

Minutes of TICA Board of Directors - 2020 Annual Meeting

Location and Date: Electronic, September 2 - 4, 2020

President, Vickie Fisher
Vice President, Ralph Stadter
Asia East RD, Akiko Ishimura
Asia West Interim RD, Jeff Shi
Europe North RD, Liesbeth van Mullem
Europe South RD, Steven Meserve
Europe West RD, Delsa Rudge
Great Lakes RD, Liz Brown
Mid Atlantic RD, Brenda Russo
Mid Pacific Interim RD, Ann-Charlotte Joseph
Northeast RD, Tania Antenucci
Northwest RD, Elaine Hawksworth-Weitz
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: Susan Adler, Legal Counsel; Frances Cardona, Business Office Manager; Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Business Development; Katharina Krenn, Acting Judging Administrator; Danny Nevarez, Chief Operating Officer; Hyeyeong Jang, Translator for Akiko Ishimura.

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

International Associate RD, Lisa Dickie, was not present on September 2, 2020.

Shi reported he would need to leave meeting within 30 minutes and his assistant, Alice Liu, would listen in and take notes.

Hawksworth-Weitz requested Item 2-4 - Grant exception for Volunteer Cat Club show format, be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. The President placed it at the end of the published agenda.

1. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to approve the consent agenda with the removal of Item 2-4 Grant exception for Volunteer Cat Club show format. Without objection.

Approve Minutes - Special Meeting, July 25, 2020 (electronic)

Set Winter Meeting dates – January 27-29, 2021 (Houston, Texas)

Rules changes to accommodate Board Ballot 20-10 (Isolated status application) – see appendix.

2. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to go into Executive Session to include Adler, Cardona, Krenn, Nevarez, Jang, and Liu. Without objection.

3. Motion by Rudge/Meserve to advance Sue Hart-Jones to Approved AB. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Rudge/Harrison to advance Nicki Fenwick-Raven to Provisional AB. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Joseph/Brooks to move Carol Barton to Judge Emeritus status. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Stadter/Brooks to extend the TICA Trend Editor's contract as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Stadter/Brown to remove Maeva from the TICA Judging Program. Motion carried with Lawson opposed.

8. Motion by Harrison/Brooks to cancel the hearings and send letters to both Schiff and Guerriero. Motion carried with Antenucci and van Mullem opposed.

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

10. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to go into committee of the whole to allow our members to speak. Without objection.

Stadter gave an update on the 2021 Annual - TICACats - Show is currently open on TOES and all the Judges have been contracted – see appendix.

Munt gave presentation for the 2023 Annual proposal - NW Region - SeaCats – see appendix.

11. Motion by Brooks/Joseph to accept the proposal from SeaCats for the 2023 Annual - NW Region. Motion carried unanimously.

The Trend Annual report was received – see appendix.

The Yearbook report was received – see appendix.

Fisher presented the financial report for July – see appendix.

Fulkerson presented the Marketing Report – see appendix.

12. Fisher moved to recess for the day at 10:26 AM CDT. Without objection

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 AM CDT on Thursday, September 3, 2020.

Nevarez reported that the Digital Transformation project is ongoing with Salesforce/Summit and the website redevelopment project will commence this month, September.

13. Motion by Faccioli/Brooks to take no action on the proposal to add By-Law 17.2.3 (Business Continuity). Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion by Faccioli/Brown to take no action on the proposal to add By-Law 17.2.4, 17.2.5 (Board Communications during Crisis). Motion carried unanimously.

15. Motion by Faccioli/Stadter to take no action on the proposal to add By-Law 17.3.3 (Regional Business Continuity Plans). Motion carried unanimously.

16. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to take no action on the proposal to add By-Law 17.3.4, 17.3.5 (RDs and Disasters). Without objection.

17. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to accept the proposal to amend By-Law 112.2, Standing Rules 102.1.5, 1012.1 (Countries and Regions). Without objection. This change will be part of the **2020 Membership Ballot.**

112.2 Other Countries **and areas**. Other countries **and areas** outside North America shall be represented by an Associate Director to handle the needs of that particular country **or area**. Countries **or areas** will be grouped into **Regions** ~~regions~~ according to their geographic location. When sufficient residents of a **Region** ~~region~~ become members of the Association the Board will establish a full directorship for that **Region** ~~region~~ including a Regional Director who shall be entitled to vote and enjoy all rights and privileges of Regional Director.

102.1.5 To promote friendly relations between breeders in this country and other countries **and areas** around the world.

1012.1 Any Country **or area** not yet assigned to an existing Region by the Board.

1012.1.1 Assignment of countries **or areas** to Regions. Countries **or areas** within the geographical boundaries of an existing Region are assigned to that Region. Countries **or areas** outside of the geographical boundaries of an existing Region will be designated as International (IN) unless otherwise assigned by the Board to a new or existing Region.

18. Unanimous consent by Brown to accept the proposal to amend Clerking Program 51.2.3.3, 51.2.4.1.1.1, 51.5.1 (Clerking Schools). Without objection. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

51.2.3 Trainee Status

Each applicant shall submit a Clerking Program Application (either snail or electronic mail) to the Clerking Administrator, plus a recent 4" X 6" color photograph (not a Polaroid) head shot, with or without a cat, either snail or electronic mail. A \$15 application fee must be sent to the Executive Office either check or PayPal address is paypal@tica.org. As soon as these requirements are fulfilled, the applicant will be enrolled in the Clerking Program as a Trainee. All clerking materials are available on the TICA website under Programs and Forms for the Trainee to download. The following should be completed prior to requesting advancement.

51.2.3.1 Learn the information contained in the Clerking Manual.

51.2.3.2 Get practical experience.

51.2.3.3 Attend a Clerking School (**electronically or in person**).

51.2.4 Licensed Status.

51.2.4.1 Assistant Ring Clerk.

51.2.4.1.1 Before an Assistant Ring Clerk license is issued, Trainees must complete the following:

51.2.4.1.1.1 Attend a sanctioned clerking school (**electronically or in person**) within the previous 2 years.

51.5 Clerking Schools.

51.5.1 Clerking Schools (**electronically or in person**) may be conducted by a licensed Master Clerk or a Judge.

19. Unanimous consent by Stadter to accept the proposal to amend Clerking Program 51.4.5, 51.4.6 (Submitting Fees and Photos). Without objection. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

51.4.5 Pay a \$15.00 clerking program application fee **to the Executive Office**.

51.4.6 Submit (**either electronically or by mail**) a recent, color photograph (**digital, head shot with or without a cat**) to the Clerking Administrator.

20. Unanimous consent by Harrison to accept the proposal to delete Clerking Program 51.2.4.4 (Entry Clerking Reference). Without objection. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

~~51.2.4.4.1 Eligibility for entrance in the Entry Clerk program is current membership in TICA.~~

~~51.2.4.4.2 Each applicant must submit documentation of the following to the Entry Clerking administrator:~~

~~→ Attendance at an entry clerk seminar.~~

~~→ Experienced entry clerks are not required to attend an entry clerk seminar, but they must meet all other requirements. An experienced entry clerk shall be one who has served as entry clerk for a minimum of three shows.~~

~~→ Served as an entry clerk for a minimum of two shows. The applicant must submit favorable evaluations from each show signed by the show manager stating that the catalog was accurate; that the benching was done accurately, if applicable; that all entries were printed in the catalog and the judges' books; and that all entry fees were properly accounted for.~~

~~→ All applicants must pass an entry clerk examination with a minimum score of 90%.~~

~~NOTE: See Entry Clerking Manual for complete program.~~

21. Motion by Faccioli/Harrison to take no action on the proposal to add Judging Program 417.13 (Notifiable Diseases). Motion carried with Stadter abstaining.

22. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to accept the proposal to amend "Agreement to Judge a TICA Show" (Airlines). Unanimous consent failed. *Note - refer proposal back to Rules.*

23. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to accept the proposal to amend Judging Program 41.5.2, 43.1, 43.7.1 (Meetings of Judging Committee). Without objection. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

41.5.2 A minimum of three meetings shall be held annually. The meetings shall be held electronically. Meetings of the Judging Committee shall be held in **December** ~~January~~, in **April** ~~May~~ and in **August** ~~September~~.

43.1 Names of applicants must be published in two issues of the Trend. Notices must be sent to the judging Committee **designee** and received by April 15th for application at the **August** ~~September~~ Meeting, August 15th for application at the **December** ~~January~~ Meeting or December 15th for application at the **April** ~~May~~ Meeting. The Deputy Judging Administrator will notify the Trend Editor. TICA members shall be invited to send comments, favorable and/or unfavorable, to the Judging Committee and to the applicant's Regional Director.

43.7.1 Application and examination must be received no later than May 15th for application at the **August** ~~September~~ meeting, October 15th for application at the **December** ~~January~~ Meeting and January 15th for application at the **April** ~~May~~ Meeting.

24. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to accept the proposal to amend Judging Program 44.3.2.2.1 (Training Sessions). Without objection. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

44.3.2.1 Ring training consists of handling a minimum of 40 kittens, cats, alters, household pets or new breeds. The selection of the cats for training is at the training judge's discretion. Training may consist of handling full classes (such as championship cats, etc.) or handling full breeds or breed groups (such as the Persian Breed Group or Maine Coon kittens, cats and alters, etc.). The trainee is expected to handle his or her own cat(s) during the training session without calling attention to the ownership of the cat. The trainee is expected to remain in the judging ring until dismissed by the instructor. During the final five training sessions, the trainee must stay with the training judge the entire day handling cats as designated by the judge.

44.3.2.2 Training sessions are limited to one training session per calendar day.

44.3.2.2.1 Trainees are limited to 2 ring training sessions with the same judge during any ~~1-day~~, 2-day or 3-day show period, provided that the training sessions are on different cats/classes.

25. Motion by Faccioli/Stadter to accept the proposal to amend Judging Program Article 15 (Judging License Renewals). Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

415.1 All judges actively engaged in judging, including Distinguished Judges, Judges of Merit, any Judge Emeritus still judging, and all trainees shall be required to take an annual refresher test, which must be returned to the ~~Judging Administrator/Designee~~ **Judging Committee designee** with a postmark, fax or email date NO LATER THAN ~~June 30th of each year~~ 30 days after the Refresher exam has been issued. The test must be passed with a score of 95 percent or higher.

415.2 All judges and trainees must accumulate six CEU's each show season, with the exception of Judges Emeritus. **CEUs are continuing education events that are live or electronic.** Once every 2 years Distinguished Judges must lead a judges' conference or breed seminar, or conduct a judging school or genetics seminar (if qualified). Each year Judges of Merit who lead a judges' conference or breed seminar, or conduct a judging school or genetics seminar (if qualified), shall be considered to have met the annual CEU requirement.

415.2.1 Judges failing to accumulate six CEU's in one show season must earn twelve CEU's in the next show season.

415.3 Each judge must be a working member of an active working TICA club in resident region.

415.4 Each participant in the Judging Program must agree to and abide by the TICA Code of Ethics.

415.5 TICA membership dues and judge's license fee for the ~~year following~~ **next show season** must be paid to the Executive Office by October 30th of each year. Judges Emeriti and Distinguished Judges are exempt from license fees.

415.6 The completed annual Judge's Record Form must be sent to the Judging ~~Administrator/Designee~~ **Committee designee** with a postmark, fax or email date NO LATER THAN June 30th of each year. The annual Record Form lists a judge's activities (shows, CEU's, etc.) for the previous show season (May 1st - April 30th). Judges Emeriti are exempt from the Record Form requirement.

415.7 Judges shall be licensed each year at the ~~Winter~~ **Judging Committee Meeting in December**. Judges with a current license will be listed in the appropriate publications.

415.8 If the ~~Board~~ **Judging Committee** votes not to renew a judge's license for the upcoming show year, based on missing requirements, it may ~~advise the Judging Administrator to issue a~~ **renew a** license when the missing requirements have been met. The license has not been revoked, it has expired; it may be renewed upon meeting requirements for renewal.

415.9 A judge's license shall not be renewed if that judge has any outstanding fines. However, the ~~Board may instruct the~~ Judging Administrator **Committee may** ~~to~~ renew the license when the fine(s) has/have been received in the Executive Office.

415.10 If a judge's license is not renewed, then the judge 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 renewal is solely at the Board's discretion.

415.11 ~~0~~A current professional color photo must be submitted to the TICA Yearbook Editor every 3 years. Photographs must ~~meet the following~~ **follow the specifications** set by the Yearbook Editor:

~~415.10.1 5"x7" (12.5cm x 18cm).~~

~~415.10.2 Scanned at 300 dpi.~~

415.11 ~~2~~ Applications for acceptance into the Judging Program and for advancement within the Judging Program shall be considered only at scheduled ~~Board~~ **Judging Committee** meetings.

26. Motion by Faccioli/Stadter to accept the proposal to amend Judging Program Preface and Article Five (Specialty Judges). Motion carried with Antenucci, Brown, Harrison, Lawson, Meserve, Russo, and Shi opposed. *This motion was later reconsidered (see Motion 60: Motion)*

Proposal to Amend Registration Rule 36.6.1 and 37.2.1 (Outcrosses within Category 1) and deleting Standing Rule 307.6.3 (originally taking effect from 15 Sept 2020) was withdrawn by author.

27. Motion by Stadter/Brooks to amend the implementation date of Standing Rule 307.6.3 from September 15, 2020 to December 31, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

307.6.3 After the transfer of breeds out of Category V to another Category it is no longer possible to register any additional non-domestic source species in the Foundation Registry. The only possible registration is offspring of TICA registered cats with a non-domestic feline in the three-generation pedigree which are only registered with the aim to breed out the non-domestic source species.

Proposal to amend Standing Rule 307.6.3 (Non-domestic) was withdrawn by author.

The President requested Brooks to continue with same working group and the three breed sections (BG, CU, SV) on proposals for Category I and Category V breeds.

28. Motion by Brooks/Faccioli to reconsider the proposal on amending Judging Program Preface and Article Five (Specialty Judges). Motion carried unanimously.

29. Motion by Faccioli/Stadter to amend prior motion by eliminating 45.7.1 and renumbering 45.7.2 (motion was tabled)

30. Fisher moved to recess for the day at 10:14 AM CDT. Without objection.

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 AM CDT on Friday, September 4, 2020.

Dickie was not present but joined later

Shi was not present - assistant, Alice Liu, was present

31. Unanimous consent by Brown to accept the proposal to amend Show Rules 29.1.1 (Show Committee), as amended. Without objection. This change will be part of the **2020 Membership Ballot**.

29.1.1 A show committee ~~should~~ **shall** be appointed, consisting of at least five **club members and individuals** who are thoroughly familiar with **TICA** show rules and show management.

32. Motion by Faccioli/van Mullem to accept the proposal to amend Show Rule 216.9.1 (Biting). Motion carried unanimously. This change will be part of the **2020 Membership Ballot**.

216.9.1 A cat that is disqualified from competition for biting shall be noted by the Executive Office. If three disqualifications for biting by the same cat occur, the cat will no longer be scored or allowed to confirm titles **or to enter/participate in TICA shows**, and the owner of the cat shall be notified by the Executive Office.

33. Unanimous consent by Brown to accept the proposal to amend Show Rule Article One (Definitions). Without objection. This change will be part of the **2020 Membership Ballot**.

21.6 RECOGNIZED BREED - Any of the recognized breeds of felines listed in ~~rules~~ **Standing Rules Category I through V**.

21.9 REGISTRATION PENDING - For purposes of entry in shows. Registration ~~mailed~~ **submitted** to Executive Office but not returned at time of entry in show.

21.15 ~~SPLIT~~ **CONTINUOUS** FORMAT SHOW - A show in which some of the judges judge part of the entries one day and the other entries the next day. This is considered a two or more day show. ~~Exhibits may be entered for one or more days.~~

21.28 TRAINEE - A member of this Association who has applied for and been accepted into the judging program and has successfully completed all examinations and requirements and is entitled to ~~work~~ **train or handle** in the judging rings ~~with instructors~~.

21.29 JUDGES LIST - The official list of TICA judges and their status as published in the TICA TREND, TICA Yearbook **and on TICA's official web site**.

21.64 CRYPTORCHID - A male cat ~~having no descended testicles~~ **with the condition in which one or both of the testes fail to descend**.

21.65 SHOWS - Licensed by TICA may be sponsored by one or more clubs and may consist of one or more rings with any combination of allbreed and/or specialty rings using **awards as specified in 212.3 Top Five or Top Ten format or any combination thereof**.

21.68 ALLBREED SHOWS - Shows wherein all breeds of cats **and Household pets** are eligible to compete for awards

21.69 LONGHAIR/SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY SHOWS - Shows wherein all breeds of longhair or all breeds of shorthair cats **and LH/SH Household pets** are eligible to compete for awards

34. Unanimous consent by Brown to accept the proposal to amend Show Rule Article Two (Shows), as amended. Without objection. This change will be part of the **2020 Membership Ballot**.

22.2 ~~Format~~. The sponsoring club shall determine the format of the show. The show may be **Continuous, Back-to-back or Alternative format** ~~1 day, 2 days, or more, or a back-to-back show format~~, and must be advertised as such on all materials promoting the show.

22.3.1.3 ~~Split~~ **Continuous** Format (2-day Show) - 500 entries. (See Show Rule 21.15 and Show Rule 216.4.)

22.4.6 Show licenses issued to clubs employing a show production company must be issued jointly to the club and the show production company.

35. Unanimous consent by Brown to accept the proposal to amend Show Rule Article Three (Eligibility for Entry). Without objection. This change will be part of the **2020 Membership Ballot**.

23.2 When an officiating judge is the breeder of **an entry, such entry** ~~cat or kitten, such cat or kitten~~ is not eligible in that ring for competition. Awards shall be forfeited for violation of the Rule.

23.2.1 Any ~~cat or kitten~~ **entry** bred by an officiating judge, or having been in the judge's possession within the previous 6 months' period, may be "Presented Only" in that ring. The ~~cat or kitten~~ **entry** is not eligible for

awards in this ring in compliance with Show Rules 23.2, 215.2, and 215.4, but will be included in the official ring count to determine number of entries present and competing.

~~23.8.3 Exhibitors desiring to sell cats or kittens at the show may declare on the entry blanks the price asked for each entry. This price will be printed in the catalog and must not be increased during the show. The show management may charge a fee on cats or kittens entered for sale in the show.~~

36. Unanimous consent by Brown to accept the proposal to amend Show Rule Article Four (Entry Procedures). Without objection. This change will be part of the **2020 Membership Ballot**.

24.2 Upon entering a cat or kitten in any TICA show, the registered owner is responsible for furnishing the correct information, including, but not limited to, registered name, registration number (if known), birthdate, age on the opening date of the show, sire, dam, breeder, owner, lessee (if applicable), region of residence of owner/lessee, and the proper competitive classification.

~~24.2.1 Cats entered in any show shall remain in the same status as entered in all rings even though they have qualified for another status during the show.~~

If approved, re-number existing 24.2.2 and 24.2.2.1 as 24.2.1 and 24.2.1.2

24.2.2 In the event that any feline has been transferred or leased after entry in a show, the ~~show committee~~ **Entry Clerk (or Master Clerk if the catalog has been printed)**, must be notified upon filing the transfer documents with the Executive Office of TICA. The records in the Executive Office of TICA are conclusive.

37. Unanimous consent by Brown to accept the proposal to amend Show Rule Article Seven (Requirements for Titles). Without objection. This change will be part of the **2020 Membership Ballot**.

27.5 When the required points and awards have been accumulated for each of the above categories, the owner **may claim the title. Upon payment of the appropriate fees, the title will be added to the cat's permanent record.** ~~Is responsible for making application to TICA for confirmation of such title~~

38. Unanimous consent by Brown to accept the proposal to amend Show Rule Articles Nine and Ten (Responsibilities), as amended. Without objection. This change will be part of the **2020 Membership Ballot**.

29.3.5 In the absence of a contracted judge ~~an emergency~~, the show committee may appoint a substitute ~~judge~~. In such cases, an exhibitor may decline to allow his entries to compete, but may not remove them from the show hall for this reason. The entry is merely "withdrawn" from that particular ring and the judge's book will so indicate; however, the entry is eligible for competition in all other rings.

210.1 An exhibitor is expected to be familiar with and comply with all TICA Show Rules, **Standing Rules**, Registration Rules and By-Laws.

210.1.1 If an exhibitor violates these ~~Show~~ Rules, he will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with By-Laws, Article Twenty-Two.

39. Motion by Brown/Faccioli to the accept the proposal to amend Show Rule Article Twelve (Finals Awards). Motion Carried with Lawson opposed. This change will be part of the **2020 Membership Ballot**.

Article Twelve - Prizes and Trophies, Ribbons and ~~Rosettes~~ Finals Awards

212.1 Ribbon (flat) colors shall be as follows:

212.1.1 ~~First Place~~ **Best of Color** Dark Blue

212.1.2 ~~Second Place~~ **Best of Color** Red

212.1.3 ~~Third Place~~ **Best of Color** Yellow

212.1.4 ~~Fourth Place~~ **Best of Color** Green

212.1.5 ~~Fifth Place~~ **Best of Color** White

212.1.6 Best of Division Black

212.1.7 2nd Best of Division Purple

212.1.8 3rd Best of Division Orange

212.1.9 There are no **specific** ribbons for Breed awards: **If not used**, these **may** ~~are~~ simply **be** named by the judge.

212.1.10 All ribbon awards shall be printed on ribbon, cards, stickers or similar material. An abbreviated form of the award may be used.

212.2 Final awards shall be rosettes **or rosettes combined with printed cards, stickers or similar material** with the appropriate award ~~printed on one of the streamers~~ **noted**. Other awards such as cups, trophies, medals, gift certificates, books, magazine subscriptions, cash, bonds, and certificates benefitting special

projects approved by TICA are permitted. Ribbons and rosettes may be offered only in the name of clubs or associations.

212.6.1 ~~Rosettes~~ **Final Awards** for Championship Advancement Class shall indicate the award as follows:

212.6.1.1 Preliminary New Breed Merit.

212.6.1.2 Advanced New Breed Merit.

212.6.1.3 New Traits Merit.

212.8 Chartered clubs, other associations, or organizations holding licensed shows under TICA rules are required to have ~~ribbons and rosettes~~ **awards** on display at the opening of the show and throughout the show until all awards have been distributed accordingly

212.9.2 The Judge's clerk delivers or sees to it that the ~~rosette~~ **final award** is delivered to the exhibitor of the absented cat. In the case of an absent exhibitor, the show committee is responsible for sending the ~~rosette~~ **final award**.

40. Unanimous consent by Brown to accept the proposal to amend Show Rule Article Thirteen (Invitations/Acceptances by Judges). Without objection. This change will be part of the **2020 Membership Ballot**.

~~213.2 Completed written "Agreement to Judge TICA Cat Show" (i.e., the official TICA Judges Contract) in duplicate shall be used by the affiliated clubs in making arrangements for judges to officiate at these shows~~

~~213.2.1 The "Judge's Information Sheet" shall be completed by the club and provided to the judge not less than 4 weeks prior to the show.~~

213.2 The official "TICA Judges Contract" contains the governing terms of the agreement to judge TICA cat shows. Clubs shall use this agreement in making arrangements for judges to officiate at these shows. Once a judging assignment is accepted (including but not limited to: formally signed contracts, agreed to in a separate writing or agreed to verbally) the terms of this Agreement are binding on both parties unless other arrangements have been mutually agreed upon in writing.

213.2.1 Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon, not less than 5 days prior to the show the club shall provide the judge with the completed "Judge's Information Sheet" or the equivalent information specified in the document.

213.4.2 Conflicts in Dates. Any judge who has ~~agreed signed a contract~~ to judge a show shall not accept another contract to judge a show on that same date unless the original show is cancelled. In the event that more than one contract has been **agreed upon signed**, the ~~earlier~~ **earliest** date of ~~signing~~ **acceptance** will determine the applicable contract.

213.5 Judges are required to remain for the advertised hours of the show or as agreed upon ~~in the original contract~~ **beforehand**. In an emergency, this Rule can be waived ~~per~~ **by** mutual agreement between the show management and the judge.

41. Unanimous consent by Brown to accept the proposal to amend Show Rule Article Fourteen (Judging Fees and Expenses). Without objection. This change will be part of the **2020 Membership Ballot**.

214.1.1 Judging fees are applicable to regular and guest judges regardless of the type, location or duration of the show and are determined by the licensed status at the time of ~~signing~~ **agreeing to** the contract.

(**Rules Note:** Version C – 4/23/2020 of Show Rules document incorrectly lists this rule as 214.1 and not 214.1.1)

214.3 Judges who have moved or changed their place of residence or traveling from a point other than their place of residence subsequent to ~~signing~~ **agreeing to** a contract, shall be reimbursed only the amount for traveling from their place of residence at the time the contract was ~~signed~~ **agreed upon** unless otherwise **mutually agreed upon in writing** ~~stipulated in the contract~~.

214.4 In cases of cancellation of a judging contract the party responsible for cancellation shall be responsible for any penalty on ~~discount~~ airline tickets.

42. Unanimous consent by Brown to accept the proposal to amend Show Rule Article Fifteen (Conduct of Judges). Without objection. This change will be part of the **2020 Membership Ballot**.

215.1 Neither judges nor members of their households may enter any cat or kitten for competition in any part of a show licensed by TICA at which they are judging, except as follows:

215.1.1 ~~In cases of emergency in which~~ **In the absence of a contracted judge, and** a substitute judge ~~is contracted~~ **accepts the assignment** within 72 hours prior to opening of a show, **then entries**. ~~Cats~~

belonging to that substitute judge or **any** member of their household shall be exhibited as Presentation Only in that judge's ring, but may compete in all other rings of that show; or

215.1.2 The judge is a Household Pet Only Judge. Cats belonging to a Household Pet Only Judge may be exhibited in the purebred kitten and championship portion of a show in which that judge is officiating as a Household Pet Judge provided exhibiting is accomplished through an agent, and no communication between the agent and the Household Pet Judge occurs until the Household Pet Judge has completed the Household Pet Show.

215.2 Judges may not judge entries which **they have owned/co-owned** ~~have been their property~~ or **that have been** in their possession within 6 months prior to the show.

215.5 No officiating judge shall ~~consume any alcoholic beverages~~ **judge under the influence of any intoxicating substance (such as drugs or alcohol)** during the advertised hours of the show, or prior to holding ~~his~~ **their** last final.

215.6 Judges shall not enter the show hall during advertised show hours before ~~the~~ **their** scheduled date of judging.

43. Unanimous consent by Brown to accept the proposal to amend Show Rule Article Seventeen (Judges Records). Without objection. This change will be part of the **2020 Membership Ballot**.

217.1 The judge's book shall be signed (if stamped, each copy must be stamped) and all notations thereon shall be made in pen and ~~posted~~ **recorded** at the completion of each color class, division or breed. The ~~posting~~ copy of ~~the~~ **each** judge's ~~books~~ **book sent to the Master Clerk** shall be available in the show hall.

Awards as ~~posted~~ **recorded** shall be final and shall not be changed except for correction of errors or fraud.

217.5.5 Division awards and Breed awards shall be ~~posted~~ **recorded** in the judge's book after each division and breed, respectively. If provision for these awards is not made in the judge's book, the judge must hand-write it in.

217.6.2 At the end of each adult household pet division, the judge shall select and place Best, Second and Third Best of division for each respective household pet division. The selections shall be ~~posted~~ **recorded** in the judge's book.

217.8 If an obvious error is made in placing an award, and the error is not discovered until after the awards have been ~~posted~~ **recorded** or until after the show, and the correct winner can be determined from the judge's book, the award shall be given to the correct entry. If the correct winner cannot be determined that award shall remain vacant. The officiating judge is responsible for making the necessary corrections and notifying the show management, the Executive Office of TICA and the owner(s) of the cat(s) involved within 10 days after the error is discovered.

44. Unanimous consent by Brooks to take no action on the proposal to add Standing Rule 107.3.1 (Regional Disaster Funds). Without objection.

45. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to accept the proposal to add Standing Rule 202.4.1 (Club Accountability). Without objection. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

22.4.1 A show shall not be held under the auspices of this association unless the show has been issued a show license at least 30 days prior to the first date of the show.

202.4.1 The club that applies for the show license is responsible for abiding by all rules relating to the conduct of the show.

46. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to accept the proposal to add Standing Rule 1022.5 (Hearings). Without objection. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

Bylaw 122.5 states: The Board of Directors may refer the matter to the Legal Committee for a finding before any action is taken. The findings of the Legal Committee shall be advisory only and not binding on the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may conduct a hearing itself or appoint a Legal Committee or person to conduct the hearing. All parties shall have the right to be present, in person, with or without counsel, or to be represented by counsel and to present a statement, evidence or witnesses in their behalf.

1022.5.1 For the purposes of Bylaw 122.5, “present, in person” may include the use of audio and/or video or other electronic conferencing where all parties involved in the hearing can be simultaneously connected.

1022.5.2 The Board of Directors shall determine the most appropriate means of conducting the hearing.

47. Motion by Stadter/Harrison to accept the proposal to amend Standing Rule 601.2.8 (Military Residence). Motion carried unanimously. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

601.2.8 Cats will be scored in the region of residence on January First. **Members and/or exhibitors that are on active military duty in any region of TICA, may elect to be scored in the region in which they have their Legal Residence pursuant to the military regulations of their country. Cats must still be shown at least once in the region of residence to earn regional awards (see 901.4.3.2).**

48. Unanimous consent by Brooks to accept the proposal to amend Standing Rule 903.1 (Sponsorship). Without objection. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

903.1 TICA Annual Show/Awards Banquet Guidelines. The Annual Show, and the club or clubs producing that show, shall comply with any sponsorship agreements that TICA may have with corporate sponsors as of the date the Annual Show is to be held, regardless of whether or not such agreements are in place at the time of the award of the Annual Show to the club or clubs producing that show. **TICA shall ensure that any such requirements are communicated to the club(s) as soon as possible after entering into any agreement.** Clubs hosting an annual show and banquet are expected to conduct the show and banquet according to these guidelines. In the event a club has good cause to deviate from these guidelines, a request to do so must be submitted, in writing, to the Annual Meeting Liaison to the Board of Directors not less than 30 days prior to the Winter Meeting immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, and specify the guideline for which deviation is requested, and the reason for the request. The Board may then approve or deny the request.

49. Unanimous consent by Brown to accept the proposal to amend Standing Rule 202.x (Shows). Without objection. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

202.4.2.1 Show Supplies. Show supplies shall be sent **if requested following** ~~upon~~ receipt of license application in the Executive Office in accordance with 22.4.2. Show supplies shall include one copy of the current Show Rules and By-Laws, including supplements and updates.

202.4.3 Show License Fees.

202.4.3.1 \$15 per Allbreed Ring.

202.4.3.2 \$15 per Specialty Ring (LH/SH).

202.4.3.3 \$10 ~~Breed specialty~~ **Congress Ring** or Household Pet Ring (~~must be at least 20 entries present and competing for~~ per Show Rules 21.69, 21.71 and 21.72).

202.4.3.4 \$10 per Allbreed Household Pet Ring (Stand Alone Show).

202.4.3.5 \$5 per Specialty Household Pet Ring (Stand Alone Show).

202.4.3.6 The club is required to pay these fees.

202.5 Annual Awards Fees.

202.5.1 Fees per Ring

202.5.1.1 \$20 per Allbreed Ring.

202.5.1.2 \$20 per Specialty Ring (LH/SH).

202.5.1.3 \$10 per ~~Breed Specialty~~ or Household Pet Ring (~~must be at least 20 entries present and competing~~ per Show Rules ~~20.70, 20.71 and 21.72~~).

202.5.1.4 \$10 per Allbreed Household Pet Ring (Stand Alone Show).

202.5.1.5 \$5 per Specialty Household Pet Ring (Stand Alone Show).

202.5.1.6 The club is required to pay these fees.

50. Motion by van Mullem/Stadter to accept the proposal to amend Standing Rule 203.1.1 (Entry Eligibility). Motion denied with Brown, Rudge, and van Mullem in favor.

51. Unanimous consent by Brown to accept the proposal to amend Standing Rule 209.x (Show Management Responsibilities). Without objection. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

209.1.1.4 Marked Catalogs. The show committee is required to forward ~~(via first class mail or better)~~ one completely marked catalog to the Executive Office of TICA, the regional reporters and the appropriate regional director. within 48 hours after the close of the show **if sent by first class mail or better, if sent by electronic means, within 72 hours.** ~~As an alternative to mailing, clubs are encouraged to submit a copy of the marked catalog via email in an electronic format known to be readable by the Executive Office, within 72 hours after the close of the show.~~ The show committee is **also** required to forward one completely marked catalog to the judging administrator, to each judge, the master clerk, **the ring clerks** and to any person who ordered a marked catalog **no later than 7 days after the show.** ~~NO LATER THAN 7 DAYS AFTER THE SHOW. The show committee shall also send a catalog marked with the finals page(s) and the appropriate breed awards to each certified ring clerk within 7 days after the show.~~

209.1.1.4.3 The Uniform Finals Sheets provided by the Executive Office in the show supplies **(or an alternative version approved by the Executive Office)** MUST be used in the marked catalogs sent to the Executive Office. Failure to submit the marked Uniform Finals Sheets with the marked catalogs will result in a fine of \$25 as directed by the Board of Directors.

52. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to accept the proposal to amend the Glossary of Terms for the UCD. Without objection. This change goes into **effect immediately**.

Agouti Signaling Protein (ASIP):

A protein which signals a melanocyte to switch from eumelanin to pheomelanin production by binding to the melanocortin receptor. Variants of this gene can mask or modify the tabby phenotype by causing over expression of eumelanin.

Albino:

Complete disruption of the pigment production process due to a recessive variant of the tyrosinase gene (ca). Albino cats have white fur, pink skin, and blue eyes that easily reflect red or pink.

Amelanistic

The absence of melanin (the pigment responsible for color) in a cat's coat and skin. Amelanistic hair will appear white, while amelanistic skin will appear pink.

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~~Albino/Albinism:~~

~~Lack of pigmentation caused by the lack of functional tyrosinase enzyme, resulting in a coloration of white with pale blue eyes.~~

Add New Term:

Heterochromia:

Eyes that are of two different colors, typically one of which is blue (also known as "odd eyes"). The term may also be applied to cats with two different colors within the same eye ("cracked eye")

53. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to accept the proposal to amend the UCD (Uniform Color Descriptions). Without objection - see *appendix*.

54. Motion by Stadter/Faccioli to defer the advancement of the Tennessee Rex from PNB to ANB to the winter meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Hill gave presentation on the Toybob - see appendix.

55. Motion by Brown/Faccioli to defer the advancement of the Toybob from PNB to ANB to the Winter Meeting. Motion denied with Brooks, Brown, Faccioli, Ishimura, and Stadter in favor.

56. Motion by Meserve/Antenucci to postpone the consideration of the application to advance the Toybob from PNB to ANB for 30 days. Motion carried unanimously.

*Members Open Meeting: **Pugh:** it is hard to pass along a piece of paper to collect signatures when applying for breed advancement, it needs to be done electronically. **Wood:** a scan of a document that has been signed, could be in multiple parts, will be accepted as long as the signatures can be identified and the document contains a statement that agrees on the advancement of the breed.*

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

58. Unanimous consent by Brooks to accept the proposed changes to the Sphynx breed standard. Without objection - see appendix.

The breed reports for Aphrodite, Highlander, Serengeti, and Lykoi were received.

Fisher appointed Brown as Board liaison to the Aphrodite working breed group and Laurie Patton as the working breed chair.

59. Unanimous consent by Faccioli to un-table Motion #29 - Judging Program Preface and Article Five (Specialty Judges). Without objection.

60. Motion by Faccioli/Harrison to amend Article Five of the Judging Program with the presented amendment. The vote to amend was tied. Fisher voted in favor of the motion and broke the tie. Motion carried with Antenucci, Brown, Harrison, Lawson, Meserve, and Russo opposed and Brooks and Ishimura abstaining. This change goes into **effect immediately** - see appendix.

61. Motion by Lawson/Brown to instruct the Executive Office to approve the licensing of the Volunteer Cat Club, Pigeon Forge, TN, under the proposed format. The vote to approve was tied. Fisher voted in favor of the motion and broke the tie. Motion carried with Faccioli, Hawksworth-Weitz, Ishimura, Stadter, and van Mullem opposed and Harrison, Joseph, Rudge, and Russo abstaining. *Note - **Stadter** objected to the motion as it goes against our Rules. **Fisher** - there is no applicable Rule that limits the format.*

62. Unanimous consent by Brooks to adjourn for the day at 11:53 AM CDT. Without objection.