the addition of By-Law 113.2.3. Motion carried with Skipchak opposed and Ohira abstaining.

Add By-Law 113.2.3 All membership ballots shall include Abstain, No, Yes as choices for all proposed rule changes. Abstain does not count as either a No or a Yes vote.

RATIONALE: When a member believes that a proposed change does not directly impact them or feels that they do not really understand the issue, they should have the option to Abstain.

101. Unanimous consent to **DENY** the amendment to By-Law 114.2 and 114.3, and Standing Rule 1014.2,1. Without objection.

114.2 Eligibility for Candidates. Any member who has been a member in good standing for two consecutive years immediately preceding the election shall be eligible to seek office.

114.2.1 For regional officers and breed committees if no member in the region or no member in the breed section has been a member for the two years immediately preceding the election, the two year membership requirement may be waived.

114.2.2 *For the offices of President and Vice President candidates may choose to combine their candidacy for the two offices into a "ticket".*

114.2.3 Anyone eligible and seeking office shall declare his candidacy in writing to the Executive Office not more than six months nor less than two months before the election month, and paid the filing fee established by the Board of Directors.

114.2.4 This filing shall entitle the candidate to be listed as a candidate for the office sought in every issue of the TICA TREND

114.2.4.1 Each candidate shall be entitled to publish a summary of his/her experience, credentials and platform in accordance with Standing Rules 1014.2.3. No other advertisement, endorsement or article on any candidacy may be printed in the TICA TREND

114.2.5 Candidates for international office who are drafted by write-in vote of the membership shall fulfill all qualifications of those filing for office.

114.3 Election.

114.3.1 The election ballot shall contain a list of candidates. The ballot for election of President, Vice President and Regional Directors shall also contain lines for write-in votes. The provisions of ARTICLE THIRTEEN shall apply to election of officers.

114.3.1.1 *If there are candidates who are running as a ticket and candidates who are running individually, those running on a ticket shall also be listed individually.*

114.3.2 The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. In the case of a tie, a run-off election shall be held.

Amend 1014.2.1 Filing Fees.

The filing fee for election to the Board of Directors is \$25. *If filing to run on a "ticket", the fee shall be \$50 for the "ticket".*

102. Unanimous consent to **DENY** the addition of By-Law ARTICLE 26. Without objection.

Add to By-Laws 126.1 *All additions or revisions to the Standing Rules must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors.*

RATIONALE: Rules that impact members but are not subject to membership vote should not be revised with a simple majority vote.

NOTE: A review of the minutes from the last two Board meetings shows that the vast majority of Standing Rules do receive at least a two-third's majority vote. This change will not have a detrimental effect on running TICA but, in the future, may help prevent a change that members do not want.

103 Unanimous consent to delete Show Rules 215.4. Without objection.

Delete Show Rule 215.4 When an officiating judge is the breeder of a cat or kitten, such cat or kitten is not eligible in that ring for competition. Awards shall be forfeited for violation of this Rule.

RATIONALE: It is a duplicate of Show Rule 23.2

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104. Unanimous consent to add Show Rule 29.1.1.6 and 29.1.1.7. Without objection.
Add 29.1.1.6 The show committee shall publish a show flyer for the show using the guidelines as may be established by the Board of Directors.

29.1.1.6.1 All advertising, promotion or information that is disseminated to the public regarding a TICA show shall include the name of the club putting on the show and the TICA name and/or logo. In no event shall the name of any public relations firm, production company, show management company, professional show manager or any other entity be displayed in larger type nor more prominently than the name of the club and the TICA name and/or logo.

Add 29.1.1.7 The show committee shall provide a Master Clerk and Ring Clerks for the show.

29.1.1.7.1 Clerks shall be compensated as set forth in the Standing Rules 501.

RATIONALE: There are Standing Rules relating to show flyers and clerks, but there is no Show Rule requiring a club to have a flyer or to provide clerks.

NOTE: Upon passage by the membership, delete the following Standing Rules:

202.1.8.3 (duplicate of 29.1.1.6.1 above)

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105. Unanimous consent to delete Show Rule 29.4.6. Without objection.

Delete 29.4.6 (29.9) Special permission must be obtained from TICA to hold a British-style show.

RATIONALE: TICA has made its mark in the fancy around the world with its own style of show. The times for holding a British-style show have long passed.

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

106. Unanimous consent to delete Show Rule 211.5.3. Without objection.

Delete 211.5.3 An entry not judged in any ring will be indicated by "xxx" for that ring;

RATIONALE: This procedure was used when Presentation Only cats did not count as "present and competing" for cat count and the catalog was marked with "xxx" by the entry clerk prior to printing the catalog. It no longer serves a useful purpose and, furthermore, is confusing since cats not judged in a ring are generally marked absent.

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107 Unanimous consent to add Show Rules 22.1.2 and 22.1.2.1. Without objection.

Add to Show Rules: 22.1.2 *Show Dates* When a club desires a show date from the Regional Director, they may request that date in writing. 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.

22.1.2.1 *The Regional Director may not deny a club a specific show date unless 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.*

RATIONALE: The above rules are currently in the Standing Rules. There is nothing in the Show Rules regarding show dates. This should be a Show Rule.

NOTE: Upon passage by the membership, delete Standing Rules 202.1 and 202.1.1.

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

108. Unanimous consent to add Show Rule 213.4.2, add to Judging Program 416.8.1, and delete Standing Rules 2013.2. Duplication of the Rules below. Without objection.

Add to Judging Program: 416.8.1 *Conflicts in Dates. Any judge who has signed a contract to judge a show shall not accept another contract to judge a show on that same date unless the original show is canceled. In the event that more than one contract has been signed, the earlier date of signing will determine the applicable contract.*

Add Show Rule 213.4.2:

213.4.2 *Conflicts in Dates. Any judge who has signed a contract to judge a show shall not accept another contract to judge a show on that same date unless the original show is canceled. In the event that more than one contract has been signed, the earlier date of signing will determine the applicable contract.*

RATIONALE: Currently the above wording is in the Standing Rules and is linked to no other rule. It needs to be part of the Judging Program and it needs to be added to the Show Rules for the information of the general membership (who seldom read the Judging Program).

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

109 Unanimous consent to amend Show Rule 216.5.1. Denied.
DENIED

110. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Barnes to amend Show Rule 216.5.1. Motion carried unanimously.

Amend Show Rule 216.5.1. Any cat not amenable to handling on the judging table should be penalized for temperament ~~or may be disqualified~~ *and awards may be withheld from that ring, but the cat will be counted present and competing in that ring.* If ~~disqualified~~, *awards are withheld*, the judge shall make the notation "unable to handle" in his judge's book.

RATIONALE: The use of the term "disqualified" is not consistent with the rules. "Disqualification" refers to specific structural faults or specific actions in these Rules.

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

111. Unanimous consent add Show Rule 21.74. Denied.

Add Show Rule 21.74 SHOW HALL - The enclosed area which encompasses the judging rings and benching area.

RATIONALE: It seems after all of these years that the definition of what constitutes the "show hall" has come under question. This is an attempt to clarify this question.

NOTE: Upon passage of this proposal, all relevant references to "show hall" in the Show Rules and Standing Rules will have a (See SR 21.74) added after each reference.

DENIED

112. Unanimous consent to amend Registration Rules 33.5.1.4.3. Denied.

DENIED

113. Motion was made by Barrett and seconded by Vandewater to amend Registration Rules 33.5.1.4.3. Motion carried with Barnes, Caruthers, Dickie, Fisher, McCullough, and Ohira opposed.

Amend 33.5.1.4.3 to read: A proposed breed standard that is unique *and does not include a trait unique to an existing variant or mutation breed as defined in 37.4 such as, but not limited to, folded/curled ears, existing types of rex coats, short legs, etc.*

RATIONALE: This would help prevent getting all kinds of combination breeds just for the sake of creating a new breed with a prominent trait.

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

114. Unanimous consent to amend 36.3.1 and 37.3.3. Without objection

Amend Registration Rules 36.3.1, last sentence, as follows: No ancestry registration number for a cat in Category I - IV shall be issued without ~~letters~~ *a signed Certification Form (Form # _____) from no less than three TICA Allbreed judges stating that they have handled the cat in question and find that it sufficiently meets the standard for its breed to be used in a breeding program.*

Amend Registration Rules 37.3.3, last sentence, as follows:

For a domestic breed, ~~a veterinary certificate of color and sex and letters~~ *a signed Certificate Form (Form # _____) from three TICA Allbreed judges must be submitted stating that they have handled the cat in question and find that it sufficiently meets the standard for its breed for use in a breeding program.*

RATIONALE: Currently, there is no consistency in the how a cat is certified as eligible for foundation registration based upon the opinion of three Allbreed judges. This creates confusion for the staff at the Executive Office. Requirement of the use of a standardized form will alleviate this problem.

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

115. Unanimous consent to amend Registration Rules 37.3 and 37.3.1. Without objection.

Amend Registration Rules 37.3 and 37.3.1) to take effect immediately upon passage

37.3 Category II: [Newer] Natural Breeds.

37.3.1 Purpose. This category is for ~~[recently recognized or relatively rare]~~ natural breeds which may have need to augment their gene pool with additional cats of unregistered ancestry but which have little to gain (and perhaps much to lose) by outcrossing to other breeds. For the most part these breeds are ones which originated in specific geographic regions where good representatives of the breed are still to be found in their native state as pets, barn cats, feral cats, etc.

RATIONALE: Most of the breeds in this category are not "new" or "rare". Reference should only be to "natural".

NOTE: Amending this rule will require the word “newer’ to be deleted from Standing Rules 307 (chart) and the chart at the front of the Standards.

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

116. Unanimous consent to amend Judging Program 49.1.2. Denied.
DENIED

117. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Vlach to amend the Judging Program 49.1.2. Motion denied with Fisher, Vlach and Ohira in favor.

Amend 49.1.2 to read as follows:

49.1.2 An International Guest Judge must be a licensed Allbreed Judge (i.e. licensed to judge all Groups or Categories) in his/her association in order to judge a TICA show.

49.1.2.1 Guest Judges may only judge a TICA show in a Specialty format.

RATIONALE: When a judge applies to become a TICA judge from another association, they may not be licensed higher than Approved Specialty. Being a Guest Judge is often a preliminary step to applying to the TICA Judging Program. It is contradictory to allow Guest Judges to judge TICA shows in Allbreed format and then as a TICA judge only be able to judge Specialty format. The proposed change is to provide consistency.

DENIED

118. Unanimous consent to add Judging Program 414.2.1. Without objection.

414.2.1 Judges failing to accumulate six CEU’s in one show season must earn twelve CEU’s in the next show season.

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

119 Unanimous consent to **DENY** the amendment to Standing Rules 1021.2. Without objection. Amend Standing Rules 1021.2 Charter renewal fees shall be \$25 and are due and payable each ~~May 1st~~ *December 1<sup>st</sup>* together with a current Officer’s list with addresses. Lifetime chartered clubs are required to provide a current Officers’ list with addresses.

1021.2.1 If the club charter renewal fee is not received by ~~May 31st~~ *December 31<sup>st</sup>*, a surcharge of \$10 per month is added to the renewal fee for a maximum of 4 months.

1021.2.2 A \$10 fee will be assessed to any club where the Officers’ List with addresses is not received by ~~May 31st~~ *December 31<sup>st</sup>*.

1021.2.3 Failure to pay charter renewal fees, surcharges, and/or provide an Officers’ List after 4 months from ~~May 31st~~ *December 31<sup>st</sup>* shall place a club, including Lifetime chartered clubs, in inactive status. Reactivation of a club including a club with a Lifetime Charter, shall be up to the equivalent of 3 years’ charter fees.

**RATIONALE:** Currently membership and club renewals pour into the EO at the same time...a time when end of year scoring must be finished. Changing the date for club renewals will equalize the EO’s workload some. Date was suggested by the EO.

120. Unanimous consent to add Standing Rules 106.4.9. Without objection.

106.4.9 Legislative Committee. To identify legislation and areas affected; to coordinate with other animal organizations to defuse any negative action that would endanger the continuation of owning, breeding or showing cats; to solicit support of the Regional Director in a target area who will appoint two regional members for the purpose of encouraging attendance at meetings and/or writing letters to the people responsible for passing laws/ordinances.

}}}}}**Standing Rules**}}}}

121. Motion was made by Barrett and seconded by Parris to adopt the Legislative Policy. Motion carried with Basquine abstaining because she doesn’t want to go against her country’s legislative policy and Vlach opposed because of international legislation and what works for one country may not work for another.

Legislative Policy: TICA will **OPPOSE** legislation regarding licensing, limits, mandatory microchip programs, mandatory data keeping by animal control, and taxation on **pets or pet** products.

TICA will **SUPPORT** efforts to prove shelter conditions, voluntary microchip programs, trap-(test)-neuter-(vaccinate)-release programs, and fund raising programs such as vanity license plates which designate part of the income for animal welfare and educational programs.

**NOTE:** The items in parenthesis are not done in all communities that have feral programs.

122. Unanimous consent to add Standing Rule 209.4.2.1  
Add Standing Rule 209.4.2.1 Cages. Cages in judging rings must be placed on tables or other solid support. Collapsible trestles are not acceptable.

*209.4.2.1 Whenever possible, the tables on which the judging cages are placed shall have leg extenders to raise the height of the tables to between 34 and 38 inches (89 and 97 centimeters) from the floor.*

**RATIONALE:** Currently, many clubs and cage services provide the means to elevate the tables that the judging cages rest on. This clearly is a back-saver for judges. Although there are some instances when leg extenders are not possible, it is possible in most instances and clubs need to be advised to make the provision.

**}}}}Standing Rules}}}}**

123, Unanimous consent to delete Standing Rules 501.1 through 501.15. Without objection.  
Renumber Standing Rules 501.16, 501.16.1, 501.16.2 as 501.6, 501.6.1, 501.6.2. Renumber 501.17 as 501.7

**NOTE:** This proposal is to delete the section in its entirety except for 501.16 and 501.17 and should not be confused with the proposals to add NEW Standing Rules 501.2.1 or 505.2.2.

**}}}}Standing Rules}}}}**

124. Unanimous consent to amend Standing Rule 903.8.1. Denied.  
\*DENIED\*

125. Motion was made by Caruthers and seconded by Barnes to amend Standing Rules 903.8.1  
Motion carried unanimously.

903.8.1 From time to time the International Cat Association Board of Directors shall select certain individuals, who have contributed immeasurably to the success of the International Cat Association, for membership in the TICA Hall of Fame. This honor may be awarded to persons living or deceased. [~~Nominations must be submitted to the Regional Director on an official form.~~] *Nominees' contributions for consideration at the next Semi-Annual meeting must be submitted to the Regional Director by November 15<sup>th</sup> and to the Executive Office by December 15<sup>th</sup>.*

**RATIONALE:** It was never the intent that nominations for Hall of Fame be taken from the floor at the same meeting that nominees are voted on. The Board needs to receive nominees as part of the confidential Semi-Annual Board Meeting agenda. Regardless of the standards used to measure a nominees worthiness, Board members need time to think about each nomination.

**}}}}Standing Rules}}}}**

126. Unanimous consent to amend Standing Rules 1012.2. Denied.  
\*DENIED\*

127. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Barnes to amend Standing Rules 1012.2. Motion carried unanimously.

1012.2 Additional Regions. To apply for a full directorship, [~~a country~~] *an area or region* must have had a resident membership of 150 or more members for the past 3 years.

**RATIONALE:** Regions may be made up of more than one country.

**}}}}Standing Rules}}}}**

128. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded Skipchak to table Motion 127. Motion carried with Barrett and Ohira opposed. (See Motion 156.)

129. Unanimous consent to add Standing Rule 2011.1. Denied.  
\*DENIED\*

130. Motion was made by Barrett and seconded by Vlach to add Standing Rules 2011.1 Catalogs Show catalogs shall be printed in a font no smaller than 10 points. Motion denied with Barnes, Basquine, McCullough and Vandewater abstaining.

**RATIONALE:** Some catalogs are printed in such a small font that they are almost impossible to read and very difficult for the TICA Executive Office to score.

\*DENIED\*

131. Unanimous consent to table Motion 130. Denied.  
\*DENIED\*

132. Unanimous consent to table Motion 130 until the Legal Advisor is ready. Without objection.

133. Unanimous consent to amend Standing Rules 1013.2.1 and 1013.4.6. Denied.  
\*DENIED\*

134. Motion was made by Vlach and seconded by Barnes to amend Standing Rules 1013.2.1 and 1013.4.6. Motion denied with Vandewater abstaining and Vlach saying because they don't validate the signature.

1013.2.1 The Executive Office shall include with each ballot a return envelope, printed on whatever colored paper is most difficult to duplicate by photocopying or scanning yet is still practicable for use and addressed to the Certified Public Accountant who has been designated to count the ballots, ~~and include a signature line for the member to validate the ballot.~~ The envelope shall include a line next to the membership number for the member to initial in order to validate the ballot.

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| Joe Member<br>123 Main Street<br>Anywhere USA<br>NW-1234-R _____<br>or<br>AB-PS NW-1234-R _____<br>[Signature: _____ ] | CPA<br>PO Box 1111<br>New York, NY 10000-000 |
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1013.4.6 The CPA shall not count any ballot ~~[with an unsigned envelope]~~ where the membership number has not been initialed on the envelope.

**RATIONALE:** Identity theft has become more and more of a problem in the world. A signature on an envelope makes identity theft easier. Initialing the membership number accomplishes the same purpose for validating the ballot without increasing the risk of identity theft.

**NOTE:** There is actually no way that the CPA can validate a signature or initials.

\*DENIED\*

135. Unanimous consent Add Standing Rules 1012.3.1 Isolated Area List: Southern Europe Region - Malta. Without objection.

**}}}}Standing Rules}}}}**

136. Unanimous consent to untable Motion 130.

137. Unanimous consent to Amend 109.2.1.1. Denied.

\*DENIED\*

138. Motion was made by Vlach and seconded by Fisher to Amend Standing Rules 109.2.1.1 Amend Standing Rules 109.2.1.1 as follows: Semi-Annual Meetings shall be held the third week or weekend of February in the vicinity of Harlingen, Texas or at a location or on a date approved by the Board of Directors. Motion carried with Barrett and Basquine opposed.

**}}}}Standing Rules}}}}**

139. Unanimous consent to add Miscellaneous Division for New Breeds/New Traits to Uniform Color Description effective new show year. Denied.  
\*DENIED\*

140. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Barnes to Add Miscellaneous Division for New Breeds/New Traits to Uniform Color Description effective new show year. Motion carried with Barrett opposed.

*71.2.6 Miscellaneous Division. In the development of new breeds or new traits, conditions may arise in which a color and/or pattern of a breed is not easily determined to fall within a currently recognized division. Cats which fall into this category may be shown in the Miscellaneous Division. (Examples include the silver tipped Chausie which does not fully meet the criteria for the solid, tabby or silver/smoke divisions, or those cats which are described as "merle" which have both solid patches of color and shaded or smoke patches of color.)*

*71.2.6.1 The Miscellaneous Division shall be restricted to developing new breeds or new traits.*

*71.2.6.2 At the time of application to Championship status, a breed will be assigned to an existing division, or if none is appropriate, a new division may be created.*

////////UCD////////

141. Unanimous consent to accept the amendment to UCD 74.1 to read: 74.1 The agouti allele (A/-) permits visualization of the tabby pattern by allowing alternating bands of light and dark pigment to appear on the hairs, resulting in contrasting patterns of lighter and darker colored areas. *An unspecified tabby pattern shall be registered and shown as a classic tabby.*

**RATIONALE:** Traditionally, in associations around the world including TICA, an unspecified tabby pattern is understood to be classic and cats are so registered. In order to eliminate any confusion in this matter, it is felt that this practice needs to be in writing.

////////UCD////////

Meeting was called to order at 8:35AM Friday.

142. Unanimous consent to go into Executive Session. Without objection.  
\*\*\*\*\***Executive Session**\*\*\*\*\*

154. Unanimous consent to table Yearbook Contract to the 2005 Semi-Annual Meeting. Without objection.

155. Unanimous consent that we accept the contract with the Webmaster, Gloria Stephens. Without objection.

156. Unanimous consent to untable Motion 127. (See below.)

127. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Barnes to amend Standing Rules 1012.2 as follows: 1012.2 Additional Regions. To apply for a full directorship, [~~a country~~] ~~an area or a region~~ must have had a resident membership of 75 or more members for the past 3 years. Unanimous consent to accept the amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

**RATIONALE:** Regions may be made up of more than one country.

}}}}**Standing Rules**}}}}

157. Unanimous consent to reconsider motion 140. Denied.  
\*DENIED\*

158. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Barnes to reconsider Motion 140 concerning Miscellaneous Division. Motion carried with Parris, Rhea, and Vandewater opposed.

159. Unanimous consent to change the word Miscellaneous to Undetermined. Denied.  
\*DENIED\*

160. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Barrett to change the word Miscellaneous to Undetermined. Motion denied with Basquine abstaining; Caruthers, Dickie, McCullough, Skipchak, Vlach and Vanderwater opposed and President DeVilbiss breaking the tie. Dickie was opposed because he felt that Miscellaneous covered it.  
\*DENIED\*

161. Unanimous consent to accept the Guidelines for Writing a TICA Standard. Denied.  
\*DENIED\*

162. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Vandewater to table the Guidelines for Writing a TICA Standard until the 2005 Semi-Annual Meeting when it is completed and all of the attachments were intact. Motion carried unanimously. (See Addendum.)  
=====Referred to the Semi-Annual Meeting=====

163. Unanimous consent to add to the Standing Rules 103.3.1. Without objection.  
103.3.1 No matter when in a membership year (i.e., May 1-April 30) a person joins TICA, he/she must renew that membership on May 1 in accordance with By-Laws 113.1, 113.1.1 and 113.1.2.  
103.3.1.1 A new member paying membership dues anytime in April must indicate to which membership year the dues apply-- to the current year ending April 30 or the following year beginning May 1.  
103.3.1.2 Membership dues are not prorated.

**}}}}Standing Rules}}}}**

164. Unanimous consent to accept the Chausie Breed Report. Without objection. (See Addendum.)

165. Unanimous consent to move the California Spangled to REGISTRATION ONLY status. Without objection.

166. Unanimous consent to accept the Ojos Azules Breed Report. Without objection.

167. Unanimous consent to change the Ojos Azules to REGISTRATION ONLY status. Denied.  
\*DENIED\*

168. Motion was made by Barrett and seconded by Barnes to move Ojos Azules to REGISTRATION ONLY status due to the fact that none have been registered in 2002 and 2003. Motion denied with Barrett and McCullough opposed.  
\*DENIED\*

169. Unanimous consent to accept the Peterbald Breed Report submitted by Stacy Polydys. Without objection. (See Addendum.)

170. Unanimous consent to have the Rules Chair direct the Peterbald Committee that a Peterbald Breed Group (PH) at this time is premature. Without objection.

171. Unanimous consent to accept the Savannah Breed Report. Without objection.

172. Unanimous consent to add Oriental Shorthair, Egyptian Mau and Domestic Shorthair as the acceptable outcrosses for the Savannah. Denied.  
\*DENIED\*

173. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Rhea to add Oriental Shorthair, Egyptian Mau and Domestic Shorthair as acceptable outcrosses for the Savannah. Motion carried unanimously.

174. Unanimous consent to accept the Toyger Breed Report. Without objection.

175. Unanimous consent to appoint Linda Schuralow to the Ragdoll Committee Chair. Without objection.

176. Unanimous consent to Appoint Lori Mclaughlin to the Ragdoll Breed Committee. Without objection.

177. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Caruthers to accept the Napoleon as REGISTRATION ONLY status. Motion failed with Barrett, Basquine, Dickie, McCullough, Parris, Rhea Skipchak and Vandewater opposed. Dickie was opposed because he is representing the wishes of his region; McCullough was opposed because regional concerns together with concerns about genetic defects; Skipchak, Vandewater and Vlach were opposed because of regional concerns.

178. Motion was made by Vlach and seconded by Basquine to **DENY** the acceptance of the American Ringtail for REGISTRATION ONLY. Motion carried with Caruthers, Fisher and Parris opposed.

179. Unanimous consent to accept the Computer Status Report. Without objection.

180. Unanimous consent to have the 2005 Semi-Annual Meeting in Harlingen, TX February 17-20, 2005. Without objection.

181. Unanimous consent to hold the 2007 Semi-Annual Meeting in Southern Europe. Denied.  
\*DENIED\*

182. Motion was made by Vlach and seconded by Barnes to hold the 2007 Semi-Annual Meeting in Southern Europe. Motion carried with Parris opposed.

183. Motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Barrett to table the previous motion. Motion denied with Barnes, Barrett, Basquine, Parris and Vlach in favor.  
\*DENIED\*

184. Motion was made by McCullough and seconded Rhea to accept the colors caramelized blue, caramelized lilac, caramelized fawn and caramelized cream for REGISTRATION ONLY. Motion carried with Barrett abstaining because there was not enough documentation to make a decision.

185. Unanimous consent to have the Rules Committee study the 21-day rule about sick cats.

186. Unanimous consent to make the International Incentive permanent: Cattery Registration and five individual registrations for a fee of \$50.

187. Unanimous consent to adjourn.

## ADDENDUM



This last show season the Chausie Breed Group has concentrated on Breed Seminars and the Chausie in the show ring. The highlight of the year was our being invited to give a presentation for the World Cat Congress open meeting. The Breed Committee worked on a Power Point presentation and they handed out a bound booklet and a CD to each of the delegates present.

Our current membership in the breed section is 41 people - the breed committee still has an active e-groups list where it discusses various aspects of the breed, feedback from the shows and revisions to the goals of the breed in general. The group updated the Chausie Breed Committee website after the first of this year as we do every year and we invite you to visit the website to view the photos and information. The address is [www.ChausieBreedCommittee.com](http://www.ChausieBreedCommittee.com).

The Breed Committee is currently working on a page on the CBC web site to show Chausie to Chausie bred cats at both "B" and "C" level....personal goals of breeders include continuing to breed to the standard, to breed more Chausie to Chausie cats and to continue to work towards SBT level with the breed. The breeders are targeting next year for the first SBT level cats in the breed.

Another personal goal of several breeders is to learn more genetically about the 'Silver Tip' gene and to this end have been in contact with Dr. Pflueger sending in 13 years of breeding charts, sending hair samples and phone discussion. The breed is seeing it's first 3rd generation Silver Tips this year and hopefully will see fertile males in this color for next year's breeding of Silver Tip to Silver Tip to better determine the genetics of this color/pattern.

Dr. Pflueger talked to the breeders who attended the World Cat Congress about a possible name change and possible division change for the color/pattern as it is really not silver the inhibitor gene and it might not be tabby. It has been determined that it is a simple dominant gene with black being dominant over brown similar to the "silver" gene in application. It is not yet known if it is a mutation of the agouti gene.

**As of February 2004 there were;**

607 Chausies registered with TICA.

148 registered in 2003 and 7 registered in the first month of 2004.

There were 84 litter registrations in 2003 as well.

During the 2003 - 2004 show season the Chausie was seen and handled.

in 28 individual Shows.

Covering 9 Regions.

With 23 individual Cats shown.

77 individual Judges handled Chausies including 7 of our International Judges - many of the judges handled the cats multiple times.

Chausie Rescue was established on March 21, 2001 for the protection of all Chausies and preservation of the breed. The group has been successful in the rescue and rehoming of 22 cats. Although the main focus for Chausie Rescue is the welfare of Chausies, the group has worked with breeds other than Chausies as well as rescue groups who are non-Chausie related. Chausie Rescue will continue to operate in this manner when the need arises. Linda Mercer's Purebred Cat Breed Rescue requested Chausie Rescue to be listed for assistance with Chausies in need. Currently, the group has been successful in assisting all Chausies that were referred to Chausie Rescue.

**Future Breed Goals:**

To maintain a presence in TICA shows with the Chausie.

To continue to mentor new breeders.

To register Chausie litters and individual cats and kittens.

To continue education in various formats.

To continue rescue of all Chausies in need.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bobbie Tullo, Chausie Working Breed Chair

The following proposal, submitted by Beth Hicks, has been shared with many people at shows, judging schools and other places. Reactions have been mixed. While there is a need for guidelines to writing a standard, this packet still needs work. The major complaint is the sarcasm and lack of professionalism in the approach. The other criticism is that it assumes that standards are written solely for judges.

### **STANDARDS GUIDELINES: (1) PURPOSE**

#### **Purpose of Standards**

All standards must be clear, concise, quick references for TICA judges. Yes, standards are also guidelines for breeders. Breeders have breed clubs, internet groups, mentors, newsletters, etc. Judges have ONE primary guide for over 40 breeds – the standards.

This packet was developed to help breeders understand how judges interpret standards. Without that guidance and knowledge, Breed Committees frequently use wording in standards that does not paint an accurate picture in the mind of a judge.

Breeders and judges must “speak the same language”. Even if every breeder in a breed section instantly understands the wording in their breed standard, it fails to accomplish a vital purpose if it is not understood by your judges.

Improving your breed standard so it can be quickly, easily and more consistently understood by your judges should be a major goal for every breed section. This package is a tool to help you achieve that goal.

#### **Attachments:**

Guidelines for Standards

Format Guidelines

TICA Format for Standards

Standard Terms

Eye Shape Chart

Drawing – Parts of a Cat

Glossary of Terms

Show Rules, Article 16

Registration Rules, Article 7

Uniform Color Description (UCD) – Under Publications at <http://www.tica.org/eo.htm>

May 2004

### **STANDARDS GUIDELINES: (2) CONCEPTS**

#### **Standard Terms and Judges:**

It is VERY important to review all the other breed standards before deciding if a descriptive term is a good idea for your standard. You may only be familiar with the terms used in your breed's standard. Judges are familiar with the terms used in all the standards and thus tend to relate them to each other. Examples:

“Plush coat” – a judge thinks British Shorthair.

“Fine, silky coat” – a judge thinks Turkish Angora.

#### **Standards and Relationships:**

The descriptive terms used should make sense in the context of how your breed relates to all other breeds. The best example is body length. One requirement in the judges' test is “List all the breeds in order by body length from shortest to longest”. The shortest being Manx, Persian, Himy, ES – all are “Cobby”. The longest are Siamese and Maine Coons – described as “Long”. The Ragdoll standard also says “Long” but the breed is not as long as Siamese or Maine Coons so a better description would be “Medium long”.

#### **Phrases versus Sentence:**

Use short phrases instead of complete sentences. Example: “The chest is broad.” Say “Broad chest”. Example: “The more richness and depth of color the better.” Say “Rich, deep color preferred”.

#### **Unnecessary Information:**

The American Curl standard says Legs “set straight when viewed from front or rear”. Per Show Rules, Article 16 any “abnormal positioning of legs while standing” shall be a penalty or DQ depending upon severity.

The Korat standard describes Boning as “Medium, Strong”. In this context “strong” is not a quality that can be judged. All boning is strong or it would break.

#### **Incorrect Information:**

The Burmese standard describes the Boning as “Sturdy”. Again all boning is strong and sturdy but what weight boning should the breed have – fine, medium, substantial, heavy? Judges need that information. Also per the Glossary of Terms, “Sturdy” is defined as “stocky, solidly built, thick set”. That is a definition for torsos not boning weight.

#### **Insufficient Information:**

The Russian Blue and Munchkin standards describe the Muzzle as “Medium in length”. What is the muzzle shape supposed to be – square, rounded, triangle, wedge-shaped? Is the muzzle broad, narrow, pointed, blunt? Is there a muzzle break?

#### **“Moving” Cats:**

Do not describe how things look when a cat is “moving”. Examples: “Tail is carried at an angle over the back.” “Coat breaks as cat walks.” Judges can't walk a cat around to see these things so we can't judge those qualities.

#### **The Parts are Related:**

A common phrase used for full length tails is “as long as body”. The Aby standard calls for a “medium long” body but a “long” tail. To a judge, this says the tail should be longer than the body. Be aware of what you are asking for.

#### **KISS (Keep it Simple, S.....):**

One of the worst mistakes in standards is long, wordy descriptions.

The Bengal's 40 word profile description – “Curve of the forehead should flow into the bridge of the nose with no break. Bridge of nose extends above the eyes; the line of the bridge extends to the nose tip, making a very slight, to nearly straight, concave curve.” Huh?

The same description with 14 words – “Gently curved forehead. From bridge to end of nose an extremely slight concave curve.”

#### **A Place for Everything:**

Leg description from the Birman standard – “The legs are medium in length, heavily boned, well-muscled, and in good proportion to the body.” The standard does not list Boning separately. A judge flips to the standard to quickly check the correct Boning and has to hunt for the information. A major improvement would be:

Legs: Medium length.

Boning: Heavy

Musculature: Well muscled.

Since all cats must be balanced, “in good proportion to the body” adds no helpful information.

### **The Purpose of Points:**

Judges do not “think in points” when judging. We are not mentally “subtracting” points for faults. Points in a standard should be used to emphasize the features that breeders regard as crucial to the “look” of the breed. Points should be a tool that judges can use. In too many standards, the point distribution is no help at all.

A number of standards have 10 points on 2 or 3 features. Assume there are four cats that all fit the standard on the 10 point features. EVERY other feature in the standard has 5 points. Of the four cats let’s say that one has great ears, one has perfect eyes, one a fabulous neck and one with lovely feet. Yes, the neck and feet have as many points as the ears and eyes! This point distribution provides NO guidance. The decision among these four cats is now “Judge’s Choice”. Surely most breeders don’t really think that necks and feet are as important as ears and eyes. That is what this point distribution says to a judge.

An excellent example of effective use of points is the Siamese standard. Years ago we started seeing round eyed Siamese in the show hall. The breeders changed the standard to put 12 points on eyes. No other feature in the standard has that many points. We do not judge round eyed Siamese very often any more!

Consider what you are telling the judges when you assign points. A good example is the Norwegian Forest Cat standard. Torso and Boning have 7 points each for a total of 14 points. The coat texture has 20 points. This says a Norwegian Forest Cat that is a little too light boned and long bodied should be placed over one with a soft, thin coat.

Another factor to consider when assigning points is how important a flaw in a feature is to the “look” of the breed. The Maine Coon standard has 10 points on Tail and 10 points on Ears. A tail that is just a little too short is barely noticeable and certainly does not detract from the “look” of the cat. In contrast, ears can be too small, too wide-set, flared out, have narrow bases (hopefully not all on the SAME cat). Any of these flaws are very obvious. The negative impact on the “look” of the breed is much more significant than a slightly short tail. Looked at this way, Ears should have more points than Tail.

### **STANDARD GUIDELINES: (3) FORMAT**

#### **Features:**

A description of every feature listed is not required.

#### **Points:**

If a feature is described, it must be given points. The TICA Format for Standards shows the minimum to maximum range of points allowed for each of the three major sections.

Features must be described separately for easy reference. Features may be combined when assigning points. This is better than putting just 2 or 3 points on individual features. Suggested combinations are noted in the Format.

#### **Glossary of Terms:**

Use the terms in the Glossary.

Example: Say “Britches”. Do not say - “The fur on the back legs”.

If your breed needs a “new” term, a definition must be submitted for the Glossary. Definitions may not be included in standards. Example: The American Curl penalizes “Vertical crimp and horizontal crimp” in ears. Definitions of those terms were taken out of the standard and added to the Glossary.

#### **Uniform Color Descriptions (UCD):**

Colors and patterns are in the UCD. They cannot be described again in a standard. Any shadings or color variation that a breed allows may be described in a standard.

#### **Standard Terms:**

A list of commonly used terms is attached. You are not restricted to just these terms. Do consider that these terms are already well understood by judges. “Creating” totally new terms may just create confusion.

#### **Handling:**

Handling techniques may not be included in a standard.

#### **Condition and Balance:**

**Condition** - All cats being shown must be in excellent physical condition. This includes a clean and well groomed coat, proper weight and muscle tone, clean ears and clear eyes.

**Balance** - All pedigreed show cats should be balanced. Within the breed type, all features should be in proportion thus contributing to the breed’s distinctive look.

Any deficiency in either condition or balance will be penalized by judges per TICA show rules. Comments telling judges to fault cats for condition deficiencies or lack of balance are not necessary. Points may not assigned for condition or balance.

### **TICA FORMAT for STANDARDS**

#### **TOTAL POINTS MUST ADD UP TO 100**

**Features must be described separately.**

**Suggested combinations are for POINTS ONLY, not descriptions.**

**HEAD:** TOTAL POINTS (Range – 20 minimum to 40 maximum)

Shape -

Ears -

Eyes - Include color

Muzzle - May combine with Chin

Chin - May combine with Muzzle

Nose - May combine Chin/Muzzle/Nose

Profile -

Neck - A maximum of 2 points.

**BODY:** TOTAL POINTS (Range – 20 minimum to 40 maximum)

Torso - May combine with Musculature  
Legs - May combine with Feet  
Feet - May combine with Legs  
Tail -  
Boning - May combine Legs/Feet/Boning  
Musculature -  
**COAT:** TOTAL POINTS (Range – 20 minimum to 40 maximum)  
Length - May combine with Texture  
Texture - May combine with Length  
Pattern - May combine with Color  
Color - May combine with Pattern

**CATEGORIES:** List, or just say “ALL” if all are accepted.

**DIVISIONS:** List, or just say “ALL” if all are accepted.

**COLORS:** List, or just say “ALL” if all are accepted.

**PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:** Required. See Registration Rules, Article 7.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

**LOCKETS:** Allow or Penalize or Withhold (WW) – State which.

**ALLOWANCES:**

**PENALIZE:**

**WITHHOLD AWARDS (WW):**

**DISQUALIFY (DQ):**

### INFORMATION TO INCLUDE IN DESCRIPTIONS

**HEAD:**

Shape: Describe in frontal view not profile.

Ears: Shape/Set/Size. Include furnishings – Light? Heavy? Lynx tips?

Eyes: Shape/Set/Size/Color. Relationship to coat color? Include any allowance for kitten eye color.

Profile: Side view of head. Include forehead, any change of direction at bridge of nose and nose profile.

Muzzle: Describe frontal view. Include shape and length.

Chin: Unless otherwise stated, all chins are to be in line with upper lip.

Can include shape, depth, width as relates to upper muzzle.

Nose: Frontal view of nose leather IF unusual (puffed; wide; low set nostrils)

Neck: Length/musculature/thickness.

**BODY:**

Torso: Length/Shape/Depth. Back - level or other.

Legs: Length/Relationship to body IE: Forms rectangle, completes square, etc.

Feet: Size/Shape/Tufted?

Tail: Length in relation to body. Shape – whippy, thick, etc.

NOTE – All tail lengths are checked by running a hand from shoulders to base of tail and then down the tail to see how the two distances relate (equal, tail shorter, etc)

Boning: State weight - Very fine, fine, medium, substantial, heavy

Musculature: Saying “not soft or flabby” unnecessary. That is a given for all cats. (Don't use negatives.)

**COAT:**

Length:

Texture:

Pattern: Describe any that are unique. Descriptions already covered by the Uniform Color Description (UCD) are not allowed.

Color: Category, Divisions, Colors accepted already given – do not repeat. Use to describe any aspects unique to the breed – shadings or color variations allowed.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

A general overview of the look of the cat. Do NOT use to restate all the features already covered above. Can include a very brief history of the breed. Can include a brief description of the breed's personality.

**LOCKETS:** Allowance, Penalize or Withhold (WW)

**ALLOWANCES:**

Breed specific color or development differences. EX: Slightly longer coat in kittens; coat color may darken with age; ghost tabby markings on kittens; etc.

**PENALIZE:**

Do not use to just state the opposite of feature's description. The Persian group standard is an excellent example of unnecessary penalties. The penalties include “long or narrow head; long Roman nose; large or pointed ears; a long back; small eyes”. All of these penalties are the opposite of what the breed wants. Persians with these faults do not appear in the show ring today.

Use this for serious faults that are currently being seen in the breed to indicate that the cat should not get a final. This will help eliminate the fault in the breed.

To allow quick, easy reference, do not list all penalties in one long paragraph.

Instead list the feature, then the penalty. For example:

**Eyes:** Slanted. Beady.

**Profile:** Straight. Pronounced bump.

**WITHHOLD AWARDS (WW):**

Use this for cosmetic faults that you feel are serious enough to require placing no award, such as incorrect color, incorrect pattern or coat texture, wrong eye color, incorrect coat length, etc. Examples – “Paw pads not all of the same color” (BG), or “Unbroken necklaces and circular leg bracelets” (SG) or “Pigment absent or spotty on nose leather” (TO). Overall lack of merit, poor health and condition are covered by Show Rules, Article 16.7 and should not be restated here.

**DISQUALIFY (DQ):**

Use this for faults of a structural nature such as those defined in Show Rules, Article 16.12. That rule states “judges shall penalize or disqualify, depending upon severity”. If any of those structural faults MUST be a DQ for your breed, list it here. Example – “Any malocclusion”.

**The statements below must be included at the end of EVERY standard.**

The following statements apply to all breeds of cats:

- Allow for stud jowls in males
- Females proportionately smaller than males
- Males proportionately larger than females

Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. **In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications:**

- a cat that bites (216.9),
- a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10),
- adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11),
- cats with all or part of the tail missing , except as authorized by a board approved standard (216.12.1),
- cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2),
- visible or invisible tail faults **if Board approved standard requires disqualification** (216.12.4),
- crossed eyes **if Board approved standard requires disqualification** (216.12.5),
- total blindness (216.12.6),
- markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9),
- depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1).

See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.

**STANDARD GUIDELINES: (4) TERMS**

It is not the words in a standard that give each breed its own unique beauty. That beauty comes from the way the parts of the cat are put together. Many different breeds can use the exact same words to describe just one specific feature. A more consistent use of terms in standards does not make any breed less unique. It does enable judges to get a clearer picture of what your particular breed should look like.

To judges all the breeds relate to one another. It is not unusual for breeders to be “Breed Blind”. They see and know their breed but don’t understand how it fits into the big picture of ALL breeds. Thus, without meaning to, breeders will use a word or phrase in their breed standard that paints the wrong picture in a judge’s mind.

There are expressions that paint a very clear picture in the US which may have no meaning overseas. The British standard used to say “chipmunk cheeks”; an expression that needs no explanation in the US. However if another country does not have chipmunks, it is meaningless there. Breeds are international so be careful.

These terms can be used in any standard. Beside each are examples of breeds that currently use these terms CORRECTLY in their standards. Some standards use slightly different terms. The Siamese standard describes ears as “strikingly large” not “very large”. That is close enough to paint the correct picture in a judge’s mind.

Reviewing the standards to compile this information revealed two major problems –

- 1) Inadequate descriptions of muzzle size, shape, length.
- 2) Most profile descriptions do not include the forehead, change of direction at bridge of nose AND nose.

**HEAD**

**SHAPE:**

- Round – PS, HI, ES
- Rounded – AS, BU, CX, EM, MX
- Oval – CR

**Triangle:**

- Longer than wide – SI
- Equilateral – NF

**Modified Wedge:**

- Flat planes – RB
- Rounded contours – AB, BG
- Broad – BB, MC

**Heart – KT**

**Inverted Pear – PB**

**PROFILE:**

- Straight – NF, SI
- Two-Planed – RB, TA
- Convex curve (Roman) – CR

**Forehead:**

- Flat – BI, KT, RB
- Sloped back – BI
- Sloping – CU
- Gently Curving – AB, MC
- Slightly rounded – PB, RD, CX, PB
- Moderately rounded - MX
- Rounded – AS, BU
- Domed

**Bridge of Nose:**

- Gentle rise – OC, EM
- Gentle dip – JB, MX
- Slight dip – TV

Gentle curve – MC, RD, SF  
Slight curve – PB  
Gentle stop – TO  
Slight stop – CX, KT, SG, SX  
Modified stop – AS  
Definite stop – HB  
Strong stop – DR  
Nose break – BU  
Definite break – PS, HI, ES

**Nose:**

Straight – RD  
Slightly convex – PB, SB, TO  
Nose bump – PB  
End turns down – KT

**MUZZLE:**

**Shape:**

Rounded – AC, BS, BU, SB, SX  
Square – MC, SR  
Almost square – HB, OC  
Tapered – SV

**Length:**

Short – BS, BU, DR, SR, SB  
Medium Short – ASH, SG  
Medium – BI, CX, EM  
Long – CU

**EAR SIZE:**

Small – PS, HI, ES, SF  
Small to Medium – CX, BS, BG  
Medium – AS, BU, MX, PB, RD  
Medium to medium large – EM  
Medium Large – SB  
Moderately large to large – TV  
Large – AB, CR, JB, MC, RB  
Very large – SI, SX

**BODY**

TORSO: (See UCD for Definitions)

Cobby – PS, MX  
Semi-Cobby – KT  
Semi-Foreign – MK, OC, SV, SN  
Foreign – RB  
Oriental – SI  
Medium – SB  
Medium-long – NF  
Long – MC  
Substantial – MC, NF, PB, RD, SB

**BONING:**

Very fine - CR  
Fine – RB, CX, SI, SG  
Medium – ASH, KT, EM, SF, SX, TV  
Substantial – BS, MC, NF, RD, SB  
Heavy – PS, BB, PB

**LEGS:**

Short – PS, HI, ES  
Medium – MC, EM, LP, SB  
Long – JB, RB, SI  
Very long – SV

## TICA TOYGER BREED REPORT 2004

July 13, 2004

This has been a tragic year for the Toyger breed due to heart-breaking losses from FIP. Many of our best loved cats of all ages and lineages have been lost. While breeders are not giving up as the possible future Toyger is thrilling and the public waiting impatiently, the uncertainty and heart-break has us all reeling. But just as other breeds have come through FIP implosion so, we hope, will we.

Steps that we are taking:

- \* Outcrossing in hopes of diluting and loosing the genetic component.
- \* Selling/giving animals only to people who have been fully informed and with no other cats and/or have the facility for full separation/isolation.
- \* Showing little if any and then only a few cats from lines and/or breeders that have not had an FIP case or resent corona virus case. While transmission of FIP is now understood to be unlikely, we certainly must protect the health of all of the cats and will not be the carriers of corona virus to TICA shows. We also do not want to be blamed for every spontaneous case of FIP in the country.

In light of this serious, continuing and discouraging setback to the breed that we doubt that we have seen to worst of yet, we have gone off the offensive and into a regrouping mode. We request a continuation of our current Preliminary New Breed status even though we can not do much for TICA currently other than to register our kittens.

Sincerely,  
Judith A. Sugden  
Toyger Breed Committee Chair

## Ojos Azules Progress Report

This past year has been marked by the discovery of two new unrelated free-roaming populations of cats which appear to have the Ojos trait. The trait has also shown up in another population in New York.

Several very nice Ojos have been identified in a family of barn cats found on a farm in Ohio. A blue-eyed blue torbie female from this population was shown by Mike and Elektra Hammond this past season. She is now expecting. A cream kitten from this same population who was also shown last season has grown to be a very handsome young stud. He is now showing an active interest in females and should have several litters coming both from non-Ojos and from both a standard and a non-standard female bred by Cassey Cannick in Pennsylvania. A report regarding the outcome of these litters will be available at the annual.

Terry Christopher of Las Vegas has found a California feral population residing behind a cluster of fast food restaurants. Armed with trapping equipment, he has pulled several dozen cats from the population. The majority of the cats have not exhibited the Ojos trait but he has trapped a lovely cream male with distinct blue eyes and also several other potential candidates for carriers of the gene. Further information on this population will also be available at the annual.

Sarah Sweet in New York has been working with a new curly coat mutation she is calling Woolies. An unrelated color point cat she had used as an outcross now appears to have carried the Ojos trait as she is now producing blue-eyed kittens that are not pointed. There is a nice red tabby kitten that will be introduced into the Ojos breeding population and may be coming to the annual.

Revisions are being suggested in the standard for the Ojos Azules, based upon further experience with the expression of the gene. The trait is now known to affect melanocytes (pigment cells) in the eyes and coat, facial features, and patterning of hair growth on the tail tip.

Although most cats with the trait have blue eyes, this is not always the case and several documented carriers with eye color other than blue now exist. Non-penetrance with respect to blue eye color appears to be about 5%. With experience in identifying the other expressions of the gene, most of these cats can be distinguished from non-carriers.

The Ojos trait appears to restrict melanocyte (pigment cell) colony formation early in embryogenesis. If the eyes are not fully colonized by functional melanocytes, the affected portion(s) of the iris will appear blue. Pigment restriction may also appear on the face as random, often asymmetrical patches of white. White may also be seen on the back toes and/or the tip of the tail. White limited to these areas does not imply piebald spotting and cats with white only in these areas should not be considered particolored. Breeding studies have shown that the Ojos trait is not a low-grade form of piebald white spotting. Although the two forms of white do interact, sometimes giving very unusual patterns, they are clearly separate genetic loci. White patches on the ventral midline (lockets and belly spots) are not a reflection of the Ojos gene and should be considered a fault.

In addition to white patches resulting from failure of melanocyte colonization, the same portions of the body may show evidence of fewer primary melanoblasts (pigment cell precursors). Because of this, pigment cell colonies may be fewer and thus may expand to cover larger areas. This is best seen in tortoiseshells. In such cats the body may appear brindled as is typical of torties in other breeds whereas the face and back legs will often exhibit large expanses of a single color.

The Ojos trait is also associated with a distinctive facial appearance. The inner corners of the eyes are more widely separated than usual, giving a very sweet kitten-like expression. This change does not affect the bony orbits but rather the soft tissue. (In medical terms, this appears to be telecanthus rather than hypertelorism.) There also may be a rounding of the inner canthus (inner corner) of the eye similar to the epicanthal folds that characterize some Asian human populations. This contributes to the wide-eyed innocent look.

The nose leather may be less prominent than in other cats and may appear narrow in relation to the distance across the bridge. In most cats the sides of the nose appear to be parallel from the tip to the eyes but in the Ojos the nose may appear to widen from the tip to the eyes.

The tail tip may appear compressed, almost as though the wet tail had been placed in a book to dry. This change affects only the pattern of hair growth, not the bones or muscles of the tail. However, the appearance of greater width in a dorsal-ventral (back-front) than lateral (side to side) dimension may be helpful in identifying gene carriers without the characteristic blue eyes.

Efforts towards identification of the specific mutation are continuing. PAX3 and EDNRB remain the primary candidate genes. Splotch in the mouse and overo in the horse are traits resulting from mutation in these respective genes.

Solveig Pflueger



**Breed Statement:**

We have completed a new breed standard that we feel will distinguish our breed from other breeds in several areas. We are respectfully requesting your acceptance of this standard so that we may return to the show rings and work towards our goals of furthering the breed, thereby furthering TICA. An updated report will be completed and submitted to the BOD within 10 days of the Annual Meeting.

**Breed Facts:**

Date of Origination: January 1994

Place of Origination: Russia

Type of Breed: Hybrid

Current Outcrosses: Siamese, Oriental Shorthair, Oriental Longhair and Balinese.

Foundation Breeds: Siamese and Orientals mated with Don Hairless (sphinx)

Breed Distinguishing Factors:

Wrinkles in forehead, body, on the feet and in the groin area.

Whiskers and eyebrows that are wavy or broken off near the skin, if they exist.

Coat length/texture and/or lack of.

**Breed Characteristic Major Differences:**

|                                                                                        |                                                                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Peterbald                                                                              | Siamese / Oriental                                                          |
| Long equilateral Head                                                                  | Wedge, isosceles                                                            |
| Cat size: Small to Medium                                                              | Cat size: Medium                                                            |
| Ears: Extra Large, oversized, pointed, broad at base, lower than the line of the wedge | Ears: Wide at base, strikingly large, set to continue the line of the wedge |
| Eyes: Oval, medium in size                                                             | Eyes: Almond shaped, medium in size                                         |

Breed Head Sketch: Not available.

**Breed Growth:**

We are still awaiting the newest statistics from the EO regarding the number of cats shown/registered. This will be provided prior to the Annual Meeting Date. Past records of cats registered show:

1996 – 1

1997 – 8

1998 – 24

1999 – 17

2000 – 17

2001 – 19

2002 – 16

2003 – (will be provided)

2004 -- (will be provided)

The Breeders registered with TICA is growing on an annual basis. We will have exact numbers for you in the updated version of this report. (Still awaiting exact numbers from the EO.)

**TICA Goals and Objectives:**

Develop breed seminars and schedule to present them to as many different regions as possible.

Meet the requirements for advancement to Championship status.

Produce cats according to the proposed standard.

Solicit and mentor new TICA registered PD breeders.

Encourage breeders to register every kitten with permanent TICA papers.

Ensure that all PD breeders are current with their TICA registrations.

Stacy Polydys

Peterbald Breed Representative

Standard as follows:

**PETERBALD BREED GROUP (PD/PH)**

The Peterbald Hairless (PD) and the Peterbald Brush (PH) are graceful intelligent cats, foreign in type. The Peterbald Hairless has a chamois-like texture to the skin and a soft down, while the Peterbald Brush has unique wiry hairs over the entire body. The breed originated in Russia in the early '90's.

**HEAD 40 points**

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| Shape       | 10 |
| Ears        | 10 |
| Eyes        | 5  |
| Profile     | 10 |
| Muzzle/Chin | 3  |
| Neck        | 2  |

**BODY 40 points**

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| Torso...    | 15 |
| Boning      | 10 |
| Musculature | 10 |
| Legs/Feet   | 2  |
| Tail        | 3  |
|             |    |

**COAT/COLOR/PATTERN 20 points**

|         |    |
|---------|----|
| Texture | 20 |
|---------|----|

**CATEGORY:** All**DIVISIONS:** All**COLORS:** All**PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:** Siamese, Oriental Shorthair, Oriental Longhair, Balinese**HEAD:**

Shape: Long equilateral triangle, measuring from ear tip to ear tip to chin. Vertical lines and wrinkles on forehead diverging before the ears, nearly at right angles.

Ears: Extra large, oversized, pointed and broad at the base. Set to extend just below the line of the wedge.

Eyes: Medium in size, oval, deep and obliquely set. Eye color independent of coat color

Profile: Two-planed.

Muzzle: Strong, not narrow. Slightly Blunt. No whisker pinch.

Chin: Straight line from nose to chin.

Neck: Long, slender

**BODY:**

Torso: Small to medium, long, foreign type

Boning: Fine to medium

Musculature: Firm

Legs: Long with firm fine to medium boning. Straight vertical forelegs.

Feet: Oval with long agile toes

Tail: Long and whippy

**COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:**

Texture:

PD: Chamois-like with soft supple skin; not oily to the touch; may have fine short down; whiskers and eyebrows, if any, are usually wavy

PH: Full dense coat with short wiry, kinky hairs or sparsely scattered curly hairs over the entire body

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** Peterbalds are graceful, intelligent cats of foreign type. They are sturdy and lean with elongated bodies. The Peterbald originated in Russia in 1994, the result of breeding Siamese or Oriental Shorthairs to the Don Hairless (Don Sphynx) to produce smaller, more refined cats. **LOCKETS:** Allow

**ALLOWANCES:** (PD) Light thin hairs in adults cats

**PENALIZE:**

Body: Bowed forelegs

Head: Curved profile, undershot chin, muzzle pinch

Coat Texture (PD): Significant amount of hair on Torso

**DISQUALIFY (DQ):** Protruding sternum

Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.

## **Savannah 2004 Annual Breed Report**

The Savannah Breed is a healthy and thriving new breed. There are 696 Savannahs registered (as of 7/12/04), up from 473 in February, 2004. The number of Savannah Breed Section Members has increased from 77 to \_\_\_\_\_ in the same period. We continue to introduce new breeders, as the enthusiasm for this breed has not waned one bit!

The Savannah Breed advanced from Preliminary New Breed Status to Advanced New Breed Status on May 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. In the couple of months since then, Savannahs have continued to present in the show rings to great review. Many of this year's kittens are only just now old enough to be shown so we expect that the next few months should be quite impressive.

This year has seen the birth of a substantial crop of F5 Savannah males, our anticipated fertile generation! To date, there have been a limited number of fertile SV males available, which has limited some breeding programs. We are excited at the number of F5 males born as this will mean great things for the next generations of Savannah kittens born.

In our Semi-Annual Breed Report last February, we announced our incorporation of our affiliated club SIMBABIES as a 501c3 non profit association. Since then we have enacted three rescues of six cats, of which only one cat was a Savannah. The first official rescue was of two early generation Chausie males, wonderful sweet boys who were quickly re-homed with the help of the Chausie Rescue network. The second rescue was a Bengal male who was surrendered due to a diagnosis of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. With the aid of a Bengal rescuer, a SIMBABIES member found this cat a loving and responsible new home. Our third rescue involved a High Percentage (HP) Savannah and two domestics, whose owner had recently passed away. Due to the appearance of this Savannah, SIMBABIES members decided that this cat could not remain in California where exotics are not allowed. The parentage of this cat could not be determined as papers had been "lost"; the appearance of this cat was such that it might be an exotic and therefore place it in danger of confiscation in this state. A responsible new owner was found in a County and State that also allows exotic ownership. This new owner had been considering owning a serval, and the owner had been sufficiently educated on the responsibilities of caring for such a special animal. This HP Savannah has adjusted wonderfully to his new home and is treasured by his new owner, and already adored by one of her other Savannahs! The other two domestics were re-homed together in another loving home. We feel that all our rescues were very successful. We have a long and growing list of people offering homes to any rescued Savannahs.

A new arm of SIMBA was created last August and was given a new leader (Kate Davis) this February so our overworked SIMBA President (Lorre Smith) could relinquish some responsibility. Hybrid Pride has initially been set up as a working group. Forty-five plus members strong, the group is gathering information on State laws for the website it will develop: [www.hybridpride.org](http://www.hybridpride.org). This site will allow both breeders and potential owners to check current laws and assure that the Savannahs (or other Hybrid Domestic breeds) they sell/purchase are legal in their new home. We anticipate that this site will be updated with preliminary state information very soon. The goal of Hybrid Pride is to provide a website with laws for every State and Country. Looking to the future it will serve to assist in effecting changes to laws and ensuring that new legislation is hybrid friendly.

In March we had the hugely exciting World Cat Congress in Houston, held in conjunction with a TICA show held by the SIMBABIES cat club and the Austin Cat Fanciers. The Savannah breed was received with enthusiasm during Breed Presentations on the Open Meeting day of the World Cat Congress. Two F1s and two F3s were presented, handed round and played with during the PowerPoint presentation. Copies of this presentation have been requested and sent out to various International members since that event. Savannahs were mentioned during the President's speech on the night of the Congress Dinner, along with an offer to take one of the Savannah kittens home with him! The SIMBABIES/Austin Cat Fanciers show was a great success; it was beautifully organized and ran like clockwork. During this event, ten Savannahs were shown in the Preliminary New Breed rings, and an additional seven Savannahs were exhibited, making a total of SEVENTEEN Savannahs on display at this show! The fun ring was exactly that, with all these cats presented to the audience, with owners pointing out the traits they thought important about their individual cats. I think Judges, owners and audience all had a lot of FUN at this event!

Finally in our news, the August issue of the Cat Fancy Magazine recently came out with Savannahs being the Feature Breed! We are very excited by this occurrence, as it indicates the rapid acceptance of this breed by the cat community, and recognizes the growing interest of the cat-owning (or cat-owned!) population in Savannahs. The article is a glowing report of our wonderful breed and has resulted in a frenzy of emails and phone calls to Savannah breeders!

Our excitement over the progress of our breed and the future we envision has not abated! Keep watching us.

Lorre Smith

**May 31, 2004 (Revised 06/30/04 - End of FY 04)**

**Subject: Budget Revision - FY 2005(07/01/04-06/30/05**

**TO: Board of Directors  
Board Liaison - Finance Committee**

**I) There are two line items in FY05 Budget that require immediate attention/increased funding;**

**A) Increase Reimbursed Expenses from \$28,000.00 to \$32,200.00 in compliance with the The Board of Directors approval of \$40.00/per diem meal allowance while attending Board of Directors Semi-Annual and Annual Meetings. This is based solely on 4 days for each Director.**

**B) Increase the payroll from \$244,448.29 and taxes of \$29,664.02 to \$277,728.29 and \$32,216.02 respectfully. Increase the number of employees immediately from 11 Full Time, and 1 Part Time to 13 Full Time, and 1 Part Time. More importantly these positions should be 1 Accounts Maintenance Clerk, and 1 Data Systems Technician, (this position could be a part time or an intermittent with emphasis on Saturday and Sunday).**

**C) Leslie Bowers has been functioning as Business Manager/Executive Secretary, and doing the work of a Data Systems Technician for the past 15 years (see paragraph IV, later in this communication). Leslie works long and arduous hours, she is dedicated to her job, dependable, with a high degree of integrity, and positive in her approach to handle added duties and responsibilities. She is of the opinion that she CAN DO IT ALL - and at this writing, it is impossible. I have observed first hand for many months the many stressful hours she works (also addressed in paragraph IV - a complete listing of the number of hours over the 40 hour figure she puts in).**

**D) It is imperative that an adequate staff to support the mission be brought on-board immediately. Action is required now in order to maintain an efficient Executive Office that can be responsive to our clients needs and absorb the added responsibility generated by the increase in revenue and constant changes that occur as a result of an expanding business. This is a critical issue that has escalated for the past 5 years, and required the Association to pay overtime to bring document processing up to date and return registrations, etc., to our clients in a timely manner. The number of employees has remained the same since the FY 2000 budget was approved at the semi-Annual in 1999. Consider the increased work load, and additional responsibilities that generates the revenue, the constant demands for an ever expanding data system, and the extended reporting capabilities, then factor in the number of employees that has remained the same for a period of 5 years, it really isn't an even playing field. The same number of employees but paid time-off has increased, which affects the number of productive man hours available;**

**1) Effective January 1999 Annual Leave for employees in pay status for 15 years or more was increased from 80 man-hours to 120 man-hours per calendar year. This action affected 2 employees for a increase of 80 man-hours of annual leave (time off) per year;**

**2) The Annual Leave (time off) status for an additional employee will increase from 80 man-hours to 120 man-hours this Fiscal Year. For an increase of 40 man-hours of annual leave per year;**

**3) Annual leave for 4 employees has increased from 40 to 80 man- hours (time off) per calendar year for a total of 160 man-hours per year;**

**4) In 1999 an additional paid holiday was approved (Friday after Thanksgiving - bringing the total to 7 Paid holidays per year) for all employees resulting in an additional 80 man hours in off duty status.**

**5) The above 4 actions have created a grand total of an additional 360 man-hours or 9 weeks out of 2080 man-hour year in paid off-duty time.**

**The remainder of the employees are not affected at this time. I have only mentioned the increases, however in addition to the Annual Leave, paid holidays, etc., all full-time employees are entitled to 4 hours Personal Leave per month for emergencies; 10 employees - 480 man hours per year; I am quick to add that some employees may use 4 hours in the year, while others use 20 or more, the hours fluctuate and are impossible to forecast.**

**But more importantly, what I'm saying, the workload has increased, and the required business functions of TICA have expanded into multiple disciplines while productive man-hours have decreased.**

**II) REVENUE HAS INCREASED \$302,870.75 over the past 5 years;**

**A) Revenue FY2000 (07/01/99-06/30/00) \$493,786.79;**

**B) Revenue FY2004 (07/01/03-06/30/04) \$796,657.54;**

**C) Increase from the following sources:**

|                               | <b>FY 2000</b>   | <b>FY 2004</b>    |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>1) Single Registration</b> | <b>\$21,326.</b> | <b>\$ 29,416.</b> |
| <b>2) Blue Slips</b>          | <b>97,937.</b>   | <b>156,417.</b>   |
| <b>3) Litters</b>             | <b>71,958.</b>   | <b>118,051.</b>   |
| <b>4) 3 Gen Pedigree</b>      | <b>15,750.</b>   | <b>44,410.</b>    |
| <b>5) 5 Gen. Pedigree</b>     | <b>20,625.</b>   | <b>64,610.</b>    |
| <b>6) Show License</b>        | <b>26,985.</b>   | <b>31,460.*</b>   |

**\* New Clubs that are chartered receive their Show Licenses at no charge.**

**III) PARTIAL LIST of the increased workload or additional responsibilities;**

**A) Number of shows - in the Show Season 1999 there were 311 shows - that figure has expanded to 371 for Show Season 2004. Increased workload generated from shows alone;**

- 1) Preparing-updating show schedules;
- 2) Maintaining suspense on "Show License";
- 3) Securing proper Insurance coverage;
- 4) Filling orders for Show Supplies;
- 5) Packing;
- 6) Shipping, and maintaining "TRACER ACTION" on non-receipt of show supplies;
- 7) Keeping an active suspense on timely receipt of Ma ster Catalogs and the appropriate Judges Books;
- 8) Verify all catalogs against the Judges Books, notify Judges of any discrepancies, and then perform the reconciliation of the Judges Books with the catalogs;
- 9) Then input all information into the data base;
- 10) Send courtesy letters to the owners of all cats that weren't registered.
- 11) Prepare, maintain, and reconcile all the records of payment for Show License, Annual Awards, and insurance;
- 12) Prepare the semi-annual and annual report for the Board of Directors, and then
- 13) The Grand Finale - Annual Awards.

**B) Constant expansion of the membership data to accommodate the revisions and changes that take place with every change in the By-Laws, Show Rules, Standing Rules, etc.,that can and does affect voting procedures;**

**C) Data Systems Management. The Executive Office has progressed from one stand alone IBM PCAT, 20 MB, an IBM Graphics Printer (80 CPS), and a CRT-PC Model 176 with monochrome screen, in 1985 to a multi-user system with 2 servers, 14 desktops, and 1 lap top. This system accommodates and processes;**

- 1) All phases of the membership data base dictated by the By-Laws or Standing Rules;
- 2) Daily Activity Record (an in-house creation of an Invoice/Shipping Document) for every transaction that involves revenue;
- 3) Computer generated registration of all cats from Blue Slips, litters, and individual registrations;
- 4) Customized 3 and 5 generation certified pedigrees;
- 5) Scoring of all cats exhibited in TICA Shows and at the end of the show year produces listing of the placements for annual awards to include separate lists for all kittens, cats, alters, HHP Kittens, and HHP for an entire year by Region and the International list;
- 6) Printing of all certificates for the Color, Breed, Top 20 Longhairs, top 20 Shorthairs, top twenty kittens, cats, alters, HHP Kittens and HHPs for Annual Awards;
- 7) Printing of Club Charters, and specialized certificates;
- 8) Ledgers, all financial records, deposits, the check writing capability - disbursements, monthly reconciliations, profit and loss statements, data used for budgeting, and other financial transactions;
- 9) An average of 4 man-hours per day is required to retrieve, (copy if required), distribute, research and reply to the ever increasing correspondence that arrive by E-Mail and FAX.
- 10) All of the above unique and special designed programs and MANY OTHERS are created to accomplish the entire record keeping process for TICA. Programs are constantly being updated as the workload increases, together with other changes, for instance the initial plans are in the developmental stages for processing pedigrees on-line. However, we must always remember, the TICA Data System is totally business driven and is owned by TICA.

**D) Commencing with Vol 21 (2000) TICA Yearbook - the Executive Office absorbed the responsibility for maintaining the inventory of all the previous and current issues, including storage, packing and shipping when required; this includes maintaining all the financial records, the revenue, the disbursements, reconciliation, preparing and filing the State Sales Tax reports.**

**E) In-house printing of all the TICA Publications started in the year 2001 to include By-laws, Show Rules, Standards Uniform Color Description, Judging Program, Clerking Program, all TICA brochures, membership specials, plus items of interest to the membership, and the required forms for day to day operation of the Association; assembling, folding, stapling, and storage as required.**

**IV) Leslie Bowers has functioned in the dual role of both Business Manager/Executive Secretary and Data Systems Technician for the past fifteen years. Computerization, and additional data base capabilities expand every year, actually every day, to accommodate the growth of TICA, WHICH is, as it SHOULD BE. We must recognize that the required technical support, and assistance in maintaining the system and keeping it in operational status has also increased. At least 95% of the time required for designing, planning, developing the Data Dictionary for the system, selection of equipment, programming and installation of the system, is accomplished primarily on the week-ends or after duty hours (6:00 PM to 7:00 AM) this is necessary in order to eliminate interference with the normal day to day business functions of our Association. Naturally, Leslie must be on board during these hours. During normal duty hours, Leslie's 1st priority, KEEP THE NETWORK in operation 100% of the time. When the system is down - at least 8 employees are idle. The demand for her time, functioning as the Data Systems Technician, has escalated to an alarming level. I am giving you a brief synopsis of the hours worked to get the job done, in addition to the normal 40 manhours per week (see below). (Leslie started recording compensatory time, in the year 2000 for Saturday, Sunday, Holidays, and nights);**

**In calendar year 2000, - 322.5 hours  
 In calendar year 2001, - 248 hours  
 In calendar year 2002, - 513 hours  
 In calendar year 2003, - 501.5 hours  
 In calendar year 2004, -  
 as of 06/30/04, 270.5 hours**

**In order to give you a more comprehensive over view, of the situation at this juncture of 2004 (06/30/04), Leslie has**

*carry-over compensatory time of 429.5 hours from previous years that she hasn't used, worked 270.5 hours compensatory time from 01/01/04-06/30/04, and accrued 287 hours Annual Leave. Leslie has only used 179.5 hours (using the additional hours worked - over 40), 61 hours sick leave, 2 hours personnel leave, 8 hours Annual leave and although it isn't reflected in the records she was required to be out of the office 40 hours in February to attend the Semi-Annual Board Meeting, and 40 hours in March to attend the 2004 World Cat Congress.*

*The above information only covers a portion of the functions of this office, and the responsibilities of the Business Manager/Executive Secretary. An average of 2 hours per day is required to retrieve, research and answer E-Mails for the Business Manager only, supervision of the entire business functions, preparation and distribution of the agendas, recording the minutes for the Board of Directors, transcribing and distribution of the minutes, insure balloting is accomplished in compliance with By-Laws, insure an annual outside financial audit is accomplished, preparation of quarterly profit and loss for the Board, and other duties as listed in Paragraph 18.2 of the Tica By-Laws.*

*TICA is a service organization, and as such we must have an adequate support staff to service our clients. Generally recognized business practices and input from the CPA, approximately 45% - 50% of revenue is normally allocated for salaries (including compensation). At this time the ratio is completely out of line.*

*Therefore, it is extremely important that the Budget adjustment be made without delay.*

*Georgia Morgan  
Finance Committee Chair  
The International Cat Association, Inc.,*

# **Annual Report TICA Yearbook**

**September, 2004**

**Dear Board of Directors:**

**We are pleased to report a very successful Yearbook year last year. For the first time, the Yearbook report reflects a surplus of funds in its account. We have worked very hard promoting advertisements, placement of pictures that generate income as well as breeders' listings. We have received many accolades about the Yearbook in general, and especially for the quality of the book and its timely delivery. As you know, we have mailed the book out in mid-February now for the past three years and do not foresee any complications for this, our Silver Anniversary edition, Volume 25.**

**We have expanded the color portions of the Yearbook each year, and will continue to do so with the primary goal of having an all-color Yearbook in the near future. This is solely dependent on increased sales of Yearbooks, increased advertisement sales, and increased participation from the regional members. It will be imperative that the Regional Directors promote the sales of books and advertisement, and I encourage each of you to purchase additional pages within your regional sections for the placement of the bottom ten wins your membership earn, as well as information on Regional Members of the Year, Humanitarian, Junior Exhibitors, and pictures of your Regional Show. All of these take up room and two extra pages purchased by Regional funds would greatly add the needed space to the Regional sections of the Yearbook. We cannot do this without your assistance and encouragement.**

**We hope you please consider a raise for the Editor and Assistant Editor. We each would like to have a 25% increase in salary for the following reasons. We work many, many long hours placing pictures, typing the thousands of words of text, and talking with exhibitors both by telephone and via e-mail. We personally contact each person who places a breeders' listing to ensure that the information is correct just before publication. The Yearbook year begins immediately after the Yearbook goes to press in January, and our deadline to the publisher is December 1 each year. We work virtually year round. The bulk of the pages must be rebuilt each year, and advertisements change, breeders' listings must be updated, and, of course, the pictures change. We scan pictures at shows and sell yearbooks. We have sold many yearbooks from previous years in an attempt to recover monies spent for their printing and maintain an ongoing advertisement in the TICA Trend promoting the sale of older yearbooks. We are constantly seeking more participation from the exhibitors which adds revenue and creates more "ownership" of the Yearbook by the exhibitors. Finally, we strive to keep our expenses to a minimum and would appreciate your consideration in this matter. Additionally, we both need contracts as Amy has never had one, and my contract has elapsed.**

**We would like to take this time to thank the President, Kay DeVilbiss, the Board of Directors, the Yearbook Liaison, Don Caruthers, the Clerking Administrator and the Judging Administrator for their continued support. Our Yearbook would not be possible without your contributions, and we sincerely appreciate your efforts. You, too, put in many long hours and this does not go unnoticed or unappreciated.**

**Yours faithfully,  
John Harrison & Amy Liebold**



# Computer Status Report

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*This report covers the efforts from 02-2004 to present.*

## **TDS Summary**

*The last report to the board reported that we were entering scores into the old and new system to report standings from the old system and to be able to validate the new system by comparing scores in both systems. The new system would produce both regional and international awards for the 2003 show year. The data was completed in the old system on schedule to compile the award scores. Code from the new system was used to produce and print the Regional awards and the International awards labels and reports. The executive office is finishing input of the catalog marks in the new system to complete the validation process. The system that will track and output letters for title confirmation will start the delivering confirmation letters before the annual meeting for cats that have started the show process this year.*

## **Review From 02-2004**

*The last board meeting received the report that the server had shown some indications that the hard disk system was showing age with errors. The request to allocate funds for a new server was approved. In March the errors returned and Dell tech support helped correct the problems with the disk sub system. They reappeared twice with Dell reporting that it could be more than one issue. The TDS production environment was at risk because we would need to bring the system down for repair at Dell. Because the old server was a 600 megahertz system, slow by today's standards, and with limited disk space, we elected to replace the server. The new server was ordered and installed without TDS production time loss. The new server is a Dell Poweredge 2600 server running a Raid 5 disk system with online hot spares. It has redundant power supplies and a battery backup solution that will maintain operation for 15 to 30 min during a power failure. We continue to use a DVD burner backup solution on a daily basis to protect our data.*

*Contract labor was used to clean up the temporary wiring and install and relocate computers and printers in the executive office to accommodate staff reorganization. This opportunity was also used to install a new 10/100/1000 gigabit switch to support the speed of the new server.*

## **Projections**

*Although our primary focus will remain on scoring to deliver standings and title confirmations during the first part of the year, reporting of TDS data will begin to gain momentum. With the completion of scoring TDS is complete and can now be used to report and understand trends from the integrated data. The executive office receives many requests for counts and registration information that will be automated with reports from TDS.*

**Larry Hart - Computer Group**



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## *TICA Trend Financial Report, January-June 2004 Volume 25, Numbers 1-3*

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Production Cost:</i> | <i>\$23,240.96</i> |
| <i>Total Income:</i>    | <i>\$3,747.40</i>  |
| <i>Total Cost:</i>      | <i>\$19,493.56</i> |

### *Comparison of Volume 24, Numbers 1-3 with Volume 25, Numbers 1-3*

|                       | <i>Volume 24</i>  |                   |                   | <i>Volume 25</i>  |                   |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                       | <i>1</i>          | <i>2</i>          | <i>3</i>          | <i>1</i>          | <i>2</i>          | <i>3</i>          |
| <i># pages:</i>       | <i>40</i>         | <i>44</i>         | <i>40</i>         | <i>40</i>         | <i>40</i>         | <i>36</i>         |
| <i># printed</i>      | <i>3,000</i>      | <i>3,100</i>      | <i>3,350</i>      | <i>3,100</i>      | <i>3,250</i>      | <i>3,600</i>      |
| <i>Production:</i>    | <i>\$7,915.29</i> | <i>\$8,516.36</i> | <i>\$8,477.34</i> | <i>\$7,838.71</i> | <i>\$7,814.09</i> | <i>\$7,588.16</i> |
| <i>Income:</i>        | <i>1,209.14</i>   | <i>1,704.80</i>   | <i>1,452.00</i>   | <i>\$1,363.00</i> | <i>\$945.00</i>   | <i>\$1,439.40</i> |
| <i>Total Cost:</i>    | <i>\$6,706.15</i> | <i>\$6,811.56</i> | <i>\$7,025.34</i> | <i>\$6,475.71</i> | <i>\$6,869.09</i> | <i>\$6,148.76</i> |
| <i>Per Copy Cost:</i> | <i>\$2.24</i>     | <i>\$2.20</i>     | <i>\$2.10</i>     | <i>\$2.09</i>     | <i>\$2.11</i>     | <i>\$1.71</i>     |

*In the above comparison, it appears as though the final Trend cost noticeably less than previous issues. This is not the case. In the past, we have mailed the June/July TICA Trend to the complete membership list, including those who had not yet renewed their membership. This year, we had enough Trends printed to cover membership renewals but we only immediately mailed them to current members. The Executive Office will mail the extra Trends as people renew their membership.*

*The second TICA Trend of the year had unusually low advertising income primarily due to almost no show ads, after show ads had been declining for the previous four Trends. However, we saw a nice increase in show ads in the third Trend of the year, even before the new sale prices for show ads was announced. So I think we may finally see a turnaround in advertising income, with our economy beginning to recover. However, how much of a turnaround will depend on the regional awards advertising in the August/September Trend, normally our largest advertising issue of the year.*

*Despite US and international postal rates increases in the previous two years, we are not seeing an increase in total production for this year. I believe this is because many of the new layouts for TICA's 25th Anniversary were designed to save on space, especially the standard lists of Judges, Clerks, etc. This year we published 8 fewer pages in the above comparison.*

*Yours,*

*Cathy Welch, Trend Editor*