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**ALSA Annual Membership Meeting  
October 24, 2015**

Call to order: 7:14 a.m., Central Daylight Time

The first order of business was the introduction of Board members present:

President: Paul Schwartz  
V. President: Jim Doyle  
Secretary: Cheryl Juntilla  
Board Members: Susan Leslie  
Debbie Andrews

Robin Turrell reported that ALSA currently has a total or more than 600 members, including youth and life members. In 2015 we sanctioned 70 shows and there are already four shows sanctioned for 2016. Everything is running smoothly in the office and there were no questions for her from members in attendance.

Patti Wattigney handed out the Treasurer's report which showed that in 2014 there was an increase in income and a reduction in expenses compared to 2013. There were no questions about the Treasurer's report.

President Paul Schwartz reported that the 2016 Grand National Show of Champions would be held at the State Fair Complex in Hutchison, Kansas. The facility has been reserved for the last weekend in October. It will be determined whether to have the show on Thursday through Saturday or go back to having it on Friday through Sunday, based on the preference of members.

A sign-in sheet was circulated and it was determined that 22 ranch memberships were present, which was not enough to create a quorum for voting. (Bylaws require 10% of voting members.) Suggestions were made about trying to determine how many voting members are actually active and/or having inactive life members waive their voting rights to reduce the number needed to establish a quorum.

The Board was questioned about the state of communications with the ILR Board and reported that a teleconference meeting will take place on November 17. There will be about 13 people participating in the call, so each side will designate a moderator. A joint set of minutes will be prepared so that each Board can report to their respective memberships. One member questioned why ALSA had not done a survey of its members, but it was explained that it would be pointless to do a survey until we can determine exactly what the ILR Board is asking for and so far we have gotten mixed messages. Another member stated that in the past two years there has been a huge change in attitude towards ILR shows in some parts of the country and people appreciate that ALSA has become much more transparent and receptive to its members. Another member stated that there is a difference in personality between the two organizations. He likes and belongs to both, but expressed appreciation for ALSA's responsible financial practices.

Michelle Kutzler, Co-Chair of the Youth Committee, reported that Mark Foerder and Holly Jensen had been added as committee members and thanked Mark for his sponsorship of the youth classes. She noted that there was an unresolved problem in the way that the Top Ten youth listing had

changed since 2014. Robin thinks this may be a data base issue and will look into getting it straightened out.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 a.m.

Submitted October 28, 2015

Cheryl Juntilla, Secretary