

ALSA Board of Directors Board Meeting Minutes September 2, 2020

Call to order: 7:05 p.m. CDT

Roll call:

Board Members:	Cathie Kindler, President Lauren Wright, Vice-President Ron Baird, Secretary Carol Rutledge Deb Yeagle
Others:	Linda Kendall, Office Manager Sandi Auld, Grand National Superintendent

The meeting was called to order with the understanding the only purpose of the meeting was decision-making regarding the 2020 ALSA Grand National Show.

Cathie brought the Board current as to the situation of the Cedar Rapids facility where the show had been planned to be held. Damage caused by the August derecho that devastated Cedar Rapids Resulted in significantly more damage to the facility than first thought. When some utilities were finally re-established, it was discovered the electrical, announcing, and fire sprinkler systems required substantial repairs. The management informed Cathie the venue would unlikely be available for use before early 2021.

The Board discussed whether to ask for the return of the deposit already made or apply it to renting the venue in 2021. The final decision was to leave it in place against a 2021 rental.

Board members reported on alternative locations that were contacted. Some had dates that conflicted with other events, some were a half-day drive further away, some had no dates available.

Sandi brought her concern that given all the current circumstances, it could be difficult getting the entry numbers necessary to insure the show a financial success.

This point focused discussion on a matter of real concern to all Board members: the safety and health of ALSA members. The Covid-19 pandemic is notably just beginning to hit the midwestern United States. The outbreak is affecting urban and rural areas, university and school campuses. People who attended the Sturgis Rally a few weeks ago and have returned home are beginning to be reported having the virus.

All members agreed ALSA needs to be concerned with the welfare of its members. Everyone agreed cancelling the 2020 ALSA Grand National Show would be in the best interests of members.

The following Motion was offered:

Motion: In the interest of member health and safety, the 2020 ALSA Grand National Show is cancelled. Motion by Ron. Seconded by Deb. Motion unanimously passed.

The next regular Board meeting will be September 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. CDT.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:42 p.m. CDT. Motion by Lauren. Seconded by Ron. 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.