

The meeting of the Judges Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Fran Soukup, at 7:10 PM CDT on July 10th, 2025. Fran Soukup, Jerrika Mumford, and Sherri Tallmon were in attendance.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved via email and are posted on the ILR website.

Old Business:

Fran tabled further discussion on feedback from the Superintendents Committee until the next meeting when more JC members are present.

Fran shared Nick Hauptly's summary from the Southeast Llama Judging Clinic held at Kim Kyst's farm in Georgia in May 2025. Kim generously provided all meals for participants and the farm's well-equipped clubhouse served as the classroom space for many of our instructional sessions. A total of 17 participants attended, including four youth. While most participants audited the clinic, seven are hoping to join the ALSA and ILR-SD judging and apprentice pool. Instruction was led in person by Harvey Pool, Cathie Kindler, and Nick Hauptly, with Jenni Olson joining virtually to present on congenital defects in camelids. The virtual day of instruction received many compliments. The lecture-heavy format of the virtual day also allowed the group to focus more on hands-on learning during the in-person clinic. The event ran smoothly and without issue, and the instructors are optimistic about the strong potential of several new candidates entering the judging pipeline. Fran requested budget results from Nick and is awaiting a response.

New Business:

Six apprentice applications were received from the Georgia Clinic:

- Nicole Taylor
- Justin Pellitier
- Meggan Mumford
- Natalie White
- Tyler White
- Michael Outlaw

All applicants passed the clinic per the evaluations and were recommended by the instructors to join the ILR-SD Apprenticeship Program. Jerrika motioned to accept all six into the ILR-SD apprenticeship program in HPY; seconded by Sherri. Motion passed unanimously.

Fran reported a concern regarding a judge's entry at the Gathering being shown in the juvenile class despite the llama aging up during the event. Fran concluded that no action was needed by the JC, as the issue is being addressed elsewhere.

Fran shared that the Governing Board has requested guideline updates be submitted by September 2025. Currently, the JC has no proposed changes.

The next meeting was tentatively set for September 11th or 25th at 7 PM central time. Fran will contact the rest of the committee via email to confirm the date. Sherri motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jerrika seconded. Adjourned at 7:28 PM CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerrika Mumford