

Minutes of TICA Board of Directors - 2021 Annual Meeting

Location and Date: Electronic, September 1 - 3, 2021

President, Vicki Jo Harrison
Vice President, Ralph Stadter
Asia East RD, Akiko Ishimura
Asia West Interim RD, Jeff Shi
Europe North RD, Liesbeth van Mullem
Europe South Interim RD, Kurt Vlach
Europe West RD, Delsa Rudge
Great Lakes RD, Liz Brown
Mid Atlantic RD, Brenda Russo
Mid Pacific Interim RD, Ann-Charlotte Joseph
Northeast RD, Tania Antenucci
Northwest RD, Elaine Hawksworth-Weitz
South America RD, Luiz Paulo Faccioli
South Central Interim RD, Jim Armel
Southeast RD, Steve Lawson
Southwest RD, Canie Brooks
International Associate RD, Lisa Dickie

Also in attendance: Susan Adler, Legal Counsel; Frances Cardona, Business Office Manager; Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Business Development; Carlos Lopez, Judging Administrator; Danny Nevarez, Chief Operating Officer; Hyeyeong Jang, Translator for Akiko Ishimura.

The meeting was called to order by President, Vicki Jo Harrison, at 7:01 AM CDT.

Antenucci and Lawson were not present on September 1, 2021.

1. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to approve the consent agenda. Without objection.

Approve Minutes - Special Meeting, July 6, 2021 (electronic)

Set Winter Meeting dates – January 26 - 28, 2022 (Houston, Texas)

2. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to go into Executive Session to include Adler, Cardona, Lopez, Nevarez, and Jang. Without objection.

Carlos Lopez, Judging Administrator, presented the Judging Committee reports.

3. Motion by Faccioli/Vlach to reinstate Amanda Bright as Ring/School Instructor. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to ask the Judging Committee to be as flexible as possible regarding deadlines for advancements in the Judging Program during the pandemic. Without object.

Judging Administrator was excused from Executive Session.

5. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to include Fulkerson in Executive Session. Without objection.

6. Motion by Vlach/Joseph to take no action on the complaint Ernst & Hsyeh vs Smith except that the Breeder Listing for Sphynxbam4ever and/or Smith will remain off the TICA Breeder listing site. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to leave executive session. Without objection.
8. Unanimous consent by Stadter to appoint Carroll-Childers to the Cornish Rex Breed Committee. Without objection.
9. Unanimous consent by Stadter to appoint Chedozeau to the Cornish Rex Breed Committee. Without objection.
10. Unanimous consent by Stadter to appoint Kimberlin to the Burmilla (LH/SH) Breed Committee. Without objection.
11. Unanimous consent by Stadter to appoint Mohr to the Burmilla (LH/SH) Breed Committee. Without objection.
12. Unanimous consent by Stadter to appoint Barie to the Burmilla (LH/SH) Breed Committee. Without objection.
13. Unanimous consent by Stadter to appoint Kimberlin as Chair to the Burmilla (LH/SH) Breed Committee. Without objection

Brown gave an update on Breeder Listings - if any Board member has suggestions email Brown and/or Nevarez – see appendix.

Harrison gave an update on the 2020-2021 awards banquet presentation – see appendix

Dickie had to leave meeting.

Brown gave an update on 2022 Great Lakes Annual - see appendix.

Adler gave an update on the Legislative Committee – see appendix.

The Trend Annual report was received – see appendix.

Harrison went over the follow up report.

14. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to go into Executive Session to include Adler, Cardona, Nevarez, and Jang. Without objection.

Joseph and Shi were not present during Executive Session.

15. Motion by Faccioli/Vlach to take no action on the Ladue vs Brooks complaint and leave the registrations on hold status until issue is resolved amongst themselves. Motion carried with Brooks opposed.

Dickie rejoined meeting.

16. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to leave Executive Session. Without objection.
17. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to recess for the day at 11:09 AM CDT. Without objection.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 AM CDT on Thursday, September 2, 2021

Antenucci was not present on September 2, 2021.

Dickie gave presentation for the 2024 Annual proposal – MA Region – Central Jersey Cat Club – see appendix.

18. Motion by Brown/Russo to accept the proposal from Central Jersey Cat Club to host the 2024 Annual in Chantilly, Virginia. Motion carried unanimously.

19. Motion by Stadter/Faccioli to accept the proposal to amend By-Law 122.2.2 (complaints procedure). Motion carried unanimously. This change will be part of the **2021 Membership Ballot**.

122.2 Procedure. Disciplinary power may be exercised only after due notice and an opportunity to be heard are first given to the party accused.

122.2.1 Complaints. The complaining party must submit the complaint on the official form set forth in the Standing Rules to these Bylaws. The complaining party must state the specific By-Law, Show Rule, Registration Rule or other rule alleged to be violated by the accused party, and attach all documents and other evidence which they contend supports the complaint. Any complaint must be filed with the Executive Office not later than 180 days after the alleged incident occurred and be accompanied by a non-refundable filing fee as set forth in the Standing Rules.

122.2.2 Show Protests/**Complaints. Complaints**/Protests charging misconduct or violation of the rules of the association, arising in connection with a show, shall be submitted in writing with any evidence and a filing fee as set forth in the Standing Rules, ~~to the Show Committee~~ within 10 working days following the completion of the show. ~~If the protest is against the actions of the club, the show committee of the club, a member of the club or show committee, or production company, the protest can optionally be filed with the Executive Secretary of the Association, with the filing fee as set forth in the Standing Rules, to be handled by the Board of Directors pursuant to this article.~~ A copy of the **protest complaint** shall also be sent to the show committee. ~~The Board of Directors shall commence action on the protest, pursuant to this article, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the protest in the Executive Office.~~ **The Board of Directors shall consider a complaint brought pursuant to this article at the next scheduled Board meeting provided that the responding parties have had adequate time to respond.** These fees are non-refundable. The filing fees shall not apply to protests filed by the Feline Welfare Standing Committee in its abuse protocols.

20. Motion by Stadter/Faccioli to accept the proposal to amend By-Laws 122.2.3 and 122.2.4 (complaints procedure). Motion carried with Brooks, Ishimura and Vlach abstaining. This change will be part of the **2021 Membership Ballot**.

122.2.3 Any ~~non-documentary~~ evidence in support of a complaint or a response must be ~~submitted in the form of a declaration or affidavit, signed or sworn under penalty of perjury by the person providing that declaration or affidavit, and include a statement that the facts contained therein are within the personal knowledge of that person.~~ **accompanied by the following statement or by substantially similar language:**

“I declare that the foregoing is true and correct and that all documents (including videos) attached are true and correct copies of such documents. I declare that I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this complaint. I understand and acknowledge that TICA may issue penalties against me should any statements be deliberately false, including but not limited to forgery of signatures.”

122.2.4 **Rule Deleted** ~~Any documentary evidence in support of a complaint or a response must be declared or sworn, under penalty of perjury, to be true and correct copies of such documents.~~

122.2.5 The Board of Directors may refer the matter to the Legal Committee for a finding before any action is taken. The findings of the Legal Committee shall be advisory only and not binding on the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may conduct a hearing itself or appoint a Legal Committee or person to conduct the hearing. All parties shall have the right to be present, in person, with or without counsel, or to be represented by counsel and to present a statement, evidence or witnesses in their behalf.

Proposal to amend Clerking Program 51.6 (Compensation) was withdrawn by author.

21. Motion by Faccioli/Vlach to take no action on the proposal to amend Judging Program 49.4 (Master Clerk experience for Judges Transferring). Motion carried unanimously.

22. Motion by Faccioli/Brown to accept the proposal to amend Show Rules (Remove “sale” references). Motion carries unanimously. This change will be part of the **2021 Membership Ballot**.

21.7 Benched Cat - Cats, kittens, alters and household pets present and qualified for competition **or Exhibition Only** during an entire show.

Add Show Rule 21.75 Exhibition Only – A cat (see 21.74) that is entered in the show but is not judged in any class.

23.8 The show committee may permit cats or kittens 3 months of age or older to be entered for **“Exhibition Only”** ~~or sale~~.

23.8.1 No kitten under the age of 3 calendar months is permitted in the show hall under any circumstance.

23.8.2 The show committee, at its discretion, may require a TICA litter registration as proof of age for kittens under the age of 4 months of age entered as Exhibition **Only** ~~or For Sale~~.

25.2 Vetted Shows. A licensed practicing veterinarian acting for the club must examine each cat or kitten including household pets and entries for ~~sale or~~ **Exhibition Only** prior to benching and shall disqualify any cat that shows evidence of fungus, fleas, ear mites, or any infectious or contagious illness

26.1.2 No more than two kittens or one cat may be benched in a single cage, whether entered for competition, or for **Exhibition Only** ~~or for sale~~.

210.6 No exhibitor shall bring into the show hall any cat, whether for show, **Exhibition Only**, ~~sale~~, or otherwise, which is infested with any parasite, including but not limited to fleas, ear mites, lice or ticks.

211.9 Catalogs shall contain the number of cats in each of the following categories:

LH Kittens, SH Kittens,
LH Adults, SH Adults,
LH Alters, SH Alters,
LH HHP Kittens, SH HHP Kittens,
LH Household Pets, SH Household Pets,
Preliminary New Breeds,
Advanced New Breeds, and
New Traits classes

As well as optionally list each entry present for Exhibition Only, ~~including for sale cats and kittens~~ (unless listing of all cats and kittens present in the show hall is required to meet local laws, regulations, or club needs). If all cats and kittens present in the show hall must be listed in the show catalog, a statement must be included in the show's information provided to exhibitors (for example, the show flyer) that no cat or kitten may be in the show hall unless the cat or kitten information is provided to the club in advance and the cat/kitten information is included in the show catalog.

23. Motion by Vlach/van Mullem to accept the proposal to amend Show Rule 212.3.1 (Reconsider AB Alter Finals). Motion denied with Stadter, van Mullem, and Vlach in favor.

24. Motion by van Mullem/Brown to accept the proposal to add Registration Rule 31.7 (Define “actively breeding”). The question was called by Brooks/Stadter and passed. Motion carried with Armel and Lawson opposed. **Lawson:** this needs to be reworded correctly. This change will be part of the **2021 Membership Ballot**.

31.7 For the purposes of breed advancements, "actively breeding" is defined as breeding at least one litter within the 2 years prior to the date of the application. If a litter or cattery is co-owned then only one person will count as “actively breeding” in the count of breeders required.

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~~)

25. Unanimous consent by Stadter to go to committee of the whole to allow Wood to speak. Without objection.

26. Motion by Stadter/van Mullem to accept the proposal to add Registration Rule 33.1.2 (Duration in Experimental Record). Motion carried with Lawson abstaining. This change will be part of the **2021 Membership Ballot**.

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

33.1.2 An Experimental New Breed shall be tracked for an initial period of 5 years from the date of the application. That initial period can be extended by the approval of the Board. If, at that time, the experimental breed has not advanced to Registration Only status the breed will no longer be tracked and may not reapply for a period of 5 years. During this period, no Experimental New Breed of similar name and breeding program shall be accepted by the TICA Executive Office.

33.1.2.1 Each 5 year period as an Experimental New Breed can be extended for a further 5 years by a vote of the Board of Directors. An application for each extension, providing justification for the proposed extension, must be submitted to both the Rules Committee and Genetics Committee at least 90 days prior to a scheduled TICA Board Meeting. The date of that Board Meeting must be before the end of the current 5 year period.

33.1.2.2 For breeds already on the Experimental Record as at [effectivedate], the initial 5 year period will count from that date.

33.1.3~~2~~ Transfer New Breed - A breed accepted for championship competition in another cat association. Transfer New Breeds shall be registered in either the Stud Book Registry or the Foundation Registry (See 36.2, 36.3, 36.4, 36.5, 36.6). Formal approval of the Board of Directors is REQUIRED for Registration Only Breed status

27. Motion by van Mullen/Vlach to accept the proposal to amend Registration Rules 33.3.1 and 33.4.4 (Experimental Breed Names). Motion carried unanimously. This change will be part of the **2021 Membership Ballot**.

33.3.1 Experimental New Breed. The Experimental New Breed shall be tracked in the Experimental Record by making application to the TICA Executive Office. The following information must be included in the application for tracking:

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

33.3.1.2 A proposed breed name that is unique.

33.3.1.2.1 Upon acceptance of an application of a new Experimental New Breed, an alphanumeric code identifying that breed will be assigned by the TICA Executive Office. The code shall be used instead of the breed's name on all documentation issued by TICA for that breed. The code shall be used until the breed advances to Preliminary New Breed status, at which time it shall be changed to the Board-approved breed name.

33.3.1.2.2 For breeds already on the Experimental Record as at [effective date], alphanumeric codes will be assigned by the Executive Office and shall be used for all documentation issued after [effective date].

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

33.3.1.3 A proposed breed contact person.

33.3.1.4 A processing fee as specified in the Standing Rules

33.4.4 Experimental breeding programs which do not have an approved breed name shall be designated by the code EX **followed by an alphanumeric code (see Reg Rule 33.3.1.2.1).**

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

28. Motion by van Mullem/Vlach to accept the proposal to amend Registration Rules 33.3.2 and 33.3.3.6 (mutation ownership voting). Motion carried unanimously. This change will be part of the **2021 Membership Ballot**.

33.3.2 Transfer New Breed. A Transfer New Breed may apply for acceptance as a recognized breed for Registration Only by making application at least 90 days prior to the Board meeting at which acceptance is sought by submitting an electronic application to each member of the Genetics Committee and each member of the Rules Committee. Following approval of the application by the Genetics Committee and Rules Committee, the application will be submitted by the Chair of the Rules Committee to the TICA Executive Office at least 60 days prior to the Board Meeting for inclusion in the agenda. Any comments of the Genetics Committee or Rules Committee must be included. Application for Registration Only Breed status must include the following: (applications available from the TICA Executive Office or at tica.org.)

1. A brief description of the breed distinguishing it from other breeds recognized by the association.
2. A standard of the breed from another established cat association.
3. A proposed designation of Breed Classification (See 33.2).
4. A proposed breed name that is unique.
5. A proposed two-letter registration code.
6. A proposed breeding program.
7. A proposed provisional Working Group Chair.
8. A processing fee as specified in the Standing Rules.

33.3.2.1 If a Transfer New Breed includes one or more structural mutations that are “owned” by an existing breed (see 33.9.4), then immediately after submitting the application to Rules and Genetics Committees a poll must be requested from the Executive Office to obtain consent from the affected breeds. The poll can only be carried out once for each breed/breed group affected and the result of the vote shall be final. A positive vote is required for recognition as a Registration Only breed. The cost of any poll shall be the financial responsibility of the individuals requesting the poll.

33.3.2.2 It is understood that acceptance for Registration Only implies only that TICA agrees to provide registration facilities for development of the breed in question. There is no explicit or implied guarantee that TICA will accept the breed for championship either simultaneously or at any time in the future.

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

33.3.3.1 At least 1 year has passed since the initial tracking of the breed in the Experimental Record.

33.3.3.2 At least 10 cats of the breed have been tracked in the Experimental Record.

33.3.3.3 At least 5 litters of the breed have been tracked.

33.3.3.4 At least 3 TICA members in good standing from 2 different Regions are on record.

33.3.3.5 Submission of an electronic Application for Advancement to Registration Only Breed 90 days prior to the Board meeting at which recognition is sought to each member of the Genetics Committee and each member of the Rules Committee. Following approval of the application by the Genetics Committee and Rules Committee, the application will be submitted by the Chair of the Rules Committee to the TICA Executive Office at least 60 days prior to the Board Meeting for inclusion in the agenda. Any comments of the Genetics Committee or Rules Committee must be included. (Applications available from the TICA Executive Office or at tica.org.)

33.3.3.6 Application must include the following: (Applications available from the TICA Executive Office or at tica.org.)

A brief description of the breed distinguishing it from other breeds recognized by the association.

A proposed breed name that is unique

A proposed two-letter registration code.

A proposed breeding program.

A proposed designation of Breed Classification (See 33.2).

A proposed provisional Working Group Chair.

Documentation of 33.3.4.1 through 33.3.4.4.

A processing fee as specified in the Standing Rules.

33.3.3.7 If a breed includes one or more structural mutations that are “owned” by an existing breed (see 33.9.4), then immediately after submitting the application to Rules and Genetics Committees a poll must be requested from the Executive Office to obtain consent from the affected breeds. The poll can only be carried out once for each breed/breed group affected and the result of the vote shall be final. A positive vote is required for recognition as a Registration Only breed. The cost of any poll shall be the financial responsibility of the individuals requesting the poll.

Vice President Stadter continued with meeting as Harrison had a cat emergency.

29. Motion by Faccioli/van Mullem to accept the proposal to amend Registration Rules 33.6.3.2, 33.7.4.5, 33.8.16 (New Breed Reporting). Motion carried unanimously. This change will be part of the **2021 Membership Ballot**.

33.6.3.4 The Executive Office shall forward a report on litter registrations and individual cat registrations for the breed **during the show year just ended** to the Preliminary New Breed Working Group Chair each year after the ~~Winter~~ **Spring** Meeting. This information shall be used in preparing the required breed report for the Annual Meeting.

33.7.4.5 The Executive Office shall forward a report on litter registrations and individual cat registrations for the breed **during the show year just ended** to the Advanced New Breed Working Group Chair each year after the ~~Winter~~ **Spring** Meeting. This information shall be used in preparing the required breed report for the Annual Meeting.

33.8.16 It is the responsibility of the Breed Committee to document that all requirements have been met by providing a report to the Genetics Committee, the Rules Committee and the Executive Office **at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The report shall contain information supplied by the EO that corroborates the requirements of 33.8.15.** Failure to meet the requirements of 33.8.15 ~~will~~ **may** result in the breed being returned to Advanced New Breed status.

33.8.17 The Executive Office shall forward a report on individual cat registrations, cats shown and a list of active breeders (and their Region) for the breed during the show year just ended to the Breed Chair each year after the Spring Meeting. This information shall be used in preparing the report required in 33.8.16 for the Annual Meeting.

Harrison rejoined meeting.

30. Unanimous consent by Faccioli accept the proposal to amend Registration Rules 33.9.2.3.3 and 39.9.1 (Use of "Blue Slip"). Without objection. This change will be part of the **2021 Membership Ballot**.

33.9.2.3.3 When registering a cat with a new trait other than color, the "nonstandard" box on the ~~blue~~ **breeder** slip must be checked and the trait(s) indicated on the ~~blue~~ **breeder** slip in order to facilitate tracking.

39.9 Application for Registration. Each application for registration must fulfill one of the following:

39.9.1 Be made by submitting an individual application for registration of a cat of a registered litter issued by TICA (TICA ~~blue~~ **breeder** slip).

31. Motion by Brown/Vlach to accept the proposal to amend Standing Rules 103.3.1.3 (Prorated Membership Fees) option 2. Motion denied with Hawksworth-Weitz and Shi in favor.

32. Motion by Faccioli/van Mullem to accept the proposal to amend Standing Rules 106.2.1 and 106.4.2 (Judging Committee). Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

106.2.1 Every **4 2** years and beginning **at with** the ~~2018~~ **2022** Spring Meeting, the Board of Directors shall appoint the members of the Judging Committee following the process outlined in Standing Rule 106.4.2.1.

106.4.2 Board Administrative Standing Committees. The following committees are created by the Board of Directors in order to perform certain delegated duties on behalf of the Board. Unless otherwise specified, a member of a Board Administrative Standing Committee may not concurrently serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

106.4.2.1 Judging Committee. The Role of the Judging Committee is to administer non-disciplinary matters related to the Judging Program. This includes, but is not limited to, acceptances into or advancements within the program, continuing education and testing. The Committee may make recommendations to the Board of Directors for changes to the Judging Program.

106.4.2.1.1 The Judging Committee shall be comprised of **10 members** ~~Ring and School Instructors and/or experienced Approved Allbreed Judges~~ representing four international areas: North America, Europe, Asia and South America plus International (non-voting Regional Area).

106.4.2.1.2 The Judging Committee members shall be elected by **a ballot of** the participants ~~of~~ **in** the Judging Program of the international area where they reside to serve a term of 4 years ~~or until a successor is appointed in~~ **.In** the event of a vacancy, ~~the~~ **The** Board of Directors shall appoint a qualified judge from the international area where the vacancy occurs to complete the balance of the unexpired term.

106.4.2.1.3 **Beginning with the Committee election in 2022, the** number of Judging Committee members representing each international area shall be **set as follows:** ~~determined by the number of participants in the Judging Program for that particular area as of January 31 of the election year. The following formula will be applied: Under 20 participants of the Judging Program: 1 committee member; 20-45 participants of the Judging Program: 3 committee members; over 45 participants of the Judging Program: 5 committee members.~~

North America – 5

Europe – 3

Asia -1

South America/International – 1

106.4.2.1.3.1 Every 4 years thereafter and prior to the election, the Board shall review this allocation for appropriate area representation.

106.4.2.1.4 In the event of a two-way or greater tie, the Board of Directors will determine the final appointment(s).

106.4.2.1.5 Candidates for election to Judging Committee shall provide documentation of having met the following requirements for election:

106.4.2.1.5.1 Have met the requirements to vote in any TICA election and serve on any TICA Committee which requires extended membership.

106.4.2.1.5.2 Be a licensed TICA Ring and School Instructor *and/or* an Approved Allbreed Judge with a minimum of 5 years' experience as an Approved Allbreed judge.

106.4.2.1.6 Time of the Election. Beginning in April ~~2018~~ **2022** the election of the Judging Committee members shall take place **on a rotational schedule** every ~~4~~ **2** years ~~by ballot of the participants of the Judging Program.~~ **so that no more than half of the Committee is subject to election each cycle. For the initial election, three (3) of the committee members attributable to North America and two (2) committee members attributable to Europe, will serve two-year terms. Based upon the election results, members serving two-year terms will be comprised of those with the lower number of votes. Members serving four year terms will be comprised of those with the higher number of votes. For subsequent elections, all members will serve a four year term.**

106.4.2.1.7 Announcement of Candidates. ~~Any Ring and School Instructor and/or experienced Approved Allbreed Judge shall be eligible as Judging Committee member and~~ **Eligible candidates** shall declare *his/her* **their** candidacy in writing to the Executive Office not more than 4 months nor less than 2 months before the election month.

The proposal to Add Standing Rule 106.4.1.6 (Standards Committee) was withdrawn by author. Note – work on formalizing committee.

The proposal to Add Standing Rule 106.4.1.7 (Mentorship Committee) was withdrawn by author. Note – work on formalizing committee.

The proposal to Amend Standing Rules 109.2 (Board Meetings) was moved to Friday.

33. Motion by van Mullem/Rudge to take no action on the proposal to add Standing Rule 209.1.1.7 (Non-licensed Ring Clerks). Motion carried unanimously.

34. Motion by Vlach/Brown to take no action on the proposal to add Standing Rule 501.6.3 (Ring Clerk meal breaks). Motion carried unanimously.

35. Motion by Armel/van Mullem to accept the proposal to amend Standing Rules 901.4.2.1, 901.4.3.2 and 901.4.3.5 (LA Awards). Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

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

Banquet with an award. Cats certified as earning this award shall be eligible to use the title LA before their name in the following fashion LA OD SGC Babsy's Baby.

901.4.3.5.2 The Top 25 longhair and shorthair cats, *and* the Best Cat in each breed, **and Lifetime Achievement recipients** are honored at the Annual Awards Banquet.

901.4.3.5.3 International Best of Breed winners **and Lifetime Achievement recipients** are pictured in the TICA YEARBOOK **and on the TICA website.**

The proposal to Amend Standing Rules 1012.1 (Regional List) was moved to Friday.

36. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to accept the proposal to amend Standing Rule 1017.1.2 (UCD Changes). Without objection. This change goes into **effect immediately.**

1017.1.2. Proposals to amend Rules or Policies (other than the Bylaws, Show Rules and Registration Rules) shall be considered by the Board of Directors at regularly scheduled meetings. Proposals from the membership must be in writing and received by the Rules Committee and Genetics Committee where applicable (including, but not limited to, **the Uniform Color Descriptions and** Standing Rules affecting a Registration Rule) no later than 90 days prior to the opening day of the meeting to allow time for review in order to reach the Executive Office 60 days prior to the opening day of the meeting. Proposals received by the Rules Committee (and Genetics Committee where applicable) after the 90-day deadline will be placed on the following meeting agenda. Proposals must contain a rationale for the change plus the new rule wording (or the original rule wording and the amended version).

37. Motion by Faccioli/Armel accept the proposal to amend Standing Rule 1022.2 (Complaint Filing). Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into **effect immediately.**

1022 **Discipline.** (By-Laws, Article Twenty-Two)

1022.2.1 The fee for filing a complaint or protest shall be based upon the number of ~~single-sided pages~~ **electronic files** submitted, **which must include** ~~including~~ the complaint form and any attachments and documentation. ~~All fees shall be payable by cash, credit card, certified check or money order.~~

1022.2.1.1 The filing fee for ~~ten pages or less~~ **a single electronic file** shall be \$75.

1022.2.1.2 The filing fee for more than ~~ten pages~~ **a single electronic file** shall be \$75, PLUS \$5 for each ~~page over ten~~ **additional file.**

1022.2.1.3 There shall be no fee for filing a response **as a single electronic file** ~~of ten pages or less~~. For each ~~page over ten~~ **additional files**, the fee shall be \$5 per ~~file~~ **page.**

1022.2.1.4 In the event that a hard copy of the complaint is filed, the filing fee shall be \$75.

1022.2.1.5 The Executive Office and/or Legal Counsel may reject any files not submitted in a readable format or request that they be reformatted so that they become readable and/or easily transmittable.

38. Motion by Vlach/Faccioli to accept the proposal to add Standing Rule 1022.2.1.4 (Complaint Filing Fees) as amended. Motion carried with Brooks, Faccioli, Joseph, Stadter and Vlach opposed. This change goes into **effect immediately.**

1022 **Discipline.** (By-Laws, Article Twenty-Two)

1022.2.1 The fee for filing a complaint or protest shall be based upon the number of single-sided pages submitted, including the complaint form and any attachments and documentation. All fees shall be payable by cash, credit card, certified check or money order.

1022.2.1.1 The filing fee for ten pages or less shall be \$75.

1022.2.1.2 The filing fee for more than ten pages shall be \$75, PLUS \$5 for each page over ten.

1022.2.1.3 There shall be no fee for filing a response of ten pages or less. For each page over ten, the fee shall be \$5 per page.

1022.2.1.4–6 The entire filing fee will be refunded if the final Board decision is in favor of the complainant. ~~The fee paid by the person filing the complaint will be refunded if the Board finds that the complaint is proven.~~

39. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to accept the proposal to amend Standing Rule 1022.5 (Hearings). Without objection. This change goes into **effect immediately.**

122.2 Procedure. Disciplinary power may be exercised only after due notice and an opportunity to be heard are first given to the party accused.

1022.2.2 ~~5.1~~ For the purposes of **Article 22 of the By-Laws** ~~Bylaw 122.5~~, "present, in person" may include the use of audio and/or video or other electronic conferencing where all parties involved in the hearing can be simultaneously connected.

1022.2.3 ~~5.2~~ The Board of Directors shall determine the most appropriate means of conducting the hearing.

40. Unanimous Consent by Faccioli to accept the proposal to amend Standing Rule 2012 (Finals Awards). Without objection. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

2012 Prizes and Trophies, Ribbons and ~~Rosettes~~ **Finals Awards**. (Show Rules, Article Twelve)

2012.2 ~~Rosettes~~ **Finals Awards**. Clubs cannot require that a judge hand out ~~rosettes~~ **any Finals Awards** that do not count.

41. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to recess for the day 11:09 AM CDT. Without objection.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 AM CDT on Friday, September 3, 2021

Antenucci not present on September 3, 2021.

42. Unanimous consent by Vlach to go into Executive Session to include Adler, Cardona, Nevarez, and Jang. Without objection.

43. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to leave Executive Session. Without objection.

44. Motion by Faccioli/van Mullem to budget 30,000 for the year for the Legislative working group which will be comprised of 5 or 6 members. Motion carried unanimously.

45. Motion by Faccioli/Lawson to pay each member of the Legislative working group a maximum of \$2000 per each 6-month period. Members shall be required to document time for each 6-month period and will be required to provide services at least 40 hours for each 6-month period. Motion carried unanimously.

46. Motion by Faccioli/Lawson to allocate the remaining funds for expenses incurred by the Legislative Committee members which may include (but are not limited to) travel expenses, consulting fees, research and copying expenses. (Budget will be overseen and expenditures approved by either President or Chief Operating Officer). Motion carried unanimously.

47. Motion by Faccioli/Vlach to accept the proposal to amend Standing Rules 109.2 (Board Meetings) as amended. Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

109.2 Meetings of the Board.

109.2.1 Meetings of the Board shall be held in January (Winter Meeting), in May (Spring Meeting) and the week immediately preceding Labor Day weekend (TICA Annual). All of these Board Meetings shall be scheduled for a minimum of 2 days.

109.2.1.1 ~~1.6~~ A detailed Agenda for each regularly scheduled Board meeting shall be supplied to all Board members, and also published on the TICA web site, at least 30 days prior to the opening day of each Board Meeting.

109.2.1.2 The Winter and Spring meetings may be held in person, or electronically at the discretion of the Board.

109.2.1.3 Any club may apply to the Board to hold a show in conjunction with either the Winter or Spring Meeting.

109.2.1.3.1 The meeting venue must be at or near a major international airport at a hotel with adequate meeting space, full restaurant service and airport shuttle.

109.2.1.4 Additional meetings of the Board may be held in accordance with By Law 19.2.1.

109.2.1.5 In open sessions, Legal Counsel, the Chief Operating Officer, the Executive Secretary, the Marketing Director, and the Standing Committee Chairs are allowed to speak during deliberations if called upon by the Chairperson.

~~109.2.1.6~~ Time Limit for Board Meetings. Any input to any subject being at issue before the Board of Directors by anyone, other than a duly elected Regional Director or other duly elected officer of TICA, unless requested by the Board of Directors, shall be limited to a maximum of 2 minutes total.

109.2.7⁴ Minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be completed within 10 working days following the meeting.

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48. Motion by Vlach/Faccioli to accept the proposal to amend Standing Rule 1012.1 Regional List - add Armenia to the Southern Europe (ES) Region. Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

The Marketing report was received – see appendix.

The Chief Operating Officer's report was received – see appendix.

Fisher presented the pre-audit financial reports – see appendix.

The breed reports for Aphrodite, Tennessee Rex, Toybob, and Serengeti were received. Highlander report was not received.

The BOD has serious concerns of the progress and breed reports, or lack thereof. A warning that without progress and detailed reports by the 2022 TICA Annual Meeting, there is the potential for their status to be reduced.

Van den Bunder gave a presentation on a Show Application – see appendix.

49. Unanimous Consent by Faccioli to leave committee of the whole. Without objection.

50. Unanimous Consent by Faccioli to go into Executive Session to include Adler, Cardona, Nevarez, and Jang. Without objection.

Joseph was not present in Executive Session.

51. Motion by Brown/Rudge to fine Valentine \$500 for her actions at the Econo Cat Club Show payable to TICA with all monies being donated by TICA towards hurricane Ida relief. Motion carried with Vlach opposed.
Vlach: Fine is excessive.

Cardona was excused from Executive Session.

52. Motion by Lawson/Russo to extend Cardona's contract for 5 years to expire on June 30, 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

Cardona rejoined meeting.

53. Unanimous Consent by Faccioli to leave Executive Session. Without objection.

54. Unanimous Consent by Faccioli to adjourn at 1:11 PM CDT. Without objection.