

AZAALAS History

The first meeting of the Arizona Branch of AALAS was held in July 1985. AZAALAS has strived to help our members state-wide succeed.



AZAALAS Now

Our branch is strong due to the activity and support of our 150+ members. We are active at the local and national level.

Members represent laboratory animal facilities across the state including: Arizona State University, Mayo Clinic Arizona, Midwestern University, Northern Arizona University, St Joseph's Hospital Phoenix, University of Arizona, Washington Nonhuman Primate Research Center Mesa, & W.L. Gore & Associates.

Our officers, board members and committee members are dedicated and diligent, and are the backbone of our organization.



Awards

Members in good standing may be nominated for their exceptional accomplishments which including: taking 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 for contributions to the field of laboratory animal science; along with active participation in community education and support.

Winners receive a statuette at the branch installation event, their name is included on the branch perpetual plaque and are entitled to choose one of the following: primary registration (at the national member rate) and transportation paid to the next AALAS meeting held within District 8 within the following calendar year, 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 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 care and health should be recognized.

Member of the Year Award:

Winner must demonstrate devotion of personal time to assist in organization of programs, workshops, and other functions provided by the branch. Encourages active participation within the branch and 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 an active membership in the branch are viewed as important for continued growth in the field of laboratory animal science.



Membership

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

Our current membership includes:

- Animal Care Personnel
- Veterinarians
- Animal Technicians/Technologists
- Facility Managers
- Research Scientists & Technicians
- Commercial Vendors

Newsletter, Website & Listservs

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

Members Enjoy:

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

Visit us on our website:

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Arizona Branch of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science



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