



MICHIGAN BRANCH AALAS ROBERT A WATKINS AWARD

I. Intent

- a. Awarded annually to branch members. Its purpose is to promote the sharing of skills and knowledge with fellow colleagues.
- b. The award will consist of a plaque presented at the Michigan Branch AALAS annual banquet and a \$100.00 honorarium.

II. Eligibility

- a. The nominee must be a Michigan Branch AALAS Member (*Non members may be nominated-they will receive a one-year membership should they win*). The nominee should have significant dedication to sharing skills and knowledge or promoting the sharing of skills and knowledge with fellow colleagues.
- b. If no nominee is deemed sufficiently qualified by the judges, no award will be given.

III. Criteria

- a. Benefit to nominee's institution or peers as a result of their dedication to share skills and knowledge. **(20 Points)**
- b. Contribution to AALAS at multiple levels. **(15 points)**
- c. Participation in outside activities, such as public service, education programs, etc. **(15 Points)**

IV. Nomination packet format

- a. Nomination form completed supporting how the nominee fits the criteria listed above. **(25 Points)**
- b. One letter of endorsement from the nominee's supervisor and one additional support letter required; endorsement letters should be limited to two typed pages, double spaced. **(25 Points)**

V. Nomination Packet Submission & Deadline

- a. The Michigan Branch AALAS Technician Affairs Committee (TAC) Chair will set the deadline for submissions annually.
- b. The TAC Chair may choose to extend the deadline to increase participation in the awards programs.
- c. Nomination packets must be mailed directly to the TAC Chair.



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Robert A Watkins Nomination Form

Name of Nominee:

Job Title:

Educational Background (please list all relevant education):

List any special courses taken by the nominee:

Number of years nominee has worked in Lab Animal Medicine:

Describe the nominee's involvement in Lab Animal Medicine or Animal Care outside of work (i.e. veterinary clinic work, zoo volunteer, presenting papers or posters, teaching, other memberships, humane society volunteer):



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List any proficiencies, contributions, or accomplishments of the nominee (this may include continuing education, AALAS participation on State and National levels):

Please tell us why you believe this person should be considered for this award (i.e. character of the nominee, personal interests in the field, job efficiency, advancement of self through education or special training, overall knowledge of lab animal science):

Please check this box if you want to present the award at the banquet in the event your nominee wins (otherwise the TAC will present it):