

Letter from the ALCA President

To: Members of the American Leather Chemists Association (ALCA)

Subject: ALCA Office and Administrative Operations

This letter is to inform our membership of recent changes to the Executive Secretary position.

Carol Adcock, our current Executive Secretary, will retire later this year (subject of an earlier announcement). In response, a Search Committee was organized to identify a replacement. Ultimately working with the Leather Hides Council of America (LHCA), the committee identified a path forward splitting resources approximately 60:40 between ALCA and LHCA as detailed in a MOU executed recently. There were many options and changes considered by the committee. In summary, resource sharing was selected as the best path forward to balance the position's evolving responsibilities, expressed needs and interests of both organizations, and the financial side, as the current economic cycle is impacting both organizations. In addition to the above, it was also decided to close the existing facility in Lubbock, Texas and transfer the mailing address to University of Cincinnati changing the position from office-based to remote work from home. It should be noted that the ALCA office was originally in the same building as the Leather Research Laboratory at the University of Cincinnati for over 50 years prior to moving to Texas.

We are happy to announce that Kristina Hall has accepted the position of Executive Secretary. Her contact details are listed below.

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While Carol is still working hard on conference details as is always the case this time of year, Kristina will gradually transition into her new role and conference attendees can meet her in person. Presently contacting Carol with current needs is unchanged, however, sometime after the conference a formal transition will take place. Details will be the subject of a separate notification.

At this time, I would like to thank the Search Committee for their fine work: Mike Bley, Sarah Drayna, Andreas Rhein, John Rodden, Steve Gilberg, and Steve Lange. I would also like to thank Stephen Sothmann of the LHCA for his support of the ALCA.

Sincerely,

Joseph Hoefler
ALCA President

Introducing the New ALCA Executive Secretary

Hello, my name is Kristina Hall, the new Executive Secretary for the ALCA. Although the leather industry is new to me, I bring with me years of experience in administration and organizational development.

I have what feels like two lifetimes of experience in the medical field of insurance billing and coding. In this ever-changing environment I have become flexible in meeting the needs of the department and individuals. This strengthened my organizational skills and made it possible for me to develop and implement the most effective policies and procedures.

I look forward to this new opportunity of moving with the ALCA and the industry into the future.

During the convention, you will find me with Carol ingesting her wealth of information and knowledge of the ALCA, for a smooth transition. I look forward to personal introductions and getting to know you and the ALCA.

