

Greetings TICA Great Lakes Members

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your regional director for just over 1 ½ years. While there have been challenges, I believe with all my heart that the Great Lakes region is the absolute best in TICA!!!

The regional directors' job is three-fold. The first being to represent YOU, the member, at the board level. I share feedback received from members in the region when the board is discussing proposals and other items. The second is to be your voice and advocate in the region whether it is dealing with clubs, entries, breeder issues, etc. That is why I am always seeking your input on different items related to the growth of TICA and our region.

Your input is invaluable!!! It helps to steer the decisions that need to be made. And third, as a board member, to act in the best interest of TICA, collaborate with all regions and always consider the association needs.

My role as your regional director is to support you and help you in any way I can. If I don't know the answer, you can be rest assured that I will find the answer for you. I attend and show my cats in the Great Lakes Region shows. I try to be available to everyone and find out what the needs are and how I can help facilitate finding solutions.

Communication is the key to any successful region! I believe in having meetings at all our shows, whether I am there or the Regional Deputy Director is there. I welcome your input and discussions. This is what helps us to grow as a region. I would like to encourage everyone to join our regional list - TICAGreatLakes@groups.io and our social media page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/145819632235744> I am happy to report our regional website will be coming back to life soon! I am also available through email at glrd.TICA@gmail.com or phone, 314-591-4611. I will always reply to your calls and emails. I appreciate your understanding, I do work full-time, on occasion, my response might be delayed. If your need is time sensitive/ urgent, drop me a text, notifying me, including your name, please. I am always available for you!

I feel that our region is getting stronger with every show, every regional and international winner we have, every new face in the show halls and our ever-growing number of junior exhibitors. All this is happening because of you!!! YOU are the Great Lakes Region!

My background in my professional life gives me a unique perspective while serving on the board of directors. Everything we do is goal oriented and TICA is no different. I am facilitating the framework development for TICA strategic initiatives, foremost health and welfare of cats. As an association we are moving at an extremely fast pace in automation and modernization of all our services. No other association in the cat fancy world can say this.

I am a club member of several Great Lakes clubs and other TICA region clubs. I am a show manager of at least 4 shows per show year, some years more. I am an active breeder, registering all litters with TICA, and collaborating with other breeders for the health and welfare of cats. I am very enthusiastic about promoting TICA, supporting activities to help growth in shows, membership and public awareness.

I am asking for your support in the current election. I believe that working together, we can make the Great Lakes region the place where everyone wants to come to show!

Thank you,

Donna Maddox
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Abyssinian Breed Committee
Maine Coon Breeds Group

