

September 13, 2019

Dear Llama/Alpaca Enthusiast,

The Boards of Directors of both Cal-ILA and LANA have good news to share!



After several months of conversation and consideration of both boards and their respective directors, it was determined that it would be wise and efficient to consolidate the efforts and resources of the organizations. Therefore, Cal-ILA will be closing down its official status as an organization; and where appropriate, resources (both fiscal and human) will be gathered under the umbrella of the Llama Association of North America (LANA).

Once Cal_ILA completes some fiscal obligations, it will be transferring the balance of its funds to LANA. Additionally, the obstacle trailer and obstacles owned by Cal-ILA will be added to the obstacle collection currently owned and stored by LANA. This blended collection will be stored on behalf of LANA at Macedo's Mini Acres in a shipping container soon to be purchased and placed. The Cal-ILA trailer will be housed there also to transport obstacles to various shows.

Two members of the Board of Directors of Cal-ILA will be joining the LANA Board of Directors: Maureen Macedo and Lee Beringsmith. It is the intention of this expanded board to maintain the activities of both organizations including the Hobo, Hot August Nights - now referred to as the Marvelous May Performance Show, and the show at State Fair in Sacramento. We hope to continue with the parade activities traditional to both organizations. And we want to proceed with hikes and backpacking experiences associated with both organizations.

We hope to make this transition as smoothly as possible. There is no clear timeline established for the official close of the Cal_ILA, but Lee and Maureen joined the monthly LANA conference calls starting this September.

When this announcement was made at the California State Fair in Sacramento this last July, the message was received with a standing ovation. We are all excited about this transition knowing that we will continue with llama and alpaca activities with a stronger, consolidated board embracing the notion many hands make for a lighter load.

We hope we can count on your continued support as we move forward.

Sincerely,

Maureen Macedo,
Cal-ILA President

Dr. Michelle Katzler,
LANA President