

THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION, INC.
2017 Spring Board Meeting
May 18-21, 2017
Harlingen, Texas

The President, Fate Mays, began the Business Meeting at 9AM, Thursday, May 18, 2017. The following were in attendance:

President, Fate Mays
Vice President, Bobbie Tullo*

Directors:

Asia Director, Shunichi Kuroda*	Northwest Director, Ellen Crockett
Great Lakes Director, Liz Hansen	South America Director, Luiz Paulo Faccioli *
International Director, Lisa Dickie	South Central Director, Vicki Jo Harrison
Mid Atlantic Director, Anthony Hutcherson	South Europe Director, Kurt Vlach
Mid Pacific Director, Gloria Mahan*	Southeast Director, Laurie Patton
Northeast Director, Donna Madison	Southwest Director, Alexandra Chisholm*
Northern Europe Director, Ralph Stadter	Western Europe Director, Steven Meserve

* Present by phone

Also present were:

Legal Advisor, Susan Adler	Director of Marketing and Business Development, Roeann Fulkerson
Business Manager, Leslie Bowers	Treasurer, Vickie Fisher
Assistant Business Manager, Frances Cardona	Translator, Luca Maruyama*

The Board spent the day reporting on the SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) of the association. Each director was able to point out these four items as they saw it in their own regions and make decisions based on the information in the meeting. Discussions went on to priorities for the future of TICA such as an IT plan, China, an aging cat fancy, lack of judges, adopt not shop, and targeting millennials.

Roeann Fulkerson updated the Board on Marketing issues past and present.

Michael Hogan, Programmer, spoke to the Board about TDS, security and programming.

Ruben Aguilera, System Administrator, gave a presentation on IT at the Executive Office. He went over the changes he had already made, and the possible changes to make.

1. Unanimous consent to recess the Business Meeting at 6PM.

Without objection.

The meeting was called to order Friday, May 19, 2017, at 8:30AM by President Fate Mays. The Board was joined by Judging Administrator, Marylou Anderson, by phone.

Susan Adler, Legal Advisor, reminded the Board that their first and foremost duty was as fiduciaries of TICA.

2. Unanimous consent to correct the spelling of the Translator's name (Hyeyeang Jang) and approve the Minutes of the 2017 Winter Meeting.

Without objection.

3. Unanimous consent to go into a Committee of the Whole for Vickie Fisher to speak.

Without objection.

Vickie Fisher, Treasurer, presented the 2017-18 Budget to the Board.

4. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Stadter to accept the 2017-2018 Budget as proposed.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Unanimous consent to go out of a Committee of a Whole.

Without objection.

6. Unanimous consent by Crockett to go into Executive Session with Bowers, Cardona, Maruyama, and Anderson, also in attendance.

Without objection

7. Unanimous consent by Vlach to appoint Vanadis Crawford as Entry Clerk Administrator.

Without objection.

Marylou Anderson presented an update on the trainees and the Judging Program.

8. Unanimous consent by Crockett to move Richard Bailey to Judge Emeritus.

Without objection.

Marylou Anderson, Judging Administrator, reported that she had received and accepted John Creech's resignation as a TICA Judge. Next, the judges acceptances and advancements were presented.

9. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Crockett to advance Steven Meserve to Probationary Specialty Judge.

Motion carried with Statder and Vlach abstaining.

10. Motion was made by Vlach and seconded by Chisholm to accept Elena Maeva as a LH/SH Trainee.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion was made by Harrison and seconded by Hansen to accept Ann-Charlotte Joseph as a Probationary Specialty Judge.

Motion carried with Madison and Mahan opposed and Patton and Vlach abstaining.

12. Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Harrison to accept Nikki Crandall-Seibert as a Provisional Allbreed Judge.

Motion carried with Crockett, Mahan and Vlach abstaining and Madison opposed.

13. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Hansen to require Patricia Bellamy-Ghnamiat to provide Jolene K. Nunes and John W. Jones with the registration papers for the two cats at issue no later than July 1, 2017 or all TICA services will be suspended until such papers are provided.

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Unanimous consent by Vlach to take no action against Kuroda in the matter of Maeyama v Oizumi.

Without objection.

15. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Stadter to deny the complaint in the matter of Maeyama v.Oizumi.

Motion carried unanimously.

16. Motion was made by Patton and seconded by Harrison to send a letter stating that these ongoing disputes are not beneficial to TICA nor to the Asia Region.

Motion carried unanimously.

17. Unanimous consent by Crockett to leave Executive Session.

Without Objection.

18. Unanimous consent by Crockett to go back into Executive Session.

Without objection.

19. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Madison to prohibit Boscats and Cape Cod Cats from putting on any further shows until certain debts are paid.

Motion carried unanimously.

20. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Hansen to set a hearing for the individual named in a Board initiated complaint for activity concerning entries of underage, overage kittens, pricing of entry fees etc.

Motion carried unanimously.

21. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Hutcherson to suspend all services for Henning Richter, Claudia Richter and Boris Ehret pending a June 13, 2017 Emergency Meeting scheduled by President, Fate Mays.

Motion carried with Stadter, Tullo and Vlach opposed.

The Board discussed the possible falsification of name and pedigree of a cat shown during 2016-2017 show season and initiated a complaint. The Board initiated protests against the above five individuals based on evidence presented. An emergency meeting has been scheduled by the President, Fate Mays for all five on June 13, 2017.

The Board then summarized, discussed, and set priorities for the future of TICA.

The meeting was recessed at 6:28PM.

The meeting was called to order on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at 8:30AM by President, Fate Mays.

22. Unanimous consent by Stadter to go into Executive Session.

Without objection.

23. Motion was made by Patton and seconded by Harrison to conduct a hearing with Jamie Christian and Toni Jones at the hearing and in Executive Session.

Motion carried unanimously.

24. Motion was made by Hutcherson and seconded by Harrison to include Roeann Fulkerson in the hearing and in Executive Session.

Motion carried with Chisholm, Faccioli, Hansen, Madison, Mahan, and Patton opposed.

25. Motion was made by Hutcherson and seconded by Vlach that Jamie Christian be demoted to Approved Specialty Judge.

Motion denied with Crockett, Harrison, Hutcherson, Kuroda and Tullo in favor and Hansen abstaining.

26. Motion was made by Faccioli and seconded by Vlach to issue an official letter of reprimand to Jamie Christian from the Board of Directors. Further similar incidents will result in more extensive penalties.

Motion carried with Madison, Patton, and Stadter opposed and Hansen and Vlach abstaining. Madison voted no because there was no viable proof of the accusations against Jamie Christian.

27. Motion was made by Harrison and seconded by Crockett that Jamie Christian may not ask for an Approved Allbreed Exam until 5/20/2020.

Motion denied with Chisholm, Faccioli, Madison, Mahan, Meserve, Patton, Stadter opposed and Hansen abstaining. Chisholm and Faccioli were opposed to this motion because they felt the time frame was too long. Madison was opposed because there was no viable proof of the accusations against Jamie Christian.

28. Motion was made by Harrison and seconded by Crockett that Jamie Christian may not ask for an Approved Allbreed Exam until 5/20/2019.

Motion denied with Chisholm, Faccioli, Madison, Mahan, Meserve, Patton, Stadter opposed and Hansen abstaining. Chisholm and Faccioli were opposed to this motion because they felt the time frame was too long. Madison was opposed because there was no viable proof of the accusations against Jamie Christian.

29. Motion was made by Harrison and seconded by Hutcherson that Jamie Christian may not ask for an Approved Allbreed Exam until 5/20/2018.

Motion carried with Madison, Mahan, Meserve, Patton, Stadter opposed and Hansen and Kuroda abstaining. Madison was opposed because there was no viable proof of the accusations against Jamie Christian.

30. Unanimous consent by Stadter to go out of Executive Session.

Without objection.

31. Unanimous consent by Hutcherson to go to a Committee of the Whole to allow Toni Jones and Vicki Jo Harrison to speak on the 2017 Annual in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Without objection.

Vicki Jo Harrison reported that plans for the 2017 Annual in Corpus Christi, TX are in full swing. The theme for the weekend is SandCATsles by the Sea. The show is open for entries. You can enter the show, make hotel reservations and banquet reservations through the website: www.tica2017.com. Sponsorships are also available on the website for \$50. We are planning a fabulous weekend in beautiful Corpus Christi. This will be the place to be to celebrate our fabulous felines! Please contact Vicki Jo Harrison at Harrison-vjhtx@aol.com or Toni Jones at Jones-Hojojoorientals@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Laurie Patton reported on plans for the 2018 Annual in the Southeast Region.

32. Unanimous consent by Vlach that the 2018 Winter Meeting be electronic.

Without objection.

33. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Meserve that the 2018 Winter Meeting be held January 19-21, 2018.

Motion carried with Vlach opposed and Faccioli abstaining.

Lisa Dickie was tasked with coming up with the destination for the 2018 Spring Meeting.

34. Motion was made by Patton and seconded by Vlach to add Registration Rule 36.3.1.3: Any cat descended from a nondomestic feline source and whose appearance is so similar to that of the nondomestic source species as to be indistinguishable from it, shall only be registered as the nondomestic source species and not as the TICA registered domestic breed, and be allocated the code 01S (see 36.8.2.5).

Motion denied with Hansen, Harrison, Hutcherson, Meserve, Stadter and Vlach in favor.

35. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Stadter to pay per diem for up to 6 nights: 2 days@\$26, 2 days@\$51 and 2days@\$41.

Motion carried unanimously.

36. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Hansen to pay full fares for airfares (receipts required), both domestic and international.

Motion carried unanimously.

37. Motion was made by Vlach and seconded by Stadter to accept the amendment to 109.1.1.1 to read: The rotation for the Annual Conventions shall be: South Central - 2017, Southeast - 2018, Mid Pacific - 2019, Mid Atlantic - 2020, Northern Europe - 2021, Great Lakes - 2022, Northwest 2023, Northeast - 2024, Southwest 2025, Southern Europe - 2026, South Central 2027.

Motion carried with Chisholm, Crockett and Mahan opposed.

38. Unanimous consent by Stadter to go in to a Committee of the Whole to allow Lucy Robinson to speak.

Without objection.

Lucy Robinson presented her IT report, by telephone, concerning the work being accomplished by Tracy Dopko and herself.

39. Unanimous consent by Crockett to go into a Committee of the Whole for the CEO of Viagen, Blake Russell to speak.

Without objection.

Mr. Russell explained the business of Viagen and some of the objectives of their pet cloning and genetic preservation.

40. Unanimous consent by Crockett to go into a Committee of the Whole for Wendell Patton to speak by phone on the Employee Handbook that was drafted for the Executive Office.

Without objection.

Mr. Patton also presented information on the Employee Policy Handbook by telephone.

41. Unanimous consent by Crockett to go out of a Committee of the Whole.

Without objection.

The Follow Up Report was discussed and appropriate tasks were marked as completed and others were added. (See Attachment.)

42. Unanimous consent by Vlach to take no action on Judging Program 42.3.

Without objection.

Judging Program:

42.3 Breeding and/or Showing Requirements.

42.3.1 For Breeders. Prior to application, must:

42.3.1.1 Have bred a minimum of five TICA registered litters.

42.3.1.2 Have shown in at least 25 TICA shows (back-to-back shows will be considered as one show).

42.3.1.3 Have shown to TICA Grand Champion status **a minimum of four cats**, as follows:

42.3.1.3.1 Three of the four must be unaltered.

42.3.1.3.2 One of the four must have been bred by the applicant; any cat not bred by the applicant must be acquired by 5 months of age and **must live with the applicant from the time the cat is acquired until the requisite title is achieved.**

42.3.1.3.2.1 For developing areas of TICA where quarantine or equivalent restrictions exist, the requirement to acquire a kitten at 5 months of age or younger may be waived by the Board as follows:

- Proof that the kitten cannot come out of quarantine until it reaches a specified age up to one year;
- The kitten/cat has not been shown as an adult or earned any titles prior to the applicant's showing of the cat as part of the Judging Program requirement.

42.3.1.3.3 One of the three unaltered cats must have achieved the title of Supreme Grand Champion.

42.3.1.3.4 One of the three unaltered cats must have received a *Regional Win in the Top 25 Allbreed Cats* **score of 4000 points or more.**

42.3.1.3.5 One of the four must be a cat of opposite body type and coat length. **Selection of the breed of cat of opposite body type and coat length must be approved by the Judging Administrator.**

42.3.2 For Non-Breeders. Prior to application must:

42.3.2.1 Have acquired all qualifying cats at 5 months of age or younger.

42.3.2.2 Have shown a minimum of five cats from both longhair and shorthair breeds to TICA Grand Champion or Grand Champion Alter status with no fewer than three from one body type and coat length.

42.3.2.2.1 Three of the five Grand Champions or Grand Champion Alters must achieve the title of Supreme Grand Champion or Supreme Grand Champion Alter.

- 42.3.2.2.2 One of the Supreme Grand Champions or Supreme Grand Champion Alters must be a different body type and coat length from the primary body type and coat length.
- 42.3.2.3 Have achieved a minimum of three *Regional Wins in the Top 10 Allbreed Cats or Alters* **Cats or Alters with a score of 5000 points or more from the primary body type and coat length.**
- 42.3.2.3.1 **One of the three Cats or Alters** *One Regional Winner* must be in the opposite body type and coat length from the primary body type and coat length.
- 42.3.2.3.2 Have shown in 25 TICA shows (back-to-back shows will be considered one show).
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43. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to make the Dominican Republic a part of the region of South America.

Without objection.

44. Unanimous consent that the Board approve a one-time summer discount, limited from June 1st to August 31, 2017, which includes the combination of a cattery registration \$40 US, and registration from a non-TICA pedigree \$15 US, up to five cats. The discount is only valid if the cattery name and registration are submitted at the same time.

Without objection.

The President appointed Laurie Patton as the Junior Exhibitor Board Liaison.

45. Unanimous consent by Crockett to recess at 6:19PM.

Without objection.

The President, Fate Mays, called the meeting to order on Sunday, May 21, 2017, at 8:30AM.

46. Unanimous consent by Hansen to go into a Committee of the Whole to let Heather Lorimer speak on the German Longhair. She reported that there were no genetic problems with the breed.

Without objection.

47. Unanimous consent by Crockett to go out of a Committee of the Whole.

Without objection.

48. Unanimous consent by Vlach to take no action on the German Longhair from a Transfer New Breed to Registration Only. Based on the material available, the majority of the Board didn't feel that what was presented was a unique and identifiable breed at this point in time.

Without objection.

49. Unanimous consent by Hansen to appoint Mary Hudec as Working Group Chair of the Highlander Breed Section.

Without objection.

50. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Vlach to authorize the Executive Office to implement the Show Schedule solution on tica.org with payment of \$2,000 or more to be covered by Western Europe, Southern Europe, Northern Europe and China.

Motion carried with Chisholm, Madison, Mahan, and Patton opposed and Harrison abstaining.

51. Unanimous consent by Vlach to go into Executive Session without Bowers and Cardona.

Without objection.

52. Unanimous consent by Patton to go out of Executive Session.

Without objection.

Hutcherson presented an opportunity for partnership with Mars Veterinary to include a combination of free and reduced price, disease and trait genetic screening as well as health and behavior survey for 1,000 TICA registered cats between September 2017 through May 2018. Board will create specific criteria for member and cat participation in cooperation with the Mars Veterinary. Comprehensive results will be co-released and co-authored by Mars Veterinary and TICA as the first ever "State of the Cat in the United States" health and behavioral assessment.

53. Unanimous consent by Crockett to sign on for the Mars Veterinary and TICA Genetic Health Survey Partnership Project.

Without objection.

54. Unanimous consent by Crockett to adjourn at 11:41AM.

Without objection.