

Ron Orta Washington Branch Member of the Year Award

The Washington Branch Member of the Year Award was re-named to honor our friend and colleague who passed away in 2007. The Award is presented to a member who has **actively participated** in the Washington Branch and who encourages participation by others in activities which promote Washington Branch AALAS and laboratory animal science in general.

Ron had a brilliant career in Laboratory Animal Management and later in sales, but his true calling was that of a teacher. He was an active member and participant in the Washington Branch and hosted many branch picnics. Because of his commitment of personal time and resources he was saluted as an Honorary Lifetime Washington Branch Member. Ron never excluded anyone from anything. In his world there was never an uninvited guest. Ron was very compassionate about helping and fulfilling the needs of those less fortunate. Ron mentored, encouraged and challenged everyone to achieve high standards in animal care, facility management, self-worth and esteem. His memory continues to remain with us through this Award.

Nomination Application for the Ron Orta Branch Member of the Year Award

Name of Nominee: _____

Employer: _____

Submitted by: _____

Provide a short sentence that best describes the nominee's character that makes him/her deserving of this Award.

Personal/professional mentoring of staff by _____

Contributions to the field of laboratory animal science include _____

Demonstrated a "Can-Do" attitude by _____

Participated in Branch activities by _____