



AZAALAS History

The first meeting of the Arizona Branch of AALAS was held on July 11, 1985. The agenda involved the formation of the Branch and election of officers and board members.

AZAALAS Now

Our branch is strong due to the activity and support of its over 100 members. They are active at both the local and national levels. In fact, John Mulder, a past president of National AALAS was a member of the Arizona Branch. We have 9 research and laboratory animal facilities represented in the branch: Arizona State University, Barrow Neurological Institute, Harrington Arthritis Research Center, Imarx Pharmaceutical, Mayo Clinic Scottsdale, Northern Arizona University, Sun Health Research Institute, University of Arizona, & W.L. Gore & Associates. Our officers, board members and committee members are dedicated and diligent, and are the backbone of our organization.



Membership

Arizona Branch membership is open to anyone interested in the field of Laboratory Animal Science. Current individual annual membership is only \$10.

Our current membership includes:

- i Animal Care Personnel
- i Veterinarians
- i AALAS Technicians/Technologists
- i Facility Managers
- i Research Scientists and Technicians
- i Commercial Vendors

Newsletter, Website & Listserve

Newsletter is published quarterly and website is constantly updated & includes:

- i Legislative updates
- i Educational articles
- i Educational development
- i Technician Certification Updates
- i Membership application
- i Job & Meeting announcements
- i Call for abstracts & nominations
- i Preliminary program for meetings
- i Calendar updates
- i Technician Spotlight
- i National AALAS News & information



Awards

Members in good standing may be nominated for their exceptional accomplishments which may include: measures to encourage animal welfare in research, active participation in the local and national organizations for continued education, any paper presentation, articles or awards received to recognize exceptional contributions to the field of laboratory animal science along with active participation in community education and support.

Winners receive a plaque at the branch installation event, their name is included on the branch perpetual plaque and are entitled to choose either primary registration (at the national member rate) and transportation paid to the next AALAS meeting held within District 8 within the following calendar, Gold national AALAS membership or a \$75 cash award.

Technician of the Year Award: Winner must demonstrate a positive attitude and a dedicated approach to the betterment of animal care through technical performance and education at their facility. Individual accomplishments may include participation in the AALAS certification process, assistance in facility training for fellow technicians, and the addition of personal certificates/diplomas earned in animal care related education. Any facility project initiated by a nominee to alleviate animal distress, enhance facility management, decrease animal numbers, or encourage skills in animal nursing should be recognized.

Member of the Year Award: Winner must demonstrate devotion in personal time to assist in organization of programs, workshops, and other functions provided by the branch. Encourages active participation within the branch, works diligently to meet deadlines, regardless of other daily obligations. Volunteers to assist fellow members and provide support when needed. Education through meeting attendance along with active membership in the branch are viewed important for continued growth in the field of laboratory animal science.

What Do You Get?

- T Quarterly newsletters
- T Reduced symposium registration fees
- T Symposium with scientific and technical platform and poster sessions, workshops, field trips, vendor exhibits, general membership meeting, awards banquet and evening socials
- T Recognition awards
- T AALAS certification information and guidance
- T Educational programs
- T Networking through Buyers Guide membership directory
- T Professional social contacts to advance your career
- T Commercial vendor contacts who provide the membership with the latest and greatest ideas, methods and material in Laboratory Animal Science
- T Credits for continuing education
- T Voting privileges
- T Local video conference meetings geared towards technicians on a variety of topics
- T Being a member of The Best branch in AALAS

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Arizona Branch of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science



Dedicated to the advancement of responsible care and use of laboratory animals through education, training and information exchange for the benefit of human and animal health.