

**TICA Board of Directors
Special Meeting – Agenda
March 10, 2021
Harlingen, Texas**

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 7 am – 8:30 am CST

Call to Order - Roll Call

Consent Agenda

1. Corrections/Approval of Winter Meeting Minutes, January 27-29, 2021.
2. Ratify the decision to take no action on the Brown vs. Kennedy complaint as the previous motion (#7) did not pass, the matter was re-discussed, a new decision was made but not voted.

Website and Automation projects - budget amendments

Proposal - Standing Rule

Add 309.2.1 (Accepting non-TICA pedigrees) – Faccioli

Appointment of Toybob working Co-Chair and Co-Liaison

Co-Chair – Margo Hill

Co-Liaison – Elaine Hawksworth-Weitz

Board Discussion

1. Isolated Status
Guest Judges
2. 2021 Annual
3. TICA Mentor Program

OPTION ONE - Add New Standing Rules 309.9.2 Accepting Pedigrees from Other Registries) – Board Directive

Rationale:

This proposal was referred back to Rules at the Winter 2021 meeting.

This revised version is re-submitted to take account of the Board's request for an explicit appeals process should an RD object to a registry. The edits from the original proposal are in blue.

Add new Standing Rules 309.9.2, and re-number existing 309.9.2:

(Registration Rule 39.9.2 provided for context)

39.9.2 Be accompanied by a minimum of 3-generation certified pedigree (from another registry) of the cat for which application is being made and a photocopy of a registration certificate from that registry showing proof that this cat is owned by the person making the application and asking to be named the owner of this cat.

309.9.2 Pedigrees from Other Registries

309.9.2.1 In addition to the currently recognized registries, with effect from [effective date], the Executive Office shall accept pedigrees from other registries that meet one of the following criteria:

309.9.2.1.1 The registry is from a World Cat Congress member or an association with which TICA has a formal agreement for mutual acceptance of pedigrees.

309.9.2.1.2 The registry is an active TICA chartered club that produces TICA shows, provided that the measures and procedures implemented by the club for issuing their own pedigrees are at least as stringent or as restrictive as TICA's rules. The registry must also be approved by the relevant Regional Director.

309.9.2.1.3 The registry is an independent club that has licensed judges and holds shows and must also be approved by the relevant Regional Director.

309.9.2.2 If the registry is not approved by the relevant Regional Director (as required by 309.9.2.1.2 or 309.9.2.1.3), either the registry or the person requesting registration may appeal to the Board to review the decision. The decision of the Board is final.

309.9.2.3 If considered in the best interests of the Association, the Board may approve a registry that does not meet the above criteria.

309.9.2.4 The Executive Office shall maintain and make available for the membership a list of the registries recognized for registration in TICA.

309.9.2.5 The Board may direct the Executive Office to refuse recognition of new pedigrees from a registry if that registry no longer meets the above criteria.

309.9.2.6 In the event that a registry does not issue registration certificates, the Executive Office may request additional documentation to prove ownership and authenticity.

Comments from Rules Committee:

1. On "other rules affected by the proposed change and to ensure that the proper terms are used to convey the meaning intended and to ensure uniformity of terminology throughout"

This version includes some minor wording changes to conform to terminology elsewhere in TICA Rules. A header (309.9.2) has been added for consistency with other Standing Rules.

2. Opinions on the merits (or otherwise) of the proposal (i.e. "to review proposals" as per Standing Rule 106.4.1.1)

(A)

I like this. Sounds good to me

(B)

I agree.

(C)

This appears to meet all the necessary points for both rules conflicts and fulfilling the BOD directive

(D)

So if the Regional Director does deny a club how big are the chances that the board is going to approve it? I would say upon recommendation of the RD that lives in the Region, then for the Board to make a completely different decision is unlikely.

I would say it fits into the rules but would like rather see the EO to accept or not accept upon the quality of the pedigrees than on an opinion of one person.

(E)

Here is my problem: While the Regional Directors have specific duties and the Board may delegate things to them, the ultimate decision on Registration Rules rests with the Membership and the Board.

I understand the intent, but the implication in how this is worded is that an elected official, who has no decision making authority as a single person, serving a 3 year term, can block the acceptance of a registry's pedigrees. Yes, we have an appeal process, but I think the process is misplaced. So let's say that RD goes away and a new one comes in and "unblocks" the registry.

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(E – Contd)

Seems to be that the process should be that the EO follows the guidelines and the relevant RD is notified. If the RD doesn't approve, the issue requires the Board to review. I guess in other words, the RD would make the appeal rather than the registry.

(F)

I think that is a fair point. To resolve this, I think we should put forward two proposals and let the Board decide which one they prefer:

OPTION ONE - the proposal we are currently discussing, subject to any wording clarifications not yet agreed.

OPTION TWO - a revised version along the lines of your suggestion above; this would also involve removing the requirements to have explicit RD consent. That also reflects the Board's Winter 2021 decision regarding the proposal on chartering new clubs.