Fiber and Fiber Products Committee Meeting

January 13, 2026

12 PM Eastern, 11 AM Central, 10 AM Mountain, 9 AM Pacific

Mission:

We advance responsible alpaca ownership and breeding through our world-renowned registry, comprehensive education, leadership and vibrant member community. Through Member and Volunteer support, we build a community where we ensure the long-term sustainability and success of alpaca livestock for current and future generations.

Vision:

To be the definitive livestock model and global leader advancing all aspects of alpaca ownership from breeding and health to fleece utilization and business development, while growing a thriving community that champion the alpaca industry's future.

Present:

Elaine Gerber (committee chair)

Diana Foegelle (committee secretary)

Michele Armour

Maureen Mercado

Marcus Skildum

Jill Ertel

Brenda Wyler

De Monson (AOA Liaison)

1.0 Action: Meeting called to order at 11:02 AM Central. We met the quorum.
2.0 Action: We would like to see measurable results by June 2026
3.0 Action: We continued discussion on Non-member Mills
4.0 Action: We discussed the use of pellets. Pellets may help reduce parasites in the field. They are also useful to provide moisture in soil for potted plants.

5.0 Action: We discussed that most states do not have fiber sheds. High micro fibers are excellent for rugs.

6.0 Action: We discussed education and value of raw fiber and vertical integration.

7.0 Action: Listings of Fiber Festivals around the world. One link is fiberevents.com.

8.0 Action: Selling fertilizer and leg/belly fiber for weed barriers.

9.0 Action: Call to adjourn the meeting by Marcus and seconded by Michele. Meeting adjourned at 12 PM central.