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## 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

### 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 23-24, 2008** – AALAS District 8 meeting in Seattle, WA

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

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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

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 [jess-davis@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jess-davis@ucdavis.edu).**

*-Jessica Davis, Awards Committee Chair, 2007*

## 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).

### RALAT

Chok IP  
Kandi Rodrigue

### RLAT

Nicole Corley  
Elizabeth Lu  
Bridget Maguire  
Erica Martin

### RLATG

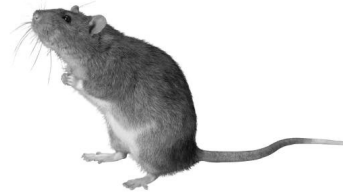
Ash Chaudhry  
Johnny Cohnes  
Alan Ekstrand  
Kelly Henning  
Cathy Nyugen  
Deneen Spence

### CPIA

Alan Ekstrand

Congratulations to our members on their successes!

*-Sherri Goss, President*



## Board Meeting Dates for 2008:

January 28  
February 25  
March 17  
April 21  
May 19  
June 16  
July 21  
August 18  
September 22  
October 20  
November 17  
December 15

**All members welcome!** (UCD CLAS conference room at 5PM)

## 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

### 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 Mem-

bership Chair for 2008. Membership questions can be emailed to Nicole at [NMCorley@ucdavis.edu](mailto: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](mailto:blemos@bionetics.com). Also see [www.ncbaalas.org](http://www.ncbaalas.org) and [www.svaalas.org](http://www.svaalas.org).
- Incorporate "District 8" or the District 8 logo in the design (see [www.district8.org](http://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 [adam.seddiqui@yahoo.com](mailto:adam.seddiqui@yahoo.com) (Adam Seddiqui) or [blemos@bionetics.com](mailto:blemos@bionetics.com) (Bonnie Lemos).**

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

## DISTRICT 8 COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*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, re-

ceive 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.



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## 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.

## CORE VALUES STATEMENT

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/>

## 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 too early to start making plans to attend. It is going to be a great meeting!

-Kim E. Saunders, DVM, Dipl. ACLAM  
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