



TICA Forward 2026

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Our Commitments for the Next Three Years

These commitments are what Luiz Paulo and I will bring to the Board. We will work with our fellow Board members to deliver them, because making TICA better for members is a team effort. Where work is already under way, we will carry it through, and where we can start sooner, we will.

1. Continue improving registration and scoring systems, and build a new website

We will keep improving the systems members use every week and give TICA members a new user-friendly website with complete and up to date information.

Where we are. TFMS is our registration and membership backbone. TOES modernizes how shows are scored and run. The two are partially integrated, so clubs and members are not working across disconnected systems, and the Show App puts that modernization in exhibitors' hands at ringside.

WHAT WE WILL DO

- Keep enhancing and integrating TFMS and TOES. The Chief Operating Officer role exists to drive the Board's initiatives, so this work does not stall waiting on volunteer time alone.
- Collect feedback from clubs, show managers, exhibitors and breeders, then rank the improvements that save the most time or reduce the most errors.
- Build a new, improved TICA website. Make rules, results, breed information, health and welfare guidance and club resources easier to find.
- Publish a short roadmap and update as items are completed.

HOW MEMBERS WILL SEE PROGRESS

- A published list of priorities and what has been delivered.

- Fewer manual steps for clubs and show managers, and fewer problems reported.
- A new website with clear paths for exhibitors, breeders, clubs and the public.

2. Commit resources to help clubs put on successful shows

Shows are where we introduce TICA to the world. We will make hosting a show easier and better supported.

Where we are. TICA's refocused marketing has brought interest from companies in the US and around the world, who want to partner with us. That visibility is what brings sponsorship dollars, new members and new exhibitors.

WHAT WE WILL DO

- **Club toolbox project.** Provide practical resources for clubs: planning checklists, templates, timelines and best practices from successful shows. Publish them on the new website.
- **Show sponsorships.** Use the partner interest TICA has attracted to connect sponsors with shows and report to clubs on what is available.
- **Support for newer clubs and show managers.** Offer guidance and a way to learn from experienced clubs.
- **Listen first.** Ask clubs what is hardest about hosting a show, then focus the toolbox on those problems.

HOW MEMBERS WILL SEE PROGRESS

- A toolbox that clubs can find on the TICA website and use.
- Sponsorship opportunities have been announced and available to clubs of all sizes.
- More well-run shows and clubs reporting that planning is easier.

3. Complete the Feline Health and Welfare Initiative

Feline health and welfare are central to TICA's mission!

Where we are. The priority is to educate breeders, the cat fancy and the public on responsible ownership, breeding and breed stewardship. According to our rules, it is required that breed sections must create a formal, documented breeding program with best practices for healthy breeding. Breed committees must publish a yearly newsletter for their breed section. Public education continues through veterinary conferences, legislative meetings, pet expos and participation on the world stage.

WHAT WE WILL DO

- Complete the initiative: make sure every breed section has a documented program and is meeting the newsletter requirements.

- Keep breed committees working together to identify the latest available genetic testing for their breeds and share it with breeders.
- Give breeders and kitten buyers clear, public guidance on tica.org: setting up a reputable cattery, health practices, and what to ask a breeder.
- Continue public education on responsible pet ownership, because protecting the hobby also means protecting its reputation.
- Report progress to members on a regular schedule.

HOW MEMBERS WILL SEE PROGRESS

- Every breed section with a documented program and a current newsletter.
- Health and testing information that reaches the members who need it.
- Clear guidance on the website for breeders, kitten buyers and the public.

4. Continue our leadership among World Cat Congress associations

TICA will continue to have a strong voice where decisions about pedigreed cats and our hobby are made.

Where we are. TICA, together with CFA, proposed two new World Cat Congress commissions: a Legislative Commission and a Feline Health and Welfare Commission. Both were formally established at the WCC meeting in July 2025. TICA's Genetics Committee Chair, Dr. Adriana Kajan, and Lorraine Shelton represent TICA on the Feline Health and Welfare Commission. TICA's Legal Counsel, Susan Adler, chairs the Legislative Commission. At a time when our breeds and our hobby face real pressure from animal rights groups and governments around the world, TICA has a permanent seat at the table.

WHAT WE WILL DO

- Keep TICA's representatives active on both commissions and support them with Board and member input.
- Work with other WCC associations to educate and advocate for our cats, breeders and hobby.
- Share what the commissions are working on, including legislative developments and welfare priorities, so members understand how it affects them.
- Connect the commissions' work with TICA's own health and welfare initiative and public education.

HOW MEMBERS WILL SEE PROGRESS

- Regular updates on commission activity and TICA's positions.
- Clear information on legislative issues that affect breeders and exhibitors.
- A recognized, respected TICA voice internationally.

5. Improve communication between TICA and its members

Members in TICA's world should be able to be heard clearly and answered wherever they live.

Where we are. TICA members live in every region of the world and good communication starts with making sure everyone can find official news and know where to turn to with a question or a concern.

WHAT WE WILL DO

- Support regional Facebook pages for the geographic regions of the world, so members have a place to get official news and ask questions.
- Strengthen the link between members and their Regional Director, so member concerns are heard and brought to the Board for discussion.
- Make it clear where official TICA information lives and share it in plain language that everyone can understand; whether that be in English or the native language of members.

HOW MEMBERS WILL SEE PROGRESS

- Regional pages up and active, with clear official information.
- A clear route for raising a concern with their Regional Director, and a response.
- Regular updates on Board activity and these commitments.

6. Make continuous improvement a part of how TICA works

We will build a habit of making small, regular improvements, listening to the people who do the work and showing what changes.

Where we are. TICA has always relied on members who see a problem and help fix it. What is missing is a simple, shared way to collect those ideas, act on them and report back.

WHAT WE WILL DO

- Create one easy way for members, clubs and show managers to report the small problems that cost them time or cause errors and rank them by the time saved or errors avoided.
- Ask clubs and show managers three questions after every show: what slowed us down, what confused exhibitors, and what one thing should change next time. Share the lessons in the club toolbox.
- Fix small things often instead of waiting for big projects, and publish a simple list of what was reported, what has been fixed and what is next.
- Review each of our major programs, including health and welfare, systems and communication, at least once a year and adjust what is not working.
- Close the loop. When a member raises a concern, they get an answer and see the results.

HOW MEMBERS WILL SEE PROGRESS

- A published list of improvements made, updated regularly.

- Clubs telling us that shows are easier to run each season.
- Members who raise a concern getting a response.

7. Making it happen: working with the Board

These commitments belong to the whole Board and the membership, not to the President and Vice-President alone. Your regional directors will work with their members and the board as a whole to turn each one into action.

WHAT WE WILL DO

- Turn each commitment into a written plan with a lead (an officer, Board member or committee), milestones and target dates, and bring the plans to the Board for adoption early in the term.
- Work with the Chief Operating Officer to carry Board decisions into action and track progress, so the work does not wait on volunteer time alone.
- Review progress on each commitment at Board meetings, and be open about what is working and what is not.
- Draw on committees, breed sections, members and clubs for their expertise and help.
- Share the plans and progress with members.

HOW MEMBERS WILL SEE PROGRESS

- A published plan for each commitment with who is responsible.
- Regular, honest progress updates.
- Board and members working from the same plan.

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