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I have respectfully submitted my application for candidacy for the Savannah breed committee. I have served on the Savannah breed committee since its official formation in 2011. I take my role as Savannah breed committee member seriously and have a vision of what we can accomplish, one that I know is shared with others where we can actively promote our breed within TICA and the community as a whole, organize educational opportunities, fight anti-hybrid and anti-animal legislation, and support our fellow breed section members – an exceptional community that is devoted to, and passionate about this unique breed! We are a young breed in the Championship arena, and below are some of the many goals and hopes I have for our Savannahs.

- See Savannahs continue to improve in type through selective breeding by encouraging and mentoring breeders, using the Savannah standard as our roadmap
- Continue to see Savannahs gain titles, regional awards, and international awards, which can only happen by continued improvement in the breed, as well as by encouraging others to show
- Support, and encourage others to support legislation that allows individuals the right to own hybrids and other pets
- Continue to fight against legislation that seeks to rob our rights as pet owners and breeders

My qualifications include the following:

- I have been an active participant in the Savannah community since 2003 when I brought my first Savannah kitten home, became a member of TICA and the Savannah breed section, and registered my cattery, Jasirisana with TICA. I produced my first litter in February 2005. My cattery is my home, and my cats and kittens are raised underfoot as part of my family. I take my breeding very seriously, and am always working toward producing excellent type, healthy constitutions, and exceptional personalities in my kittens. I care deeply about what happens to each and every kitten that leaves my home, and feel a responsibility to find the best possible family for each little soul that I raise.
- I started showing a kitten from my very first litter and have continued to show at local shows and occasionally travel out of state. I have been a member of the Coatimondi Cat Club since 2009. I have produced a multipage brochure to hand

out to interested spectators highlighting and promoting the Savannah breed.

- While Savannahs were in the New Breed program I was involved in organizing several Savannah-Ramas across the country with other team members – a unique event where we were allowed by show management to showcase our Savannahs of all generations, for the education of the public, judges, and breeders.
- I have been an active member of the TICA Mentors program since 2011. I have mentored, and continue to mentor new breeders, exhibitors, and pet owners. I always try to keep an open door so that anyone can come to me with questions or advice regarding breeding, health issues, behavioral issues, or other Savannah/breed related concerns.
- I am an administrator and moderator of the Savannah Cat Chat forum, which boasts over 4500 members. I participate on a daily basis to support, mentor, and advise Savannah owners and other enthusiasts.
- I have been involved in several rescue endeavors over the years, both through the Savannah Cat Rescue as well as local organizations. When it hasn't been feasible for me to assist with an actual rescue or to foster a cat, I have donated financially.
- I am a member of the TICA Rules Committee, responsible for reviewing current TICA rules to assure they are up to date and understandable, as well as considering and weighing in on new rules that have been proposed. This includes the TICA Registration Rules, Show Rules, Standing Rules, and By-Laws. Additional responsibilities include evaluating breed standard changes, new breed proposals, and requests for transfers of breeds to higher levels of the new breed program.
- I have written a report based on a survey of over 2000 respondents with the hopes of educating legislators and the general public on the domesticity of the Savannah (and other non-domestic source hybrid cat breeds), as well as its similarity to the rest of the domestic cat breed population.
- I own and maintain the HybridLaw website, which is a place where current US State laws as well as international laws of individual countries are outlined regarding the ownership of hybrids. The site continues to grow as I add more information that I continue to gather on an ongoing basis.

- I donate financially to legal efforts that are geared toward helping us keep our rights as animal owners and breeders.
- I host the Savannah Breed Section's website, and continue to support it financially to keep it up-to-date, including maintaining a secure Members Only area where we have past breed reports, fertility data, and other information. This is an area that has a great potential for expansion.
- I am very interested in the current research being done in feline health and diseases, and donate financially on a regular basis to assist in the efforts of ongoing research.
- I come from a medical background so understand the importance that genetics plays when breeding Savannahs. I am also familiar with many disease processes and have an understanding of the ramifications of health issues and disease in our Savannahs.
- In 2012 I submitted a presentation to TICA as a continuing education program for the judges, helping them meet their CE requirements to maintain their judging status: <http://www.savannahbreedsection.org/pdf/magnificent-savannah-web-presentation.pdf>
- I have written two articles which have been published in the Savannahs Illustrated magazine, "The Unique Language of the Savannah Cat" and "The ABCs of Kitten Socialization".
- Twice I have facilitated a total revision of the Savannah Standard by the SVBS members, eliciting changes, prompting discussion, and writing polls to decide how we wanted to revamp the Standard in 2008 and again in 2010.
- I co-founded and held office on the Board of Directors for two non-profit organizations: the Arizona Animal Advocates and Voting Alliance (a 501c3) and the Arizona Animal Advocacy League of Voters (a 501c4), organizations founded to educate the public on Arizona legislative issues, as well as elicit support and funding to fight any adverse legislation that is introduced in Arizona.

In conclusion, I hope you will find me a worthy candidate to represent the breed section membership on the Savannah breed committee. I will do my best to represent our breed and breed section members with honor and integrity, and to see us grow and expand even further throughout the world.