Workings of the new
ALSA Database:

The new ALSA database will provide:

- The ability to be accessed from any internet connection world-wide with the proper permissions because the solution will be web based

- The ability for the Members to track and view all show related information of their animals within the system.

- The ability to view a calendar of upcoming shows – yearly, monthly, or weekly – and have access to that show information and entry forms.

- The ability for a Show Superintendent to create and submit a show online. Once created, the show name will automatically appear in the Show Calendar.

- The ability for a Show Superintendent to add/edit an unlimited number of classes. Once entered within the system, classes will be available for selection for users entering a show. Show entries will be able to be entered online.

- The ability for a Show Superintendent to print off a show program listing all entries in the classes.

- The ability for a Show Superintendent to enter results from a show. The Show Superintendent will assign the "place" order and all appropriate points will be automatically assigned to the animal, youth, or adult.

- The ability for all show results and points to be tracked within both the individual animal and owner records.

- The ability to track and manage all animals and youth qualifying for the annual Regional Shows and the Grand National Show.

- The ability to track and manage all member related information including contact information, dues, judging, and awards.

- The ability for members to join, renew, or update their membership information online.

- The ability to track and manage all animal related information including, but not limited to, name, ALSA number, ILR number, DOB, type, sex, sire, dam, owner information, photo, points, awards, and championships.

- The ability for members to register animals into the ALSA show system online. The animal will be assigned an ALSA Show Number at the time of creation. Owner information will also be accessible from the animal record.

- The ability for members to register for shows online. Member will enter ALSA membership number and the rest of their information will automatically be populated. When member enters animal ALSA or ILR number, the animal information will automatically be populated.

- The ability to track and manage award related information including all awards, points, and championships.

- The ability to assign awards to a member and animal. All points and awards earned will be viewable from a member or animal record to <u>both</u> members and non-members for the purpose of the promotion of ALSA member's animals.

- ALSA will have full ownership, with no licensing fees, of the final solution once completed and tested. This will allow ALSA to make use of the solution as it sees fit moving forward.

- This new database will save ALSA at least $25,000 each year (comparing figures to the 2008 expenditures). Due to efficiency and time saving abilities of the new system, the ALSA Office expenses will be lowered dramatically in 2009 and the need for a webmaster will be eliminated.

- The ability to create a solution that meets the current needs and goals of ALSA while allowing for growth well into the future. e.g. the printing of show certificates which will include animal ownership, animal genealogy, animal photos, all ALSA points, awards, and championships; the creation of a storefront; the creation of a lama market where owners may create their own ads for animals, breeding, equipment, or gifts & misc.

- The new ALSA database is projected to be ready for use sometime within the first couple of months of 2009.

A committee of four is currently working with the database company in formulating the details to fulfill ALSA's needs for their membership. The committee consists of those who have had extensive experience with show clerking and also office procedures. The initial basics for specifications came from the Website Committee a couple of years ago. In addition, others with comprehensive show experience have been consulted. When the testing stage arrives, there will be experienced show superintendents and clerks asked to review and test the program before going live.

The completion of this long-awaited project will provide ALSA with a new state-of-the-art program that will serve the membership with efficient tracking of shows and awards and the accurate details required of any livestock show association. The program will easily pay for itself within one year. The project has been needed and discussed for many years and prolonged for various reasons. At this time ALSA is in the process of obtaining an all encompassing system that will allow ALSA to move forward for its association and its members. This new system is underway, progressing rapidly, and will soon become a reality.

If you have any additional items that this new system should address, please feel free to share those items with the committee.