

The meeting of the Judges Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Steve Auld, at 7:10 pm CST on November 16, 2023. Steve Auld, Cathie Kindler, Jerrika Mumford, and Fran Soukup were in attendance. Tor Sorensen joined the call at 7:34 pm.

Fran motioned to approve the agenda, Cathie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Fran motioned to approve the minutes for the September meeting, Cathie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Jerrika provided an update on the ILR-SD On-Demand Judge's Training. She is working on a few items and interviewed show superintendents for the superintendent section. She will follow up with potential contributors again now that show season has ended.

The committee discussed updating the fast track program for ALSA judges to become certified with the ILR-SD. The committee also discussed the changes to the recertification option, including the addition of the option for a mentorship. Fran sent a draft of the changes to the guidelines via email. Cathie motioned to approve the guidelines changes as written by Fran. Jerrika seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The changes to the guidelines are included in Attachment 1 at the end of this document.

Steve brought the suggestion of name badges for judges to the Governing Board (GB), which was approved at the last GB meeting. He will follow up with the GB to see if any additional action is needed by the judges committee.

The committee discussed recertification for Courtnee Onsager. Steve shared with her the proposed changes to the guidelines.

The committee received a request from Rob Knuckles to become an ILR-SD Judge in H,P,Y, & F via the fast track program. The committee received three recommendation letters and additional verbal recommendations. The committee agreed he would be a good judge. Fran motioned to approve Rob as an H,P,Y, & F judge. Cathie seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Steve will recommend Rob's approval to the Governing Board at their next meeting.

The open book test for 2024 was discussed. We agreed to use Google Forms again for the exam.

Sections were agreed to be assigned as follows:

Steve - General, Futurity

Fran - Fleece

Jerrika - Halter

Cathie - Performance

Nick - Youth

New Business:

The committee discussed a member's concern regarding age restrictions to become a judge. The member thought the age minimum was 21 to be a judge. Upon reading the ILR-SD Guidelines section IV.A3.h., a judge must be 18 to be an *approved* judge and must be 21 before becoming *permanently* certified.

Cathie expressed concerns regarding apprenticeships at large shows and time constraints. Steve discussed that show superintendents don't always know the size of the show until shortly before. The

committee agreed that when shows don't provide the best learning experience, that the teaching judge should explain the circumstances on the evaluation form. Steve suggested including recommendations to teaching judges in an upcoming e-blast regarding show size and the ability to work with their apprentice.

Cathie expressed concerns regarding apprentices not showing up to their scheduled apprenticeship. It was suggested that the teaching judge fill out an evaluation discussing the no-show and submit it to the judges committee to keep them informed. The judges committee can then keep this in mind when evaluating the apprentice for approval as a judge. We will include this in the upcoming e-blast.

Jerrika discussed the possibility of an apprentice reflection form submitted to the judges committee after completing an apprenticeship. This could help demonstrate the learning by the apprentice as the apprentice moves through the program. The committee agreed this would be helpful. Jerrika will draft a form and guidelines change to send to the committee for review.

The next meeting was set for December 14th at 7 pm central standard time. Fran motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cathie seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Adjourned at 7:55 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerrika Mumford

Attachments

Attachment 1:

IV. JUDGES AND APPRENTICES

A. JUDGES AND APPRENTICE JUDGES PROGRAM

1. Judges/Apprentice Dues

a) Effective January 1, 2013, the annual Judges/Apprentice dues will be \$35.00 and this will include a copy of the current Guidelines book. Dues must be paid by January 01 of each year. Judges whose dues are not paid by January 01 will have their names removed from the active Judges list.

(1) Judge/Apprentice whose membership dues and fees have not been received by the 31st of January will not be allowed to adjudicate or apprentice at any events in that calendar year. Recertification for the year following a suspension as a result of nonpayment of dues will require the individual to attend a Judging Seminar or to complete a full, 8 hour day of mentorship for Halter, Performance, and Youth and/or a full 8 hour day for Fleece, with an approved Teaching Judge.

b) Anyone entering the ILR-SD Judges program, either with the intent to Fast Track or as an Apprentice, along with all current Judges must:

(1) Pay the annual Judge/Apprentice dues.

(2) Annually, complete and return the ILR- SD Open Book Guidelines Test to the Judges' Committee not later than February 28 of each year.

2. Fast Track Apprentice Program for Approved or Experienced Judges

a) Criteria for entering Fast Track Program:

(1) Send a letter of request to the ILR-SD Judges' Committee to enter the program, via email: judgescommittee@lamaregistry.com.

(a) List qualifications.

(b) List number of years of experience and number of shows judged.

(2) Be an approved ALSA judge in the areas for which the applicant is applying, ie., Halter, Performance, Youth, and/or Fleece.

(3) Be an ALSA judge in good standing.

(4) One or more additional criteria may be required after receipt of the above requirements.

(5) Pay annual dues for the current year and complete the current Judges Open Book Test, prior to final approval by the ILR-SD Governing board.

(6) Once approved & recommended for permanent certification by the ILR-SD Judges' Committee and approved by the ILR-SD Governing Board, the following will apply:

(a) There will be no further paperwork or requirements, except for annual renewal requirements for all ILR Judges and Apprentices.