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The MN Branch of AALAS is looking for dedicated people that are concerned with the production, care and study of Laboratory animals and who are also concerned with the education and training of personnel engaged therein who would like to run for a MN Branch Board position:

### Positions Available:

**4 New Board Members (Serves a 2- year term)**

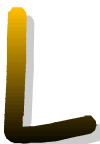
**Secretary (Serves a 2- year term)**

The secretary shall keep the meeting minutes of the meetings of the corporation, the Board of Directors and the Executive Board. He/she shall have charge of all appropriate records other than financial, shall keep a corrected list of members, notify members of committees of their appointments, notify members of the Board meetings thereof and present to the board meetings requiring board action.



**President Elect**

In the Absence of the President, the president elect shall perform the duties of the president and shall otherwise assist the president as he/she directs. This person will replace the president in 2007.



Membership required to the MN Branch to enjoy all the rights and privileges of the corporation, including participating in meetings, voting and holding office as provided in the By-laws.

**Elections Committee:**

Angela Craig ([acraig@umn.edu](mailto:acraig@umn.edu))

Susan Coopmans ([susan.coopmans@guidant.com](mailto:susan.coopmans@guidant.com))



2006 Board of Directors to take office during the Joint meeting January 2006

–Ballot enclosed –

Official Election Ballot will be mailed out to all current MN Branch Members



A Very Special Thank You to all that attended and Supported  
this Years MN Branch Annual Banquet and Golf Outing:

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**ACE, Alternative Design, Charles River Labs, Harlan, Otto  
Environmental, Pharmacal, Purina – LabDiet, Shepard  
Specialty Paper, Steris and Transoma.**

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**Congratulations To:**

Cheryl Griese, Medtronic as she was  
presented with the “Technologist of the  
Year” Award

Holly Coleman, Guidant as she was  
presented with the “Technician of the  
Year” Award

(We did not receive any nominations for the “Patrick J. Manning” Award)

Thank you both for all your hard work and devotion to the field of  
Research

Thank you for those that took the time to nominate your co-  
worker/employee.

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Thank you,

Dr. Tommy Zerse, DVM/PRA for your presentation at the MN  
Branch AALAS Annual Banquet

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Please watch for your voting Ballot in November.

**Nomination Ballot:**

A BIG thanks for all of you agreeing to run for a position in Minnesota AALAS.

We need a paragraph from each of you to briefly describe your current position, training, and interest in MN AALAS. This will be included with the ballot.

You may write your own bio-sketch or fill out the questionnaire below and we will do our best to put this into a short paragraph. Should you choose to fill out the questionnaire, please feel free to add or delete as you wish.

- 1) Name:
- 2) Degrees/Certification:
- 3) Institution:
- 4) Position/Title:
- 5) Brief description of your position:
  - a) length of time at your institution
  - b) brief description of your duties
  - c) other relevant information
- 6) Involvement in AALAS, either Minnesota Branch or National AALAS
- 7) Involvement in other organizations
- 8) Your Interests: e.g. facility design, management, training, expanding networking opportunities, animal husbandry improvements, educating the public, animal models/improvements/alternatives, a belief that what we/you do is important, the list goes on.....

THANK YOU!

Please forward the above questionnaire or a paragraph no later than  
October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005

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St. Paul, MN 55112-5798  
651-582-5529  
[Susan.coopmans@guidant.com](mailto:Susan.coopmans@guidant.com)

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## Have you had a chance to see the new aalas.org?

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September 26, 2205

Dear AALAS Members and AALAS Web Site Users:

After months of planning and testing, AALAS is proud to launch the new AALAS web site. In addition to a new design, several features and functionalities have been added to better serve the membership. Here's a rundown of improvements:

- Site content has been organized to help you locate information quickly. The site search has been expanded to organize your search results for you. If you're looking for something very specific, filter your search using the advanced search page.
- You can now access your membership listing online and make changes to your contact information. If you've forgotten your password, just verify your e-mail address and you will receive your login information by e-mail. Once you are logged in, you can change your username and password.
- The AALAS Bookstore is now more organized and simpler to navigate. Go straight to the item you want using the product code search, or use the keyword search to find all related items. For AALAS members to receive the discounted member pricing, you must log in with your username and password. For those purchasing items on behalf of a member, please note that to receive the member pricing, you must log in as the member. The member will then receive email notification that the order has been placed and will receive the receipt and shipment.
- We are also introducing a new section to the site called "Product Classifieds." This is the place where vendors can sell equipment and supplies. Ad submission is fast and easy.
- CareerLine also has a new look. You can now search job postings by company, location, and keywords.
- The new site features a more robust article search, plus open access to journal articles after 6 months. You can search by issue and volume, keyword, author, and title.

We recommend that you change your username and password to something more memorable. Once you log in, you can use the "Change User ID" and "Change Password" links in the Member Center (found at the top right of your screen) to personalize your login.

If you have any questions or comments about the new site, please e-mail [webmaster@aalas.org](mailto:webmaster@aalas.org).

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# American Association for Laboratory Animal Science Inc.

Promoting Training and Education of Laboratory Animal Technicians and the Public in the Use of Laboratory Animals in Research.

## 2006 Minnesota Branch Application for Membership

**I hereby apply for membership in the Minnesota Branch of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address/Bldg: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Please send me an electric copy of the newsletter: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
(in order to reduce printing costs we are working on sending most newsletters electronically)

**Membership status: (Note: Membership expires December 31, 2006)**

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

National Member \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

**If applying for new membership, please complete:**

Name of Sponsoring Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Sponsoring Member: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Membership: Note (Membership expires on December 31, 2006)**

\_\_\_\_ Individual Membership: Dues \$15.00/Year,

\_\_\_\_ Corporate Sponsor (Includes 2 Complementary Individual Memberships plus AD, (Indicate Ad Size.)

- \_\_\_\_ Business Card Ad \$50.00/year
- \_\_\_\_ ¼ Page Ad \$75.00/year
- \_\_\_\_ ½ Page Ad \$100.00/year
- \_\_\_\_ Full Page Ad \$125.00/year

**(Please send a new Ad along with this application form, This ensures the ads in our newsletter are current).**

SEND APPLICATIONS TO: JIM KADERA, AALAS TREASURER,

GUIDANT CRM, 4100 HAMLIN AVENUE, ST. PAUL, MN 55112

**(Make Checks Payable to MN AALAS)**

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Please feel free to make copies as necessary

## About Our Organization...

The Minnesota Branch of the American association for laboratory Animal Science Inc. was established in 1965 as an organization of laboratory animal professionals, including researchers, veterinarians, veterinary technicians and animal care technicians.

Our motto, "promoting training and education of laboratory animal technicians and the public in the use of laboratory animals in research" reflects our commitment to both science and animal welfare.

We accomplish our goals by providing a social and professional network for people working with laboratory animals; training programs; information articles in our quarterly newsletter; access to vendors of laboratory animals and research and animal care products; and public outreach programs.

### Next MN Branch AALAS Meeting:

Tuesday October 25, 2005 at 6:30 PM

Medtronic – Auditorium  
11520 YellowPine Street  
Coon Rapids, MN 55448  
612-514-6800

Robin Miller – Branch Secretary  
763-514-6866

[robin.marie.miller@medtronic.com](mailto:robin.marie.miller@medtronic.com)

## 2005 Committee Chairs

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### Membership Committee

Jim Kadera  
Angela Craig

### Elections Committee

Angela Craig  
Susan Coopmans

### Program Committee

Lea Jackson  
Robin Miller  
Heidi Fust

### Publications

Terrie Grove

### Historian

Rebecca Kennedy  
Robin Miller

### Nomination Committee

Mary Jane Courtney  
Linnea Lentz  
Cheryl Griese

Nan Allen

### Awards Committee

Linnea Lentz  
Mary Jane Courtney  
Jim Kadera