MICHIGAN BRANCH AALAS
BENNETT J. COHEN AWARD

I. Intent
   a. Awarded annually for life-long or significant single achievement that exemplifies Dr. Cohen’s dedication to education and encouragement of others to achieve their best in the area of laboratory animal science.
   b. The award will consist of a plaque presented at the Michigan Branch AALAS annual banquet and a $300.00 honorarium.

II. Eligibility
   a. Any laboratory animal professional is eligible.
   b. The nominee should have significant, consistent dedication to, and focus on laboratory animal science and the AALAS organization.
   c. If no nominee is deemed sufficiently qualified by the judges, no award will be given.

III. Criteria
   a. Distinguished, lengthy career or significant single achievement in laboratory animal science. (15 Points)
   b. Contribution 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, education programs, etc. (10 Points)

IV. Nomination packet format
   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 2 pages each. Total number of letters of endorsement- at least four and no more than ten. (10 Points)
   c. Required letters include:
      i. Letter from nominee’s supervisor. (10 Points)
      ii. Letter of support from staff, coworkers, or peers, which may have multiple signatures. (10 Points)
      iii. Letter of support from any other applicable source. (10 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 or emailed directly to the TAC Chair.
   d. Nominees that do not meet the eligibility requirements outlined above will not be considered for an award.