PRESIDENT’S FAREWELL MESSAGE

Wow, it’s hard to believe 2007 is over! You may be winding down now that the holiday season is over. However guess what, Animal Technician Week is just around the corner (January 27th – February 2nd). I hope you all had a chance to nominate someone for an award at our upcoming Awards Dinner.

I was more than a little skeptical about taking on the role of SVAALAS President after moving to Merced. I wasn’t sure I would be an effective President from afar. It just goes to show if you surround yourself with great people you can accomplish many things. First I want to thank our new President Sherri Goss for the job she did all last year as VP. For without her drive to get things done many of our events would not have gotten off the ground. As with most organizations teamwork is the key to success. In 2007 we had a great group of board members and subcommittee chairs and they all deserve kudos for a job well done.

Additional Board Members:
- Secretary – Nicole Corley
- Treasurer – Crystyn Ruth
- Director – Shannon Powell
- Director – Kandi Rodrigue
- Past President – Alan Ekstrand

Subcommittee Chairs:
- Audit – Alan Ekstrand
- Awards – Jessica Davis
- District 8 – Beth Page
- Education – Crystyn Ruth/Terry Hewett
- Membership – Beth Page
- Nominations – Shannon Powell
- Program – Sherri Goss
- Public Relations and TBR – Shannon Powell

Our branch seems to accomplish more each year. The highlights of 2006 were the: Membership Drive; Lecture Series; Picnic Day; and the Awards Dinner.

Our goals for 2007 were: A branch symposium (well we are planning District 8 2009 with the Northern California branch); increase membership (I think we just maintained our numbers); Increase lecture series participation (we had fewer lectures, however I think they were well attended); Increase tour participation (we had more tours this year); Certify more animal care personnel (we had a great year in this regard!); and increase training opportunities (we put on a necropsy workshop and the technician classes as well as the animal handling classes are reaching more people).

The highlights for this year were:
- Awards dinner
- Raptor Center Tour
- Bodega Bay Tour
- Picnic Day
- District 8 - 2007
- Sean Adams lecture
- Sac Zoo Tour
- Mary Woods lecture
- Pool Party
- Primate Facility Tour
- District 8 - 2009 prep
- Tahoe “Green” Building Tour
- Booth - Freshmen Vet Student Orientation

-Roy Hoglund, Past President

IMPORTANT DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **January 14, 2008** – 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. at UC Davis – Dr. Griffey will demonstrate necropsy
- **February 1, 2008** – The second annual awards banquet Dr. Bruce Kennedy will speak about AALAS
- **March 3, 2008** – 5:30 P.M. at UC Davis – Bruce Kennedy and Linda Brovarney lecture on the CMAR exam
- **April 19, 2008** – Picnic Day at UC Davis
- **April 22-24, 2008** – AALAS District 8 meeting in Seattle, WA

SVAALAS BOARD MEMBERS - 2008:

- Roy Hoglund, Past President rhoglund@ucmerced.edu
- Sherri Goss, President slgoss@ucdavis.edu
- Deneen Spence, Vice President drspence@ucdavis.edu
- Shannon Powell, Secretary shannon.powell@jax.org
- Rhonda Oates-Obrien, Treasurer rsoatesobrien@ucdavis.edu
- Kandi Rodrigue, Director kandi.rodrigue@jax.org
- Crystyn Ruth, Director caruth@ucdavis.edu

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SVAALAS AWARDS FOR 2007

SVAALAS Awards Banquet
February 1, 2008 - 6 to 9PM
Veterans’ Memorial Center
203 E. 14th St., Davis
Catered By:
Ludy’s Main St. BBQ
Guest Speaker: Bruce Kennedy

Please join SVAALAS to honor outstanding members in three distinct categories. Only SVAALAS members are eligible to receive awards. The categories are as follows:

**Technician of the Year:**
This award will be presented to the technician member who has provided outstanding animal care. This technician has gone above and beyond the call of duty to assure animals receive exemplary care.

**Member of the Year:**
This award will be presented to the individual who has made significant contributions to the SVAALAS branch. This member has participated in making improvements to the branch and moving the branch forward.

**Purina Award:**
The Purina Award will be presented to the member who has made significant contributions to the field of laboratory animal science. This member may have directly improved the overall quality of animal care and/or participated with others to improve the quality of animal care.

All awards will include a plaque and a monetary token of appreciation.

The Awards Banquet would not be possible without the support of the following companies - Getinge USA, Lab Products, Inc., Harlan and Purina Mills. Thank you!

The cost for the banquet is $10 for current members, $15 with new membership, and $20 for non-members.

Please RSVP to Jessica Davis at jesdavis@ucdavis.edu.

-Jessica Davis, Awards Committee Chair, 2007

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MEMBERS GET CERTIFIED IN 2007!

Some dedicated members choose to increase their knowledge and commitment to the field of laboratory animal science. The following members completed and passed their certification exams in 2007.

One member completed the IACUC Administrator examination (CPIA).

**RLAT**
Nicole Corley
Elizabeth Lu
Bridget Maguire
Erica Martin

**RLATG**
Ash Chaudhry
Johnny Cohnes
Alan Ekstrand
Kelly Henning
Cathy Nyugen
Deneen Spence

**CPIA**
Alan Ekstrand

Congratulations to our members on their successes!

-Sherri Goss, President

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SVAALAS COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2008

**Program Committee**
Dr. Victor Lukas

**Audit Committee**
Alan Ekstrand

**Awards Committee**
Margaret Tam

**District 8 Committee**
Beth Page, Roy Hoglund

**Education Committee**
Bridget Maguire

**Membership Committee**
Nicole Corley

**Nominations Committee**
Isabelle Robinson

**Public Relations Committee**
Trinka Adamson

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**Communications**
Nicole Corley

**Newsletter Editor**
Kandi Rodrigue

**Webmaster**
Philip Barruel

Please volunteer to help the committee chairs make SVAALAS a great educational experience!
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It is time to renew your annual membership with the Sacramento Valley Branch of AALAS. Thank you for your support last year. The branch is continuing to grow. Many new activities were offered last year and many will continue on into the new year. Individual Memberships continue at $10 for the calendar year and Commercial memberships (3 people) will be $100. Nicole Corley is the new Membership Chair for 2008. Membership questions can be emailed to Nicole at NMCorley@ucdavis.edu.

Please return all membership forms and checks to Nicole at:
Nicole Corley
SVAALAS Membership Chair
VM: CLAS BLDG HQ, UC Davis
Old Davis road
Davis CA 95616

Most notably, the branch is developing a newsletter. For our commercial members, the newsletter will publish a business card per commercial membership. And as before, a link will be provided on the SVAALAS website to your website. If you would like your link set up with your company’s logo, please send your logo to Nicole electronically.

ARTWORK CONTEST FOR AALAS DISTRICT 8 2009 MEETING

We need your TALENT!
$100 will be paid to the winner!

We are looking for individuals to design a logo for the 2009 District 8 Meeting. The logo will be used in print material, on web sites, on t-shirts and other promotional items, etc. The theme of the meeting is:

“Bridging From Tech to Technology”

Focusing on the “Tech”, the program will include presentations and workshops tailored for the technicians in your facility. The meeting will provide techs the opportunity (or bridge) to learn about new technology and bring that knowledge back to their workplace.

The logo and submission should include the following items:

- Incorporate both the Northern California and Sacramento Valley branch logos (or something that symbolizes these two areas) into the design. Branch logos, as shown above, may be acquired from Bonnie Lemos at blemos@bionetics.com. Also see www.ncbaalas.org and www.svaalas.org.
- Incorporate “District 8” or the District 8 logo in the design (see www.district8.org).
- Incorporate the date and location of the meeting (April 30 – May 1, 2009; South San Francisco) into the design.
- TIF, EPS, PNG, JPG (all 150 dpi at full size), PDF or Word formats are acceptable.
- Include your name, phone number, and e-mail address with your submission.

The deadline for all artwork submissions is February 1st, 2008.

Please send all submissions to a d a m . s e d d i q u i @ y a h o o . c o m (Adam Seddiqui) or blemos@bionetics.com (Bonnie Lemos).

For questions, please call Adam Seddiqui (650-302-1259) or Bonnie Lemos (650-207-3776).

DISTRICT 8 COMMITTEE

Please volunteer for the following Committees for District 8 2009 to be held in Northern California.

Event/Program Chair
Provide general oversight and communicate with sub-committee chairs.

A/V Chair
Identify AV requirements and coordinate AV rentals for the meeting.

Promotional Marketing Chair
Advertise and promote the meeting.

Workshop Chair
Work with event chair to organize workshops.

Venue/Catering Chair
Arrange catering dates, choose caterers and work with caterers on menus.

Local Travel Arrangements Chair
Work with bus charter companies to secure transport arrangements for the meeting and workshops.

Branch Kiosk
Ensure branch kiosk provides meeting attendees with necessary information.

Speakers Chair
Contact and coordinate all speakers.

Registration Chair
Ensure registration form is available, receive registration applications, organize registration tables for the event.

Administration-Publication Chair
Ensure name badges and placards are available.

Vendor Chair
Provide information to vendors regarding the event and determine placement of vendors.

Poster Chair
Advertise for poster submissions and ensure posters are assembled in the correct location at the meeting.

Photographer
Take pictures for the duration of the meeting.
The American Association for Laboratory Animal Science believes that the use of laboratory animals in scientific and medical research is essential to the improvement and protection of the quality of all life. The humane and responsible care of laboratory animals is vital to quality research and, as such, an essential aspect of AALAS endeavors. AALAS is dedicated to building and disseminating a knowledge base in laboratory animal science for the education and training of those who work in this field.

(Extracted from AALAS Webpage 12/19/07)
http://www.aalas.org/

**CORE VALUES STATEMENT**

District 8 Meeting  
April 23-24, 2008

Seattle Convention Center  
Seattle, WA

Soak up the Knowledge!

**Topics to Absorb:**
- Geckos
- Humor in the Workplace
- Murine Norovirus
- Rodent Colony Management
- Humane DNA Sampling
- "Lean" Management

**Guest Sprinklers:**
- Kathy Laber - AAALAC Council President
- Helen Diggs, UC Berkeley Veterinarian
- Chris Newcomer - 2008 AALAS President
- Ann Turner - AALAS Executive Director

Get Wet Workshops:
- Xenopus Frogs
- Rodent Handling
- Blood Draw Techniques
- Rodent Necropsy
- Gas Anesthesia
- Rodent Imaging Technology

http://www.district8.org/

SVAALAS would like to thank all of its commercial members, sponsors and vendors for the support they have given during 2007, and we hope to have your continued support in 2008.

**District 8 2008 - Abstracts Needed**

Happy New Year!

It is time to start spreading the word about the upcoming D8 meeting in Seattle. The "Call for Abstracts" is underway so please encourage your branch members to submit platform and poster abstracts. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 15., 2008. The Abstract submission form and meeting flyer can be accessed through the District 8 website and the Washington Branch of AALAS website. Registration will also be opening soon so it is not to early to start making plans to attend. It is going to be a great meeting!

-Kim E. Saunders, DVM, Dipl. ACLAM  
Director and Professor  
Department of Comparative Medicine  
Oregon Health & Science University

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