

# Minutes of TICA Board of Directors - 2019 Annual Meeting

**Location and Date:** Las Vegas, Nevada – August 28 – 30, 2019

The following Board Members were in attendance:

President, Vickie Fisher  
Vice President, Ralph Stadter  
Asia East RD, Shunichi Kuroda  
Asia West RD, Karen Kuo  
Europe North RD, Liesbeth van Mullem  
Europe South Interim RD, Steven Corneille  
Europe West RD, Delsa Rudge  
Great Lakes RD, Liz Brown  
Mid Atlantic RD, Anthony Hutcherson  
Mid Pacific RD, Gloria Mahan  
Northeast RD, Tania Antenucci  
Northwest RD, Ellen Crockett  
South America RD, Luiz Paulo Faccioli  
South Central RD, Vicki Jo Harrison  
Southeast RD, Steve Lawson  
Southwest RD, Canie Brooks  
International Associate RD, Lisa Dickie

Also in attendance: Leslie Bowers, Business Manager; Frances Cardona, Assistant Business Manager; Marylou Anderson, Judging Administrator; Susan Adler, Legal Counsel; Roemann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Business Development; Luka Maruyama, Translator for Asia East RD

The meeting was called to order by President, Vickie Fisher, at 8:30 AM PST

**1:** Motion by Faccioli / Harrison to accept the items on the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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**# 7:** Motion by Stadter and second by Kruszona-Zawadzka to advance Lena Maeva (ES) to Probationary Specialty Judge (**ES ONLY**). Motion carried unanimously.

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Set Winter Meeting Dates - January 15-17, 2020 - Electronic Meeting.

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**2:** Unanimous consent by Crockett to go into Executive Session to include Bowers, Cardona, Adler, Maruyama, and Anderson. Without objection.

**3:** Motion by Crockett / Stadter to permanently suspend all TICA services to Linda Smedshammer to include revoking her membership. Motion carried unanimously.

**4:** Motion by Brooks / Stadter to authorize the Executive Office to process any corrections from Linda Smedshammer with genetic ancestry testing. Motion carried unanimously.

**5:** Motion by Crockett / Brown to fine the Korea Cat Club \$100 for failure to follow Show Rule 202.4.4.1 to be sure that their show was listed in the show calendar. Motion denied with Brown, Crockett, Lawson, Mullem, and Rudge in favor.

**6:** Motion by Brooks / Hutcherson to send a warning letter to the Korea Cat Club cautioning that if their show is not listed on the show calendar again, there will be a fine. Motion carried with Crockett opposed.

**7:** Motion by Lawson / Crockett to take no action on the Goddard Henwood v Makdissy complaint. Motion carried unanimously.

**8:** Motion by Kuroda / Hutcherson to advance Sun Hee Lee to Provisional Allbreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**9:** Motion by Mahan / Harrison to advance Susanna Shon to Provisional Allbreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**10:** Motion by Antenucci / Hutcherson to advance David Nudleman to Approved Allbreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**11:** Motion by Stadter / Lawson to take no action on the reinstatement of Amanda Bright but allow her to conduct educational online activities. Motion carried with Faccioli opposed and Kuroda abstaining.

**12:** Unanimous consent by Faccioli to advance Garel, Hattori, Leal, Oizumi and Tomonari to unrestricted ring and school instructor status. Without objection.

**13:** Unanimous consent by Crockett to leave Executive Session. Without objection.

**14:** Motion by Faccioli / Brown to appoint Leslie Whitney to the Siberian Breed Committee. Motion carried with Crockett opposed. *Crockett: I don't believe we should appoint members to breed committees - everyone has an opportunity to file and stand for election - most committees don't do anything, and we will have another election next year. My no has nothing to do with the individuals asking to be appointed.*

**15:** Motion by Faccioli / Brown to appoint Iryna Petrenko to the Siberian Breed Committee. Motion carried with Crockett opposed. *Crockett: I don't believe we should appoint members to breed committees - everyone has an opportunity to file and stand for election - most committees don't do anything, and we will have another election next year. My no has nothing to do with the individuals asking to be appointed.*

**16:** Motion by Faccioli / Brown to appoint Sofia Larabi to the Toyger Breed Committee. Motion carried with Crockett opposed. *Crockett: I don't believe we should appoint members to breed committees - everyone has an opportunity to file and stand for election - most committees don't do anything, and we will have another election next year. My no has nothing to do with the individuals asking to be appointed.*

**17:** Motion by Faccioli / Rudge to appoint Michelle Whiting to the Household Pet Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

**18:** Unanimous consent by Stadter to amend Standing Rule 1012.1 to add Kazakhstan to the EN region (retroactive from May 1, 2018). Without objection.

**19:** Unanimous consent by Stadter to amend Standing Rule 1012.3.1 to add Kazakhstan to the list of Isolated Areas (retroactive from May 1, 2018). Without objection.

**20:** Motion by Hutcherson / Rudge to accept the proposed Social Media Policy (tabled to allow revisions to language).

*Fisher reported on the 2019 World Cat Congress meeting.*

*Fisher presented the financial report. Due to the volume, the complete report is contained in the appendix which is published separately.*

*Bowers reported on the flood in Harlingen, Texas and its effects on the Executive Office and solutions.*

**21:** Motion by Faccioli / Corneille to pay for up to 6 hotel nights. Motion carried unanimously.

**22:** Motion by Faccioli / Corneille to pay per diem rates of USD 61 per day for up to 6 days, plus one day at USD 105 (Saturday night banquet).

**23:** Unanimous consent by Crockett to go into Executive Session with Bowers, Cardona, Adler, Maruyama, and Anderson. Without objection.

**24:** Motion by Lawson / Corneille that in the appeal by Ying Chien Wang, the monetary fine is to be eliminated and in lieu thereof her voluntary work in translating Show Rules, Registration Rules and By Laws be accepted. Further, the suspension is reduced to not less than one year, pending completion of translations. Without objection.

**25:** Unanimous consent by Crockett to leave Executive Session. Without objection.

**26:** Unanimous consent by Stadter to recess for the day at 5:44 PM. Without objection

*Meeting began at 8:30 AM on Thursday, August 30, 2019*

**27:** Unanimous consent by Crockett to go into Executive Session with Bowers, Cardona, Adler, Maruyama, and Anderson. Without objection.

**28:** Motion by Stadter / Brown to rescind the motion on Amanda Bright. Motion carried unanimously

**29:** Motion by Lawson / Brooks to simply reinstate Amanda Bright as Approved Allbreed judge. Motion denied with Lawson in favor.

*Faccioli, Stadter: I vote NO because the application was filed with lack of requirements.*

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

**31:** Motion by Crockett / Harrison to change the wording on the Outstanding Cattery program to “three **formal** complaints” to consider revoking an Outstanding Cattery Certificate. Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

**32:** Motion by Faccioli / Brown to add By-Law 123.9 (judges with multiple licenses). Motion denied with Faccioli, Brown and Harrison in favor.

**33:** Motion by Faccioli / Stadter to amend By-law 118.2 Amendment of Existing Standards. Motion carried unanimously. This change will be part of the **2019 Membership Ballot**.

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118.2 Proposed Standard amendments including but not limited to the addition or deletion of colors or the adoption of a new Standard for a recognized breed shall be submitted by the Breed committee Chairperson to the Genetics, and Rules Committees 120 days prior to the Board meeting at which the changes are to be considered. The Genetics and Rules Committees shall act on the proposal within 15 days of receipt. Upon approval of the Genetics and Rules Committees, the Executive Office shall issue a ballot to all bona fide voting members of the Breed/Breed Group Section(s) no less than 100 days prior to the Board Meeting at which the changes are to be considered. **The poll is to be counted by either an organization or a person appointed by the Board in accordance with Bylaw 113.3.1-the official TICA Ballot Judge.** Financial responsibility for said poll shall rest with the requesting party(ies).

118.2.2 Breed/Breed Group Section Members shall have at least **45 30** days from the date of mailing to return the ballot ~~to the TICA Ballot Judge~~.

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**34:** Motion by Hutcherson / Brown to amend Show Rule 23.5/216.14 Declawed Cats (as amended.) Motion carried with Faccioli and Kuroda opposed. This change will be part of the **2019 Membership Ballot**.  
*Faccioli: Although I agree with the essence of the proposal, I find too many exceptions on the proposed rules.*

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23.5 A cat not having all physical properties, such as eyes, ears, legs, tail (except as specified in breed standards), is ineligible for entry except in the alter class or household pet classes. **A declawed cat or kitten is ineligible for entry except in the household pet classes, i.e., household pet and household pet kitten, unless the exhibitor submits documentary proof, signed by a licensed veterinarian, certifying that the absence of the claw(s) is due to the cat or kitten’s injury or disease.**

23.5.1 EXCEPTION: Any cat or kitten that was registered, declawed, and actively shown prior to [effective date of enactment] may continue to be entered in all classes if the exhibitor submits documentary proof of the following:

23.5.1.1 Date of TICA registration prior to [effective date of enactment];

23.5.1.2 Active show status prior to [effective date of enactment]; and

23.5.1.3 Written proof, signed by a veterinarian, certifying date of the declaw procedure prior to [effective date of enactment].

23.5.2 Documentation required for entry of a declawed cat in a class other than household pet classes as set forth in Show Rule 23.5 and 23.5.1 must be submitted with the entry form. Copies of that documentation shall be submitted to the Executive Office with the Master Catalog. Any documentation found to be invalid will result in entries not being counted.

216.14 Cats and kittens that have been declawed and are eligible for entry pursuant to Show Rule 23.5 and 23.5.1 shall not be penalized. If entered in any class other than household pet or household pet kitten, the judge should ask show management if the declawed cat or kitten is eligible for entry. If not eligible for entry pursuant to Show Rule 23.5 or 23.5.1, the declawed cat shall be ~~disqualified~~ withdrawn from competition.

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**35:** Unanimous consent to go into Committee of the Whole to allow Tammy Ardolf to speak. Without objections.

**36:** Unanimous consent by Crockett to leave Committee of the Whole. Without objection.

**37:** Motion by Crockett / Mullem to take no action on adding Show Rule 29.4.1.2 (Minimum cages in a ring). Motion carried unanimously.

*The proposal to add Show Rule 215.8 (Repeated use of same judges) was withdrawn by the author.*

**38:** Motion by Faccioli / Stadter to take no action on adding Show Rule 215.9 (Use of mobile devices). Motion carried unanimously.

*The proposal to add Show Rule 215.10 (Judge stays in ring until finished) was withdrawn by the author.*

**39:** Motion by Stadter / Faccioli to take no action to amend Show Rule 23.6 (Exhibitors under suspension). Motion carried unanimously.

**40:** Motion by Faccioli / Stadter to take no action to amend Show Rule 212.3 (Finals awards). Motion carried with Stadter, Mullem, Corneille against and Harrison and Kuo abstaining.

*The proposal to add Show Rule 210.13 (Exhibitors and Social Media) was withdrawn by the author.*

*The proposal to amend Show Rule 215.1 (Judges entering shows) was withdrawn by the author.*

**41:** Motion by Brooks / Stadter to amend Standing Rule 2017.1 (Judges' books deadline). Motion denied with Brooks, Kuo, Corneille, and Hutcherson in favor.

**42:** Motion by Crockett / Mullem to take no action to amend Standing Rule 209.4.3.1 (Height of judging cages). Motion carried unanimously.

**43:** Motion by Faccioli / Mullem to take no action on Standing Rule 901.4.3 (IW Awards for cats). Motion carried unanimously.

**44:** Motion by Faccioli / Stadter to add Standing Rule 2013.1.3. (tabled to allow revisions to language).

*The proposal to add Judging Program 417.13 (Judges' public comments) was withdrawn by the author.*

**45:** Unanimous consent by Hutcherson to go into a Committee of the Whole to allow Caroline Fralia, TICA Clerking Administrator, to speak. Without objection.

**46:** Motion by Brown / Lawson to amend Clerking Program 52.1.4. Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

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**52.1 Assistant Ring Clerk.**

52.1.1 Perform any tasks assigned you by the Head Ring Clerk.

52.1.2 Be familiar with basic show procedures.

52.1.3 Mark one complete catalog for the ring.

52.1.4 Complete the appropriate portions of the Ring Clerk Evaluation Form and give it to the Judge or Head Ring Clerk ~~with a stamped envelope addressed to the Clerking to fill out and sign.~~  
~~Completed and signed evaluations should be emailed, faxed or mailed to the Clerking Program Administrator.~~

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**47:** Unanimous consent by Crockett to amend Clerking Program 54.1.1 etc. Without objection. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

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**Amend 54.1.1:**

54.1 Before the Show.

~~54.1.1 Ask the Judge if he/she would like a marked catalog. If so, make sure that there are two copies of the catalog in the ring.~~

**Amend 54.2.3.1**

54.2.3.1 The clerk should write the Judge's name, ring number and his own name on the front of the club's copy of the catalog. ~~This information should also be placed on the Judge's copy of the catalog if he/she should request a catalog.~~

**Amend 52.2.6**

52.2.6 Mark one complete catalog for the ring (~~two, if there is no assistant and the judge requests one~~).

**Amend 54.2.8**

54.2.8 End of Show

~~The clerk should give the judge a fully marked catalog for the judge's ring if the judge requested one.~~

If applicable, complete the appropriate portions of the clerking evaluation form and give it to the judge with a stamped envelope addressed to the clerking administrator

Leave the cage cards in proper numerical order. Leave the ring as neat as possible.

**Amend 53.14**

53.14 At the end of the show, give one marked ring catalog to the Master Clerk ~~and one marked catalog to the Judge if the Judge has requested it.~~

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**48:** Motion by Faccioli / Lawson to add Clerking Program 57.1.3 (Junior Clerks). Motion carried with Brooks opposed. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

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~~51.7.3 TICA Juniors, upon the age of 18 years, with a current TICA adult membership, may transfer over their Junior Clerking Standing into the Adult program, with confirmation to the Clerking Administrator from their Regional Director and Junior Liaison.~~

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**49:** Motion by Faccioli / Harrison to amend Clerking Program 52.1.5 and Standing Rule 501.6. (Judges as Clerks). Motion carried with Brooks, Brown, Hutcherson, Kuo, and Mullem opposed. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

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**Amend Standing Rule 501.6**

501.6 All head ring and master clerks holding **current** clerking licenses, ~~and all TICA Judges holding current judging licenses~~ shall be compensated as directed by the Board of Directors of this Association.

**Amend Clerking Program 51.2.5:**

51.2.5 Recertification. All TRAINEES and LICENSED CLERKS, **plus TICA Judges (who complete their judging recertification requirements)**, will be recertified upon meeting the following requirements:

51.2.5.1 Payment of TICA membership dues on or before May 1 of each year.

51.2.5.2 Completed the annual re-certification examination with a score of 90 percent or better. **TICA judges will complete their judging re-certification examination instead.**

51.2.5.3 The re-certification exam must be returned to the Clerking Administrator within 60 days of the date when the exam was mailed. Failure to comply with this deadline will result in the Trainee or Clerk being dropped from the Clerking Program.

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**50:** Motion by Harrison / Faccioli to take no action on the Clerking Program 51.6 (Compensation). Motion carried unanimously.

**51:** Motion by Faccioli / Lawson to untable the Social Media Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

**52:** Motion by Hutcherson / Mullem to accept the Social Media Policy as re-written. Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into effect immediately.

*Due to the volume, the complete proposal is contained in the appendix which is published separately.*

**53:** Motion by Mullem / Stadter to reconsider the action taken on declawed cats. Motion carried with Brooks, Brown, Harrison, Lawson, Mahan, and Rudge opposed.

**54:** Motion by Mullem / Stadter to amend the prior motion. Motion denied with Antenucci, Crockett, Corneille, Faccioli, Kuo, and Mullem in favor.

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216.14 ~~Cats that have been declawed shall not be penalized.~~ Declawed cats may not be shown in any class.

23.5. ~~A cat not having all physical properties, such as eyes, ears, legs, tail (except as specified in breed standards), is ineligible for entry except in the alter class or household pet classes. A declawed cat or kitten is ineligible for entry except in the household pet classes, i.e., household pet and household pet kitten, unless the exhibitor submits documentary proof, signed by a licensed veterinarian, certifying that the absence of the claw(s) is due to the cat or kitten's injury or disease.~~ A cat not having all physical properties, such as eyes, ears, legs, tail (except as specified in breed standards), is ineligible for entry except in the alter class or household pet classes. A declawed cat is ineligible for entry.

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**55:** Unanimous consent by Brown to go into a Committee of the Whole to allow Tammy Ardolf to speak.

*Report from Kuroda on his regional show was received.*

**56:** Unanimous consent by Faccioli to go into Executive Session to include Adler, Bowers, Cardona, Anderson and Maruyama. Without objection.

**57:** Unanimous consent by Brooks to allow Judi Hao in Executive Session. Without objection.

*Judi Hao was excused from Executive Session.*

*Bowers, Cardona and Anderson were excused from Executive Session.*

**58:** Unanimous consent by Brooks by to recess for the day at 5:58 PM. Without objection.

*Meeting began at 8:30 AM on Friday, August 31, 2019*

**59:** Unanimous consent by Brooks to go into Executive Session with Adler, Anderson, Bowers, Cardona and Maruyama included. Without objection.

**60:** Unanimous consent by Crockett leave Executive Session. Without objection.

**61:** Unanimous consent by Crockett to go into Committee of the Whole to allow Heather Lorimer, Chair of TICA Genetics Committee, to speak. Without objection.

**62:** Motion by Brooks / Mullem to accept the addition of the term Distal to the UCD Glossary. Motion denied with Brooks in favor and Brown and Mahan absent.

**63:** Motion by Faccioli / Stadter to take no action to add Semi-Long to the UCD Glossary. Motion carried unanimously with Brown and Mahan absent.

**64:** Motion by Faccioli / Stadter to take no action to add Minimal Undercoat to the UCD Glossary. Motion carried unanimously with Brown and Mahan absent.

**65:** Motion by Faccioli / Stadter to take no action to amend "vertical crimp" in the UCD Glossary. Motion carried unanimously with Brown and Mahan absent.

**66:** Motion by Faccioli / Stadter to accept the amendment to Horizontal Crimp in the Glossary, as amended. Motion carried with Brooks abstaining and Mahan and Brown absent. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

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~~Excessive width of both edges of the base of the ear distinguished by the ear continuing beyond a vertical curved ridge that one would have expected to be the natural outer edges of the ear, giving the ear a splayed appearance. A horizontal ridge of cartilage is also visible in the center of the ear above the canal (as in the AC ear).~~

Horizontal Crimp is located near the base of the ear (as in the AC ear). As the cartilage comes up out of the skull, it forms a heavy horizontal ridge usually completely across the width of the ear. This 'opens' the ear, flattening it out, so the natural cupping of the ear base is deformed giving the ear a very wide 'inside out' appearance. The ear begins its curvature from this unpleasant ridge, rather than the normal base of the ear. Can be seen in a wide range of expression from Mild to Severe. May also display thickened cartilage, with ridges and bumps. This genetically undesirable trait may or may not have 'correct' curvature, is not aesthetically pleasing to the eye, sometimes bends back almost to the head, is unpleasant to the touch. This may also negatively impact the ear canal. Horizontal Crimp- Mild, can be hidden under longhair. It is a trait that **MUST** be identified by touch.

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**67:** Motion by Hutcherson / Faccioli to add the definition of Charcoal Pattern Effect to the UCD by adding 71.8.3, 74.2.4 (as amended) and insert Charcoal as a pattern modifier in UCD 74.2.5 and UCD 75.8 (as amended). Motion carried unanimously with Brown and Mahan absent. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

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71.8.3 Charcoal Tabby - A pattern effect caused by an agouti variant affecting pigment distribution. It is characterized as an increase in dark pigment wherever pigment is already present on the tabby coat. This creates multiple pattern effects on the coat such as darker ground and marking coloration, a broader dorsal stripe, and/or a noticeably darker coloration along the nose bridge and cheek bones, which are accented by near white goggles encircling the eyes. Charcoal is a tabby pattern effect and not a color. All patterns of the charcoal tabby are possible, as are all basic eumelanistic colors. The charcoal effect is the result of the use of the Asian Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*) in the development of the Bengal breed.

**Add to UCD section 74.2.4 and re-number following chart as 74.2.5:**

74.2.4 Charcoal tabbies are the result of a pattern effect caused by an agouti variant affecting pigment distribution. It is a dominant trait caused by the APb gene.



***Insert Charcoal as a pattern modifier in UCD 74.2.5:***

Brown (Black) Charcoal Spotted/Marbled

Seal Sepia Charcoal Spotted/Marbled

Seal Mink Charcoal Spotted/Marbled

Seal Charcoal Spotted/Marbled Lynx (Tabby) point

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***Insert Charcoal as a pattern modifier in UCD 75.8:***

Black Silver Charcoal Spotted/Marbled tabby

Seal Silver Sepia Charcoal Spotted/Marbled Tabby

Seal Silver Mink Charcoal Spotted/Marbled Tabby

Seal Silver Charcoal Spotted/Marbled Lynx (Tabby) point

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*Mary Hudec presented on the development and status of the Highlander*

**68:** Motion by Faccioli / Stadter to take no action to advance the Highlander to Championship. Motion carried unanimously with Mahan absent.

**69:** Unanimous consent by Crockett to table the Breed Standard Changes of the American Curl/ACL to the winter meeting pending a poll of the breed section standard in October ballot. Without objection.

**70:** Motion by Crockett / Stadter to take no action on the breed standard changes to the Thai. Motion carried unanimously.

*Breed Reports from the Donskoy, Minuet, Serengeti, Lykoi, Highland and Tennessee Rex were received.*

*Report on the TICA TREND was presented by Judith Milling.*

**71:** Motion by Lawson / Crockett to award Annual 2022 to Show Cats (Chicago). Motion carried unanimously with Brown abstaining.

*Report on 2021 Copenhagen Annual by Jenny Vej.*

*Report on the 2020 Washington DC Annual by Lisa Dickie.*

*Dr. Katie Lytle, Wisdom Health, presented results of DNA testing in cats.*

*Dr. Drew Weigner, President, reported on the Winn Feline Foundation.*

*The meeting was opened up for members to bring up questions off the floor.*

**72:** Unanimous consent by Stadter to leave Committee of the Whole. Without objection.

**73:** Unanimous consent by Lawson to untable the motion regarding addition of Standing Rule 2013.1.3. Without objection.

**74:** Motion by Faccioli / Stadter to add Standing Rule 2013.1.3. as amended. Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

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**2013.1.3 A TICA judge is prohibited from training individuals from another feline association while acting as a TICA guest judge.**

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**75:** Unanimous consent by Hutcherson to go into a Committee of the Whole to allow Megan Waals to speak on the Charcoal definition. Without objection.

**76:** Unanimous consent by Stadter to leave committee of the whole. Without objection.



*Fisher briefly summarized the Marketing Report in the absence of the Marketing Manager (excused due to emergency) (Attach)*

*Fisher thanked the three board members who will not be running for election in the 2019 Ballot (Kuroda, Corneille, Hutcherson) for their service.*

**77:** Unanimous consent by Harrison to go into Executive Session with Adler in attendance. Without objection.

**78:** Unanimous consent by Stadter to leave Executive Session. Without objection.

**79:** Unanimous consent by Crockett to adjourn. Without objection.