



NCAB NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

I hope each and everyone of you had a wonderful holiday season and are ready for another great year with NCAB AALAS. I would like to thank Scott Green for his leadership as our 2008 President. It has certainly been a pleasure working with him the past year. I would also like to thank last year's council for their dedication and hard work. Since our inception in 1961, NCAB AALAS has grown into a major organization, promoting improvements in the humane care and use of research animals. Last year's efforts certainly kept with this fine tradition.

For 2009, Katy Bernhard the Program Chairperson, will be setting up the speakers and locations for our monthly meetings. They will be looking at some alternate sites, so that we can reach out to our members outside of the Washington DC area. The January meeting to be held on the 8th, and it has been decided to repeat the "Meet and Greet" which was such a huge success last year. It will be held again at *That's Amore* in Rockville near 5RC. Please check the NCAB website for the time and location.

Michele Allen will chair the Seminar committee this year. She is off and running in developing some great ideas for our annual seminar which will be held at the Gaylord Inner Harbor complex on the Potomac River. As you can well imagine, organizing the annual seminar takes a team effort and Michele and her committee members are looking for speakers. If you have a suggested speaker, contact her at 301-496-0407.

In addition to the popular LATG review course, Dave Mallon is looking to provide an ALAT and LAT review course.

Molly Romick and Eileen Morgan will be serving as Public Relations Co-Chairs and Brad Fisher has again volunteered to be the 2009 Award's chair. He will be overseeing several awards this year including for the first time, an award for laboratory animal trainers. As always we will be looking for nominees for NCAB-sponsored scholarships for the ALAT, LAT, and LATG certification examinations. In the fall we will be seeking nominations for the Durbin and Pearson Awards.

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Election results for 2009 President Elect and Treasurer are tallied and the respective winners are Deb Lust and Ed Czarra. Congratulations to all and I look forward to working with our new slate of officers.

We are planning to schedule several of these meetings in the late afternoon to make them more convenient to many in our membership. I recommend that you periodically check our web site ncabaalas.org for schedule updates and information of the monthly meetings, picnic, seminar, and the banquet.

For this year's registration drive, we hope that each of you will take advantage of the convenience of registering on line. More information will be out soon.

I hope each of you plan to make NCAB AALAS a part of your monthly agenda.

James "Buster" Hawkins

Announcing Your New NCAB Council for 2009!

President	Buster Hawkins
President –Elect	Deb Lust
Past president, nominations	Scott Green
Secretary	Todd Matejovich
Treasurer	Ed Czarra
Trustee	Roxanne Fox
Trustee	Donna Goldsteen
LATG Seminar	Katy Bernhard
	Amanda Zeladonis
Monthly Program	Katy Bernhard
	Daisy Byzek
Seminar	Michele Allen
Individual membership	Chris McNickle (chair)
	Miriam Rose
Institutional membership	Frank Lynch (chair)
	Kelly Cole
Newsletter	Julia Drake
MIS	Christie Hart
Awards	Brad Fisher
Education	Jose Chinchilla
Education	Elton J. Machholz
Workshops	Joanne Smith (chair)
	Erika Wiltrout
	Gail McMullen
Public Relations	Molly Romick (chair)
Public Relations	Eileen Morgan
Publicity	Shannon Stutler
Technician Branch Rep	David Mallon
Historian	Molly Romick
AD HOC, Special projects	Doreen Bartlett
AD HOC, Special projects	Frank Lynch
Government Relations	Bob Blackford



*Ring in the New Year with
NCAB at That's Amore
Join us for:*

Appetizers
Drinks
Networking &
Meet the 2009 NCAB Council Members

When: January 8, 2009 5-8 pm

Where: 15201 Shady Grove Road, Rockville MD 20850

Directions:

Take 270 N. exit 6B W. Montgomery Ave towards Darnestown

Turn Slight right onto W. Montgomery Ave/MD-28 W

Turn Right onto Shady Grove Road

A great opportunity to get involved in 2009!



AALAS Needs You!

AALAS is looking for qualified candidates for District Three Trustee and Alternate Trustee.

The elected individuals would take office after the 2009 National AALAS Meeting. Requirements for eligibility are:

- AALAS National Membership in good standing for the past five consecutive years
- Have served in Branch leadership and/or on a district, regional or National committee during the past five years
- Make a three-year commitment to leadership. The position of Trustee is a three-year term
- Reside in district of representation as designated by the voting contact address.

For additional information, go to [Http://www.aalas.org/association/leadership_nom.aspx](http://www.aalas.org/association/leadership_nom.aspx) or contact Donna Goldsteen, Roxanne Fox, Kelly Cole, or Lisa Secrest.

Trustee and Alternate Requirements

A. Nominating Petitions

Must be submitted to the AALAS Office no later than **April 15, 2009**. To be added to the ballot, you must meet the eligibility requirements and provide at least 25 valid National AALAS member signatures from within their district.

B. Districts with Open for terms 2010-2012

- District 2 Trustee
- District 2 Alternate Trustee
- District 3 Trustee and Alternate Trustee
- District 4 Trustee
- District 5 Trustee
- District 7 Alternate Trustee
- District 8 Trustee



If you have any questions regarding responsibilities or time commitments associated with these positions, contact Dave DeLong, Nominations Committee Chair, at (908) 996-6410 or email at delon001@umn.edu. You may also contact your district trustee or [Ann Turner](#) at the AALAS national office.

What is a Board of Trustee to AALAS?

The Board of Trustees (BOT) is the legislative body of the organization and it conducts all business of the association. The BOT consists of 2 trustees and an alternate from each of the eight districts. All members of the Board of Trustees are entitled to vote on Action Resolutions and budgetary items. The Board employs the Executive Director of AALAS and performs an annual performance review of her each spring. The Board reviews the Annual Business plan of the organization and develops Goals, Objectives and Tasks each year to be met by the various committees. The Board approves of the annual meeting locations, generally at least 5 years prior to the meeting. The term of office of a trustee is three years.

Besides the National meeting, the BOTs meet for a Winter and Summer meeting that is held over a weekend. The Winter meeting is held in February or March in the city that will host the National meeting that year. In addition to discussing organizational business, the winter meeting allows the BOT to report back to their district regarding the convention center, hotels, restaurants and interesting places to visit. The summer meeting is held in Memphis in late May, June or early July.

Who pays for travel to the BOT meetings?

For the Winter and Summer meetings, air fare, hotel, meals, and parking at the airport are paid for by AALAS.

How much time is needed?

We spend about one hour most weeks – working with our respective committee, reading budget reports, or communicating with the AALAS staff. The month leading up to a meeting, approximately six hours are spent reading committee reports, action resolutions and executive summaries.

What are the advantages of being a BOT?

- ◆ Being a liaison to various AALAS committees such as Tech Talk, CMAR and ILAM. Every BOT is assigned to a committee to help them run smoothly and apprise the other BOTs of their progress and future direction.
- ◆ Meeting great folks from every district and networking with local members and branches.
- ◆ Keeping NCAB informed on what is happening at the National level.
- ◆ Helping AALAS grow as an organization and develop new programs to support its varied membership by determining the direction.

The Institutional Membership Program is an important resource of support providing the NCAB with the opportunity to continually expand its educational programs. In addition to a number of Technician Scholarship awards given each year, the enthusiasm generated through our Workshop Programs have allowed us to increase the number of workshops, as well as expand the content. In 2008, our educational programs will be offered to an ever increasing audience of laboratory animal scientists, as well as other interested groups as to the benefits of biomedical research and the commitment that all members of AALAS have to humane animal care and use.

NCAB/AALAS would like to thank all of the Research Institutions and Companies who make up the Institutional membership.

For Institutional membership information for 2009, please contact:
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 Institutional Membership Committee

Member Institution	Year	Member Institution	Year
AAALAC International	1997-2008	Clear H2O Company	2006-2008
Ace Animals, Inc.	2000-2009	Clordisys Solutions Inc.	2006-2009
Advanced Bioscience Labs	1999-2009	Coastal Scientific, Inc.	2000-2008
Airnet Express.	2006-2008	Colonial Medical Supply	2002-2008
Allentown, Inc.	1979-2008	Covance Research Products	1978-2008
Allied Laboratory Animal Care Consulting Services	2008	Covance Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2008
ALN Magazine/Vicon Publishing Inc.	2004-2008	CUH2A	2004-2008
Alternative Design	1994-2008	Duke University Division of Laboratory Animal Resources	2007-2008
American Red Cross	1998-2008	Edstrom Industries, Inc.	1981-2008
Americans For Medical Progress	2001-2008	ENV Services	2006-2008
Ancare Corporation	1984-2008	E-Z Anesthesia/Euthanex Corp.	2004-2008
Anderson's/Bed-o-Cobs	1992-2008	FDA/CBER	1984-2009
Animal Specialties and Provisions LLC	2007-2008	FDA/CFSAN	2004-2008
Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute	1982-2008	Foundation For Biomedical Research	2008
Arts-Way Scientific	2004-2008	George Washington University Medical Center	1982-2008
Avant Garde Scientific, Inc.	1991-2008	Getinge USA	1991-2008
Britz & Company	1996-2008	Girton	1994-2008
Bio Medic Data Systems Inc.	1997-2008	Harlan	1981-2008
Biocon Inc.	1979-2008	Hilltop Lab Animals Inc.	1983-2008
Bioqual, Inc.	1983-2008	Howard Hughes Medical Institute	2007-2008
BioReliance Corporation	1979-2008	Innovive, Inc.	2007-2008
Bio-Serv, Inc.	1994-2008	Instech Solomon Labs	2007-2008
Bridge Global Pharmaceuticals Services Inc.	2004-2008	Johns Hopkins University	1983-2008
Charles River	1978-2009	Kling Stubbins	2008
		Lab Products, Inc.	1978-2008
		Labrepro, Inc.	2004-2008

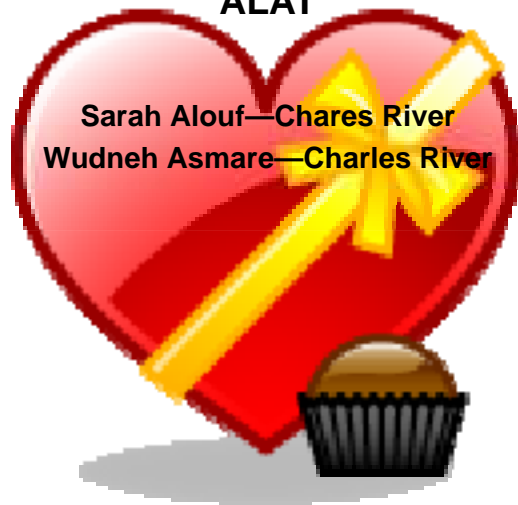
Member Institution	Year	Member Institution	Year
Research Solutions Lenderking	1990-2008	Southern Research Institute	1991-2008
Life Science Products, Inc.	1982-2008	Spring Valley Laboratories, Inc.	1984-2008
Locus Technology, Inc.	2000-2009	Steris Corporation	1993-2008
Lomir Biomedical Inc.	2001-2008	Suburban Surgical Co. Inc.	1988-2008
Louviere, Stratton, Yokel, LLC	1988-2008	Systems Engineering	1989-2008
Lynx Product Group	2002-2008	Taconic Farms, Inc.	1991-2008
Macrogenics, Inc.	2004-2008	Tecniplast USA	2001-2008
Marshall BioResources	1996-2008	The Jackson Laboratory	2008
Medimmune, Inc.	1995-2008	The McConnell Group Inc.	2003-2008
Millbrook Breeding Labs	2005-2008	Thermocare Inc.	1996-2008
Myrtle's Rabbitry Inc.	1997-2008	Thoren Caging Systems, Inc.	1989-2008
New Year Tech, Inc.	2003-2008	Topaz Technologies	2008
NIH/Division of Veterinary Resources	1979-2008	Total MRO, LLC	2002-2008
NIH/National Eye Institute	2003-2008	Transportech	2004-2008
NIH/National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research	2004-2008	Tuttnauer	2000-2008
NIH/National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism	2004-2008	University of Maryland Veterinary Resources	1982-2008
NIH/NINDS/AHCS	1996-2008	Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences	1995-2009
NIH/Office of Animal Care and Use	1989-2008	University of Maryland Central Animal Resource Facility	1985-2008
NIH/Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare	2008	University of Maryland-ANSC College Park	2008-2009
NIH/Vaccine Research Center	2004-2008	USAMRMC/Animal Care and Use Review Office	2006-2008
NIH/Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center Animal Care Program	2001-2008	ViraTek Inc.	2006-2008
Northeastern Products Corp.	1999-2008	Visi-Line	2008
Nuaire Inc.	2000-2008	World Courier Inc.	2004-2008
Pharmalac Research Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2008	WRAIR-NMRC	1981-2010
Porter Creek Instruments, LLC	2004-2008	Zeigler Brothers Inc.	1995-2008
Primate Products, Inc.	1998-2008		
Priority One Services	1994-2008		
Purina Mills LabDiet	1992-2008		
Quality Lab Products, Inc.	1998-2008		
Quip Laboratories Inc.	1989-2008		
Rees Scientific Corporation	1994-2008		
SAIC-NCI Frederick	1983-2009		
Sanitation Strategies	2007-2008		
Schlyer Machine Division of Audubon Machinery	2006-2008		
Scientists Center for Animal Welfare	1999-2008		
Shepherd Specialty Papers, Inc.	1983-2008		
SJN Inc.	1995-2008		
SoBran Inc.	2002-2008		



Sweet!

Look Who Passed Their Certification Exams!

ALAT



Sarah Alouf—Chares River
Wudneh Asmare—Charles River

LAT



Christopher Ariza—Priority One
Chantelle Baker—Bioqual
Shaharah Baskin-Hardy—Priority One
Nakita Charles—Priority One
Debra Cherry—Priority One
Erin Kollins—Priority One
Darwin Romero—Priority One
Miriam Rose—Charles River

LATG



Courtney Gittens—Bioqual
Jillian Valdenegro—Priority One
Patrick Walker—Priority One

Congratulations!

SoBran Takes Honors at NCAB

The 34th annual National Capital Area Branch of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science Seminar, September 17 and 18, saw two animal care specialists from SoBran, Inc. receive prestigious awards for their contributions to the industry.

April Handy; MS; LATG, a SoBran project manager supporting the National Institute of Aging; NIHAC Poolesville, received the Pierson Award, honoring Richard L. Pierson of the US Public Health Service's Animal Production Center and former NCAB President. The award carries a \$500 honorarium, and recipients must have daily contact with one or more species of laboratory animals and supervise personnel responsible for the care, feeding, and general welfare of those animals. Such factors as the number of years as an NCAB member, number of years in the laboratory animal field, and demonstrated attitude, contributions, performance level, and innovative approach to bettering animal care all play a significant part in the selection.

Ms. Handy and four other supervisors were nominated for the Pierson Award by their fellow NCAB members. The five were recognized for their ability and effectiveness providing technical training and direction for co workers, their innovative approaches to resolving animal care problems, and individual accomplishments such as memberships, presentations, posters, volunteer activities.

The Pierson Award was initiated in 1963 by then NCAB President John Morris. Originally called the "Outstanding Technician Award", it was renamed in 1985 and has functioned as a vehicle to recognize supervisory animal care personnel who have demonstrated an exceptional ability to improve the field of animal care and welfare.

Diana Lancaster, BS, LATg, a lead trainer with SoBran, received the annual Trainer Award, given to a person whose duties and responsibilities include providing training for individuals who have contact with animals and provide husbandry and technical animal care. Ms. Lancaster has worked as a skilled technician, supervisor, manager, and most recently as a lead trainer responsible for staff development and program training for 180 employees supporting the NIAID Comparative Medicine Branch. She has received awards from the NIAID and has been recognized by SoBran for her hard work and dedication. The Trainer Award carries a \$400 honorarium.

SoBran staff members also took honors in the annual poster competition. Grand Prize and Best Image went to A.M. Handy for "The Aging Eye and Eye Disease in Rhesus Macaques". Second Prize and Most Educational went to R. Blair-Handon for "An Alternative Method for Intrathymic Injection in Mice". M. Chavez received Honorable Mention for "Spontaneous Seizures as an Unexpected Phenotype in ALY/Nsc Jcl-aly/aly Mice".

The annual seminar, held at Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City, Maryland, focused on "From Cageside to Bedside: Why We Do What We Do". Learning sessions covered a gamut of topics from bio-containment and rederivation to a dog sled presentation. Two pre-conference workshops, a learning resources center, poster display, scavenger hunt, tech fair, and exhibition hall rounded out the roster of activities.



SAVE THE DATE:

The 2009 AAALAC International Conference on Quality Animal Care

March 29, 2009, San Diego, CA (before the PRIM&R meeting)

Save the date and join AAALAC International for a day of presentations and discussions that will help you:

- * Understand current trends and AAALAC International expectations for quality research animal care and use.
- * Appreciate the most frequently observed concerns reported by AAALAC site visitors over the last five years.
- * Learn of potential solutions and successful case studies.

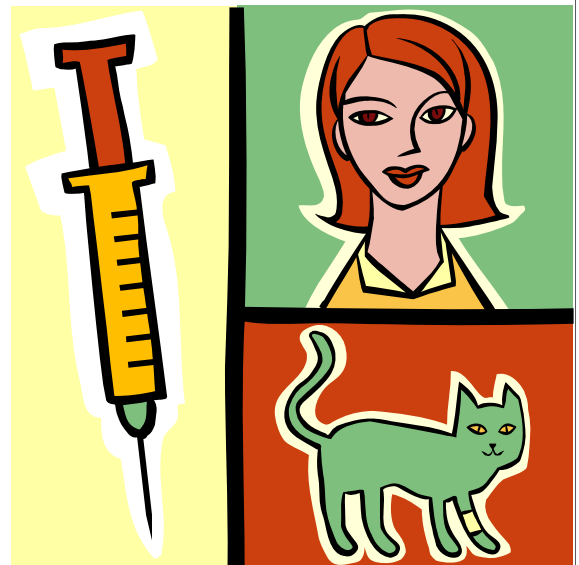
Topics will include:

- Summary of trends in AAALAC site visit findings from 2003-2008
- IACUC issues and hot spots
- Physical plant
- Laboratory animal management
- Occupational health and safety
- OHS hot spots
- Veterinary care

Case studies and outcomes will be included with each topic presented, and Q&A sessions will be interspersed throughout the day. AAALAC International Council on Accreditation members will also be available all day to answer your specific questions privately, one-on-one.

This conference is held only once every 4-5 years, so be sure to save the date. (Online registration will be available via the PRIM&R web site and more details will be posted in the weeks ahead.)

For updates and more information: <http://www.aaalac.org/conference.cfm>



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Terms included in this puzzle should be used to prepare for ALAT Certification

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 malocclusion
 NZW
 polygamous
 rabbit
 tom

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 hereditary
 incisors
 mammals
 offspring
 porphyrin
 rat
 weaning

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 dog
 fisher
 hibernation
 jird
 monogamous
 outbred
 pouches
 scientific
 wistar

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 coprophagy
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 gerbil
 hooded
 lagomorph
 mouse
 ovaries
 precocial
 sow

