

THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION

2007 Semi-Annual Board Meeting

February 16-18, 2007

Harlingen, TX

The meeting was called to order at 8 AM on Friday, February 16, 2007 by the President, Kay DeVilbiss. The following Board Members were present:

Kay DeVilbiss - President

Nancy Parkinson - Vice President

Motoko Oizumi - Director, Asia

Jamie Christian - Director, Great Lakes

Martin Wood - Director, Northern Europe

Ellen Crockett - Director, Northwest

Lisa Dickie - Director, Mid Atlantic

Linda Kay Ashley - Director, Mid Pacific

Don Caruthers - Director, South Central

Jo Parris - Director, Southeast

Genevieve Basquine - Director, Southern Europe

Vickie Fisher - Director, Southwest

Donna Gonyea, Northeast Regional Director, was unable to attend the meeting. Laurie Schiff and Frances Young, Legal Advisors, Bobbie Tullo, Judging Administrator, Dewane Barnes, Rules Chair and Kenji Arai, Translator were also present.

The President, when presiding over the meeting, refrains from voting except when the vote is by ballot, or whenever her vote will affect the result.

1. Unanimous consent to allow the Rules Chair, Dewane Barnes, the Judging Administrator, Bobbie Tullo, Legal Advisor. Laurie Schiff to be present during the Executive Session. Without objection.

2. Unanimous consent to go into Executive Session. Without objection.

*******Executive Session*******

3. Unanimous consent to require that Dave and Georgann Chambers remove any reference to the Outstanding Cattery without a current Outstanding Cattery Certificate. Without objection.

4. Unanimous consent to schedule a hearing for Goettel at the Spring meeting. Without objection.

5. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Parkinson to find Elaine Jordao guilty of violating additional rules after her initial warning. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Ashley to fine Elaine Jordao \$10,000 US. She will be suspended until the fine is paid. If there are further rule violations, she will be permanently suspended with determination made via Board Ballot with no formal hearing. Motion carried with Fisher opposed.

9. Unanimous consent to relicense all judges except Marilyn Dombroski and Solveig Pflueger.

10. Unanimous consent to allow the Judging Administrator to relicense Marilyn Dombroski and Solveig Pflueger upon completion of requirements.

11. Motion was made by Oizumi and seconded by Caruthers to accept Juri Ino as LH/SH Trainee. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Caruthers to advance Candy Jacobsen to Probationary Specialty Judge. On reconsideration motion carried.

14. Motion was made by and seconded by Basquine and seconded by Crockett to advance Jean Marc Legarde to Probationary Specialty Judge. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Caruthers to advance Ed Manning to Probationary Specialty Judge. Motion carried.
16. Motion was made by Parris and second by Parkinson to advance Stephanie Smith to Probationary Specialty Judge. Motion carried unanimously.
17. Motion was made by Parris and second by Parkinson to accept Robert Seliskar as an Approved Specialty Judge from Another Domestic Association. Motion carried.
19. Motion was made by Ashley and seconded by Parkinson to advance Heather Roberts to Provisional Allbreed Judge. Motion carried.
20. Motion was made by Ashley and seconded by Caruthers to advance Jeff Roberts to Provisional Allbreed Judge. Motion carried.
21. Motion was made by Oizumi and seconded by Fisher to advance Tomoko Tanaka to Provisional Allbreed Judge. Motion carried.
22. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Ashley to advance Barbara Ray to Approved Allbreed Judge. Motion carried.
23. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Parris to advance Laurie Schiff to Approved Allbreed. Motion carried.
24. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Ashley to advance Robby Whyte to Approved Allbreed Judge. Motion carried.
25. Motion was made by Caruthers and seconded by Fisher to advance Al Walbrun to Approved Allbreed Judge. Motion carried.
26. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Caruthers to advance Hisako Yamada to Ring and School Instructor. Motion carried.
27. Motion was made by Christian and seconded by Parkinson to reconsider Motion 18 (Mike Hammond). Motion carried unanimously. On reconsideration Motion 18 carried.
28. Unanimous consent to destroy the secret ballots.
30. Unanimous consent to destroy the secret ballots. Without objection.
31. Unanimous consent to go out of Executive Session. Without objection.

*******Executive Session*******

32. Unanimous consent to accept the Consent Agenda. Without objection.
33. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Dickie to approve the Revised Budget FY06-07. Motion carried unanimously.
34. Motion was made by Ashley and seconded by Fisher to approve the Budget FY07-08.
35. Unanimous consent to table the Budget FY07-08 to the Spring Meeting 2007. Without objection.
=====Referred to the Spring Meeting=====
36. Unanimous consent to approve the Audit Report. Without objection.
37. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Ashley to change the 2008 Winter Meeting from Paris, France, to Harlingen, Texas. Motion was denied with Ashley and Parris in favor because of monetary considerations, and Oizumi abstaining. Christian voted no because of international relations.
DENIED
38. Motion was made by Basquine and seconded by Caruthers to change to two meetings per year in 2008-09. Motion denied with Basquine and Oizumi in favor.
DENIED
39. Motion was made by Parris and seconded by Ashley to change the meeting days of the 2008 Semi-Annual to Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Motion denied with Parris in favor and Oizumi abstaining.
DENIED
40. Unanimous consent to go into a Committee of the Whole for John Harrison, Yearbook Editor, to speak. Without objection.
41. Unanimous consent for the Executive Office to release old yearbooks to the Regional Directors upon written request and payment of shipping. Without objection.
42. Unanimous consent to out of a Committee of the Whole. Without objection.
43. Unanimous consent to approve as "Value Added Registrations" (effective 05/01/07) a payment of \$15 (\$20 for non members) at the time of registration or transfer prior to being shown as an adult, to automatically secure all titles, champion/champion alter/master through Supreme Grand Champion/Supreme Grand Champion Alter/Supreme Grand Master earned by the cat. Without objection.
44. Unanimous consent that beginning 05/01/07, non-members will pay \$2 more than active TICA members for all registrations. Without objection.
45. Unanimous consent to rescind the new Household Pet Program. (This was a project designed by Beth Hicks to reorganize the Household Pet Form and content). Without objection.
46. Unanimous consent to into a Committee of the Whole. Without objection.
47. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Parkinson that we advance the Thai to Preliminary New Breed in Category II. Motion carried unanimously.
48. Motion was made by Parkinson and seconded by Christian to appoint Dr. Christy Byrd as the Working Breed Group Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

49. Withdrawn.

50. Unanimous consent to accept the changes to the American Bobtail/American Bobtail Longhair Standard. Without objection.

51. Unanimous consent to accept the changes to the Napoleon Standard. Denied.

DENIED

52. Motion was made by Parkinson and seconded by Fisher to accept the changes to Napoleon Standard. Motion carried with Basquine, Christian and Crockett opposed because the changes are unnecessary, Parris opposed, and Wood abstaining.

53. Unanimous consent to accept the Serengeti Standard. Without objection.

*******See Addendum*******

54. Unanimous consent to refer Registration Rule 36.3.1 to the Rules Committee for the 2007 Spring Meeting Agenda.

36.3.1 When no cats of breeds other than the breed of the cat being registered appear within a three generation pedigree but one or more of the cat's parents, grandparents, or great grandparents is/are either unknown or unregistered cats of the breed in question, no ancestry registration number for a cat in Category I - V shall be issued without a signed Certification Form (Form # R4067) from three TICA Allbreed judges stating that they have handled the cat in question and find that it sufficiently meets the standard for its breed to be used in a breeding program.

Without objection.

=====Referred to the Spring Meeting=====

55. Motion was made by Wood and seconded by Christian to poll the La Perm Breed Group concerning adding an asterisk to the breed and a revised outcross policy, with the explanations on the asterisk and outcrosses provided by Genetics Chair, Solveig Pflueger. Motion carried unanimously.

\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\POLL\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\

56. Unanimous consent to amend the By-Laws 123.1.8 and the Judging Program 414.1 and 414.2.

123.1.8 Judge Emeritus. A retired judge who may be accorded the honor for outstanding service as a judge to this Association and to the cat fancy in general. An honorary title bestowed on a *judge who is retiring from judging*. A *Judge Emeritus is exempt from license fees, record forms, CEUs AND is exempt from the annual Refresher Test UNLESS that judge is actively judging.*

Judging Program 414.1 & 414.2 as follows:

414.1 All judges actively engaged in judging, including all Distinguished Judges, and Judges of Merit, *any Judge Emeritus still judging*, and all trainees shall be required to take an annual refresher test, which must be returned to the Judging Administrator/Designee with a postmark, fax or email date NO LATER THAN June 30 of each year. The test must be passed with a score of 95 percent or higher.

414.2 All judges and trainees must accumulate six CEUs each show season, with the exception of a *Judge Emeritus* Judges Emeriti. [Balance to remain the same.] Without objection.

>>>>Membership Ballot<<<<<

57. Unanimous consent to amend Registration Rules. Without objection.

33.1.2 *Domestic Hybrid Breed* - A breed developed from a deliberate cross between two existing *domestic* breeds, incorporating characteristics of both parental breeds into the new breed.

33.1.3 *Domestic x Non-Domestic Source Species Hybrid Breed* - A breed being developed by means of deliberate foundation crosses between domestic cats and a single non-domestic source species.

33.1.4 Native New Breed

33.1.5 Mutation Breed

33.1.6 Experimental Breed

33.1.7 *Household Pet* - A household pet which has been altered shall be accepted for registration regardless of ancestry or phenotype (appearance).

NOTE: 33.1.7 was in the Registration Rules as Article III, Section 1b in the 1999 rules. In converting from the old numbering system to the current numbering system, this appears have to have been omitted. In

past minutes, there has been no Board action to delete this definition. Without objection.

>>>>**Membership Ballot**<<<<

58. Unanimous consent to add Show Rule 29.2.4. Denied.

DENIED

59. Motion was made by Caruthers and seconded by Fisher to add Show Rule 29.2.4. Entry Clerks may, with the permission of the show management, release information about the cat count. However, if such information is released, it must be provided to anyone who inquires about the cat count. Entry clerks shall not release the names of exhibitors or of individual cats entered in the show. Motion denied with Ashley, Basquine, Caruthers and Christian in favor and Wood abstaining.

DENIED

60 Unanimous consent to add Standing Rules 307.4.3, 307.5.1 and 307.6.1 to read: A breed requesting an outcross that is part of a breed group must specify whether it wants to include only that breed, or the entire breed group. Denied.

DENIED

61. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Fisher to add Standing Rules 307.4.3, 307.5.1 and 307.6.1 to read: A breed requesting an outcross that is part of a breed group must specify whether it wants to include only that breed, or the entire breed group. Motion carried unanimously.

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

62. Unanimous consent to add Standing Rule 307.6.4 to read: For registration as a non-domestic source species hybrid, a first generation hybrid must have one parent that is a non-domestic source species. Without objection.

Comments: The domestic breeds that are accepted as permissible outcrosses are for the purpose of being bred to the wild source species or the specific wild hybrid (for example, a Serval bred to a domestic shorthair or a Savannah bred to a domestic shorthair). Two domestics that are considered permissible outcrosses are not intended to be bred together to create a non-domestic source breed hybrid. A non-domestic species hybrid is not created in the same way as a domestic hybrid. A Siamese bred to a Burmese creates a Tonkinese. An Egyptian Mau bred to a Domestic Shorthair DOES NOT create a Savannah. A non-domestic source species is REQUIRED to create a first-generation non-domestic hybrid

}}}}Standing Rules}}}}

63. Withdrawn.

64. Unanimous consent to refer the Clerking Program additions to the Rules Committee. Without objection.

51.2.4.4 Entry Clerk

51.2.4.4.1 Eligibility for entrance in the Entry Clerk Program is current membership in TICA.

51.2.4.4.2 Each applicant must submit documentation of the following to the Clerking Administrator

51.2.4.4.2.1 Attendance at an entry clerking seminar

51.2.4.4.2.2 Served as an entry clerk for a minimum of two shows. The applicant must submit favorable evaluations from each show signed by the show manager stating that the catalog was accurate, that the benching was done accurately, that a late entry page was printed (if appropriate), that all entries were printed in the Judges' Books and that all entry fees were properly accounted for.

51.2.4.4.2.3 The applicant must pass an entry clerk examination with a minimum score of 90%.

~~~~~Referred to the Rules Committee~~~~~

65. Motion was made by Dickie and seconded by Fisher to accept the changes to the Judging Program to read: ARTICLE TWELVE - *Continuing Education* (Housekeeping). **NOTE:** The only changes to this article are indicated by italics for additions and strike throughs for deletions. All other items are in the current article, but simply broken down and renumbered for simplicity of reading.

412.1 With the permission of the show management and the officiating judge, anyone participating in the Judging Program is encouraged to handle breed(s) and/or color(s) as a training session for the purpose of gaining more knowledge.

412.2 A CEU is a Continuing Education Unit. One hour of instruction equals one CEU. No more than six CEUs shall be granted for any session.

412.2.1 Six annual CEUs must be accumulated earned by attending one or more of the following during each show season: judging school, breed seminar, genetics seminar, judges' conference or workshop. The Judging Administrator may award CEUs for other cat fancy activities at his/her discretion (such as, but not limited to, writing articles in feline publications, translating TICA material, or attending feline health seminars).

412.2.2 *People in the Judging Program actively serving on one of the following Committees shall be awarded four CEUs per show season for such committee service: Genetics, Governance, Legislative, Rules, Judging (exam authors, exam graders, etc.)*

412.3 Judges and trainees must earn CEUs.

412.3.1 A Judge Emeritus (JE) is exempt from the CEU requirement.

412.3.2 A Distinguished Judge must lead a judges' conference or breed seminar, or conduct a judging school or genetics seminar (if qualified) at least once every 2 years. *No further CEUs shall be required for this time period.*

412.3.3 A Judge of Merit is encouraged to lead a judges' conference or breed seminar, or conduct a judging school or genetics seminar (if qualified) *each show season*. If he/she does so, no further CEUs shall be required for that year *show season*. *Otherwise, the Judge of Merit must earn six CEUs.*

412.3.4 Licensed Ring Instructors may receive earn one CEU credit for conducting a ring training session. (1 hour CEU for each completed training session, with

412.3.4.1 A maximum of three CEUs may be earned in this manner annually *each show season*).

412.4 Conducting or moderating any of the above schools, seminars, conferences or workshop sessions satisfies the requirement of attendance.

412.4.1 Licensed School or Licensed Genetics Instructors shall earn 1.5 CEU's for each hour of instruction in a Judging School/Workshop or a Genetics Seminar.

412.4.2 All senior Allbreed Judges are encouraged to participate by conducting seminars.

412.4.2 The instructor or moderator shall send a typed/printed attendance list along with attendees signatures and summary of what was covered to the Judging Administrator/Designee within 1 month following the session.

412.5 Any judge may earn CEU credit for conducting a Clerking School. A maximum of two CEU's may be earned in this manner annually.

412.5.1 Judges are encouraged to clerk at TICA shows; however, no CEUs are earned by clerking.

Motion is denied with Martin abstaining.

DENIED

66. Motion was made by Dickie and seconded by Fisher to accept the change to the Judging Program to read: ARTICLE TWELVE - *Continuing Education* (Housekeeping) above with the following change.

412.2.2 *People in the Judging Program actively serving on one of the following Committees shall be awarded four CEUs per show season for such committee service: Genetics and Rules.*

Motion carried unanimously.

~~~~~**Judging Program**~~~~~

67. Unanimous consent to accept the change to the Judging Program ARTICLE TWELVE - *Continuing Education* (Housekeeping) with 412.2.2. eliminated. Without objection.

~~~~~**Judging Program**~~~~~

68. Unanimous consent to accept the changes to ARTICLE THIRTEEN - *Schools, Seminars and Workshops* (Housekeeping). **NOTE:** The only changes to this article are indicated by italics for additions and strike throughs for deletions. All other items are in the current article, but simply broken down and renumbered for simplicity of reading.

413.1 A minimum of 2 working hours is required to earn attendance credit for a breed seminar, genetics seminar, or judges' conference. A minimum of 3 working hours is required to earn attendance credit for a judge's school. ~~Workshops and other Mini-seminars~~ may be 1 working hour in length. A maximum of 6 hours credit will be given for any one school, seminar, or symposium. ~~or workshop~~.

413.2 Schools, seminars and workshops can be held at any time or any place convenient to organizers, instructors and attendees, with arrangements made by a club or individual directly with the instructor. Formal/organized schools, seminars and workshops are STRONGLY encouraged, rather than informal, impromptu gatherings.

413.2.1 "One-on-One" sessions are allowed ONLY in special circumstances; i.e., when a trainee has been given prior approval by the Judging Administrator/Designee to gain additional knowledge regarding a specific breed (or breeds) and/or if an Approved Allbreed Sponsor requests that a trainee participate in a "one-on-one" session. Only one CEU ~~hour~~ per ~~year~~ show

season may be accumulated earned by any judge or trainee for a "one-on-one" session. ~~The one CEU hour credit for a "one-on-one" session MAY NOT be counted in addition to a ring training session on the same day.~~

413.3 Schools, seminars and workshops do not need to be advertised in advance. It is, however, suggested that the proposed date and location be sent to the Judging Administrator/Designee well in advance of the session.

413.4 The organizers may charge a reasonable fee for attendance.

413.4.1 A \$50 honorarium should customarily be offered to the instructor, conductor or moderator.

413.5 Attendance at judging schools, breed seminars or genetics seminars is open to anyone.

413.5.1 Attendance at judges' conferences is restricted to those in the Judging Program.

413.6 Judging schools are conducted by licensed school instructors.

413.6.1 Topics addressed at judging schools can be anything related to procedures, techniques, standards and rules of judging. Upon request, the Judging Administrator/Designee will provide suggested guidelines for conducting a school.

413.7 Genetics seminars are conducted by licensed genetics instructors.

413.8 Credit may also be given by the Judging Administrator on a case by case basis for schools, seminars, courses or symposia hosted by other organizations. Advance approval from the Judging Administrator/ Designee is required.

413.9 Breed seminars are ~~conducted~~ moderated by any Approved Allbreed judge. Upon request, the Judging Administrator/Designee will provide suggested guidelines for conducting a breed seminar.

413.10 Judges' conferences are moderated by any Approved Allbreed judge. Upon request, the Judging Administrator or Judging Administrator Designee will provide suggested guidelines for conducting a conference.

413.10.1 Judges' conferences shall be considered a private gathering, a meeting ground where participants may speak openly and freely among themselves without consequences.

413.10.2 The minutes or summary of a judges' conference are not to be published or sent to anyone other than the Judging Administrator or Judging Administrator Designee. The Judging Administrator may publish in the Judges Newsletter subject matter from the judges conference which, in the opinion of the Judging Administrator, would be of constructive interest to participants in the Judging Program, but participants' privacy will be protected.

413.10.3 *No more than two CEUs may be earned for a Judges' conference in any show season.*

413.11 Workshops are conducted by any Approved Allbreed judge who has obtained advance permission from the Judging Administrator/ Designee or the Board of Directors.

413.11.1 The purpose of a workshop is to provide in-depth, intensive training to all applicants and participants in the Judging Program.

413.11.2 Workshops may be several days long, and must consist of a minimum of 6 working hours per day.

413.11.3 Workshops may be arranged with the help of the Judging Administrator/Designee or the Board of Directors, which may appoint a Workshop Coordinator.

~~413.11.4 International workshops may be held in any country, including the United States and Canada.~~

413.11.4 Topics addressed should be breed standards, Show Rules, By-Laws, Registration Rules, clerking, genetics, colors, patterns, divisions and/or any other information that would be beneficial to the attendees.

Without objection.

~~~~~ **Judging Program** ~~~~~

69. Motion was made by Caruthers and seconded by Fisher that TICA send the President or the President's designee to represent TICA at the World Cat Conference. Motion carried unanimously.

70. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Parkinson to authorize the President to sign a licensing agreement with Meow Wear. Motion carried with Basquine, Wood, and Dickie abstaining.

71. Unanimous consent to allow NRS to make a TICA logo key ring for the junior achievers. Without objection.

72. Motion was made by Parkinson and seconded by Fisher changes to Standing Rule 2013 to read:

2013.1 Permission to Judge. A TICA judge may judge any TICA show any place at any time. Only Allbreed judges may judge non-TICA shows ~~outside the United States and Canada~~ as guest judges.

2013.1.1 ~~International Assignments~~. TICA Allbreed Judges invited to judge non-TICA shows as guest judges shall advise the Judging Administrator.

2013.1.2 *A TICA judge, in addition to being licensed by TICA, may be licensed by any Traditional Association [affiliated with the World Cat Congress or other independent Traditional Associations] and may judge as a Traditional judge for that association.*

Rationale: The above proposed changes bring equality to all TICA judges. Currently, only judges outside of North America can be licensed by and judge for Traditional Associations.

Motion was carried with Ashley, Caruthers, Christian, Crockett and Parris opposed. (See Motion #77.)

}}}} **Standing Rules** {{{{

73. Withdrawn.

74. Unanimous consent to refer the article on Who's WHO to the Rules Committee. Without objection.
*******See Addendum*******

75. Unanimous consent to go into a Committee of the Whole. Without objection.

76. Unanimous consent to go out of Committee of the Whole. Without objection.

77. Motion was made by Parkinson and seconded by Caruthers to reconsider Motion #72. Motion carried with the President breaking the tie vote; Dickie, Fisher Parkinson Parris and Wood were opposed. On reconsideration Motion 72 carried with the President breaking the tie; Ashley, Caruthers, Christian, Crockett and Parris were opposed.

78. Motion was made by Parkinson to accept the TICA Entry Clerking Program Specifications as amended below:

6.2 Testers will also be supplied with a copy of the TICA Standing Rules, Registration Rules and Show Rules and a blank set of pages for the judges books, *if requested*.

6.20 Invalid or nonexistent regions.

Motion carried unanimously

79. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Christian to pay per diem of \$39 and for the hotel for up to 4 nights for the Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

80. Motion was made by Ashley and seconded by Caruthers to appoint Sylvie Groenweld or Jerrie Wolf to the LaPerm Breed Committee by secret vote. Sylvie Groenweld was appointed.

81 Unanimous consent to destroy the ballots. Without objection.

82. Unanimous consent to appoint Nancy Schuman to the Burmese Breed Committee. Without objection.

83. Unanimous consent to go into Executive Session. Without objection.

*******Executive Session*******

85. Unanimous consent to go out of Executive Session. Without objection.

*******Executive Session*******

86. Unanimous consent to request that the Rules Committee develop a rule(s) requiring Outstanding Cattery designations used in advertising to include the expiration date on the certificate in their advertising. Without objection.

87. Unanimous consent to go into Executive Session. Without objection.

*******Executive Session*******

88. Unanimous consent to go out of Executive Session. Without objection.

*******Executive Session*******

89. Unanimous consent to go into a Committee of the Whole. Without objection.

90. Motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Crockett to accept the Toyger for Championship. Motion carried with Christian opposed because he felt the breed still needed a good deal of development and that putting them into a competitive class would serve as a divisive tool, diverting breeders from the goals of the breed.

91. Unanimous consent to authorize ticaleg.org. Without objection.

92. Unanimous consent to adjourn. Without objection.