

# THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION, INC.

## 2015 Winter Board Meeting

January 23 – 25, 2015: Harlingen, Texas

The following Board members were present:

President, Fate Mays

Vice President, Bobbie Tullo

Great Lakes Director, Mike Vasquez

Mid Atlantic Director, Susan Adler

Mid Pacific Director, Jay Bangle

Northeast Director, Francine Hicks

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

Motoko Oizumi (Asia Director) was absent. Lesley Hart and Frances Cardona were present from the Executive Office.

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### \*\* MEETING STARTED ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2015 AT 9:00 AM

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The President welcomed the Board and also acknowledged the presence of Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Business Development, Nancy Parkinson, Don Caruthers, Jaime Christian, Chris Unangst and Kay Hanvey. The President asked Frances Cardona to update the Board on the health status of TICA Business Manager Leslie Bowers and TICA Employee Gloria Mares' husband.

1: Motion made by Tullo for unanimous consent to approve the minutes from the last meeting with no corrections/additions. Without objection.

The spring meeting date is set for May 15-17, 2015. The President will finalize the meeting times closer to the meeting. One suggestion was to start at 5:00 am PST.

Bourreau gave an update on the upcoming annual. Everything is going on schedule according to the rules. They are expecting 350 cats.

The 2015 Annual Awards Banquet will be in Salzburg, Austria. This requires additional planning regarding the logistics for the awards which won't be picked up at the banquet. Annual Award recipients will need to let the Executive Office know whether they will make arrangements to pick up the award in Salzburg. If they do not, the award can be shipped to them for a fee. The Executive Office will align the details for these arrangements with the award manufacturer (FatPet Awards).

The President acknowledged that our immediate Past-President, Vickie Fisher, joined the meeting.

Lesley Hart gave a report on the developments at the Executive Office and the progress of the programmers work.

2: Motion made by Tullo for unanimous consent to go into committee of the whole to hear the Australian Mist presentation. Without objection.

Kay Hanvey gave a report on the Australian Mist and requested advancement to Championship. Nancy Parkinson gave some comments on genetics.

3: Motion made by Tullo and seconded by Crockett to accept the Australian Mist for Championship as of May 1st. Motion carried. Bangle, Klamm, Patton, Vasquez Opposed. Bourreau Abstained.

4: Motion made by Patton and seconded by Faccioli to change the Australian Mist standard to add "Marbled: This is a modified marble pattern." Motion carried. Hicks Opposed.

**Comment: The marble pattern is already addressed in the current standard. (Hicks)**

5: Motion made by Tullo for unanimous consent to go out of the committee of the whole. Without objection.

The Board discussed all items on the follow-up report.

6: Motion made by Crockett for unanimous consent to ask that rules be tasked to look at rule changes needed to implement top 15 finals if there are 75 or more cats competing in a class. Without objection.

Stadter presented the idea of clubs providing show catalogs to the exhibitors electronically. This would allow the exhibitors to only print the pages which they actually require and could reduce the cost for the clubs. Some Board members voiced concerns about providing and distributing catalog information before check-in at the show.

Crockett discussed the realignment. As we are growing internationally, it is vital we provide an Associate Director for these members. Crockett recommended that anything east of the Mississippi River was off the table.

7: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Bangle to realign the International Region to consist of Australia, Brunei/Darussalam, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Pakistan as of May 1st. Motion carried. Vasquez Opposed.

8: Motion made by Crockett for unanimous consent to appoint Lisa Dickie to represent the International Region as Associate Director. Without objection.

9: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Tullo to realign Europe South to include Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates as of May 1st. Motion carried unanimously.

10: Motion made by Crockett for unanimous consent to define the Asia Region as Japan, and North/South Korea only. Without objection.

11: Motion made by Bangle and seconded by Crockett to move Oregon from the Mid Pacific to Northwest Region as of May 1st. Motion carried unanimously.

12: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Stadter to realign the Southwest Region to be all of California, Nevada, and Hawaii as of May 1st. Motion denied. Crockett, Patton, Tullo, Vasquez Voted In Favor. Bourreau Abstained.

13: Motion made by Tullo for unanimous consent to go into committee of the whole to hear Chris Unangst input on realignment. Without objection.

Chris Unangst presented numbers of the breakdown of the 25th Best LH and SH Cats from various regions. Most existing regions reflected point totals for their 25th Best LH and SH Cats over 1000 points.

14: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Patton to set a goal for the Mid Pacific/Southwest proposed Intermountain Region to have 300 members and Top 25 LH/SH cats be at least 1,000 points. Motion carried. Hicks, Tullo, Vasquez Opposed. Bangle, Chisholm, Cornwell Abstained.

**Comment: The Board has listened to the opinions and comments of the members in the Mid Pacific & proposed Intermountain regions (North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Saskatchewan & Manitoba) and understand their concerns. The Board encourages those members to demonstrate that they can be a viable region and will re-evaluate realignment at the 2018 Winter Board meeting. (TICA Board)**

15: Motion made by Tullo for unanimous consent to go out of the committee of the whole. Without objection.

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16: Motion made by Crockett for unanimous consent to go into committee of the whole to hear Vickie Fisher comment on the Financial Statements. Without objection.

Vickie Fisher talked about the audit report and the budget. She answered relevant questions from the Board.

17: Motion made by Bangle and seconded by Crockett to accept the financial audit report. Motion carried unanimously.

18: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Adler to accept the financial balance sheet and budget report. Motion carried unanimously.

19: Motion made by Bangle and seconded by Crockett to accept Vickie Fisher's recommendation to authorize moving \$100,000.00 into TICA's investment account for the purchase of C.D.'s or investment grade bonds, ensuring staggering maturities in line with the current portfolio. Motion carried unanimously.

Roeann Fulkerson presented a marketing report.

20: Motion made by Tullo for unanimous consent to go out of the committee of the whole. Without objection.

21: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Bangle to pay 5 night's hotel and \$42 per day for up to 6 days. Motion carried unanimously.

22: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Adler to pay Vickie Fisher's expenses for helping transitioning leadership to the new president and presenting financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.

23: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Tullo to increase airfare compensation for this meeting to fully cover international fares and up to \$450 for domestic fares. Motion carried unanimously.

Crockett discussed the 2 proposals to increase rebate adjustments. One proposal suggests each region get an increased base rate and \$1 increase per ring. The other proposal suggests a larger base rate and a lower ring rate. The outcomes are very similar. Our rates haven't been increased in years.

24: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Chisholm to accept the rebate adjustment presented in option one: increase the base rate from \$300-\$500 and \$5-\$6 per ring. Motion carried unanimously.

25: Motion made by Klamm for unanimous consent to take no action on amending Show Rule 216.9 regarding the biting cats. Without objection.

**Comment: The consensus was that the Show Rule 216.9, as it stands, is adequate if the correct process is followed. Enforcement should be addressed through the Judge's Newsletter and/or List, since we understand that a number of judges appeared unaware of the process. (TICA Board)**

26: Motion made by Stadter for unanimous consent to take no action on adding Show Rule 216.9.1 regarding fines for biting cats. Without objection.

**Comment: The Board feels there might be legal repercussions to TICA collecting fines. (TICA Board)**

27: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Adler to accept the amendment to Show Rule 211.9 regarding catalogs. Motion carried. Bourreau, Cornwell, Hicks, Stadter Opposed.

211.9 Catalogs shall contain the number of in each of the following categories: LH Kittens, SH Kittens, LH Adults, SH Adults, LH Alters, SH Alters, LH HHP Kittens, SH HHP Kittens, LH Household Pets, SH Household Pets, Preliminary New Breeds, Advanced New Breeds and New Traits classes as well as optionally list each entry present for Exhibition Only, including for sale cats and kittens (unless listing of all cats and kittens present in the show hall is required to meet local laws, regulations, or club needs). If all cats and kittens present in the show hall must be listed in the show catalog, a statement must be included in the show's information provided to exhibitors (for example, the show flyer) that no cat or kitten may be in the show hall unless the cat or kitten information is provided to the club in advance and the cat/kitten information is included in the show catalog.

Crockett opened up discussion on increasing the judge's fees. She described the judge's fees in other associations and in Europe.

28: Motion made by Stadter and seconded by Crockett to increase the judging fees by 10 cents for Allbreed judges and 5 cents for Specialty judges to take effect on new contracts signed after 1/23/2015. Motion carried. Adler, Cornwell, Faccioli, Hicks, Patton, Vasquez Opposed.

29: Motion made by Crockett for unanimous consent to go into executive session. Without objection.

30: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Bangle to contract Vickie Fisher to be TICA Treasurer. Motion carried.

**Comment: The position should have been published prior to appointing the Treasurer. (Hicks)**

31: Motion made by Crockett for unanimous consent to go out of executive session. Without objection.

Vickie Fisher was informed of her appointment to TICA Treasurer and the Board and she discussed the details that should go into the contract.

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**\*\* MEETING ADJOURNED ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2015 AT 5:30 PM AND RESTARTED ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2015 AT 8:30 AM**

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The Board opened up discussion on the Proposal 2 from the 2014 membership ballot.

**PROPOSAL 2: Add Registration Rule 31.6 and Amend Registration Rules 33.2; 33.9 Structural Mutations**

Add Registration Rule 31.6: 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.

Amend 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 a breed characteristic must not be used as source breeds.

Amend 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 structural mutation.

Amend 33.9: New Traits of a Championship Breed.

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 catalogue and judges' books and judges include these cats in judging fees.

Add 33.9.4 and renumber the subsequent rules in Article 9: 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 (a majority vote of the breed section) of the breed/breed group owning it.

32: Motion made by Crockett for unanimous consent to take championship breeds off the table when it comes to changes that we might make with Proposal 2 (current championship breeds be grandfathered in). Motion denied.

33: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Stadter to make current championship breeds with current championship traits be grandfathered in and not subject to change under Proposal 2 of the 2014 membership ballot. Motion carried. Bourreau, Hicks, Patton, Tullo Opposed.

34: Motion made by Adler and seconded by Tullo to grandfather in current cats in Advanced New Breed and Preliminary New Breed with the traits approved in their current standards. These breeds will not be subject to removal of status or inability to advance under Proposal #2 from the 2014 membership ballot. Motion carried. Crockett, Stadter Opposed.

35: Motion made by Crockett for unanimous consent to go into executive session to include the Judging Administrator, Marylou Anderson. Without objection.

36: Motion made by Tullo and seconded by Faccioli to relicense every judge that is current and only relicense those that are delinquent if they have come current by April 30, 2015. Motion carried.

37: Motion made by Stadter for unanimous consent to postpone the complaints against John Creech until the 2015 Annual Meeting. Motion denied.

38: Motion made by Patton and seconded by Stadter to take no action on the complaint Miller vs Creech. Motion carried.

39: Motion made by Patton and seconded by Stadter to take no action on the complaint Darr vs Creech. Motion carried.

**Comment: The Board has determined to take no action on the complaints brought by Darr & Miller against John Creech. However, this does not include other matters discussed during the judge's review. (TICA Board)**

40: Motion made by Hicks and seconded by Chisholm to demote Judge John Creech to Approved Specialty. Motion carried.

**Comment: Judge John Creech will be contacted separately by the Judging Administrator regarding these other matters. (TICA Board)**

41: Motion made by Stadter and seconded by Adler to accept Geradine Tessens for LH/SH Trainee. Motion carried.

42: Motion made by Cornwell and seconded by Bangle to accept Nicki Fenwick-Raven for Probationary Specialty. Motion carried.

43: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Tullo to accept Alex Marinets for Probationary Specialty. Motion carried.

44: Motion made by Stadter and seconded by Hicks to accept Asa Broing for Provisional Allbreed. Motion carried.

45: Motion made by Chisholm and seconded by Hicks to accept Jay Bangle for Approved Allbreed. Motion carried.

46: Motion made by Chisholm and seconded by Tullo to accept Theresa Kempton for Approved Allbreed. Motion denied.

47: Motion made by Patton and seconded by Klamm to accept Rene Knapp for Approved Allbreed. Motion denied.

48: Motion made by Bourreau and seconded by Stadter to accept Katharina Krenn for Approved Allbreed. Motion carried.

49: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Tullo to accept Kay Hanvey for Provisional Allbreed - Reinstatement. Motion carried.

50: Motion made by Patton and seconded by Faccioli to accept Kim Tomlin for School Instructor. Motion carried.

51: Motion made by Tullo and seconded by Faccioli to accept Marylou Anderson for Ring & School Instructor. Motion carried.

52: Motion made by Vasquez and seconded by Bangle to accept Rick Hoskinson for Transfer Judge to Approved Specialty. Motion denied.

The Board took no action on Andreas Kretschmer-Kraiczek's because his application was out of order (Must be a working member of an active TICA club in his region.)

53: Motion made by Chisholm and seconded by Bangle to accept Lorraine Shelton for Genetics Instructor. Motion carried.

54: Motion made by Stadter for unanimous consent to go out of executive session. Without objection.

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**\*\* MEETING BROKE FOR LUNCH ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2015 AT 1:20 PM AND RESUMED AT 3:15 PM**

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55: Motion made by Cornwell and seconded by Hicks to appoint Gill Heaton to the Toyger Breed Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

56: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Hicks to appoint Amanda Williams to the British SH/LH Breed Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

57: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Tullo to accept the British SH/LH breed standard as proposed, pending comments from genetics (review and acceptance). Motion carried. Hicks Opposed.

58: Motion made by Crockett for unanimous consent to table the move of British SH/LH to Category 1 until the spring meeting so it can go to genetics. Without objection.

**Comment: This should have gone through genetics first. (Hicks)**

59: Motion made by Bangle for unanimous consent to appoint Kenneth Kershaw to the Household Pet Breed Committee. Without objection.

60: Motion made by Crockett and seconded by Faccioli to appoint Lenora Oftedahl to the Household Pet Breed Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

61: Motion made by Patton and seconded by Stadter to appoint Tayna Walbrun to the Household Pet Breed Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

62: Motion made by Hicks and seconded by Bangle to appoint Audrey Hobbs to the Household Pet Breed Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

63: Motion made by Cornwell and seconded by Hicks to appoint Joanna Bell to the Peterbald Breed Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

64: Motion made by Bangle and seconded by Faccioli to combine Persian/Himalayan/Exotic Shorthair Breed Committees into a single Breed Group Committee with Debbie Lopeman as Breed Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

65: Motion made by Patton and seconded by Hicks to appoint Barbara Lee Leffler to the Persian/Himalayan/Exotic Shorthair Breed Group Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

66: Motion made by Chisholm and seconded by Stadter to appoint Patty Deacon to the Pixiebob SH/LH Breed Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

67: Motion made by Stadter and seconded by Crockett to take no action on the Aphrodite application for Registration Only. Motion carried unanimously.

68: Motion made by Hicks and seconded by Tullo to appoint Kathryn Eden as Working Breed Chair to the Donskoy. Motion carried unanimously.

69: Motion made by Stadter for unanimous consent to go into committee of the whole to allow presentation from Kathryn Eden on the Donskoy breed. Without objection.

Katherine Eden gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Donskoy breed.

70: Motion made by Hicks and seconded by Adler to advance the Donskoy to Advanced New Breed. Motion carried unanimously.

71: Motion made by Crockett for unanimous consent to appoint Francine Hicks as Board Liaison to the Donskoy Breed. Without objection.

Patti Struck gave a PowerPoint presentation electronically on the Highlander breed via Skype.

72: Motion made by Tullo and seconded by Stadter to advance the Highlander breed to Advanced New Breed. Motion carried. Bangle, Crockett, Klamm, Patton, Stadter, Vasquez Opposed.

Janet Poulsen gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Khaomane breed.

73: Motion made by Stadter and seconded by Hicks to advance the Khaomane breed to Championship. Motion carried unanimously.

Cari Tucker discussed the Maine Coon/Maine Coon Polydactyl Breed Poll results and other items referring to the request to change the MC standard and breed group standard.

74: Motion made by Bangle and seconded by Hicks to approve the standard as submitted for the Maine Coon Breed Group effective May 1, 2015. Motion carried. Bourreau, Crockett, Faccioli, Klamm, Patton, Vasquez Opposed.

75: Motion made by Bangle and seconded by Hicks to allow the Maine Coon Polydactyl to be shown in Championship effective May 1, 2015. Motion carried. Bourreau, Crockett, Faccioli, Klamm, Patton, Vasquez Opposed.

**Comment: I find it significant that people on the breed committee who would not breed polydactyl themselves do not oppose this. This indicates to me that they want peace within the breed. (Adler)**

Samantha McConnell spoke about the proposed name change for the Napoleon breed, Minuet. She also discussed the current status of the breed with regards to the request of advancement to Championship.

76: Motion made by Patton and seconded by Hicks to accept the Napoleon breed name change to Minuet (MNT/MNL). Motion carried unanimously.

77: Motion made by Tullo and seconded by Hicks to advance the Minuet breed to Championship. Motion denied. Adler, Cornwell, Faccioli, Hicks, Tullo Voted In Favor. Bourreau Abstained.

78: Motion made by Crockett for unanimous consent to go out of committee of the whole. Without objection.

79: Motion made by Stadter for unanimous consent to go into committee of the whole to allow Yearbook presentation from Chris Unangst. Without objection.

Christ Unangst gave a Yearbook report. She discussed finances and future plans for the book.

80: Motion made by Vasquez for unanimous consent to accept the Yearbook Editor's report. Without objection.

81: Motion made by Vasquez for unanimous consent to go out of committee of the whole. Without objection.

82: Motion made by Klamm for unanimous consent to go into executive session. Without objection.

83: Motion made by Klamm and seconded by Bangle to suspend Lillian Hunchack for two years due to altered TICA certificates as verified from the Executive Office. Motion carried.

84: Motion made by Vazquez for unanimous consent to table all action on the Maeyama/Yawata/Enjoy Cat Club/Brilliant Cat Club matters until litigation is complete. Without objection.

85: Motion made by Hicks for unanimous consent to go out of executive session. Without objection.

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**\*\* MEETING ADJOURNED ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2015 AT 7:30 PM**

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## Follow-up Report

1. Add to breed page on tica.org "36.7.1 Purpose. The Experimental Record is for tracking the parentage of cats not yet recognized in TICA for the Stud Book or Foundation Registries. 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" Also add to certificate: "This breed and breed name are not recognized or approved by TICA". (Hart)
2. Ojos Azules working breed chair and breed report requested for next meeting. (Hicks)
3. Judging Administrator to send reminders to judges with missing judge's photos on web. (Anderson)
4. Send proposal to rules on 23.6.7.1 Transfer Traditional Entries to TICA show on opening day of show. (Bourreau)
5. Write up the program requirements for the cat therapy program and send to rules. (Patton)
6. Write up a contract for the TICA Treasurer position. (Adler)
7. The Aphrodite breed needs to resubmit an application for Registration Only. (Hicks)
8. Notice to Treasurer with Top 25 RW increase, the Yearbook will cost more, can we find room in the budget? (Fisher)
9. Recommendation for a TREND article about Vickie Fisher visiting LOOF while in France. (Fisher)
10. Committee Chairs need to write Job Descriptions for all committees. (Committee Chairs)
11. Research and submit the rules changes needed to implement Top 15 finals if 75 or more cats competing in class. (Rules)
12. Standing Rule 901.4.3.4.2 "The Top 2 Cats in each color of their respective breeds receive a color certificate by mail from the appropriate Regional Director" - programming estimate to have PDF certificates sent by the Executive Office. (Hart)