



2025 Annual Business Meeting
October 8, 2025, 1:30pm-2:30pm CT
Kansas City, MO

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Announcements

President Vanessa Irvin called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. CT, a quorum having been established. John Budd served as Parliamentarian.

2. Adoption of Rules

The rules for the ALISE Annual Business Meeting were adopted by consent.

3. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda for the 2025 meeting was adopted by consent.

4. Approval of 2023 Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the 2024 Business Meeting were adopted by consent.

5. In Memoriam

President Irvin read a list of names of members who had passed away since the 2024 Annual Conference. She asked members to observe a moment of silence in memory of the deceased.

6. President's Report

President Irvin reviewed notable activities and accomplishments of the Association over the past year. Highlights included the continued development of the ALISE Leadership Development Internship and Emerging Scholars Program, both welcoming their second cohorts; the launch of the new ALISE website and Association Management System (AMS), providing improved access to member resources and engagement opportunities; and the announcement of a search for a new Co-Editor of the *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science (JELIS)*, beginning in 2026.

7. Financial Report

Treasurer Agosto reported on the financial status of the Association. A summary of the ALISE financial reports for January 1 through December 31, 2024, was distributed with the agenda and made available via the ALISE website.

The 2024 Fiscal Year achieved 94% of its overall projected income goal, with membership revenue reaching 91% of projections, conference revenue reaching 99%, and sponsorship revenue exceeding expectations at 114% of the projected goal.

While sponsorship performance demonstrated the strength of ALISE's partnerships, the Association continues

to face financial challenges common to small and medium-sized associations, including rising event and operational costs, inflation, and budget constraints affecting members.

The Board remains committed to strengthening ALISE's long-term financial sustainability through strategic investments in member value, enhanced engagement, and diversification of revenue streams.

The Board approved the 2025 Fiscal Year budget (January 1–December 31, 2025) at its December 2024 meeting. The budget took effect January 1, 2025, and reflected a conservative financial approach to maintaining the Association's stability.

8. Tellers Committee Report

President Irvin thanked the Nominations Committee and Tellers Committee for facilitating the 2025 Board election. The election resulted in the selection of Nicole Cooke as President-Elect and Beth Patin as Director of Membership.

9. Recognition of Incoming Board Members

President Irvin welcomed incoming Board members Nicole Cooke, President-Elect, and Beth Patin, Director of Membership.

President Irvin also recognized outgoing Board members Lucy Santos Green, Past President, and Daniella Smith, Director of Membership, thanking them for their leadership and service to the Association.

10. Business Items

President Irvin recognized ALISE's 125th anniversary, commemorating the Association's history and the dedication of its membership. Members were invited to participate in a special recognition of membership longevity, followed by a celebratory cake cutting with longtime members, Past Presidents, and the Board of Directors.

12. Induction of New President

Sean Burns was inducted as the 2025-2026 President of ALISE.

13. 2025-2026 President's Remarks

President Burns thanked outgoing Board members Lucy Santos Green and Daniella Smith for their service and welcomed incoming Board members Nicole Cooke and Beth Patin. He also acknowledged the contributions of the continuing Board members and Executive Director.

President Burns outlined several priorities for the coming year, including streamlining the Association's committee structure, strengthening collaboration with partner organizations such as ASIS&T, iSchools, and the American Library Association (ALA), and expanding professional development opportunities through the ALISE Academy.

He highlighted the Academy's three primary programs: Emerging Scholars, Leadership Academy, and Leadership Development Internship. President Burns also introduced an initiative to explore how ALISE can better recognize and support undergraduate education in library and information science, including the potential development of an undergraduate Special Interest Group (SIG) and dedicated conference programming.

14. Kickoff to 2026

President Burns announced the theme for the 2026 ALISE Annual Conference, *"The Good Questions."* The theme invites members to explore the role of inquiry, curiosity, and questioning in education, research,

information seeking, and knowledge creation.

The 2026 Annual Conference will be held November 16–18, 2026, in Buffalo, New York. John Burgess of the University of Alabama and Charles Sutton of Indiana University Indianapolis will serve as Conference Planning Committee Co-Chairs.

15. Adjournment

President Burns adjourned the 2025 ALISE Annual Business Meeting following the conclusion of business.