

# THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION, INC.

## 2014 Annual Board Meeting

August 27 – 29, 2014: Worcester, Massachusetts

The following Board members were present:

President, Vickie Fisher

Vice President, Bobbie Tullo

Great Lakes Director, Mike Vasquez

Mid Pacific Director, Jay Bangle

Northeast Director, Francine Hicks

Northern Europe Director, Ralph Stadter

Northwest Director, Ellen Crockett

South Central Director, Wendy Klamm

Southern Europe Director, Damien Bourreau

Southeast Director, Laurie Patton

Southwest Director, Alexandra Chisholm

Western Europe Director, Phil Cornwell

Mid Atlantic Director, Susan Adler joined by phone. Motoko Oizumi (Asia Director) and Luiz Paulo Faccioli (South America Director) were absent.

Lesley Hart from the Executive Office, Marylou Anderson (Judging Administrator), and Roemann Fulkerson (Marketing Director) were also present.

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**\*\* Meeting started on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 9am\*\***

The President opened up discussion on future meetings, should they be electronic or face to face, specifically the upcoming January meeting.

1: Motion made by Patton and seconded by Vasquez to approve the January 23-25, 2015 meeting in Harlingen. Motion carried. Adler and Bourreau abstained. Bangle, Cornwell, Klamm, and Stadter opposed.

The President asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the last meeting.

2: Motion made by Adler for unanimous consent to remove the language regarding "Japanese court has already ruled upon the constitutional issues". Without objection.

The board discussed the current state of the Minskin breed.

3: Motion made by Hicks for unanimous consent to appoint Rachel Gouvia to working breed chair for Minskin. Without objection.

Discussion on Amend standing rule 106.4 presented by Vasquez.

4: Motion made by Vasquez and seconded by Bangle to amend standing rule 106.4 Rules/Genetics committee shall have a chairperson, members as needed and a board member who works with the committee as a liaison director. Board members may not be included in the Rules/Genetics committees other than a liaison to the committee. Motion denied. Bangle, Vasquez, Hicks, Klamm, and Patton voted in favor.

106.4 Standing Committees. The President, with the advice of the Board of Directors, shall appoint persons knowledgeable in the fields specified to serve on the following standing committees. Any other committees, which from time to time may be necessary and proper for the effective and efficient operation of the Association, may be created by the President and appointments to them made by the President, with the advice of the Board. **Each committee shall have a chairperson, members as needed and a Board member who works with the committee as a liaison director. Board members may not be included in the committees other than a liaison to the committee.**

**Follow-up Report:** Each committee is to submit a written job description, detailing the duties for that committee, should someone want to request to join. Members should contact the President if interested in serving. This information is to be published on the website, newsletter, and trend.

Tullo opened up discussion on a genetics chair replacement. Bangle suggested this be in executive session. It will be tabled for later.

Roeann Fulkerson gave a marketing report.

Roeann asked everyone if they have suggestions, to please let her know. Our business partners are looking for TICA's ideas. She is working to get more international sponsorships. We expect additional increased sponsor funding in 2015. Here is an online hyperlink to the [Club Survey Questionnaire](#) form, which clubs can complete and return to Roeann requesting Show sponsorship. There are 3 possible pet expos in 2015 being sponsored by Dr. Elsey Precious Cat. The Embrace affiliate package has had some confusion, about orders made through our website vs by breeder referral packages. We are working to correct this confusion. A new program called TICA Fabulous Felines is being developed - a partner sponsor will fund the exhibitor setup of a double show shelter with grooming backdrop-table drape and carrier, branded by TICA/sponsor. Also, a new program called TICA Therapy Cat. Perhaps a therapy title can be added in TDS. Possibly the therapy cats can wear harnesses with TICA logo (board is supportive of this). Dr Elsey is funding a TICA Breed poster that will have 60 breed photographs and breed information is in the works. Distribution will be to vet offices, vet schools, grooming shops, pet hotels, shelters; and Dr Elsey will assist with distribution at Vet Conferences, events and trade shows. These will be free of charge to consumers. Dr Elsey is very passionate about education and Roeann can't thank them enough. Make sure the QR code or website address is on this poster and added to the reprint on the TICA Coloring Books. The club show package is still being worked on. We need a new spectator guide, possible translate to German/French for the annual next year.

The President stated it has been a great pleasure and opportunity to work with Roeann. Thank you Roeann, it is a whole new world now.

**Follow-up Report:** Pursue the possibility to add therapy cat title to TDS.

The president discussed the yearend financial review. The audit is going on currently, we expect the report shortly. The reports in the agenda are un-audited. At the moment, we are in good shape cash-wise. We did open up our investment account. On the income of the P/L we are looking strong. We still show more growth in international membership rather than national. Under donations, we were bequeathed from an estate (over \$100,000) several years ago. This was only partial payment. It has come back around and we received another payment over \$30,000. The website banner ads have increased, due to Roeann's marketing work.

**5: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Bangle to accept the yearend financial report pre-audit. Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion on delete UCD 71.6.1, 71.6.2, 71.6.3 (Genetics)

**6: Motion made by Bangle and seconded by Chisholm to accept proposal to delete UCD 71.6.1, 71.6.2, 71.6.3. Motion carried. Bourreau, Crockett, and Hicks opposed.**

71.6 The genetically anticipated product of any two recognized colors shall also be a recognized color for a given breed. Examples of specific instances of broad applicability appear in the following paragraphs, however, the applications are not limited to those specifically mentioned.

71.6.1 A breed may accept a single pigment genotype with or without its dilution; however, a breed which accepts pigment genotype B/- and either other pigment genotype must accept all pigment genotypes. (See chart 71.5)

71.6.2 A breed which recognizes cats in all eight divisions of a category must accept all colors of these divisions.

71.6.3 A breed may be recognized in white only. However, if other colors are recognized in addition to dominant (epistatic) white (W/-), the breed must accept all colors of all divisions which are accepted by that breed.

71.6.4 71.6.1 A breed may choose to recognize only the black-based (eumelanistic) colors or the sex-linked red-based colors. Recognition of both implies automatic acceptance of the corresponding tortoiseshells as well.

71.6.5 71.6.2 A breed that accepts the “with white” divisions in any color shall include the combination of white together with any and all colors accepted for the breed.

71.6.6 71.6.3 A breed which recognizes both sepia and pointed categories shall also accept the mink category.

Discussion on current per diem rates in the local area.

7: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Chisholm to cover up to 6 night’s hotel, 7 days per diem at \$61.00 per day with the addition of \$19.00 for Saturday to cover the banquet. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on cut off for accepting show entries. Moved to discuss with later protest.

Discussion on Breeder Recognition Awards Program.

No Action was taken.

Discussion on amend Registration Rule 36.3.1 (Foundation Cats)

36.3.1 A cat of a recognized breed for whom one or both parents either are unknown or are not registered with TICA or an association which has a reciprocal registration agreement with TICA may be registered in the ancestry record of the association if the application for registration is accompanied by a signed Certification Form ( R-1020) from three TICA Approved Allbreed judges stating that they have evaluated the cat in question and find that it sufficiently meets the standard for its breed to be used in a breeding program. In developing areas (as agreed by the Board), only two Approved Allbreed judges need to sign the form.

Follow-up Report: Refer the proposal to rules to consider restricting the rule to developing areas, as agreed by the Board and with only two Approved Allbreed judges. (Eliminate this language from the end of the original proposal) Consider whether any Allbreed judge may sign off.

**\*\*Meeting break for lunch\*\***

Discussion on amend Registration Rules 33.2, 33.9. (Stop combining of Structural Mutations)

8: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Patton to amend Registration Rules 33.2, 33.9. Motion carried. Hicks, Stadter, and Tullo opposed.

33.2 Classification of Registrations. A breed shall be classified for registration as one of the following:

33.2.1 Domestic Hybrid Breed - A breed developed from a deliberate cross between two existing domestic breeds, incorporating characteristics of both parental breeds into the new breed. Breeds that have a structural mutation as breed characteristic must not be used as source breeds.

33.2.2 Domestic x Non-Domestic Source Species Hybrid Breed – A breed being developed by means of deliberate foundation crosses between domestic cats and a single non-domestic source species. The domestic cats used must not have a have a structural mutation.

Add a new registration rule:

Structural mutations are “owned” by the first breed establishing championship status that displays that structural mutation (such as folded ears = Scottish Fold, short legs = Munchkin, curled ears = American Curls, etc.) New breeds may only use this structural mutation with permission (majority vote of the breed section) of the breed/breed group owning it.

33.9 New Traits of a Championship Breed.

303.9 Trait: A visible distinguishing characteristic.

33.9.1 Any new trait or traits of a Championship Breed, not recognized for competition in the kitten, cat or alter class of that breed, that is not a structural mutation (such as, but not limited to, folded ears, short legs etc.) may be exhibited in the New Traits Class. New Traits Class cats appear in the catalog and judges' books and judges include these cats in judging fees.

Add to definitions:

**Structural mutation:** Appearance of the skeletal and/or cartilage expression different from the average domestic cat such as, but not limited to, folded ears, shortened legs, shortened or absent tail, etc. The difference in expression may or may not affect the physical abilities of the cat.

Discussion on amend registration rules 32.3 (experimental breeds)

32.3 The registration certificates for cats registered in the Foundation or the Experimental Registry shall be distinguished from those registered in the Stud Book to avoid potential confusion regarding the status of a given cat or breed within the association. Experimental Registration Certificates shall be issued as Certificates of Record and clearly state that the breed and breed name are not recognized or approved by TICA and are "Not Eligible for Exhibition."

**\*\*Faccioli arrived at 2:03pm\*\***

Discussion on creation of Category VII

9: Motion made by Klamm and seconded by Hicks to accept creation of category VII. Motion denied. Adler, Vasquez, Hicks, Klamm, Patton, and Stadter voted in favor.

Amend Registration Rules:

37.1.2 ~~Six~~ **Seven** registration categories are provided as follows:

- 37.1.2.1 Category I: Established Breeds
- 37.1.2.2 Category II: Natural Breeds
- 37.1.2.3 Category III: Variant or Mutation Breeds
- 37.1.2.4 Category IV: Domestic Hybrid Breeds
- 37.1.2.5 Category V: Non-Domestic Source Breed Hybrids
- 37.1.2.6 Category VI: Experimental (Developing) Breeds
- 37.1.2.7 **Category VII: Breed Revitalization**

37.1.3 For a list of breeds recognized in each registration category, see Standing Rules 307.2, 307.3, 307.4, 307.5, 307.6, 307.7, **307.8**

Add new 37.8 to create new Category VII, and renumber existing 37.8 (Assignment of Registration Categories) to 37.9 and renumber 37.9 (Change of Categories) to 37.10

### **37.8. Category VII – Breed Revitalization**

**37.8.1 Purpose.** This category is for breeds/breed groups that have been identified as needing outcrosses to improve their genetic health. It assumes that the goal is to improve the health and longterm sustainability of the breed/breed group. This category is to allow breeds/breed groups a limited period of time during which wider choices of outcrosses are available. This will be an open registration category. Outcrossing to all recognized domestic breeds and unknown or unregistered ancestry domestics is permissible. No change to the standard is necessary or recommended to move a breed/breed group to Category VII, although it is recognized that some standard changes may be needed as a result of the outcross policy. This category is NOT to create a New Trait. Any new trait that occurs within Category VII will have to go through Registration Rules 33.9 New Traits of a Championship Breed. This category is NOT to create new breeds. Any new breed that occurs within Category VII will have to go through Registration Rules 33.3 Procedures for Acceptance for Registration.

Requirements to move a breed/breed group to Category VII include:

- The breed section(s) must vote to request transfer to Category VII
- Supporting rationale for the category move may include any of the following, as determined to be adequate by the board:
  - Peer reviewed studies
  - Information from breeders acceptable to the Genetics Committee
  - Any other information that the board deems adequate, including information on the number of registered cats and litters of the breed.
- The Board of Directors may approve, disapprove or impose additional requirements on the breed/breed group as a condition of transferring to Category VII.

- A breed/breed group may not transfer to Category VII during the period it is subject to Registration Rule 33.8.15. [Three years after acceptance into championship, a new breed must maintain required registration and showing requirements.]
- Breeds/breed groups may remain in Category VII for five years. Should a breed/breed group not achieve its revitalization goal, the breed committee may petition the board for a two-year extension. The breed/breed group shall be transferred back to its prior category upon expiration of the outcross policy unless the breed committee, with approval of the board, requests assignment to another breed category.
- Outcross offspring shown while in Category VII will continue to be shown and retain their titles after open registration has ended and the breed has returned to its original or subsequent category. Any outcross offspring born after open registration has ended will be subject to the exhibition rules of the breed or breed group's category.

It is highly recommended that any outcrossing program should include screening of candidates for known phenotypic traits and genetic defects to ensure that undesirable genes are not introduced into the breed/breed group.

37.8.2 Requirements for Championship Exhibition. Hybridization is acceptable within the pedigree. Any cat conforming to the standard will be considered a first generation purebred and will be eligible for Championship Exhibition. (See Requirements for Registration 37.10.3.)

37.8.3 Requirements for Registration. A cat which is the product of two members of this breed or breed group shall be considered a purebred of this breed. The hybrid between this breed and an outcross breed shall be considered a first generation purebred if it conforms to the standard, otherwise a first generation "variant". Cats of unknown or unregistered ancestry for which proof of origin is available and such origin is acceptable for the breed in question. Such cats may be registered as first generation purebreds, providing the application is accompanied by a health certificate, customs declaration, air bill, or similar evidence of origin. For a domestic breed, a signed Certificate Form (Form R-1020) 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.

10: Motion made by Stadter for unanimous consent to move to executive session to discuss judging program advancements with Marylou present. Without objection.

**With the advice of the board, the president appointed Loraine Shelton to the genetics committee.**

11: Motion made by Vasquez and seconded by Chisholm to accept Nikki Crandall-Seibert for advancement to Probationary Specialty. Motion carried.

12: Motion made by Bangle and seconded by Chisholm to accept Debbie Prince for advancement to Probationary Specialty. Motion carried.

13: Motion made by Faccioli and seconded by Tullo to accept Virginia Araujo for advancement to Probationary Specialty (SA Only). Motion carried.

14: Motion made by Stadter and seconded by Hicks to accept Sun Hee Lee for advancement to Probationary Specialty (AA Only). Motion carried.

15: Motion made by Hicks and seconded by Chisholm to accept Brenda Russo for advancement to Provisional Allbreed. Motion carried.

16: Motion made by Vasquez and seconded by Bangle to accept Kim Chenault for advancement to Provisional Allbreed. Motion carried.

17: Motion made by Klamm and seconded by Tullo to accept Karen Stinson for advancement to Approved Allbreed. Motion carried.

18: Motion made by Patton and seconded by Hicks to accept Kim Tomlin for advancement to Ring Instructor. Motion carried.

19: Motion made by Bourreau and seconded by Tullo to accept Genevieve Basquine for advancement to Ring/School Instructor. Motion carried.

20: Motion made by Faccioli and seconded by Bangle to accept Carlos Lopez for advancement to Ring/School Instructor. Motion carried.

21: Motion made by Tullo and seconded by Faccioli to accept Erin Brown for advancement to Licensed Guest Judge. Motion carried.

22: Motion made by Patton and seconded by Adler to accept Barbara Kissinger for advancement to Approved Allbreed. Motion carried.

23: Motion made by Klamm and seconded by Vasquez to accept Laurie Patton for advancement to Provisional Allbreed. Motion carried.

24: Motion made by Crockett for unanimous consent to leave executive session. Without objection.

**\*\*Adler has been cut off from the meeting – 345pm for a short time\*\***

Discussion on amend show rule 216.9 (biting)

25: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Patton to take no action on amending show rule 216.9. Motion carried. Bangle opposed.

~~216.9 A judge shall disqualify and dismiss from the ring any cat that bites.~~

~~216.9.1 A cat that is disqualified from competition for biting shall be noted by the Executive Office. If three disqualifications for biting by the same cat occur, the cat will no longer be scored or allowed to confirm titles, and the owner of the cat shall be notified by the Executive Office.~~

216.9 Any cat or kitten which intentionally bites the judge, clerk, steward, trainee or any other show official during the course of judging, shall be immediately disqualified from that ring. The cat shall not be eligible to compete in any rings in which it has not already been judged for the remainder of the show.

216.9.1 The judge shall notify the owner/exhibitor and the show manager that the cat has been disqualified for biting.

216.9.2 Awards received prior to the disqualification will remain in effect.

216.9.3 In the event a disqualified cat is subsequently selected for a final award based on the decision of a judge, the cat shall be officially excused from being present in the final.

216.9.4 Any cat or kitten that has been disqualified from competition for biting shall be recorded by the Executive Office. If any cat receives three disqualifications for biting, the cat will no longer be considered as eligible for entry in any TICA show. All titles won prior to this shall remain in effect, but no additional scores shall be accumulated nor shall any additional titles be confirmed. The cat shall not be eligible for any Regional or International wins for the show season in which it becomes ineligible for entry. The EO will notify the owner that the cat is no longer eligible to enter TICA shows, but it shall be the owner/exhibitor's responsibility to comply with all the provisions of this rule whether they have received notification from the EO or not.

Follow-up Report: Klamm suggest this go back to rules and address the issue that the cat should be absent for the rest of the day, and taking away awards is not a good idea.

Discussion on amend show rules 29.4.5 as written

26: Motion made by Klamm for unanimous consent to approve the amendment to show rules 29.4.5 as written. Motion denied.

29.4.5 Adult male or neutered cats shall not be benched in adjoining cages in the judging ring. **However, neutered cats may be benched in adjoining cages if permission is obtained from the owner(s).**

27: Motion made by Chisholm and seconded by Stadter to approve the amendment to show rules 29.4.5 as written. Motion carried. Adler, Bourreau, and Faccioli opposed.

29.4.5 Adult male or neutered cats shall not be benched in adjoining cages in the judging ring. However, neutered cats may be benched in adjoining cages if permission is obtained from the owner(s).

**\*\*Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm\*\***

**\*\* Meeting started on Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 9am\*\***

The President opened the meeting and discussed the awards presentation with the board and answered varying questions.

**28: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Bangle to reimburse the international directors for the full amount of their airfare. Motion carried unanimously.**

Lesley Hart gave a report on TICA's IT Automation. The Executive office has been busy updating systems, servers, and new computers at office. Bangle offered to help make pdf forms fillable. There was discussion on credits and task list.

Online Litter Registrations were discussed. There is an issue with owner of male getting proper "permission". There should be time to verify if stud is owned by someone other than the person registering the litter. Or give time frame to be able to revoke.

**29: Motion made by Stadter for unanimous consent to destroy the judging voting ballots. Without objection.**

Discussion on amend Standing Rules 202.2 (Show Formats)

**30: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Bangle to accept the proposed standing rule 202.2 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.**

202.2 Maximum number of consecutive days for which a club may apply for a show license is three and the maximum number of times any single cat may be judged during any three day period in any location on any show weekend is twenty, regardless of format. The limit on any single day is 10 times.

202.2.1 One Day Alternative Format shows may have up to five rings in the morning and five in the afternoon for a daily weekend maximum total of 10 rings including Congresses. A 1 day alternative format show with more than 8 rings may not be combined with any other format.

202.2.2 Two Day Alternative Format shows may have up to four rings in the morning and four rings in the afternoon for a daily total of eight rings and a weekend combined total of sixteen rings including Congresses.

202.2.3 At Back to Back Shows or Split Format Shows any single cat may be judged not more than eight times per day, including any Congresses.

202.2.4 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.

Discussion on amend Standing Rules 901.4.2 and 901.4.3.4 to increase regional wins to Top 25

**Follow-up Report: Executive Office to estimate cost/time to change the scoring program to top 15 finals if there are 75 in each class present/competing cats/kit/alt/hhp/hhpk**

**31: Motion made by Patton and seconded by Chisholm to amend Standing Rules 901.4.2 and 901.4.3.4 to increase regional wins to Top 25. Motion carried. Bangle abstained. Hicks and Klamm opposed.**

901.4.2 Lifetime Achievement Award.

901.4.2.1 The TICA Board of Directors shall establish the Lifetime Achievement program to recognize cats who have excelled in the show ring. These special cats will be awarded the title LA on a certificate, suitable for framing, and will be recognized in the TICA

TREND, the Yearbook, and in the Annual Awards Program. Cats certified as earning this award shall be eligible to use the title LA before their name in the following fashion LA OD SGC Babsy's Baby.

901.4.2.2 Eligibility: All eligible cats must have received at least one Top 25 International award as a kitten, cat or alter and two International or ~~Regional top 20~~ or **Regional Top 25** awards as a kitten, cat or alter. *(Example: A regional top 20 kitten and top 20 cat in 1998 and a top 25 international alter in 1999 would make the cat eligible for this title.)* Two titles may be achieved in 1 year, i.e., top kitten and cat or alter. However, a Regional award and an International award on the same cat (See Show Rule 21.73) in the same year counts as only one title. Ownership of the cat may change from year to year. The award is for the cat, not the owner, although the current owner will be requesting the award.

901.4.2.3 For pedigreed cats, awards shall be earned in the kitten class, the championship class and the alter class. Years of awards need not be consecutive.

901.4.2.4 For Household Pets, awards shall be earned in the Household Pet Kitten class OR in the Household Pet class.

901.4.2.5 There is no time limit for claiming the LA title. You may claim it for deceased cats if you choose to do so. However, awards for 21st Best through 25th Best International or **Regional** may be claimed only for years in which those awards were actually presented.

901.4.3.4 Regional Awards. Regional Awards will be presented to the ~~20~~ **25** cats, kittens, alters, household pets, household pet kittens and ~~20~~ **25** longhair cats and ~~20~~ **25** shorthair cats having the highest aggregate points of all cats, kittens, alters, household pets and household pet kittens, as applicable in the region. In order to receive a Regional Award, the owner of the cat, kitten, alter, household pet and household pet kitten must have exhibited the cat, kitten, alter, household pet or household pet kitten, as applicable, in at least one TICA sanctioned cat show in the regions presenting the award during the show year for which the regional award was earned. All awards earned during the show year will be listed accordingly for every region or recognized area and internationally.

901.4.3.4.1 All winners are notified by letter by the appropriate Regional Director.

901.4.3.4.2 The Top 3 Cats in each color of their respective breeds receive a color certificate by mail from the appropriate Regional Director.

901.4.3.4.3 The Top ~~20~~ **25** Cats, Kittens, Alters, Household Pets and Household Pet Kittens, in each region are featured in a visual media presentation at the Regional Banquet.

901.4.3.4.4 The Regional Top ~~20~~ **25** Longhair Cats and Shorthair Cats, and Breed Award winners, are honored at the Regional Awards Banquet.

901.4.3.4.5 The Top 10 Cats, Kittens, Alters, Household Pets and Household Pet Kittens are featured in the TICA YEARBOOK in ~~black and white~~ free of charge. *(Some regions purchase pages in the TICA YEARBOOK to feature the 11th-20th Top Cats, Kittens, Alters, Household Pets and Household Pet Kittens in black and white.)*

**Follow-up Report: Executive Office to determine the ability to distribute a color certificate by email (PDF) to owner.**

**Follow-up Report: Proposal to rules about minimum scores for regional wins.**

**32: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Bangle to strike "by letter" from Standing Rule 901.4.3.4.1. Motion carried. Hicks and Klamm opposed.**

**33: Motion made by Stadter and seconded by Hicks to strike "by mail" from Standing Rule 901.4.3.4.2. Motion carried unanimously.**

The board noted receipt of breed reports for the Australian Mist, Chausie, Highlander, Savannah, Serengeti, and Minskin. We have not received a breed report from Sokoke. Crockett suggested we drop the Sokoke back to Registration Only.

**34: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Bangle to return the Sokoke breed to Registration only status. Motion carried unanimously.**

35: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Patton to return the Ojos Azules breed to Registration only status. Motion carried. Hicks, Stadter, and Tullo opposed.

**Follow-up Report: Determine appropriate Working Breed Chair for the Donskoy committee and require a breed report by the winter meeting (Hicks)**

**\*\*Meeting break for lunch\*\***

Discussion about the fee for claiming a Lifetime Achievement award. Executive Office asked to look at streamlining the process for confirming LA, OS, OD titles.

Brittany Goble brought in a Lyoki cat and discussed their breeding history and health.

36: Motion made by Tullo and seconded by Klamm to advance the Lykoi to PNB status. Motion carried unanimously.

37: Motion made by Tullo and seconded by Chisholm to appoint Johnny Gobble as working group chair to Lykoi. Motion carried unanimously.

**The president appointed Ellen Crockett as board liaison to the Lykoi breed.**

38: Motion made by Tullo for unanimous consent to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing protests. Without objection.

39: Motion made by Bangle for unanimous consent to allow Roeann Fulkerson to remain present for executive session. Motion denied.

40: Motion made by Stadter and seconded by Crockett to allow Roeann Fulkerson to remain present for executive session. Motion carried. Vasquez, Hicks, Klamm, and Patton opposed.

**Comment from Vasquez: Executive session is meant to be a closed meeting in order to discuss in private matters as defined in our rules. Executive session should only be attended by board members and those directly involved with the issues at hand. I do not see any reason why our marketing director needs to be present on items that do not involve her position. Dealing with protests does not fall under marketing.**

41: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Klamm to set a hearing in the matter of Adebahr vs Hunchak for the winter meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

42: Motion made by Crockett for unanimous consent to leave executive session. Without objection.

Stephanie Mohr presented Burmilla cats, amendments to the packet data, and answered relevant questions.

43: Motion made by Tullo and seconded by Hicks to advance the Burmilla to championship status. Motion carried unanimously.

Stephanie Mohr will remain as Working Breed Chair, and no changes need to be made to the standard. We have requested that Stephanie submit a breed introduction for tica.org.

44: Motion made by Stadter for unanimous consent to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing protests. Without objection.

45: Motion made by Stadter and seconded by Crockett to allow Roeann Fulkerson to remain present for executive session. Motion carried. Vasquez, Hicks, Klamm, and Patton opposed.

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not see any reason why our marketing director needs to be present on items that do not involve her position. Dealing with protests does not fall under marketing.

Kuroda et al vs Maeyama/Yawata hearing adjourned.

46: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Patton to fine \$50 to Kruszona-Zanadzka & J Klosinski because they admitted guilt to not following the rules of printing late pages. Motion carried. Faccioli and Stadter abstained.

47: Motion made by Faccioli for unanimous consent to leave executive session. Without objection.

Discussion on cut off for accepting entries for shows.

Follow-up Report: Submit a proposal to rules to revise 23.6.7.1 to allow for transfer entries (under one roof) from another association -possibly limited to France/Italy for legal circumstances. Bourreau

There was discussion on whether an online catalog does or does not comply with the rules.

Follow-up Report: add to the guided procedures that an online catalog should not be used and what the proper procedure is. (Stadter)

**\*\*Meeting adjourned at 5pm\*\***

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**\*\* Meeting started on Friday, August 29, 2014 at 8:30am\*\***

Kay Hanvey presented an Australian Mist kitten and gave a breed report on the Australian mist and stated all requirements have now been met, however not documented in time for this presentation.

Discussion on Experimental registry rule changes.

Crockett informed everyone that Martin Wood, chair of rules, has amended this rule and checked that it doesn't not conflict with other TICA rules.

48: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Bangle to accept this proposed amendment to article 3 relevant to the change of name from experiment registry to experimental record as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

32.1 The association shall maintain a data base (Studbook and Foundation, ~~and Experimental~~ Registry) for purposes of registration of all cats which qualify for registration as defined within these rules.

32.2 Some breeds may be entered in both the Stud Book and Foundation Registries, for example those breeds which have been developed from hybridization with non-domestic felines.

32.3 The association shall maintain an Experimental Record for purposes of tracking of all cats which qualify for tracking as defined within these rules.

32.34 The registration certificates for cats registered in the Foundation ~~or the Experimental~~ Registry shall be distinguished from those registered in the Stud Book to avoid potential confusion regarding the status of a given cat or breed within the association. ~~Experimental Registration Certificates shall clearly state, "Not Eligible for Exhibition".~~

32.5 The certificates for cats tracked in the Experimental Record shall be distinguished from those registered in the Stud Book to avoid potential confusion regarding the status of a given cat or breed within the association. Experimental Certificates of Record shall clearly state that the breed and breed name are not recognized or approved by TICA and are "Not Eligible for Exhibition".

33.1.1 Experimental New Breed - New breeds which are in development and which do not have an approved breed name. Experimental New Breeds are ~~registered~~ tracked in the Experimental ~~Registry~~ Record. Formal approval of the Board of Directors is NOT REQUIRED

33.3.1 Experimental New Breed. The Experimental New Breed shall be ~~registered~~ **tracked** in the Experimental ~~Registry-Record~~ by making application to the TICA Executive Office. The following information must be included in the application for ~~breed recognition~~ **tracking**:

33.3.1.1 A brief description of the proposed breed. (This is to enable the office to identify the breed. It could be a paragraph written by a breeder, a standard from another association, or another means for identifying the cats included in the breed.)

33.3.1.2 A proposed breed name that is unique.

33.3.1.2.1 The proposed breed name used for ~~registration~~ **tracking** in the Experimental ~~Registry-Record~~ is not in any way to be considered an official breed name accepted or approved by TICA and may be changed, removed or revoked at any time.

33.3.3 Advancement from Experimental New Breed to Registration Only New Breed. An Experimental New Breed may apply for approval of the Board of Directors as a Registration Only Breed upon completion of the following:

33.3.3.1 At least 1 year has passed since the initial ~~registration~~ **tracking** of the breed in the Experimental ~~Registry-Record~~.

33.3.4.2 At least 10 cats of the breed have been registered in the Experimental ~~Registry-Record~~.

33.4.4 Experimental breeding programs which do not have an approved breed name shall be designated by the code EX.

33.4.4.1 Cats ~~registered~~ **tracked** in the Experimental ~~Registry-Record~~ shall be designated with EX preceding the proposed two-digit breed prefix.

36.1 Determination of Status. The registration of a cat shall be based upon ancestry as evidenced by a three generation pedigree. A cat shall be classified as eligible for the studbook, ancestry record, hybridization record, foundation registry or **for tracking in the experimental ~~registry~~ record.**

36.7 Experimental ~~Registration~~ **Record.**

36.7.1 Purpose. The Experimental ~~Registry-Record~~ is for ~~registering~~ **tracking the parentage** of cats not yet recognized in TICA for the Stud Book or Foundation Registries. ~~Registration~~ **Tracking** of these proposed breeds will provide a precise chronicle of the proposed breed's progress and development. Records will include analysis of any genetic problems inherent in a particular breeding program thus proving or disproving its future acceptance as a viable, healthy breed

36.7.2 Requirements for Preliminary New Breed or Advanced New Breed Status. Any proposed breed ~~registered~~ **tracked** in the Experimental ~~Registry-Record~~ as Category VI must declare intent for registration status in Category I, II, III, IV or V prior to acceptance for recognition in Preliminary New Breed Class or Advanced New Breed Class. ~~Registration~~ **Tracking** in the Experimental ~~Registry-Record~~ does not in any way imply or assure that the proposed experimental breed will advance to one of the more restrictive categories or will be accepted into Preliminary New Breed or Advanced New Breed any time, now or in the future.

36.8 Registration Status Codes. A registration status code (or codes, in the instance of combined ancestry and hybridization record cats) shall be assigned to each cat registered (**or tracked**) by the association and will be indicated on the registration (**or record**) certificate. The following codes are used:

36.8.5 Experimental ~~Registry-Record~~ Codes:

EB - The proposed experimental breed has no cats which are unknown, unregistered, or of another breed or breed group within a ~~standard~~ three generations ~~pedigree~~. (NOTE: Ancestry and Hybridization codes may be used as applicable.)

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37.7 Category VI: Experimental (Developing) Breeds.

37.7.1 Purpose. This category is for new breeds which are still in active development. Use of both hybrid crosses and outcrosses to cats of unknown or unregistered parentage is permitted. There are no limitations or restrictions on the breeding programs for such breeds.

37.7.3 Requirements for Registration **or Tracking.** The requirements for registration (**or tracking**) are as set forth in the general registration rules of ARTICLE SIX and SEVEN.

37.8.1 At the time of recognition for registration in either the Stud Book, the Foundation Registry, or **for tracking in the Experimental ~~Registry-Record~~**, each breed or proposed breed shall be provisionally assigned to one of the six registration categories based upon size of the established gene pool within the breed or proposed breed and the necessity of outcrosses outside the breed. Initial

assignment shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors and the Genetics Committee using the information in the proposed breeding program submitted by the breeders.

37.8.2 A proposed breed which is accepted for the Foundation Registry or Experimental ~~Registry~~ Record may be assigned to any of the six categories, however a breed must be provisionally assigned to Categories I-V only prior to acceptance for Preliminary New Breed.

303.2.4 There will be no formal breed committee or breed section for cats in the Experimental ~~Registry~~ Record.

303.2.4.1 The Executive Office will maintain statistics from the Experimental ~~Registry~~ Record: the number of litters registered, the number of individual cats registered, the names and addresses of owners and breeders of the experimental breed. Such statistics will be made available should a petition for advancement to Registration Only status be submitted.

303.3.1.4 A processing fee of \$100 will be required at the time of application to the Experimental ~~Registry~~ Record Only.

Follow-up Report: Executive Office to send revised certificate to board. Remove border. Add explanation of experimental record to breed page on tica.org.

Klamm states she was wrong to move the Ojos Azules back to Registration Only and would like to re-open discussion. She suggests we contact the Ojos Azules breeders to see if they are still interested in advancing to ANB, considering they just lost their breed chair. Request that they submit an interim breed report for winter meeting and a complete report for 2015 annual.

49: Motion made by Klamm and seconded by Faccioli to reconsider motion on Ojos Azules move to registration only. Motion carried unanimously.

50: Motion made by Stadter and seconded by Crockett to reinstate the Ojos Azules breed to PNB status. Motion carried. Bangle abstained.

Follow-up Report: Request a preliminary report for the winter meeting and a new breed chair candidate (Hicks)

**The president appointed Francine Hicks as board liaison to the Ojos Azules breed.**

51: Motion made by Chisholm and seconded by Vasquez to reconsider, having voted in the majority; the proposal for standing rule 106.4. Motion carried. Adler and Bourreau abstained. Crockett, Stadter, and Tullo opposed.

52: Motion made by Chisholm and seconded by Hicks to amend standing rule 106.4 as presented with the amendment that this only applies to the rules committee. Motion carried. Adler, Bourreau, Crockett, Faccioli, Stadter, and Tullo opposed.

106.4 Standing Committees. The President, with the advice of the Board of Directors, shall appoint persons knowledgeable in the fields specified to serve on the following standing committees. Any other committees, which from time to time may be necessary and proper for the effective and efficient operation of the Association, may be created by the President and appointments to them made by the President, with the advice of the Board. Rules committee shall have a chairperson, members as needed and a board member who works with the committee as a liaison director. Board members may not be included in the Rules committee other than a liaison to the committee.

**The president appointed Mike Vasquez to the rules committee as board liaison.**

The President gave a PowerPoint presentation, "Is TICA ready for the Millennials?"

This presentation covered current market statistics on the cat industry. It explained the new generation "Millennials" as compared to the "Baby Boomers" and how they both interact in the pet industry. It also showed our Facebook statistics, where our fans are coming from and how engaged they are.

Vicki Jo Harrison gave a presentation for the 2017 Annual to be held in Houston, Texas - hosted by the Big Tex Cat Club.

**\*\*11:30, Oizumi came online to join the meeting via GotoMeeting\*\***

53: Motion made by Patton for unanimous consent to approve Houston for the 2017 TICA annual. Without objection.

Bourreau gave a presentation on the website, t-shirts, flyer, and favors for the 2015 TICA Annual to be held in Salzburg Austria, hosted by the Blue Danabu Cat Club. The website will offer documentation about requirements for bringing in cats from other countries.

Update by Chisholm, the contract has been signed for the 2016 TICA Annual.

Chris Unangst gave a report on the Yearbook Income. The deadline has been extended to Monday, September 1. The book is 9x12 in size, approx. 330 pages, same layout as last year. She asked how many extra copies of the yearbook should be ordered. The President stated she would pick a number by September 15. She thanks everyone for submitting their photos. She requested the Regional Directors educate their members about the yearbook, especially in the international regions.

**\*\*Meeting break for lunch\*\***

There was a discussion on the name of the Napoleon breed.

54: Motion made by Crockett for unanimous consent to enter the committee of the whole to get input of the membership on this issue. Without objection.

A couple TICA members spoke about the Napoleon name and urged the board not to change the name.

55: Motion made by Faccioli and seconded by Bourreau to require the breed to change the name or find a suitable name in lieu of the Napoleon. Motion carried. Vasquez, Hicks, and Tullo opposed.

Comment from Tullo: The Napoleon has been able to advance using this name, if the Board wanted it changed it should have been mandatory at an earlier advancement, not after they have been using it for 10 years and asking to advance to Championship.

Comment from Vasquez: I agree with Bobbie's comments.

Terri Harris resigned as Working Breed Chair. She suggested Joe Smith become the new Working Breed Chair. Mr. Smith declined.

56: Motion made by Klamm and seconded by Bangle to take no action on the advancement of Napoleon request to championship. Motion carried. Vasquez, Hicks, and Tullo opposed.

Comment from Vasquez: As I did not agree with changing the name, I feel I must vote no on this motion.

**\*\*Five minute meeting break, when returned, Oizumi joined meeting via GoToMeeting\*\***

57: Motion made by Bangle for unanimous consent to go into executive session and include Heather Lorimer to discuss the genetics committee chair. Without objection.

58: Motion made by Crockett for unanimous consent to leave executive session. Without objection.

**The president appointed Heather Lorimer as chair to the genetics committee. She thanked Lorimer for her willingness to represent TICA and for the knowledge that she brings.**

Discussion opened on request to advance new trait in Maine Coon to CH (Polydactly). Several TICA members and several board members openly discussed this issue. Heather Lorimer also spoke about the genetics of Polydactly.

59: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Klamm to take no action on the advancement of the Polydactly Maine Coon new trait to championship status. Motion carried. Cornwell, Hicks, and Tullo opposed.

Comment from Klamm: The MC poly breeders wanted them to be accepted as MCs with only an exception for the number of toes. However, by going through the New Trait route, rather than working with the non-poly breeders on a compromise, the poly breeders have admitted that the polys are considered a new trait, even though they have been around in MCs since the

beginning. The MC poly breeders, when it was suggested that they should form a breed group with the non-poly MCs so an official way identifying polys in pedigrees could be developed, would not consider it. This would have helped them to achieve their desire of being advanced to Championship status. While the non-poly MC breeders indicated they were open to this suggestion, the MC poly breeders were not. This lack of willingness to work things out and reach a compromise was one of factors that influenced my decision.

Sharon Lund, Royal Canin gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the sponsorships and programs that they have ongoing with TICA.

The President opened discussion to the public members. None of the members present had any comments.

There was discussion on who should be breed chair for “Napoleon”.

**Follow-up Report: Patton will suggest a Napoleon breed chair.**

Hicks gave a summary of the annual events currently going on.

**\*\*Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm\*\***