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- I. The Legislative Committee Chairperson shall be nominated by the President and approved by the executive committee at the first quarterly meeting.
- II. The Legislative Committee Chairperson shall serve a one-year term. At the completion of their term, the Legislative Committee Chairperson may be re-nominated for an additional term by new incoming President for the next coming term. If the chairperson is not re-appointed, they will prepare all contacts for organizations and additional information needed for the new incoming Chairperson by the new terms first quarterly meeting.
- III. The Legislative Committee Chairperson is not a voting member of the board.
- IV. The Legislative Committee should be made up of a Chairperson and additional members that may represent various institutions within SEAALAS to achieve the goals of the committee.
- V. The Chairperson will act as the AALAS Branch Government Relations Representative.
- VI. The Legislative Committee is responsible for:
 - a. Informing and advising the Executive Committee on the local, state, and federal legislative matters affecting the Branch.
 - b. Obtain information from state, federal, and private organization involved with legislative issues and updates on animal rights activities and their issues that impact on laboratory animal science. Examples of these organizations are: National Association of Biomedical Research (NABR), Scientists Center for Animal Welfare (SCAW), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Institute of Health (NIH) and Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW).
 - c. Submitting articles about legislative issues and animal rights activities impacting the SEAALAS Branch for inclusion in the quarterly newsletter or sooner via electronic communication if critical. It is imperative that this information be disseminated in a timely manner to be effective