

The Kentucky Branch of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science Constitution

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Article I – Name

- Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Kentucky Branch of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science, Inc.

Article II – Affiliation

- Section 1. The Branch is affiliated with the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science, herein referred to as AALAS, a national nonprofit educational association, 501(c)(3), of persons and institutions professionally concerned with the production, care and study of laboratory animals used in research. Supervision is through the Executive Director of the AALAS. The Branch reserves all rights and privileges granted by the AALAS to its branches.
- Section 2. In the event of dissolution of the Branch, all funds and any properties of the Branch shall revert to the District 5 AALAS, Inc.

Article III – Objectives

- Section 1. To promote the purposes of the National AALAS at the Branch level.
- Section 2. To promote fellowship and cooperation among members interested in the objectives of the Branch.
- Section 3. To cooperate with other branches for the exchange of information and to coordinate efforts in the field of laboratory animal care.
- Section 4. To hold at least one meeting annually to conduct business and for the exchange of scientific information on all phases of laboratory animal science.
- Section 5. To make local arrangements for the annual meeting of the National AALAS and/or District 5 AALAS, Inc. when held in this geographical area.
- Section 6. To sponsor and promote educational training programs for its members and others who are professionally engaged in the care and handling of laboratory animals.
- Section 7. To disseminate information by appropriate means to its members, other branches, the National AALAS, and others as necessary.

Article IV – Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Branch shall be open to persons, institutions and commercial organizations concerned with the production, care and use of laboratory animals.

Article V – Officers

Section 1. There shall be a President, President-Elect, Immediate Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Technician Branch Representative.

Article VI - Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors composed of the Officers and four additional elected members shall be the legislative and administrative body of the Branch. It shall have charge of the property and financial affairs of the Branch and shall perform all such duties as described in the Bylaws.

Article VII – Amendments

Section 1. An amendment to this Constitution may be proposed by six (6) members of the Board of Directors or by ten (10) or more active members of the Branch and shall be filed in writing with the Secretary. The proposed amendment shall be considered at the next scheduled meeting of the Board. Any proposed amendment approved by the Board shall be mailed to each member in good standing with a mail ballot. The amendment shall be adopted if it receives an affirmative vote by a simple majority of the returned ballots.