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2014 Wrap Up & Welcome 2015

NCAB News

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We had quite a productive year in the National Capital Area Branch of AALAS. First of all, we fully supported the Greater Virginia Branch in establishing their first official year. They are now off and running. We are now a district of two branches.

We evaluated the position of Treasurer and proposed that it be a three year term instead of a two year term due to the responsibility level of the position. That change was voted on by the membership.

We had a very robust educational program this year. Lead by the Chair, Dr. LaTesa Hughes, we hosted several key workshops on a variety of topics including: zebrafish husbandry, increasing computer skills, managing speaker’s anxiety and basic suturing.

Our Program Chairs, Ms. Daisy Khouri Saba and Dr. Norman Peterson brought in some very interesting speakers this year. We learned all about Woodchucks in Research, Newest Techniques in Animal Diagnostics, Snowy Owls and other coastal animals, Animal Imaging and Legislative Issues our field may face in the future. I thought their selection of topics covered many interest areas and were well presented. Dr. LaTesa Hughes also volunteered to be our contact for the On Line Learning subscriptions for NCAB. If you would like an account contact her for details. Lynn Lambert coordinated several Technician Lunch and Learns with several speakers each at the NIH and Frederick as a part of her duties as the Technician Branch Representative. These were focused on networking and issues that technicians are facing in their work.
Our seminar this year was back at Turf Valley Convention Center in Ellicott City. I can’t speak highly enough about Dr. Temeri Kofie-Wilder and her co-chair Melissa Marrah for putting on a fantastic program with targeted topics, learning resources, posters, the AREA program, fun programs like the Tech Fair and golf tournament and a vendor area for attendees to see the latest supplies, equipment and services available in our field. Our meeting will be at Turf Valley again next year August 26 and 27.

We have come to realize that our main source of communication, 123 Sign Up has been blocked from receipt at some institutions, i.e. NIH. While we are trying to find a solution, please update your account with an alternate email address so we can continue to provide you with educational opportunities and branch announcements. (http://www.ncabaalas.org/html/individual.html)

I want to thank each and every person on the Council this year for their support and dedication to NCAB. We stayed on budget and provided the membership with a variety of educational opportunities, awards, important notifications and fun. I also want to thank our commercial partners and membership for their support. The money collected from our dues make it possible to provide our membership with all of the programs and events. We are always looking for fresh ideas and volunteers. Let anyone on council know if you want to help out a committee. Volunteer commitments can be a little or more substantial depending on the time you have to commit. I am looking forward to NCAB 2015, led by President Carolyn Pelham.

Molly Romick
2014 NCAB PRESIDENT
Greetings to all! It’s been a busy year for AALAS and next year proves to be even more exciting with the implementation of the new governance structure, new AALAS Learning Library classes, etc.

On behalf of the District 3 Trustees, I would like to thank EVERYONE who volunteered for the variety of opportunities to participate in our local Branch activities throughout the year and to those laboratory animal science professionals and vendors who contributed to each of the branch seminars. The Greater Virginia Branch successfully wrapped up their first year in District 3 and is looking forward to the coming year’s meetings and activities. Similarly, NCAB has a wonderful year of workshops, Technician Lunch and Learns, and monthly educational meetings planned for 2015. Check your local branch websites to find out what’s planned for the coming year.

Laboratory Animal Science Professional (LASPro)

The December 2014 issue of LASPro rounds out the second full year of this exciting publication. LASPro integrates the content from AALAS in Action and Tech Talk newsletters into an expanded, lively magazine format targeting the broad range of laboratory animal science professionals. This publication offers practical information on management, occupational health and safety, facility design, technical procedures, and much more. This magazine is published quarterly in March, June, September and December, with an electronic digest updates during other months of the year. The national AALAS staff is seeking articles for this new magazine. If you are interested in submitting an article, please contact the staff at laspro@aalas.org. Digital copies of all issues are available on the AALAS website at https://www.aalas.org/publications/las-pro/digital-editions.
AALAS Foundation Public Outreach Materials

The AALAS Foundation provides a number of public outreach materials, including handouts, posters, and games, such as “Piecing Together Research” (developed with Americans for Medical Progress), which challenges students to put together puzzle pieces revealing how animal research contributed to treatments for various diseases. In previous BOT SPOTs, we highlighted the “We Take Care of Our Animals so…”

Consumer Product Safety Posters and the Biomedical Research Progress poster series. These posters highlight the role that animal research plays in advancing biomedical research and may be ordered from the AALAS Bookstore at http://www.aalas.org/bookstore/downloads.aspx along with other education and outreach materials. A list and descriptions of available outreach materials may be found at http://aalasfoundation.org/public_outreach.html. To learn more about the AALAS Foundation and the volunteer opportunities available through the Foundation, contact the National AALAS office, or District 3’s Donna Goldsteen who is a member of the Foundation Board of Directors.

This year, the AALAS Foundation successfully launched the “Share That You Care” campaign and large print ads were published in USA Today in five major markets across the country. This was the first major campaign to reach the public via a major newsprint outlet. Thanks to all who took their posters and print ads around and “Shared That They Care” with their friends, family and the public.

The AALAS Foundation also launched its latest public outreach campaign: “Celebrate the Mouse” at the National Meeting in San Antonio. Coinciding with October being National Breast Cancer Awareness month, the “Celebrate the Mouse” pins –featuring a white research mouse with its tail curled into a pink breast cancer awareness ribbon – were given away to all National Meeting attendees making a $5 or more donation at the Foundation Booth.
The AALAS Foundation has a growing presence on Facebook and Twitter and they are continuing to publish their e-newsletter highlighting current events and upcoming activities. Check them out online and support the social media sites. While you’re there, consider making a donation to the Foundation and their public outreach efforts. It’s not just a donation; it’s an investment in your future!

Speaking of support for the Foundation, a HUGE THANKYOU to all District 3 members who participated in the fund-raising cattle drive in San Antonio this year. This event was another amazing success, raising $9,450 for the Foundation. Taking third place in the Cattle Drive was our own District 3/NCAB’s Capitol Treasure, decorated by Carolyn Pelham. Thank you to all who purchased cows, donated in support of your favorite cow, and tirelessly worked the “Corral” collecting donations and bids on each of the cows.

Other AALAS News and Updates for District 3

The Board of Trustees (BOT) met in San Antonio for the fall meeting. During the two days before the national meeting officially kicked off, the BOT reviewed organizational progress, welcomed new BOT members (whose terms began at the end of the national meeting) and voted on some issues before them.

Highlighted below are some of the recent events and accomplishments:

AALAS continues to be financially sound although the federal government travel and meeting restrictions continue to impact our national meeting attendance and therefore meeting income. AALAS has worked with various organizations to emphasize the importance of national meeting and conference attendance as a professional development opportunity for our membership in the government workforce. The official number for national meeting attendance this year in San Antonio is 4,119.
National AALAS launched a new meeting “App” for the national meeting. This App helped attendees schedule session attendance, find their way around the exhibit hall, and organize their meeting activities.

A new educational product, *The Laboratory Data Book*, has been published, and the 2014 Compensation Survey was completed and published electronically. Audio CDs of each of the ALAT, LAT, and LATG manuals are now available! These CDs have high-fidelity audio and are adapted to download and play the narration chapter by chapter on digital devices.

A volunteer flyer has been created. The flyer provides an overview of volunteer opportunities within AALAS and the AALAS Foundation, and provides a link to the “Get Involved” page of the website to learn more and to complete the new volunteer form.

AALAS has begun to present online Webinars. The first, a “Regulatory Short Course” was presented in July, and the second, “Why do we do it this way? Performance-based answers to zebrafish husbandry questions” was presented on December 3. Both webinars were extremely well-attended and AALAS plans to continue offering these educational resources.

Review and update of existing AALAS Learning Library courses continues, and the Online Learning Committee recently launched new courses on the ALL:

› Genetics I (new and the first of the Transgenic Specialization courses)
› Laboratory Animal Allergy (2014 version)
› Ergonomics: Working Smart in the Laboratory Animal Facility (2014 version)
› Delegation and Empowerment (2014 version)

In addition to the public outreach information described above, the AALAS Foundation staff has attended several meetings to spread the word about biomedical research and careers in laboratory animal science. The San Antonio AREA program was a huge success with over 150 students attending.

Registration is currently open for the 2015 ILAM Course in Memphis, Tennessee. The Institute for Laboratory Animal Management (ILAM) is an AALAS educational program developed to provide instruction in management concepts that is applicable
to the laboratory animal science industry and to enhance communication, team building, and networking among colleagues with mutual interests. Visit http://www.aalas.org/association/ilam.aspx for more information and to download the registration forms.

The 2015 Tech Week items are now available; get them while they’re still available!

In other official business, the BOT voted on a number of action resolutions, to include:

• Approving a policy statement on the transportation of laboratory animals. The statement, crafted by the Government Relations Committee (GRC) is posted on the AALAS website in the Position Statements section.
• Approving the new AALAS Foundation Board of Director members.
• Approving Ben Cohen Branch Education Fund requests.
• Approving updates to the Policy and Procedure Manual that reflect current operations and policy changes approved by the Board.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is mid- to late February, 2015. We will meet either in Phoenix or online (in 2014, we met online as a cost-savings initiative). During that time, the trustees will review committee reports, consider any proposed action resolutions, and address any new business. If there are any issues that you would like us to address with the BOT, please let us know about these issues prior to January 31st so that we are aware of them in plenty of time before the meeting.

The AALAS leadership is excited to be financially strong and moving forward with innovative plans and initiatives, including public education and outreach projects. To learn how you can be involved, contact your District 3 Trustees, Shannon Stutler, Larry Shelton or Alternate Trustee, Chris McNickle.
Lab Products is so proud of Sherly Michel of Priority One/NIH who was chosen by previous winners of the Lab Products Technician Award to go to the National AALAS meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Sherly certainly looked like she enjoyed all the meetings she attended, the exhibits and entertainment at National AALAS.

When the Nominations are announced early next year for the Phoenix AALAS Meeting to be held in November, 2015 I hope many of you will submit an applicant for the award from District 3.

Betty Fatzie,
Lab Products, Inc.
labproductsinc.com
I was recently given a large amount of old NCAB information including hard copy newsletters, programs from seminars and pictures. Also in this package of materials was a folder from the very first year of NCAB’s branch inception. I thought I would start with the year 1961 and every month provide our members with a little bit of NCAB history.

As many of you know National AALAS started as the Animal Care Panel in 1950 with a few veterinarians interested in coming together to standardize laboratory animal medicine across the country. In 1961 members of the ACP in the Washington, D.C. metro area decided form their own branch within the organization. According to a press release submitted to the Journal of Veterinary Medical Association, “The National Capital Area Branch of the Animal Care Panel has recently formed to assist in the solution of the many problems involved in the production and care of the some 8,000,000 animal used annually for scientific research in the Washington, D.C., Virginia and Maryland area.”

The first elected officers of the branch were:

President – Dr. Charles G. Durbin  
Chief, Veterinary division Bureau of Medicine  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Vice-President – Dr. William I. Gay  
Chief, Animal Hospital Section, Laboratory Aids Branch  
National Institutes of health

Secretary-treasurer – Dr. John Keller  
Chief, Toxicology-Pharmacology Department  
Hazelton Laboratories

National Representative – Mr. Berton F. Hill  
Institutes of Laboratory Animal Resources  
National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council
The first meeting was held on June 20, 1961 at 8:00 p.m. at the Dart Auditorium of the Armed Forces Institutes of Pathology. The speaker was Dr. Dale Lindsay the Chief, Division of Research Grants at the NIH. His talk was entitled “The Role of the Animal Care Panel in Medical Research”. Based on the letters in this file it appears that Dr. Gay’s responsibilities included arranging the speaker and the location of the meeting. According to a letter written by Dr. Gay after the meeting it was a huge success with an exceptional amount of information exchanged before, during and after the meeting. For the next scheduled meeting it was suggested that a dinner be held prior to the speaker in order to allow the attendees to socialize with each other. The next meeting was also held at AFIP and included laboratory animal dealers along with ”users” of laboratory animals from Walter Reed Army Institutes of Research and the University of Maryland’s Livestock Sanitary Research department.

These letters give a nice history to the start of what has become the largest, and in my humble opinion, the best branch in AALAS. I will bring copies of these original documents to the next NCAB meeting if anyone is interested in a trip down memory lane.

Donna Goldsteen
NCAB Historian
September 13, 1961

Dr. John G. Keller  
Secretary-Treasurer  
National Capital Area Branch--Animal Care Panel  
P. O. Box 647  
Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Dr. Keller:

This is to confirm our recent phone conversation. The application of the National Capital Area Branch--ACP has been approved. Also, I have checked the list of members you submitted and have certified that you have more than 25 ACP members in your group and are therefore entitled to a director on the ACP board.

My best wishes to your branch.

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. Flynn, D.V.M.
Division of Biological and Medical Research

RJF: csb
July 26, 1961

Dr. Robert J. Flynn  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Animal Care Panel  
Argonne National Laboratory  
Argonne, Illinois

Dear Dr. Flynn:

This is a rather belated letter to inform you officially of the establishment of the National Capital Area Branch of the Animal Care Panel. I think Bert Hill has been in contact with you concerning our affiliation with the parent organization. I want to take this opportunity to ask that the Board of Directors consider our branch for formal affiliation with the ACP. It is our hope that you will be able to consider our request and make your decision by correspondence prior to the Boston meetings so that our National Representative will be able to participate fully in the deliberation of the Board of Directors.

At the present time we have 81 members and associate members. Twenty-eight of these individuals are also members of the parent ACP. As soon as I have completed our membership list, I will be forwarding a copy to you and Mr. Garvey. I am enclosing a copy of our Constitution and By-Laws for your records. If there is any further information which you would like to have at this time, please contact me immediately. I am looking forward to seeing you and other colleagues at the annual meeting.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

JOHN G. KELLER, Ph.D.  
Secretary-Treasurer

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cc: Mr. Joseph J. Garvey
Achieved AALAS Certification in 2014

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Congratulations way to go.
Thank you to the 2014 NCAB/AALAS Council Members

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Join us for appetizers and drinks, work on your professional network and find out what great things NCAB is planning for 2015!

When: Friday, January 23, 2015 from 5:00-9:00 pm
Where: Courtyard Gaithersburg Washingtonian Center
Cost: FREE for members; $20.00 for non-members

Renew your Membership & RSVP by January 17th at www.ncabaalas.org

The 2015 NCAB Council is looking forward to meeting You!
I am looking forward to serving you this year and hope that together we can continue to see our Branch grow in 2015. We do ourselves proud every year by offering excellent Education Opportunities’ and our Public Outreach only improves each year, so let’s keep that ball rolling! Please watch the website for information on upcoming meetings and other information.

I hope to see all of you at our January meeting on the 23rd.

Regards,
Carolyn Pelham
2015 NCAB President
NCAB Election Finalized

Congratulations to the winners!!

President-elect: 
Dr. Temeri Wilder-Kofie

Treasurer-elect: Mark Miller

The amendment to change the position of Treasurer to be a three year term was approved by 96.25%.

New in 2015:

Annual Seminar Chair: 
Annette Hildabrand 
hildabrandvet@gmail.com

Awards Chair:
Lisa Secrest 
lsecrest@priorityoneservices.com
It is time to renew your NCAB membership!!!

A reminder to renew your membership for 2015 or enroll as a new member as soon as possible. Membership cost is only $20 and your membership supports our organization and its efforts, but also enables you to participate in workshops, special events and receive a discount on your registration cost for the Annual Seminar. Membership for 2015 is only good through Dec 31st, 2015 so enroll or renew now to benefit from an entire year of your membership cost.

If you or a staff member at your company achieved AALAS certification in 2014, and have not already received a FREE membership, please take advantage of this opportunity and enroll them ASAP, again for FREE!

To renew/enroll an AALAS 2015 achiever, please complete the 2015 Membership form, which may be found at www.NCABAALAS.org, under the Membership link. In addition to this form, you will also need to scan a copy of the AALAS Pass Certificate (only the official certificate from AALAS is accepted). Please scan both documents to NCABMembership@yahoo.com.

There are two, 2015 Membership forms on our website, one is a standard PDF document for printing only and the other is a writable PDF document to save and print. You may renew/enroll your membership using two methods:

Sign up at www.NCABAALAS.org using an electronic process via 123SignUp that is quick and easy and allows for credit card payments and checks. Check details are entered and the actual check is mailed to the PO Box address below with a list of the associated memberships.

Complete the PDF Membership form and mail to the PO Box address below with a check. Checks are to be made payable to NCAB/AALAS.

As many companies have moved towards payment utilizing a Purchase Order, when entering the staff members into 123SignUp, please record a note that states you will be paying by this method and leave the balance as due. You will then need to send an email to NCABmembership@yahoo.com notifying the committee that you need an invoice including the number of memberships the invoice should cover. An invoice will be generated by our Book Keeper and sent to you for payment. Checks and associated employee information should then be mailed to:

Individual Membership NCAB/AALAS
PO BOX 224
Frederick, MD 21705

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Individual Membership Committee at NCABmembership@yahoo.com.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the many wonderful events in 2015!

Katy Bernhard Gove and Katie Guy
Mail to:
P.O. Box 224
Frederick, MD 21705
Todd Matejovich, Institutional Membership Chair
E-mail: todd@totalmrolc.com

Enclose $150.00 for Institutional Membership annual dues (January 1 - December 31, 2015). This includes two individual memberships. Please return the application and payment to the address above. Provide credit card information or make check payable to NCAB/AALAS.

Name of Institution:__________________________________________________________

Contact name:_________________________________________E-mail:

Address:______________________________________________________________

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Web Address:________________________________________________________________

The two individual assigned as Institutional Representatives will be added to the NCAB list Serv roster. The list Serv is used to provide NCAB members with meeting notices, and newsletter information.

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Organized in 1961, the National Capital Area Branch (NCAB) of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science is the local affiliate of the AALAS. NCAB has grown into a major educational organization promoting improvements in the humane care and use of laboratory animals and the advancement of laboratory animal science. The NCAB serves the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.