

Regional Meeting  
January 3, 2009  
Lockport, New York

The meeting was held during the lunch break at the Educated Guess show in Lockport. Loretta opened the meeting by dispelling the rumor that she was not running for Regional Director and that Jerry Hamza was. Loretta plans to continue running as long as the region wants her.

**Great Lakes Feline Foundation.** Loretta announced the formation of the Great Lakes Feline Foundation, a 501C4, organized in Niagara County, New York. The foundation will be owned by all Region IV clubs. Jerry Hamza discussed the decision to form the Foundation. The purposes of the Foundation are to:

- Safeguarding the funds raised in the Region (the monies raised in the Region should stay in the Region. The foundation will hold the Regions funds that are not needed for current operations,
- Allow the region to support exhibitors (injured by fires, floods, tornados, etc) and worthy causes within the Region, and
- Allow the Region to provide temporary support to Clubs.

Upon dissolution, the funds would be distributed to Region IV club. The by-laws provide that Clubs that are putting on shows would receive shares, and that Clubs, whose corresponding secretary does not reside in Region IV would not receive shares. Granting shares to clubs that have not put on shows (paper clubs) would be at the discretion of the Foundation Board.

Loretta announced that the Foundation would have 5 Board Members. All Board Members (except the Regional Director) are elected positions. One Board Member would be elected each year. The initial Board, that Loretta appointed, is :

Ron Pastor, Chairman  
Loretta Baugh, Regional Director  
Jerry Hamza  
Jo Ann Cummings  
Joel Chaney

**Region IV Officers and Appointments.** Loretta announced the following appointments.

Treasurer	Jerry Hamza
Secretary	Joel Chaney
Award Show Trophies	Wilma Van Scoyk
Award Show	Ron Pastor

**CFA Annual.** Our next annual is 6 years away. The Region will be responsible for selecting the site, negotiating with cities and hotels and contracting with the hotel. It is our intention to have cities/hotels compete for the annual.

**Regional Award Show.** The show will be in Canton, Ohio. The theme for the show will be Carnival. The show flyer is in the show catalog and will be on the Region Website. Of course, Wilma will be doing the trophies.

**Breed Awards.** The Region plans to award medallions to the Best, Second Best, and Third Best of each breed in Championship at the Award Show in 2009. If possible the awards will be expanded to Kittens and Premiership in future years. The Medallion will have the Region's Logo, the breed award, and the cat's name. We are encouraging Breed Clubs to sponsor the award for their breed. Sponsorship for one Medallion will be \$10 and all three \$25.

**Next Meeting** We will hold a Regional Meeting On January 17<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Cleveland Persian show to discuss the Great Lakes Feline Foundation.