Winter Meeting TBD. Check your emails for update!

We’re in need of a new President Elect! If you, or anyone you know, is interested, please contact Chris Stokely.

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The Summer Meeting at the Nashville Zoo was a hit! Thank you VUMC for hosting!

Congratulations to our Travel Award Winners!

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Here at ETSU, we are closing out the summer with some big changes. We have changed our billing system after years of billing per animal to now billing per cage, and have implemented a new software system with barcoded cage census. Everyone has been learning the new system and entering the info for all of our animals and cages, and we have now transitioned our billing over as well.

Antoinette, Chris, and I were able to attend the Branch meeting at the Nashville Zoo, and thoroughly enjoyed the day. I now have a great appreciation for the accuracy that a skunk has when spraying, thanks to our last “animal encounter” session! We were also happy to see Chris accept the Steven D. Blevins National Travel Award at the meeting. Thanks to the Branch for making it possible for him to attend his first National Meeting!

The leaves are beginning to change and fall has officially arrived. We ended our summer with our branch meeting at Nashville zoo! Everyone had a great time and enjoyed mingling with the animals! We had great presentations, door prizes, lunch and a gorgeous day! Thank you to our President Jeremy Parker and all those who assisted him for organizing a fantastic event!

Speaking of presidents, we have mixed emotions for our Past President, Ken Salleng and President elect, John Farley. Both are moving forward to new jobs and will be leaving Vanderbilt. We will miss them very much and congratulate them on their new endeavors! Both have contributed so much to our Branch and our institution.

Thank you for all you have done!

Things have been quiet on the inspection front but we try to always be "inspection ready" at all times.

We have been working hard preparing our AAALAC program description and anticipating our triennial site visit expected during the first trimester of 2020.

All of us at Vandy are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Winter Branch meeting! Have a Great fall Y’all!
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Hello Branch members! It was great to see so many turn out to our summer branch meeting at Nashville Zoo. Thank you to all of our speakers, leadership members, and branch members that made this possible! It was a great day of fun, learning, and camaraderie!

The winter meeting is just around the corner already. There will be more information in the December newsletter about our winter meeting so please stay tuned!

Start thinking about award nominations! Our branch offers the Steven D Blevins National AALAS Meeting Travel award. This is a $1000.00 award that is given to cover travel expenses for a deserving candidate to attend the National AALAS convention. We were fortunate to send to 2 branch members this years to the National AALAS meeting. Applications are accepted until May 31st of each year.

One of our Premier member benefits is the Appalachian branch awards program. This program is designed to recognize the most notable and deserving members of the branch. Please stop in at our website for more information about the Purina pro lab award, the Technician of the year award, the travel awards, Vendor of the year and the Merit award. You can also find information about our branch, the directors and officers, our commercial friends, and even employment. Stop in and see our info at www.appaalas.org

Deadline is October 31st! Please consider submitting a nomination today!

On The local branch level, I would like to reach out to members of the different institutions of the Appalachian branch. It would be great to have some participation for our spotlight section. Allow me to introduce you in our next newsletter! Remember that we welcome your input for the colleague corner. Do you know a coworker you would like to recognize? Or maybe you would like to introduce yourself to the branch? Let us do a feature spotlight and say hello! Just email me your name and email address and I will do the rest!

Would you like to share some interesting tech tips? We are all looking for ways to work smarter! Why not share with everyone. Do you need info about an AALAS certification? Information for submitting a nomination for an award? Want to help a public talk or a community outreach? Let me assist you with the answers to these questions and more. I am your branch representative and I’m here to help you anyway I can. My email address is below and I’m just a click away!

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TBR Corner Cont.

Check out the AALAS Bookstore on the national website.
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The new ALAT training guides, workbook and DVDs have arrived and are available. The new Changes on the exam will not take place until spring 2019.

Would you like to be a part of LASPro magazine? Just stop by this website to find out how you can submit something to this awesome magazine!

Check it out here http://ed.gr/bvgg3

Please welcome Miss Lindsey Benefield as our Newsletter Editor! Thank you Lindsey for taking on this Important role of our Branch and welcome to our Board of Directors!!!

She is a Senior Animal Care Technician at Vanderbilt Medical Center, Division Of Animal Care. Lindsey does a great job looking after a variety of USDA species and is always willing to lend a hand! We look forward to all you have to offer to the Appalachian Branch!

Due to the National Meeting, AALAS is not offering a webinar this month. However, check out our webinar recording library and pick up one you may have missed! http://ed.gr/bvggn

Stay tuned for the next webinars from AALAS in November and December!

Fish Welfare and Analgesia
November 19th 12pm - 1:30 pm CST

Resistance is Not Futile! Judicious Antimicrobial Use in Laboratory Animal Medicine
December 12, @ 12pm - 1:30pm CST

Learning library has certification kits! Are you studying for certification? It's more than just studying the training manual! Check out the Resource Kit or Total Pack for additional references that you may need!

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Thank you all for taking the time to read the TBR corner.
Please remember that I am here to help anyway I can.
Please stay safe and enjoy the beautiful fall weather approaching!

Thank You!
Donna Lemay Porter

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Two Thumbs Up

Congratulations!
Do you have someone who has achieved a goal, won an award, or deserves recognition? We want our members to hear about it!

Brittany Novack
No Update
Caroline Spencer

The technician certification designations of ALAT, LAT, LATG are widely known throughout the varied fields of laboratory animal care. They care universally becoming a requirement for a lab animal care position.

For complete program information, download the Technician Certification Handbook. The handbook contain everything you need to know about application and testing procedures, qualification criteria, exam fees, and many other topics, and should be retained for use as a reference during the application process.

Passing an AALAS certification exam at any level entitles you to one free year of membership in the Appalachian Branch of AALAS. Attach a copy of your certificate to your membership application and send no monies.
The 2019 meeting will be held at the Colorado Convention Center, 700 14th St. Denver, CO., U.S. from October 13-17, 2019. The Spotlight Forum is, "One Health–Connections Between Animal, Human, and Environmental Health.

The One Health concept recognizes that the health of people is connected to the health of animals and the environment. It’s a collaborative, multi-sectorial, and trans-disciplinary approach to bring together veterinarians, physicians, ecologists, and many others to learn from each other and monitor and control public health threats and to learn how disease spreads among people, animals, and the environment.

Please join us in exploring and learning from the One Health initiative and how it relates to our work in laboratory animal science. As our 2019 spotlight topic, submissions in this category can include the diverse topics such as the human-animal bond; disease surveillance, prevention, and response; research (both basic and translational); comparative medicine (the commonality of diseases among people and animals, such as cancer, obesity, and diabetes); disaster preparedness and response; communications and outreach; and much more.
Zoo Animals

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