

# Minutes of TICA Board of Directors – 2019 Winter Meeting

**Location & Date:** Harlingen, Texas – January 16th & 17th, 2019

The following Board Members were in attendance:

President, Vickie Fisher  
Vice President, Ralph Stadter  
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 Hansen  
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; Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Business Development

The meeting was called to order by President, Vickie Fisher, at 7:00 AM CDT

Board Members were in attendance electronically. Kuroda (Regional Director Asia East) was absent. Rudge (Regional Director Europe West) was not in attendance at the beginning of the meeting but joined at 7:45 AM CDT.

The President welcomed everybody - especially the new Board Members and the Association's Members who chose to attend the meeting.

**1: Unanimous consent by Crockett to accept the consent agenda. Without objection.**

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*Motion 2: Motion by Faccioli and second by Patton to take no action to amend the Board Governance Policy Article 7 - Recording of Votes (Judge Advancements). The question was called by Vlach and carried.*

**Correction:** Motion #2: Motion passed with Brooks, Crockett, Kruszona-Zawadska and Stadter voting against.

*Motion 20: Motion by Crockett and second by Meserve to take no action to add Standing Rule 107.3 (Fiscal Transparency).*

**Correction:** Motion 20 passed with Brooks voting against.

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**2: Motion by Hansen and second by Brooks to accept TICA's Financial Audit Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.**

TICA's Financial Report as of November 30, 2018, was received and discussed.

*The Financial Audit Report and the Financial Report (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Statement) are contained in the appendix which is published separately.*

**3: Motion by Faccioli and second by Crockett to move 100,000 USD to RBC investment account. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**4:** Motion by Hansen and second by Faccioli to open an interest-bearing cash management account at RBC. Motion carried unanimously.

Delsa Rudge joined (7:45 AM CDT).

**5:** Motion by Brooks and second by Stadter to appoint Sandy Hale to the Kurilian Bobtail Breed Committee. Motion carried with Crockett opposed.

**6:** Motion by Brooks and second by Hutcherson to appoint Shari Millar to the Manx/Cymric Breed Committee. Motion carried with Crockett opposed.

**7:** Motion by Brooks and second by Hutcherson to appoint Katherina Roso to the Manx/Cymric Breed Committee. Motion carried with Crockett opposed.

*Comment by Crockett: "I am opposed to having the BOD fill empty breed committees just because members didn't file in a timely manner for an election. In my opinion, Board appointments should be for vacancies that occur because of a death or resignation, not to circumvent the election process. This no vote in no way reflects my opinion on the people seeking appointment."*

**8:** Motion by Crockett and second by Hutcherson to take no action on the request to reconsider TICA's acceptance of TIMBA pedigrees. Motion carried unanimously. *Comment by Brooks: "I understand that the Thai breed will not be moved to Category I without the consent of the Breed Section."*

Following a discussion of the status of the TICA Judging Committee:

**9:** Motion by Crockett and second by Hansen to instruct the Judging Committee to allow the board liaison to participate in an ex-officio capacity. Motion carried with Stadter opposed and Faccioli abstaining. *Comment by Stadter: "I agree that there needs to be more communication between the Judging Committee and other stakeholders. But I do not feel that we should be telling the committee on what level they have to communicate with whom at this point in time."*

**10:** Unanimous consent by Stadter to enter Executive Session to include Anderson, Adler, Bowers and Cardona. Without objection.

**11:** Motion by Corneille and second by Faccioli to advance Dragana Petkovic (ES) as a LH/SH Trainee. Motion carried unanimously.

**12:** Motion by Faccioli and second by Stadter to advance Johan Andres Acevedo Sanchez (SA - Remote) as a LH/SH Trainee. Motion carried unanimously.

**13:** Motion by Faccioli and second by Stadter to advance Carlos Cardenas (SA) to Probationary Specialty Judge. Motion carried with Faccioli abstaining. *Comment by Faccioli: "I abstained because I am the candidate's Allbreed sponsor."*

**14:** Motion by Faccioli and second by Lawson to advance Dora Castillo (SA - Remote) to Probationary Specialty Judge South America only. Motion carried with Faccioli abstaining. *Comment by Faccioli: "I abstained because I am the candidate's Allbreed sponsor."*

**15:** Motion by Hansen and second by Harrison to advance Richard Hoskinson (GL) to Approved Allbreed Judge. Motion carried unanimously.

*Rudge was excused for the following discussion/vote.*

**16:** Motion by Faccioli and second by Hansen to advance Delsa Rudge (EW) to Approved Allbreed Judge. Motion carried unanimously with Rudge abstaining.

*Rudge returned to the meeting.*

**17:** Motion by Brooks and second by Crockett to advance Marion Yates-Schiff (SW) to Approved Allbreed Judge. Motion carried unanimously.

**18:** Motion by Brooks and second by Crockett to advance Laurie Schiff (SW) to Ring & School Instructor. Motion carried unanimously.

**19:** Unanimous consent by Crockett to relicense all judges who have met the May 1st, 2019, licensing requirements and have no hearings pending. Without objection.

**20:** Unanimous consent by Crockett to relicense Bailey, Christian, Cuyle, Dentico, H DeVilbiss, Katoh, Lagarde, Lopes Araujo, Madison, Maeva, Parsley, and Seliskar once they have met the remaining requirements and paid any outstanding fees and fines. Without objection.

**21:** Motion by Hansen and second by Stadter to take no action on the complaint of Shaheen v Kolosnitsyn. Motion carried unanimously.

**22:** Unanimous consent by Crockett to recess for the day. Without objection.

The President called the meeting to order on Thursday, 17 January 2019, 7:02 AM CDT.

**23:** Motion by Crockett and second by Lawson to take no action to amend Standing Rule 106.4.6.5.2 *Eligibility of Candidates for Judging Committee*. Motion carried with Antenucci, Harrison, Kuo opposed.

**24:** Motion by Harrison and second by Crockett to take no action to amend the *Judging Program to transfer appropriate authority from Board to Committee, including the elimination of the LIGJ Program*. Motion carried unanimously. *Comment by van Mullem: "I agree to take no action but because of the lack of an appeal process and a recall process."*

**25:** Motion by Brooks and second by Crockett, with a friendly amendment by Hansen, to amend the Clerking Program 51.2.5.1. Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into **effect immediately**.  
51.2.5.1 Payment of TICA membership dues ~~and a \$5 annual recertification fee~~ on or before ~~May 1 of each year~~. the due date for the re-certification exam.

**26:** Unanimous consent by Crockett to accept the amendment of Standing Rule 905.1. Outstanding Cattery Program. Without objection. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

905.1 TICA ~~Voluntary Responsible Breeder Program Protocols~~ **Outstanding Cattery Program. (Replaces the TICA Voluntary Responsible Breeder Program)**

905.1.1 ~~The TICA Voluntary Responsible Breeder Program will be known as the TVRB Program. A participant in the program will be known as a VRB (Voluntary Responsible Breeder).~~ **In order to earn the designation of Outstanding Cattery, an applicant must complete the following requirements:**

**905.1.1.1 Sign the Code of Ethics as approved by the Board for this program**

**905.1.1.2 Submit a Cattery Evaluation Form, completed and signed by the inspecting veterinarian.**

905.1.2 Only one person may be named on the ~~Voluntary~~ **Outstanding Cattery** Code of Ethics.

905.1.3 The TICA Executive Office shall note consecutive years of participation in the TICA ~~Cattery Inspection Program (Outstanding Cattery or Cattery of Merit)~~ **Program**. If the current date of inspection is no more than 60 days past the prior year's inspection, the notation of years of participation will be printed on the current cattery certificate.

905.1.4 References to "Outstanding Cattery" or "~~Cattery of Merit~~" on any material (i.e. web site, advertising, etc.) issued by the cattery must include the date that these designations were last earned.

905.1.5 TICA may, at any time, contact the inspecting veterinarian for verification of the information provided on the Cattery Evaluation Form.

The following breed reports were received:

- Burmilla
- Minuet

**27:** Motion by Crockett and second by Brooks to take no action on the advancement of the Marguerite from EXP to Registration Only. Motion carried unanimously.

**28:** Unanimous consent by Faccioli to go into a committee of the whole to receive the presentation on the Toybob from Margo Hill. Without objection.

*The presentation material is contained in the appendix which is published separately.*

**29:** Motion by Antenucci and second by Hutcherson to move the Toybob to PNB. Motion carried unanimously. This change goes **into effect immediately**.

**30:** Unanimous consent by Faccioli to accept the standard for the Toybob as presented. Without objection.

*The standard for the Toybob is contained in the appendix which is published separately.*

**31:** President Vickie Fisher appointed Antenucci and Crockett as board liaisons for the Toybob.

**32:** Unanimous consent by Antenucci to appoint Margo Hill as Toybob Working Group Chair. Without objection.

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

**34:** Motion by Stadter and second by Hutcherson for Legal Counsel to send an advisory letter from the Board to Elektra Hammond through her authorized representative. Motion carried unanimously.

**35:** Motion by Harrison and second by Hansen to request Elektra Hammond send a letter of explanation to the Yisiver Club, with copy to Susan Adler, by April 1, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

**36:** Unanimous consent by Faccioli to relicense Elektra Hammond pending proof of transmittal of the explanatory letter to the Yisiver Club and Susan Adler. Without objection.

**37:** Unanimous consent by Crockett to set a hearing for Ying Chien Wang, XinJun Wang, Traci Shi for the Spring Meeting. Without objection.

**38:** Unanimous consent by Crockett to revoke all wins of AmazonTW Hero Hero (SBT 081017 055). Without objection.

**39:** Unanimous consent by Crockett to revoke registration of AmazonTW Hero Hero (SBT 081017 055) and any offspring from this cat. Without objection.

President Fisher indicated that she would send a copy of the Conflict of Interest Policy to all Board Members, with requirement that certification of receipt would be signed at the Spring Meeting in Harlingen.

**40:** Unanimous consent by Hansen to grant Nancy Parkinson the status of Judge Emeritus. Without objection.

**41:** Unanimous consent by Faccioli to adjourn. Without objection.