**Judges’ Symposium 2023**

The AGM was conducted via cyberspace and was well represented by members of all 5 panels.

The Chairperson of the Gauteng Panel of Judges, Elizabeth van Renen, opened the meeting and normal proceedings followed.

Agenda items were discussed, and proposals were voted on. Minutes were recorded by the Secretary, Ingrid de Wet and the Financials were presented by Judges’ Council Treasurer, Jan van Rooyen.

The East Coast KwaZulu Natal Panel of Judges was selected to manage Judges’ Council for the next 3-year cycle.

The meeting ended with special thanks to the outgoing management.

The Seminar followed the AGM and was hosted by the Gauteng Panel of Judges and took place via ZOOM. Once again, the SACC Judges were out in full force including student judges from the different Panels.

For the first time Guest Judges and student judges from the Cat Federation of South Africa (CFSA) and Cat Association of South Africa (CASA)(WCF) were invited to attend.

The topics were numerous and very informative with great feedback from the seminar attendees. Special thanks to the following Judges who prepared and presented their chosen topic:

Lashan Moodley-Singh (ECKZN) Scottish and Highland Folds

Charlotte van der Riet (CPJ) Glossary/Relevant to All Breeds- Do they need revision?

Jan van Rooyen (ECKZN) Show Rules pertaining to Judges.

Hanneke Strubing (CJI-student) Wide band gene action in Silvers.

Ngaio Crawley (ECKZN) Breeds with distinctive coats and coat textures.

Elizabeth van Renen (GPJ) Structure and contents of Show reports.

Looking at flop eared Orientals and related breeds in relation to the Breed Standard.

Karen Pepler (GPJ) British Shorthairs and Long hairs.

 Comparison: Maine Coon/Norwegian/Siberian

Ingrid de Wet (GPJ What was I thinking?

 Understanding Registration terminology.

 Judging Goldens

 Judging Smokes and Silver Tabbies.

All in all, a very successful Seminar.