

THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION, INC.

2015 Annual Board Meeting

September 2-4, 2016

Salzburg, Austria

The President, Fate Mays, opened the meeting at 9AM on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 and welcomed everyone to Salzburg, Austria. The following Board members were present:

President, Fate Mays

Vice President, Bobbie Tullo

Directors:

Asia Director, Motoko Oizumi

Great Lakes Director, Mike Vasquez

Mid Atlantic Director, Susan Adler

Mid Pacific Director, Jay Bangle

Northern Europe Director, Ralph Stadter

Northwest Director, Ellen Crockett

South America Director, Luiz Paulo Faccioli

South Central Director, Wendy Klamm

Southern Europe Director, Damien Bourreau

Southeast Director, Laurie Patton

Southwest Director, Alexandra Chisholm

Western Europe Director, Phil Cornwell

Also present were:

International Associate Director, Lisa Dickie

Northeast Director, Francine Hicks (joined via skype)

Asia Translator, Sayuri Takano

Judging Administrator, Marylou Anderson

Lesley Hart and Frances Cardona from the Executive Office were present.

Honey Gilmore and Jamie Christian also joined the meeting as spectators.

1: Unanimous consent to approve the May 2015 Meeting Minutes. Without objection.

A decision on the length of the Winter Meeting in Harlingen in January will be made by the Board. The dates of the meeting are Jan 22, 23, 24, 2016. The Board will also be deciding if the Spring Meeting will continue. The dates of the Spring Meeting are May 20, 21, 22, 2016.

2: Motion made by CHISHOLM and seconded by STADTER to cover \$75 per diem per day for up to 7 days and include Lisa Dickie and Marylou Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

3: Motion made by STADTER and seconded by TULLO to cover hotel expenses for up to 6 nights and include Lisa Dickie and Marylou Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

4: Motion made by STADTER and seconded by CHISHOLM to cover flight expenses in full and include Lisa Dickie and Marylou Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

5: Motion made by STADTER and seconded by KLAMM to take no action on proposal to amend Registration Rules 33.2.1, 33.2.2, 33.9.1, 39.4. Motion carried unanimously.

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 established a structural mutation as a 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 an ~~structural~~ established mutation.

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, (such as, but not limited to, folded ears, short legs, curled ears, new coat texture) may be exhibited in the New Traits Class once it is determined by DNA to be different gene than a similar mutation already in use and it will not detrimentally interfere with gene function and possible gene interactions with the parental breed. New Traits Class cats appear in the catalog and judges' books and judges include these cats in judging fees

39.4 Mutations described in a standard of a Championship breed (such as folded ears: Scottish Fold; short legs: Munchkin; Curled ears: American Curls, Coat types or patterns such as rexed or Lykoi, etc) may not be duplicated to create new breeds that are actually hybrids. Similar phenotype mutations may be used, *only* if there is DNA evidence that they are in fact different than the original mutation in the Championship breed, it is determined by DNA to be different gene than a similar mutation already in use and it will not detrimentally interfere with gene function and possible gene interactions with the parental breed. **They must be unique genetically.**

Chisholm gave a report on the 2016 Annual Meeting in San Diego, California. Everything is going well and on time, and the proposed logo for the annual was presented to the Board.

6: Unanimous consent to move Show Rules - Top 15 Finals back in the agenda until after the IT report. Without objection.

Lisa Dickie arrived at 11am.

7: Unanimous consent to amend Standing Rules 2017.1 as proposed. Without objection.

2017.1 Judges Books. Judges must forward the COVER and the ORIGINAL (white copy) of all pages of the judge's book to the Executive Office of TICA within 48 hours after the close of the show. Alternately, judges may forward a scanned document containing the cover and all white pages to the Executive Office within 48 hours after the close of the show. The scanned book must be legible and all pages must be included, otherwise the judge's book will not be considered complete and timely, and the penalties for a late judge's book assessed. If a scanned book is used in lieu of the original, the judge must retain the original judge's book until one year after the close of the show season to which that judge's book relates, and must provide the original judge's book to the Executive Office within 48 hours if requested to do so. ~~The yellow~~ A copy of all pages of the judge's book is to be turned in to the master clerk at the proper time during the show. The judge retains ~~the pink~~ a copy of all pages of the judge's book for his/her personal records. At the completion of the show, the Master Clerk will submit the marked catalog and ~~the yellow copies~~ a copy of the judge's books to the Club/Show Committee.

Amend Judging Program

44.4.3.4 Signing judge's book and giving ~~goldenrod~~ a copy to clerk.

Mechanics (pg.64)

Ask the trainee to turn in ~~their goldenrod sheets~~ a copy of their judge's book pages to the ring clerk for review.

8: Unanimous consent to pass amendment 901.4.2 to the Standing Rules. Without objection.

Change Standing Rule 901.4.2.6.4 to read:

Copies of the certificates issued by Executive Office ~~or copies of the Official Standings posted on the TICA Website by the Executive Office showing that an RW or an IW have been achieved.~~

9: Motion made by CROCKETT and seconded by BANGLE to defer action on the Cat Therapy program until the 2016 Winter Meeting based on Patton working with Rules to hammer out differences on what she submitted and then go to legal and then go to Winter Meeting. Motion carried. Adler, Hicks and Klamm opposed.

PATTON: Due to the re-written proposal without my knowledge I voted yes to postpone.

10: Motion made by CROCKETT and seconded by HICKS to take no action on amendment 401.1 to the Standing Rules based on discussion. Motion carried. Adler and Faccioli opposed.

401.1 The Judging Administrator or designee will maintain a file on each applicant, trainee, and judge.

401.2 For acceptance into the Judging Program, advancements and/or re-licensing in the judging program, the Board of Directors will only consider items included in the Judging Administrator's file of the applicant, trainee, or judge. The only exceptions will be feline welfare issues and serious ethical or legal issues that have surfaced as recently as two weeks prior to each meeting providing that they are supported with proper documentation.

Board Comment: The Board discussed the issue and would like to implement a procedure to discuss applicants early in a meeting. This gives the Judging Administrator the opportunity to request feedback from the candidate if necessary. This way an application can be deferred to a later day of that meeting. Alternatively it will be added that applications may be deferred to a later meeting instead of being denied.

11: Motion made by HICKS and seconded by STADTER to accept amendment to Judging Program 410.1.5 as written. Motion carried. Bourreau, Crockett, Patton and Vasquez opposed.

410.1.5 A judge may serve as a Guest Judge no more than ~~two~~ **five** weekends per TICA show season except as stated in 410.1.6.1.

12: Motion made by CROCKETT and seconded by STADTER to take no action on amending Judging Program 418.7. Motion carried. Adler, Bangle, Chisholm and Klamm opposed.

Add 418.1.4:

416.1.4 Penalties shall include, but not be limited to, being dropped from the judging program, being denied advancement within the program, or being demoted following due process (see 418.16).

Amend 418.7

In the event a Judge's license is not renewed, and there are extenuating circumstances of which the Board is unaware, the Judge may ~~ask the Board for a hearing. However, the Board is under no obligation to grant the hearing.~~ **request a hearing within 45 days of the denial date by notifying the EO and copying the JA.**

Delete 418.13 to 418.15

~~418.13 A Probationary Specialty Judge is on probation in the judging program. S/he may be dropped from the judging program, or denied advancement within the program, at any time upon demonstration of just cause. A hearing is not necessary.~~

~~418.14 An Approved Specialty Judge is on probation in the judging program. S/he may be dropped from the judging program, or denied advancement within the program, at any time upon demonstration of just cause. A hearing is not necessary.~~

~~418.15 A Provisional Allbreed Judge is on a trial basis in the judging program. S/he may be dropped from the judging program, or denied advancement within the program, or demoted, at any time upon demonstration of just cause. A hearing is recommended.~~

Amend 418.16

No action may be taken against ~~an Approved Allbreed judge or an instructor~~ **any Judge** without full documentation of charges against that Judge and a hearing before the Board of Directors except as provided in ARTICLE EIGHTEEN 418.3

The Board received the following Breed Reports: Chausie, Highlander, Minskin, Minuet, Savannah, Serengeti, Donskoy, and Lykoi.

The Board received the report from the TICA Treasurer, Vickie Fisher.

The President appointed Mike Vasquez as the Board Liaison for the Khaomane.

The Board received the report from the TICA Marketing Director, Roemann Fulkerson.

13: Unanimous consent to appoint Jamie Christian to Cornish Rex Breed Committee. Without objection.

14: Motion made by TULLO and seconded by CHISHOLM to appoint Karen Wilkins to the Cornish Rex Breed Committee. Motion carried. Crockett opposed.

15: Motion made by CROCKETT and seconded by PATTON to appoint Pat Harbert to the Bengal Breed Committee. Motion carried. Bangle, Oizumi, Stadter and Tullo opposed.

16: Unanimous consent to take no action on changing the cost of a 5 Generation Pedigree. Without objection.

17: Unanimous consent to go into Executive Session to include Marylou Anderson, Sayuri Takano, Lesley Hart and Frances Cardona. Without objection.

18: Motion made by CROCKETT and seconded by CHISHOLM to move Dewane Barnes to Judge Emeritus, effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

19: Motion made by STADTER and seconded by TULLO to accept Heidi Anttila for LH/SH Trainee. Motion Passed.

20: Motion made by CORNWELL and seconded by CROCKETT to accept Steven Meserve for LH/SH Trainee. Motion Passed.

21: Motion made by PATTON and seconded by ADLER to accept Angela Sherzer for LH/SH Trainee. Motion Passed.

22: Motion made by FACCIOLI and seconded by TULLO to accept Aline Broda for Probationary Specialty (SA Only). Motion Passed.

23: Motion made by KLAMM and seconded by TULLO to accept Donna Armel for Provisional Allbreed. Motion Passed.

24: Motion made by KLAMM and seconded by TULLO to accept Jim Armel for Provisional Allbreed. Motion Passed.

25: Motion made by BOURREAU and seconded by TULLO to accept Steven Corneille for Provisional Allbreed. Motion Passed.

26: Motion made by PATTON and seconded by VASQUEZ to accept Carol Lawson for Approved Allbreed. Motion Passed.

27: Motion made by PATTON and seconded by KLAMM to accept Steve Lawson for Approved Allbreed. Motion Passed.

28: Motion made by STADTER and seconded by FACCIOLI to accept Andreas Kretschmer Kraiczek for Licensed Guest Judge. Motion Passed.

Marylou Anderson was excused after the judging advancements.

Wendy Klamm was excused for the complaint discussion.

29: Motion made by BANGLE and seconded by CHISHOLM to take no action on Harbert vs Klamm complaint. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Comment: The Board found insufficient documentation and unsubstantiated allegations in the complaint.

Wendy Klamm was brought back into the room after the motion was complete.

Marylou Anderson rejoined the meeting.

Motoko Oizumi and Sayuri Tamoka were excused to discuss the Enjoy Cat Club complaint.

30: Motion made by STADTER and seconded by HICKS to fine Enjoy Cat Club \$1,000 based on violation of Show Rule 29.1.1.2. Motion carried unanimously.

31: Motion made by VASQUEZ and seconded by PATTON in accordance with By Law 17.2.2, Enjoy Cat Club is prohibited from licensing a show from April 1 through May 1, 2016. Motion carried. Bourreau, Crockett and Hicks opposed.

Board Comment: Those that voted no believed the club should have been prohibited for at least 3 months.

Legal Counsel Susan Adler, President Fate Mays, EN Director Ralph Stadter met privately with Oizumi and Takano to inform them of the result of the complaint. Then they rejoined the meeting.

32: Motion made by CHISHOLM and seconded by BANGLE to take no action on the Mosher/Rainey vs Ken Kershaw complaint. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Comment: The Board found the complaints exceeded the timeframe for complaining or the proof was unsubstantiated.

33: Motion made by BANGLE and seconded by VASQUEZ to take no action on the Mosher/Rainey vs Mahan complaint. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Comment: The Board found the complaints exceeded the timeframe for complaining or the proof was unsubstantiated.

34: Unanimous consent to go out of Executive Session. Motion carried.

35: Motion made by CROCKETT and seconded by KLAMM to accept the proposed amendments to the Judging Program regarding deferred action to judge applicants and advancements. Motion carried. Vasquez opposed.

Current wording in sections 42.7.2.1, 43.6.1.1, 45.5.1, 46.5.1

If an applicant for advancement is denied, the applicant may not apply for reconsideration for 1 year....

Add new rule and renumber as needed

If information is brought forward on an applicant at a meeting that needs clarification, the board may choose to defer action rather than vote on the applicant. Deferred applicants may be voted upon at any later time.

VASQUEZ: As one who made suggestions creating this option, I believe the addition of defer is a step in the right direction. It will give the BOD another option when addressing things that may come up at meetings prior to voting on

judging advancements. However, I feel it should have gone thru rules BEFORE we passed it which is why I voted no on this motion. As of now, there is nothing in the Judging program addressing Defer as an option nor how many times we can defer an applicant before actually voting on them.

36: Unanimous consent to go into Committee of the Whole. Without objection.

Hawkworth-Weitz gave an oral presentation on TICA and TIFF and requested that the Board accept the proposed Reciprocity Agreement.

37: Motion made by BANGLE and seconded by CHISHOLM to accept in principal the reciprocity agreement, pending legal review. Motion carried unanimously.

38: Unanimous consent to hold the 2017 Winter Board Meeting in conjunction with the New Culture Club cat show in Portland, Oregon. Without objection.

Judith Johnson and Barbara Kissinger from Party Cats Cat Club from Atlanta, Georgia gave a PowerPoint presentation for a bid on the 2018 TICA Annual.

Honey Gilmore from Alabama Paws & Claws Cat Club from Birmingham, Alabama gave a PowerPoint presentation for a bid on the 2018 TICA Annual.

39: Unanimous consent to go out of Committee of the Whole. Without objection.

By secret ballot, the 2018 Annual will be in Birmingham, Alabama.

40: Motion made by STADTER and seconded by TULLO to accept the proposal to have the 2018 Annual in Birmingham, AL. Motion passed.

Lesley Hart updated the Board on the progress of custom programming at the Executive Office and the TICA.org Joomla website.

41: Motion made by CROCKETT and seconded by CHISHOLM to suggest the President appoint Sean Corfield as head of the Computer Committee. Motion carried. Cornwell and Vasquez opposed.

VASQUEZ: There has been much debate over the Computer Committee by the BOD this year. My thought is that we should have taken more time to fix the current issues with the committee, appoint new members, and then appoint a new Chair.

42: Unanimous consent to go into Committee of the Whole. Without objection.

Brittany Gobble gave a presentation on the Lykoi Breed.

43: Motion made by HICKS and seconded by CROCKETT to advance the Lykoi to Advanced New Breed. Motion carried. Bourreau opposed.

BOURREAU: I love this breed however going to Championship status is not race (for me too much kittens in one year). The results of the genetic test campaign show some differences from the other breeds but no plan was presented for the follow up of these conclusions and what could be the consequences of what was found.

44: Unanimous consent to amend the UCD to include the term Roan. Without objection.

Roan: a unique coloration in which solid white hairs are thickly interspersed with normal pigmented hairs throughout a cat's coat. The color in the pigmented hairs defines the description for roan (i.e. black roan, blue roan, red roan, etc.).

45: Unanimous consent to amend the UCD to include the term Amelanistic. Without objection.

The absence of melanin (the pigment responsible for color) in a cats' coat, skin, or eyes. Amelanistic hair and skin will appear white, while amelanistic eyes will be pink. Albinism is a disorder that causes extreme amelanistic characteristics where all parts of a cat are affected.

46: Unanimous consent to amend the UCD terminology Mask as proposed. Without objection.

Mask refers to frontal facial features that may differ from the normally accepted markings of a cat's face.

- Mask may refer to the darker color around the eyes, nose, muzzle and chin of a pointed, sepia or mink cat and which may be connected to the ears by tracings.
- Mask may refer to areas of the face that are hairless or sparsely haired around the eyes, nose, muzzle, and chin tip giving a ghostlike appearance to the face. The sparsely haired or hairless areas are connected.

47: Unanimous consent to accept the revised Lykoi Breed Standard. Without objection.

48: Unanimous consent to go into Executive Session to include Sayuri Takano, Lesley Hart and Frances Cardona. Without objection.

49: Unanimous consent to go out of Executive Session. Without objection.

50: Unanimous consent to go into Committee of the Whole. Without objection.

Lisa Dickie shared videos and photos from a recent Cat Expo in Taipei.

51: Unanimous consent to go out of Committee of the Whole. Without objection.

The President acknowledged that our Regional Director, Francine Hicks will not be running for re-election and he thanked her for her service.

52: Unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting. Without objection.

FOLLOWUP

No.	Item	Lead	Status
1	Refer proposal back to Rules and then Legal on 23.6.7.1 Transfer Traditional Entries to TICA show on opening day of show; Rules should look at 23.6.6 and 23.6.7.	Rules	W2016
2	Refer back to Rules for clarification of the Therapy Cat Title program requirements.	Patton/Rules	W2016
3	Research and submit the rule changes needed to implement Top 15 finals if 75 or more cats are competing in the class and set timeline.	Rules	W2016
4	Research registration rule 33.1.2 needs clarification	Rules	W2016
5	Research and make sure that regional awards for the International Region is not in conflict in any rule. For example; Standing Rule 1012.1	Rules	W2016
6	Lisa Dickie can be associate director and she will remain non-voting because she does not live in the region. IN is a region. Just non-voting. The IN region does not have a country or group of countries with enough people to have a regional director therefore it is non-voting.	Bowers – Approve	W2016
7	TICA Executive Office will prepare an IT report every month and send to the Board.	EO	W2016
8	Find out if the IN region receives a rebate	EO	W2016
9	Develop email notification for owner of the sire that a litter has been registered using that sire.	EO	W2016
10	Review the future meeting schedule. (To be done at every meeting from now on)	Board	W2016
11	Cat Therapy Program	Patton/Rules	W2016
12	Judging Program 418.7	Mays/Rules	W2016
13	Design a watermarked Pedigree to be emailed as PDF.	EO	W2016
14	Investigate problems with current Outstanding Cattery Qualifications	Adler/Klamm	W2016
15	Trial procedure (60 days) email DAR to PDF to clients.	EO	W2016
16	Reword the reciprocity agreement	Adler	W2016

Lykoi Cat (LY)

The Lykoi is a natural mutation from the wild domestic cat population. The breed has a unique color pattern which makes the hair coat roan. It is also partially hairless. The combination of the color pattern and partial hairlessness gives the Lykoi a werewolf appearance.

Head:	40 total
Muzzle/Chin/Nose:	12
Shape:	10
Ears:	8
Eyes:	6
Profile:	3
Neck:	1

Body:	30 total
Torso:	7
Musculature:	7
Legs/Feet:	6
Boning:	6
Tail:	4

Coat:	30 total
Texture (Density):	15
Color/Pattern:	10
Length:	5

Categories: Traditional

Divisions: Solid

Colors:

Black only. Other colors are allowed for breeding, but not showing. Every cat will have the amelanistic(roan) pattern in the coat.

Permissible Outcrosses:

Solid black Domestic Shorthair

Natural additions:

Due to the limited gene pool available, any cat naturally born to have the sparse hairless and intermixed amelanistic hair(roan), regardless of

show standard, can be used for breeding only. They can be used in showing if they meet the standard.

Head:

Shape: Modified wedge with rounded contours from nose to cheeks to ears. Slightly rounded forehead. Slightly longer than wide.

Ears: Large, wide at the base and pointed on the tips. Set high on the head, vertical and erect. Hairless with some sparse hair on outer surface allowed.

Eyes: Large, walnut shaped, slanting upward with an open expression. The rims are hairless giving the appearance of white eye liner. Gold color preferred.

Muzzle/Chin/Nose: Muzzle is medium in length; fleshy with gently rounded hairless whisker pads and a definite whisker break. Muzzle ends with a well-developed chin aligned vertically with the nose, having a rounded appearance; full but neither projecting nor receding. Nose is hairless and leathery to the touch, slightly rounded down at the end. The hairlessness gives the appearance of wearing a mask when connected to the hairless areas of the eyes.

Profile: A concave curve from brow to bridge.

Neck: Medium length. Neither thin nor overly muscular.

Body:

Torso: Foreign type.

Musculature: Lithe, slender. Having solid weight, not excessive bulk.

Boning: Medium

Legs/Feet: Legs and feet are sparsely haired. Medium boning; medium length. Feet are medium in size and oval shaped. Toes are long in appearance.

Tail: Tail is shorter than body and tapers to a point.

Coat:

Length: Short to medium length.

Texture: Partially hairless; NOT dense. Undercoat is minimal; longer guard hairs cover body. Amount of coat will vary depending on cycle of hair. Coat resembles the look of an opossum coat. Soft to the touch.

Color/Pattern: 30% to 70% range of dark black from root to tip hair intermixed with white amelanistic from root to tip hair with 50/50 being ideal. White hair is dispersed over the body and not focalized. Legs and feet are sparsely haired and can be hairless.

General Description:

Lykoi is an ancient Greek word that means wolf. Lykoi come in many colors, but only solid black roan is allowed to show. When one looks straight into the face, the cat has the appearance of the mythical werewolf. The Lykoi cat is a partially hairless cat that can be almost entirely hairless to almost completely coated, depending on the cycle of hair. The hair coat is unique in appearance that it resembles the coat of an opossum when mostly coated.

The Lykoi cat is a natural mutation that has been reported intermittently over the past few years. The Breed has been started from two separate sibling litters in 2011. The Lykoi cat is very friendly and demands attention from people. Most people consider them unattractive when they first see them, but then want to do nothing but hold them when they recover from the first impressions. Some people, after seeing them, want a little wolf.

Lockets: Allow

Allowances:

- Hairlessness varies from almost completely hairless to almost completely coated during phases of hair growth.
- Eyes to be smaller in proportion to head in cats less than 8 months old.
- Allow for stud jowls in males.
- Males may be substantially larger than females
- Pigmentation spots to full tanning can occur when exposed to sunlight.

Penalize:

More than sparse undercoat.

Withhold all Awards(WW):

Absence of hairless face mask
Any base color other than black. No amelanistic hair (roan). Fully coated.

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.

MARKETING AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Summer Meeting September 2-4, 2015

Director Marketing & Business Development: **Roeann Fulkerson**
Liaison to Board: **Ellen Crockett and Fate Mays**

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Business Development Activities:

This was stated in my Spring Board report but the importance is worth repeating again. The TICA World of Cats Breed Poster has been completed and distribution began in late May. With the generous support of TICA members to staff the booths, TICA corporate plans to attend numerous Veterinarian conferences across the U.S. in 2016.

Some additional “first” for TICA are County Fairs and more Pet Expos! As of this writing, Yellow Rose Cat Club is hosting a cat show at the Denver County Fair. TICA and Dr. Elsey Precious Cat sponsored the entire Kitten Pavilion, a new Pavilion to the Fair this year. There has been great media coverage and community support. TICA with Dr. Elsey also sponsored the Cat Fanciers of BC and the Maple Ridge Expo. This was really well received by those attending and we look forward to funding again in 2016. This was the second TICA event sponsored in Canada this year.

We have started working directly with corporate Amazing Pet Expo Company to secure national attendance at many of their 32 Expos across the U.S. for the balance of 2015 and into 2016. Ten Expos have been confirmed and further details will be provided once finalized. We hope to add TICA attendance to several additional locations in 2016 with the possible opportunity to host a cat show at a couple larger locations.

By the time of the Board meeting in Salzburg, you should be able to access the Club Marketing Publicity package online at our TICA website. This has taken longer than I had planned, so hopefully you will find the quality of the resulting package will be worth the wait. It is not complete yet. TICA needs each of you and your Regions to add suggestions, samples of ads, ideas, things that have worked well, etc. I know as writing three clubs/events who have benefited from using the sample Press Release. If anyone wants my personal assistance in writing an effective Press Release for a club/show/event in your Region, please suggest to your members to contact me directly. I am always happy to help our clubs.

As specific note, Vickie Fisher had the great idea of crating a professional two-sided folder using our Breed Poster format. This folder can be used when reaching out to local media, information to fight local legislative issues, companies in areas of clubs to seek local advertising for events, anything were paper information needs to be presented in a striking format to catch anyone’s eye. We do not have a great deal of the folders so we do want to make the very best use. They are beautiful.

Current Happenings of Business Development:

The distribution of the beautiful TICA Breed Posters is in full swing. Below is a list of individuals who accepted direct shipment for distribution locally and the number they requested be shipped to them.

Alex Chisholm-500

Wendy Klamm-1000

Wendy Huppe-250

Roeann Fulkerson-250

Laurie Patton-2500

Bobbie Tullo-500

Vickie Fisher-2500	Susan Adler-500	Lenora Oftedahl-500
Helmi Flick-500	Jay Bangle-500	Alfonzo Rezende-250
Miguel Vasquez-2500	Anthony Hutcherson-2500	
Andres Munt-1000	Francine Hicks-500	
Dr. Karen Becnel-100	Phil Cornwell-500	
Dr. Elsey-1,000	Luiz Paulo Faccioli-1000	

As of this writing, TICA is scheduled to attend and will have pedigreed cats in our booths, at three Veterinarian Conferences. These are South West Vet Symposium, Sep 24-27, Fort Worth, TX; Colorado Vet Med Assn, Sep 18-19, Loveland, CO; American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP), Oct 1-4, San Diego, CA. Dr. Elsey Precious Cat is attending and distributing Breed Poster at AVMA- Boston, MA and CVC- Kansas City, MO.

There are a few other Vet conferences and symposiums being reviewed for attendance, and 2016 should be a full year for TICA attendance to reach Veterinarians across the U.S.A. where our new TICA World of Cats Breed Posters will be distributed along with our Colorful World of Cats coloring books and TICA World of Cats Visitor Guides. What better way to promote ‘who’ TICA is than with the professionals responsible for the health of our cats. Our objective is to have at least one TICA Breed Poster in every Vet hospital/clinic in the U.S., U.K. and South America by year ending 2016. As David Frei said, ***“If we don't tell our story somebody else will.”***

The American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) is of particular note because TICA will be the first feline registry to have cats in attendance and the first ever to provide actual cats for the Saturday morning, Para-professional instructional presentation and demonstrations will be led by renowned feline behaviorist and champion of “How to properly handle cats”, Dr. Llona Rodan. DVM, DABVP (Feline). Dr. Llona Rodan specializes in several feline areas and is a renowned speaker on behalf of cats. Dr. Llona Rodan will present four TICA cats that will include at least one Bengal. This is important because the AAFP does not currently acknowledge the ¹Bengal as a domestic breed, but as a hybrid to which they oppose. This is a pivotal first step in developing TICA’s relationship with the AAFP attendees and their considerable sphere of influence by demonstrating that the Bengal bred is loving and responsive, and not a hybrid but a distinctive and legitimate cat breed.

TICA was able to fund sponsorship to over 60 clubs in 2015 for shows and events to the excess of over \$65,000 with average dollar amount to clubs being \$750 per show. The sponsorship funds are all thanks directly to Dr. Elsey Precious Cat for their generous partnership with TICA.

¹ AAFP statement: <http://www.catvets.com/guidelines/position-statements/hybrid-cats> Commonly seen hybrid cats include the cross between the domestic cat and the Serval called the Savannah, the cross between the domestic cat and the Asian Leopard Cat known as the Bengal, as well as Geoffroy’s cat and Jungle Cat crosses.

I hope you have noticed the Royal Canin logo and advertisements back on our website and in our eNewsletters. Royal Canin is partnering with TICA again in 2016.

Future Projections for Business Development:

It is looking like TICA will have a second Coloring Book in 2016. The final story line has not yet been finalized but we know a new Coloring Book is on the slate for completion and printing.

Another item being considered for 2016 is standardized Banners for each Region. Sponsor funding will hopefully create these and each Regional Director will receive two large TICA banners to be used by shows and events in their Regions. Yes, this will include ALL Regions' world-wide.

We are looking into the possibility of creating some Educational and Informative short videos that will better show who TICA is and how we care for, show, groom, embrace all things cats.

Action Items:

None at this time

Respectfully Submitted,
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