

Date:	2/11/26	Start Time:	6:57 pm	End Time:	7:12 pm
Location:	General DVB AALAS Meeting at GSK				

Presenters:

- Mario Rodriguez DVM
 - Princeton University, Director and Attending Veterinarian, Primate Research Resources
 - “Evaluation and Interpretation if Environmental Enrichment Strategies.
- Rachael Koch
 - MB Research Laboratories, Study Director and Laboratory Supervisor
 - “From Blindness to Seeing Change: Progress in Eye Irritation Safety Testing.

Meeting Called to Order by Julia at 6:57 PM

1. Opening & Acknowledgements

- The meeting began with thanks extended to GSK and Tri-State Biomedical INC. for hosting the meeting and providing dinner.

2. Announcements & Upcoming Events

- **Speed Networking Night**
 - Scheduled for March 18, 2026, from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM.
 - Location: Conshohocken Brewing Company - King of Prussia (King of Prussia).
- **Quad Raffle Contest**
 - This meeting was the final opportunity to enter the raffle.
 - Prize trip: Foxwoods Resort Casino, May 13–15, 2026.
- **April Meeting**
 - Next meeting scheduled for April 8, 2026.
 - Hosted at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.
 - Sponsored by Allentown.
- **Summer Social 2026**
 - Planned at Bury The Hatchet - King of Prussia.
 - Tentative date: May 20, 2026.
 - Awaiting final approval from the committee.
 - Rick made the first motion to approve; Drew seconded.

3. Treasurer’s Report

- Current balances:
 - Checking Account: \$33,947.0042
 - Savings Account: \$119,861.58
- Membership Renewals & Billing
 - Issues occurred with auto-renewals, resulting in some members being charged multiple times.
 - Reimbursements are being processed for those affected.

- Increase in renewals observed with the new autopay system.
- Financial Systems Update
 - Jillian plans to transition accounting records to digital QuickBooks within the year.

4. Opportunities

- **ASAP Seminar Invitation**
 - Date: March 12, 2026.
 - Hosted by Deb from ASAP; breakfast and lunch will be provided.
 - Presentations will be educational and non-sales-oriented.
 - Additional details and presenter list available on the ASAP website.
 - Location: Valley Forge Casino Resort.
- **Awards Program**
 - Deadline: May 1, 2026.
 - Multiple award categories available; most members are eligible.
 - Self-nominations and peer nominations are encouraged via the website.
- **National AALAS Meeting Support**
 - Awardees attending the national American Association for Laboratory Animal Science meeting will have:
 - \$350 ticket cost covered,
 - Remaining expenses covered by DVB.
- **Membership Benefits Reminder**
 - Membership includes access to a learning library.
 - Members are encouraged to utilize it and contact Rebecca with questions.

5. Adjournment

- Katilyn motioned to adjourn the meeting.
- Joe seconded the motion.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM