

MARCH 2018 – GL REGIONAL MEETING AGENDA

- I. **Welcome to new members.**
- II. **Regional Director Challenge:**
 - a. I challenge you to meet a new face at this show.
 - b. I challenge those that are not a part of a club, to join/help a club in some way.
- III. **Upcoming Shows:**
 - a. Great Lakes Friends of Felines – Arlington Heights, IL (Mar 16-18)
 - b. Wisconsin-Illinois Cat Fanciers – Wheaton, IL (Apr 14-15)
 - c. Prairie State Cat Club – Franklin Park, IL (May 5-6)
 - d. Buckeye Ohio Rollers – Medina, OH (July 7-8)
 - e. Showcats – Wilmington, OH (Aug 10-12) GL REGIONAL
- IV. **Treasury Balance: \$3863.53**
- V. **REMINDERS:**
 - a. This season only those clubs that donate will be eligible for show of the year.
 - b. Pictures for the yearbook, GL Powerpoint and awards program booklet. Deadline early July this year!
- VI. **“State of the Cat” Study.** Want to be part of cat science? Join in TICA & Wisdom Health's "State of the Cat" study: a comprehensive survey of genetic health and diversity of pedigreed cats inclusive of 40 genetic disease like PKD, PRA, Pk-def, SMA, and Burmese Head Defect, colorpoint, mink, sepia, Agouti, tailless mutations and rexing. All this screening is private (but you can make it public like Prestige's report) and just \$70 for study participants. PLUS as new disease and trait variants are validated your cat will be screened for free...FOREVER. Sign up to participate and get a coupon at Ticageneticstudy@gmail.com If you need to extend your coupons expiration date or increase the number of kits you can buy email: ticageneticstudy@gmail.com
- VII. **December election results:**
 - a. Vickie Fisher, President
 - b. Bobbie Tullo, VP
 - c. Breed Committees – on tica.org/en/elections & run-offs March 13.
 - d. AMEND Bylaw 120.2 , BREED AWARDS (Passes)
 - e. AMEND Show Rule 22.1.2, RD “May Only” Deny a Show Date (Passes),

- f. ADD Show Rule 22.1.2.3, PET EXPOS (Passes)
- g. AMEND Show Rule 212.3 and 212.4, TOP 10 ALTERS (Passes)

VIII. Winter Meeting Highlights:

- a. State of the Cat Study will recognize participants with certificates.
- b. New webmaster.
- c. 2020 Annual in Washington, DC
- d. LH/SH Trainee: Ryk Sadie (IN/Taiwan) and Michael Zaruba (EN)
- e. Probationary SP: Johary Gomez (SA)
- f. Provisional AB: Toni Meisberger (SC) and Debbie Prince (MP)
- g. Approved AB: Kim Chenault (GL)
- h. Ring/School Instructor: Donna Madison (NE)
- i. Transfer Approved SP: Olga Dentico (ES) (pending completion of designated training per the TICA Judging Program)
- j. We also have five (5) new judges honored as Judge Emeriti: Nancy Nolen, Ann Hoehn, Cheryl Hogan, Kinue Kawahashi, and Lynn Judge.
- k. Outstanding Cattery Code of Ethics passed
- l. Asia West region (China) created as of May 1 2018 (And "Asia" to become Asia East)
- m. Realignment: Realignment – New Mexico back to SW Region and Southern Nevada back to MP
- n. Regional Color & Breed Certificates to be PDF (and possibly TDS)

IX. FULL MEETING MINUTES: <http://tica.org/images/PDFRA/2018-Winter-Meeting-Minutes-3rd-draft.pdf>

X. YEARBOOK STILL AVAILABLE!

Yearbook - US addresses - \$75

Yearbook - Canadian addresses - \$85

Yearbook - All other countries - \$95

Order forms are available on the TICA website at.....

<http://tica.org/pdf/forms/yearbook/2017.pdf>

- XI. GIRL SCOUTS MERIT BADGE:** A couple of weeks ago in New York the Girl Scouts and TICA came together. Girl Scouts can now earn a merit badge with TICA Cats 101.



XII. President Fisher's First 58 Days Report:

- a. Ticketing system is live and in test mode. We are starting with Membership and membership renewal do the office to get a feel for the system.
- b. Have an app almost done to let judges maintain their own info updates on the website.
- c. Cloud conversion uncovering possible process improvements for the office.
- d. Website redesign contract is signed for phase 1 planning. Starting on that project soon. Working on automation of website Breeder listings. Very labor intensive now. New Webmaster, Jonathan Patterson (webmaster@tica.org)
- e. Also pursuing generic shopping cart so people don't have to call in with their credit card information
- f. Besides these projects, and waiting in the wings, is the Show Calendar project. We are also looking at quick projects that give us functionality or process improvement - e.g., app to allow people to upload their breeder ads directly with the EO staff having to verify payment, appropriateness, membership. Maybe an interim shopping cart, etc., etc.
- g. Girl Scout patch program being repeated in California for the big pet expo. Not just for Girl Scouts. You might gauge interest. Still need to refine and organize. Ordering new patches
- h.

- XIII. CLUB REMINDER:** Dr. Elsey Sponsorship available to all. \$500 for this season, existing clubs. \$750 to new clubs. Application processing takes approximately 60 days. Please be sure to send your application in time. Send applications to showsponsorship@tica.org
Application Found Here:
<http://tica.org/images/PDFRA/2018%20TICA%20Sponsorship%20Survey%20FORM.docx>