

History of ALDHA, In Motions

Finding out what ALDHA has or has not agreed to we would hope would be more than a recounting of our memories and he said, she said. The publication within our quarterly newsletters of motions, resolutions and Minutes of our meetings gives a general overview of what decisions were made. It is apparent with review of our newsletters, that *all* we have agreed, or disagreed upon, are not included. At this time, this is as thorough of a history available. Some of what is listed herein may not be a motion but decision made and important for historic reasons. Nevertheless, what can be traced is included in this chart. Be advised, motions for Gathering locations are not included, nor are motions for Steering Committee Meetings.

Informational pieces, according to Robert's Rules.

A **motion** is a proposal that some action be taken or an opinion be expressed by the group, a tool to be used to introduce business in a meeting.

A **resolution** is nothing more than a main motion submitted in writing. Resolutions are generally used when an organization wishes to publish policy, principles, and sentiments or when more formality is desired. There are two parts to a resolution. The first part is known as the **preamble** and begins with "whereas." The preamble should be limited to providing the reasons for the resolution and any background information, know as the **resolves**, begins with "RESOLVED" and contains the motion to be adopted.

Motion Summary Chart

Date of Motion	Summary of Motion	Passed or Failed	Status
1984	Cumberland Valley relocation of the AT. After discussion, members voted to relocate the AT onto the "Ridge Route". However, it was also voted to encourage the Park Service to purchase the necessary land and easements for the relocation immediately, but to keep the AT on its present road route until such time as conditions change to warrant actual relocation to the Ridge. See specifics below.	Passed	Ltr sent to Russell Dickenson, Director of National Park Service in 1984.
	Motion: That ALDHA recommends that the NPS go ahead with the purchase of land for an off-road route through the Cumberland Valley.	Passed, 63 for, 17 against, 6 abstain	
	Motion: That ALDHA recommends to the NPS/ATC and other clubs/agencies involved, that the AT through the Cumberland Valley remain in its present location but that land acquisition be pursued for the purpose of a future "fall-back" route in the event that the current route becomes undesirable due to increased development.	Passed, 71 for, 5 against, 5 abstain	
	Motion: That ALDHA express our route preference across the Cumberland Valley.		
	Motion: That ALDHA, due to a lack of specific information, request that the NPS pursue the acquisition of an off-road route guided by those principles which have thus far guided the AT acquisition program.	Passed, 72 for, 8 against, 11 abstain	
1987	Continue the work already started on incorporating ALDHA, becoming a non-profit organization and getting tax exemption from the federal government, and hence, qualifying for non-profit mailing.		Continuation
1988	Mike Dawson noted that either Cindy or Chuck ought to attend the ATC Board meetings as the ALDHA representative, as Warren has done in the past.		

1988	Moved: That we not have a family membership, but that \$5 would get one publication mailing per household, \$10 would get two mailings, but either way there would remain separate Directory listings for family members.	Passed, 16 for, 1 against	
1988	Motion: To accept corporate sponsorship in return for a blurb in the newsletter.	Failed, 4 for, 14 against, 4 abstain	
1988	John Vlah agreed to take charge of a planning guide for the PTR that would be something like the first part of the Philosopher's Guide. It was felt that this should be published on a break-even basis only, and it was so moved and seconded.	Passed, 14 for, 1 against	
1988	Warren Doyle moved that ALDHA send a letter to the ATC and the NPS AT Project Office requesting a list of abandoned houses along the trail. Warren believes that members of the trail community might be interested in maintaining these houses, perhaps as hostels similar to the Eckville Hostel, rather than having them all simply demolished.	Passed unanimously	
1988	Motion: ALDHA would co-sponsor an "AT Institute" for people planning to hike the trail, as an educational endeavor to decrease the number of people starting to hike the trail, but failing to finish it. ALDHA would co-sponsor this institute along with Warren's Center for Outdoor Education at Hemlock Overlook.	Passed, 14 for, 2 against, 4 abstain	
1988	Motion: Warren Doyle, as Gathering Organizer, "do what seems appropriate," in regards to compensating the Folk Life Center for the use of their facilities.	Passed, 16 for, none against	
1989	Earth Care Paper Co., P.O. Box 3335, Dept. 114, Madison, WI 53704, 608-256-5522. In addition to helping the environment by using recycled paper you will also be contributing to ALDHA. Earth Care will pay us a percentage of sales generated by our members and contacts. ALDHA's promoter number is 114.		
1989	Motion: Made by G.A. McDaniel, that ALDHA dues be raised to \$7 per year beginning with 1991 dues.	Passed with four opposed	
1989	Motion: ALDHA Steering Committee (anyone who attends a steering committee meeting is considered a member of the committee) be allowed to designate recipients of honorary life memberships. There would only be one recipient a year except in the case of a couple.	Passed with three abstaining	
1989	Motion: To accept the patch designed at the workshop, to buy a quantity within ALDHA's budget limits, and to offer them for sale, at cost, to the membership plus 50 cents for handling but at a price not greater than \$2.50.	Passed unanimously	
1989	Motion: To make up a flyer with suggested rules of conduct for hiking and while staying at trail facilities such as hostels.	Passed unanimously	
1989	Motion: To send a flyer to hostels with ALDHA guidelines to hikers, including the suggestion that stays be limited to a night or two.	Passed with one against	

1989	Motion: Steering committee nominate a person or hostel that has given outstanding service to hikers, and that the general membership votes to award a plaque in their honor.	Passed with two against	
1990	Motion: Made by Al Sochard, that ALDHA pay \$25 to ATC for membership along with an additional \$25 slated for the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands.	Passed	
1990	Motion: Made by Frank Logue, that ALDHA become a member of the Green Mountain Club.		Tabled
1990	Motion: Made by Frank Logue, that ALDHA give a \$500 donation to the Dartmouth Outing Club for use in their trails and shelters program.		Motion withdrawn and will be decided upon during the Steering Committee Meeting at the Gathering.
1990	Motion: Coordinator should pursue a letter from Hi-Tec expressing interest in sponsoring ALDHA. (Idea was to use these as prizes in the Hikers Feud game at the Gathering)	Passed	
1990	Motion: Made by Warren Doyle, that the Steering Committee go on record as not judging unofficial routes on the Appalachian Trail.	Passed with four abstaining	
1990	The Steering Committee agreed that it was comfortable with making money in a joint-publications relationship with ATC although money would not be the reason for such a relationship as the group's main purpose is education. (<i>Companion</i>)		
1990	Motion: Made by Frank Logue, to have 1,000 ALDHA bumper stickers made to be sold at the Gathering for \$1. Also, approved that Frank Logue order another 250 (patches) to be sold in both the Long Distance Hiker and at the Gathering.	Passed	
1990	Motion: Made by Victoria Logue, that Al Sochard be allowed to spend up to \$200 to get ALDHA non-profit status.	Passed	Continuation
1990	Note from Coordinator. "...I think ALDHA will always be an organization of emotion, and The Gathering will always be a supreme outpouring of that emotion. Backpacking is largely an act of love, a celebration of nature, and a celebration of the goodness of the other hikers and the townspeople we meet along the way. The gathering together of hikers shall always be a joyous celebration of who we are and what we do. I hope that we will never get so caught up in the structure and technicalities of the organization that we lose sight of this. Second, I feel that ALDHA's primary concern should always be the welfare of <i>long distance hikers...</i> "		
1990	Newsletter Policy Set. The Steering Committee decided that the decision to use what some consider to be questionable words be left to the discretion of the editors.	Passed with one against	
1990	Motion: Made by Warren Doyle, to keep incorporation as close to the original set-up as possible, that is, maintain the steering committee as an advisory board with absolute power in the hands of the coordinator.	Passed with four against	
1990	Approved to spend the additional \$450 in expenses to incorporate and achieve non-profit status.	Passed	Continuation

1990	With reference to the Pennsylvania murders. Holly Leeds made a motion to establish a committee responsible for dealing with law enforcement and to come up with a paper explaining our position and make recommendations to hikers on how to be safe.	Deadlock, five for and five against	
1990	Announcement of the intention of ALDHA to incorporate to gain non-profit status and to improve its liability status. This would include changing the bylaws, he said, because they are currently too loose and informal. Al Sochard explained the group's two choices: 1) To keep everything the same with the steering committee having no vote and all of the power in the hands of the coordinator; and 2) Elect a board of directors, 5-11 people. The board would speak for the membership rather than just the coordinator. Frank Logue spoke, saying that although the Steering Committee recommended option #1, he felt that although anyone could attend the steering committee and general membership meetings in an advisory capacity that it still left the ultimate power and decision to just one person – the coordinator. Motion made that the bylaws be changed so that the current slate of officers be elected as the Board of Directors so that all five would be just as responsible. He assured the membership that steering committee meetings would continue and that everyone and anyone would be invited to attend and offer input that the board would take into consideration. Amended motion by O.W. Lacy to add at least two at-large members to the board with the number of at-large members fluctuating with the group's membership.	None opposed	Steve Markiewicz was told to continue with the incorporation/non-profit process Continuation
1990	Motion: To adopt the use of offset blazes where appropriate, resolution to send to the ATC Board of Directors.	Passed with approximately 3 of 150 opposed	
1990	Motion: Made by Ed Garvey, that a resolution be sent to the ATC stating that ALDHA approved the blazes should under no circumstances be more than 100 yards apart rather than the current .25 miles.	Passed	
1990	Resolution: Whereas, at the 1987 Conference of the Appalachian Trail Conference held at Lynchburg College, the general membership of the ATC passed a resolution directing the Appalachian Trail Conference to focus more on the "soul" (i.e. volunteers, maintainers, hikers – including the long distance hiking community) of the trail rather than just on the "body" (i.e. trail corridor, land acquisition/management, trail maintenance); and Whereas, the recent act of violence and human tragedy in Pennsylvania has hurt and disturbed the "soul" of the trail, Be it moved, that ALDHA, an organization that is primarily concerned with the welfare of the long distance hiking community, requests that the Appalachian Trail Conference submit...		Tabled
1990	Holly Leeds made a motion that a committee be nominated to work on tackling such a problem should it arise again and to provide safety options and tips for prevention of such an incident to hikers.	Passed unopposed	

1990	Agreed that ALDHA would no longer use Styrofoam cups, and that either members should be encouraged to bring their own mugs to The Gathering or purchase an ALDHA mug which will be made available at the 1991 Gathering.	Passed	
1991	Motion: To strongly discourage the carrying of firearms on all Appalachian long distance trails.	Passed with one abstention	
1991	Moved that the ALDHA newsletter be increased to four issues a year, including a separate directory.	Passed	
1991	Moved that the ALDHA Board of Directors commend Dan "Wingfoot" Bruce on his Thru-hikers Handbook.	Passed unanimously	
1991	Meaning of the upcoming incorporation. Examples given: 1) Should ALDHA be sued, it would be the entire group not individuals who would be held accountable; 2) A board member can speak for ALDHA but only under the direction and approval of the board; the treasury can now be held in an interest-bearing account; ALDHA will not have to pay taxes (sales tax on a printing job); the board can vote for or against motions although major items can still be referred to the general membership should the board so desire, and the board can also handle decisions by phone or mail; because of Sunshine Laws, all meetings of ALDHA are open to the public although the board can decide issues in private executive session should sensitive issues need to be decided.		Continuation
1991	Frank Logue be authorized to purchase 288 mugs was approved. The mugs will be sold for \$2.00 or 25 cents over cost.	Passed	
1991	Motion: Recommend to the ATC that they include signs in every shelter with the telephone number to call and the quickest way to get to a phone in an emergency.	Passed	
1991	Motion: ALDHA supports the idea and concept of at-large members on ATC's Board of Managers.	Passed with one abstention	A Commendation to Dave Startzell on his visit and willingness to address issues presented by ALDHA.
1991	Motion: That members of the board of ALDHA be limited to no more than two consecutive terms in the same office.	Passed with six agreeing and five abstaining	
1991	Motion: That the board of directors of ALDHA be given the power to dispense funds to satisfy non-profit regulations.		Tabled, board had not fulfilled its fiduciary obligation, i.e. not making the general membership aware of its long term plans. Board later affirmed that, according to the by-laws, the board of directors already has the authority to determine where and when money is spent.
1991	Motion: That no board member may spend more than \$100 on ALDHA business without approval of the board.	Passed	

1991	Motion: That the board increase its at-large members from two to six.	Passed	Question called to increase the at-large members to six in number and the motion passed with the amendment to draw lots – three one-year terms and three two-year terms. Lots will be drawn at the spring steering committee meeting of the ALDHA board of directors. In the future, all at-large board member terms will be for two years, the purpose of the one year terms this time was to set up a system of staggered terms for the at-large seats on the board.
1991	Motion: That the ALDHA Coordinator write to the Appalachian Trail Conference publications committee to express the group's disappointment that ALDHA is not mentioned in the Thru-hikers Handbook written by Dan Bruce.	Passed with one opposed	ATC informed the group that the copyright of the book belongs to Dan, and although the committee could suggest that Dan mention ALDHA in his book they cannot force him to do so. The committee's only option would be to not publish the book.
1991	Chris Chapman made the motion that a letter be written to Mount Rogers National Recreation Area letting them know that ALDHA would like the road to be left as is, with no further improvements and restricting usage of the road.	Passed unanimously	
1991	As an organization of individuals with a direct and personal interest in the management and protection of experiences that are available to us on the long distance trails of the Appalachian Mountains and the National Trails System, ALDHA should be vocal in its involvement in issues affecting these experiences.	Failed, one for and two abstaining	
1992	Resolution: By Chris Chapman, "be it resolved that the ALDHA board inform interested parties of its concern about the impact of non-compatible activities near long-distance hiking trails whenever appropriate."	Passed unanimously	
1992	We resolve that ALDHA distinguish between commercial and non-commercial purposes when requests are made for using the ALDHA mailing list. Commercial use of the list is prohibited.	Passed unanimously	
1992	Agreed that ALDHA would retain memberships in AHS and the ATC but would not join any other organizations at this time.		
1992	Warren Doyle moved that ALDHA supports the construction and maintenance of privies at Appalachian Trail shelters in the Smokies.	Passed unanimously	
1992	Motion: That ALDHA recommend that the ATC reproduce the Merry Slav's hostel letter dealing with hiker behavior in any publications they deem appropriate, especially the "Step by Step" publication.	Passed	

1992	Complimentary memberships in ALDHA were approved for people who unselfishly give time to the long-distance hiking community.		
1992	An ALDHA resolution passed two years ago mandates that ALDHA use recycled papers, even if they add to the cost of printing and that ALDHA not use disposable cups for coffee.		
1992	Resolution: By Warren Doyle, that the ALDHA Coordinator, upon consultation with the board, send letters to the appropriate authorities expressing ALDHA's concern on the closure of public lands that long distance trails pass through and the impact it has on the long distance hiking experience.	Passed unanimously	
1992	Holly Leeds made a motion that the ALDHA Coordinator write a letter to Warren Doyle at George Mason University and express the group's displeasure with a course planned by that school. Holly said that she learned Warren intended to teach a course that would bring hundreds of students out onto the Appalachian Trail as a part of the course.	Failed	
1992	Motion: To have the ALDHA Coordinator write to all appropriate authorities requesting that public lands allow camping wherever possible.	Failed	
1992	Voted to have the ALDHA Coordinator to write to the Air National Guard and express our group's concern with the impact low flying aircraft have on a wilderness hiking experience.	Passed unanimously	
1994	Backpacker Article indicated that ALDHA helps put potential hikers together. Ron received about twenty requests. Discussion determined that this type of service could become time consuming if we promote the concept. It was decided not to pursue the service.		
1994	It was indicated that ALDHA doesn't want to get into the publishing business, but this book is a good outlet for ALDHA. (<i>Companion</i>)		
1994	ALDHA is now a non-profit corporation having been granted the status by the I.R.S. after a lengthy application period. Paperwork has been sent to the Post Office to mail at non-profit bulk rates.		Status of non-profit achieved.
1994	Motion: That Coordinator write the A.T. Project Office of the National Park Service requesting that Mr. Sander's replacement have a Park Service background as well as other outdoor education experience and not necessarily a police background.	Passed	
1994	Motion: Coordinator to write a letter to the Forest Service expressing ALDHA's opposition to the proposed road and for the Forest Service to conduct an environmental impact study. (Damascus Area)		Ltr sent to the U.S. Forest Service expressing ALDHA's opposition to the four-laning of Route 58 through the Mt. Rogers National Recreation Area.
1994	Motion: Ron to appoint a committee to come up with recommendations for hiker ethics/behavior. Another motion was passed to set aside time at next year's Gathering to discuss ethics/hiker behavior.	Passed	ESC projects and foundation began more concretely in 1996-97.

1994	Motion: Joe and Monica Cook to include in the AT <i>Companion</i> that people in Damascus are not pleased with some of the hiker's behavior and that they are considering discontinuing the annual Trail Days. Those ALDHA members who attend Trail Days should set an example by being on their best behavior.	Passed	
1994	Motion: ALDHA to pay all bills submitted within six months or they will not be paid.	Failed	
1994	Motion: That all bills incurred by ALDHA be submitted within twelve months or they will not be paid.	Passed	
1995	Motion: That paying feature slide show presenters and other entertainment at the Gathering, if appropriate, be left up to the Gathering Coordinator.	Passed	
1995	Warren Doyle voiced his opposition to paying for feature slide show presenters. He moved that feature slide show presenters on Sunday evening not be paid.	Failed	
1995	At the Ethics Committee meeting there was some discussion about the drinking and noise at the campfire the night before. It has always been ALDHA's policy not to allow alcohol at the Gathering but it has never been strictly enforced. Since hiker ethics has become a concern to us all, it was the general opinion that we should do more to discourage alcohol at the Gathering.		
1995	It was brought to everyone's attention that a presenter had inquired about the possibility of being reimbursed for some expenses he incurred in order to make his presentation available for viewing at the Gathering. The consensus of opinion was that workshop presenters must cover their own expenses.		
1996	Motion: To have a home page on the computer.	Passed	Website created.
1996	Motion: For Cindy to send information about the Gathering to the American Hiker Magazine.	Passed	
1996	Motion: "Backpacker" magazine requested permission to have a booth at the Gathering.	Passed	
1996	Motion: The Coordinator form a committee to decide what to present to Jean, with a budget not to exceed \$300. (Retirement Party)	Passed	Saturday evening at the Gathering was dedicated to Jean.
1996	Steve Geysler suggested support for organizations that maintain hostels for hikers. Motion that ALDHA Coordinator make a selection of 2-3 places to upgrade facilities that help hikers. Amendment to provide profit from <i>Companion</i> up to \$300 annually to cover expenses: steering committee to choose.	Passed with amendment	
1996	Resolution: To oppose timber cutting on Bluff Mountain and to send Bob Joslin, Regional Forest Service representative our expressions of opposition. Pointed out that the appeal period is past, but Elmer Hall feels protests can still be effective.	Passed	

1996	Resolution: By Warren Doyle, Randy Smith, convicted murderer of AT hikers has been released after 15 years. Warren moved that ALDHA write a letter to Roanoke Times, with a copy to the Governor of Virginia, protesting and expressing our displeasure with Smith's release.	Passed	
1997	Motion: That ALDHA disagrees with exclusionary practices of hiking clubs that maintain the A.T.	Failed	
1997	Motion: That ALDHA opposes the use of eminent domain for the future acquisition of land for the Appalachian Trail.	Tabled	
1997	Motion: That ALDHA opposes the implementation of any future regulation or user fees, permits, etc. that will have a negative effect on the long-distance hiking community.	Failed	
1997	Motion: That ALDHA use recycled paper materials in all publications.	Passed	
1997	Motion: That ALDHA adopt the position against any logging on all national forest lands.	Withdrawn	
1998	AI pointed out that the IRS says we don't have to file a tax return as long as we take in or put out less than \$25,000 per year.		
1998	Motion: That we encourage the membership Secretary to mail directory by December 1. Comments that quality was more important than timing. Further comments that electronic loading at the Gathering will speed things up a lot.	Passed unanimously	
1998	Motion: ALDHA to set up its own domain name to help folks remember ALDHA's internet address. Discussion to be had at Gathering.	Passed	www.aldha.org created.
1998	Announcement of a new scholarship at Concord College that is being named in honor of the Appalachian Long Distance Hikers Association.		
1998	Motion: That ALDHA opposes the commercial logging of any public land.	Failed	
1998	Motion: That ALDHA opposes the implementation of any future regulations, user fees, permits, etc., that will have a negative effect on the long-distance hiking community as determined by the board of directors.	Passed	
1998	Resolution: That ALDHA supports the most comprehensive protective zone for the Appalachian Trail corridor on Saddleback Mountain in Maine, including all environmentally fragile sub alpine areas in and around the corridor, the Eddy Pond watershed, and the area known as the Bowl.	Passed	

1998	Resolution: Whereas Earl Shaffer walked into the history books in 1948 to become the first person to do a thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail, and whereas he is currently hiking the trail a third time and is unable to be with us, be it resolved that ALDHA, an organization of thru-hikers, helps and dreamers following in Earl's footsteps, hereby conveys its heartiest congratulation to him on his anniversary and wishes him luck on his current thru-hike at age 79.	Passed	
1998	Resolution: That ALDHA support the campaign to have the U.S. Postal Service issue a commemorative set of semi-postal stamps honoring and depicting all 8 of our National Scenic Trails and that the extra funds from these semi-postal stamps be used to support the non-motorized trail maintenance budgets of both the National Park Service and National Forest Service.	Passed	
1999	Decision was made to keep the price of membership at \$7.00, but that after April; members will be mailed current member directory and past newsletter. New members will also receive ALDHA window sticker along with a welcoming introduction.	Passed	
1999	Proposed purchasable lifetime memberships was presented by Noel; \$150.00.	Passed unanimously	Lifetime memberships become a part of ALDHA for \$150.00.
1999	Motion: Allow ALDHA members to be nominated to Board positions in advance of Gathering with a signed statement of up to 75 words with written seconding by two ALDHA members.	Passed unanimously	
2000	Motion: To appropriate up to \$800 for building of food pavilion at Ed Garvey Shelter. ALDHA will accept any and all donations for this project.	Passed	Monies appropriated but declined by PATC; pavilion constructed at Blackburn Trail Center instead.
2000	Motion: Provide space on the ALDHA membership form to allow applicant to donate additional monies to AT Museum.	Passed	Additional space added to membership form.
2001	Motion: To have Walkin' Jim Stoltz's ALDHA song sung at every Gathering.	Passed	
2001	Discussion that consideration be given to the editor of <i>Companion</i> a stipend.	Tabled	
2002	Discussion on whether to incorporate ALDHA West and ALDHA Directories.	Tabled	
2002	Discussion to recognize members who have passed away in directory.	Passed	
2002	Discussion on soliciting new members via internet. Board feels that extra newsletters should be distributed to hostels as a way to attract new members.		
2002	Honorary Life Membership should be reserved for members who have done outstanding job for ALDHA.		
2002	Bulk mail discussion, membership secretary to complete all necessary forms so we can send newsletters and directories via bulk mail.	Passed	Bulk mail paperwork completed and newsletters sent via the bulk mail category of discount.
2003	Motion: Given the unfortunate circumstances surrounding the membership secretary at this time, no 200-2003 Directory will be printed this year.	Failed	

2003	Discussion but no motion to add to the list of officers in ALDHA the position of "Director of Communications."		
2003	In view of the lack of Directory this year, all renewal memberships be reduced to \$4.00 for the next year (2003-2004).	Tabled	
2003	Motion: All Board members be required to be at least computer literate enough to communicate via email and that certain positions (Membership Secretary and Treasurer) be filled only by those familiar with database operation.	Not Seconded	
2003	Motion: Given the circumstances surrounding the failure to act in her elected position as membership secretary, elected Amy Roudebush shall be immediately removed from her current elected responsibilities.	Passed unanimously	Ltr sent to Amy advising her of her removal from her elected position. Request made for her to return all ALDHA materials. Several ltrs forwarded to her attention; no response ever heard from her.
2003	Motion: ALDHA will donate a minimum of \$2,500 to the A.T. Trail Museum fund but that the final decision regarding how much will be decided at the Spring Steering Committee Meeting.	Passed by 2/3 vote	At Spring Meeting it was determined that monies were already being held for the Museum as a result of the sales of the 1998 t-shirts. No additional monies given.
2003	All hostels should be included in mailing of future newsletters.		Hostels added to database.
2003	Resolution to By-Laws. To be elected to posts of Coordinator, Assistant Coordinator or Membership Secretary one needs a minimum of two years as a Board Member.	Failed	
2003	Motion: That the <i>Companion</i> be left on-line.	Passed	
2003	Motion: That <i>Companion</i> would be available to be downloaded for a fee with previous years can be downloaded for no fee.	Failed	
2003	Motion: That \$500 be spent to file the necessary IRS reports for ALDHA to change tax status to 501C3.	Passed	
2004	Motion: That all mailing labels for the ALDHA newsletters and the membership directory have a membership expiration date printed on that publication for that member.	Passed unanimously	
2004	Motion: That the membership year coincides with the calendar year effective January 1, 2005. (January 1 to December 31 each year)	Passed unanimously	
2004	Motion: That beginning January 2005, and subsequent years thereafter, any member who has not paid their dues for 2005, and subsequent years thereafter, will receive one newsletter and a reminder postcard before their membership status be listed as inactive in the membership database.	Passed with nine agreeing, one opposed and one abstaining	
2004	Motion: Beginning with the next publication of membership forms, an additional rate option incorporating a two year membership rate (a rate that is double the current membership rate) is available as a member's choice.	Passed unanimously	
2004	Motion: ALDHA will not allow any corporate/commercial membership.	Tabled	

2004	Motion: That the ALDHA Board strictly enforce established quiet hours; proper authorities will be notified for those who won't adhere to quiet hours.	Passed with ten agreeing and one abstaining	
2004	Resolution: Whereas, Dartmouth College, the Dartmouth Outing Club and Julie Clemons were endlessly helpful, attentive and positive in the preparation of the 2003 Gathering; Whereas, through these efforts our members experienced another heartfelt fellowship with one another and the community; therefore be it, RESOLVED, that Dartmouth College, the Dartmouth Outing Club and Julie Clemons receive countless kudos for their continued relationship with ALDHA, the Gathering and the Trail Community.	Passed unanimously	
2004	Motion: That \$1000 be given to Concord College, \$500 to Dartmouth Outing Club, Storrs Pond, Church of the Mountain, and the Folklife Center, respectively, to be used as grants.	Passed with eight agreeing and three abstaining	
2004	Resolution: Whereas, the keeper of the ALDHA coffee urn has been Wayne Greenlaw, who has faithfully filled our fix for caffeine at fall Gatherings and spring meetings since 1998; Whereas, ALDHA finally broke down and bought its own coffee pot during the 2002 Gathering; Whereas, it has been determined that our particular percolator requires one full pot of water, 15 ounces of coffee and 30 minutes to perk; therefore be it, RESOLVED, the new keeper of the ALDHA coffee urn be Mara Factor (aka Stitches), a hiker of numerous trails, included but not limited to the Appalachian Trail, Long Trail and Pacific Crest Trail, and a caring and devoted member of the Appalachian Long Distance Hikers Association.	Passed unanimously	
2004	Motion: That the next Spring Meeting be held April 2, 2005 at Blackburn.	Passed with eight agreeing and three abstaining	
2004	Resolution: Whereas, PATC and Blackburn Trail Center continue to be a prime location for fellowship and planning for our organization; whereas, PATC and Blackburn Trail Center have agreed to house our organizational inspirations; there be it RESOLVED, that our thank you's be heard loud and with tremendous gratitude.	Passed with nine agreeing and two abstaining	
2004	Motion: In context with the intent and principals of the Endangered Services Campaign <i>{[T]o promote an understanding that town services for the hiking community are not guaranteed, but are rather reflective of the treatment the community experiences as Appalachian Trail hikers (regardless of day hikers, section hikers or thru-hikers) pass through. To promote an understanding that positive behaviors and sensitivity are essential despite living an alternative lifestyle. And, keep it positive.}</i> it is the duty and obligation of those members of the organization of ALDHA which created this idea, to adhere to those principals and to make a point of leading by example, to wit.	Passed by 2/3 vote	Business Meeting
2005	Motion: Conflict of Interest Policy; to place ALDHA in compliance with NH law regarding non-profit incorporation requirements	Passed	

2005	Motion: Conflict of Interest Policy; requiring officers and board members signatures on document of understanding.	Passed	
2005	Motion: That ALDHA allot an additional \$2500 to finance the 25 th Annual Gathering Celebration.	Passed	
2005	Motion: Approving printing and postage costs for Gathering and Endangered Services Campaign mailings.	Passed	
2006	Motion: ALDHA Operating Instructions #2	Passed	
2006	Motion: Funding meals for the post-Trail Days Hard Core Crew, not to exceed \$500	Passed	
2006	Motion: To raise Life Membership dues to \$200 effective 1/1/07	Passed	
2006	Motion: To allocate \$1000 to replicate the ALDHA 25 DVD for our members	Passed	
2006	Motion: Thanking Dartmouth, DOC, and Julie Clemons for hosting the 2005 Gathering in Hanover	Passed	
2006	Motion: \$150 contribution and thanks to Blackburn ATC Center and Chris Brunton for hosting the spring meeting	Passed	
2006	Motion: Increase membership dues from \$7 to \$10 effective 1/1/07	Passed	
2006	Motion: Board considers holding General Business Meeting from 9-9:30 am to 12-12:30 pm	Passed	
2006	Motion to rescind singing Walking Jim's ALDHA song at General Meeting	Passed	
2006	Motion: 2007 Gathering to take place at Gettysburg College, PA	Passed	
2006	Resolution: Whereas the first Gathering of ALDHA occurred in 1982 and whereas this 2006 Gathering marks the 25 th Gathering, we, the members of ALDHA, congratulate, commend and thank the creator and chief instigator of that first Gathering, and the founder of ALDHA, Dr Warren Doyle.	Passed	
2006	Motion: ALDHA to obtain and maintain liability insurance	Passed	
2006	Motion: Thanks and appreciation to Concord College for their support in hosting the 2006 25 th Gathering	Passed	
2006	Motion: Thanks and appreciation to the Appalachian Folklife Center for their support of the 2006 25 th Gathering	Passed	
2006	Motion: Donation to Concord College	Tabled	
2007	Motion: New Memberships at Trail Days will include 2 newsletters for the present year and full membership privileges for the following year.	Passed	
2007	Motion: \$500 donation to Concord University in appreciation for hosting 2006 25 th Anniversary Gathering	Passed	
2007	Motion: Up to \$350 to pay for Trail Days Hard Core Crew lunches	Passed	
2007	Motion: To change Operating Instructions #1 Honorary Membership Section 3 Guideline subsection (b) to read "Nomination to HLM will be submitted to the Coordinator by the Spring Meeting of the year the award is to be presented." Effective immediately	Passed	
2007	Motion: \$300 for Trail Days Hiker Hang Out food	Tabled	

2007	Resolution: For providing this oasis of learning, education and entertainment for our 26 th annual Gathering, we, the members of ALDHA – from both the North and the South – do hereby gratefully acknowledge and officially thank the kind and friendly folks of Gettysburg College for all of their hospitality.	Passed	
2007	Resolution: For hosting our campsite during the 26 th annual ALDHA Gathering, we the members of ALDHA wish to thank Dave Redding for allowing us the use of his farm.	Passed	
2007	Motion: Donation- \$500 to Gettysburg College Experiential Education Department.	Passed	
2007	Motion: That ALDHA should support Trail Days hiker reception thru a monetary contribution.	Referred to Committee to report at Spring08 Mtg	
2008	MOTION: ALDHA sponsor Hiker Hangout reception and ALDHA agree to fund up to \$250 for Hiker Hangout reception	Passed	
2008	MOTION: To amend the bylaws to be able to make and act on motions by electronic communications, telephone or mail.	Passed	
2008	MOTION: Scott and Patricia Beavers selected to be 2008 ALDHA Honorary Life Members.	Passed	
2008	MOTION: To encourage new memberships at Trail days, all new ALDHA memberships will be from the remainder of the current year to the end of the following year. They will receive the remaining newsletters for the current year and all the benefits of membership for the following year.	Passed	
2008	MOTION: To authorize ALDHA to spend up to \$525 for tent space to co-locate with ATC and AT Museum.	Passes	
2008	MOTION: To amend the ALDHA bylaws to state that the term of office of Treasurer and Membership Secretary shall begin on 1 January following the date of election.	Passed Board to bring to membership at Gathering 08	Passed Gathering General Business Mtg Oct08
2008	Resolution: In recognition of his 23 years of service to his beloved Concord University as its president and, during that time, his loyal devotion and friendship to the Appalachian Long Distance Hikers Association, we, the members of ALDHA, do hereby wish to express our deepest thanks and gratitude to Dr. Jerry L. Beasley and wish him god speed on his retirement.	Passed	
2008	Resolution: For its hospitality and accommodation, including another great visit to your affordable and filling cafeteria, we, the members of ALDHA, cordially and gratefully thank the folks at Concord University for hosting our 27 th annual gathering.	Passed	
2008	Resolution: We, the members of ALDHA, do hereby wish to thank the Appalachian South Folklife center for allowing ALDHA to once again return to its roots and convene in the friendly confines of the center for our 27 th annual Gathering.	Passed	

2008	Resolution: We, the members of ALDHA, express our highest gratitude to Warren Doyle and Weathercarrot for all their work in making our 27 th Annual Gathering a weekend of lots of fun and lots of sun! In short, we just want to say, "You're doing a great job!"	Passed	
2009	MOTION: To have Bill O'Brien get printed bumper stickers with the hiker feet and Hike in Harmony logo and Appalachian Long Distance Hikers Association across the bottom.	Unanimous.	
2009	MOTION: ALDHA does not support or encourage potentially dangerous activities at its functions – including but not limited to bungee jumping, cliff/bridge jumping, and/or fire walking.	Unanimous.	
2009	MOTION: ALDHA will authorize funds up to \$250 for the cost of the shared tent at TrailDays 2009.	Unanimous	

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ALDHA MOTIONS SINCE SPRING 2009

This document tabulates motions gathered by ALDHA Recording Secretary Sue Spring since she began her term of office after the close of the 2009 ALDHA Spring Steering Committee. Motions to open/close meetings and to accept minutes of previous meetings are not routinely noted; however, if there were any notable changes in these functions, these would be so noted. When motions/resolutions/nominations are made, the person initiating these actions is noted in parentheses.

Date of Motion	Summary of Motion	Passed or Failed	Status/Comments
2009 – Fall Business Mtg.	RESOLUTION: (Bill O’Brien) Thanks to Gettysburg College President Janet Morgan Riggs for hosting the 28 th Annual ALDHA Gathering	Passed.	
2010 – Spring Steering Mtg.	(No motions.)		
2010 – Gathering Business Mtg.	MOTION: (Warren Doyle) Be it moved that ALDHA (as reflected by its logo) neither supports nor endorses any trailside posted documents that restrict or control hikers movements on a long distance trail.	Defeated.	
2010 – Gathering Business Mtg.	MOTION: (Warren Doyle) Be it moved that Honorary Life Members of ALDHA shall have voting privileges on the ALDHA Steering Committee.	Defeated.	
2010 – Gathering Business Mtg.	MOTION: (Dennis Webster) That we sing Walkin’ Jim’s ALDHA song at every Gathering.	Passed.	“Double Crust” made and withdrew amendment to read this song. “Takoma Tedd” offered to accompany the song on guitar at the Gathering as long as he is able.
2010 – Gathering Business Mtg.	MOTION: (Tom Evans) That ALDHA shall increase the membership dues from \$10 per year to \$20 per year.	Defeated.	
2010 – Gathering Business Mtg.	RESOLUTION: (Bill O’Brien) <u>Concord University</u> – for its hospitality and accommodation, including another great visit to your bountiful and affordable cafeteria, we, the members of ALDHA, cordially and gratefully thank the folks at Concord University for hosting our 29 th Annual Gathering.	Passed.	

2010 – Gathering Business Mtg.	RESOLUTION: (Bill O’Brien) <u>Appalachian South Folklife Center</u> – We, the members of ALDHA, do hereby wish to thank the Appalachian South Folklife Center for allowing ALDHA to once again return to its roots and convene in the warm and friendly confines of the Center for our 29 th Annual Gathering.	Passed.	
2010 – Gathering Business Mtg.	RESOLUTION: (Bill O’Brien) <u>Gathering Coordinators</u> – We, the members of ALDHA, express our highest gratitude to Ray Otto Douglas and Warren Doyle for their work in making our 29 th Annual Gathering a weekend of education, camaraderie and fun!	Passed.	
2010 – Gathering Steering Mtg.	MOTION: (Bill O’Brien) That ALDHA shall institute a PayPal account ASAP.	Passed.	
2010 – Gathering Steering Mtg.	MOTION: (Ray Otto Douglas) To add the trademark symbol to the ALDHA logo.	Passed.	
2010 – Gathering Steering Mtg.	MOTION: (Shane O’Donnell) To accept the AT Museum’s offer to honor ALDHA’s contributions by naming the hiker lounge “The ALDHA Hikers’ Lounge.”	Passed.	
2010 – Gathering Steering Mtg.	MOTION: (Wayne Krevetski) To allow the Merchandise Coordinator to spend up to \$500. To start up a Merchandise Program.	Passed.	
2010 – Gathering Steering Mtg.	MOTION: (Shane O’Donnell) The ALDHA Steering Committee will delay the implementation of the motion regarding trademarks until no later than January 1, 2011, providing we can guarantee the legality of so doing, at which point implementation will be triggered with no additional vote required.	Passed.	
11-24-2010	RESIGNATION: Ernest Engman(“Sgt.Rock”) resigned as Member-at-Large.	Accepted.	Engman was elected to a two-year term at the 2010 Gathering in October 2010.

11-27-2010	NOMINATION: (Bill O'Brien) I formally nominate Noel Decavalcante as an at-large member of the board of directors to fill the Ernest Engman resignation vacancy for the coming year.	Passed by email vote, with results given on 11-30-2010.	Noel will serve out the year. At the next election, the lowest at-large member vote-getter will get the remaining one year of this vacancy. If Noel ran again, he could get elected to a two-year term.
12-07-2010	MOTION: (Sue Spring) That ALDHA spend \$725 to register the "Hiker" with "ALDHA" below it, as the Appalachian Long Distance Hiking Association's Logo with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.	Passed – by email vote, with results given on 12-09-2010.	
12-09-2010	RESIGNATION: Mara Factor ("Stitches") resigned as ALDHA Membership Secretary.	Accepted.	Resignation effective 12-31-2010 by email notation.
12-11-2010	RESOLUTION: (Bill O'Brien) Whereas Mara Factor has faithfully served in the challenging job of Membership Secretary for the last couple of years, and whereas she has managed to further refine, upgrade and improve upon the task of compiling and keeping our detailed membership information, and whereas she has diligently and efficiently organized the complicated chores of the membership registration at Gatherings and Trail Days as well as handling Newsletter mailings and Directory preparation, and whereas she has worked countless all-volunteer hours behind the scenes pouring over a computer on ALDHA's behalf, be it resolved that ALDHA extends its heartfelt thanks and appreciation to "Stitches" for a job well done and sincerest best wishes for her and her family in the future.	Passed by email vote.	The resolution was turned into a motion by Mike Wingart and put up for the vote by email.

12-11-2010	NOMINATION: (Bill O'Brien) Cindy Taylor-Miller ("Mrs. Gorp") is nominated to replace Mara Factor as Membership Secretary.	Passed by email vote.	The motion was put forth in an email by Mike Wingert. "Mrs. Gorp" takes over as Membership Secretary officially on 1-01-2011.
2-04-2011	MOTION: (Cynthia Taylor-Miller) That ALDHA shall now consider the Online Companion a benefit of membership to be distributed at no charge only to current members of ALDHA. If the Online Companion is to be distributed to non-members of ALDHA, there will be an \$8. charge with the proceeds going only to ALDHA, as ATC has decided not to be a part of this online activity.	Passed by email vote.	