



Washington Branch AALAS February 2014 Newsletter



Cindy P. Awarded Lifetime Membership

At our recent member appreciation event, Cindy P, DVM, was honored to be awarded Lifetime Membership. Cindy has served as President of the Washington Branch as well as AALAS National, and has been the Program Chair of many successful Trade Fairs throughout the years. Cindy's ongoing contribution in improving the lives of research animals is much appreciated. The following is Cindy's response:

Sincere and humble thanks for the honor you bestowed upon me last night. I was surprised and flattered by the accolades. And it was freaky to see myself in a video on a REALLY BIG SCREEN! (Memo to self: thank parents for investing in my orthodontic work). Anything I've been involved with for WBAALAS has been fun, so I've enjoyed the journey, and hope to keep being a part of this group. It's icing on the cake to receive recognition for doing something that you love. Again, many thanks, I feel all warm and fuzzy. And I will treasure the delightful, um, what do I call it-- Memento? Award sculpture?

With sincere gratitude,

Cindy



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Thank you Cindy, for your many years of service and dedication to improving the lives of research animals!



District 8 AALAS Meeting

- Tentative Program -

Key Note Speakers:

- Brian Anderson
- Cindy A. Buckmaster

Platform Sessions:

- Changes to the Guide
- Rodent housing
- Aquatics
- CO2 euthanasia
- Disaster Planning

Workshops:

- Necropsy
- Mouse bi methodology
- Rat catheterization & maintenance
- IACUC workshops

Plus:

- RACE approval pending
- Mini AALAS Leadership Academy 4/16/2014
- AALAS certification exams (paper & pencil)



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Election of 2014 Officers

We are pleased to announce the results of the election for President-Elect for 2014, as well as Treasurer and Technician Branch Representative (TBR) for 2014-2015. Washington Branch AALAS depends heavily on its volunteer leaders who are giving of their time and committed to advancing our field. Please join us in thanking and congratulating all of those individuals who have offered their time to volunteer in the Branch. The successful candidates in this year's election are as follows:

President Elect

Jennifer D.

Treasurer

Susan B.

Technician Branch Representative (TBR)

Amanda K.

David R. will serve as President for the year 2014.

The following elected members will continue their service to the WBAALAS board of directors in 2014: Rainy R. (Past President), Erin S. (Secretary), Shawn H. (Board Member)

The Board wishes to thank outgoing board member Cindy P. for her service.

It's Here! The New Washington Branch Website!

Washington Branch AALAS is pleased to announce the release of our new website, designed with a fresh new look and user-friendly navigation. One of our main goals was to build a user-friendly and simple to navigate site. The new design allows users to quickly find information thanks to its practical structure.

We hope you enjoy our new website, but we are always open to your opinions! We encourage you to contact us with your questions, suggestions and feedback.

As always, please "like" us on Facebook! Simply click the WBAALAS Facebook link at the top of any page.

Amendments to the Bylaws Approved by Membership

Three proposed amendments to the Bylaws were included on the latest election ballot. The proposed amendments were based on feedback received from Branch membership to clarify the intent of the Bylaws. The proposed amendments were approved by a majority of returned ballots and they were enacted immediately after voting closed on December 31st, 2013.

The Board would like to thank you all for your votes and feedback during this process. Your voice is very important.

If you have any questions about the Bylaws or have feedback for the Board, please contact secretary@wbaalas.org.

