

# Minutes of TICA Board of Directors - 2023 Winter Meeting

Location and Date: Electronic, January 18 – 20, 2023

President, Vicki Jo Harrison  
Vice President, Ralph Stadter  
Asia East RD, Hisae Tasaki  
Asia West RD, Jeff Shi  
Europe North RD, Liesbeth van Mullem  
Europe South RD, Kurt Vlach  
Europe West RD, Nicky Goulter  
Great Lakes RD, Liz Brown  
Mid Atlantic RD, Brenda Russo  
Mid Pacific RD, Carol Barton  
Northeast RD, Christian Cherau  
Northwest RD, Elaine Hawksworth-Weitz  
South America RD, Luiz Paulo Faccioli  
South Central RD, Jim Armel  
Southeast RD, Rene Knapp  
Southwest RD, Laurie Schiff  
International Associate RD, Lisa Dickie

Also in attendance: Frances Cardona, Business Office Manager; Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Business Development; Danny Nevarez, Chief Operating Officer; Rebecca Torres, Administrative Assistant; Hyeyeong Jang, Translator for Hisae Tasaki; Julie Li, Translator for Jeff Shi.

*The meeting was called to order by President, Vicki Jo Harrison, at 7:00 AM CST.*

*Susan Adler, Legal Counsel and Carlos Lopez, Judging Administrator were not present on Wednesday, January 18, 2023.*

*Harrison announced that Adler would go over the Fiduciary Duties on Thursday, January 19, 2023.*

1. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to approve the consent agenda. Without objection.

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*Approve Minutes with correction – Annual Meeting, August 31 – September 2, 2022 (electronic), see appendix.  
Set Spring Meeting dates – May 19 – 21, 2023 (electronic) – dates were later changed see motion #25.*

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2. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to go into Executive Session to include Cardona, Nevarez, Fisher, Torres, Jang, and Li. Without objection.

*Judging Program and Complaints were moved to Thursday after the open session agenda.*

*Business Planning Session was postponed to the 2023 Annual Meeting.*

*Shi and Li gave a presentation on the Legalization of TICA in China.*

*Hawksworth-Weitz gave an update on possible Health Benefits for TICA Office Employees.*

*Harrison went over the Executive Session follow-up report.*

*Harrison asked Stadter to continue with meeting as she had to step away for a moment.*

*Harrison returned to the meeting.*

3. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to leave Executive Session. Without objection.

4. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to recess for the day at 10:14 AM CST. Without objection.

**Meeting was called to order by President, Vicki Jo Harrison, at 7:00 AM CST on Thursday, January 19, 2023**

5. Motion by Faccioli/Vlach to accept the proposal to amend Judging Program 41.5.7 (Meetings). Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

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41.5.7 Acceptances into the Judging Program **and for advancement within the Judging Program** shall require an affirmative vote by a majority of the Judging Committee members present and voting. The vote of the individual Committee Members shall be reported in the public minutes of the meeting.

**41.5.7.1 Applications for acceptance into the Judging Program and for advancement within the Judging Program shall be considered only at scheduled Judging Committee meetings.**

~~Delete 415.12: 415.12 Applications for acceptance into the Judging Program and for advancement within the Judging Program shall be considered only at scheduled Judging Committee meetings.~~

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6. Motion by Faccioli/Vlach to accept the proposal to amend Judging Program Article Nine (Acceptance of Judges from Other Cat Associations). Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

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49.1 Names of applicants must be published in two issues of the TREND; notices must be received by the Judging **Committee Administrator** by April 15th for application at the **August meeting Annual**, by August 15th for application at the **December Winter Meeting** and by December 15th for application at the **Spring-April Meeting**. Notices must be sent to the Judging **Committee Administrator**. The **Deputy Judging Administrator** will then place the notices in the TREND. At the time of sending notice of intent to the Judging **Committee Administrator**, a new applicant to the Judging Program must send a photograph to the TREND Editor for publication with the notice in at least one issue of the TREND prior the **Board Judging Committee Meeting** at which the applicant is applying. TICA members shall be invited to send comments, favorable and/or unfavorable, to the Judging **Committee Administrator/Designee** and to the applicant's Regional Director.

49.2 Any judge who is or has been licensed by another domestic or international association who has at least 5 years of judging experience with one association, and who has judged at least 25 cat shows before applying to TICA, may apply to the Judging **Committee Administrator/Designee** for a TICA judge's license no later than May 15th for application at the **August meeting Annual**, October 15th for application at the **December Winter Meeting** or January 15th for application at the **Spring-April Meeting**. The highest level for which **an Allbreed applicant may apply** application may be made is Approved Specialty. **Transfer judges who are not Allbreed in their original association shall apply at the Probationary Specialty level.** Any such application shall include a detailed description of prior training and education and shall be evaluated on a case by case basis. Applications received after the deadline will be presented at the following scheduled **Board Judging Committee meeting**.

49.3 Payment of a ~~\$40~~ **an** application fee, a ~~\$15~~ processing fee and the appropriate ~~license~~ licensing fee, shall be **made to and forwarded to** the Executive Office.

49.4 Applicants must meet all of the following requirements prior to submitting their application for a TICA Judging License:

49.4.1 Must be a member of TICA in good standing at the time of application.

49.4.2 Must be a working member of an active TICA club.

49.4.3 ~~Must be a licensed~~ **have served as a Master Clerk at a minimum of two TICA shows with positive evaluations and have** TICA Master Clerk or must have judged a minimum of 5 TICA shows as a TICA Guest Judge and passed the TICA Master Clerk Exam.

49.4.4 Be familiar with TICA By-Laws, Registration Rules, Show Rules and Breed Standards.

49.4.5 Successfully complete the applicant examination.

49.4.6 In the 2 years prior to applying, **applicants** must:

49.4.6.1 Attend a TICA judging school.

49.4.6.2 Attend a TICA genetics seminar.

49.4.6.3 Attend a TICA breed seminar.

49.4.6.4 ~~Must~~ **Have** an Approved Allbreed Judge **as their** for a sponsor.

49.4.6.5 ~~Must~~ **Provide** documentation in the application packet verifying fulfillment of all requirements as listed above.

49.5 The **Board Judging Committee** shall consider the applicant's knowledge, ability, training, experience, show and club activity, personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors it deems appropriate and may grant the license in the appropriate status, deny the applicant or require additional work. **Evaluation may require the applicant and their Allbreed Sponsor to participate in an interview with the Judging Committee.**

49.6 All applicants must meet the basic requirements of 49.4; however, as the individual circumstances in each case are different, it is recommended that each applicant be considered separately for any additional requirements. The **Board Judging Committee** may approve the applicant at an appropriate level, require additional work, or deny the applicant. ~~With the approval of the Board, the Judging Administrator may designate someone residing in a particular country/region to act as an assistant in that country/region.~~

49.7 **Training requirements before** ~~if~~ the license is granted: ~~the applicant shall enter the Judging Program at the level approved by the Board, but no higher than Approved Specialty.~~

49.7.1 An applicant who is a licensed allbreed judge in **their** his/her current association at the time of application shall be granted a license only after the applicant has trained with TICA Instructors, handling all cats and kittens in a minimum of six different TICA shows. Prior to licensing, the applicant shall do at least one solo training session handling a minimum of 30 cats, kittens or alters. The applicant **may be required to** ~~shall~~ write breed critiques on all breeds not recognized in the association in which the applicant previously judged.

**49.7.2** ~~49.7.1.1~~ An applicant who is licensed less than Allbreed in another domestic association (i.e. an Association headquartered in North America) must complete the requirements of **44.3.2., 44.3.2.2, 44.5** and **do** a minimum of **20 training sessions and 2 solo sessions.** ~~half the training requirements in Article Four of the Judging Program. (44.7 through 44.9).~~ **Any other requirements will be assessed on an individual basis.**

49.7.2 ~~An applicant not currently licensed to judge all breeds of cats from a nondomestic association where licensing is by Group shall be granted a license only after training a minimum of 10 shows with licensed TICA Approved Allbreed Judges, six of which~~

must be licensed Instructors, handling those breeds not currently licensed to judge, handling all applicable entries. In addition, the applicant shall do three general training sessions handling all cats and kittens in three different shows. The applicant will stay in the judging ring the entire day for all training sessions handling any additional cats the Instructor requires. Prior to licensing the applicant shall do two solo training sessions handling a minimum of 30 cats/kittens or alters. The applicant shall write breed critiques as assigned by the Judging Administrator.

49.8 If an applicant for advancement is denied, the applicant may not apply for reconsideration for one year. **If the candidate decides to file an appeal with the Board of Directors for review, the appeal will normally be heard at the next scheduled Board meeting. The final decision on acceptance or denial is solely at the Board's discretion.**

49.8.1 Upon reapplication the applicant need only furnish proof to the Judging ~~Committee Administrator/Designee~~ that any requirements set by the board have been met. The Judging ~~Committee Administrator~~ has all the documentation and fee paid information and will advise the TREND editor to continue the listings in the TREND.

49.9 Advancement ~~of Transfer Judges to Provisional Allbreed~~

**49.9.1. Applicants who are accepted at the level of Probationary Specialty must complete the requirements in 45.7, 45.7.1 in order to advance to Approved Specialty.**

**49.9.2 Applicants who are accepted at the level of Approved Specialty must** have judged a minimum of 10 shows as a TICA Approved Specialty Judge **prior to requesting their Provisional Allbreed exam and applying for advancement.**

~~49.9.2.1 Any additional shows required shall be determined by the Board upon recommendation of the Judging Committee Administrator, based upon the judge's background, experience, knowledge of mechanics and overall performance.~~

~~49.9.2.2 Must have successfully completed the examination for Advancement to Provisional Allbreed Judge.~~

~~49.9.3 Must have met the requirements of 49.9.1.~~

~~49.9.4.2.3 Completed Application for Advancement to Provisional Allbreed, with any attachments, must be received by the Judging Committee Administrator and the Allbreed Sponsor no later than May 15th for application at the August meeting Annual, October 15th for application at the December Winter Meeting or January 15th for application at the Spring April Meeting. Applications received after deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Judging Committee Board Meeting.~~

**49.9.5.2.4 If an applicant for advancement is denied, the applicant may not apply for re-consideration for one year. If the candidate decides to file an appeal with the Board of Directors for review, the appeal will normally be heard at the next scheduled Board meeting. The final decision on acceptance or denial is solely at the Board's discretion.**

~~49.9.5.2.4.1 Upon reapplication the applicant need only furnish proof to the Judging Committee Administrator/Designee that any requirements set by the board have been met. The Judging Committee Administrator has all the documentation and fee-paid information and will advise the TREND editor to continue the listings in the TREND.~~

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7. Motion by Faccioli/Vlach to accept the proposal to amend Judging Program Article Ten (Guest Judges) as amended. Motion carried with Brown, Faccioli, and Schiff opposed. **Schiff, Brown, Faccioli** - I would be fine with the original number but I think this is too substantial of an increase. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

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410.1 International Guest Judge: Approval of International Guest Judges is delegated to the Judging Committee.

410.1.1 International Guest Judge. A club may apply to the Judging Committee for approval for a licensed Allbreed judge from another cat association to judge a TICA show. ~~Application shall be made on the official TICA Application for Invitation of International Guest Judge.~~

**410.1.1.1 Application shall be made on the official TICA Application for Invitation of International Guest Judge.**

**410.1.1.2 Application must be submitted to the Judging Committee 60 days prior to the show dates.**

410.1.2 An International Guest Judge must be licensed in the formats and/or breeds to be judged. The International Guest Judge should be licensed as an Allbreed Judge; however, exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

410.1.3 Included with the application, the club must furnish documentation of the international judge's qualifications on the form provided to the Judging Administrator, with a translation to English if the original documents are in a language other than English. Documentation shall consist of one or more of the following:

410.1.3.1 A copy of the judge's license.

410.1.3.2 A copy of the licensing association's listing of judges showing the applicant judge with their current status.

410.1.3.3 Other documentation or correspondence from the office of the licensing association which indicates the judge's current status.

410.1.4 If the judge is approved by the Judging Committee, the club is responsible for furnishing the International Guest Judge copies of TICA Show Rules and Standards, and working with said judge on interpretation and clarification.

410.1.4.1 Once a Guest Judge has been approved by the committee, any subsequent invitation/application for that same judge and the same show season may be automatically approved by the Judging Administrator without presentation to the committee, as long as the AB license is still valid and no problems have been reported on previous assignments and it will not exceed the limitations as listed in 410.1.5 or 410.1.6.

410.1.5 A judge may serve as a Guest Judge no more than **six nine shows** ~~five weekends~~ per TICA show season except as stated in 410.1.6.1.

410.1.6 There shall be no more than two Guest Judges per show weekend or 50 percent of the rings whichever is less except as stated in 410.1.6.1.

410.1.6.1 The number of Guest Judges allowed to judge shows in isolated areas shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Exceptions to 410.1.5 and 410.1.6 shall be considered on a case-by-case basis. For the show seasons 2021/2022 and 2022-2023 only, this provision shall also apply for any show held in any Region.

410.2 Licensed International Guest Judge. ~~A licensed international guest judge must be a licensed Allbreed judge in his/her~~

~~association.~~ A Licensed International Guest Judge may judge for any TICA club upon invitation without approval of the Judging Committee or restriction of the number of show weekends.

~~410.2.1 Any Licensed International Guest Judge appointed before May 20, 2019 will remain as a Licensed International Guest judge, but no new applications will be accepted.~~

410.2.1 In order to maintain an active guest judge's license, the international guest judge must maintain active TICA membership with payment of annual membership dues and annual license fee by October 30th of each year, must have a TICA Approved Allbreed Judge as a sponsor, and must pass the annual Refresher Exam by June 30th of each year.

**410.2.2 Effective May 1, 2023 the designation of Licensed International Guest Judge will terminate. Any remaining Licensed International Guest Judges, who otherwise meet the requirements for relicensing, will be considered licensed as Provisional Allbreed Judges.**

~~410.3 Advancement from Licensed International Guest Judge to Fully Licensed TICA Judge~~

~~410.3.1 A Licensed International Guest Judge may apply to become a fully licensed TICA judge upon completion of the following at the time of application:~~

~~410.3.1.1 Judged three years as a licensed international guest judge.~~

~~410.3.1.2 Judged a minimum of 20 TICA shows as a licensed international guest judge.~~

~~410.3.1.3 Obtained a letter of endorsement from his/her Approved Allbreed sponsor stating his/her approval of advancement.~~

~~410.3.1.4 Passed the Approval Allbreed examination (95 percent correct answers are considered a passing grade; however, all questions missed must be answered again correctly.~~

~~410.3.1.5 Met any special requirements as set for by the Board or the Judging Committee.~~

~~410.3.1.6 Must have paid a \$40 application fee and a \$15 processing fee.~~

~~410.3.2 Name of applicant must be published in two issues of the TREND; notices must be received by the Judging Administrator by April 15th for application at the Annual, by August 15th for application at the Winter Meeting and by December 15th for application at the Spring Meeting. Notices must be sent to the Judging Administrator. The Judging Administrator will then place the notices in the TREND.~~

~~410.3.3 Submit the appropriate application and supporting documentation to the TICA Judging Administrator/Designee no later than May 15th for application at the Annual, October 15th for application at the Winter Meeting or January 15th for application at the Spring Meeting.~~

~~410.3.4 Upon acceptance by the Board as a fully licensed TICA Judge, the applicant shall be licensed as an Approved Allbreed Judge.~~

**8. Motion by Faccioli/Vlach to accept the proposal to amend Judging Program Article Eleven (Reinstatement).**

Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

~~411.1 Names of applicants must be published in two issues of the TREND. Notices must be sent to the Judging **Committee Administrator** and received by April 15th for application at the **August meeting Annual**, August 15th for application at the **December Winter** Meeting and December 15th for application at the **Spring April** Meeting. The **Deputy** Judging Administrator will then place the notices in the TREND. TICA members shall be invited to send comments, favorable and/or unfavorable, to the Judging **Committee Administrator/Designee** and to the applicant's Regional Director.~~

~~411.2 Any judge formerly licensed as a TICA judge may, **within 10 years of resigning their license**, apply to the **Judging Committee Board** for reinstatement. **Applications for reinstatement at all levels must be made at the appropriate level** no later than May 15th for application at the **August meeting Annual**, October 15th for application at the **December Winter** Meeting or January 15th for application at the **Spring April** Meeting. **Payment of a \$40 application fee, a \$15 processing fee and the appropriate license fee shall be forwarded to the Executive Office to be received no later than May 15th for application at the Annual, October 15th for application at the Winter Meeting or January 15th for application at the Spring Meeting.** Applications received after **the** deadline will be presented at the following scheduled **Judging Committee Board** meeting.~~

~~411.2.1 **To be considered for reinstatement, all applicants must:** Reinstatement as Provisional or Approved Allbreed.~~

~~411.2.1.1 **Must have met Meet** the requirement of 411.1~~

~~411.2.1.2 **Must have paid all appropriate fees. Forward payment of an application fee, a processing fee and the appropriate license fee to the Executive Office to be received no later than May 15th for application at the August meeting, October 15th for application at the December Meeting or January 15th for application at the April Meeting.**~~

~~411.2.1.3 **Must have passed the current Master Clerk Exam**~~

~~411.2.4 **Applicants for reinstatement as Provisional or Approved Allbreed Judge** ~~Am~~ must meet any training requirements deemed necessary by ~~the Board or~~ the Judging **Committee Administrator**, assigned on a case by case basis.~~

~~411.2.3 **Applicants for reinstatement as Probationary or Approved Specialty Judge must:**~~

~~411.2.2 **Reinstatement as Probationary or Approved Specialty.**~~

~~411.2.2.1 **Must have met the requirement of 410.1**~~

~~411.2.2.2 **Must have passed the current Master Clerk Exam**~~

~~411.2.2.3 **Must be a Licensed Master Clerk.**~~

~~411.2.2.4 **3.1 Must s** Successfully complete the Reinstatement Exam no later than May 15th for application at the ~~Annual~~ **August Meeting**, October 15th for application at the ~~Winter~~ **December** Meeting or January 15th for application at the ~~Spring~~ **April** Meeting.~~

~~411.2.2.5 **411.2.3.2 The approved applicant shall Once approved,** train with TICA **Ring** Instructors, handling all the kittens and cats at a minimum of four (more may be required) different TICA shows, ~~before their license shall be granted. In addition, the applicant shall and complete write~~ breed critiques on any breeds **as** required by the Judging **Committee Administrator/Designee**.~~

~~411.3 Each application for reinstatement shall be considered on a case by case basis including circumstances surrounding the former judge's resignation, any changes in those circumstances, knowledge, ability, training, experience, show and club activity, personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors the **Judging Committee Board** deems appropriate. The **Judging Committee Board** may grant reinstatement at the appropriate level, deny the applicant, or require additional work.~~

~~411.3.1 If an applicant for reinstatement is denied, the applicant may not reapply for 1 year. **If the candidate files an appeal with the Board of Directors for review, the appeal will normally be heard at the next scheduled Board meeting. The final decision on acceptance or denial is solely at the Board's discretion.**~~

~~411.3.1.1 Upon reapplication the applicant need only furnish proof to the Judging **Committee Administrator/Designee** that any requirements set by the board have been met. The Judging **Committee Administrator** has all the documentation and fee-paid information and will advise the TREND editor to continue the listings in the TREND.~~

~~411.4 If a license is granted, applicant shall enter the Judging Program at the level approved by the **Judging Committee Board**.~~

~~411.5 Any judge demoted by the Board may, after a period of 1 year, apply to the Board for reinstatement to **their his/her** previous level of certification **by applying to the Judging Committee** no later than May 15th for ~~application at the~~ **August meeting Annual**, October 15th for ~~application at the~~ **December Winter** Meeting or January 15th for ~~application at the~~ **April Spring** Meeting. Applications received after the deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Board meeting.~~

411.6 Based on present performance **and the Judging Committee's recommendation**, the Board may grant the reinstatement, require additional work, or deny the advancement to previous certification level.

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9. Motion by Faccioli/Vlach to accept the proposal to amend Judging Program Article Twelve (Leave of Absence and Resignation). Motion carried with Hawksworth-Weitz opposed. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

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412.1 Any TICA judge requiring a leave of absence must notify the Judging ~~Committee Administrator/Designee~~, giving the effective date of the leave.

412.2 **If the leave of absence is expected to be less than one year, then all** All dues and license fees shall be paid, and all refresher tests shall be successfully completed during the leave of absence.

412.3 If the leave of absence ~~extends is~~ for less than **4 one year, and all dues and license fees are current and all refresher tests successfully completed**, the judge shall ~~request reinstatement from the Judging Administrator/Designee~~ **notify the Judging Committee when they are ready to resume judging**.

**412.3.1 If dues or license fees lapse, or if refresher tests are not satisfactorily completed during the leave of absence, the judge shall be required to apply for reinstatement as set out in Article Eleven.**

412.4 If the leave of absence is **a year or more** ~~more than 1 year~~, the judge must **apply to the Judging Committee for reinstatement** ~~make application to the Board to be reinstated~~. Any requirements for reinstatement established by the **Judging Committee** ~~Board~~ shall be completed.

~~412.5 If dues or license fees lapse, or if refresher tests are not satisfactorily completed during the leave of absence, the judge shall be required to reapply for acceptance into the Judging Program.~~

412.6 **The Judging Committee** ~~Board~~ shall consider the applicant's knowledge, ability, training, experience, show and club activity, personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors it deems appropriate and may grant reinstatement at the appropriate level, deny the applicant, or require additional work.

**413.5.1 If an applicant for reinstatement is denied, the candidate may file an appeal with the Board of Directors for review, the appeal will normally be heard at the next scheduled Board meeting. The final decision on acceptance or denial is solely at the Board's discretion.**

~~412.7~~ A resignation submitted by a judge shall take effect immediately unless the resignation itself states an effective date, in which case the resignation shall become effective on the stated date. A judge can subsequently withdraw **their** ~~his/her~~ resignation, provided that the withdrawal is made before the effective date.

~~412.8~~ Following **the effective date of their** ~~his/her~~ resignation, a judge can apply for reinstatement as set out in Article Eleven.

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10. Motion by Brown/Knapp to accept the proposal to amend Standing Rule 106.4.1 (Advisory Standing Committees). Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

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106.4.1 Advisory Standing Committees. The following committees serve in an advisory capacity. **These bringing unique specialized** knowledge and skills that aid the Board to make more effective decisions **and develop and implement programs and activities designated by the Board to assist members** on behalf of the Association.

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11. Motion by Brown/Hawksworth-Weitz to accept the proposal to add Standing Rule 106.4.1.6 (Standards Committee). Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

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**106.4.1.6 Standards Committee To assist new breeds in developing well written and understandable breed standards; to assist existing Breed Committees with any proposed changes to their standards; act as a liaison between the existing Breed Committees, the TICA judges, and the Board of Directors to ensure that the terms used in existing Standards convey the meaning intended and to ensure uniformity of terminology through the existing Standards of the Association; and make certain all updates and new standards are incorporated into the Standards and on the TICA website.**

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*Harrison lost connection, Stadter continued with the meeting.*

12. Motion by Vlach/Armel to accept the proposal to amend Standing Rule 1012.2 (Additional Regions). Motion carried with Barton, Brown, Faccioli, Hawksworth-Weitz, Russo, Schiff and Tasaki opposed. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

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1012.2 Additional Regions. To apply for a full Directorship, a Region must have had a resident membership of ~~425~~ **200** or more members for the past three (3) years.

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*Harrison rejoined the meeting.*

*The proposal to add Standing Rule 1024.4 (Voting rights) was withdrawn. Harrison will form a committee to assist with the rework of this proposal(s). Board members were asked to email Harrison if they were interested in being part of the committee.*

13. Unanimous consent by Hawksworth-Weitz to go into committee of the whole to allow Jackie Rose to speak. Without objection.

14. Motion by Stadter/Hawksworth-Weitz to accept the proposal to amend Junior Exhibitor Program. Motion carried with Barton and Vlach abstaining. This change goes into **effect May 1, 2023**. For brevity, see appendix for the 2023 Winter Meeting Minutes, Page 5

proposal. *Note – new proposals will be presented at the Spring Meeting considering the revisions and edits suggested by the Board.*

*Vlach left the meeting.*

*Munt gave an update on the 2022/2023 Annual, Tacoma, Washington.*

*Hotel – Marriot Downtown Tacoma – rooms are being booked.*

*Banquet expected to open mid to late February.*

*Entries are coming in visit [www.ticaannual.com](http://www.ticaannual.com) .*

*Adler gave an update on the Legislative Committee. Email Adler if any member is interested in being part of the committee. Let the committee know if there is any pending legislation in your area.*

*Harrison went over the follow-up report, see appendix.*

*Fulkerson presented the Marketing Report, see appendix.*

*Harrison announced that the schedule for Friday's agenda would change, we will start with the financial reports, COO update, and then the Standard changes.*

**15.** Unanimous consent by Faccioli to go into Executive Session to include Adler, Cardona, Lopez, Nevarez, Torres, Jang, and Li. Without objection.

*Shi was not present in Executive Session.*

*Lopez presented the Judging Committee reports.*

**16.** Motion by Faccioli/Knapp to set a hearing for Mosher for the 2023 Annual Meeting regarding the Mosher vs Mahan complaint. Motion carried unanimously.

**17.** Motion by Schiff/van Mullem to instruct the Executive Office to complete the transfer of Jeuxcoons Big Bull William to Ayaz Ali on the Ali vs Kowaleski complaint. Motion carried unanimously.

**18.** Unanimous consent by Faccioli to leave Executive Session. Without objection.

**19.** Unanimous consent by Faccioli to recess for the day at 12:06 PM CST. Without objection.

**Meeting was called to order by President, Vicki Jo Harrison, at 7:00 AM CST on Friday, January 20, 2023**

*Dickie was not present at the beginning of the meeting but joined shortly after.*

*Fisher presented the financial reports, see appendix.*

**20.** Unanimous consent by Brown to accept the June 30, 2022, audit reports. Without objection.

**21.** Motion by Stadter/Vlach to amend the budget to include \$6,000 for the attendance to the World Cat Congress in Tasmania, Australia. Motion carried unanimously.

**22.** Motion by Schiff/Russo to amend the budget to add an additional \$12,000 for specific project enhancements in TFMS to add value to membership. Motion carried unanimously.

**23.** Motion by Brown/Russo to accept the amended budget. Motion carried unanimously.

*Fisher will work on a written Investment Policy as the current policy has been evolving over the years and has been voted on by the Board and documented in the meeting minutes.*

Nevarez presented the COO update, see appendix.

**24.** Motion by Vlach/Stadter to move Palestine, Syria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates to the International Region. Motion carried with Hawksworth-Weitz opposed.

*During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Directors had made some temporary adjustments to some rules or the timing for the implementation of some changes. The Board of Directors decided not to extend those measures into the 2023/2024 show season. Below are the rules affected by the measures previously taken by the Board.*

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#### **Standing Rules related to Show Rules**

**Show Rule 22.2.2.2** A club not located in an Isolated Area may sponsor an Alternative Format show only with the advance permission of the Regional Director.

**Standing Rule in place until April 30, 2023: 202.2.2** *For the 2020/2021, 2021/2022 and 2022-2023 show seasons only, all Regional Directors have given advance permission for clubs to sponsor Alternative Format shows.*

**Consequence as of May 1, 2023:** Any Alternative Format shows scheduled after May 1, 2023, which are going to take place in an area which is not listed as an Isolated Area as per Standing Rule 1012.3.1, require express permission of the respective Regional Directors to use that format.

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**Show Rules** "Article Seven - Requirements for Titles" lists the requirements for each title.

**Measure in place until April 30, 2023: Standing Rule 207.1.1** Requirements for Titles. All points earned are cumulative. After earning the points required for one title, any remaining points apply to the next title. ***For purposes of scoring for individual cat titles, cats shown in the 2019/2020 show season will have titles recomputed under Standing Rule 207.1.1.2 -Isolated Areas and be notified that those titles may be claimed. Those cats, along with additional cats shown in the 2020/2021, 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 show seasons, will continue to earn titles computed under Standing Rule 207.1.1.2-Isolated Areas through April 30, 2023. At the conclusion of the 2022/2023 show season and prior to reverting to non-isolated scoring, the Executive Office will notify owners of any unclaimed titles earned under these rules and allow a reasonable period of time to claim titles.***

**Consequence as of May 1, 2023:** Any titles for which cats have met the requirements as per Isolated Area scoring, can be claimed by the owners until June 30, 2023. The owners will be notified via direct email when those titles become available to be claimed. Additional reminder emails will be sent before June 30, 2023. There will be notifications in newsletters, the Trend, as well as posts on social media and email lists to inform and remind the owners.

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**Show Rule 29.3.4** In non-isolated areas a judge may not judge more than two Alternative Format shows on the same weekend, except in cases of emergency whereby a contracted judge has canceled and a new (i.e., different) judge cannot be contracted. (See 22.3.)

**Standing Rule in place until April 30, 2023: 209.3.4** *For the show season 2020/2021, 2021/2022 and 2022/2023, the Board has determined that an "emergency" situation exists and that clubs holding shows during these three seasons, shall be additionally authorized to contract judges under "isolated area" terms.*

**Consequence as of May 1, 2023:** Any Alternative Format shows scheduled after May 1, 2023, which are going to take place in an area which is not listed as an Isolated Area as per Standing Rule 1012.3.1, judges can only judge 2 Alternative Format shows on the same weekend (each AM session or PM session counts as a separate show).

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**Measure in place until April 30, 2023: Standing Rule 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 during the show year for which the regional award was won. An exception will be made in the case of kittens and household pet kittens in that a show as an adult will fulfill the requirement that they be shown one time in the region. ***This rule is suspended for the 2020/2021, 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 show seasons.***

**Consequence as of May 1, 2023:** To be eligible for a regional award, a cat must be shown at least once in that region during the show year for which the regional award was won.

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**Measure in place until April 30, 2023: Standing Rule 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. ***For the 2021/2022 show season the aggregate points must be at least 500 (300 for International area). Beginning with show season 2022/2023 the***

**aggregate points must be at least 1,000 (600 for International area).** All awards earned during the show year will be listed accordingly for every region or recognized area and internationally.

**Consequence as of May 1, 2023:** To be eligible for a regional award, a cat must have earned at least 1,000 (600 for International area) aggregate points in order to be eligible for a Regional Award.

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**Measure in place until April 30, 2023: Judging Program 410.1.6.1** The number of Guest Judges allowed to judge shows in isolated areas shall be considered on a case-by-case basis. Exceptions to 410.1.5 and 410.1.6 shall be considered on a case-by-case basis. **For the show seasons 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 only, this provision shall also apply for any show held in any Region.**

**Consequence as of May 1, 2023:** Any shows scheduled after May 1, 2023, which are going to take place in an area which is not listed as an Isolated Area as per Standing Rule 1012.3.1, there is less flexibility regarding the use of guest judges.

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**Measure in place until April 30, 2023: Standing Rule 202.4.5 was suspended:** 202.4.5 The show information must be submitted for publication to the show calendar on the official TICA website at least 30 days prior. In addition to this, clubs are encouraged to use other available means to publicize their shows.

**Consequence as of May 1, 2023:** Any shows scheduled after May 1, 2023, must be listed on the show calendar at least 30 days prior to the first day of the show.

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*Note to the Executive Office – Guidelines for Show Licensing and Announcement during the Pandemic of Covid -19 leniency is to be discontinued April 30, 2023, see appendix.*

**25.** Motion by Vlach/Russo to change the electronic Spring Meeting dates from May 19 – 21, 2023 to May 18 – 20, 2023. Motion carried with Armel, Brown, Faccioli, and Knapp opposed and Stadter and van Mullen abstaining.

**26.** Motion by Brown/Armel to add an additional day to the 2023 Annual Meeting, August 29 - September 1, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

*Brown will continue working with Rules on the Maine Coon standard changes and is hopeful that it will get approved by the Board before May 1, 2023.*

**27.** Motion by Hawksworth-Weitz/Vlach to postpone the Burmilla Group standard change to the Spring Meeting. Motion carried with Schiff opposed and Shi abstaining. *Note – breed group is encouraged to make a presentation at the Spring Meeting with additional supporting documentation.*

**28.** Unanimous consent by Faccioli to leave committee of the whole. Without objection

**29.** Unanimous consent by Faccioli to go into Executive Session to include Adler, Cardona, Nevarez, Torres, Jang, and Li. Without objection.

**30.** Unanimous consent by Faccioli to leave Executive Session. Without objection.

**31.** Unanimous consent by Faccioli to adjourn at 12:02 PM CST. Without objection.