

Proposal 2 - Amend By-Laws 123.1.8 to 123.1.10 (Honorary Judge Titles)

Rationale:

The honorary title of Distinguished Judges will be granted to any Approved Allbreed Judge with 25 or more years of judging experience as a TICA licensed judge. However, to retain the title of Distinguished Judge there's a requirement on our By-Laws that the judge must lead a judge's conference or breed seminar or conduct a judging school or genetics seminar at least once every 2 years. It's very weird that someone needs to fulfill any requirement to retain an honorary title. This proposal aims to correct this as well as a similar Bylaw requirement for Judges of Merit.

Another issue is that CEU requirements is a typical matter of the Judging Program and By-Laws should not legislate on this degree of specificity.

This proposal aims to correct and adjust those points.

PROs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cleans up and simplifies the rules for Honorary titles and, in line with current efforts, moves all details about re-licensing judges to the Judging Program	CONs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">None identified
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Amend By-Laws 123.1.8 to 123.1.10:

123.1.8 Judge Emeritus. A retired judge who may be accorded the honor for outstanding service as a judge to this Association and to the cat fancy in general. An honorary title bestowed on a judge who is retiring from judging. A Judge Emeritus is exempt from license fees ~~, record forms, CEUs, and is exempt from the annual Refresher Test~~ **and is also exempt from re-licensing requirements (as specified in the rules governing the Judging Program)** unless that judge is actively judging.

123.1.9 Distinguished Judge. An honorary title of Distinguished Judge which shall be granted to any judge with 25 or more years of judging experience as a licensed TICA judge and who has attained the status of Approved Allbreed Judge. ~~To retain the title of Distinguished Judge~~ **are exempt from license fees but shall meet all requirements for re-licensing as specified in the rules governing the Judging Program**, ~~the judge MUST lead a judges' conference or breed seminar or conduct a judging school or genetics seminar (if qualified) at least once every 2 years. A Distinguished Judge is exempt from other CEU requirements and license fees; however, they must complete the refresher test and record form.~~

123.1.10 Judge of Merit. An honorary title of Judge of Merit which shall be granted to any judge with at least 20 years of judging experience as a licensed TICA judge. Judges of Merit shall meet all requirements for re-licensing **as specified in the rules governing the Judging Program**, ~~including license fees, refresher test, record form and CEU requirements; Judges of Merit are encouraged to lead a Judges' Conference or Breed Seminar, or conduct a Judging School or Genetics Seminar (if qualified), and if they do so, no further CEU's shall be required for that year.~~