

ALSA Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

January 14th, 2026 via Zoom

Call to order: 7:12 p.m. CDT.

Roll call:

Board Members: Denise Fehrenbach, President
Harvey Pool, Parliamentarian and Vice President
Brianna Evert, Secretary
Kelly Squires
Timothy Smith
Lauren Wright
Kayla Rogers

Others present:

Becci Kunkel, Executive Secretary

Vern Wright, Treasurer- absent

Kristen Varas

Motions passed by e-mail in the interim:

[ALSA Motion Spreadsheet](#)

I. Office Report:

I want to apologize for my late report and I did not get as much done in December as I had hoped.

I did get all the changes compiled and sent out to the chairs and to all of you to confirm those were the changes for 2026.

Also, the 2025 google doc form of the 2025 shows has been added to the website so if people are having issues viewing the show results they can easily view them through google docs. They are all under 1 doc, the first page is a list of the shows with links to take them to each page of show results.

Shows Sanctioned for 2026 - 14

I'll have an update on the memberships soon, I've been processing a lot though!

I'm also working on updating the Forms page on the website, I feel like it could be more organized and easier to find info needed. I hope to have that done soon since shows are starting.

Also, I am wanting to showcase some of the first members of ALSA, first champions and first shows. Does anyone have anything that might have this information? I do have a couple people that I am talking with that are helping me too.

Finishing top 10 for youth. Becci will get a quote.

Motion: Pay Becci's office expenses of \$1,125.00

Motion Tim, 2nd Lauren passed unanimously

II. Treasurer's Report: No report due to Verizon outage

Checking:

Savings:

Youth Scholarship:

Net Income:

NB: Financials are reported as of _____

Motion to make Tim Smith Assistant Treasurer-

Harvey, 2nd Lauren

Passed unanimously

Motion to make Denise and Tim administrators on the Chase Bank account

Motion- Kelly

Second- Brianna

Passed unanimously

III. Committee Reports:

Placement of board members and committee liaisons:

President : Tim nominated Denise, Brianna second; No other nominations

Passed unanimously

Vice president : Denise nominated Harvey- declines

Brianna nominate Lauren, 2nd Denise

No other nominations

Passed Unanimously

Secretary: Brianna nominate Kayla, Harvey second

Passed unanimously

Alpaca – Chair: Liaison:

Voted in November to no longer include alpaca fleece, halter and performance. As of January 1st this committee is dissolved. Alpacas will be welcome in performance and showmanship. Alpaca specific rules will be evaluated such as the weight requirement in pack class and the height maximum.

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

2026 Tim will remain as liaison

No committee yet- maybe put an email blast out?

Elections - Chair: Kelsi Matthews; Liaison: Kayla, co liaison Kelly

2026 Kayla will be liaison, co liaison Kelly

No report

Ethics and Protest- Chair: vacant Liaison: Tim

2026 Tim will be liaison

No report

Finance & Budget – Chair: Vern, Liaison: Denise

2026 Denise will be liaison

No report

Please refer to the Treasurer’s report presented above.

Fleece – Chair: Cindy Ruckman, Liaison: Denise

2026 Denise will be liaison

No report

Grand National – Chair Cathie Kindler; Liaison: Lauren

2026 Lauren will be liaison

No report

Handbook – Chair: vacant Liaison: Lauren

2026 Lauren will be liaison

Need to get the editable form from Adryce, she didn’t offer it to us. We need to get books printed this year.... We need to break into groups or choose sections for the BOD to review for each meeting and upgrade the handbook asap, starting with committees and covering all sections that don’t fall under our current committees. Committees need to review their handbook sections to check for changes.

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

2026 Harvey will be liaison

Rawna Hamann- be grandfathered in as an ALSA judge

Passed unanimously

Ali Soukup- fleece judge

Passed unanimously

January 5, 2026

Email to BOD

I saw the post on Facebook regarding the selection of judges for Grand Nationals. Becci has taken down the post for now because of the following.

As you know, you approved our judges' committee recommendation to amend the handbook for regional and Grand Nationals judges.

One of the things the handbook states is that they have to have judged in the past 2 years a show with at least 50 or more animal entries in the halter division and 50 or more in performance.

My purpose in writing this email is to point out that the annual judges' reports aren't due until 1-31-26 and we would need to have these annual judges reports to verify the chosen judges qualify. Two of your chosen judges have not yet turned in their annual judge's report and have until 1-31-26 to do so.

Secondly, I would like to point out that judges dues which we needed to be paid by 12-31-25 have not been paid by 2 of your chosen judges

Because these are important among the qualifications, we normally never even look at who is eligible to judge the Grand Nationals until dues are paid and the annual report is in which means we can't see qualifications until 2-1-26

I know that you have chosen judges who are experienced and very likely qualify, but I'm thinking we need to follow the Handbook and make sure.

Can we put off the announcement until after 2-1-26 and verify that all qualifications are meant (and dues paid)? I felt as chair of the judges' committee it was my responsibility to call this to your attention.

Mary Jo Miller

Chair ALSA Judges Committee

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

2026 Kelly will be liaison

Adult Members - 64

Youth Members - 27

Adult Lifetime Members - 128

Youth Lifetime Members - 3

Performance – Chair: Cathie Kindler- Liaison: Brianna

2026 Brianna will be liaison

No report

Regional Committee – Chair: Kelsi Mathew Liaison: Harvey

2026 Harvey will be liaison

Kathy Johnson, super for the NW regional is working on her show. There had been talk about group pricing for regional shows.... Can we revisit and decide if we are staying at \$80/flat fee or do we have the ability to reduce pricing to help encourage an increase in numbers as per Cathie Kindler's request...

Kelly will look into the Showman app to see if we can use this as a database.

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

2026 Tim will be liaison

No report

Youth Committee – Chair: Jennie Hodgen Liaison: Kayla

2026 Kayla will be liaison

No report

IV. Old Business:

V. New Business:

- **Consider a “youth scholarship” that can be offered to help pay annual dues ex members could add an amount with their membership that would go into a pot that youth that are in need could apply for annually**
 - Defer to youth committee- Denise will talk to Jennie about this
- **Reduce per animal fee for shows offering double ALSA ex for show \$5, second show (same show/date/different judge) \$3 Otherwise it is costing shows \$10 per animal**
 - Table until find out about app
- **Shows that were sanctioned prior to Jan 1st that included alpaca halter need to be honored. There were 1-2**
 - **FL state fair next month, did this last year.**
 - Harvey motion, Kelly 2nd- passed unanimously
- **Do we need to bring back a halter committee? An education committee?**
 - Harvey motion to bring back halter committee- Lauren 2nd- passed unanimously
 - Harvey will be Liaison

The next regular Board meeting will be: 2/11/26

Motion to Adjourn @ 11:09pm CST- Brianna

Seconded by Harvey

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.