

ALSA Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2025 via Zoom

Call to order: 8:01 p.m. EDT.

Roll call:

Board Members:

- Denise Fehrenbach, President
- Harvey Pool, Parliamentarian and Vice President
- Brianna Evert, Secretary - Arrived late to meeting
- Kelly Squires
- Vicki Donley - Absent
- Timothy Smith

Others present:

Becci Kunkel, Executive Secretary

Vern Wright, Treasurer

Kristen Varas

Motions passed by e-mail in the interim:

[ALSA Motion Spreadsheet](#)

I. Office Report:

I am busy trying to wrap up the 2025 shows. Right after ALSA Grand Nationals I started receiving results from most of the August and September shows and had about 20 to upload. I am down to 9 shows to finish up, I'm hoping I get them done within the next week.

I still have 1 show from the summer that I have not received results for, hopefully I will have that soon. My goal, like always, is to have the youth top ten wrapped up by the end of the year and hopefully this will happen.

We have 4 shows sanctioned for 2026, all are up on the website.

I should start sending out the 2026 ALSA membership cards towards the end of the month, I don't send them out too soon before the end of the year since people sometimes forget and will renew again.

I would like to investigate ideas and costs for awards for Elite and Grand Champions - either doing banners, signs or something else that owners can display.

Fyi, 2026 is the 40th year of ALSA, we need to promote and celebrate this!

Motion: Motion to pay Office Manager \$1,575.00 made by Tim, Seconded by Kelly. Passed Unanimously.

II. Treasurer's Report:

Checking:

Savings:

Youth Scholarship:

Net Income:

NB: Financials are reported as of _____

III. Committee Reports:

Alpaca – Chair: Deb Yeagle Liaison: Vicki

- A. Discussion on where to go with alpacas
- B. Motion made by Harpool to remove Alpaca Halter and Alpaca Fleece Divisions from ALSA, seconded by Denise Fehrenbach. Passed Unanimously.

By-laws and Standing Rules – Chair: pending; Liaison: Tim

The proposed anti nepotism guidelines are available. Is their discussion?

Elections - Chair: Kelsi Matthews; Liaison: Vicki

The elections for the 2025 ALSA Governing Board have wrapped up. We had 4 candidates volunteer to run for the 3 positions coming available. There were 2 full terms and a single one-year term. Those candidates included Denise Fehrenbach, Vicki Donley, Lauren Wright, and Kayla Rogers. Biographies and photos were posted on the website, emailed to all ALSA members well in advance, and posted on Facebook. The ballots opened up via Simplyvoting.com on 10/13/2025 and closed today on 10/20/2025. We had a 29.3% turnout which is comparative yet less than last year. The two members elected for the full-term positions were Denise Fehrenbach and Lauren Wright. The single year term position is to be filled by Kayla Rogers. Vicki Donley's term will end on 1/1/26. All candidates have been notified by the Vice President, Harvey Pool.

Motion made by Tim, seconded by Kelly to accept the 2025 ALSA BoD Election results presented by the Election Committee. Denise Fehrenbach 3 yr term, Lauren Wright 3 yr term, and Kayla Rogers 1 yr term. Passed Unanimously.

Ethics and Protest- Chair: Steve Auld Liaison: Tim

The committee remains prepared and able to support the needs of the Association.

Finance & Budget – Chair: Vern, Liaison: Harvey

Please refer to the Treasurer's report presented above.

Fleece – Chair: Cindy Ruckman, Liaison: Denise

ALSA FC Meeting Minutes, October 28, 2025

Our committee regretfully accepted the resignation of Judy Glaser. With the Board's approval, we would like ALSA member Rawna Hamann to fulfill the vacant seat on our committee.

Old Business

1. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.

The committee would like to add a clarification to Part O, 1.D.1

Patti made a motion to approve the following wording (embedded within the text & designated with an underline)

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion points.....number requirements. The champions of shorn fleece and 2 oz. fleece will be determined by the judge. The champions of walking fleece will be decided by the highest points scored on the fleece score card. In case of a tie.....break the tie. Niki seconded the motion, motion unanimously approved.

*Additionally the committee would like to recommend that in an effort to maintain consistency, the designation of ALSA Champion - Fleece Classes criteria listed on pg G-4 be changed from 2 different judges to 3 different judges with a minimum of 5 in the division.

2. Best of Show (BOS) Fleece.

The committee discussed the popularity of the Best of Show Award. Many shows are already including the award as a part of their awards. This award is an added value to exhibitors and encourages participation with minimal expense to the show. It also will create a new pathway toward earning a Fleece ALSA ROM for individual animals.

a. Patti made a motion to add Best of Show Shorn Fleece, Best of Show Walking Fleece and Best of Show 2oz Shorn Llama Fleece to the list of awards for Fleece Shows (under Part O, 1. D) It should be Part O, 1., D., 2 and the current “2” should become 3. Best in Show will be awarded by the judge to the Shorn Fleece and 2 oz. Fleece. The Best in Show of Walking Fleece will be determined by the highest points scored on the walking fleece score card. Niki seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

b. Patti made a motion to remove “e. Best in Show” from the list of Optional Awards. (Part O. D.2.e.) Joy seconded the motion, motion unanimously approved.

c. It was noted that there are times when the BOS fleece came out of a class that was not the largest class and often would not earn as many points as the fleeces that placed well in the larger classes. Since a BOS entry has earned a higher placing than the other fleeces with the designation of BOS, our committee recommends that the BOS fleece earn the same amount of points awarded to the largest fiber division of their class (Shorn Fleece, Walking Fleece & 2oz Shorn Fleece).

Patti made a motion to approve the following wording: Shorn Fleece, Walking Fleece and 2oz Shorn Llama Fleece BOS winners will also receive points awarded to the highest

number of entries in a Shorn Fleece, Walking Fleece and 2oz Shorn Llama Fleece class. Joy seconded the motion, motion unanimously approved.

We propose BOS be added to Part G as follows. G, Section 3,A (pg.G-3), Insert 2. Best of Show (BOS) winners within a division (Shorn Fleece, Walking Fleece and 2oz Shorn Fleece). BOS winners will earn points equal to the points earned by the Grand Champion of the largest division. These points are not in addition to, but in place of the points earned from their division. Like Grand and Reserve Champion, BOS will earn points towards a ROM award.

2. 3. 3. 4. 2. Finished Products. The committee discussed ways to encourage participation in the finished products classes. We have brainstormed about ways to bundle fleece entries for an added value. It was also suggested that product entries be offered at a reduced entry fee of \$5/entry. We plan to communicate ideas to show organizers and/or superintendents as they plan their 2026 shows.

Additionally, we would like to propose the addition of new awards to highlight fiber products. Those awards are: Off and On Award, Triple Crown Award, ALSA Masters designation and a Master Artisan Award (Lifetime award). Note: ALSA Champion and ALSA ROM are currently designated in the ALSA Award System Part G. Patti proposed the following wording (embedded within the text & designated with an underline) to Part 0, Section 3: A. Rules/Awards *Leave as is parts 1-4. (Take off awards section) B. Awards (Add this section and renumber after this) 1. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be given in each division, i.e., Youth, Novice and Advanced. Points will be awarded as per the point chart (see inside back cover) 2. ALSA Champion and ALSA ROM will be awarded as per Section G. 3. In addition, any advanced fiber artist will be eligible for a “ALSA Masters” designation in each class (knit/crochet; weaving; hand spun yarn; felting; other) upon earning 4 First Places or 3 First Places and 2 Second Places in an individual class with a minimum of 4 entries with a minimum of 3 judges. (Note: Yet to be written by our committee, but should be added to Part G) 4. A “Master Artisan Award” will be given to any fiber artist who has achieved an ALSA Master’s award in at least two of the divisions (i.e., knit/crochet and weaving; felting and hand spun yarn, etc.) (Note: Yet to be written by our committee, but should be added to Part G) B. C. Classes... C. D. Divisions... D. E. Criteria... E. F. Optional Fleece Classes... (Pg O-14) 2. a. Judges for Optional Classes should be experienced fiber artists and can be, but are not required to be ALSA Fleece Judges. Exceptions: People’s Choice Award, Off and On Award and Triple Crown Award. 2. b. ...(unchange) 3. Classes a. b. c. d. Off and On Award The purpose of this award is to recognize a lama which enters both Shorn and Walking Fleece divisions. It combines the shorn and walking fleece scores with the highest points (as per the scorecards, i.e., Shorn

Fleece Score plus Walking Fleece Score.) e. Triple Crown Award The purpose of this award is to recognize the the exhibitor who enters all three fleece divisions, i.e., Shorn Fleece, Walking Fleece and Finished Products. The shorn and walking fleece scores are combined as per section 3.d. The product does not have to be from the same llama, but from the same ranch. The highest placing finished product scorecard from that ranch is then combined with the shorn and walking fleece scores. Joy seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously. New Business The Fleece Committee would like to propose that Fleece classes be offered at the Regional Championships. They are currently listed as “optional”. We would like them to be moved from Part E., 3. B to Part E., 3. A. This would be consistent with our Grand National Show. Topics for our next meeting include the creation of an ALSA Elite Fleece Champion and the addition of Judges Choice Fleece and/or Product as an optional class.

Motion made by Harvey , seconded by Tim to accept the Fleece Committee recommendations.

Passed unanimously.

Grand National – Chair Cathie Kindler; Liaison: Harvey

Hey all,

I would like approval for these judges for the 2026 Nationals

Halter - Tor Sorenson

Fiber - Patti Morgan

Performance - Niki Kuklenski

Steve Auld

We would also like approval for the 2026 theme

40 and still going strong with an 80s decorations

Also,

I would like to propose a change to the regional fee scale.

Currently it is \$25 a class and \$80 for all for one animal. I would like to change it to \$60.

Harvey motioned to table the selection of judges discussion until December meeting, Kelly 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Handbook – Chair: vacant Liaison: Brianna

See *** paragraph

A. Requirements

1. Halter classes qualifying for this award are Male, Female, and NonBreeder.
 2. There will be male and female awards in the respective wool divisions. Combined wool divisions do qualify for this award.
 3. For Non-Breeder Grand Champion and Reserve awards there are no sex or wool divisions.
 4. These classes are composed of the llama placing in the first two places of each age division.
 5. All age divisions must be ALSA approved classes. Part G Section 4.D. dictates the number of entries in a division before an ALSA recognized Grand or Reserve Champion is awarded. Shows with fewer than this number of entries in a division may give their own Champion award, but they do not qualify for the ALSA award program.
 6. Best of Show and/or Judge's Choice winners will automatically earn a Grand Champion placing regardless of the number in their class and division, provided that there are 5 or more in the halter show. Points will be awarded based on the final number in the halter show using the ALSA points chart.
- B. Conduct for the class: Grand Champion will be selected from the first-place llamas in each age division. Reserve Champion will be selected from the remaining first place llamas and the second-place llama from the Grand Champion's age division.

Brianna motion to approve addition to the handbook as stated above. Second Kelly. Passed unanimously.

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

No report.

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

Adults Members: 179

Youth Members: 149

Adult Lifetime: 127

Youth Lifetime: 3

Performance – Chair: Cathie Kindler- Liaison: Brianna

No report

Regional Committee – Chair: Kelsi Mathew Liaison: Denise

A. Can we get an exception to use a judge 2 years in a row for (Joy) Halter, performance, fleece for NW Regional

a. Motion from Brianna to grant exception, Tim second. Passes unanimously.

Show Management, Policy & Planning –Chair: Tami Lash, Liaison: Tim

Tami reports,”...Tim Smith is the liaison and he asked me to be the Chair and put together a committee.

On this committee we have:

Michele Batt

Andrea Johnson

Niki Kuklenski

Kelly Mcwhorter

Leslie White

Harvey's motion to accept the committee, Kelly 2nd, passed unanimously.

Youth Committee – Chair: Jennie Hodgen Liaison: Kelly

No report

IV. Old Business:

None

V. New Business:

A. Suggested change from handbook dealing with special needs exhibitors

Adapted Performance

These classes are for participants with a physical or developmental challenge who struggle to participate in a way other youth or adults do. They are not for someone who is able-bodied and can fully participate without assistance.

The goal should always be to help the special exhibitor feel they can be successful and that consideration is given to their individual needs/circumstances.

Some considerations of ways to accommodate someone who needs it are:

- All ALSA/ILR Shows should offer the option of an Adaptive Performance Division. It should be published in the Rule Book/Guidelines, and the responsibility would be for the advocate of the individual requesting the division to be offered at least 2 months (60 business days) before the show to allow them to accommodate the request.
- Having a capable person call out the obstacle they are to do without requiring them to memorize the order.
- Providing a list of potential obstacles that may be on the course ahead of time. Even allowing the person's coach or guardian to request not using tasks that are impossible for the individual. An example of this may be, instead of requiring back feet to be in a tire doing a 360-degree turn, instead they walk up and put two front feet in the tire.
- Providing the course map 30 days prior to the show so as to allow the individual to practice and work through challenges that are individual to them.

The division needs to be written and verified in such a way that people do not abuse or take advantage of the option. There is a program called "Rascal Rodeos." They are an adapted rodeo for the type of individuals our performance program would be geared toward. Their online form is here <https://rascalrodeo.org/registration/> , and a screen capture of the qualification is below. The other options to verify would be a doctor's note, a copy of an IEP page, etc..

This is a starting point, and I am hopeful we can put this together for 2026.

Denise, it would seem that we should try to get approval to hold it this year with a loose testing year, and then we could form a committee to work on it to tighten it up. I talked to Kathy Johnson, and she would be willing to serve on this committee. You and Becci are an obvious addition, and if you want, I would serve too. It would be good to see if someone like Holly Jensen might be willing to be on it.

This is a rough draft starting place for you two ladies to eyeball and add or give feedback. After that, feel free to take it to the board Denise.

Niki

I like the idea of this, it seems this should be handled by the performance committee. I would encourage those willing to work on this join that committee. Their insights into special needs adjustments will be applicable to all classes. Tim

Kelly motion to send this to judges committee and show committee to review. 2nd Tim.
Passed unanimously.

The next regular Board meeting will be: 12/10/25

Motion to Adjourn @ 9:53 PM CST Harvey

Seconded by Kelly

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.