

# ALSA Board of Directors Minutes

## June 3, 2019

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

**Roll call:**

Board Members present: Bill Feick, President  
Cathie Kindler, Vice- President  
Ron Baird, Secretary  
Debbie Andrews (joined at 7:30 p.m. CDT)  
Carol Rutledge  
Lauren Wright  
Deb Yeagle

**I. New Business:**

Discussion revolved around the point that ALSA has problems getting the information needed to function, either in the Office or in the financials. Members cannot get to the website. The key to this problem seems to be the intermediary (a server vendor) between ALSA and Rackspace.com, where the secure database is housed. The Office has tried to contact Site Street (ALSA's server vendor and I.T. contact), the intermediary, numerous times to no avail since its owner became a city councilman in his home town and difficult to contact. Bill Feick stated he tried to reach him several weeks ago.

Further discussion revolved around whom in ALSA is responsible for getting the I.T. vendor to discuss how to resolve the Rackspace problem that only Robin Turell, as a user authorized by Site Street, is acknowledged by Rackspace. Rackspace will only communicate with her or an authorized I.T. vendor.

It was pointed out the ALSA Board of Directors on January 10, 2012 engaged the services of Site Street, the intermediary: *"Larry motioned to use the services of Site Street to get the .org up and running not to exceed 8 hours. Trish seconded. Motion passed."* So, the conclusion was that Site Street apparently set up both the website and the database, in turn, Site Street secured the services of Rackspace to house ALSA's information.

ALSA does not pay Rackspace for its services and in turn does not have a working relationship with Rackspace.

Later discussion brought out that if ALSA determines to move ALSA information from Site Street, ALSA will need to have a new I.T. entity recognized by Rackspace as a party with which it would do business to take over the function of Site Street.

Deb volunteered to discuss with her I.T. person how to handle this aspect of the problem.

Deb stated she and Vern talked to an attorney who urged keeping Robin as a 1099 independent contractor. This designation involves a differentiation in management styles as well as tax implications.

Bill said he wanted information as required given him by the Office contract, which was signed by Robin Turell and Jim Doyle, and he wanted it by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Considerable discussion ensued as to the difference between an employee and an independent contractor.

It was reported members of previous Boards have said the same problems existed and when it was asked why the problems had not been solved previously, the comment was made “nobody wanted sleepless nights”.

In conclusion and attempt to begin solving the website and database access problems, Carol and Bill volunteered to meet with the company Site Street as soon as such a meeting could be arranged.

The next regular Board meeting will be June 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. CDT.

**Motion to Adjourn at 8:04 p.m. CDT. Motion by Ron. Seconded by Carol. 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.***