Hello Everyone! The summer AALAS Board of Trustees (BOT) Meeting was held on Friday, June 26, 2015. The following Action Resolutions (ARs) were discussed and voted on by the Board of Trustees.

An AR was presented to select one of the following cities (Kansas City, Phoenix, Salt Lake City) to host the 2021 National meeting and authorize staff in consultation with legal staff to complete contract negotiation. The motion carried with Kansas City being selected as the location for the 2021 National meeting, Sunday, October 17 – Thursday October 21, 2021.

The AR was submitted to sunset the standing Professional Development Coordinating Committee (PDCC) since the development of specialized online courses/suites of course will be accomplished through subcommittees of the Online Learning Committee (OLC). The motion was carried.

An AR was submitted to approve the Laboratory Animal Breeders Association as an Affiliate Organization of AALAS. The motion was carried.

An AR was submitted to revise the AALAS Policies & Procedures Manual, Section 4-34, to restructure the Government Relations Committee (GRC) to comprise of a chair, a vice chair, the immediate past chair, a BOT liaison and a staff liaison. The current committee structure includes six members (including chair, vice chair and past chair), a BOT Liaison, and a staff liaison. The motion was carried.

An AR was submitted to approve the support for an “AALAS Scholarship” through ICLAS for veterinary education to Laboratory Animal Science. This AR is for AALAC to contribute $1,000USD per year, for 5 years, toward scholarships for veterinarians who live and work in developing nations. In addition, the awardee would receive a one-year silver AALAS membership, a one-year subscription the AALAS Learning Library, receive JAALAS for one year and become part of the AALAS Community. The motion was carried.

An AR was submitted to retire the Global Partners Advisory Council (GPAC), and replace it with a Global Exchange meeting to be held annually during the AALAS National Meeting and comprising the international groups that have an official liaison with AALAS, Global Partner members, and the AALAS-FELASA working groups. The GPAC was created to connect AALAS
with the international community, establishing formal partnerships with global groups for a collective understanding of the needs and issues common to us all. Established means of communicating globally were established early on to address needs and share information. At this point, the partners seem satisfied with the benefits afforded by AALAS membership (AALAS Learning Library and global listserv for networking) and the committee hasn’t been charged to address additional needs or concerns. AALAS would like to continue to support communication and networking among us and our global partners, but the initial mission of the GPAC appears to be complete at this point in time. The motion was carried.

An AR was submitted to approve the proposed 2016 Committee Chairs, and the 2016 National Meeting Program Committee Vice Chair.

Awards Selection Committee (ASC) .....................................................Dr. Jennifer L. Wilk
Certification & Registry Board (CRB) .....................................................Dr. Lauren Drew Martin
Certified Manager Animal Resources Committee (CMAR) ..................Mr. C. J. Arnett, CMAR, RLATG
Committee on Technician Awareness & Development (CTAD) ..........Ms. Denise M. Ostmeyer, CMAR, RLATG
Educational Resources Committee (ERC) .............................................Dr. Thomas T. Chatkupt
Exec Cmte First Timer’s/New Members Subcommittee (EC_FTNM) ..Mr. Craig C. Sem, RLATG
Exhibitor Advisory Council (EAC) ..........................................................Ms. Deborah A. Benner
Government Relations Committee (GRC) ...........................................Dr. Rebecca S. Blackwood
Institute for Laboratory Animal Management (ILAM) .........................Mr. Michael P. Pryor, LATG
National Meeting Local Arrangements Subcommittee (NMLAS) ......Ms. Alice White McVey
National Meeting Program Committee (NMPC) .................................Dr. Chandra D. Williams
National Meeting Site Review Committee (NMSRC) .........................Dr. Cindy A. Buckmaster, CMAR, RLATG
Nominations Committee (NC) ..............................................................Mr. Robert T. Dauchy, CMAR, RLATG
Online Learning Committee (OLC) ......................................................Mr. Jesse J. DeGraff, CMAR, RLATG
Policies & Procedures Coordinating Committee (PPCC)......................Dr. Kim E. Saunders
Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) ....................................................Dr. Susan Sanchez
EC-LDS ...............................................................................................Ms. Morag Mackay, RLATG

The motion was carried.

An AR was submitted to approve the Awards Selection Committee recommendations for the 2015 AALAS National Awards for the Bhatt, Brewer, Collins, Garvey, Technician of the Year, Technician Publication, and the Charles River awards. The motion was carried.

An AR was submitted to approve the following disbursements of excess funds ($109,871.80) from the audit year 2014:
• $50,000 - GLAS Fund (per policy)
• $20,000 - Ben Cohen Fund
• $12,000 - Database Upgrade
• $ 6,000 - ALL – add security module & web service for training data
• $13,000 - AC unit/system for server room
• $ 871.80 - remain in operating account
The motion was carried.
An AR was submitted to revise the Ben Cohen Branch Education Fund (BCBEF) to be a branch only award of up to $500 per branch to bring in external speakers who bring a unique subject matter to the meeting. This supersedes all the existing BCBEF policy except for the Branch eligibility criteria. The motion was carried.

The BCBEF criteria are as listed below:
1. Eligible branches must meet all branch eligibility criteria as listed in PPM.
2. One award per branch per calendar year with a maximum of $500.00 per award.
3. Completion of on-line application form available on the AALAS website.
   a. This includes support document from the appropriate district trustee.
   b. The application must be submitted to the AALAS office at least 60 days in advance.
4. Eligible expenses limited to transportation, lodging and meals for an external speaker.
5. Receipt must be turned in within 30 days of event and any unused funds must be returned.
6. AALAS must receive credit on the program that the speaker was funded via the BCBEF.
7. Award funding is approved by the AALAS Executive Director or designee.

The Results Are In!

AALAS is pleased to announce the 2015 election results. Congratulations!

Vice President-Elect: Dr. Jennifer C. Smith
Secretary/Treasurer: Mr. Brian E. Gillman
At-Large Trustee position 1: Ms. Laura Mistretta
At-Large Trustee position 2: Ms. Lisa Secrest
District 1 Alternate Trustee: Ms. Kathleen Reinhard
District 3 Trustee: Dr. Larry Shelton
District 4 Trustee: Dr. Tonya R. Hargett
District 5 Alternate Trustee: Ms. Stacy R. Cantrell
Alternate At-Large Trustee Position 1: Ms. Andrea Gay
Alternate At-Large Trustee Position 2: Ms. Katherine Marshall

Upcoming Meetings

- AALAS 66th National Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, November 1–5, 2015, Phoenix Convention Center. Check out the National AALAS Website for important deadlines!
• NCAB Annual Seminar, 8/26/2015 - 8/27/2015
  The Seminar is entitled, "How do we measure success?"
  Location: Turf Valley Country Club, Ellicott City, MD
  Contact: Dr. Annette Hildebrand - hildabrandvet@gmail.com

• SNEAALAS Summer Meeting, 8/28/2015

The AALAS Foundation has scheduled a ½ page, color ad, to be in the USA Today – one recently ran in July! These ads are funded by AALAS as part of the Public Relations Initiative started in 2013. The ad will be published in Houston, Chicago, New York City, Los Angeles and San Francisco and are also scheduled to publish in August, October and November. If you know anyone living in these cities – tell them to be on the lookout!

2015 Phoenix AALAS Foundation "Express Your Inner Hero" Contest: Do you want to be part of an exciting and creatively challenging event that's sure to be loads of fun and will also benefit the AALAS Foundation? We know all the people and animals working in laboratory animal science are SUPER HEROS - so, this year we are challenging everyone to dig deep into their inner super hero status and express it creatively on canvas. To register for the art contest go to the link: https://www.aalas.org/store/detail?productId=6343534#.VbfDz7XGp4c Hurry up as the deadline to enter is September 15!

September 10, 2015 is the deadline for Committee Chairs to submit Committee Progress Reports* (CPRs) and Action Resolutions (ARs) for consideration by the AALAS Board of Trustees during its 2015 National Meeting Session.

As your District Trustees, please call or email us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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