I. Intent

A. This award is intended to recognize those who have experience past that of the LATG award.
B. The award should consist of an approximately 9"x12" plaque, procured and provided by the District 5 Trustees, with the following wording:

DISTRICT 5 AALAS, INC.
YEAR
EXCELLENCE IN LABORATORY ANIMAL SCIENCE AWARD
NAME OF RECIPIENT
BRANCH

II. Eligibility

A. The nominee should be someone who has excelled in the field of laboratory animal science: animal facility managers, supervisors, researchers, administrators, veterinarians, and any others deemed qualified.
B. An individual may receive this award only one time.
C. If no nominee is deemed sufficiently qualified by the judges, no award will be given.

III. Criteria

A. Significant contributions to the field of laboratory animal science. (15 points)
B. Contributions to AALAS at multiple levels. (15 points)
C. Benefits to the nominee's place of employment. (10 points)
D. Participation in outside activities, such as public service, educational programs, etc. (10 points)

IV. Nomination packet format

(Nominations must be sent to the Senior Trustee, received by the date as determined by the Senior Trustee with consultation of the meeting Awards Chair of each year. Submissions must be received as an e-mail attachment or FAX.)

A. Nomination document addressing how the nominee fits the criteria listed above, must not exceed five pages, double-spaced. (10 points)
B. Letters of endorsement, limited to 3 pages each, double spaced. Total number of letters of endorsement - at least four and no more than ten (as per the Griffin and Garvey awards). (10 points)
C. Required letters include:
   1. Letter from the branch nominating the person. (10 points)
   2. Letter of support from staff, coworkers, or peers, which may have multiple signatures. (10 points)
   3. Letter of support from any other applicable source. (10 points)