



*My name is Fate Mays, and it has been my honor to have served you as TICA President for the past three years; and I am once again asking for your support for another term. During this time, TICA has continued to grow in membership and in the numbers of active clubs and shows in every region.*

For most of our membership, exhibiting and breeding cats may be a hobby, but TICA is an ever-growing business. TICA has truly grown from its' early days to becoming a thriving international association and business. Our international growth has increased challenges for the Executive Office, but TICA's staff of 18 are cross-trained to meet these challenges.

Under the guidance and recommendations of an appointed computer committee, a ticketing system has begun to come to fruition to more readily assist members to verify the status of their requested work. The TICA Executive Office continues to improve our internet capabilities to provide needed security and the speed in which your requested work product is returned to you. Likewise, under the leadership of our Marketing Director, the numbers and financial support from our corporate sponsors have increased. In addition, TICA has been positively and actively promoted with our increased involvement and participation in vet conferences and pet expos.

To continue to encourage TICA's growth, I support the following:

- to again propose increasing the numbers of finals awarded to cats at our larger shows,
- to continue to encourage members to file for their respective breed committees,
- to support TICA clubs working in conjunction with pet shelters to encourage pet adoptions, as well as, spay and neuter programs,
- to support judges and clerks being involved in the Board's appointment of their respective administrator by having an active say in recommending the person,
- to encourage and require periodic ethics training for judges,
- to promote the awareness and involvement of TICA members with The International Feline Foundation (TIFF) to promote continued education and research in feline health issues,
- to support needed growth and updates in TICA's computer services for our membership, and
- to support the continued expansion of our marketing department to actively promote TICA and assist clubs with show production.



My prior business and professional experience that would aid in serving you as your president includes the following:

- knowledge and experience in human resources,
- supervisory and counseling experience in dealing with staff and members alike,
- professional and business knowledge within the legal system relating to mediation, civil process/liability, courtroom testimony and the criminal justice system,
- positive communication and leadership skills, and
- prior business and financial experience in a management role.

Therefore, with my prior business and legal experience, my experience as president and former regional director, and your input, I am asking again for your support to continue to “move TICA forward”.

