

Board of Directors Minutes

April 12, 2023

Call to order: 7:00 p.m. CDT.

Roll call:

Board Members:	Cathie Kindler, President Anna Reese, Vice-President Ron Baird, Secretary Lauren Wright Ulin Andrews Denise Fehrenbach Holly Jensen
Others:	Becci Kunkel, Executive Secretary Vern Wright, Treasurer

I. Office Report:

I was able to get the physical office at the Spring Showcase and am organizing it and creating an inventory of what we have. There is a laptop, printer, 1 tote of office supplies and 2 boxes of show results.

As of this email we have 136 Adult Memberships (217 members if you count the memberships with 2 people) and 120 Youth Memberships.

We have 30 shows on the show calendar and by the meeting 2023 Houston Livestock show results should be uploaded.

All 2022 Shows have been updated except for 2022 Houston Livestock Expo (should be updated by meeting) and 2022 Higher Grounds, I have not received their show results yet. I did reach out to the superintendent, and they are planning to send me results soon.

Website contract has been signed and emailed to IDS. They are setting us up with Monday, a project management app, where we will share all information needed for the website. Vern will send them a check soon. I will be reaching out to all the committees soon about areas that need worked on.

Youth Top Ten should be finished as soon as I get the Higher Grounds results, I will then start printing out the certificates.

I will re-send the information about awards for everyone to review before the meeting.

The award information sent by Becci was considered at length, with several suggestions made as to how award certificates should be made. The suggestions adopted were that the Top Ten award should have grommets so it can be displayed on stalls at shows. Other awards will be emailed to recipients, which allows them to print them out on a platform of their own choosing. Sponsors will be given special recognition for their participation.

Motion: The Top Ten Youth Award will be an 8" by 12" plasticized grommited sign suitable for display at

shows. Motion by Ron. Seconded by Anna. Motion unanimously passed.

**Motion: Pay Becci's office expenses of \$ \$2,070.00
Motion by Ron. Seconded by Anna. Motion Unanimously passed.**

II. Treasurer's Report:

Vern stated ALSA has \$103,921 in funds, with the Youth Scholarship Fund having a balance of nearly \$11,000. Checking account balance is \$43,201, from which Becci's March invoice will be paid as well as \$12,000 for the new website. The ALSA savings account has a balance of \$50,018.

Vern departed the meeting at 7:20 p.m. CDT.

III. Committee Reports:

Alpaca – Chair: Vicky Donley, Liaison: Lauren
No activity

By-laws and Standing Rules – Chair: Lougene Baird, Liaison: Ron Baird

As was true last month, there continue to be no suggested changes concerning the Bylaws or Standing Rules.

Respectfully,
Lougene Baird, Chair

Elections - Chair: Lougene Baird, Liaison: Cathie

The 2023 General Election is on schedule. Nominations may be made between July 1 and September 1. Now, is a great time for each Board member to start working with members to encourage those folks who have the best interest of ALSA at heart to consider becoming a candidate.

As of December 31, 2023, I will be resigning my position as Election Chair. I have been Chair for 30 years and have seen ALSA transition through many boards. The Election Committee in this period has never been challenged or an election failed.

Please find a new Chair. That person should be able to go to work immediately, I will collaborate with that person so that person learns all the steps involved in an election. This is essential as an election can be called at any time by the board for various reasons, such as the past special election.

I have immensely enjoyed all my volunteer time for ALSA and find this a bittersweet moment.

Regards,
Lougene Baird, Chair

Cathie will call Lougene and discuss her request and how to proceed in obtaining a new Chair for the committee.

Ethics and Protest- Chair: Cheryl Lambert, Liaison: Ulin
No activity

Finance & Budget – Chair: Vern, Liaison: Ron

Please refer to the Treasurer's report presented above.

Fleece – Chair: Cindy Ruckman, Liaison: Denise

Denise reported Cindy is getting up to speed as Chair and will have reports in the future. Cindy is working with Fran Soukup hopefully to work toward standardizing judging criteria.

Grand National – Chair: Susan Leslie, Liaison: Holly

Judges--

Fiber-- Joy Bishop Forshey

Performance--Joy Bishop Forshey, Rob Knuckles, Ana Reese

Llama halter--Anna Reese

Alpaca halter-- Joy Bishop Forshey

Susan and Anna will have flights to the show and will share a hotel room.

Susan has requested Kari Price and Holly Jensen to do the performance courses.

Susan Leslie, Chair

Motion: Approve the Judges chosen by the Grand National Committee for the 2023 Grand National Show. Motion by Denise. Seconded by Ron. Motion unanimously passed.

Handbook – Chair: Adryce Mathisen, Liaison: Denise

No report

Judges' -- Mary Jo Miller Chair, Liaison: Ulin

No report

Cathie stated it was her understanding that the committee had approved Elaine Brovont as an ALSA Judge. The following Motion was offered:

Motion: Approve Elaine Brovont as an ALSA Judge. Motion by Holly. Seconded by Lauren. Motion unanimously passed.

Membership, Publications, Promotions, Marketing & Website – Chair: Becci, Liaison: Cathie

The contract for development of ALSA's new website has been signed by Becci. The committee will be working closely with IDS, the developer, to ensure all pertinent committee information is included among other things.

Performance – Chair: Susan Leslie, Liaison: Anna

No activity

Regional Committee – Chair: Susan Leslie, Liaison: Anna

No activity

Show Management, Policy & Planning –Chair: Kari Price, Liaison: Holly
No activity

Youth Committee – Chair: Jennie Hodgen, Liaison: Denise
Denise reported Jennie is getting a committee together and then will have an active schedule.

IV. Old Business:

- a. None.

V. New Business:

- a. The development of new ALSA shows in Michigan to replace shows lost due to the venue no longer being available was discussed and deemed a priority.

The next regular Board meeting will
be May 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. CDT.

**Motion to Adjourn at 7:38 p.m. CDT. Motion by Anna.
Seconded by Ron. Motion unanimously passed.**

The ALSA Board of Directors may convene in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, any items on this agenda or to consult with Legal and/or Accounting Counsel.