

THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION, INC.

2013 Winter Board Meeting

January 24-25, 2013

Bogota, Colombia

The President opened the meeting at 8:05AM on January 24, 2013 at the Hotel Danne in Bogota, Colombia, South America. The following Board members were present:

President, Vickie Fisher

Vice President, Bobbie Tullo

Directors:

Great Lakes, Mike Vasquez

Mid Atlantic, Susan Adler

Mid Pacific, Jay Bangle (Arrived at 8:20AM)

Northeast, Francine Hicks

Northern Europe, Ralph Stadter

Northwest, Ellen Crockett

South America, Carlos Lopez

South Central, Cheryl Hogan (by phone)

Southern Europe, Genevieve Basquine

Southeast, Laurie Patton

Southwest, Kristine Alessio

Western Europe, Phil Cornwell

Hisae Tasaki, Asia, was unable to attend.

Adler, Legal Council to the Board, reminded the Board of their fiduciary duty. The fiduciary duty is the highest of responsibility to the association, extending beyond regional and personal interests. Decisions must be made for the benefit of the association. Once a decision has been made it is the decision of the Board and should be supported by the entire Board.

The dates for the Spring Meeting were set for May 17-19, 2013. The President will let the Board know the times.

1. Unanimous consent to accept the Consent Agenda. Without objection.

There were no corrections to the minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Hicks reported on the change of venue from Boston, MA to Providence, RI for the 2014 Annual Meeting.

2. Unanimous consent to accept Charlean Mitchell to the Peterbald Breed Committee. Without objection.

The follow-up report was reviewed and Stadter commented on the CRM system (Customer Relation Management) that he had recommended which would mean better communication between clients and the Executive Office. His research produced some possible options.

3. Cornwell/Basquine to change the Channel Islands from Southern Europe to Western Europe. Motion carried with Bangle abstaining and Crockett voting against because she didn't believe the Board should be doing realignment off the 3-year cycle.

Hogan presented a request for the Siamese Breed Group to be combined into one breed committee. A poll had been conducted and showed a two to one vote in favor of one committee for the entire breed group.

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| 4. | Hogan/
Adler | to combine the four breed committees of the Siamese Breed Group into one breed committee. | Motion carried unanimously. |
| 5. | Hogan/
Stadter | that Vickie Jo Harrison remain as Chair of the combined Siamese Breed Committee. | Motion carried with Hicks opposed because felt she would be more comfortable allowing the breed sections to vote on their new committee chair. |
| 6. | Hogan/
Adler | to appoint Pat Muise and Maureen Davies to the combined Siamese Breed Committee. | Motion carried unanimously |

Following some discussion, the Board deferred appointment of a final member of the Committee in order to allow interested candidates to submit their letters of interest and qualifications. Appointment is planned for the Spring Meeting.

Karen Sausman presented her request to advance the Serengeti to ANB status. Karen explained that, in the beginning she had the desire to create something completely domestic that had the look of the wild. Since 1994 over 450 Serengetis and over 280 litters of Serengetis have been registered. The current standard was approved in May, 2007. Most agreed that the difference between the Serengeti and Savannah was that the Serengeti was more refined, with different head and eyes, and with a different coat texture. Tullo felt that the new breed class is really where the development of a new breed starts as they move forward all over the world

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| 7. | Unanimous
consent | to advance the Serengeti breed to ANB effective May 1, 2013 with the provision that the Standard be revised. | Without objection. |
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The President appointed Tullo and Crockett to work with the breed chair and committee on the Serengeti Standard.

The date for MEET THE BREEDS has been set and the President indicated that she is waiting for the contract from AKC. An official announcement of the dates has not yet been made. The Board asked that, once finalized, the event be posted to the TICA show calendar. The financial reports were presented and discussed.

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| 8. | Lopez/Tullo | to accept the Audited Financial Statements for TICA dated JUNE 30, 2012. | Motion carried unanimously. |
| 9. | Crockett/
Lopez | to accept the Budget Report. | Motion carried unanimously. |

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| 10. | Alessio/
Vasquez | to add a resolution that Sandra Almdares be added to the list of signers on the TICA Checking Account at BBVA Compass Bank. | Motion carried unanimously. |
| 11. | Stadter/
Hicks | to make the per diem rate \$35 per day for up to 4 days. | Motion carried unanimously. |
| 12. | Tullo/
Stadter | to authorize the payment of lodging for up to 4 nights. | Motion carried unanimously. |
| 13. | Unanimous consent | to change By-Law 1.43 (see Addendum). | Without objection. |
| 14. | Unanimous consent | to delete Standing Rule 1021.1.1.2 to be effective immediately.
Current rules
1021.1.1 Fees.
1021.1.1.1 The fee to charter a new club shall be \$50 with the license fees for the first show to be waived. All other fees for a show shall apply.
Delete Standing Rule 1021.1.1.2 Newly chartered clubs shall be exempt from license fees for their first show for a period of 1 year. | Without objection. |
| 15. | Unanimous consent | to change Registration Rules 33.7.1.1 and 33.8.1 (see Addendum). | Without objection. |

The Board discussed the proposed changes to Show Rule 22.2 Show Formats (see Addendum). With a number of concerns expressed, it was sent back to Rules. Specifically, Rules was to consider adding a ceiling on the number of entries a club can take and wording regarding the number of times a judge can judge an Alternative Format show.

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| 16. | Hicks/
Basquine | to allow the Burmilla to be shown as ANB effective March 1, 2013. | Motion carried with Crockett opposed. |
| 17. | Bangle/
Crockett | to accept the Burmilla breed standard. | Motion carried with Basquine abstaining and Crockett and Hogan opposed01. |

After some discussion about adding the Burmese as an acceptable outcross, Phil Cornwell, EW Regional Director, was asked to contact Martin Wood about including it.

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| 18. | Unanimous consent | to go into Executive Session and allow Marylou Anderson to remain in the session. | Without objection. |
| 19. | Hogan/
Stadter | that the Board take no action on the Turjak v Denman complaint, and that the Legal Advisor send a letter advising Ms Denman that TICA will take appropriate action should we become aware of any individuals creating false or fraudulent TICA registration certificates. | Motion carried unanimously. |

20.	Stadtler/ Tullo	to take no action on the Lough-Arnold v Hosfe complaint with a letter advising the complaining party that the subject matter of this complaint is more appropriate for a civil action.	Motion carried unanimously.
21.	Alessio/ Crockett	to take no action on the Henderson v Marsland-Pound complaint.	Motion carried unanimously
22.	Stadter/ Lopez	to take no action on the Ma v Kim complaint and that the Legal Advisor send a letter to Kim stating that the Board discussed the issues raised in his response and do not feel that the information provided warrants a change from our previous decision.	Motion carried unanimously.
23.	Crockett/ Hicks	to take no action on the McCree v Bright complaint.	Motion carried unanimously.
24.	Crockett/ Stadter	to table the Risso v Barile complaint to the Spring Meeting. (At the request of Adler, the files are to be transferred to Alessio due to a potential conflict of interest.)	Motion carried with Vasquez opposed.
25.	Hicks	to reconsider the previous motion.	Motion died for lack of a second.
26.	Adler/ Stadter	to accept Christina Baumer as a LH/SH trainee.	Motion denied.
27.	Lopez/Tullo	to accept Aline Broda as a LH/SH Trainee.	Motion carried.
28.	Alessio/ Bangle	to accept Tatyana Kalani as a LH/SH Trainee.	Motion carried.
29.	Bangle/ Alessio	to accept Debbie Prince as a LH/SH Trainee.	Motion carried.
30.	Alessio/ Tullo	to approve Lorraine Shelton as a Probationary Specialty Judge.	Motion carried.
31.	Basquine/ Stadter	to accept Katharina Krenn as a Provisional Allbreed Judge.	Motion carried.
32.	Stadter/ Hicks	to accept Juri Yawata as a Provisional Allbreed Judge.	Motion carried.
33.	Patton/ Alessio	to accept Barbara Kissinger as a Approved Allbreed Judge.	Motion denied.
34.	Vasquez/ Hicks	to accept Debbie Lopeman as a Ring/School Instructor.	Motion denied.
35.	Alessio/ Vasquez	to accept Debbie Lopeman as a Ring Instructor.	Motion carried.
36.	Unanimous consent	to leave Executive Session.	Without objection.

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| 37. | Lopez/
Stadter | to accept proposed changes to the Judging Program, ARTICLE TEN - Guest Judges (see Addendum). | Motion carried with Alessio and Vasquez opposed because they believed this change should have a time limit associated with it.. |
| 38. | Tullo/
Stadter | to change the Judging Program 410.1.1 to strike "Canada" from the second line. | Motion carried with Crockett opposed. |
| 39. | Stadter/
Hicks | to change the Judging Program 410.1.1 to strike "United States" from the second line. | Motion carried with Basquine abstaining and Adler, Crockett and Lopez opposed. |
| 40. | Stadter/
Bangle | to reword the Judging Program in accordance with motions #38 and #39 above:
410.1.1 A club may apply to the International Judging Committee for approval for a licensed Allbreed judge from another cat association to judge a TICA show. (Note: Application shall be made on the official TICA Application for Invitation of International Guest Judge.) | Motion carried with Basquine and Adler abstaining. |
| 41. | Unanimous
consent | to go out of Executive Session. | Without objection. |
| 42. | Stadter/
Adler | to take no action on the rules on accepting pedigrees from other registering bodies/clubs and make no changes to the office procedures used when the Executive Office takes in pedigrees. | Motion carried unanimously. |

DISCUSSION: Accepting Pedigrees from other Registering Bodies/Clubs. The Board discussed several options of receiving pedigrees for Individual Registrations, to include how they were received, with or without signatures, whether they have breeders and owners names, etc. It was stated that most international registries do not have certificates of registration and therefore do not necessarily have proof of ownership required by the rules.

FOLLOW UP: Alessio and Adler will look at the registration certificate issue as many registries don't issue certificates but rather use pedigrees and bills of sale.

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| 43. | Unanimous
consent | to appoint Janet Miller to the American Bobtail Breed Committee. | Without objection. |
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Francine Hicks asked that the Chair appoint a new Board Liaison to the Napoleon Breed Working Group. The President appointed Laurie Patton to assume that responsibility.

FOLLOW UP: Rules will work on guidelines and protocol for the Animal Welfare Committee. The President appointed Adler and Patton to the committee and Tullo withdrew from committee. A new Chair will be appointed.

FOLLOW UP: The Board would like the President to continue to take additional Public Relations proposals to be discussed at the 2013 Spring Meeting. Bangle and Alessio will pursue some additional proposals.

FOLLOW UP: The President appointed a Board Committee to recommend ways that TICA can facilitate the growth of the cat fancy in areas where the fancy is either currently struggling to grow or where there is interest but no fancy at all, etc.

DISCUSSION: The President presented some history about the Yearbook. Sales and interest in the Yearbook has been decreasing and the directors discussed possible scenarios for the Yearbook's future. The Board approved the issuance of a survey to TICA's membership and customers in order to receive feedback for further discussion.

FOLLOWUP: The Board approved a Yearbook survey; results and a report to be furnished at the next meeting with a discussion of feedback.

DISCUSSION: A report on the Status of Online Projects from Larry Hart was discussed (see addendum). The Board was in agreement showing their credits to online clients and allowing them to use the credits could be valuable to the online projects.

FOLLOW UP: Status of Online Projects/Computerization Priorities: The Board agreed that priority should be given to programming member credits into online accounts and make it easier to both identify and use existing credits. The Board also agreed that priority should be given to making the remaining classifications of litter registrations available.

44. Unanimous to adjourn.
consent

Without objection.

ADDENDUM

Motion 37:

- 410.1 International Guest Judge: Approval of International Guest Judges is delegated to the Judging Committee.
- 410.1.1 International Guest Judge. A club may apply to the International Judging Committee for approval for a licensed Allbreed judge from a cat association outside of the United States or Canada to judge a TICA show. Application shall be made on the official TICA Application for Invitation of International Guest Judge.
- 410.1.2 An International Guest Judge must be licensed in the formats and/or breeds to be judged. The International Guest Judges should be licensed as an Allbreed Judge, however, exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- 410.1.3 Included with the application, the club must furnish documentation of the international judge's qualifications on the form provided to the Judging Administrator/Designee, with a translation to English if the original documents are in a language other than English. Documentation shall consist of one or more of the following:
- 410.1.3.1 A copy of the judge's license.
- 410.1.3.2 A **copy of the licensing association's listing of judges showing the applicant judge** with their current status.
- 410.1.3.3 Other documentation or correspondence from the office of the licensing association which indicates the judge's current status.
- 410.1.4 If the judge is approved by the Judging Committee, the club is responsible for furnishing the International Guest Judge copies of TICA Show Rules and Standards, and *for* working with said judge on interpretation and clarification.
- 410.1.5 A judge may serve as a Guest Judge no more than two weekends per TICA show season except as stated in 410.1.6.1.
- 410.1.6 There shall be no more than two Guest Judges per show weekend or 50 percent of the rings whichever is less, except as stated in 49.1.6.1.
- 410.1.6.1 The number of Guest Judges allowed to judge shows in isolated areas shall be considered on a case by case basis. Exceptions to 410.1.5 and 410.1.6 shall be considered on a case by case basis.
- 410.2 Licensed International Guest Judge. A **licensed international guest judge** must be a licensed Allbreed judge in his/her association. A **licensed international guest judge** may judge for any TICA club upon invitation without approval of the Judging Committee or restriction of the number of show weekends.
- 410.2.1 A judge who has served as an international allbreed guest judge for TICA a minimum of five times may apply to TICA to become a **licensed international guest judge** by meeting the following requirements **at the time of application**:
- 410.2.1.1 Must be a TICA member in good standing
- 410.2.1.2 Must have a TICA Approved Allbreed Judge as Sponsor
- 410.2.1.3 Must have paid a \$40 application fee and a \$15 processing fee
- 410.2.1.4 Must have paid the appropriate allbreed judging license fee
- 410.2.1.5 Must have passed the Master Clerk exam
- 410.2.1.6 Must have passed an exam covering breeds, TICA standards, TICA show rules and the TICA Uniform Color Description.
- 410.2.2 In order to maintain an active guest judge's license, the international guest judge must maintain active TICA membership with payment of annual membership dues and annual license fee by October 30th of each year, and must pass the annual Refresher Exam by June 30th of each year.
- 410.3 Advancement from Licensed International Guest Judge to Fully Licensed TICA Judge.
- 410.3.1 A Licensed International Guest Judge may apply to become a fully licensed TICA judge upon completion of the following at the time of application:
- 410.3.1.1 Judged five years as a licensed international guest judge
- 410.3.1.2 Judged a minimum of 30 TICA shows as a licensed international guest judge
- 410.3.1.3 Must be a TICA member in good standing, have passed annual Refresher Tests, and maintained guest judge's license

410.3.1.4 Must have a TICA Approved Allbreed Judge as Sponsor

410.3.1.5 Must have paid a \$40 application fee and a \$15 processing fee

410.3.1.6 Must have paid the appropriate allbreed judging license fee

410.3.2 Name of applicant MUST be published in two issues of the TREND; notices must be received by the Judging Administrator by April 15th for application at the Annual, by August 15th for application at the Winter Meeting and by December 15th for application at the Spring Meeting. Notices must be sent to the Judging Administrator. The Judging Administrator will then place the notices in the TREND.

410.3.3 Submit the appropriate application and supporting documentation to the TICA Judging Administrator/Designee NO LATER THAN May 15th for application at the Annual, October 15th for application at the Winter Meeting or January 15th for application at the Spring Meeting.

410.3.4 Upon acceptance by the Board as a fully licensed TICA Judge, the applicant shall be licensed as a Provisional Allbreed Judge.

410.3.5 The requirements for advancement in the TICA Judging Program shall apply from the time of acceptance as a fully licensed TICA judge with the following amendments:

410.3.5.1 The 30 shows judged as a licensed international guest judge shall apply to the 60 shows required for advancement to Approved Allbreed.

410.3.5.2 The 5 years of being licensed as an international guest judge shall meet the 2 year requirement as a Provisional Allbreed Judge.

Motion 15:

33.7.1 Requirements. A Preliminary New Breed Class Breed may apply for Advanced New Breed status upon completion of the following:

DELETE 33.7.1.1 At least 1 year has passed since the breed was first advanced to Preliminary New Breed Class Breed status.

ADD 33.7.1.1 At least 1 year has passed since the breed was eligible to compete in the Preliminary New Breed Class.

33.8 Championship Status. Requirements. An Advanced New Breed may apply for Championship Status upon completion of the following:

DELETE 33.8.1 At least 1 year has passed since the breed was first advanced from Advanced New Breed status. The Board of Directors at its discretion may reduce the time required of a Transfer New Breed.

ADD 33.8.1 At least 1 year has passed since the breed was eligible to compete in the Advanced New Breed Class. The Board of Directors at its discretion may reduce the time required of a Transfer New Breed.

Show Rules

Show Formats

22.2 Format. The sponsoring club shall determine the format of the show. The show may be 1 day, 2 days, or more, or a back-to-back show format, and must be advertised as such on all materials promoting the show.

22.2.1 A back-to-back show is two or more shows, held on consecutive days. For scoring purposes, each day is considered a different show. With the following exceptions:

22.2.1.1 If May 1 is a Sunday in any given year, all shows on any day in that same weekend shall be scored in the show year ending April 30 of that year.

22.2.1.2 If May 1 is a Saturday in any given year, all shows on any day in that same weekend, including shows held on Friday, shall be scored in the show year beginning May 1 of that year.

22.2.2 An Alternative Format show is a show in which two separate shows are held consecutively, but in the same calendar day. Each show shall be scored as a separate show.

DELETE

~~22.2.2.1 A club located in an Isolated Area may sponsor an Alternative Format Show any time.~~

~~22.2.2.2 A club not located in an Isolated Area may sponsor an Alternative Format show only with the advance permission of the Regional Director.~~

AMEND Standing Rule 202.2 The maximum number of times any single cat may be judged in one day is 8. The maximum number of times any single cat may be judged on any show weekend is 20, regardless of format.

DELETE Standing Rules as follows:

~~202.2.1 One-Day Alternative Format shows may have up to five rings in the morning and five in the afternoon for a weekend maximum total of 10 rings including Congresses. A 1-day alternative format show may not be combined with any other format.~~

~~202.2.2 Two-Day Alternative Format shows may have four rings in the morning and four rings in the afternoon for a daily total of eight rings and a weekend total of sixteen rings including Congresses. Two-day alternative format shows may not be combined with any other format.~~

~~202.2.2.1 In non-isolated areas a judge may not judge more than two Alternative Format shows on the same weekend, except in cases of emergency whereby a contracted judge has canceled and a new (i.e. different) judge cannot be contracted.~~

~~202.2.3 At Back-to-Back Shows or Split Format (2-Day) Shows any single cat may be judged not more than eight times per day, including any Congresses. The maximum number of times a cat may be judged in a show weekend is twenty.~~

~~202.2.4 Examples of allowable ring combinations are:~~

~~202.2.4.1 Four rings on Friday with eight on Saturday and eight on Sunday—Each cat judged 20 times but not more than eight times per day.~~

~~202.2.4.2 Six rings on Friday with seven on Saturday and seven on Sunday—Each cat judged 20 times but not more than eight times per day.~~

~~202.2.4.3 Eight rings on Saturday and eight on Sunday—Each day has the maximum of eight times so the total for the weekend can only be sixteen.~~

~~202.2.4.4 Four rings on Friday, seven rings on Saturday plus a Senior Congress and a Junior Congress, and seven rings on Sunday plus a Male Congress and a Female Congress. The congresses are on different days and any single cat will only be in one congress per day thus will only be judged a maximum of eight times per day and twenty times that weekend.~~

~~202.2.5 Shows in non-isolated areas that have been advertised as back-to-back, 2-day or split format, may not change to Alternative Format.~~

ADD Show Rules:

22.2.3 A club may choose to have different formats for each day of a show. (For example, a club may opt to have a one-day Alternative format show on Saturday with four rings in the morning and four rings in the afternoon and a one-day show on Sunday with five rings.) The show format(s) must be clearly advertised in all promotional material.

22.3 Entries.

202.3 The maximum number of times a judge may judge any single cat on a show weekend is as follows:

202.3.1 Two times in 1 day.

202.3.2 Three times in 2 days.

202.3.3 Four times in 3 days.

STATUS OF ONLINE PROJECTS

Executive Summary

This Information Technology report will center on programming efforts for the executive office data system called TDS and the TICA Online system that supports presentation of TDS data and delivery of products to clients and members via the internet.

The report will include information on current status and future direction of projects and needed maintenance.

Current Status

Online programming efforts have taken center stage with the development of litter registrations and cat registrations from a breeder slip. Both of these systems are available online for TICA clients. At the time of this report 621 litters have been registered since 9/27/2012 and 13 cat registrations have been complete since 1/16/2013.

The development of online SBV/SBT Litter Registration is enforced the extensive TICA business rules for this process used at the EO. Additionally this project required the online development of the Breeders Slip (previously called a Blue Slip) to enable online cat registrations from this document.

The development of online Cat Registrations further refined the Breeders Slip and allows clients to update the necessary information to complete their cat registration. A method using a client number and last name was developed to help clients identify other owners of their registration while protecting the integrity of the TDS data. Similar to the litter registration process TICA business rules for naming the cat were programmed in this process. These rules are complex and led to the development of a system wide standard of help screens tailored to each area. This is the seed for future multi-lingual features in our online system.

Once we installed the cat registration program, it became evident from requests that cat registration certificates needed to be part of the online system and they will include the required transfer rules and form. This is the effort that we are working on now.

The next projects planned in this group were HHP registrations and Individual cat registrations which are not complete.

Future Direction

Our development direction has been driven by what the TICA Board and Executive Office think will serve and build our member and client base. Changes in direction have been made as we observe the use and acceptance of the systems we have completed. The following proposed project list is presented with this in mind.

Next Development

- 1) Cat Online Certificates – current work
- 2) HHP Registration – will use the current system as a template with little change.
- 3) Breeder Slip Edit – When a litter registration is completed you may not know the color and other information on a kitten. This effort will allow the contact of an online litter to update the breeder slips after the registration is online. The objective is to improve the value and ownership of the breeder slip to the breeder resulting in more accurate cat registrations and increased online business.
- 4) Help Screens – TICA business rules limit the choices on line customers have and can make the understanding of error messages a challenge to complete a process. This problem increases as we extend these to other countries with languages other than English. The new cat registration process has established new help standards that explain how to comply with TICA rules.
- 5) TICA Trend – This segment of the online area is using simple links to display the system supplied by a third party. The third party code needs to be integrated into our web to improve security and maintenance when adding the next trend.
- 6) Multi Language Help Engine – There has been discussion and requests to support other languages in our online system.

Although there are some automated translation methods from Google and others; none of these work at a level that allows them to solve our needs without extensive ongoing maintenance and development. This project would allow each member to set a language preference in their profile which would then display each PDF help document in that language when it has been translated. The translation work would be done by volunteers from each region that wants a particular language offered. In short the ongoing maintenance is distributed across the membership by the experts in that language.

7) Individual Cat Registration – This has been placed last because although it would use parts of the current registration system as a template it requires two new methods that would require a large amount of work.

a. The individual registration will require additional documentation and a system to collect that and connect it electronically to the online data that is needed.

b. A work process system that collects all the information and then holds it in a queue for review and approval at the Executive Office as needed.

Needed Maintenance

1) Update TDS with changes from online Registration – fields and reports.

2) Litter Review button security.

3) SQL for cat information may be blank if color has error.

4) Executive Office maintenance tasks list and problems.