

ALSA Special Election Statements of Candidacies

Members will elect ONE Director

Evenson, Terese – Eastern Region

Asgard Fiber and Llamas – Shady Springs WV

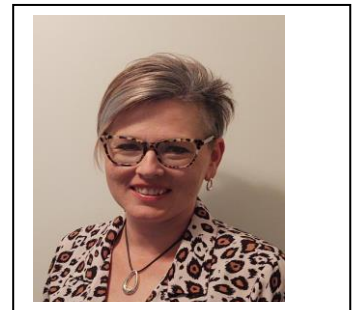
My name is Terese Evenson. Originally from the south-side of Chicago, I currently reside with my family in Shady Spring, West Virginia. I have been raising llamas and alpacas for over 20 years, starting with my children in 4-H. My husband and I were 4-H leaders for several years, and instrumental in starting the llama program in the Greenup, Kentucky area. Now that my children are grown, we maintain a herd of approximately 100 camelids, at our relocated farm in West Virginia. We look forward to the opportunities that this move brings. As a former ALSA Board of Directors member, I understand the complexities of joining together to lead the membership forward – to benefit not only the members but the industry as a whole. I hope to have the privilege of doing so again.



Jensen, Holly – Central Region

Lincoln Creek Llamas – Aurora NE

My name is Holly Jensen. I currently serve as the Nebraska Llama-Alpaca Association President and am on the ALSA Performance Committee. I've been part of the team that created and executed the ALSA Grand National performance courses for the past 3 shows. My husband, Rob, and I live just outside of Aurora, NE. We have 2 children, Jonah and Arika. Arika is still active in showing llamas. I work full-time as a Regional Operations Manager for SAS Retail Services, a merchandising company. We currently have 6 llamas that reside at our place—Lincoln Creek Llamas. We have been camelid owners for about 10 years. We started a program in 2015 for “town” kids and adults to take part in the care and showing of these wonderful animals. As part of our program, participants are encouraged to become members of both the NLA and ALSA. In 2016, we were asked by our county extension office to form a 4-H group for those wanting to show llamas and alpacas. Starting in September 2014, I was the Superintendent of an ALSA sanctioned show called Wild N Wooly in Aurora, NE. In June of 2015, I organized the first annual Camelid Retreat at The Leadership Center in Aurora, NE. This camp provides sessions for the very beginner to the more experienced camelid handler and is still going strong. In 2018, I added the first annual Camelid Classic dual sanctioned ALSA and ILR in Aurora, NE. In 2019, I partnered with the NLA BOD to make the Camelid Classic and Retreat a NLA sponsored show. I've recently introduced the NLA Youth Ambassador program starting in 2022 to encourage more youth to be involved during NLA sponsored shows. The goal is to mentor them so they understand what it takes to run a show to be able to be a future superintendent. As an ALSA Board member, I will work hard to promote positive changes needed to continue the growth of the organization. I feel it is important to work together as a positive unit to educate the public and potential camelid owners about the many facets of the camelid species. I understand the hard work and dedication it takes from each of us on the Board of Directors, Committee members, and members to make this organization great.



Smith, Timothy – Buckeye Region

Spectrum Farm – Ft. Wayne, ID

While Spectrum Farm is relatively new, I have been involved in the llama industry since 2005. Our first Grand Nationals was also our first general board meeting. Maintaining membership and observing the changes in the industry have given me the desire to be more active in the operation of and decision making that will benefit all ALSA members and continue the growth of our organization. Located in Indiana I'm frequently at shows and will be available in the Buckeye Region, whether I'm wrangling obstacles, running a show or exhibiting my critters.

