# Agenda TICA Board of Directors Spring Meeting – May 19-20, 2018

**Date and** 05/19/18 07:00 CST to 12:00 CST **time:** 05/20/18 07:00 CST to 11:00 CST

Participants: Vickie Fisher, President

Bobbie Tullo, Vice President

Directors: Ralph Stadter, Kurt Vlach, Steven Meserve, Luiz Paulo Faccioli, Shunichi Kuroda, Donna Madison, Anthony Hutcherson, Laurie Patton, Vicki Jo Harrison, Liz

Hansen, Ellen Crocket, Gloria Mahan, Alex Chisholm, Lisa Dickie,

Roeann Fulkerson, Marketing Manager; Mary Lou Anderson, Judging Administrator; Susan Adler, Legal Counsel; Leslie Bowers, Business Manager; Frances Cardona,

Assistant Business Manager

**Location:** Harlingen, Texas - Telephonic

# **Open Session**

#### Welcome and Call to Order (7 am - 7:30 am)

- 1. Roll Call Bowers
- 2. President's Remarks Fisher

#### **Consent Agenda**

1. Approve minutes of Winter Meeting/Corrections

Remove non Consent Agenda items:

- 7. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Crockett to approve adding Vickie Fisher, President as a signer on the Compass Bank BBVA TICA General Bank Account.
- 8. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Crockett to approve adding Bobbie Tullo, Vice President as a signer on the Compass Bank BBVA TICA General Bank Account.

Motion 44: Correct to read add 903.1.7.3

# Executive Session (7:30 – 9:45 am) Hearings, Complaints and Judging Program Advancements

# Open Session (Continued – 10:00 am)

Marketing and Financial Reports (10:00 – 10:45 am)

- 1. Marketing Report Fulkerson
- 2. Approval of FY 17 Audit Bowers
- 3. Financial Status Reports Fisher

#### FY 2018-2019 Budget – Approve (10:45 – 11:15)

#### **Board Governance Policy (11:15 – 12:00 pm)**

- 1. Amend Article 5 (Officer Travel) Fisher page 3
- 2. Amend Article 6 (Board Expenses) Fisher page 4
- 3. Add Article 9 (Discipline and Penalties) Fisher page 5

#### Recess for day

# May 20, 2018 - Open meeting (7:00 am CST)

## **Standing Rules (7:00-7:30 am)**

- 1. Add 105.1 (Directors Duties ) Hutcherson page 10
- 2. Amend 207.1.1.1 (Title Requirements) Board Directive page 12
- 3. Amend 903.1 (Annual Preparation Timeline) Gilmore page 14

#### **Judging Program (7:30 – 8:30 am)**

- 1. Amend Judging Program Fee Schedule Brooks page 17
- 2. Amend Judging Program 410.1.6 (Guest Judges) Savant page 18
- 3. Amend Judging Program 410.2 (LIGJ Status) Savant page 19
- 4. Approve Members of the Judging Committee
- 5. President's Appointment of Judging Administrator Approve
- 6. President's Appointment of Deputy Judging Administrator Approve

#### Show Rules (8:30 - 9:00 am)

- 1. Add S.R. 22.2.3 (Education Shows) Hutcherson page 20
- 2. Add S.R. 22.2.4 (IBSS) Hutcherson page 22
- 3. Add S.R. 210.13 Exhibitor Behavior Adler page 26

Break (9-9:15 am)

#### Bylaws (9:15 - 10:15 am)

1. Amend 122.6.3 (Director Discipline) - Adler

## Breed Advancement - Tennessee Rex Registration Only to PNB (10:15 – 10:45 am)

- 1. Application for Advancement and supporting material page 30
- 2. Proposed Standard page 43
- 3. Comments from Rules page 44

#### Discussion (10:45 – 11:15 am)

- 1. Letter regarding TIMBA pedigrees Fisher page 49
- 2. Proposed Breed Award Standing Rules Hansen page 50

#### Any other business

# Amend Board Governance ART 5 (Travel for Officers) - Fisher

#### Rationale:

This amendment is to update and conform to long standing practice which has evolved over the years. First, TICA doesn't have a Finance Committee and, second, review by the Business Manager and periodic analysis of financial information by the Board is sufficient approval to pay Officer expenses.

In accordance with Standing Rule 1011.4.3, the travel expenses of the President and Vice President to attend Board meetings are to be reimbursed by the Association, if funds are available.

# Amend Article FIVE: Travel Reimbursement: President/Vice President (Officers)

#### **Procedures for Implementation of Policy**

#### **Reimbursable Expenses**

- If an Officer chooses to travel by car to a meeting, reimbursement for transportation will be based on the lesser of:
  - Mileage at the prevailing rate allowed by the Internal Revenue Service
     OR
  - The lowest reasonable airfare available, including any additional ground transportation required. The Officer must demonstrate that the cost of travel by car is the lesser by submitting a brief analysis, comparing the two. Officers will be reimbursed for hotel and meals at the same rate that is available for Regional Directors.

#### **Claiming Reimbursement**

- Officers may claim reimbursement under this policy by completing and submitting the TICA official Expense Report.
- All original receipts must be attached for any expenses claimed which are not paid for directly by the Association or included in per diem. Expense reimbursements for the Vice President must be approved by the President, prior to payment. Expense reimbursements for the President must be approved by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, prior to payment.

# **Rules Committee Comments:**

- (A)

  I have no issue with this

  (B)

  No problem with this.

  (C)

  I have no problem with the proposed amendment.
- (D) No problem with this
- (E) This looks fine to me

#### Amend Board Governance ART 6 (Travel for RDs) – Fisher

#### Rationale:

This amendment is to update current Board policy and clarify what expenses are covered by TICA for Directors attending Board Meetings. TICA's current By Law state that the Association may cover Director meeting expenses if funds are available. For many years, especially prior to TICA becoming an international association, reimbursements to Directors were limited. It has been the practice of the Board over the past few years that limited reimbursement of Directors should be the exception rather than the rule. This amendment accomplishes that while maintaining the limitation of funds provision outlined in the By Laws.

Additionally, TICA has a long standing policy of paying Directors lodging expenses and per diem in association with their attendance at meetings. Amendments to this policy set out the policy in regard to those expenses.

#### Amend Article SIX: Travel Reimbursement: Regional Directors:

#### **Policy**

It is the policy of the board that, **when funds are available**, *a portion of* the transportation expenses of the Regional Directors will be reimbursed when they attend Board Meetings.

- North American RDs Up to \$300 for meetings held in North America
- International RDs Up to \$800 for meetings held in North America

#### For meetings held internationally

- Directors from the continent in which the meeting is held Up to \$300
  - Other directors Up to \$800

#### **Procedures for Implementation of Policy** Reimbursement of Travel Expense

If a Director chooses to travel by car to a meeting, the director may be reimbursed:

- Mileage at the prevailing rate allowed by the Internal Revenue Service OR
  - The cost of an airline ticket, including any additional ground transportation and parking fees required..

The Director must demonstrate that the cost of travel by car is the lesser by submitting a *printout of the lowest available fare between the airport nearest to the Director and the location of the meeting* **brief analysis, comparing the two**.

Directors judging *the* **a** show **in conjunction with a meeting** and those using mileage award tickets will not be reimbursed.

#### Add Board Governance ART NINE (Discipline and Penalties) – Fisher

#### Rationale:

Being elected to serve on the TICA Board of Directors is a high honor and privilege, but one that carries with it a serious responsibility to serve the best interests of our Association and its members. Board members should conduct themselves and perform their duties in an exemplary fashion, commensurate with the position of leadership that has been bestowed upon them.

Board members must always abide by the legal duties of care, loyalty and obedience pertaining to their role as Directors of TICA, by TICA's Rules, and by the code of conduct and expectations set out by their colleagues.

This Board Policy Statement addresses the consequences of noncompliance with these expectations and rules by a member of TICA's governing board.

#### Add Article NINE: Discipline and Penalties

The Board of Directors of The International Cat Association has adopted policies in regard to its expectation of the appropriate behavior for conducting both its business as a body and for individual members of the Board. Many of these expectations are specifically enumerated with this Board Governance document while additional expectations are set out by laws governing the duties and responsibilities of a director in the nonprofit business sector.

#### **Policy:**

In following with Roberts Rules of Order, the Board Chair cannot impose a penalty on a Board Member for misbehavior; only the Board, itself, can do so. Any member of the Board can make a motion proposing a penalty. Following are possible motions that can be made for deliberation:

- A motion that the Board member must apologize
- A motion that the Board member must leave the room during the remainder of the meeting
- A motion to censure the Board member
- In accordance with TICA By Law 122.6.3, a motion to suspend the Board member's rights for a designated period of time.

The member may be asked to leave the meeting while a penalty is discussed. This requires a motion and a simple majority to adopt. If the Board elects to allow the member to remain during discussion, the member should be allowed to speak briefly in his or her defense.

Any penalty (other than suspension under By Law 122.6.3) requires a majority vote of the board members in attendance to adopt.

Actions taken under ByLaw 122.6.3 require a two-thirds vote of the members of the board, including the subject member and any absentees. (Example: Full Board membership equals 15. Two-thirds, or 10 votes in favor of the penalty are required for passage. Assume only 10 members are in attendance, including the member who is the subject of the penalty. If all remaining 9 members vote for the penalty, it will not pass as the required two-thirds vote is not met.)

#### Censure

To censure a member is a warning that if a certain behavior continues, the next step could be suspension. Among other things, a member can be censured for misconduct at meetings, violating confidentiality policies, misconduct outside the meeting, absenteeism, fraud, lying, disloyalty, working against the organization, and violating other values that this Association holds dear.

With a majority vote of the Board, a member may move to take the vote to censure by ballot.

# Suspension

In lieu of censure, the Board may seek to suspend a member. The process and guidelines are set out in By Law 122.6.3. A previous censure is not a prerequisite to action to suspend.

With a majority vote of the Board, a member may move to take the vote to suspend by ballot.

The Board will attempt to act quickly to name an interim director for the Region impacted by the action.

#### **Applicability to President**

A member of the Board can move to penalize the Chair of the Board. The Vice President would conduct the meeting during the deliberation and voting.

#### **Rules Committee Comments:**

(A)

I'm not happy with this.

3 of these 4 actions do not only punish the board member but also punish the region because it's no longer represented for the rest of the meeting.

And it doesn't consider cultural differences.

What some people could see as misconduct outside the meeting or even working against the organization could be seen by others with a different cultural background as absolutely normal and expected behavior.

(B)
I agree with this addition and considering it is based on Roberts Rules, which govern the board meetings, it's in order..

I think common courtesy and decency should be observed from all people no matter what side of the pond they reside.

We can't have sets of rules for everyone in different parts of the world and this puts everyone on the same level, including the president.

- (C)
  I am from the other side of the pond as (B) stated but no matter. If a board member has not behaved appropriately then action must be taken.
- (D)
  The Board Governance policy already defines what most people would class as "common courtesy" and I agree that it can apply to everyone without any "cultural difference". It is set out in Article EIGHT:
- (E)
  The proposed board governance policy doesn't really change anything [i.e. expected behaviour] but it clarifies quite a bit and actually makes it clear that there can be lesser penalties for board members rather than the current one in place.
- (F)
  Our mandate on this committee is to make sure that no proposed rules are in conflict with existing rules. That said, there is no conflict with this proposal.

My opinion, however, on this proposal is that it is too vague and open to broad interpretations. What, or who, will define or determine "Expectations", "Appropriate Behavior" & "Misbehavior"?

There is no hard and fast rule that can be perfect but again, this is far too VAGUE & BROAD.

- (G)
  I tend to agree. The more vague the rule is, the harder it becomes to enforce it fairly.
- (A)
  I'm with (F) and (G), the Board Governance allows a great bandwidth of interpretation and vagueness.
- (B)
  I have been researching other governance policies on not for profits, for profits, etc; most of which have the same type of policy and wording.

I've looked in governance policies for the state of Texas and Federal. While it may be vague and allow for interpretation, it seems to be industry standard.

I think it would be virtually impossible to list every infraction that someone could be disciplined or sanctioned for.

(E)
I checked a few European non profits and they were also very similar

#### Per Diem

The Board may set per diem reimbursement rates based upon the published rates and guidelines of the United States Government Services Administration. The applicable rate is classified as M& IE (meals and incidental expense). "Incidental expense" is defined as fees and tips given to porters, baggage carriers, and hotel staff.

Per diem may be claimed for the day prior to, the duration and the day following a meeting, unless otherwise approved by the Board. Travel days are paid at the rate of 75% of the approved rate. Any meals paid on behalf of a Director shall be deducted from per diem. The Board may authorize a per diem rate to adjust for the increased cost of the TICA Annual banquet.

# Lodging

The Association is responsible for the payment of hotel accommodations for the day prior to, the duration, and the day following a meeting, unless otherwise approved by the Board.

#### **Rules Committee Comments:**

- (A) Seems reasonable to me
- (B) No problem with this.
- (C)
  I like this idea.
- (D)
  I agree with all except a director judging a show. Why can't the association pay for half and the hosting club pay the other half?

They are doing association business until the start of the show. Then they become the clubs "employee".

Clubs are having a hard enough time making ends meet, especially the annual shows. The club hosting is fully responsible for the financial outcome of that show with the exception of about 10%. That's a lot of money when you are talking about an 80k plus show. The association has enough money to foot the bill for at least half of the travel expense for a judging RD.

I would like to ask that we send that portion back to Vickie and see if she will amend it.

Vickie is not willing to amend the proposal at this stage as her intent and promise to the Board was to basically clarify and update the current practices. If the Board subsequently wants to make that policy change, then she has no problem.

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Vickie also explained that she has a Bylaw change to Article ELEVEN that is for discussion at the Annual meeting (which Rules can discuss once we have closed out the Spring Agenda). Currently, according to our ByLaws, TICA does not have to reimburse Directors for travel expense at all, except for the Annual meeting. The ByLaws specify that Director expenses are firstly the liability of regional funds. Vickie would like to get confirmation from the Membership that they are willing to support the current practice of the Board in reimbursements.

Lastly she points out that Standing Rule 1011.3 exists. Whilst specifying appointed officials, it has also been applied to the whole BoD as a long-standing practice.

#### Add Standing Rule 105.1 (Duties of Board of Directors) - Hutcherson

#### Rationale:

Rationale #1: TICA is a genetic registry and decision makers should be aware of and engaged in contemporary mammalian and feline genetic information, innovation and advances

Rationale #2: TICA's Board of Directors approves and advances breeds for which genetic distinction, genetic health and reports of the Genetic Committee must be understood to assure decisions are in the best interests of TICA and feline welfare

Rationale #3: TICA is a US federally licensed social welfare tax exempt 501(c)4 organization. The Board of Directors should be aware of applicable laws and tax-exempt industry standards to maintain this status.

Rationale #4: TICA's Board of Directors should be aware and reminded of its fiduciary responsibilities to the Association over programs, services or interests

# Add Standing Rule 105.1:

#### 105.1, Duties of Board of Directors

All TICA Officers and Board Members must obtain 3 Continuing Education Units annually that must include at least one each of board governance and mammalian (feline if available) genetics. Using CEU guidelines as specified in judging program ARTICLE THIRTEEN 413.2

#### **Rules Comments:**

- (A)
  Sounds reasonable to me Most board members who are judges will have that covered knowing Robert's Rules and other governing items would also be beneficial.
- (B)
  I think this is a great idea. I know that in the state of Texas all school boards have to go through governance training every year. They don't have a choice if they are going to run a business. Considering that our board comes from all different backgrounds and experiences and education levels, this would be a good idea to make sure everyone is on the same page.
  I would even go as far as suggesting to Anthony to put in that this training for governance will be built into the board meeting so everyone receives the same training.
- (C)
  I agree that it would be best at a board meeting like the annual or winter when everyone is together

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- (D)

  Totally in favor of this. Have been suggesting this for several years.. I believe the Board Governance should be paid for by TICA. It should be part of an in person Board Meeting because team building is usually part of it. But perhaps Genetics should be paid for by the Board Member as the judges have to foot the bill for their CEUs.
- (E)
  I think it would be best built into the board meeting as well.
- (F)
  Whilst I support the principle of better-educated Board Members, I do not believe that this proposal is the right way to achieve it.

The proposal discriminates against Directors who are not judges, because they are not necessarily able to get access to CEU activities in the same way as judges - especially Directors outside North America.

I also agree with the comments that Board Governance training should be in person and at Board Meetings. That way every Board member gets common training - there's no guarantee this would happen if training was left to individuals to obtain. I think that is now more crucial given TICA's 501(c)4 status.

A Director is not expected to be an expert in everything and is entitled to rely on the expertise of experts (for example the Genetics Committee) when making decisions. That is established law. I see training in genetics as beneficial but not essential.

(A)
I think where Anthony was going with that was just the basics so when breeds come up for discussion there is at least basic knowledge.

Yes, you are right that not all board members are judges. This is a starting place and having training on just how to be on a board is a great place to start.

The one conflict I can see being brought up is if you are a judge and do a genetics seminar for CEU's would that count as the board requirements?

#### Amend Standing Rule 207.1.1 (Title Requirements) – Board Directive

#### Rationale:

The Board has been recently asked to clarify which finals are considered as "qualifying" finals under Article 7 of the Show Rules and accompanying Standing Rule 207.1.1.1. The provisions of Article 7, when read with the definitions of "formats" in Article 12 (prior to May 1, 2018), have always been interpreted by the TICA Executive Office to define "qualifying" finals as those finals which place in Top 5 SP or Top 5 AB and finals in places 6-9 only with 25 cats are present and Top 10 finals are awarded.

With the extensive amendment of Article 12 and the change in awarding finals in Alter classes, the relevant definitions of "qualifying" finals is eliminated as of May 1, 2018 and replaced by a chart. This amendment to the Standing Rules, serves to fill in the missing definitions.

This proposal, if passed, is to take effect from 1 May 2018

#### Amend Standing Rule 207.1.1.1 and 207.1.1.2:

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207.1.1.1 Champion HHP	Requirements for Titles
CH CHA MS	300 points from 4 different judges, plus one final
GRC GCA GRM	1000 points with 6 finals, 3 in <i>Top</i> <b>top</b> 5 SP, <b>top 5 AB</b> , or <i>Top</i> <b>top</b> 10 AB (if 25 or more cats are present)
DGC DGCA DGM	2000 points plus 1 final in <i>Top</i> <b>top</b> 5 SP, <b>top 5 AB</b> , or <i>Top</i> <b>top</b> 10 AB (if 25 or more cats are present)
TGC TGCA TGM	3000 points plus 1 final in <i>Top</i> <b>top</b> 5 SP, <b>top 5 AB</b> , or <i>Top</i> <b>top</b> 10 AB (if 25 or more cats are present)
QGC QGCA QGM	4000 points plus 1 final in <i>Top</i> top 5 SP, top 5 AB, or <i>Top</i> top 10 AB (if 25 or more cats are present)
SGC SGCA SGM	6000 points plus 1 Best Cat as a QGC/QGCA/QGM
207.1.1.2	Isolated Areas:
Champion HHP	Requirements for Titles
CH CHA MS	150 points from 2 different judges, plus one final
GRC GCA GRM	500 points with 3 finals, 1 in <i>Top</i> top 5 SP, top 5 AB, or

Top top 10 AB (if 25 or more cats are present)

DGC DGCA DGM 1000 points plus 1 final in <del>Top</del> top 5 SP, top 5 AB, or

Top top 10 AB (if 25 or more cats are present)

TGC TGCA TGM 1500 points plus 1 final in Top top 5 SP, top 5 AB, or

Top top 10 AB (if 25 or more cats are present)

QGC QGCA QGM 2000 points plus 1 final in <del>Top</del> top 5 SP, top 5 AB, or

Top top 10 AB (if 25 or more cats are present)

SGC SGCA SGM 3000 points plus 1 Best Cat as a QGC/QGCA/QGM

#### **Rules Committee Comments:**

(A)
I don't have a problem with this. Many of you, if not all, on this committee don't remember this but it used to be spelled out pretty much like this.

(B)
This is a welcome clarification of the current long-standing practice which was not clear to everyone. I note that the wording in Show Rules 21.70, 21.73, 27.2 and 27.3 will need to be reviewed for the Annual meeting and any changes should then go to the 2018 membership ballot.

(C)
I think it needs more - what if it's a specialty ring with 4 longhairs? or 5 shorthairs.

I would think that if you are limiting 6-10 then you also need to limit 1-5

(A)
(In response to: "I think it needs more - what if it's a specialty ring with 4 longhairs? or 5 shorthairs ")
Then they would still be "qualifying finals" under the way EO currently

Then they would still be "qualifying finals" under the way EO currently calculates them.

(In response to "I would think that if you are limiting 6-10 then you also need to limit 1-5")

In a perfect world perhaps, but the intention is to lay out what the EO currently does. Time enough for changes to be put forward at the Annual.

#### Amend Standing Rule 903.1 (Annual Preparation Timeline) - Gilmore

#### Rationale:

Whilst these are provided as guidelines, the introductory paragraph to 903.1 indicates that clubs must seek Board permission for any deviation from them, so in effect they are more than "just" guidelines.

Relabelling the final column gives clubs a degree of flexibility to manage these final details. Plus entries are now arriving later and clubs are staying open for entries later and later, and these guidelines were written before the advent of electronic entry and payment.

Additionally, it would be completely impossible for a host club to know if it would like to extend closing to within 2 weeks of the show date 30 days prior to the Winter Meeting in advance of the Annual in question.

All items in the final column apart from one relate to closing the show. Revising the order makes the flow of the list more logical.

Finally, items #3-10 in the 2 Years prior list would probably be better served by moving to the 1 Year prior list. My focus has been on the issues with the 2 Weeks Prior list.

#### **Amend Standing Rule 903.1:**

903.1 TICA Annual Show/Awards Banquet Guidelines. The Annual Show, and the club or clubs producing that show, shall comply with any sponsorship agreements that TICA may have with corporate sponsors as of the date the Annual Show is to be held, regardless of whether or not such agreements are in place at the time of the award of the Annual Show to the club or clubs producing that show. Clubs hosting an annual show and banquet are expected to conduct the show and banquet according to these guidelines. In the event a club has good cause to deviate from these guidelines, a request to do so must be submitted, in writing, to the Annual Meeting Liaison to the Board of Directors not less than 30 days prior to the Winter Meeting immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, and specify the guideline for which deviation is requested, and the reason for the request. The Board may then approve or deny the request.

Annual Preparation Time Line					
3 Years	3 Years 2 Years 1 Year Prior 6 Months 3 Weeks Within 2				
Prior	Prior		Prior	Prior	Weeks Prior
1) Locate	1) Update	1) Prepare	1) Order Entry	1) Put out	1) Close
show hotel	presentation	flyers and	Clerk Program	posters and	entries**
	for the Board	distribute,		banners	
2) Locate		including the	2) Order		2) Make a
show hall	2) Finalize	TICA EO and	rosettes	2) Secure	layout of
	hotel/show	Regional		show	show hall
3) Contact	hall	Directors	3) Contact	supplies	
Chamber of	contracts	2) Contact	local tv, radio	(litter, paper	3) Make a

Convention Bureau for any aid they may offer in putting together a presentation packet  4) Present package to Board of Directors	3) Contract judges 4) Select a Show Committee 5) Select Entry Clerk 6) Select menu items for banquet 7) Contact a cage service 8) Supply the EO a contact name and number for the hotel 9) Contract a Master Clerk and Assistant 10) Apply for Show License 11) Make a budget	sponsorships 3) Contact vendors 4) Arrange for professional photographer to attend banquet and show	newspapers for coverage  4) Arrange for radio, tv and newspaper advertising  5) Design poster and arrange printing  6) Arrange for banners with city,etc.  7) Make judges hotel reservations  8) Arrange for banquet decorations  9) Coordinate with EO about meeting rooms and banquet hall  10) Arrange transportation from airport and to/from show hall if needed	3) Confirm that all judges have airline reservations	chart  4) Make a judging schedule  5) Confirm all entries  6) Reconfirm judges' hotel Reservation  76) Send catalog to printer  87) Print Judge's Books  8) Reconfirm judges' hotel Reservation
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<sup>\*\*</sup> Host clubs should close for entries in a reasonable time frame that allows for adequate time for all show-related documents and forms to be prepared and available before any show check-in

#### **Rules Committee Comments:**

(A)

I get the spirit for which this is intended but every club operates on its own time line. To put such time restraints on things, down to when to print judges books is a bit micro-managing.

I think there should be a broader scope as to what needs to be reported to the board. In other words, tell the board how things are going and move on

- (B)
  (A) has a point but maybe this could be published as a guideline for clubs new to doing such a production rather than a 'rule' .. like on the show forms page..
- (C)
  Can I remind everyone that beyond the table mentioned there is a whole raft of specifics in the remainder of 903.1 which also define the requirements for an Annual. They are set out in Standing Rules for good reasons.

Well then, this really only appears to add 'Within' 2 weeks rather than 2 weeks.. and then the asterisk remark.. Adding Within seems reasonable and allows wiggle room.

I see no need to renumber the items...

(D)

- (E)

  (C) is correct they are currently set out as rules but they are a bit outdated and based on how shows used to work. In particular, effective advertising has changed quite a bit.
- (F)
  I have no issues with these they seem fairly straightforward and simple, but an improvement on the original guidelines.
- (A)
  One other comment on Honey's proposal... who is going to enforce these rules or make sure they are followed? To me that is added work on probably an RD that has lots to do anyway.

I like the idea of these being suggestions or guidelines but not hard and fast rules.

## Amend Judging Program, Page vii (Processing Fees) - Brooks

#### Rationale:

There is no reason to charge more for an annual license to an Approved Allbreed Judge than any other level of Judge. In the past there used to be charges for mailing tests, standards, etc and that is all handled electronically

# Amend Judging Program, Page vii, Fee Schedule

Advancement from Provisional Allbreed to Approved Allbreed:
Processing Fee.....\$3525
Annual License Fee-Approved Allbreed Judge.....\$\$25

#### **Rules Comments:**

- (A) It looks good to me.
- (B)
  I agree that it is difficult to justify the original fees now that so much is done online without incurring postage charges

#### Amend JP 410.1.6 (Guest Judges) - Savant

#### Rationale:

This change would include all levels of Guest Judges in the composition of the judging panel for any show.

#### **Amend Judging Program 410.1.6:**

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

410.1.6 There shall be no more than two Guest Judges (to include Licensed Guest Judges) per show weekend or 50 percent of the rings whichever is less except as stated in 410.1.6.1.

410.1.6.1 The number of Guest Judges allowed to judge shows in isolated areas shall be considered on a case by case basis. Exceptions to 410.1.5 and 410.1.6 shall be considered on a case by case basis.

#### .Rules Committee Comments:

- (A) So he just added the Licensed Guest judge part...I think that's reasonable
- (B) There should be NO restrictions on the TICA Licensed Guest Judges. As far as regular guest judges, they can only do a maximum of 5 shows per show season and more than 50% of the advertised judges must be TICA judges for each day of the show.
- (C)
  The amendment is ambiguous, as it should say "Licensed International Guest Judges" if that is what is intended.

Based upon both 410.1 and 410.2 it is clear that an LIGJ has TICA-specific training that entitles them to be seen as more than just a "guest judge". I can see no justification for the amendment proposed which conflicts with the intent of 410.2.

# Amend JP 410.2 (Licensed International Guest Judges) - Savant

#### Rationale:

This addition will clarify the judging status of the Licensed International Guest Judge.

# **Amend Judging Program 410.2:**

410.2 Licensed International Guest Judge. A licensed international guest judge must be a licensed Allbreed judge in his/her association. A licensed international guest judge may judge as a Provisional Allbreed Judge for any TICA club upon invitation without approval of the Judging Committee or restriction of the number of show weekends

#### **.Rules Committee Comments:**

(A)

This is great except it's in conflict with what the board agreed to pay LIGJ at the last board meeting.

They decided to say they couldn't train judge trainees and they were provisional AB but agreed to pay them at the approved AB rate.

I think they need to fix that too.

(B)
I have no idea why the Board decided to go back to the original proposal and why there is now a conflict between the rule for payments (Standing Rule 2014.1.1) and this proposed rule change.

## Add Show Rule 22.2.3 (Exhibitor Only Education Shows) - Hutcherson

#### Rationale:

To create a defined event meant to impart information and resources to improve the lives of cats and lovers to TICA Members;

To create a specific and limited event that offers tangible financial incentive to a club to present information to TICA Members;

To create a unique benefit and attractive event to TICA Members unavailable through any other feline registry or association, further distinguishing TICA as a progressive registry;

To place leaders in fields with influence on regulatory, health and scientific policy in an environment to familiarize themselves with the diversity of feline enthusiasts engaged in ongoing education;

To give all members, officers and judges a local means of meeting CEU criteria required by TICA;

To provide a venue and incentive for continued engagement in feline genetics by TICA Membership, so they might make more informed and more perfect decisions for a genetic registry.

## Add Show Rule 22.2.3:

22.2.3	TICA shall establish and license "Exhibitor Education
	Shows". Exhibitor Education Only shows are meant to
	educate, inform and engage TICA members and exhibitors
	and are not open to the general public or spectators;
22.2.3.1	An Exhibitor Only Education Show may occur no more than
	once per year per TICA region.
22.2.3.2	Exhibitor Only Education Show may be held by any TICA
	club in good standing selected by the Regional Director.
22.2.3.3	Exhibitor Only Education Show format must feature an
	equal or larger number CEU worthy seminars as
	competitive judging rings.
22.2.3.4	Exhibitor Only Education Show shall have Ring license fees
	for up to 8 rings waived. Waived ring license fees must not
	exceed CEU seminars; example: 5 CEUs = 5 waived ring
	license fees;
22.2.3.5	Exhibitor only Education Show shall have Annual Award
	Scoring fees reduced by fifty percent (50%) for all rings.
22.2.3.6	Exhibitor Only Education Show must include at least one
	seminar on feline genetics. The additional seminars is
	encouraged but not required to be about feline health, feline
	welfare TICA standards, TICA practices, TICA rules or TICA
	history

#### **Rules Committee Comments:**

(A) Technically from a Rules standpoint I think it looks okay.

However, logistically I'm not quite following how this would work. Are these supposed to be regular shows that are closed to the public? Are the judges going to be the folk giving the CE presentations as well? If not, then I assume the show club will have to pick up the cost for bringing in the educators as well as the judges. Are they going to stop the show for each presentation? Will there be any significant financial impact because of the reduced/deferred fees and lost gate?

- (B)

  He did one last spring or summer and it worked pretty well. I think maybe we could get him to elaborate on it a little more
- (C)
  It is clear from the proposal that these shows are closed to the general public.
  I agree that the finances could make this difficult for some clubs to put on. The financial impact to TICA would be the loss of some Ring License Fees, which is mitigated by the restriction of one such show per year per region.

However, the proposal is properly formatted and I can see that it has educational benefit.

(D)

(E)

#### Add Show Rule 22.2.4 (International Breed Specialty Show) - Hutcherson

#### Rationale:

Rationale #1: To create a specific show for some of TICA's largest breed sections to improve their breeds through engagement with one another, observing many examples of their breed and educational seminars;

Rationale #2: To encourage more individuals who register but don't show, particularly in the largest breed sections (Bengal, Maine Coon and Ragdoll) to participate in TICA through an event directed specifically to their breed of interest;

Rationale #4: To encourage more exhibitors of the most popular breeds through allowing more examples of a breed to be awarded points and titles

Rationale #3: To create a feline model of a format that has been successful in canines and equines for over a century

# Add Show Rule 22.2.4:

- 22.2.4 TICA shall establish and license "International Breed Specialty Shows" (IBSS)..
- 22.2.4.1 IBSS are limited to a single breed or breed group.
- 22.2.4.2 IBSS must be alternative format shows with a maximum 125 entries.
- 22.2.4.3 IBSS may not exceed 8 licensed TICA rings in a weekend.
- 22.2.4.4 The Board of Directors shall approve a single IBSS per year at the Annual Meeting.
  - 22.2.4.4.1 A Breed Committee wishing to host IBSS shall work with a host club in good standing.
  - 22.2.4.4.2 Once Breed Committee and club have worked out details, the Chair of the BC shall submit a proposal or request to the Director of the host club's region.
  - 22.2.4.4.3 The RD, having approved the proposed date, location, etc, shall forward the proposal to the BOD for consideration.
- 22.2.4.5 The Board of Directors is encouraged to consider quarantine restrictions and regulations that may limit or discourage member participation in IBSS.
- 22.2.4.6 IBSS should include educational opportunities (CEUs) such as breed seminars, feline genetics seminars, feline welfare seminars, feline health seminars and others that my assist TICA members in creating healthier and better examples of their breed.
- 22.2.4.7 Ring License Fees and Annual Awards Scoring Fees will be priced normally

# 22.2.4.8 All cats competing in the show will be scored in accordance with TICA rules

#### **Rules Committee Comments:**

- (A)
  Aren't we already doing this with the Ragdolls around the world and On Safari?
- (B)

  Not quite the same as those shows allow all breeds to compete, but have breed-specific congresses. The IBSS concept is for a single breed.
  - I'm not happy that an IBSS show is scored for IW/RW
- (C)
  It would give an unfair advantage to that breed if they score for international and regional wins
- (A)
  I think this is a bad idea...it's like saying that all those breeds are more important than any other breed in TICA. I think it will create some animosity among other breeds towards those breeds and yes, I know this is open to all breeds but we are talking about three of the largest sections.
  - I don't think it should be scored for IW...to me it would just be a giant Congress.
  - We need to be promoting all our breeds...not just MC,BG and RD.
- (E)
  I agree with (B). IBSS shows aren't open to all breeds and therefore scoring is an advantage to those eligible for entry. This would really affect our minority breeds ability to achieve the higher awards.
- (F)
  Yes, It is just like a congress so should follow those similar rules
- (G)
  I also agree that this will lend an unfair advantage to those popular breeds that might be allowed to hold one of these shows.
- (H) I agree, this type of show is a disadvantage to other breeds not entered.
- (B)
  I think the proposed new 22.2.4.7 and 22.2.4.8 should be replaced by:

#### 22.2.4.7 All rings shall be treated as though they were Congress Rings

(That should cover both scoring and EO pricing)

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#### **Comment from Rules Chair:**

I wrote back to Anthony regarding the Committee's consensus that IBSS shows should not be scored and suggesting the above amendment. Anthony replied back as follows, and after his reply are the additional comments from Rules' members on that reply.

"I do object to them being scored as congress rings. The idea is to replicate the "National Specialty" dog show format to encourage participation through a unique set of incentives and values that is not replicated or comparable to any other in the registry. That is the reason the Board has to vote on the location and there may only be one per breed group annually with the assumption that the event change continent or at the very least region.

It does give benefit to the largest breed sections, as they need it most.

I would not object to a reduced regional/international scoring value that is half or even 1/3 of specialty with still 1 point per cat defeated. Thus there is no loss of "competitive" points for choosing one of these shows over an allbreed show. This would also address concern that it was a way to get more points than less popular breeds."

#### **Additional Rules Comments:**

(A)
I'm not sure why there needs to be an additional benefit for the largest breed sections. All breeds are important and I think, personally, that some of our smaller, minority, breed sections need to be showcased to help increase awareness in them.

I don't agree with this.

- (B)
  I don't think the large breed sections need more benefits. I think the smaller breed sections need this support much more.
- (C)
  I too disagree. It isn't fair to smaller breed groups if this type of show is to be scored
- (D)
  I believe the idea is that if you are a SBT Bengal, for instance, you can struggle to even get one point for color/division. If a club were to do this type of show, more BG would have a chance to earn some points.
- (E)

  Exactly I do have to say it's tough on the Ragdolls, Maine Coons and Bengals once battling your way to win best of breed in a ring and then no finals very discouraging and I think that's a good part of the reason for less of those breeds in the show hall even though there are many registrations..
- (C) Thanks (D) but I still disagree

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(F)
The suggestion of reducing scoring values for such shows sounds like a lot of programming work for relatively little real gain. The EO needs to confirm what would be involved in implementing this.

Exhibitors already have trouble getting their heads around our existing two systems. Adding a third isn't going to help!

# Add Show Rule 210.13 (Exhibitor Behavior) - Adler

#### Rationale:

Currently, there is no rule covering exhibitor behavior except in regards to the actual judging and presentation of their cats. Some exhibitors have harassed others, making it an unpleasant experience for others and there is currently very little recourse other than not to attend the show.

#### Add Show Rule 210.13

During the show, no exhibitor shall harass or threaten other exhibitors, judges or guests. While in the show ring, exhibitors shall not make audible derogatory remarks about other exhibits.

#### **Rules Committee Comments:**

- (A)
  I know we can't completely control behavior at a show but I think we need something in place
- (B) We can't control behavior but if there are consequences for bad behavior people might be more apt to at least check their behavior at the door.
- (C)
  I don't know about this there is ample room for abuse for such a rule
- (D)

  This rule will accomplish nothing because there is no bite behind it.

  Perceptions are often skewed and the truth usually lies somewhere in between.
- (E)
  I can't see how to enforce this. As a show manager if I did not witness an issue it is just somebody's opinion.
- (F)

  Judges and exhibitors behavior is basically an ethical issue. We can develop and improve ethic codes, since ethics is something we can teach. However it's hard to enforce ethics issues except when they become systematics.
  - Our judges, officers and officials should be examples about ethics for the rest of our exhibitors. This is about education more than enforcement of rules.
- (G)
  Strictly speaking, it is not totally without bite since someone could then file a formal complaint quoting this rule. However, it is a long-drawn out process and some people are not prepared to pay the \$75 fee, so I tend to agree with (D).

The existing 210.5 only covers "physical harm" so I can see that this proposed rule covers a perceived gap.

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#### Amend Bylaw 122.6.3 (Director Discipline) - Adler

#### Rationale:

The current rule is unclear. It can be interpreted that you can't suspend a board member from the board without suspending membership as well and then regional members would need to vote to ratify the suspension. This is very problematic as the membership would need to vote without knowing the content of executive session matter. Also a person's "membership" should not be subject to a popularity vote.

This Bylaw has only been used once in nearly 40 years and its recent use has thrown up some issues:

- One is the ambiguity of the phrase "including the individual being suspended".
- Secondly, it is clear that the original wording specifically excluded expelling the individual (despite references to such in the latter part of the rule) and this should be maintained.
- Thirdly, there is no provision for an interim RD, and this is clearly something that the members want to ensure continued representation if an RD is suspended

# .Amend Bylaw 122.6.3

122.6.3 An elected officer or director of the Association may not be expelled by the Board of Directors from membership in the Association or as officer and director, but may be suspended from membership in the Association and/or as officer and director for misconduct or violation or infraction of the Association's rules by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors. The total number of Directors includes *including* the individual being suspended who does not have a vote due to the conflict of interest. In the event of *such* suspension from the Board of Directors for more than sixty days, the Board of Directors must submit a ballot within 60 days to the membership, or a portion of the membership, which elected the individual, requesting a vote on the suspension *or expulsion* of the individual from membership and as officer and director. The suspension by the Board shall end if the ballot is not so submitted or if the membership does not vote in favor of suspension *or expulsion*.

122.6.3.1 In the event of suspension of a Regional Director, the board may appoint a qualified member from that region to act as an interim Regional Director during the period of suspension.

#### **Rules Committee Comments:**

(A)
The revised version looks good except does "qualified" member need an explanation?

(B)

I don't think so. The wording is copied from the existing 15.1.3.2.

Thinking on this more, and in the light of both recent events and the proposed new Article for Board Governance, I think that the qualification that only suspensions greater than 60 days go to a member vote should be removed.

Any suspension (of whatever length) would involve a period of up to 60 days for the ballot to go out, plus the time delay (currently 45 days) for votes to be returned.

In the recent use, ES members were not represented for the rest of the meeting. So there are two ways to handle such things in the future: pause the meeting until an interim RD can join OR let the suspension start at the end of the meeting.

So if the board thinks that such drastic action is necessary and the members have to vote about this, then they should know the exact accusation and see all the proofs. Without this they will not be able to tell if it was OK or not.

There was an uproar that the RD wasn't allowed to vote himself. Everyone in ES interpreted the rule as meaning that he should be allowed to vote himself

(B) Specifically on the RD being able to vote, the current rule can be interpreted as the affected Director can vote OR it is to clarify how many Directors constitute two-thirds of the Board. The Board interpreted it as the latter, which I believe is the correct interpretation – but I agree that it is currently ambiguous.

The recently approved new Conflict of Interest Policy specifically mentions that disciplinary actions could constitute a non-financial conflict of interest. The proposed change is in keeping with that policy and with the long-standing practice that when RDs who are judges were being considered for advancement, they left the Board meeting for the discussion and did not have a vote.

(D)
I agree that if this is how votes in other matters regarding RDs are conducted then we need to be consistent.

The existence of such a rule can act as a deterrent and also signpost what is unacceptable behavior (though having to specify that harassment and derogatory comments are not acceptable is a sad commentary on peoples' values these days).

(B)

How about we develop a code of ethics for exhibitors that can be put into the show rules? Much like the code of ethics that judges sign every year when we renew. It could be one of those things that when you enter your cat you are agreeing to the code of ethics as an exhibitor.

Yes, it would be hard to enforce it and it opens it up to a myriad of issues but in this day and time with the climate like it is, some things needs to be spelled out. I, for one, am sick and tired of seeing some people get away with stuff and others being praised for doing the same thing or worse. If people think that someone is getting away with something and continually not being punished they have a tendency to just walk away and that is what we are seeing in the fancy today.

Education is key. Our judges, show managers and others need to do a better job of educating our exhibitors on proper behavior.

(H)
I don't completely agree with this – although we are talking about an ethical issue, I do believe there are ways to enforce it. For instance, I sit on a credentialing committee at one of the hospitals I round at, and its By-Laws include expected behaviors from its providers. We have actually declined providers asking for privileges because of documented unethical behavior, and have revoked privileges of others because of the same. However, it is a very sticky process, and you must have thorough documentation of the inappropriate behavior before you can take any action. Rumors, or 'he said, she said' are simply not adequate, so I agree that it is a chore to prove.

I would also suggest that if this rule is put into place, then a response (e.g., punishment) be also spelled out, such as revoking an exhibitor's right to show for three months, or some other means of enforcement.

(G)
I think that [an exhibitor code of ethics] makes a lot of sense and it is certainly an alternative approach

I agree it may be hard to enforce but then peer pressure might rein people in who knows - but still worth looking at.

(A)

That's what I think - the pressure might rein people in a bit or at least make them think about it.

Sandra Scarrow, Breed Chair Tennessee Rex Breed Group (TR)

Letter of Intent TICA Winter Board Meeting, For January 26-28, 2018

TICA Executive Office Post Office Box 2684 Harlingen, Texas 78551

**Dear TICA Board Members:** 

It is the intent of the Tennessee Rex Breed Group to advance the Tennessee Rex breed from our

Registration Only status to the Preliminary New Breed status with TICA. The Breed Group believes that there is sufficient interest in the breed to advance the breed to the next level. Here are our current advancement details for your consideration:

1. There are nine breeders that have Tennessee Rex cats and are actively breeding the cats, having produced litters within last two years. There are four breeders that have acquired cats with the intention of breeding. There are also several

breeders that are wanting to join the breeding group and are waiting for a Tennessee Rex to become available for their breeding program. In addition to this we are working closely with a breeder who has a natural satin rex mutation who would like to join us, if in fact it can be proven to be the same genetic mutation.

- 2. There are more than 25 litters registered to date.
- 3. There are more than 25 fully expressed Tennessee Rex cats now eligible for show as PNB when advanced. There are more than 75 registered standard and non-standard cats eight months old or older. There are many other cats' now being registered. We have five regions covered by our Tennessee Rex. breeders. This does not include the satin rex mentioned in paragraph one which would add a sixth region and fourth country involved. We have three more breeders in three different countries on the waiting list for sires and dam.

Please consider us for advancement to Preliminary New Breed. We have a great group willing to dedicate time, resources and



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energy promoting, showing, educating judges about our standard, and breeding for health and genetic diversity in our Tennessee Rex Breed.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted,

TENNESSEE REX BREED GROUP Sandra Scarrow, Chairperson

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33.6.1.3 At least five TICA members in good standing, in at least three different regions are actively breeding the breed ("actively breeding" means breeding at least one litter within the previous 2 years);

#### List member and region.

1.	Gordon Pugh NE	2. Brittany Gobble SE	
3.	Elzbieta Kaczak Europe N	Barbara Carr NW	
5.	Sandra Scarrow NW	6. Meghan Evans Great Lakes	

33.6.1.4 Submission of an Application for Acceptance as a Preliminary New Breed to each member of the Genetics Committee and Rules Committee at least 90 days prior to the Board Meeting at which approval is sought. Following approval of the proposal by the Genetics and Rules Committees, the application must be submitted by the proposed Working Group chair to the TICA Executive Office at least 60 days prior to the Board Meeting for inclusion in the agenda. Any comments of the Genetics or Rules committees must be included. The application must include the following:

33.6.1.4.1 A Letter of Intent to apply for approval as a Preliminary New Breed, including a proposed Preliminary New Breed Working Group Chair and the names and addresses of the proposed Preliminary New Breed Committee to be confirmed by the Board (The Preliminary New Breed Committee shall consist of all members of the breed section.); Include a list of names, addresses, and request for Working Group Chair in a separate document with packet.

33.6.1.4.2 A proposed breed standard with permissible outcrosses, if any, approved by the Rules and Genetics Committees; Include as a separate document in the application packet,



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33.6.1.4.3 A proposed breeding program;

Submit outline in packet.

33.6.1.4.4 A processing fee of \$50;

Include copy of DAR or other proof of payment (i.e. PayPal receipt, credit card receipt) in packet.

33.6.1.5 A Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement to Preliminary New Breed status must be published in the TICA TREND at least 120 days prior to the meeting at which the application for advancement will be heard, and which invites comments about the breed to be forwarded to the Executive Office.

Date submitted for publication in the Trend: March 6 2017
Include copy of DAR in packet.

Quantity	Description	Fee	Payment Amount
1	Processing Fee	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Total Payment		\$ 50.00	

Payment Opti	ons:	DISCOVER	O PayPal	Wire Transfer
Credit Card:	FIRST NAME  CREDIT CARD NUMBER  MAY  MONTH	2021 YEAR	LAST NAME  CODE	State of the control
PayPal Transa Example: 3J8774681T90				
Signature:				

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## **Tennessee Rex Working Group Committee**

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#### Tennessee Rex (TR)

The Tennessee Rex is a natural mutation that occurred in the feral cat population. The breed has two characteristics that define a Tennessee Rex; they are a recessive curly hair coat that gives the cat a rex appearance, and a mix of shining hairs (called Satin) that gives the cat a sparkling appearance. The two traits make the Tennessee Rex unique from any other breed of cat. The Tennessee Rex occurs in both longhair and shorthair.

<b>HEAD:</b>	<b>30</b>
Shape -	6
Ears -	3
Eyes -	5
Muzzle -	5
Chin/nose	5
Profile -	4
Neck -	2
<b>BODY:</b>	<b>30</b>
Torso -	8
Legs/Feet –	7
Tail -	6
Boning -	5
Musculature -	4
COAT:	<b>40</b>
Length -	5
Texture -	18
Pattern -	0
Color -	17

CATEGORIES: All DIVISIONS: All. COLORS: All.

**PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:** Domestic Longhair/Shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed.

#### Head:

<u>Shape:</u> A modified wedge with gently rounded contours with breadth across prominent cheekbones.

<u>Ears:</u> Medium to medium large size, broad at base, cupped, slightly rounded tips. May or may not have furnishings, Set slightly low and slightly upright.

Eyes: Large rounded almond, moderately wide set. Deep color preferred.

<u>Muzzle:</u> Medium long with strong whisker break, medium wide with obvious whisker pads, whiskers may be curly or wavy

Chin: Rounded, shallow but not receding, gently sloped in profile

Profile/Nose: Two planed, flat to gently rounded forehead, gentle stop, slight nose bump.

Neck: Short and thick. Athletic

#### **Body:**

Torso: Long and substantial

<u>Legs & Feet:</u> Medium in length, forming a rectangle with body; rounded fully rexed paws.

Longer back legs make back higher at hips.

<u>Tail:</u> Wide at base tapering to tip full length and rexed.

Boning: Substantial

Musculature: Firm, athletic.

#### Coat

<u>Length:</u> LH – Medium long with fully plumed rexed or wavy tail. SH – Medium short with rexed tail.

<u>Texture</u>: In both hair lengths, the coat will be curlier where shortest, falling into waves or curls where longer. Back and upper torso may be straighter. Front portion of legs very curly including shoulders, front portion of back legs are very curly then becoming wavy at britches. Hair is soft and should not mat.

Pattern: All patterns

<u>Color:</u> All colors accepted; hair should shine and have a rich satin appearance. Hair sparkles in light and also intensifies the color of the coat. Satinization of the colors may darken and intensify them. Satin is very obvious in some colors, whereas hard to see in other colors such as black.

<u>General Description</u>: When first seeing a Tennessee Rex, one is amazed by its unique coat. There is no other coat like it in the cat fancy. It has a lustrous coat falling in curls and waves that shine like the finest of silks and satins. The coat literally sparkles in sunlight.

The cat despite looking like concocted by fantasy, is a naturally occurring mutation. It is crafted by its barn cat and semi feral ancestry. It should always maintain it's athletic natural breed appearance fully capable of hunting and wilder life, yet born to shine in any show ring.

The Tennessee Rex spontaneously appeared in 2004 in the USA state of Tennessee. Tennessee Rex are medium to large-sized cats, which are curly coated and satin from birth. The satin and rexing are always expressed linked together and inherited as a simple recessive. The coat consists of all the 3 types of hairs (guard, awn, down). The guard hairs are softer than typical cat due to the rexing and satin. As with most Rex breeds, the curls can be lost at first molt and take up to 24 months to make a full reoccurrence. The curly hair is most prominent on the throat, chest, legs, britches, and tail. The Whiskers are also wavy or curly and somewhat fragile.

Tennessee Rex are gentle and very affectionate. This is a social breed who strongly desires and seeks the companionship of its human family. The feral roots of the Tennessee rex are never displayed in it's temperament it is very much a lover and not a fighter.

**LOCKETS**: Allowed

**ALLOWANCES**: "Molting" of coat in kittens.

WITHHOLD: No satin sparkle on coat

#### **DISQUALIFY:** Bobtailed, docked tail, rumpy tail or no tail

# 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.

## **Tennessee Rex breed plan**

The mutation has proven to be recessive and a pool of full expression cats has been created. The available Tennessee Rex full expression cats have recently been distributed amongst 9 breeders. The goal is to increase genetic diversity within this small gene pool by outcrossing to domestic non- purebred cats from different locations. The resulting F1 carriers will be paired to least related carriers through breeder exchanges, or a genetically diverse program.

The recently dispersed full expression cats have gone on to successfully produce 13 litters by outcrossing to unrelated domestics.

A database tracking COI has been created and carrier pairs can be matched capable of producing progeny with best COI between 3.1% and 5.6%. The anticipated full expression cats that result from these pairings will then also be bred to non-purebred domestics to further increase diversity and reduce COI again We currently have 98 cats entered in the data base, with a number of new litters yet to be to entered. The number of full expression cats is still low, and we plan to significantly increase the numbers of carriers breeding's before allowing breeding of full expression cats to each other. We will be actively breeding toward maintaining a large diverse gene pool below 5% COI. We anticipate requiring at least 100 full expression cats with low COI as a foundation gene pool. All breeders are required to outcross at this time. Our primary objective is health and genetic diversity in this phase. The Tennessee Rex also is noted for its very friendly and outgoing personality a trait that is important to preserve.

Breeders are exploring various coat color goals, while keeping an eye to our standard. A strong standard helps to chose complimentary cats when introducing

domestics. It is thought that red and lighter color coats show satin best. The breed has its roots in red cats, and red with white, but with creams appearing in many litters. We are starting to see other colors in carriers, such as blue and Tortoiseshell. The color point mutation is carried by a few.

As new breeders come on board we will continue to explore the mutations on different coat colors with the emphasise being finding the best presentation of the satin curls that make the breed unique.

#### **Leslie Bowers**

From: woodycoon@gmail.com on behalf of Martin Wood <tica@woodycoon.com>

Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2017 3:35 PM

**To:** Sandra

**Cc:** Fate; Bobbie Tullo; Leslie Bowers; Liz Hansen; Heather Lorimer

**Subject:** Re: Tennessee Rex PNB Advancement

Forwarding again as Sandra's original email address bounced back as unknown.

#### Martin

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From: Martin Wood <tica@woodycoon.com>

Date: 12 November 2017 at 21:26

Subject: Tennessee Rex PNB Advancement To: sandra@urbanoasisgardening.net

Cc: Fate < <a href="mays@stx.rr.com">!mays@stx.rr.com</a>, Bobbie Tullo <a href="mays@stx.rr.com">bobbie.tullo@gmail.com</a>, Leslie Bowers <a href="mays@stx.rr.com">lbowers@tica.org</a>,

ticaglrd@gmail.com, Heather Lorimer <dr.lorimer@gmail.com>

Hi Sandra,

You recently (9 Nov) sent us your packet for the Tennessee Rex PNB advancement, commenting that:

>Here are the documents for Tennessee Rex PNB bid at winter meeting. I misunderstood how to send them to the rules committee previously so they were not sent to the correct address, or to all the members. They were sent to the genetics committee and executive office with DAR Please adviseSincerely Sandra Scarrow

It is clear both in TICA's Rules and on the Advancement to PNB Form on the TICA web site that the application packet is required to be sent to each member of the Rules Committee at least 90 days prior to the meeting at which it is to be discussed. Your packet only arrived some 70 days prior to the meeting.

I have discussed the timing of your application with the Rules Committee members and the consensus is that we should defer your application to the Spring 2018 meeting. There is now less than one week before Rules submits all its comments to the EO for inclusion in the Winter Agenda, and we do not have time to finalize these and also scrutinize your application, ensuring that it gets the attention it deserves.

I am sorry to disappoint you but I hope you will understand our own position.

Could I ask that you complete and forward a copy of the Advancement Form which helps us ensure that all requirements have been met. You can find this at:

<a href="http://www.tica.org/pdf/forms/breeds/registration\_only\_advancement\_to\_preliminary\_new\_breed.pdf">http://www.tica.org/pdf/forms/breeds/registration\_only\_advancement\_to\_preliminary\_new\_breed.pdf</a>
I am copying this to Fate Mays, Bobbie Tullo, Leslie Bowers, Liz Hansen (Board Liaison to Rules) and Heather Lorimer (Genetics Chair).

**Kind Regards** 

Dear Leslie Bowers.

Could you forward this request to the TICA Board of Directors, Genetics and Rules Committees for consideration at the Spring, 2018, Board Meeting? Thanks!

Virginia H. Harris Thai Breed Committee Chair

March 18, 2018

TICA Board of Directors
TICA Rules Committee
TICA Genetics Committee

Dear Directors and Committee Members,

We, the members of the Thai Breed Committee, request that the board decision (Winter Meeting 2018) to accept TIMBA pedigrees for category 2 breeds be put on hold until the members of the Thai Breed Section have time to discuss this proposal and determine whether to support the proposal or submit a counter-proposal.

The reasons for our request are the following:

- 1. The former Thai Breed Committee Chair submitted a proposal to recognize TIMBA pedigrees. She was acting on her own behalf and NOT as Thai Breed Committee Chair. The members of the Thai Breed Section (there are over sixty of them) had never been consulted concerning this issue and did not get a chance to discuss it or to be polled.
- 2. The proposal was not submitted according to proper procedure. **According to By-Laws 117.2.1**, any member may submit a proposal to amend registration rules, but "said proposal shall be submitted according to the Standing Rules 1017.1, 1017.1.1, and 1017.1.1.1." The correct form, E-4000 (<a href="https://www.tica.org/pdf/forms/eo/amend\_rules.pdf">https://www.tica.org/pdf/forms/eo/amend\_rules.pdf</a>), as required by Standing Rule 1017.1.1, was not in the agenda or appendix for the Winter Meeting 2018. Furthermore, there was no indication in the agenda or appendix for the Winter Meeting 2018 that the full Genetics Committee and Rules Committee had reviewed the proposal. Their comments were not in the agenda, nor were they in the appendix. There was a letter in the appendix from an individual committee member, Martin Wood, but this seemed to be an informal response to an informal letter of inquiry. Because of this lack of procedure the Thai Breed Section was not on notice that a formal proposal had been submitted and that a critical matter affecting their breed was about to be considered.
- 3. In consequence of #1 and #2, the members of the Thai Breed Section did not have an opportunity to contact their Regional Directors prior to the Winter Board Meeting 2018 to express their concerns or opinions about the proposal.
- 4. Members of the Thai Breed Section include a number of breeders with extensive experience importing and breeding cats from Thailand. Those members could have provided valuable insights into the pros and cons of recognizing TIMBA pedigrees for category 2 breeds. We believe that there are alternative proposals that may better serve category 2 breeds and would far better serve TICA as an organization.
- 5. The consequences of changes to registration rules can have an impact on breeds equal to, or greater than, changes in breed standards. It is only reasonable to allow \*all\* of the TICA members who work with affected breeds to have a voice in these matters. We note that changes to a breed standard would require the oversight of the elected breed committee and a poll of the breed section members. We think that changes to the way registration information is recorded for a breed should at a minimum require advance notification of breed section members, all of whom are affected.

Respectfully Submitted:

Virginia H. Harris - Thai Breed Committee Chair Dr. Cristy Bird - Thai Breed Committee Member Adrian Keeling-Look -Thai Breed Committee Member

#### **Amend Standing Rules 901.4.3**

901.4.3 Calculation of Regional and International Awards. The Executive Office will accumulate the scores of each registered cat, kitten, alter and household pet as well as household pet kittens as shown in the marked catalogs from all TICA sanctioned cat shows held during the period May 1st through April 30 (show year). NO cat, kitten, alter, or household pet shall receive a regional or international award unless it has a TICA registration number. Allow unregistered Household Pet Kittens to earn IW and/or RW awards.

901.4.3.1 The cumulative points of the 50 judgings of each registered cat, alter and household pet carrying the highest point value will be used to determine the aggregate Regional and International points for each registered cat, alter and household pet during each show year. The cumulative points of the 30 judgings of each registered kitten and each household pet kitten carrying the highest point value will be used to determine the aggregate Regional and International points for each registered kitten and each household pet kitten.

901.4.3.2 In order for a cat/kitten to be eligible for a regional award, it must be shown at least once in that region. An exception will be made in the case of kittens and household pet kittens in that a show as an adult will fill the requirement that they be shown one time in the region.

901.4.3.3 Points earned in a breed congress format (Show Rule 21.68) or a

breed/multi-breed congress format (Show Rule 21.69) shall not be scored for regional or international awards.

901.4.3.4 Regional Awards. Regional Awards will be presented to the 25 cats, kittens, alters, household pets, household pet kittens and 25 longhair cats and 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 the appropriate Regional Director.

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

901.4.3.4.3 The Top 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 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 free of charge.

901.4.3.5 International Awards. International Awards will be presented to the 25 cats, kittens, alters, and household pets, household pet kittens; and 25 longhair cats and 25 shorthair cats having the highest aggregate points of all cats, kittens, alters, household pets, and household pet kittens, as applicable, in the association during the applicable show year. Additionally, International Breed Awards will be presented to the cat, kitten, and alter having the highest aggregate of points, provided those points aggregate at least 1,000. All awards earned during the show year will be listed accordingly for every region or recognized area and internationally.

901.4.3.5.1 The Top 25 Cats, Kittens, Alters, Household Pets and Household Pet Kittens, and Best of Breed Cats, Kittens and Alters, are featured in a visual media presentation at the Annual Awards Banquet and in the TICA YEARBOOK in color, free of charge.

901.4.3.5.2 The Top 25 longhair and shorthair cats, and the Best of Breed in each breed are honored at the Annual Awards Banquet. All three (kitten, cat and alter) maybe be brought up together and presented.

901.4.3.5.3 International Best of Breed winners are pictured in the TICA

#### YEARBOOK.

901.4.3.**6** The Executive Office is responsible for the International Awards
After Regional Directors lists are furnished, notification letters are
mailed to International Award winners.

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907.2 RW/IW/BB. Beginning the show year 1996-97, International Winner (IW) and Regional Winner (RW) will automatically be added to the TOP 20 CAT, LH/SH CAT, KITTEN, ALTER, HOUSEHOLD PET or HOUSEHOLD PET KITTEN winners in the records at the Executive Office. A new Certificate of Registration with the title added to the cat's name may be requested by submission of the original certificate and a \$7 fee.

907.2.1 Effective 05/01/97, a cat or kitten that has achieved the official status of International Winner or Regional Winner as Top 20 CAT, LH/SH CAT, KITTEN, ALTER, HOUSEHOLD PET, or HOUSEHOLD PET KITTEN shall be entitled to apply for the prefix International Winner (IW) or Regional Winner (RW) to be added to its official registered title regardless of the year in which the title was won. In order to have the title added to the cat's record, previous years' winners must submit a copy of their award certificate (TOP 20 only) to the Executive Office. A new Certificate of Registration with the title added to the cat's name may be requested by submission of the original certificate and a \$7 fee.

907.2.2 Effective 05/01/2018, a kitten, cat or alter that has achieved the official status of International Breed Winner, shall be entitled to apply for the prefix International Breed Winner (BB) to be added to its official registered title. A new Certificate of Registration with the title added to the cat's name may be requested by submission of the original certificate and a \$7 fee. This can also be earned retroactively providing the owner can provide the certificate and the EO can confirm the 1000 point aggregate.

907.2.2 3 An International Win title will take precedence over a Regional Win title. 907.3 Lifetime Achievement Award.

## **ADDENDUM**