

## **ALSA Board of Directors**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**5/13, 2026 via Zoom**

#### **Zoom Link:**

**Call to order:** 7:09 p.m. CDT.

#### **Roll call:**

Board Members:

Denise Fehrenbach, President

Lauren Wright, Vice President

Kayla Rogers, Secretary - Absent

Brianna Evert

Kelly Squires

Timothy Smith, Assistant Treasurer

Others present:

Becci Kunkel, Executive Secretary

Vern Wright, Treasurer

Kristen Varas, Treasurer

#### ***Motions passed by e-mail in the interim:***

[ALSA Motion Spreadsheet](#)

#### **I. Office Report:**

All show results submitted will be posted by the meeting next week. I am keeping a running top ten list for youth so that I can hopefully catch any issues early in case the new database isn't ready by then.

Youth Top Ten signs are done and I'm going to start sending them out, along with emailing the certificates. There were a couple issues with the signs but the company is correcting it, it was an issue on their end. I did send info to the person Kelly uses for a quote.

The Event Helper insurance is renewed and paid for 2026-2027.

The database team is meeting next week to go over our needs and the plan they are adding in the scrolling ad bar. Hopefully we will have a start date soon. I would like to have a committee set-up for this project, if the board approves.

**Motion: Pay Becci's office expenses of \$1275.00 Made by Kelly, second by Lauren. All in favor. Motion passed**

## **II. Treasurer's Report:**

Checking: \$22,845.41

Savings: \$50,033.32

Youth Scholarship: \$10,755.04

Net Income:

NB: Financials are reported as of \_\_\_\_\_

## **III. Committee Reports:**

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

No report

***Elections*** - Chair: Kelsi Matthews; Liaison: Kayla, Co-Liaison: Kelly

No Report

***Ethics and Protest***- Chair: vacant; Liaison: Tim

No Report

**Finance & Budget** – Chair: Vern; Liaison: Denise

Please refer to the Treasurer’s report presented above.

**Fleece** – Chair: Cindy Ruckman; Liaison: Denise

ALSA Fleece Committee Meeting Minutes, April 2026 Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 Time: 8:00 PM (EST) Members Present Joy Bishop-Forshey – Committee Member Niki Kuklenski - Committee Member Cindy Ruckman – Committee Chair Denise Fehrenbach – Liaison Absent Rawna Hamann - Committee Member Patti Morgan - Committee Member Call to Order Cindy Ruckman called the meeting to order at 8:08 PM. Old Business 1.

Acknowledging “Classics”. Our committee would like to add “Classic Coat” as a fourth Fleece Division. Walking fleece will focus on the “Classic Undercoat” and the shorn class will offer either shorn or combed (1.5oz). The addition of this division will allow llamas in the Classic halter division the opportunity to highlight the distinct characteristics of a classic fleece and it will allow Classic llamas the opportunity to compete in the Composite Class where offered. With the Boards approval of the concept, we will work on a final draft for the appropriate scorecards and a list of the appropriate Handbook changes for the 2027 edition of the ALSA Handbook. 2. We discussed this year’s ALSA Regionals and Nationals from a fleece perspective. Cindy had a conversation with a Regional Superintendent about offering a double fleece show in order to encourage participation. We also hope to encourage the shows to offer mail-in entries 3. Denise mentioned that there are opportunities available to sponsor fleece awards for the ALSA Nationals. Best of Show Shorn, Best of Show Walking and Best of Show Product awards will be gift baskets with a variety of items included. Anyone interested in participating should contact Denise directly. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2026 @ 8pm eastern standard time. Adjournment Niki made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Joy seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM. Minutes Respectfully Submitted, Cindy Ruckman

**Grand National** – Chair Cathie Kindler; Liaison: Lauren

Meeting scheduled for tomorrow 5/14/2026

**Halter Committee**-Chair: Liaison Kayla

No Report

**Handbook** – Chair: vacant Liaison: Lauren

Denise Fehrenbach

Still needing committees to work on and submit needed changes

**Judges'** - Chair: Mary Jo Miller; Liaison: Lauren

The Judge's Committee has approved a joint ILR-SD and ALSA clinic as requested.

Both of the instructors are also approved as ALSA Clinic Instructors.

The committee does have a request to provide -at least one more presenter-qualified in their field-halter, youth or performance, to aid in doing the presentations/teaching of these new potential apprentices. This additional presenter would not have to be at the entire clinic nor a clinic instructor just an expert in their field of expertise. It has proven in past clinics that the more presenters involved, the more is learned by the clinic attendees by sharing rules, experiences, and knowledge.

Our other request is to provide a time in the agenda to review the differences between ILR-SD and ALSA. A document is attached to aid in this presentation and would be a good inclusion in each attendee's packet.

We are very appreciative that you are willing to make this a dual sanctioned judging clinic. Thank you very much.

Mary Jo Miller

Chair, ALSA Judges Committee

Motion to approve Judges Committee recommendation of Joint ILR-SD and ALSA Judging Clinic. Motion made by Tim, Second by Brianna. All in favor. Motion passed.

Board entered executive session at 7:53

Board came out of executive session at 8:30

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

Adult Members - 140

Youth Members - 111

Youth Lifetime - 3

Adult Lifetime - 128

**Performance** – Chair: Cathie Kindler; Liaison: Brianna

No report

**Regional Committee** – Chair: Kelsi Mathew; Liaison: Denise

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Those in attendance:              Kelsi Matthew, Great Lakes

   Kathy DuVaul, Southeast

Kathy Johnson, Northwest

Lisa Labendeira, Western

Denise Fehrenbach, Liasson

All of the Regional show judges have been secured for 2026. The committee discussed how each show is held (whether in conjunction with another show, the itinerary, and how it is superintended, etc.) The committee also discussed the benefits of holding a regional along with another show whether ALSA or dual sanctioned. The costs affect different areas of the country in different ways. New business included the decision from the ALSA BOD that alpaca classes are no longer mandatory and that instead fiber classes will be held. The committee shared ideas on how to pay for the extra judge that will be needed for most shows and how to make the time for the judges that are already qualified for fleece to fit it in the weekend show. As this is a new change, there may be a request for a pass by superintendents for the 2026 regional show. That may be brought up for a vote by the BOD. The Regional price lists have not been updated in quite a long time. While incorporating the new fleece classes, the committee voted on a new set of packages and price lists to be approved by the BOD. The committee would like that list to be finalized ASAP as entry forms are needed to be sent out immediately. Please see the attached price list. The committee will reconvene via email after the BOD meeting.

## 2026 ALSA Regionals Fee Chart

### Full Package:

You may enter an animal in Halter, Showmanship, Obstacle, Public Relations, Pack, Driving Classes, and Fleece classes for a low price of \$100.00

### Performance Package:

You may enter an animal in Showmanship, Obstacle, Public Relations, Pack, and Driving Classes for a low price of \$65.00

### Youth Package:

You may enter an animal in Halter, Showmanship, Obstacle, Public Relations, Pack, and one Fleece class for a low price of \$60.00

### Individual Classes:

(Halter, Showmanship, Obstacle, Public Relations, Pack, Driving, Walking Fleece, Shorn Fleece for \$25.00

Full Package:	\$100 x _____	= _____
Performance Package:	\$65 x _____	= _____
Youth Package:	\$60 x _____	= _____
Ind Classes:	\$25 x _____	= _____
		Total = _____

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

No report

**Youth Committee** – Chair: Jennie Hodgen; Liaison: Kayla

No report

**IV. Old Business:**

No old business

**V. New Business:**

Denise left the call. Board entered executive session at 8:37pm

Board came out of executive session at 9:47pm

The next regular Board meeting will be:

June 10, 2026

**Motion to Adjourn @ 9:48 made by Tim**

**Seconded by Brianna**

**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.***