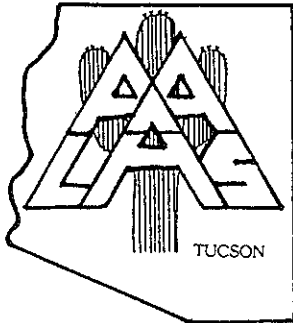


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GENERAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The next general meeting of the Arizona Branch of AALAS will be July 30, 1993. We will be meeting at the University of Arizona College of Medicine in Room 1119BC. The meeting will begin at noon and there will be a speaker to be announced at a later date. Refreshments will be available or you can bring you lunch.

FALL SYMPOSIUM TIME

It is time once again to get ready for the Annual Fall Symposium. The Symposium will be September 17, 1993 in Tucson, Arizona. We have chosen the Doubletree Hotel at Randolph Park for this year's event. **If there is a topic that you are interested in let us know and we will try to get someone to cover it. Better yet, if you have a study or report that may be of interest to our members be sure to get your abstract in to have it included in the program.** For more information call Grace at (602)621-1330.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPORT

The Board of Trustees had a busy schedule with some key issues being discussed and several action resolutions being passed. The meeting was directed by our president Dr. Richard Knauff. Also in attendance was Dr Steele Mattingly who is serving as Interim Executive Director. A search committee has been appointed to recruit a new Executive Director. The job's function is being divided into two positions, Executive Director and Administrative Director. The Executive Director will still be responsible most of the time to interact with the membership across the nation. Advertisements for these positions have already been published.

Major revisions of the Constitution and By-Laws are being considered. Changes in the Constitution were reviewed and recommended to the entire membership for approval. Parts of the Constitution were rewritten to shorten the document. For instance, a basic one sentence mission statement will replace a much larger six section purpose statement. The article written

concerning membership was deleted because it was essentially redundant to the mission statement. Also, deleted was the article concerning the Executive Committee. With the present administration, the national organization is moving in the direction of giving the Board of Trustees more decision making power and downgrading the authority of the Executive Committee. The most substantive change in the proposed Constitution is the Officers Article. The "president-elect" will be replaced by a "vice-president" and a "vice president-elect." Changing this single office to two offices will allow an incoming elected president two years to become involved as an officer before actually starting the presidential term. This extra year of experience will be of value in guiding this large complex organization. The new proposed Constitution will be voted on by the entire membership, so please be looking for it.

The By-Laws are also being reviewed and rewritten by the Board of Trustees. The changes will be primarily to update the By-Laws to the way we now do business, to implement some of the directions proposed by the "Long-Range Strategic Plan," and to significantly shorten the document. This process has started but will not be completed until the November meeting in Nashville. If you wish to comment on the existing By-Laws, please contact one of the Trustees.

The most significant resolutions passed were related to certification. Several changes in certification are on the horizon as the whole process will be administered by the Professional Examination Service, tentatively to start January 1, 1994. In past years, it has become increasingly difficult to review applications for certification eligibility. The following resolutions were passed for eligibility requirements at each level of certification at a particular level, the applicant must meet one of the criteria listed.

Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician (ALAT)

- Graduate of a two-year AA program in Veterinary Technology from an AVMA accredited program
- Graduate of a four-year BA/BS program in Veterinary Technology from an AVMA accredited program
- DVM
- High school diploma or GED and upon completion of one year of animal care experience in an approved facility, defined as a facility with either a USDA registration, AAALAC accreditation or PHS assurance

Laboratory Animal Technician (LAT)

- ALAT certification and one year of additional experience in an approved facility
- Graduate of a two-year AA program in Veterinary Technology from an accredited program and two years of additional experience in an approved facility
- Graduate of a four-year BA/BS program in Veterinary Technology from an AVMA accredited program
- DVM
- High school diploma or GED and upon completion of three years of animal care experience in an approved facility

Laboratory Animal Technologist (LATG)

- LAT certification and one year of additional experience in an approved facility

- Graduate of a two-year AA program in Veterinary Technology from an AVMA accredited program and four years additional experience in an approved facility
- Graduate of a four-year BA/BS program in Veterinary Technology from an AVMA accredited program and three years of additional experience in an approved facility
- DVM
- High school diploma or GED and upon completion of five years of animal care experience in an approved facility

As the certification program changes and moves to the national testing service, more announcements will be coming from the national office and Trustees. We will try to keep you informed as these changes take place. To limit the certification examination test frequency to no more than every 90 days per level. To permanently bar from the certification program applicants who fraudulently complete their application form. AALAS will conduct an application audit of 10% of the annual applications as part of the quality control program of the certification program.

Concerning local AALAS branches, as of January 1994, the Technician Branch Representative (TBR) must be a member of National AALAS to serve in that position. The TBR is a key link from National AALAS to technician branch members of the local branch. In past years, this link has been dysfunctional if the TBR is not a National member. A non-member TBR does not have access to the national information which needs to be passed along to the local branches. Keep this requirement in mind as TBRs are elected for next year. District thanks District 6 Trustees for this fine comprehensive report!

If you have any questions or concerns about any national issue, please don't hesitate to contact one of your Trustees.

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Please send copy to Newsletter Editor: University of Arizona, Bldg 101, Rm 114, Tucson, AZ 85721.

REQUEST FOR NEW MEMBERS - 1993

Arizona has had a branch of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science since July of 1985. For those of you not familiar with this organization, AALAS serves as a clearing house for the collection and exchange of information on all aspects of the care and management of laboratory animals. Membership in the local chapter is only \$5/year.

Please send your check or money order made out to **Arizona Branch AALAS**, University of Arizona, Bldg 101, Rm 114, Tucson, AZ 85721. Or call her at (602) 621-1330.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REGISTRY

A continuing education registry will be published in the AALAS Membership Directory each year as a service to technicians who are members of AALAS. The AALAS office will keep records of all continuing education hours submitted by technicians; however, only those meeting the minimum number of hours will be listed in registry. The continuing education program operates on the honor system. Neither the programs nor the number of hours will be evaluated. Technicians must meet the following requirements to be listed in the registry: be a member of National AALAS and hold AALAS Certification, earn a minimum of hours of continuing education during the previous calendar year (ALAT - 4 hours, LAT - 6 hours, LATG - 10 hours), complete the Technician Continuing Education Registry Application (available through Cheryl Johnson). Applications for the registry must be received no later than January 31st of each year. For more information and the application call Cheryl at (602)621-1621.

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monitoring animal husbandry standards at two small facilities not under the direct management of the Office of Laboratory Animal Care Services.

Qualifications: B.S. degree in animal science or a related field, certification as a Laboratory Animal Technologist by the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science, and a minimum of three or five years experience as a manager or assistant manager, respectively, of a multi-species animal care facility/program are required. Excellent written and oral communications skills and the ability to work relatively independently highly desirable.

The salary range for this position is \$28,500 - 47,565. Nevada does not have a personal income tax. Please send resume and three letters of reference to: Dr Richard Simmonds, Director, Laboratory Animal Medicine, Nellor Biomedical Sciences Building (MS340), University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557.

Position will remain open until filled. The University of Nevada is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

At Last! AALAS Members Have Their Own Bulletin Board System for Conferences, Electronic Mail, And Other Opportunities

It's called LAB ANIMAL BULLETIN BOARD SYSTEM (LABBS). LABBS is dedicated to information exchange among those working in the field of laboratory animal science.

In laboratory animal science, we use a variety of tools every day to exchange information. Devices like the telephone and fax machine, and print media like newsletters and journals are familiar and useful to us. Yet there are probably times when you want to consult multiple sources or have the need to broadcast a message to a wide audience quickly. This is now possible via the latest means of information exchange, an electronic bulletin board system. Sponsored by AALAS, this service is available to all national AALAS members.

For those unfamiliar with computer bulletin boards, they function much like the cork bulletin board you see in the hallway. An increasingly popular means of dynamic mass communication, the LABBS is split into several conferences where different groups or interests can exchange either public or private electronic mail. Programs or text files also can be uploaded or downloaded from the LABBS. Examples include lecture notes, local newsletter items, job notices, etc. LABBS can provide ready access to experts in practically any lab animal field imaginable, as well as to the AALAS national office staff. Now veterinarians and managers have easy and rapid access to other AALAS members on the system to exchange ideas, problems, messages, and files.

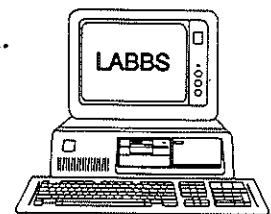
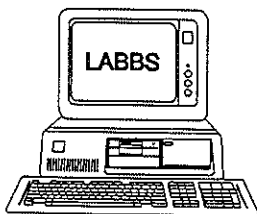
Contact Enrique Morales at AALAS: (901) 754-8620 for further details.



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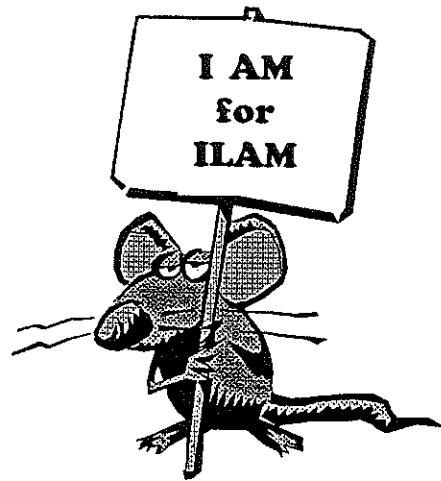
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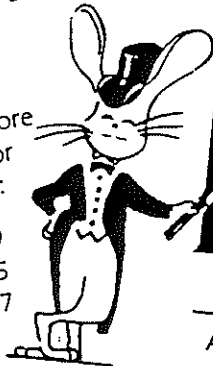
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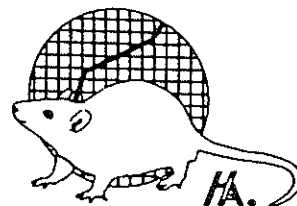
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