Summary of the September Annual Board Meeting:

1. Productive all day Strategic Planning was held. Wrap-ups include advancing current Social Media platforms, Education/Knowledge for both exhibitors and public and TICA club & Mentorship support portals. The above mentioned and more will be addressed after the TOES/TFMS integration is complete.
2. TFMS backlog is empty.
3. Registration turnaround is approximately 24 hours and Rush is approx. 2 business hours. Please let me know if you have any issues with registration and I will be happy to help.
4. Membership only benefits:

* Introducing the official Scoring and Standings feature on the TFMS dashboard. As a TICA member, you can now keep track of your cat's scores, earned titles, access in-depth insights like ring scores, cat counts, and award points, and dive deeper into specifics like Color, Division, Breed, and Final placements. I have included a link to watch a demonstration as to how it works (I had posted it in FB as well)
* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOCwlQhoPSo>
* By the end of 2023 we are hoping to implement a Breeder listing feature which again is only offered to our membership. This is to encourage reputable breeders who are in line with TICA’s mission statement. This will hopefully allow for more credibility within the animal legislation community. Again, this is member only benefit. Some of the features will allow you to have fields for the last show date you attended, DOB of your last litter you registered. There will also be free text fields, allowing up to 4 photos and links and contact information. Fees are still being discussed and I will keep you updated as to the progression of this exciting new element.

1. There was also discussion related to the measure forward with shows in China. Due to Chinese government requirements, the board is considering what steps will be needed towards re-opening shows in China. A representative office will be required, and the China committee reported to the board as to the money needed to authorize the start of necessary paperwork. The committee has been requested to report at the January board meeting as to the status and any additional funds that may be needed and if we will proceed.
2. TICA ANNUAL 2026 was awarded to CPE, Mississauga, Canada, NE Region
3. Minutes for the Board meeting are below:
4. <https://www.tica.org/phocadownload/TICA-2023-Annual%20Meeting%20Minutes.pdf>

Other important news!

1. This year is an important election year! Voting opens mid- October! Please remember to vote!

* President: Vicki Jo Harrison & Ralph Stadler
* Vice President: Liz Hanson Brown & Ellen Crockett
* Breed Committees: On website under your breed

1. Our MA regional was held early September and the awards celebration was so much fun! We had colorful and unique noise makers to cheer on our friends and their wins.

We gathered to celebrate our wins for our beloved cats and the fellowship of our TICA friends. We also took a moment to appreciate the unconditional love and companionship our cats bestow on us. Their unwavering loyalty and affection continuously touch our hearts and make our lives unmeasurably richer. Remember to hug your kitties every day!

I will be bringing the awards that were not picked up to the Tabby Tales and Carnivorous Winos shows. If you would like me to send them to you, please email me @ [BRussotica@gmail.com](mailto:BRussotica@gmail.com).

1. Speaking of shows, believe it or not we are now in the last quarter of the year! The year has moved so quickly!

The following shows are coming up to end the 2023 show year: Please consider attending them all!!!

* United Cat Club, Fredericksburg, VA, October 20th – October 22nd, 2023
* Tabby tales Cat Club, Lebanon, PA, November 4th-5th, 2023
* Carnivorous Winos Cat Club, Lebanon, PA, December 9th & 10th, 2023

1. Congratulations to both Mid Atlantic Cat Club and Northern Lights Cat Club. They are the MA newest clubs! Both clubs did an excellent job in having their first shows. Everyone worked extremely hard ( even under the hottest circumstances) to make the best for all to attend. A huge thank you to all that supported both clubs!
2. Membership as of 9/5/2023 is 424! PLEASE try and encourage people you meet at shows or kitten buyers to join TICA and be part of the fun!
3. Announcing our new SHOW REPORTER! Julie Keyler has gracious accepted the position of show reporter. Clubs, please email Julie at [Kattalyst@gmail.com](mailto:Kattalyst@gmail.com) with your marked catalog after your show. Thank you, Julie!
4. ANNUAL MA SHOW: Chantilly, VA

* <https://centraljerseycf.org/>
* Volunteers Needed! Please contact Lisa @ [purberri@yahoo.com](mailto:purberri@yahoo.com) &

Susan at [nycsa@aol.com](mailto:nycsa@aol.com)

1. Special meeting will be held online on October 11, 2023
   * + Zoom information will be provided closer to the date.
     + Agenda link: <https://www.tica.org/phocadownload/TICA%202023%2010%20Special%20Meeting%20Agenda.pdf>

To finish up my update, I would like to end on a happy and celebratory note.

Please join me in wishing Julie Ball and Harry Warren on their recent wedding nuptials! Take a moment and congratulate the happy couple on their new adventure in life!