

**DATE:** 05/21/2020

**BALLOT NUMBER:** BB20-05

**SUBJECT:** Suspension of rules relating to eligibility for Regional Awards

**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**REQUESTED BY:** Vickie Fisher

**BALLOT:** For purposes of the 2020-2021 show season and effective May 1, 2020, suspend the requirement that a cat/kitten must be shown at least once in that region to be eligible for a regional award and delay the implementation of the amendment to Standing Rule 901.4.3.4, requiring a minimum of aggregate points, to go into effect May 01, 2021 for the 2021/2022 and all following show seasons.

S.R. 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. **This rule is suspended for the 2020/2021 show season.**

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, **Beginning with show season 2021/2022** ~~provided that~~ the aggregate points **must be are** at least 1,000 (600 for International area). **The following requirement is suspended for the 2020/2021 show season:** 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.

**YES:** Antenucci, Brooks, Brown, Faccioli, Harrison, Hawksworth-Weitz, Ishimura, Joseph, Kuo, Lawson, Meserve, Rudge, Russo, Stadter, van Mullem

**NON-VOTING:** Fisher

**RATIONALE:** It is apparent that the current show season will bring significant challenge and uncertainty to clubs and exhibitors due to the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 19 and orders of quarantine and "re-opening". TICA will only support the occurrence of shows following all local and country laws. At this point it is not certain where show activities will be able to occur or when. This proposal recognizes that shows and travel may be very localized for this show season.

This Board Ballot has Passed.