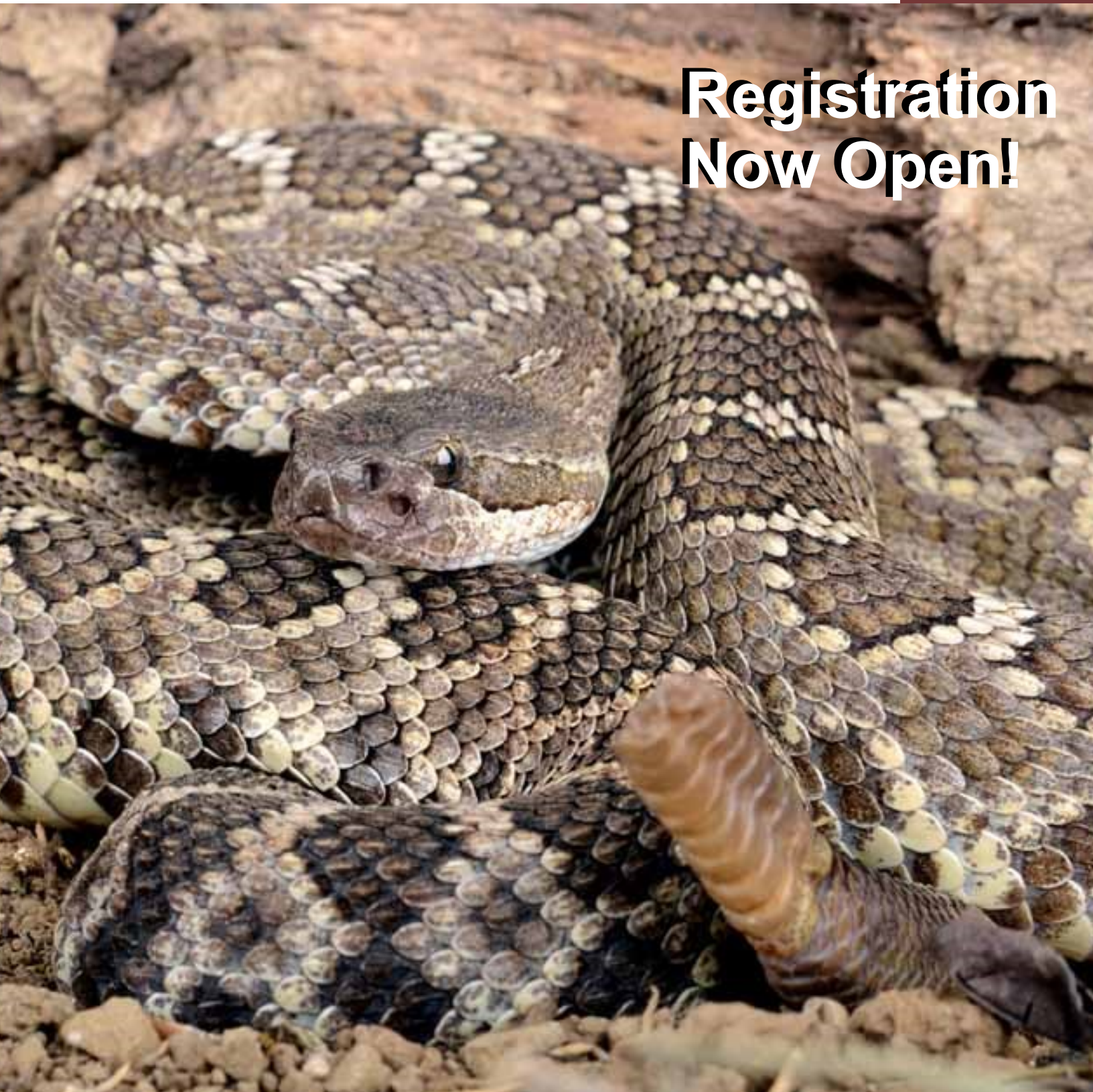




# TBAALAS Newsletter

Fall  
2023

**Registration  
Now Open!**







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## About The Cover

Venomous snakes are capable of producing a toxin called venom. There are about 15 venomous species in Texas, and 600 world wide.

In the early 17th century, snake venom was studied due to it's coagulation properties.

Snake venom can have beneficial therapeutic applications, including neuromuscular blockers, coagulants, and antimicrobials.

## The President's Message

Howdy Texas Branch!

I hope that y'all have been enjoying the glorious cooler weather we've been having! It was wonderful to see some of your smiling faces at Nationals in Salt Lake City.

The holidays are right around the corner and the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of TBAALAS will be here before we know it. A few board members and I met in San Marcos to do a walkthrough of the venue. We're currently getting everything finalized so please stay tuned for more information. We've had some wonderful abstracts submitted thus far. I personally am really looking forward to what is sure to be a great meeting, I hope y'all are too! This year's theme of "Climbing the Ladder in Lab Animal Medicine" is very near and dear to my heart. I hope that many of you will be able to join us in San Marcos and gain some insight and valuable knowledge regarding career paths within our field and what it takes to get there.

If you have any questions, or would like to touch base about anything, please feel free to reach out to me, [mjaffari@bcm.edu](mailto:mjaffari@bcm.edu). I wish all of you a safe, fun, and happy holiday season filled with lots of love and laughter.

Cheers!  
Mona





# DFW METRO EVENT

Thank you to everyone who participated in the summer DFW Metro Event!

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## REGISTRATION FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING IS NOW OPEN!

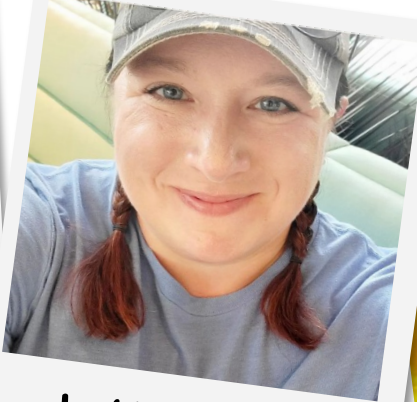




Mona Jaffari



Katie Clark



Julie Roller



Sheri Brodie



Kelly Williams



**Meet the 2023 Program Committee!**

This group of amazing people are working hard to create the 60th Annual TBAALAS Conference!



Courtney Nesline



Apple Sims



Keely McGrew

Not Pictured:  
Jackie Bludworth



Lindsay Holmes



Chetna Patel



Jeremy McNeal

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# CONGRATULATIONS

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**MD Anderson**

Alisha Faghir  
Tasnim Shakir

**Texas Tech**

Bridgett Addington  
Travana Mathews

**Newly certified?  
You can receive a  
complimentary  
one-year TBAALAS  
membership!**

Contact the Membership  
Committee Chair

[membership@TBAALAS.net](mailto:membership@TBAALAS.net)



**MD Anderson**

Elizabeth Kucera  
Traci Viscarra  
Jasmine Gooden

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## **What's new in the TBAALAS Community?**

- **News from your facility**
- **New AALAS Certifications**
- **Staff Promotions**
- **Job Openings**
- **Technician Tips**
- **Pet spotlight**

**Email your submissions to**

**Katie Clark @ [katherineclark2@texashealth.org](mailto:katherineclark2@texashealth.org)**



# TBAALAS Board Meeting

October 16, 2023 12:09—12:31pm

San Marcos Embassy Suites/Microsoft TEAMs

## In Attendance

Name	Role		Name	Role
Mona Jaffari	President		Katie Clark	Publications Chair
Keely McGrew	President Elect		Jennifer Teague	Awards Chair
Julie Roller	Past President		Eddie Richardson	Awards Co-Chair
Courtney Nesline	Treasurer		Jennifer Mitchell	Legislative/TSBR/ Membership
Sheri Brodie	Secretary		Apple Sims	Local Arrangements
Lindsay Holmes	Parliamentarian		Velvetlee Finkbone	Nominations Co-Chair
Amy Pierce	D7 Trustee		Marcie Dorsett	Board Member
Paula Rigling	Meeting Planner		Chris Rogers	Board Member

## Not In Attendance

Name	Role		Name	Role
Luis Zorrilla	Board Member		Christine Safieddine	Metro Coordinator
Mark Goza	Nominations Chair		Michael Chandler	Metro Coordinator
John Donaho	Web Team		Jessica Cobos	Metro Coordinator
Kelly Williams	Local Arrangements		Kathryn Cavanaugh	Metro Coordinator
Stephanie Fowler	Sponsorships		Oscar Sanchez	Metro Coordinator
Eli Rodriguez	ALL Coordinator		Angela DuPre	Awards Co-Chair
Chetna Patel	Board Member		Cordelia Rasa	Web Team
Ryan Byrd	Alt D7 Trustee		Skye Prezio	Commercial Liaison
Pat Sikes	Historian			



**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:09 PM by Mona Jaffari.  
A Quorum was confirmed.

**President Remarks** – Mona Jaffari: Everything looks great at the hotel. Have a secure area to store items

**Treasurer's report-** Courtney Nesline –

<b>Balance Checking</b>	\$39,495.81	9/30/23
<b>Balance Savings</b>	\$34,709.18	9/30/23

**Deposits**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Cash/Check</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Amount</i>
10/6/2023	AffiniPay	Membership Dues	\$60.00
10/10/2023	AffiniPay	TBAALAS Meeting Registration	\$1,075.00
10/11/2023	AffiniPay	TBAALAS Meeting Registration	\$375.00
10/11/2023	AffiniPay	TBAALAS Meeting Registration	\$500.00
10/13/2023	AffiniPay	Membership Dues	\$30.00
10/16/2023	AffiniPay	TBAALAS Meeting Registration	\$300.00
10/17/2023	AffiniPay	Membership Dues	\$30.00
10/18/2023	AffiniPay	TBAALAS Meeting Registration/1 Membership Dues	\$630.00
10/18/2023	AffiniPay	TBAALAS Meeting Registration	\$400.00
10/19/2023	AffiniPay	TBAALAS Meeting Registration/1 Membership Dues	\$330.00
10/19/2023	AffiniPay	TBAALAS Meeting Registration	\$600.00
10/20/2023	AffiniPay	Membership Dues	\$30.00
10/23/2023	AffiniPay	TBAALAS Meeting Registration	\$375.00
10/26/2023	AffiniPay	TBAALAS Meeting Registration	\$150.00
10/27/2023	Check	TBAALAS Meeting Registration	\$200.00
10/30/2023	Check	Membership Dues	\$60.00

<b>Total:</b>	\$5,145.00
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**Expenses**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Credit Card/Check/Cash Withdrawl</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Amount</i>
10/2/2023	AffiniPay	Service Fees	\$3.45
10/9/2023	Credit Card	Lonestar Party Bus TBAALAS Annual Meeting Expense	\$300.00
10/18/2023	Credit Card	Board Meeting Lunch-San Marcos at Embassy Suites	\$102.09

<b>Total:</b>	\$405.54
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**2024 Program** – Julie Roller – We have enough abstracts to start putting the program together. We have a TBAALAS storefront to start fundraising for TBAALAS. Have an AREA program with some local students. Found some ways to save money. Have a social event that looks exciting. Everyone is doing a good job on the committee.

**2024 Local Arrangements** – Kelly Williams/ Apple Sims – Trying to get a drink list from Zelicks so that we can have drink tickets. Also working on a food menu. We have secured transportation to and from the event.

**District 7 BOT Report – Amy Pierce**

**AALAS National Meeting**

The meeting program is available online. [https://issuu.com/aalasoffice/docs/2023\\_slc\\_preliminary\\_program\\_online](https://issuu.com/aalasoffice/docs/2023_slc_preliminary_program_online)

• **Key Events:**

- Opening General Session / General Membership Meeting
  - Sunday, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5 – 6:30 PM, Convention Center (CC) Ballroom G
- Welcome Reception
  - Sunday, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 – 8 PM, CC Ballroom A
- Exhibit Hall Opening Ceremony
  - Monday, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 AM, CC Hall C Entrance
- **District 7 Membership Meeting**
  - Monday, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:15 – 6:15 PM, CC 151G
- Branch Leadership Meeting
  - Tuesday, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 – 5:30 PM, CC 250C
- AALAS Foundation Live Auction & Appreciation Reception
  - Wednesday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Hyatt – Salt Lake C
  - Theme = The Wild West (Western Attire)
- D7 Trustee Election



- Adrienne Duran will be the new D7 Trustee at the conclusion of this year's national meeting.
- We have been working together the last couple of months so that it will be a smooth transition. Ryan will be his awesome self and provide support as well.
- **It has been an honor serving as your D7 Trustee for the last 3 years. Thank you, Texas Branch, for making me feel like one of your own, but with a weird accent. – Amy**

**Committee reports:**

**Awards-** Jennifer Teague/ Eddie Richardson – They asked if anyone have any additional awards. A list will be sent to them and a meeting offline

**Education/Training** – No Report

**Metro Coordinators** – No Report

**Long Range Planning** – Julie Roller – Had a meeting in September with Paula and discussed sites for the next three years. 2024 – South Shore Harbor or the Woodlands, 2025 DFW, 2026 -San Antonio or College Station.

**TBR-** Vacant

**Sponsorship** –Stephanie Fowler – No Report

**Commercial Liaison 2024**– Skye Perzio – No Report

**Publications-** Katie Clark/Angela Dupre –

Submissions for the Fall newsletter will go through Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. Will be distributed after the minutes are approved. Winter submissions due Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Web Team** – Cordelia Rasa/John Donaho – No Report

**Membership-** Jennifer Mitchell – Several new members and worked on approving the pending renewals.

**Nominations/Elections-** Mark Goza/Velvetlee Finckbone – They have 8 nominations for BOD and only 1 for President – elect. They need total active membership numbers to set up the e-ballot. Jennifer will work with them to get the membership numbers.

**Legislative/TSBR-**Jennifer Mitchell – Looking for someone to take this role over.

**Historian**—Pat Sikes –

- Still waiting on Mona and Exec committee for feedback on proposed changes to TBAALAS ByLaws (sent 8/5/22). Mona will send this to Sheri to send to the board for a vote.
- 2 nominees for Life Membership submitted to Mona for board approval on 10/3/23 – Mr. John Donaho and Ms. Stacy LeBlanc.
- Talked with Keely about replacement historian to happen at February meeting. Karen Guerra will take this position starting in February.

**Parliamentarian-** Lindsay Holmes – No Report

**AALAS Learning Library-** Eli Rodriguez – No Report

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** –

- Store for Fundraising – Lindsay set this up to sell items for fundraising for TBAALAS. Will share the link with membership and she has written up an announcement.
- Excited about the resume workshops.

**Electronic Votes** –

- July 17, 2023 Approved June Meeting Minutes
- July 26, 2023 Approved to Pay the Final Awards Invoice
- August 16, 2023 Approved the new “Cagewash Excellence Award”
- October 13, 2023 Approval of 2 Lifetime Memberships

Sheri made a motion to adjourn, and Julie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:31pm.





# Executive Board Members and Committee Chairs 2022-2023

## Executive Board Members

**President**

Mona Jaffari

**Past President**

Julie Roller

**President Elect**

Keeley McGrew

**Secretary**

Sheri Brodie

**Treasurer**

Courtney Nesline

**District 7 Trustee**

Amy Pierce

**Alt District 7 Trustee**

Ryan Byrd

**Board Member**

Luis Zorrilla

**Board Member**

Chris Rogers

**Board Member**

Marcie Dorsett

**Board Member**

Chetna Patel

## Committee Chairs

**Historian**

Pat Sikes

**Parliamentarian**

Lindsay Holmes

**Membership**

Jennifer Mitchell

**Program**

Julie Roller  
Katie Clark

**Legislative**

Jennifer Mitchell

**Nomination/  
Election**

Mark Goza  
VelvetLee  
Finckbone

**Education/  
Training**

**TBD**

**Publication**

Katie Clark

**Local  
Arrangements**

Kelly Williams  
Apple Sims

**Commercial  
Liaison**

Skye Prezio

**Awards**

Jennifer Teague  
Eddie Richardson

**Sponsorship**

Stephanie Fowler

**Web Team**

Cordelia Rasa  
John Donaho

**Long Range  
Planning**

Julie Roller

**Meeting  
Planner**

Paula Rigling

**Technician  
Branch Rep.**

**TBD**

**AALAS Learning  
Library Coordinator**

Eli Rodriguez

**Metro Coordinator  
Central**

Jessica Cobos

**Metro Coordinator  
West Texas**

Oscar Sanchez

**Metro Coordinator  
San Antonio**

**TBD**

**Metro Coordinator  
Panhandle**

Michael Chandler  
VelvetLee  
Finckbone

**Metro Coordinator  
Galveston/Houston**

Kelly Williams

**Metro Coordinator  
DFW**

Christine Safieddine  
Kathryn Cavanaugh