

Minutes of TICA Board of Directors - 2026 Winter Meeting

Location and Date: Electronic, January 15 – 17, 2026

President, Vicki Jo Harrison
Vice President, Luiz Paulo Faccioli
Asia East RD, Hisae Tasaki
Asia West RD, Jeff Shi
Europe North RD, Liesbeth van Mullem
Europe South RD, Kurt Vlach
Europe West RD, Evita Naumenko
Great Lakes RD, Donna Maddox
Mid Atlantic RD, Brenda Russo
Mid Pacific RD, Susanna Shon
Northeast RD, Christian Cherau
Northwest RD, Ellen Crockett
South America RD, Mariela Toriggia
South Central RD, Jim Armel
Southeast RD, Laurie Patton
Southwest RD, Laurie Schiff
International Associate RD, Lisa Dickie

Also in attendance: Susan Adler, Legal Counsel; Frances Cardona, Business Office Manager; Carlos Lopez, Judging Administrator; Danny Nevarez, Chief Operating Officer; Rebecca Torres, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by President, Vicki Jo Harrison, at 7:00 AM CST.

Adler went over the Fiduciary responsibility of the Board of Directors.

1. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to approve the consent agenda with the exception of setting the Spring Meeting dates, May 15 - 17, 2026 (electronic). Motion carried unanimously. *Note - the Spring Meeting dates will be discussed on Saturday.*

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1. Approve Minutes - Annual Meeting 08/27 - 29/2025
 2. Approve Minutes - Special Meeting 11/11/2025
 3. *Set Spring Meeting Dates - May 15 - 17, 2026 (electronic)*
 4. Appoint Tracy Hisel to the Siamese Breed Group Committee
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2. Motion by Faccioli/Vlach to accept the breed advancement of the Corin colors from New Trait to Championship for the British Shorthair breed group. Motion carried unanimously. ***This change goes into effect May 1, 2026.***

3. Motion by Faccioli/Vlach to accept the proposed standard changes for the British Shorthair breed group. Motion carried unanimously. ***This change goes into effect May 1, 2026.***

Nevarez presented the COO report, see appendix.

Vlach left meeting and noted that he would rejoin the meeting on Friday.

4. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to go into Committee of the Whole. Without objection.

Vlahovic presented TICA's social global media update, see appendix.

Fisher presented the financial reports. See appendix.

Note - the audit report for June 30, 2025, was received.

Note – the financial reports were received.

5. Unanimous consent by Crockett to defer the budget proposal for displaying all cat titles to the Spring Meeting pending additional information on the cost of dividing the project into two segments or determining whether it could be implemented at a lower cost. Without objection.

6. Motion by Schiff/Crockett to expend up to 5K, which will carry over from year to year until exhausted and a new budget item can be ascertained, to start a Junior Exhibitor background check program for committee members and liaisons. Motion carried with Patton opposed.

Adler gave an update on the Legislative Committee. See appendix.

Harrison gave an update on the World Cat Congress. See appendix.

Harrison went over the public follow-up report. See appendix.

Russo gave an update on the Fee Increase Committee. See appendix.

Patton gave an update on the Breeder Listing Committee. See appendix.

Genetics Committee report was received. See appendix.

7. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to recess for the day at 1:10 PM CST. Without objection.

Meeting was called to order by President, Vicki Jo Harrison, at 7:02 AM CST on Friday, January 16, 2026

Dickie was not present at the beginning of the meeting but joined the meeting shortly after it started.

Shi reported that he might not be present on Saturday.

8. Motion by Faccioli/Toriggia to accept the proposal to amend Board Governance Policy Article 6 (Travel Expenses). Motion denied with Shi and van Mullem in favor. **Cherau, Armel, Crockett, Faccioli, Shon, Toriggia, Vlach:** My vote is no with comment that I would like this proposal to mirror the judging contract for travel.

The proposal to amend Show Rule 27.1 and Standing Rule 207.1.1.2 (Champion Titles) was withdrawn by author.

The proposal to amend Show Rule 27.6 (Show all Titles) was withdrawn by author.

The proposal to add Standing Rule 103.2.1 (Life Members) was withdrawn by author.

9. Motion by Faccioli/van Mullem to accept the proposal to amend Standing Rule 106.4.1.1 (Rules Committee). Motion carried unanimously. ***This change goes into effect immediately.***

106.4.1 Advisory Standing Committees. The following committees serve in an advisory capacity. These bring specialized knowledge and skills that aid the Board to make more effective decisions and develop and implement program and activities designated by the Board to assist members on behalf of the Association. Unless otherwise specified, a member of an Advisory Standing Committee may not concurrently serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

106.4.1.1 Rules Committee. ~~To review all proposed amendments to the By Laws, Show Rules, Registration Rules and Standards of the Association, to note other rules affected by the proposed change and to ensure that the proper terms are used to convey the meaning intended and to ensure uniformity of terminology throughout the By Laws, Show Rules and Standards of the Association.~~ Ensures the clarity, consistency, and integrity of the governing documents of the Association, that changes are accurately and consistently reflected across all relevant documents, and that terminology is used appropriately and uniformly. The duties of the Rules Committee shall include, but not be limited to:

106.4.1.1.1 Review all proposed amendments to the Association's By- Laws, Show Rules, Registration Rules, Standards, and other governing documents.

106.4.1.1.2 Identify and document any additional rules or sections that may be affected by proposed changes.

106.4.1.1.3 Ensure that the language used in proposed amendments clearly conveys the intended meaning.

106.4.1.1.3 Promote consistency and uniformity in terminology across all governing documents.

106.4.1.1.4 Provide recommendations for revisions or clarifications to maintain coherence and alignment within the Association's rules and guidelines.

106.4.1.1.5 Offer for consideration by the Board of Directors analysis of both the pros and cons of implementing proposed amendments.

106.4.1.1.6 Collaborate with other committees or stakeholders as necessary to ensure comprehensive rule integration.

106.4.1.1.7 Provide, for publication in the Annual Membership Ballot, a brief explanation of why a proposed rule change is on the ballot, together with a list of pros and cons for consideration by voting members.

The proposal to add Standing Rule 106.4.1.8 (IT Committee) was withdrawn by author.

10. Motion by van Mullem/Armel add Standing Rule 107.2 (Reporting to Board). Motion denied with Armel, Naumenko, Patton, Shi, van Mullem and Vlach in favor. **Shon:** I vote no on the condition that this is further discussed at board level.

11. Unanimous consent by Crockett to accept the proposal to amend UCD 71.4.1, 74.7.7, 74.8.1 and 75.7 (Corin Registrations and Exhibition). Without objection.

71.4.1 All breeds must use the Uniform Color Descriptions colors for the respective categories, unless a specific exception is made (refer to **Sections 72.4, 73.7, and 74.6.2** ~~Section 74.2.2~~).

Amend UCD 74.7.7: [Note: the actual table itself has not been included for brevity]

Amend the definition of superscript 3 as follows:

3 = ~~CORIN~~ **Corin** Gold – all patterns including “and white” (~~Siberian, Kurilian Bobtail and Toybob only~~)

Add superscript 3 to all phaeomelanistic tabby, chinchilla, and shaded colors in the Traditional and Pointed Divisions in the tabby table (74.7.7)

Remove the color “sable torbie” from the Sepia column, as the designer name “sable” is applicable to the Burmese breed only, per section 72.4. Burmese are not recognized in the tabby division

Amend UCD 75.7: [Note: the actual table itself has not been included for brevity]

Amend the definition of superscript 3 as follows:

3 = ~~CORIN~~ **Corin** Silver – all patterns including “and white” (~~Siberian, Kurilian Bobtail and Toybob only~~)

Add superscript 3 to all chinchilla, and shaded colors in the Traditional and Pointed Divisions in the silver/smoke table (75.7).

Change “Seal silver shd/chin” to “Black silver shd/chin” in the Traditional Division and put “torbie” in parentheses for the tipped shaded tabbies in the traditional and sepia divisions.

Amend 74.8.1:

74.8.1 The tabby pattern in tabby (lynx) points is not differentiated EXCEPT ~~as required by the breed standing (e.g. Bengals)~~ **in the Bengal (spotted or marble).**

12. Unanimous consent by Schiff to accept the proposal to amend UCD 74.7.2, 74.7.6, 78.1.2 (Corin Descriptions) and to amend the standards for the Siberian, Kurilian Bobtail, and Toybob by explicitly permitting Corin colors. Without objection.

Amend UCD 74.7.2:

One tabby variation seen is the golden: Golden are shaded **or chinchilla** tabbies showing a preponderance of the phaeomelanin ground color with eumelanin color restricted to the tips of the hairs ~~due to the “wide band” trait~~. Golden come in all of the basic colors in the shaded or chinchilla pattern including shaded or chinchilla golden torbies. A high degree of rufousing giving apricot or golden tones to the undercoat is considered desirable. Golden are genetically agouti (A/-), with any underlying tabby pattern. Golden compete in a separate color class within the tabby division. The shaded has eumelanin-based color from the tip to about one-third way down the hair shaft with an undercoat of light phaeomelanin. The appearance is one of having a mantle of darker color thrown over the black. The chinchilla will have only the tip of each guard hair colored with eumelanin-based color. Shaded and chinchilla golden may be born with visible tabby pattern. As they mature, the wide band area increases and the cat appears to be only tipped with color.

Amend UCD 74.7.6:

~~CORIN~~ **Corin** Tabby. ~~CORIN~~ **Corin** Tabby is a unique wide-band trait, first found in ~~three~~ native Russian breeds (~~Siberians, Kurilian Bobtails, and Toybobs~~). Variants in the ~~CORIN~~ **Corin** gene increase the activity of the Agouti Signaling Protein (ASIP), pushing eumelanin to the end of the hair shaft resulting in wide bands of brighter phaeomelanin. Tabby markings ~~are~~ **may be visible except in ticked tabbies**. The amount of eumelanin ~~may decrease~~ ~~decreases~~ and the brighter phaeomelanin increases as the cat approaches maturity. This trait can be expressed in both silver and non-silver cats. ~~CORIN~~ **Corin** Gold cats exhibit a warm undercoat tone, lightening of the tabby marks, ~~and may exhibit white or off-white areas on the muzzle, chest, and toes (while maintaining eumelanin colored paw pads)~~. ~~The lighter area around the nose may include the nose tip resulting in pink nose leather lacking the usual eumelanin outline. a white or off-white area around the nose may include the nose tip, eumelanin colored paw pads, and a pink nose lacking the usual tabby eumelanin outline.~~ ~~CORIN~~ **Corin** Silver cats **may** exhibit a “bimetallic” coloration, where the cat exhibits silver tabby hairs, most prominently on the back of the cat, but **may** also **display** ~~displays~~ phaeomelanin expressing hairs, most commonly on the legs and belly. While ~~CORIN~~ **Corin** ~~pushes~~ ~~has pushed~~ the eumelanin to the end of the hairs, the Inhibitor gene ~~is~~ **may be** unable to erase all pigment from the agouti bands leaving a gold band between the white base and the eumelanistic tip of the hair shaft. All patterns of ~~CORIN~~ **Corin** tabby are **recognized possible**; in all eumelanistic colors, including torbies, **when included in the standard for the breed.**

Amend UCD 78.1.2:

78.1.2 ~~CORIN~~ **Corin** Tabbies: ~~CORIN~~ **Corin** is not the same as Carnelian or Copal. Carnelian/Copal is an MC1R mutation whereas ~~CORIN~~ **Corin** is not.

78.1.2.1 ~~CORIN~~ **Corin** Gold Tabby (Black, chocolate, cinnamon, blue, lilac, fawn): The base color is **decreased on the hair shaft** ~~restricted to the hair tips~~ resulting in large areas of bright phaeomelanin. Tabby markings may appear in these areas ~~except for ticked tabbies~~. Fully mature cats may not display any tabby markings. ~~There is a white or off-white area around the nose that may include the nose tip. Nose leather is pink with no tabby nose liner.~~ **Cats may exhibit white or off-white areas on the muzzle, chest, and toes (while maintaining eumelanin colored paw pads). The lighter area around the nose may include the nose tip resulting in pink nose**

~~leather lacking the usual eumelanin outline~~ Torbies will show little difference between the hair tip and the rest of the hair shaft in their phaeomelanistic areas. Allow ~~variation in distinctness of eumelanistic pattern~~ ~~visible eumelanistic patterns~~ in kittens that change as the kitten ages. Paw pads and tail tip correspond to the base color of the cat.

78.1.2.2 ~~CORIN~~ ~~Corin~~ Silver Tabby (Black, chocolate, cinnamon, blue, lilac, fawn): The base color is restricted to the hair tips resulting in a mantle of color on the back of the cat. The Inhibitor trait makes the lower part of the hair shaft white. ~~CORIN~~ ~~Corin~~ interacts with the Inhibitor trait allowing some level of bright phaeomelanin between the white band of silver and the colored hair tip. The gold band looks as though it is floating in the hair shaft and cats with this effect are sometimes referred to as bimetallic in color. Often the silver band and the gold band are equal in amount. Tabby marks are seen in these bands ~~unless the pattern is ticked~~. Eumelanistic color is apparent on the dorsal side of the cat and the tail, particularly the tail tip; phaeomelanistic color is strongest on the ventral side of the cat and on the legs where eumelanistic barring may be apparent. ~~Cats may exhibit white or off-white areas on the muzzle, chest, and toes (while maintaining eumelanin colored paw pads). The lighter area around the nose may include the nose tip resulting in pink nose leather lacking the usual eumelanin outline. There is a white or offwhite area around the nose that may include the nose tip. Nose leather is pink without the usual tabby nose liner.~~ These colors are slow to develop. Paw pads and tail tips correspond to the base color of the cat. Allow ~~variation in distinctness of eumelanistic pattern~~ for ~~visible eumelanistic patterns~~ in kittens that change as the kitten ages. ~~Homozygous CORIN~~ ~~Corin~~ Silvers have a visible golden band between the colored hair tip and the white of the silver at the base of the hair. ~~Heterozygote CORIN~~ ~~Corin~~ Silvers do not have the same clear banding and may have partial nose liner. ~~Homozygous expression of the gold band floating between the silver white and the colored hair tip is preferred.~~ Paw pads and tail tip correspond to the base color of the cat.

78.1.2.3 ~~CORIN~~ ~~Corin~~ Gold Lynx Point (Black, Chocolate, Cinnamon, Blue, Lilac, Fawn) and ~~CORIN~~ ~~Corin~~ Silver Lynx Point (Black, Chocolate, Cinnamon, Blue, Lilac, Fawn). The descriptions above for the ~~CORIN~~ ~~Corin~~ Gold Tabby and ~~CORIN~~ ~~Corin~~ Silver Tabby apply to the ~~CORIN~~ ~~Corin~~ Gold Lynx Points and the ~~CORIN~~ ~~Corin~~ Silver Lynx Points. The ~~CORIN~~ ~~Corin~~ Gold Lynx Points have a brighter appearance from the gold coloration in the points. In ~~CORIN~~ ~~Corin~~ Silver Lynx Points the gold band between the colored hair tip and the white base may not be visible, particularly in shorthairs. Any shading on the body of ~~CORIN~~ ~~Corin~~ Gold Lynx Points or on ~~CORIN~~ ~~Corin~~ Silver Lynx Points may have a golden tone to it. When evaluating kittens, check the legs which should be lighter in color and check the back of the ears where you will be able to see the golden coloration.

Cherau gave an update on the 2026 Annual, CPE Cat Club, Toronto, Canada, NE region. See appendix.

13. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to go into Executive Session to include Adler, Cardona, Lawson, Lopez, Nevarez, and Torres. Without objection.

Adler, Cardona, Lawson, Lopez, Nevarez, and Torres were excused from Executive Session.

Adler, Cardona, Lawson, Lopez, Nevarez, and Torres were readmitted to Executive Session.

Lopez presented the Judging Committee report.

Vlach left the meeting.

Shi left the meeting.

Lawson was excused from Executive Session.

Adler will move forward with the Daabeck vs Johansson complaint.

14. Motion by Crockett/Faccioli to temporarily suspend TICA services to Hanna Yontz a.k.a. Hannah Disher, White Oak Main Coons, pending a hearing at the May meeting on the Brumfield vs Yontz complaint. Motion carried unanimously.

Harrison went over the Executive Session follow-up report.

15. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to recess for the day at 1:37 PM CST. Without objection.

Meeting was called to order by President, Vicki Jo Harrison, at 7:02 AM CST on Saturday, January 17, 2026

Shi was not present at the beginning of the meeting but joined the meeting after it started.

Cardona, Nevarez, and Torres were excused from Executive Session.

16. Motion by Van Mullem/Patton not to extend Nevarez contract expiring on 01/25/26. Motion carried with Cherau, Faccioli, Harrison, Maddox, and Russo opposed and Shi abstaining.

17. Motion by Schiff/Crockett to authorize four weeks of severance pay for Nevarez upon receiving all necessary information. Motion carried with Shi abstaining.

18. Motion by Patton/Shon to give Nevarez a ten-business day transition period beginning 01/26/26 through 02/06/26. Motion carried with Shi abstaining.

Cardona, Nevarez, and Torres were readmitted into Executive Session.

19. Motion by Patton/Schiff to fully support Naumenko's decision not to approve the club charter for the Fancy Cats Organization UK club. Motion carried unanimously.

20. Motion by Schiff/Patton to temporarily suspend Heather Lorimer due to the pending criminal case. Once the case is resolved, she may request removal pursuant to our procedures. Motion carried unanimously.

21. Motion by Crockett/Patton to temporarily suspend Kathy Robinson pending the disposition of her court case. Motion carried with Cherau, Maddox, Russo, Toriggia and van Mullem opposed. **Schiff, Armel, Crocket, Faccioli, Patton, and Shon:** At this point in time, I do not have sufficient facts and information to override the fact that criminal charges are pending, so I must vote yes.

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

23. Motion by Faccioli/Shon to allocate 5K rolling from fiscal year to fiscal year for court costs in the current California litigation. Motion carried unanimously.

24. Motion by Armel/Crockett to set the Spring Meeting dates for May 14 - 17, 2026 in person in Houston, Texas. Motion carried with van Mullem opposed.

Note – the Feline Health and Welfare project will be scheduled for an upcoming open session special meeting sometime in February or March.

25. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to go out of the Committee of the Whole. Without objection.

26. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to adjourn at 2:36 PM CST. Without objection.