

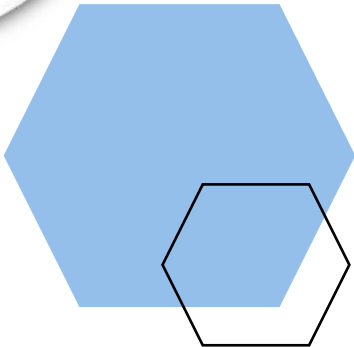
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

EMILY MEYERING
IOWA BRANCH PRESIDENT 2024

Lucky us, we made it to March! I've never been fortunate enough to find a four-leaf clover....my daughter, can find one every time she's outside. Her collection is impressive. I may never find a four-leaf clover, but I did find the best group of Directors and Committee Charis. We are so fortunate to have so many people working hard to lead our branch.

Even so, there are many opportunities for you to get involved with your branch. Reminder, it's Iowa's turn to host the AALAS District 6 meeting. Save the dates – June 5th-7th in Des Moines. Registration can be found on our website or attached to this newsletter. Make sure you plan to attend the Communication for Connection Leadership Conference, put on by Alan Freirer of Group Dynamics. We're also planning a welcome ceremony and cocktail hour, featuring music by someone the University of Iowa Animal Care team may recognize. 😊

Planning is off to a great start, but we are always looking for help and suggestions. It's a way off, but we're also working towards an all-member meet-up this fall. More details to come.

Please reach out if you're interested in getting involved. Even if it's just working registration at our District 6 meeting for a couple hours. We will take all the help we can get!

Hopefully spring is around the corner, see you all soon!
-Emily



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Exciting News: Save the Date for the 2024 AALAS District 6 Meeting!

I am thrilled to announce that preparations for the highly anticipated 2024 AALAS District 6 meeting are well underway! Whether you're a seasoned vendor or an enthusiastic attendee, I invite you to join us for this enriching conference experience.

Event Details:

- Dates: June 5-7, 2024
- Location: Hilton Des Moines Downtown, Des Moines, Iowa

This year's event promises to be exceptional, with an impressive lineup of speakers and engaging sessions lined up for you. Here's a sneak peek at what's in store:

◆ Wednesday, June 5:

- Leadership Session: Kick off the conference with a dynamic half-day session led by Alan Feirer from Group Dynamic, scheduled from 12:00-4:30 pm.
- Networking: Connect and unwind at the post-session get-together at the Big Grove Brewery, starting at 6:00 pm.

◆ Thursday & Friday, June 6-7:

- Speaker Sessions: Engage with thought-provoking sessions starting at 8:00 am on both Thursday and Friday.
- Keynote: Prepare to be inspired as Temple Grandin takes the stage as our keynote speaker on the evening of Thursday, June 6th, starting at 6:00 pm.

This is an unparalleled opportunity to expand your knowledge, network with industry peers, and gain valuable insights into the latest trends and advancements in our field.

Mark your calendars and don't miss out on this incredible event by registering today! (Registration Form on the Next 2 Pages).

Any questions, please contact the D6 program chair, Shannon Schrader (shannon.schrader@zoetis.com).

Looking forward to your participation!

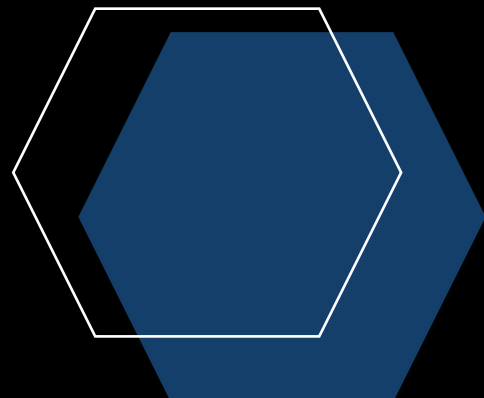
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June 5-7, 2024
Hilton Des Moines Downtown



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		National AALAS Member	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday		
Student Registration	\$50	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Group Dynamic Leadership Workshop	\$50	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday, June 5 12:30-4:30		
TOTAL PAYMENT		\$ _____
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District 6 AALAS Conference Exhibitor Registration

June 5-7, 2024
Hilton Des Moines Downtown



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First Name

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Zip Code

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REGISTRATION

Registration Fee (includes 8ft table and 1 rep)

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DISTRICT 6 MEETING

Presented by Iowa Branch AALAS

DES MOINES. IA

JUNE 5-7TH, 2024

Hilton Des Moines Hotel Downtown

Highlights already confirmed:

- + Keynote Speaker - Temple Grandin
- + Leadership Workshop by Alan Feier with Group Dynamics

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District 6 AALAS Meeting

June 5-7, 2024
Des Moines, IA

40th Annual LAMA/ATA Meeting

April 15-18, 2024
Fort Walton Beach, FL
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Biomedical Research Awareness Day (BRAD) 2024

April 18, 2024
[More Information](#)

IACUC 101

April 24-25, 2024
Online
[More Information](#)

AVMA Convention 2024

June 21-25, 2024
Austin, TX
[More Information](#)

2024 AALAS National Meeting

November 3-7, 2024
Nashville, TN



PRIM&R Annual Conference

November 17-20, 2024
Seattle, WA
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SCAW Annual Winter Conference

December 9-10, 2024
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Call for Submissions

We warmly invite your valuable contribution to the success of the 2024 National Meeting in Nashville, TN!

Submit a topic or abstract to share your insights and expertise, shaping this event into an extraordinary experience.

Your participation is key to making it a resounding success. Let's collaborate to create something truly unforgettable!

<https://aalas2024.abstractcentral.com/>

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Join our "Speak Up & Reach Out" initiative through the "\$25 on the 25th" campaign. Until December 31, 2024, supporters contributing \$25 (or more) on the 25th of each month will not only play a vital role in our mission but also receive an exclusive 25th-anniversary gift. Additionally, they'll be recognized on our website, social media, and at the 2024 AALAS National Meeting.

Join us in making a lasting impact!

<https://aalasfoundation.ejoinme.org/25-on-25>



I Am AALAS Campaign

Our new campaign celebrates our members and honors their hard work as we approach our 75th anniversary. What better way to celebrate you than by hearing from you! This campaign provides you with instructions and guidelines on how to submit a short video telling us why #IAmAALAS.

Thank you for making AALAS great!

[I Am AALAS Video Agreement Form](#)

Please complete the above form and attach it to our [#IAmAALAS Information Form](#).

"Celebrate Animals in Research and Education"

Help educate the public about the important role mice, pigs, monkeys, and other animal species play in discovering treatment options and cures for catastrophic diseases!

The American Association of Laboratory Animal Science Foundation's "Celebrate Our Research Animal Partners" Public Outreach Program offers fully scripted, speaker-ready, "What's Happening in Research?" Power Point presentations to serve as a FREE tool to help persuade survivors of catastrophic diseases, and the general public, to embrace and become advocates for biomedical research!

Request any of the following FREE speaker-ready Power Point presentations by emailing foundation@aalas.org

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The Value of Enrichment

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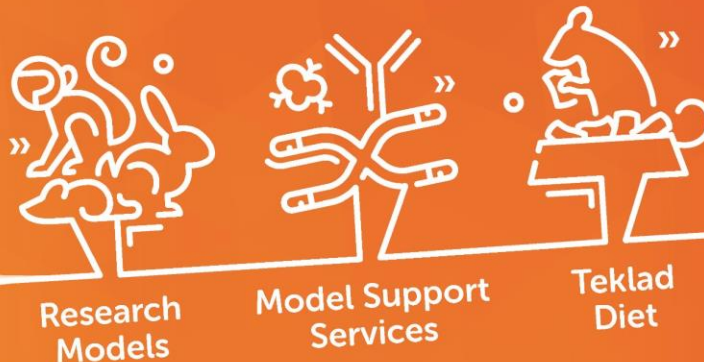
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AALAS Webinars

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- **Compassion Fatigue and Compassion Satisfaction in the Workplace** (free to members, find this title on the Free Webinar Recordings page.)
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DEADLINE IS JUNE 1, 2024

The IAT RAnTech winner will receive a week-long guest visit to prestigious biomedical research facilities in the U.S., plus complimentary attendance at the National AALAS Meeting, the U.S.'s largest laboratory animal science and technology meeting. All registration, travel, lodging, meals, and out-of-pocket expenses are covered (receipts are required).

Timeline for the IAT RAnTech Participants nomination process:

- Call for nominations: **February, March, April, May**
- Nomination package deadline: **June 1**
- Selection Committee reviews nomination packages: **June-July**
- Award recipients notified: **August 1**

IF YOU ARE AALAS/CALAS REGISTERED... **APPLY ONLINE**

DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1, 2023

The AALAS or CALAS (Canada) registered winner will receive a week-long guest visit to prestigious biomedical research facilities in the U.K., plus complimentary attendance at the U.K.'s largest laboratory animal science and technology meeting. All registration, travel, lodging, meals, and out-of-pocket expenses are covered (receipts are required).

Timeline for the AALAS/CALAS Registered Participants nomination process:

- Call for nominations: **June, July, August, September**
- Nomination package deadline: **October 1**
- Selection Committee reviews nomination packages: **October-November**
- Award recipients notified: **December 1**

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Branch BOD Meeting Minutes



Iowa Branch AALAS December 12, 2023, Meeting Minutes Board Meeting – Zoom Meeting

Called to order by 2023 Branch President, Mary Sauer at 12:10pm.

Roll Call:

Member	Present	Absent
Mary Sauer – <i>President</i>	x	
Becky Klimesh – <i>Past President</i>	x	
Emily Meyering – <i>President Elect</i>		x
Samantha Eckley – <i>Treasurer / Membership</i>	x	
Shannon Schrader – <i>Secretary</i>	x	
Michelle Thacker – <i>TBR</i>	x	
Katrina Greenwood – <i>Board Member</i>	x	
Hannah Thompson – <i>Board Member</i>	x	
Brianne Ball – <i>Board Member</i>	x	
Amanda Kress – <i>Board Member</i>	x	
Michelle Thacker - <i>Nominations</i>	x	
Amanda Kress – <i>PR Chair</i>	x	
Emily Petersen – <i>Awards Chair</i>		x
Brianne Ball - <i>Elections</i>	x	
Dean Isaacson – <i>Financial Review</i>		x
Sara McConeghey – <i>Program Chair</i>		x
Becky Klimesh - <i>Newsletter</i>	x	
Terry Burns-Heffner – <i>Branch Vendor Rep</i>	x	
Conor Morrill – <i>Branch Vendor Rep</i>		x

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of October 4, 2023, meeting were reviewed and approved as presented. Moved by Becky Klimesh and seconded by Amanda Kress. All other voting members agreed to approval of minutes.

Officer Reports:

- Treasurer's Report – Samantha Eckley

Greater Iowa Credit Union		Activity				
	Balance as of 02 OCT 23	Debits	Deposits	Balance as of 12 DEC 23	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
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Business Share Certificate XX9627	\$8,288.88	\$0.00	\$63.84	\$8,352.72	4.60%	23-Jan-24
	\$21,897.46	\$1,659.77	\$687.78	\$20,925.47		

- The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved as presented. Moved by Brianne Ball and seconded by Hannah Thompson. All other voting members agreed to approval of the treasurer's report.

Committee Chair Reports:

- Membership – Samantha Eckley

		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total Branch Members		134	125	115	133	146	163	83
Membership Renewals		90	96	92	83	113	87	63
	Individual	1	3	75	72	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Group	80	80					
	Vendor	9	13	17	11	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Members		39	24	22	45	28	72	16
	Individual	0	0	14	44	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Group	29	18					
	Vendor	10	6	8	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lifetime Members		4	4	1	4	4	4	4
Student		1	1	0	3	1	3	0
	New	0	0	0	2	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Renewal	1	1	0	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Individuals taking advantage of Group Membership		See above	See above	N/A	85	92	54	0
National Members		54	53	94	61	138	80	N/A

- Program Chair – Sara McConeghey
 - No report
- Newsletter – Becky Klimesh
 - December will go out today. Next newsletter will be in March. Provide any articles or content by March 1.
- Public Relations – Amanda Kress
 - Nothing new to report
 - Willing to pass role off someone else that is in Iowa
- Social Media – Emily Meyering
 - No Report
- Nominations – Michelle Thacker
 - Nothing to report
- Elections – Brianne Ball
 - Nothing to report
- TBR Report – Michelle Thacker
 - Reached out to Nebraska branch for ideas and they have provided some materials.
- Awards – Emily Petersen
 - No report
- Financial Review – Dean Isaacson
 - No report
 - Review will occur in January/February
- Vendor Liaison – Terry Burns-Heffner / Conor Morrill
 - Nothing new to report
 - Shannon to provide Terry with cost of the special events to be hosted at D6 meeting so vendors have an idea what dollar amount they need to request their company for.

Old Business

- Fall meeting
 - Samantha Eckley to confirm all payments from vendors have been received. If not, work with Terry to get those gathered.

New Business

- D6 Meeting
 - Mary handed out flyers at National Meeting in regard to D6 Meeting
 - Becky posted on D6 Facebook page to notify about D6 meeting in June.
 - Amanda Kress has the information on CE credits which will need to be submitted a couple months prior to meeting.
 - Conor will be point person (with Terry's help) for assisting with gaining D6 sponsorships and vendor registrations.
 - Ideas for a Thursday night outing: bar hop or Prairie Meadows

Meeting was adjourned. Moved by Amanda Kress, seconded by Hannah Thompson.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Schrader
2023 Secretary

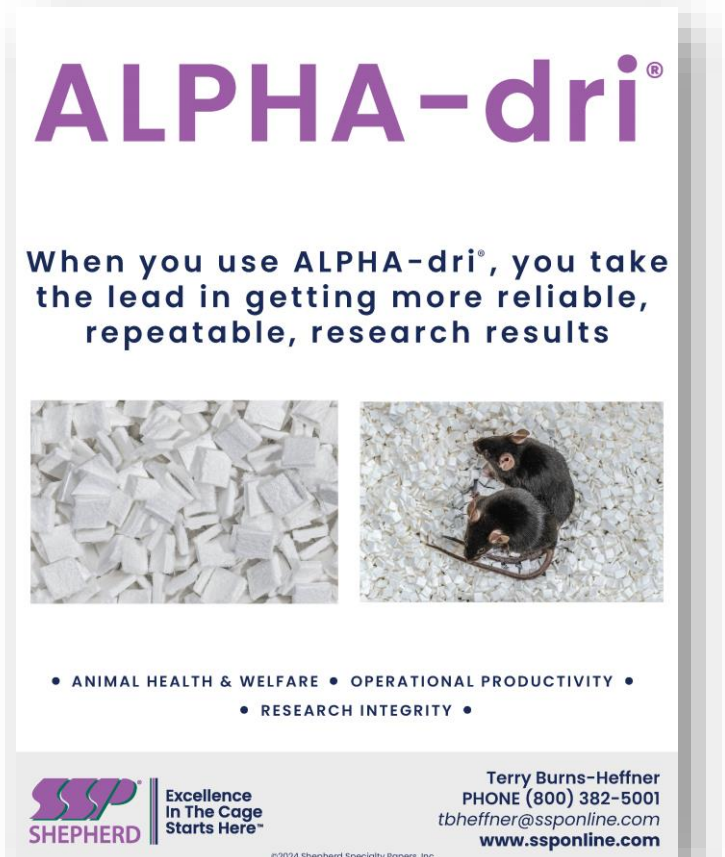


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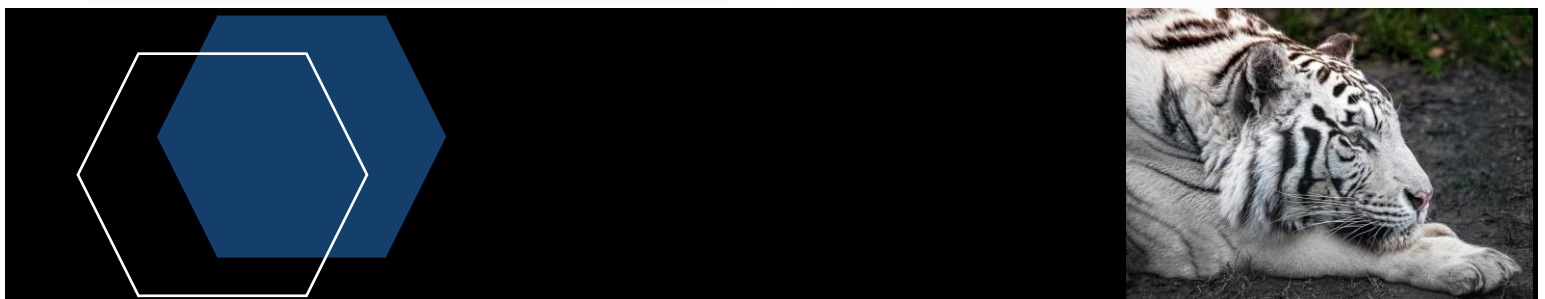
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General Criteria for nominee:

1. All nominees must have conducted himself/herself in an exemplary manner in his/her work and be well thought of by fellow workers, supervisors, and investigators.
2. All nominees must be nominated by two current members of the Iowa Branch AALAS. A letter of nomination (from Nominator #1) should include all of the nominee's qualifications and reason for the recommendation.
3. Nominations will remain eligible for two years following the original date of submission.
4. Membership in the Iowa or National AALAS is desirable, but not required.

Please email completed forms and letters of support to: emily-petersen@uiowa.edu

Or mail to:

Emily Petersen

2292 Old Farmstead Road

Coralville, IA, 52241

Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician (ALAT)

Criteria:

1. Nominee must be an Animal Technician and should not be in a management position
2. Nominee must be eligible for certification at the Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician level
3. Total amount of continuous full-time employment in a laboratory animal facility offering experience in animal care and use must be at least 1 year
4. Nominee must have demonstrated an interest and ability in the care of and concern for laboratory animals above and beyond the average technician.

Name of Nominee and business address: _____

Level of Certification by AALAS: _____

Work Experience (institution, location, dates of employment, supervisor's name):

Educational Background: _____

Continuing Education (include items such as webinars, AALAS Branch and Regional meetings, etc.): _____

Name of Nominator #1 (address, phone number, email address):

As the nominator, I do certify that the nomination given is correct and I AM ENCLOSING A LETTER explaining why I feel that this nominee is qualified under the above listed general criteria for this award and why he/she should be nominated.

DATE: _____

Name of Nominator #2 (address, phone number, email address):

As the nominator, I do certify that the nomination is correct. (A letter of support for the candidate may be included if desired, but is not required).

DATE: _____

Laboratory Animal Technician (LAT)

Criteria:

1. Nominee must be an Animal Technician
2. Nominee must be eligible for certification at the Laboratory Animal Technician level
3. Total amount of continuous full-time employment in a laboratory animal facility offering experience in animal care and use must be at least 3 years
4. Nominee must have demonstrated an interest and ability in the care of and concern for laboratory animals above and beyond the average technician.

Name of Nominee and business address: _____

Level of Certification by AALAS: _____

Work Experience (institution, location, dates of employment, supervisor's name):

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Supervisor (LATG)

Criteria:

1. Nominee must hold a position of responsibility for the routine management of a laboratory animal facility.
2. Nominee must be eligible for certification at the Laboratory Animal Technologists Level
3. Total amount of continuous full-time employment in a laboratory animal facility offering experience in animal care and use must be at least 6 years

Name of Nominee and business address: _____

Level of Certification by AALAS: _____

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Veterinary Technician

Name of Nominee and business address: _____

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Work Experience (institution, location, dates of employment, supervisor's name):

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Awards criteria for the Dr. Ronald E. Flatt Memorial Award

Dr. Ronald Flatt came to Iowa State University in 1970. He received his B.S., D.V.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California at Davis. He spent two years at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, and was a faculty member at the University of Missouri before coming to Iowa State University as a faculty member in the Department of Pathology in the college of veterinary medicine. Dr. Flatt was board certified in Pathology and Laboratory Animal Medicine. He and Ron Moses laid the groundwork for Iowa State University's Laboratory Animal Resources and their animal care and use program.

Dr. Flatt was very active in both National AALAS and the Iowa Branch AALAS and was editor of Laboratory Animal Science for several years. His high standards of performance and his ability to work well with people enabled him to accomplish a great deal in the area of animal welfare. He was a person of high moral principles who truly lived his beliefs. He was a kind man with a good sense of humor and devoted to his family.

When Dr. Flatt died suddenly in January 1984, it was a great loss to laboratory animal science and a personal loss for all who knew him. The Ronald E. Flatt Memorial Award was created as an expression of the respect the Iowa Branch AALAS had for Dr. Flatt and the principles he embodied.

General Criteria for Awardee:

1. The nominee must be a member of the Iowa Branch AALAS, Inc., and have a minimum of 3 years experience in the laboratory animal field.
2. The nominee must have demonstrated exceptional ability to work well with colleagues, supervisors, and investigators; have demonstrated a sincere interest and concern for the comfort and welfare with which he/she works.
3. The nominee must have conducted himself/herself in an exemplary manner in his/her work and be well thought of by fellow workers, supervisors, and investigators.
4. Two members of the Iowa Branch AALAS, Inc must nominate the nominee. A letter of nomination should include all of the nominee's qualifications and reasons for the recommendations.

Send your nomination to:

*Emily Petersen
University of Iowa
2292 Old Farmstead Road
Coralville, IA 52241*

Or via email:

emily-petersen@uiowa.edu

Name of Nominee and business address: _____

Level of Certification by AALAS: _____

Work Experience (institution, location, dates of employment, supervisor's name): _____

Educational Background: _____

Continuing Education (include items such as webinars, AALAS Branch and Regional meetings, etc.):

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Laboratory Animal Research Support (LARS) Individual

Criteria:

1. Nominee must have earned the LARS certification from AALAS
2. Nominee must work in a position that supports animal research programs, or be a new animal technician or student working in an animal research program and does not yet qualify for other AALAS certification.
3. Nominee must have demonstrated an interest in the care of and concern for laboratory animals as well as interest in the laboratory animal science and biomedical research field above and beyond the average technician/staff member.

Name of Nominee and business address: _____

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Work Experience (institution, location, dates of employment, supervisor's name):

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