

**ALSA Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 19, 2026 via Zoom**

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

**Roll call:**

Board Members:

Lauren Wright, President

Brianna Evert, Vice President

Kayla Rogers, Secretary

Kelly Squires

Others present:

Becci Kunkel, Executive Secretary

Kristen Varas, Treasurer

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

[ALSA Motion Spreadsheet](#)

Approve Vanessa Carter as an ALSA judge

- Motion made by Lauren, seconded by Kelly
- Passed unanimously

Nick Hauptly to be the chair of the judges committee

- Motion made by Kayla, seconded by Kelly
- Passed unanimously

Letter from the judges committee to an apprentice

- Approved unanimously

Nick Hauptly to replace Tor Sorenson as the halter judge for nationals

- Motion made by Lauren, seconded by Brianna
- Passed unanimously
- Since he only judged one performance class last year, he is okay to judge halter

Approve the Western Regionals judge for a third day

- Motion made by Brianna, seconded by Lauren
- Three votes aye, one abstained

## **I. Office Report:**

Right now we have 38 shows sanctioned for 2026, with one more pending. This does not include Regionals or Nationals.

155 Adult Members - Right now same as last year

123 Youth Members - Same as last year

Adult and Youth Lifetime Membership numbers are unchanged

I have been working on the handbook a lot, there is a google doc that everyone has access to. There's some formatting issues which have slowed me down but so much needs changed in it. I am updating all of the old changes and highlighting anything that the board needs to review or send to committees.

Between nationals and the handbook I am behind a bit on show results but hope to have them caught back up over the weekend.

**Motion: Pay Becci's office expenses of \$1,020.00 made by Kelly, seconded by Brianna.  
Passes unanimously**

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

Checking: 18,759.77

Savings: 50,034.56

Youth Scholarship: 10,755.30

Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Kelly, seconded by Brianna. Passes unanimously.

## **III. Committee Reports:**

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

No report

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

No report

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

No report

**Finance & Budget** – Chair: Kristen Varas; Liaison: Kelly

Please refer to the Treasurer's report presented above.

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

1. Feedback from a quad show.

a. Basically the same as noted in the feedback from a dual show in our July minutes, although the need for a consistent and/or a more unified scorecard was magnified. Key discussion points are:

i. There needs to be a formal procedure for moving a fleece from one class or another. Although it isn't necessary for the judges to agree to move a fleece, but it is important to clearly communicate the change to the clerk and/or show management.

ii. Clerking multiple shows at one time is a huge challenge and we would like to work to make it easier for the show clerk and/or superintendent.

- iii. It was agreed that the order of information listed above the “box” on the ILR scorecards is the easiest to use of the two scorecards. As we work on scorecard changes, we will use that version as a prototype.
- iv. Trying to judge a Classic coated llama in a dual or quad show is problematic. The ILR has their “Coat-On” scorecard and ALSA judges the fleece in the Double Coat division. It is a priority for us to create a Classic Coat division with its own scorecard moving forward from Jan 1, 2027. Ideas of note/discussion for that division include:
1. Fineness of Undercoat
  2. Brightness
  3. Hand
    - a. Guard hair
    - b. Undercoat
  4. Allowing entries off the llama to be shorn or brushed

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

Discussion over allowing pending ILR registrations for 2026 Nationals

Work on Nationals is in full swing, I am waiting to hear back from Showman about some of the pricing updates. As soon as they can I hope to have that live. There are some exciting new awards that I am working on too and sponsor gifts. This will save us some money but also give something unique to everyone. I attached a picture of one of the items.

**Halter Committee**-Chair: Amanda Wick; Liaison Kayla

No report

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

Please discuss a plan on reviewing the handbook

No report

**Judges’** - Chair: Nick Hauptly; Liaison: Lauren

Per our phone conversation, jc has approved Venesa Carter through the grandfather process. I received her badge which was damaged and a new one has been sent to me to mail to Venesa. I recommend staying with same supplier. Very easy to work with and reasonably priced with good quality. Diego Camargo has also applied through the grandfather process and jc has asked him for an apprenticeship to verify his

qualifications. Also the transition from myself to Nick is going smoothly. He is currently in possession of the thumb drive containing old records plus up to date judges spread sheet, website judges list and judges' files. We are also working together on any current actions.

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

155 Adult Members - Right now same as last year

123 Youth Members - Same as last year

Adult and Youth Lifetime Membership numbers are unchanged

I know they are working within the old database, we should have a full update tomorrow that I will forward onto everyone

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

No report

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

Request from a Regional Show

No report

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

No report

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

No report

***Special Populations Committee*** - Chair: Nikki Kuklenski; Liaison: Brianna

They are pending their first meeting. All committee members have been busy with summer activities.

No report

**IV. Old Business: none**

**V. New Business: Special meeting for handbook to be set for early September**

The next regular Board meeting will be: 9/9/26

**Motion to Adjourn @ 9:14 CDT made by Brianna**

**Seconded by Lauren**

**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.***