ALSA Board of Directors

Meeting Agenda

October 14, 2026 via Zoom

Call to order: 7:00p.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

- Approval of a second judge for the ALSA Western Regionals, motion made by Lauren and seconded by Brianna
    - 3 yes votes, one abstained
- Approval of Austin Wright as an ALSA judge, motion made by Kelly and seconded by Lauren
    - Passed unanimously

I. Office Report:

I am working hard to get Nationals wrapped up so that we have a good idea of what came in vs what went out, there are still a few loose ends to tie up, one more bill (I think) to receive but I am including what I have so far.

The attached spreadsheet has the income brought in, expenses paid out and what the silent auction and live auction brought.

To finalize Nationals I need to finish getting the sponsors posted on the website, do another promotion of them on facebook and mail thank you cards to the exhibitors for coming. I have mailed all the thank you cards for sponsorships from the exhibitors and the office. Just a reminder that you all please send a quick note thanking the sponsors. I'm hoping to get everything with Nationals finished up this week so that I can get back to everything else ALSA next week.

The last regional is this weekend so I'll get everyone a recap asap. I have spoken with a couple of the show superintendents, some have concerns with keeping fleece classes mandatory while some don't want fleece classes at all. This may need to be something that goes back to the regional committee.

A couple of things in regards to the return of alpacas:

Are the alpaca judging clinics coming back?

Is the alpaca committee coming back or will the other committees absorb that section?

I did have someone upset that Alpaca classes were optional and the letter recommended that they be combined with llama classes if numbers are small, I told them that it was up to the show superintendent to determine if classes should be combined.

I do have some older leftover ribbons from nationals that I would like input on what to do with, there are some of the smaller ribbons and also the neon colors.

CT Corp, who holds our corporation status in Wisconsin, apparently did not run the ALSA card when they were supposed to so I received a letter that said we were months overdue so I did call and have it paid this week.

Also, I sent an email awhile back with different options to set-up an online workspace vs sharepoint so that we can have an online central place with all of our documents and hopefully a better email system.

Motion: Pay Becci's office expenses of $1,320 made by Lauren, seconded by Kelly

- **Passes unanimously**

Ribbons: awaiting count to make further decisions with them

Workspace vs sharepoint: moving forward to look into prices with workspace

II. Treasurer's Report:

Checking: 31,699.42

Savings: 50,035.39

Youth Scholarship: 10,755.48

Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Kayla, 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-Liason: Kelly

Candidates found to be in good standing and are going to be reached out to.

Election deemed unnecessary by the election committee due to current BOD size and number of candidates.

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

See pdf scorecard sent to Kayla-

October 9, 2026

With additions October 13, 2026 (As post script)

Dear ALSA Board,

The ALSA Fleece Committee would like to propose the following updates and changes to the 2027 Handbook.

We have attached proposed scorecards and explanations for the changes for your perusal. As you will see, very little is changed with the existing Shorn and Walking Fleece Scorecards. We propose the addition of "Classic Coat" divisions in both Shorn and Walking Fleece. These scorecards place the emphasis on the beautiful undercoat of Classic Llamas. With the addition of these classes, we will be creating equal show opportunities for Classic Llamas and open up opportunities for them to compete in all composite and versatility awards.

With these changes we intend to make fleece classes easier to enter and understand for exhibitors, superintendents and show volunteers. The proposed scorecards will create consistency and will potentially coincide with changes made by the ILR-SD. By standardizing the scorecards, dual sanctioned shows will be less intimidating for show superintendents, volunteers and exhibitors. We believe that a less complicated and time consuming process will increase the number of shows offering fleece classes and increase show participation.

Please know that we wholeheartedly believe that these changes will be a positive change for ALSA and our request for approval is independent of any decision made by the ILR-SD.

Additionally, we propose the following changes regarding fleece in the 2027 Handbook.

1. Regarding points awarded for Best of Show (BOS) Fleece, we propose the following change to be consistent in calculating BOS points in all ALSA disciplines (Halter & Fleece). That change is as follows: .

● G, Section 3,A (pg.G-3):

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. **BOS winners will earn points based on the total number of entries in their class (Shorn, Walking or 2 oz Shorn Fleece).** 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. Walking Fleece. O., C., 5. (pg O-4) In order to be consistent with Shorn Fleece and 2 oz. Shorn Llama Fleece, we propose that the criteria for Walking Fleece be itemized. With the approval of the proposed changes, that will be as follows:

5. Llama Walking Fleece Judging Criteria: are the same as for the Llama Shorn Fleece Class, Section 1.A. Blanket density is evaluated in the Walking Fleece Classes by the Judge. **100 points possible. The following are the judging criteria used and** The results are **recorded on the ALSA Llama Walking Fleece Score Card.**

a. Style

(1) Fineness: 15 points

(2) Hand: 15 points

(3) Brightness: 10 points

(4) Guard Hair-fineness and percentage of: 10 points

b. Architecture

(1) Structure of Fleece - consistent with type: 10 points

(2) Blanket Density: 10 points

c. Uniformity

(1) Fineness: 5 points

(2) Length: 5 points

(3) Lock Formation: 5 points

d. Condition

(1) Tensile Strength: 5 points

(2) Overall Condition: 5 points

c. Cleanliness: 5 points:

3. Finished Products. Change camelid percentage from 60% to 50% in O., 3., A., 2

(pg. O-9), as follows:

2. Items must be made of at least 60% **50%** Lama (Llama, Alpaca, Paco-Vicuna or Guanaco). 100 points possible meeting criteria below.

*Based upon a change made in 2024 as posted on the ALSA website

Based upon your decisions, the ALSA Fleece Committee will work to get each edit identified and updated to ensure that the changes get to the Becky and the Handbook Committee in order to be put into effect for the 2027 calendar year.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Ruckman

ALSA Fleece Committee Chair

October 13, 2026

PS: Additional requested Handbook edit:

1. Pg G., 4 should have **2oz Fleece** added to the ALSA Champion - Fleece Classes Chart.

Justification is based on Part O, D Awards states:

ALSA points are awarded for Llama Shorn Fleece, 2 oz. Llama Shorn Fleece and Llama Walking Fleece Classes.

1. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion points will be given in each fleece division, Double, Single, and Suri. See Part G., Section 4 for division entry number requirements. The champions will be decided by the highest points scored on the fleece score card.

In case of a tie, the Judge will determine which criteria to use to break the tie.

I believe it was an editing oversight. The edit would appear within the cart. Third row down, defining "Llama or Alpaca Fleece Champion", the right column would be " 4 Grands or 3 Grands and 2 Reserves in Shorn, **2 oz.** or Walking Fleece Classes"

*Note the removal of "or Alpaca".

2. In Q., 7.,E. "Finished Products" is listed as and "Approved Youth Class" We would like to add that class as H., 3., A. 3, e. then move e (Other) to f. (Pg. H-2) It would appear as follows:

3. Finished Products

a. Knitted or Crocheted

b. Woven

c. Felted

d. Hand Spun Yarn

e. **Youth Finished Products**

f. Other

Motion to approve updated fleece score cards made by Brianna, seconded by Kayla

- Passes unanimously

Motion to approve the report and changes proposed for the handbook made by Brianna, seconded by Lauren

- Passes unanimously

Grand National – Chair Cathie Kindler; Liaison: Lauren

No report

Halter Committee-Chair: Amanda Wick; Liaison Kayla

No report

Handbook – Chair: Susan Leslie; Liaison: Lauren

No report

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

No report

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

No report

Database still on track

Performance – Chair: Cathie Kindler; Liaison: Brianna

No report

Regional Committee – Chair: Kelsi Mathew; Liaison: Brianna

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

No report

Potential adaptive performance division needing minimal updates before approval.

IV. Old Business:

- Nationals location discussion tabled for next meeting
- Approval of certain ALSA Regionals tabled for next meeting

V. New Business:

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

Motion to Adjourn @ 9:12pm CDT made by Kelly

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.