



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Online Board Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2026

Time: 7:00 pm MST

Special Board Meeting Called by President Andersen

1. Roll Call

Matt Andersen, President
Katie Moore, Professional Development Director
Alli Bloom, Vice President
Rhonda Jennings-Arey, Secretary
JB Begue, Evaluation and Certification Director
Annie Welch, Communications Director
Jason E. Zinza, Treasurer
Sabrina Vasconcelos Boyer, ASLHS Director

Absent:

[VACANT], Conference Director

2. The meeting was called to order by President Andersen at 7:17 pm MST

3. President's Report

- a. This special meeting was called to work on motions that needed to be made.

MOTION #2026-100: I, Katie Moore, move to waive two Symposium registrations from July: Anthony Fattibene and Deanne Seitz. The cost is to come from the PD fund and will not exceed \$312 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Seconded: Alli Bloom

Voted: passed

MOTION #2026-101: I, Alli Bloom, move to increase the membership fee \$5 each year for the next four years starting this September 1st, 2026, to ensure positive revenue flows and financial health in the face of rapidly rising costs to the organization.

Seconded: Katie Moore

Voted: passed

MOTION #2026-102: I, Alli Bloom, move to adopt the new ASLTA mission, vision, and core values the Steering Committee and ASLTA Board developed during our July 2026 retreat.

Seconded: Jason Zinza

Voted: passed

MOTION #2026-103: I, Alli Bloom, move an initial allocation of \$10,000 from the reserves to pay Karen Hawkes, our trademark lawyer, for her service to research to enforce the ASLTA Acronym against prior chapters, for the Cease and Desist Letters, Licenses, etc, and file an ASLTA trademark application for the abbreviation "ASLTA." In addition, we will file a trademark for ASLHS, American Sign Language Honor Society, and the ASLHS logo.

Seconded: Katie Moore

Voted: passed

MOTION #2026-104: I, Alli Bloom, move to nominate Serena Stone and Melissa Ibanez for the 2025-2026 Volunteer of the Year award.

Seconded: Katie Moore

Voted: passed

MOTION #2026-105: I, Katie Moore, move to purchase The Sign for Home and Butterfly Cage with a total cost not to exceed \$70 including tax. These are for the facilitators of the Book Club. Funds to come from 2026-2027 PD budget.

Seconded: Sabrina Vasconcelos Boyer

Voted: passed

MOTION #2026-106: I, Katie Moore, move to purchase 10 books for a book giveaway for our Book Club. We will purchase The Sign for Home which will not exceed \$120. Funds to come from 2026-2027 PD budget.

Seconded: Jason Zinza

Voted: passed

MOTION #2026-107: I, Sabrina Vasconcelos Boyer, move to charge \$25 for the chapter competition fee for the 2026 Art competition and 2027 literary competition for the 2026-2027 year budget.

Seconded: Annie Welch

Voted: passed

MOTION #2026-108: I, Sabrina Vasconcelos Boyer, move to charge a \$10 flat fee for up to every 5 students entry fee for the 2026 Art competition and 2027 literary competition for the 2026-2027 year budget.

Seconded: Alli Bloom

Voted: passed

MOTION #2026-109: I, Sabrina Basconcelos Boyer, move to purchase 50 Cogswell medals from World Class Awards costing \$442, including shipping.

Seconded: Jason Zinza

Vote: passed

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:04 pm MST

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Rhonda Jennings-Arey, Secretary

Future meetings: *ALL MEETINGS ARE AT 6:30 PM EST*

August 9, 2026

September 13, 2026

October 11, 2026

November 8, 2026

December 13, 2026