



NCAB NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Dear Council and NCAB AALAS Members,

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I am writing to you today to officially tender my resignation as your 2011 President of NCAB AALAS, effective immediately. I never thought I would ever leave such a great organization as NCAB. I had looked forward to so many new ideas and people throughout this year. My personal circumstances have brought me to this decision.

Larry Shelton will step in as President in accordance with the by-laws. I have met with him and Deb Lust to pass on Council information and details for the upcoming meetings.

I cannot say enough wonderful things about NCAB and all the people I've encountered in my years of service with the organization. NCAB Council has taken us all to new levels, and I have appreciated all of the personal and professional advice I've received over the years. It's my hope that we will stay in touch as I begin this new chapter in my life.

Sincerely,
Christie Hart

Greetings NCAB AALAS!

I am honored to address the membership in my new role as NCAB President. First and foremost, I want to thank Chris Hart for her many years of dedicated service to the organization. She has been an integral part of our operations and has spent countless hours giving her all for our membership. I am honored to step in and continue those efforts. My stepping into the Presidency means that the President-Elect position was left vacant. In accordance with our by-laws, Council had the obligation to fill this position. I am excited to say that Donna Goldsteen was unanimously selected to fill the role. Congratulations, Donna! While I'm on the topic of the Presidency, please give a round of applause for our outgoing President, Deb Lust. Hey, I can't hear you; clap louder! J Job well done, Deb.

Well friends, it is now February, meaning we have lost a month of time. Rest assured that we have lost nothing in substance! Our new Council is hard at work putting together activities and balancing a budget to ensure a successful year of educational and professional networking opportunities. The Seminar Committee, chaired by Katie Flynn, is already hard at work putting together a top notch program, as are our Program Chairs, Geoff Hunt and Cindy

Horner. Stay tuned for more information on monthly program speakers and networking events throughout the year. A huge thanks to our new MIS Chair, Stephen Byzek for tackling our website issues head on. Our Council is making a concerted effort to resolve security concerns and ensure that such issues do not persist.

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I want to take this opportunity to address something very important to me: YOU! NCAB AALAS continues to be one of the largest branches in the nation, if not the largest. We are a very diverse group, both in personal and professional background and experience. I am reaching out to you today to come out, be seen, be heard, and be involved. Do you know a good speaker or have suggestions for program topics? Let us know! Do you want to volunteer at the fall seminar or public outreach events? Let us know! Do you wish you knew more people in our industry? Come on out and meet your fellow members!

In closing, thank you for everything you do in support of the highest standards of humane care and use of our precious laboratory animals. I look forward to seeing you and serving with you this year and beyond.

Sincerely,
Larry
Larry J. Shelton, Jr., DVM, MPH
DACLAM, DACVPM
President, NCAB AALAS

2011 NCAB Counsel

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| President | Larry Shelton |
| President –Elect | Donna Goldsteen |
| Past president, nominations | Deb Lust |
| Secretary | Erika Wiltrout |
| Treasurer | Miriam Rose |
| Trustee | Shannon Stutler |
| Trustee | Ann Murray |
| LATG Seminar | Katy Bernhard (chair) |
| | Amanda Zeladonis |
| Monthly Program | Geoff Hunt (chair) |
| | Cindy Horner (co-chair) |
| Seminar | Katie Flynn |
| | Erika Wiltrout |
| Individual membership | Chris McNickle (chair) |
| Institutional membership | Todd Matejovich |
| Newsletter | Julia Drake |
| MIS | Steve Byzek |
| Awards | Brad Fisher |
| Education | Daisy Byzek |
| | Curtis Black |
| | Dave Mallon |
| Workshops | Barton Wieck |
| Public Relations | Molly Romick (chair) |
| | Eileen Morgan |
| Publicity | Shannon Stutler |
| Technician Branch Rep | Elton J. Machholz |
| Historian | Molly Romick |
| AD HOC, special projects | Mark Smith (chair) |
| AD HOC, Special projects | Doreen Bartlett |
| AD HOC, Special projects | Betty Fatzie |
| AD HOC, Special projects | Frank Lynch |
| Government Relations | Bob Blackford |
| Advisory Committee on Finances | Vince Perrotta |
| | Jack Hessler |
| | Ed Czarra |

The National Capital Area Branch of AALAS is pleased to present the National Association for Biomedical Research

The logo for the National Capital Area Branch of AALAS, featuring the lowercase letters 'nabr' in a white, sans-serif font against a dark blue background.

Please join us for the NABR presentation on:

“What’s Happening in Washington and the Importance of having a Crisis management Plan”

Presented by:
Matthew Bailey and Andrew Cardon



Thursday, March 10, 2011
5-7 pm
American Red Cross
15601 Crabbs Branch Way, Rockville, MD

AALAS MATH It's a Blast!

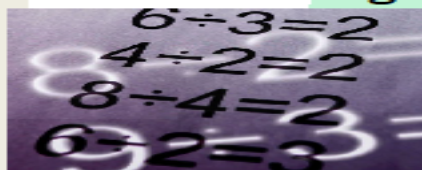
Conversions, Metrics, Equations, Oh my!
If you've ever been afraid to tackle those AALAS exams for any of these reasons HELP is here! Join the Education Committee with the help of some fantastic teaching volunteers and learn how to solve the problems found throughout the AALAS exams.

When: April 5th, 2011

Time: 4:30-6:30 pm

Where: MedImmune (1 MedImmune Way, Gaithersburg, MD 20878)

Visit www.ncabaalas.org to sign-up via 123 sign-up; space is limited to 20 students!



8th Annual Lab Products Animal Technician Award



A laboratory animals best friend is a healthy, caring Animal Technician

Lab Products, Inc. is pleased to announce the 8th Annual Lab Products Animal Technician Award Program. This program is designed to reward a deserving animal care technician from each of the 8 AALAS Districts and Canada with the opportunity to attend their first National AALAS Meeting. One award recipient is selected yearly from each of the 8 AALAS Districts and Canada. The award is limited to animal care personnel, with at least one year of laboratory animal care experience, that have never attended a National AALAS Meeting. The recipients of the Lab Products Animal Technician Award will each receive an award recognition plaque; airfare, hotel and registration for the National AALAS Meeting; one year membership to National AALAS and \$350 to cover incidentals while attending the AALAS Meeting. For more information write Lab Products, Inc., P.O. Box 639, Seaford, DE 19973, or see the award description and nomination information on CompMed or Techlink.

Award Benefits: (participation, recognition, public speaking, and decision making). This award will:

- 1) Allow a deserving animal care worker from each of the 8 AALAS Districts and Canada to attend a National AALAS Meeting for the first time.
- 2) Publicly recognize the recipient at a social function of the AALAS membership.
- 3) Encourage the recipient to speak at a Branch Meeting on their experiences at AALAS, thereby allowing them to gain experience in public speaking and to promote the AALAS experience to other technicians.
- 4) The recipient will serve as a member of the Lab Products Animal Technician Award Selection Committee for the next year. This will allow them the experience and involvement in a decision making process that will affect their peers.

Award Selection Committee:

- 1) Nominees for this year's awards should be submitted to Lab Products, Inc. The Award Selection Committee will then consider all nominations and select one nominee from each of the 8 AALAS Districts and Canada to receive the award.
- 2) The 2010 Award recipients will form the Award Selection Committee for selection of the 2011 Award Recipients.

Award Selection Criteria:

- 1) Nominee must have a minimum of 1 years work experience in a laboratory animal facility.
- 2) Nominee must be a working supervisor, animal care worker or animal health technician. (Managers, Assistant Directors, etc. are not eligible).

- 3) The nominee must be someone that actually performs hands on animal care work or works in the cage wash area.
- 4) The nominee must be someone that would not be eligible for travel funds (from the University, Institution or Company) to attend a National AALAS meeting.
- 5) This award is intended to provide deserving animal care technicians with the opportunity to attend their first National AALAS Meeting. Therefore, only nominees that have never attended a National AALAS Meeting will be eligible.

Nomination Process: (Nominations must be RECEIVED BY June 17, 2011)

- 1) Nominations are to be submitted by letter, detailing the Technicians' work history, accomplishments, community involvement, and describing how this travel award will benefit the technician and their facility. AALAS/CALAS Branch membership, and involvement in branch AALAS/CALAS activities, will be considered in the award selection.
- 2) Supporting letters are encouraged and will be considered, but are not required.
- 3) Send nominations to:
Attn: Awards Selection Committee
Lab Products, Inc.
P.O. Box 639,
Seaford, DE 19973
Ph. 800-526-0469
Fax 302-628-4309
- 4) Award recipients will be notified by August 5, 2011.

Award Recipient Requirements:

- 1) After attending the National AALAS Meeting, the award recipients must present a paper at their next annual Branch or District AALAS meeting on how the AALAS Meeting experience affected them.
- 2) Award recipient agrees to attend the Lab Products, Inc., Tuesday night social during the National AALAS Meeting for a formal award presentation.
- 3) Award recipient agrees to be a judge for the selection of the next years award recipients.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 17, 2011

Released March 4, 2011

NCAB/AALAS Technician Award

Presented by: Scientists Center for Animal Welfare (SCAW)

SCAW is offering a 2011 NCAB/AALAS Technician Award to help defray the cost of attending the annual NCAB/AALAS meeting. This event is on August 31-September 1, 2011 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center at National Harbor, Washington DC. SCAW will provide one two-day conference registration, one night's hotel reservation and one banquet ticket. To apply for the award you must be currently working as an animal care technician.

Submit the following in Microsoft WORD or plain text format by e-mail or regular mail no later than **Noon, August 1, 2011:**

- Current resume or CV
- Complete name, address, telephone and email
- One paragraph to explain, "*Why the animal care technician is an important part of the research team*". The paragraph should not to exceed 200 words and should be double-spaced.

A panel of experts will review all entries and the Award will be announced on August 8, 2011. The recipient of the Award will receive notification and be announced on the SCAW web site, www.scaw.com and in the SCAW Newsletter.

Submit information to:

SCAW
Attn: Lee Krulisch
Executive Director
7833 Walker Drive, Suite 410
Greenbelt MD 20770

Tel: 301.345.3500
Email: lee@scaw.com

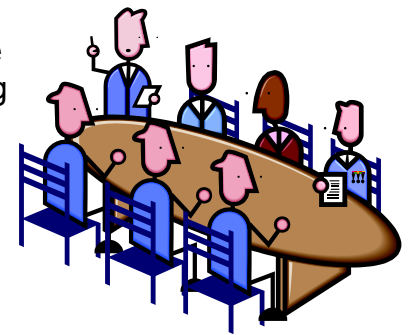
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"...promoting best practices in animal research and testing..."

Seminar Committee Report

The 2011 NCAB Seminar Committee has had its first planning meeting of the year and is excited to share some of the ideas for this year's Seminar. The Seminar will be held on August 31st & September 1st 2011 at the Gaylord Resort & Conference Center at the DC National Harbor. Although an exact title for this year's seminar has not yet been decided we can tell you that the focus will be geared towards cagewash, animal care and veterinary technicians, without which biomedical research would not succeed.

Ideas for topics, speakers, workshops and ways to make this a fun and exciting seminar are being discussed but the Committee would love to hear from you! Are there topics that you would love to hear about, or speakers you've seen that you think would be a great addition this year? Are you yourself interested in giving or participating in a lecture? How about workshops - any ideas out there that would be educational and beneficial for the Laboratory Animal Technicians of NCAB? If so, please share with a member of the committee. We will also be requesting volunteers to assist throughout the planning process and on the days of the Seminar. If you are interested in getting involved please let us know.



Thanks,

Katie Flynn and Erika Wiltout

Get in touch with us!

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| Seminar Chair | Katie Flynn | hopek@mail.nih.gov |
| Seminar Co-Chair | Erika Wiltout | ehill@mail.nih.gov |
| Program Chair | Diana Scorpio | dscorpio@jhmi.edu |
| Program Co-Chair | Geoff Hunt | ghunt@bmds.com |
| Volunteers | Molly Romick | mromick@themccgroup.com |

LATG Review Course



Thinking about attending the 2011 LATG Review Course this year?

If so in order to register at the member rate, you must be an NCAB member by April 1, 2011. National AALAS membership is not a substitute for NCAB membership. You can join or renew your membership by visiting ncabaalas.org (scroll down to the bottom of the page for renewal or enrollment).

Institutional Membership

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 2011, 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 2011, please contact:

Todd Matejovich todd@totalmrollc.com

Institutional Membership Chair

| Member Institution | Year | Member Institution | Year |
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| AAALAC International | 1997-2010 | Edstrom Industries, Inc. | 1981-2011 |
| Absorption Corporation | 2010 | ENV Services | 2006-2010 |
| Ace Animals, Inc. | 2000-2010 | Environmental Tectonics Corp. | 2009-2010 |
| Acorn Industrial Products Inc. | 2009-2010 | E-Z Anesthesia/Euthanex Corp. | 2004-2010 |
| Advanced Bioscience Labs | 1999-2010 | FDA/CBER | 1984-2010 |
| Allentown, Inc. | 1979-2010 | George Washington University Medical Center | 1982-2010 |
| ALN Magazine/Vicon Publishing Inc. | 2004-2010 | Georgetown University | 2009-2010 |
| Alpha Genesis Inc. | 2009-2010 | Getinge USA | 1991-2010 |
| Alternative Design | 1994-2010 | Girton | 1994-2011 |
| American Red Cross | 1998-2010 | Harlan | 1981-2010 |
| Americans For Medical Progress | 2001-2010 | HDR (CUH2A) | 2004-2010 |
| Ancare Corporation | 1984-2010 | Hilltop Lab Animals Inc. | 1983-2010 |
| Anderson's/Bed-o-Cobs | 1992-2010 | Howard Hughes Medical Institute | 2007-2011 |
| Animal Specialties and Provisions LLC | 2007-2010 | Innovive, Inc. | 2007-2011 |
| Aquaneering Inc. | 2009-2010 | Johns Hopkins University | 1983-2010 |
| Arts-Way Scientific | 2004-2010 | JS Technology, Inc. | 2010 |
| Avant Garde Scientific, Inc. | 1991-2010 | Lab Animal | 2010 |
| Avanza Laboratories, LLC | 2004-2010 | Lab Products, Inc. | 1978-2010 |
| Bio Medic Data Systems Inc. | 1997-2010 | Labex of MA | 2009-2010 |
| Biocon Inc. | 1979-2010 | Labrepco, Inc. | 2004-2010 |
| Biopulse Products | 2010 | Lenderking Caging Products | 1990-2010 |
| Bioqual, Inc. | 1983-2010 | Life Science Products, Inc. | 1982-2010 |
| BioReliance Corporation | 1979-2010 | Locus Technology, Inc. | 2000-2010 |
| BioSAFE Engineering - WR 2 | 2009-2010 | Lomir Biomedical Inc. | 2001-2010 |
| Bio-Serv, Inc. | 1994-2010 | Louviere, Stratton, Yokel, LLC | 1988-2010 |
| Braintree & Software International Inc. | 2011 | Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute | 2009-2010 |
| Britz & Company | 1996-2010 | Lynx Product Group | 2002-2011 |
| Butler Schein Animal Health | 1992-2010 | Macrogenics, Inc. | 2004-2010 |
| Carter 2 Systems Inc. | 2003-2010 | Marshall BioResources | 1996-2010 |
| Charles River | 1978-2010 | Matrix Scientific, LLC | 2009-2010 |
| Clear H2O Company | 2006-2010 | Medimmune, Inc. | 1995-2010 |
| Clordisys Solutions Inc. | 2006-2011 | Millbrook Breeding Labs | 2005-2011 |
| Coastal Scientific, Inc. | 2000-2010 | Modular Component Systems | 2010 |
| Colonial Medical Supply | 2002-2011 | Mouse Specifics Inc. | 2010 |
| Covance Laboratories, Inc. | 1978-2010 | Myrtle's Rabbitry Inc. | 1997-2010 |
| Covance Research Products | 1978-2010 | NIH/Division of Veterinary Resources | 1979-2010 |
| Data Sciences International | 2010 | NIH/ National Cancer Institute | 2010 |
| Crist Instruments Co. Inc. | 2009-2010 | NIH/National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research | 2004-2010 |
| Dudick Inc. | 2009-2010 | | |
| Dustcontrol, Inc | 2009-2010 | | |

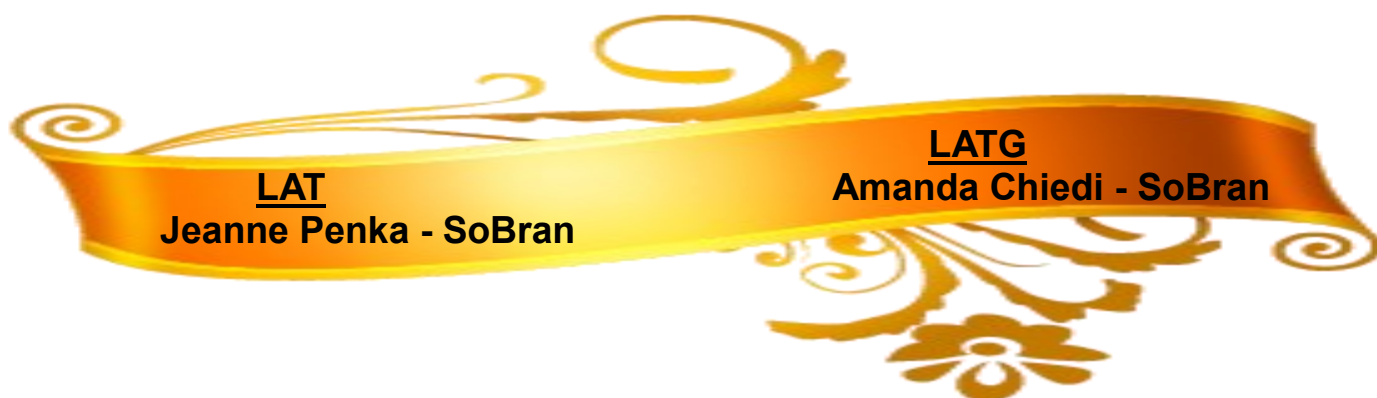
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| Member Institution | Year | Member Institution | Year |
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| NIH/National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism | 2004-2010 | Southern Research Institute | 1991-2010 |
| NIH/NINDS/AHCS | 1996-2011 | Spray Master Technologies | 2009-2010 |
| NIH/Office of Animal Care and Use | 1989-2010 | Steelco-USA | 2010 |
| NIH/Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare | 2008-2010 | Steris Corporation | 1993-2010 |
| Northeastern Products Corp. | 1999-2010 | Suburban Surgical Co. Inc. | 1988-2010 |
| Nuaire Inc. | 2000-2010 | Systems Engineering | 1989-2010 |
| Pharmalac Research Laboratories, Inc. | 1978-2010 | Taconic Farms, Inc. | 1991-2010 |
| Porter Creek Instruments, LLC | 2004-2010 | Tecniplast USA | 2001-2010 |
| Primate Products, Inc. | 1998-2010 | The Jackson Laboratory | 2008-2010 |
| Priority One Services | 1994-2010 | The McConnell Group Inc. | 2003-2011 |
| Purina Mills LabDiet | 1992-2010 | The Scale People | 1993-2010 |
| Quality Lab Products, Inc. | 1998-2010 | Thoren Caging Systems, Inc. | 1989-2010 |
| Quip Laboratories Inc. | 1989-2010 | Topaz Technologies | 2008-2010 |
| Rees Scientific Corporation | 1994-2010 | Total MRO, LLC | 2002-2010 |
| Sanitation Strategies | 2007-2011 | Tuttnauer | 2000-2010 |
| Schlyer Machine Division of Audubon Machinery | 2006-2010 | Unifab Corporation | 2009-2010 |
| Scientists Center for Animal Welfare | 1999-2010 | University of Maryland Veterinary Resources | 1982-2010 |
| Shepherd Specialty Papers, Inc. | 1983-2010 | University of North Carolina | 2010 |
| SJN Inc. | 1995-2010 | US Army Public Health Command | 2010 |
| SoBran Inc. | 2002-2010 | VetEquip, Inc. | 2000-2010 |
| | | ViraTek Inc. | 2006-2011 |
| | | VWR International | 2009-2010 |
| | | World Courier Inc. | 2004-2010 |
| | | WRAIR-NMRC | 1981-2010 |
| | | XpressBio | 2011 |
| | | Zeigler Brothers Inc. | 1995-2010 |



**Thank You for
Your Support!**

Congratulations to Our Newly Certified Members!



ScienceMONTGOMERY needs your help!

This year, as in prior years, ScienceMONTGOMERY, the sponsor of the Montgomery County science fair, is looking for judges. Thank you to some of you who have already registered for this year's fair. For those of you who have not yet had a chance to visit our website and register, here's what you need to know:

The 55th Annual Montgomery County Science Fair will be held March 18-20, 2011

Judging will be all day (about 8:00 am to 3 or 4 pm) Saturday, March 19 at the Reckord Armory at Univ. of Maryland, College Park (same location as it has been the past three years) (<http://www.sciencemontgomery.org/>). Also, as in the past, a light breakfast will be provided as well as a box lunch.

Information on judging, including the link to register to be a judge of a particular "category" (e.g., Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Engineering, etc), is at: <http://www.sciencemontgomery.org/Judges/index.cfm>.

Please feel free to invite any interested colleagues to participate. It is not necessary to have an advanced degree in science to be a judge, although a background and enthusiasm for science is necessary.

Note that our email address for any questions you might have about judging is: fairdirector@sciencemontgomery.org or alternatively, you may send queries to kevin.connolly@Pharmathene.com or km_connolly@verizon.net

Kevin Connolly, PhD. Chairman of Science Fair Category Judges



"This whole experience helped to open doors and inspired me to pursue a career as a physician-scientist where I take concepts from the lab bench to the patient bedside and back again."

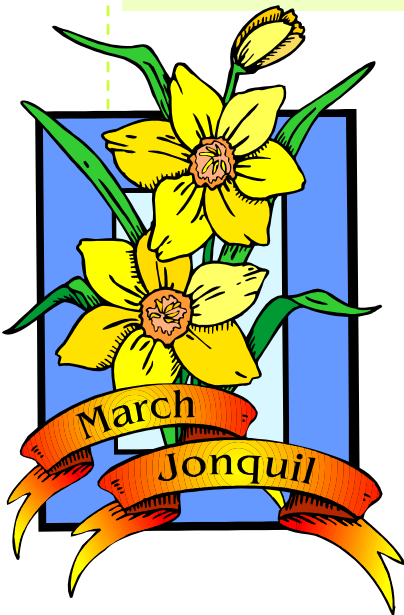
-Dr. Daniel Kraft
ScienceMONTGOMERY ISEF Prize
Winner: 1985, 1986



Newsletter Submission Deadlines

| <u>Issue</u> | <u>Deadline</u> |
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| May/June | April 15, 2011 |
| July/August | June 15, 2011 |
| September/October | August 15, 2011 |
| November/December | October 15, 2011 |

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