

THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION, INC.

2016 Annual Board Meeting
Town and Country Resort and Convention Center
San Diego, California
August 31 - September 2, 2016
(Open Session)

The meeting was called to order at 8:30AM, August 31, 2016 at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center in San Diego, California, by President, Fate Mays. The following members were present:

President, Fate Mays
Vice President, Bobbie Tullo

Directors:

Asia, Motoko Oizumi	South Central, Wendy Klamm
Great Lakes, Mike Vasquez	Southeast, Laurie Patton
Mid Atlantic, Susan Adler	Southwest, Alex Chisholm
Mid Pacific, Gloria Mahan	Western Europe, Phil Cornwell
Northeast, Donna Madison	South America, Luiz Paulo Faccioli
Northern Europe, Ralph Stadter	Southern Europe, Damien Bourreau
Northwest, Ellen Crockett	International Associate, Lisa Dickie

Alex Chisholm, Southwest Regional Director, was absent at this time.

Also present were:

Leslie Bowers, Business Manager
Frances Cardona, Administrative Assistant
Lesley Jones, Webmaster
Roeann Fulkerson, Marketing Director
Luka Maruyama, Asia Translator
Marylou Anderson, Judging Administrator

1. Unanimous consent by Crockett for correction of the 2016 Spring Meeting Minutes to read: The International Region shall receive their regional rebate for show year 2015-2016.

Without objection.

2. Unanimous consent by Stadter to approve the minutes as corrected.

Without objection.

3. Unanimous consent by Stadter to go into Executive Session with Bowers, Anderson, Cardona, Maruyama, translator for Ms. Oizumi present.

Without objection.

4. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Bourreau to allow Fulkerson in Executive Session.

Motion denied with Bourreau in favor.

5. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Klamm to include Jones in Executive Session.

Motion denied unanimously.

(Executive Session)

Phillipa Holmes and Jane Allen from the Western Europe region joined the meeting to make a statement on the complaint of Useckaite v Cornwell.

6. Motion was made by Faccioli and seconded by Madison to take no action on the complaint of Useckaite v Cornwell because there was no violation quoted.

Motion carried with Adler, Bourreau, Crockett, and Stadter opposed and Oizumi abstaining.

7. Motion was made by Faccioli and seconded by Tullo to accept Johary Gomez for LH/SH Trainee.

Motion carried.

8. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Madison to accept Liesbeth van Mullem for LH/SH Trainee.

Motion carried.

9. Motion was made by Faccioli and seconded by Patton to accept Ana Ferreyra for Probationary Specialty Judge.

Motion carried.

10. Motion was made by Klamm and seconded by Patton to accept Charlotte Shea for Probationary Specialty Judge.

Motion carried.

11. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Tullo to accept Susanna Shon for Probationary Specialty Judge.

Motion carried.

12. Motion was made by Adler and seconded by Stadter to accept David Nudleman for Provisional Allbreed Judge. Later in the meeting the motion was reconsidered. (See motion 41 and 42.)

Motion was denied, subsequently, the motion carried.

13. Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Faccioli to accept Sharon Kalani for Approved Allbreed Judge.

Motion carried.

14. Motion was made by Adler and seconded by Stadter to accept Brenda Russo for Approved Allbreed Judge.

Motion carried.

15. Motion was made by Patton and seconded by Stadter to accept Stephanie Smith for Approved Allbreed Judge.

Motion carried.

16. Motion was made by Bourreau and seconded by Stadter to accept Francoise Dubois for Licensed International Guest Judge.

Motion carried.

17. Motion was made by Klamm and seconded by Faccioli, that subsequent to the hearing requested by Jimmy Reardon, the Board would let the previously made decision stand.

FROM THE 2016 Winter Meeting: *“Motion was made by Madison and seconded by Faccioli not to relicense Jimmy Reardon; he can reapply in 1 year.”*

Motion carried.

18. Motion was made by Patton and seconded by Stadter that based on the facts presented on the Dickie v Price complaint, the Board will impose a 6-month probationary period from September 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017. During the probationary period, all of Hugh Price's TICA membership privileges will remain in effect. Upon expiration of this probationary period, if no further documented incidents occur, the complaint will be dismissed. **Comments from the Board:** *“The Board does not condone any behavior that could possibly harm a cat.”*

Motion carried with Madison opposed.

19. Motion was made by Adler and seconded by Tullo that Jean Mill, as the founder of the Bengal breed, be awarded the Hall of Fame plaque at the awards banquet this year.

Motion carried unanimously.

20. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Faccioli to take no action on the complaint of Nicki Fenwick-Raven v Krenn, Dany, Van den Bunder. Comment by Adler, and Bourreau, and Stadter: Judges are reminded that they sign a code of ethics. They are also reminded that when exhibiting, they should behave courteously to exhibitors and other judges. They should be respectful of the decision of fellow judges. Judges are ambassadors of TICA and should remember that they are also representatives of TICA. The Judging Administrator should remind them of this in the Judges' Newsletter.

Motion carried unanimously.

Alex Chisholm arrived at 2:30PM.

The President announced that the contract for Christina Unangst, Yearbook Editor had been signed.

21. Motion was made by Patton and seconded by Vasquez that the President be instructed to sign the 3-year contract for Judith Milling.

Motion carried unanimously.

22. Unanimous consent by Crockett to go into Executive Session without Bowers and Cardona.

Without objection.

(Open Session)

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:30AM on Thursday, September 1, 2016.

Future meetings were updated:

Winter 2017	January 25-27 - Portland, OR
Spring 2017	May 19-21 - Harlingen, TX
Annual 2017	August 30-September 1- Corpus Christi, TX
Annual 2018	August 29-31, Birmingham, AL

The Financial Reports were received from the Treasurer, Vickie Fisher.

23. Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Stadter that maturing investments be reinvested.

Motion carried unanimously.

24. Motion was made Crockett and seconded by Bourreau that the per diem rate of \$64 for San Diego, CA be accepted with an additional \$35 for Saturday for up to 7 days. Hotel is to be covered for 6 days.

Motion carried unanimously.

25. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Bourreau to reimburse Anderson for Judging Administrator expenses.

Motion carried unanimously.

26. Motion was made by Chisholm and seconded by Stadter to reimburse domestic Regional Directors up to \$600 for their airfares.

Motion carried unanimously.

27. Motion was made by Chisholm and seconded by Stadter to reimburse international Regional Directors up to \$1,600 for their airfares.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board received the Marketing Report from Fulkerson. (See Addendum.)

28. Unanimous consent by Crockett to go into Executive Session to include Cardona, Bowers, Anderson, Fisher, Fulkerson, and Maruyama, translator for Ms. Oizumi, for the Marketing Report.

Without objection.

(Executive Session)

29. Motion was made by Patton and seconded by Vasquez that we move the decision on the Communications Coordinator to the Winter Meeting to get more information.

Motion was tied with Adler, Bourreau, Chisholm, Crockett, Faccioli, Stadter and Tullo against and the President breaking the tie by voting no.

30. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Crockett to go into Executive Session with only the Board members (to include translator) and Sean Corfield present.

Motion carried with Cornwell, Klamm, Madison, Patton and Vasquez opposed and Oizumi abstaining.

31. Unanimous consent by Stadter to bring Bowers and Cardona back into Executive Session.

Without objection.

32. Unanimous consent by Stadter to go out of Executive Session.

Without objection.

(Open Session)

33. Unanimous consent by Bourreau to have the IT Project Manager on board by the end of September with the contract signed.

Without objection.

34. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Stadter to take no action on the amendment to Board Governance, ARTICLE TWO, Ethics.

Motion denied with Bourreau and Crockett in favor.

35. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Vasquez to accept the amendment to the Board Governance, ARTICLE TWO, Ethics to read: "**Confidentiality**. Members of the Board of Directors shall use information belonging to or obtained through their affiliation with TICA solely for the purpose of performing services as a Board member for TICA. ~~All such information is confidential.~~ Members of the Board may not disclose, divulge, or make accessible confidential information to any person, including relatives, friends and business and professional associates, other than to persons who have a legitimate need for such information and to whom TICA has authorized disclosure. ~~Members of the Board of Directors are reminded that Standing Rule 109.2.8 specifically prohibits the dissemination of information related to any matter discussed in Executive Sessions of the Board.~~ Members of the Board must exercise good judgment and care at all times to avoid unauthorized or improper disclosures of confidential information."

Motion carried with Bourreau and Crockett opposed.

36. Motion was made by Faccioli and seconded by Stadter to accept the changes to Board Governance, **Reporting Executive Sessions**. It is expected that the published minutes of the General Board Meeting record that the Board went into Executive Session, the purpose of the session and the outcome of the discussion. For example, the general minutes of the meeting may record that, "the Board went into Executive Session to consider advancement and relicensing of judges." The general minutes would then record the outcome of that consideration, including the name of the maker and second of the motion. ~~The outcome of voting on motions will either be noted as "carried" or "denied". The use of "carried unanimously" shall be used only if requested by the Chair and agreed to by the Board.~~ **The general minutes will include the individual vote of each board member by name.** Exempt from reporting in the general minutes would be the outcome of charges, complaints or protests which were found to be groundless. In accordance with Standing Rules 109.2.7, the Board will maintain separate minutes of the Executive Session Meeting, in the form of a confidential addendum if discussions and actions are taken on matters prohibited from dissemination to Members under By-Law 19.2.7.

Motion carried with Bourreau, Crockett, Stadter and Tullo opposed.

Tullo: If Article 7 did not include judges or personalities I would be able to support it.

37. Motion was made by Vasquez and seconded by Stadter to adopt the changes to BY-LAWS 19.2.4 to read: "All meetings shall be open to the public unless the matter under discussion concerns personnel matters or contract negotiations, or is of a sensitive business nature related to business strategy for the organization, or is of such a nature that it may be embarrassing, derogatory or humiliating to ~~a member~~ **an individual**, in which case the Board of Directors may go into Executive Session."

Motion carried unanimously.

38. Motion was made by Vasquez and seconded by Klamm to adopt the changes to By-Laws 19.2.7 to read: "The full minutes, except any minutes relating to charges, complaints, or protests which have been found to be groundless, **excluding specific information that may be discussed under Article 19.2.4**, of the meetings of the Board of Directors shall be provided to any member upon the request of that member and payment by the member of the cost of reproducing and mailing those minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP BALLOT

39. Motion was made by Vasquez and seconded by Stadter to delete Standing Rule 109.2.7: "~~Restrictions. All matters restricted under ARTICLE NINE, 19.2.8 will be printed in a confidential addendum to the minutes with the admonition that information contained therein is prohibited from dissemination to any persons. All members and officials of the Board in Executive Session are admonished that all matters discussed in Executive Session may NOT be disseminated orally or electronically or in any other manner.~~"

Motion carried unanimously.

40. Unanimous consent by Adler to go into Executive Session to include the translator, Anderson, Bowers, and Cardona.

Without objection.

(Executive Session)

41. Motion was made by Klamm and seconded by Adler to reconsider David Nudleman for Provisional Allbreed.

Motion carried with Bourreau, Madison and Vasquez opposed.

42. Motion was made by Klamm and seconded by Faccioli to advance David Nudleman to Provisional Allbreed.

Motion carried.

43. Unanimous consent to go out of Executive Session.

Without objection.

(Open Session)

44. Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Crockett to amend Registration Rule 33.8.3 to read: "List of at least 35 shows licensed by WCC organizations of which at least 10 must be TICA shows where cats have been exhibited **while the breed is at ANB status**, including regions/countries and judges. A show shall be defined as a "show catalog" for this purpose."

Motion carried unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP BALLOT

45. Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Crockett to amend Show Rules 212.3, add new 212.4.2 and amend existing 212.4.2 and 212.4.3 to read:

212.3 If there are FEWER THAN 10 cats, **or** kittens, ~~alters~~ competing, judges in either allbreed or specialty rings shall present the top five. However, if there are fewer than five entries in any class, the club is required to provide rosettes for the number of entries competing.

212.4 Number of Rosettes Awarded

212.4.1 Household Pet Adults and Household Pet Kittens - The number of rosettes awarded in the HHP adult class and Household Pet kitten class shall be equal to the number of cats competing up to a maximum of 10.

212.4.2 Alters - The number of rosettes awarded in the Alter allbreed rings shall be equal to the number of cats competing up to a maximum of 10. If there are FEWER THAN 10 alters competing in specialty rings, judges shall present the top five.

212.4.23 Top 5 Format - 20 or Fewer Cats Present: When 20 or fewer cats, **or** kittens, ~~alters~~ are present, the judge shall award Best through Fifth Best final awards.

212.4.34 Top 6 to 9 Format - 21 to 24 Cats Present: When 21 to 24 cats, kittens, alters or household pets or household pet kittens are present, the judge shall award final awards as follows:

When 21 cats are present, Best through 6th Best, except **Alters**, HHP Adults and HHP Kittens, See 212.4.1 **and 212.4.2**. When 22 cats are present, Best through 7th Best, except **Alters**, HHP Adults and HHP Kittens, See 212.4.1 **and 212.4.2**. When 23 cats are present, Best through 8th Best, except **Alters**, HHP Adults and HHP Kittens, See 212.4.1 **and 212.4.2**.

When 24 cats are present, Best through 9th Best, except **Alters**, HHP Adults and HHP Kittens, See 212.4.1 **and 212.4.2**.

Motion carried with Bourreau, Cornwell, Klamm, Patton and Vasquez opposed.

Adler and Stadter voted yes although they were against it, feeling that the membership should decide. **Vasquez and Patton** felt it was the consensus of the minority that changing alter finals up to top ten is only going to continue 'altering' our award value. There will always be reasons to change how we award participants but we need to remember that competition is not a bad thing. The bottom line is cat shows are supposed to be a competition. Yes, there are beautiful alters out there. There are also many beautiful Kittens, Cats, and HHP's. We continue to 'alter' our awards in an effort to increase participation. We used this logic in changing the HHP's finals up to top ten. Did this increase HHP participation? No. We used this logic to go to top 25 Regional Winners. Did this increase participation? No, it only now made it possible to get an RW in one/two show(s). The only thing we seem to be doing by lessening our requirements to awards is lessening the value of our awards.

MEMBERSHIP BALLOT

46. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Faccioli to amend Standing Rule 901.4.3.4 to read: 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. ***In order to receive a Regional Award, the owner of the cat, kitten, alter, household pet and household pet kitten must have exhibited the cat, kitten, alter, household pet or household pet kitten, as applicable, in at least one TICA sanctioned cat show in the regions presenting the award during the show year for which the regional award was earned. All awards earned during the show year will be listed accordingly for every region or recognized area and internationally.***

Motion carried unanimously.

47. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Faccioli to amend Standing Rule 907.2 to read: RW/IW. Beginning the show year 1996-97, International Winner (IW) and Regional Winner (RW) will automatically be added to the ~~TOP 20 CAT, LH/SH CAT, KITTEN, ALTER, HOUSEHOLD PET or HOUSEHOLD PET KITTEN winners in the records~~ **registration records of winners** at the Executive Office. A new Certificate of Registration with the title added to the cats name may be requested by submission of the original certificate ~~and a \$7 fee~~ **and the fee for a duplicate record according to the current price list. Alternatively, the owner can use TICA's online services to reprint their registration certificate.**

Motion carried unanimously.

48. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Faccioli to delete Standing Rule 907.2.1. **Rule deleted Effective 05/01/97, a cat or kitten that has achieved the official status of International Winner or Regional Winner as Top 20 CAT, LH/SH CAT, KITTEN, ALTER, HOUSEHOLD PET, or HOUSEHOLD PET KITTEN shall be entitled to apply for the prefix International Winner (IW) or Regional Winner (RW) to be added to its official registered title regardless of the year in which the title was won. In order to have the title added to the cat's record, previous years' winners must submit a copy of their award certificate (TOP 20 only) to the Executive Office. A new Certificate of Registration with the title added to the cat's name may be requested by submission of the original certificate and a \$7 fee.**

Motion carried unanimously.

49. Motion was made by Faccioli and seconded by Stadter to amend Judging Program 410.1.1 to read: International Guest Judge. A club may apply to the International 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. **The application should be submitted at least 2 months prior to the date of the show.**

Motion carried with Madison opposed.

50. Motion was made by Faccioli and seconded by Vasquez to add new Standing Rule 202.4.4.2 to read: **Applications to invite a Guest Judge to judge a TICA show should be submitted to the Judging Administrator at least 2 months prior to the date of the show. For the process and requirements see Judging Program.**

Motion carried with Madison opposed.

51. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Adler to amend the Clerking Manual 51.2.5.1 to read: 51.2.5.1 Payment of TICA membership dues ~~and a \$5 annual recertification fee on or before May 1 of each year.~~

Motion denied with Adler, Bourreau, Chisholm, Cornwell, Crockett and Stadter in favor.

52. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Tullo to accept the amendment to the Clerking Manual 51.2.5.3 to read: The re-certification exam must be returned to the Clerking Administrator within 60 days of the date when the exam was mailed **or emailed**. Failure to comply with this deadline will result in the Trainee or Clerk ~~being dropped from the Clerking Program~~ **being assessed a penalty of \$10 and being given an additional 2 weeks to complete and return the test.**

Motion carried with Madison, Oizumi and Patton opposed.

53. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Faccioli to accept the following amendment to the Clerking Manual to read: 58.4.1: Payment of TICA membership dues ~~and a \$5.00 annual relicensing fee on or before May 1 of each year.~~

Motion denied with Adler, Bourreau, Cornwell, Crockett, and Stadter in favor.

54. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Faccioli to accept the amendment to the Clerking Manual 58.4.3 to read: The relicensing examination must be completed and returned to the Entry Clerking Administrator within 60 days of the date when the exam was mailed or emailed. Failure to comply with this deadline will result in the Trainee or Licensed Entry Clerk ~~being dropped from the Entry Clerking Program~~ **being assessed a penalty of \$10 and being given an additional two weeks to complete and return the test.**

Motion carried with Madison and Oizumi opposed.

55. Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Faccioli to have the President sign the ENFI agreement as written and the Executive Office will register their cats and use their pedigrees.

Motion carried unanimously.

56. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Klamm for the Executive Office to add Pet Partners on the list of approved organizations for the Therapy Cat Titles 907.4.5.1.

Motion carried unanimously.

57. Unanimous consent by Stadter to recess.

Without objection.

The President called the meeting to order at 8:30AM on September 2, 2016.

Breed reports for the Chausie, Australian Mist, Burmilla were received. Khao Manee must provide breed report for the 2017 Winter Meeting. Heather Lorimer spoke on the Highlander traits. Although the Donsky will be required to submit a report next year, Madison gave an update.

58. Unanimous consent by Dickie to go into a Committee of the Whole to introduce Ryk and Lynn Sadie from Taiwan and for Steven Savant to present the Judge's Guild.

Without objection.

Steven Savant gave a presentation on the Judge's Guild.

59. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Klamm to allow the 2018 Annual club an exception to the rules: to have 14 rings instead of 12 rings.

Motion carried with Stadter opposed.

Stadter: I agree that the limit should be changed. However, I feel that the rule should be changed through the established process for changing rules. This would make an exception superfluous.

On behalf of the Board, the President thanked Jamie Christian for the sponsorship and the gifts from Royal Canin.

The 2019 Annual presentation was given by Gloria Mahan of Jazzy Cats to be held in Las Vegas, NV. The show will be produced and scored in the MP region and Alex Chisholm noted that the SW region had agreed.

60. Motion was made by Tullo and seconded by Chisholm to allow Jazzy Cats to hold the 2019 Annual in Las Vegas, NV for the Mid Pacific Region to be scored as a Mid Pacific show.

Motion carried with Crockett opposed.

Margot Hill from Connecticut and Giselle Guerriero from New York presented the Toybob breed.

61. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Crockett to take no action on the Toybob application because it is out of order as Notice of Intent was not published 120 days prior to the 2016 Annual Board Meeting.

Motion carried with Chisholm, Faccioli, Madison, Patton, and Tullo opposed.

Brittany and Johnny Gobble, Cheryl Kerr, Marion Yates Schiff, Laurie Schiff and Jaynie Harrower presented the Lykoi.

62. Motion was made by Patton and seconded by Crockett to advance the Lykoi from ANB to Championship effective May 1, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

63. Unanimous consent by Crockett to go out of a Committee of the Whole.

Without objection.

64. Motion was made by Bourreau and seconded by Klamm to authorize the Serbian club to use the TICA Logo on their newsletter.

Motion carried unanimously.

(Executive Session)

65. Unanimous consent by Madison to go into Executive Session with Bowers, Cardona and Maruyama present for the Marketing Report.

Without objection.

The Marketing Report was presented by Fulkerson.

66. Motion was made by Stadter and seconded by Faccioli to authorize the Executive Office to hire a Communications Coordinator.

Motion carried unanimously.

67. Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Klamm to extend the contract of Leslie Bowers to June 30, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

68. Unanimous consent by Stadter to go out of Executive Session.

Without objection.

69. Unanimous consent by Stadter to adjourn.

Without objection.

The BYLAWS state:

117.1.4 Effective Date. Amendments to Registration Rules shall take effect immediately unless the proposal itself provides another effective date. Any changes in the Registration Rules which will affect the way a cat may be shown shall take effect May 1 of the ensuing year. Amendments to Show Rules shall take effect May 1 of the ensuing year, unless the proposal itself provides another effective date. The May 1 restrictions do not apply to breeds advancing to PNB or ANB status.

124.1.3 Effective Date. Amendments to the By-Laws shall take effect immediately unless the proposal itself provides another effective date.

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