

# ALSA Standing Rules

## ARTICLE I - Judges and Apprentice Judges

### *Section 1: Qualifications.*

- (a) One qualifies to be an ALSA Judge by meeting the requirements described in the ALSA Handbook.
- (b) One qualifies as an Apprentice Judge by meeting the requirements described in the ALSA Handbook.

### *Section 2: Dues.*

Annual dues will be assessed and are due on January 1 of each year. The amount of the annual dues shall be fixed and may from time to time be changed by a resolution of the Board of Directors. The Judges' annual dues are in addition to the annual association membership dues. Judges whose dues are delinquent after January 1 of each year are not eligible to judge an ALSA sanctioned show.

## ARTICLE II - Election, Compensation, Employees

### *Section 1: Election*

- (a) The Election Committee shall determine the current number of voting memberships, the existence of a quorum, mail out nomination petitions, hear and determine all challenges and questions in any way arising in connection with the right to vote, receive all ballots, count and tabulate all votes, and announce the results of the election.
- (b) Statement of Candidacy. All nominees must be members in good standing of the Association. Nominations shall be closed no later than April 10. The Election Committee shall request the nominees to individually submit a statement and/or answer questions on behalf of their candidacy which must be postmarked no later than May 1. E-mail and fax submissions are acceptable, but must be received by the designated committee member no later than 12 PM EST on May 1. The format of the statement and its distribution to the membership shall be established by the Election Committee.
- (c) Written ballots will be mailed to all members in good standing during the second week of May.

(d) All ballots must be mailed to the Election Committee with name and ALSA number and received by the Election Committee by June 5.

(e) The Election Committee or a CPA firm will tally the ballots. The Election Committee will then inform their liaison of the results. The Board Liaison will then notify the highest member of the Board of Directors whose position is not on the ballot. This individual will verbally advise all nominees of the election results, (and only the nominees). This individual will then advise the Election Committee that the nominees have been notified, and the Election Committee will confirm the results to the nominees in writing, and forward a notice of the results to Showing by the next publishing date.

(f) All challenges regarding the voting must be submitted to the Election Chair by October 1. They may be postmarked no later than October 1, or if faxed/e-mailed, received no later than 12 PM EST on October 1. All challenges must contain the name, address, ALSA number, and signature of the challenger. All ballots will be retained by the Election Committee until midnight October 15, after which they will be destroyed. If any challenges are issued, the ballots will be maintained until said challenge is acknowledged as resolved by the Board of Directors, at which point they may be destroyed.

(g) A director may be subject to a recall vote by a signed petition of at least twenty five percent (25%) of the membership, followed by affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of a quorum of the membership.

### *Section 2: Compensation.*

Directors shall be entitled to receive their actual, necessary expenses in attending meetings of the Board of Directors. Directors who are also officers or employees of the corporation and who are compensated as such shall receive no compensation as Directors. Other Directors shall receive such compensation as may be established by resolution of the Board of Directors.

### *Section 3: Employees.*

The Board of Directors may by resolution authorize one or more employees or independent contractor to perform under the direction of the Board of Directors any duties that may be necessary for conducting the business of the corporation.

## **ARTICLE III – Records**

### ***Section 1: Corporate Book, Points, Judges***

The following records must be kept by the Alpaca and Llama Show Association, Inc.:

- (a) A corporate book that contains the bylaws and minutes of all the corporate meetings. Plus it must retain copies of the annual reports which include the annual tax or information returns filed with the federal government.
- (b) A list of all show points earned by show llamas and alpacas.
- (c) A list of all show points earned by youth members.
- (d) A list of all qualified ALSA sanctioned Judges and Apprentice Judges.
- (e) A list of all members in good standing.

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