ARPAS Mission Statement:
The American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS) provides certification of animal scientists through examination, continuing education, and commitment to a code of ethics, and disseminates applied scientific information through publication of the peer-reviewed journal *The Professional Animal Scientist*.

ARPAS Vision Statement:
To be recognized as a source for certified professional animal scientists to serve animal producers, industry, and all others desiring research-based technical information on the animal sciences.

ARPAS Affiliated Societies:

ARPAS Purpose:
- Registry for professionally competent Animal Scientists
- Provide a venue to establish, sustain, and promote the professional competence of registered Animal Scientists
- Enhance the professional stature, credibility, and recognition of registered Animal Scientists
- Strengthen and promote the Animal Science profession
- Develop and promote a professional code of ethics for registered Animal Scientists

Value of ARPAS to Individual Animal Scientists:
- Documents and promotes personal credibility and credentials
- Documents continuing education to maintain cutting-edge knowledge of current industry issues
- Networking opportunities with other registered Animal Scientists
- Access to cutting edge research (publication/review) through *The Professional Animal Scientist*

Value of ARPAS to Companies or Universities that Employ Registered Animal Scientists:
- Documents the technical credibility and commitment of employees in animal science positions
- Demonstrates company or university commitment to excellence with regard to technical expertise
- Enhanced value proposition offer to customers and clients when appropriately marketed

Value of ARPAS to Independent Contractors who are Registered Animal Scientists:
- Marketing opportunity to distinguish your credentials from non-registered Animal Scientists
- Assurance of professional services for customers and clients
- Proactive positioning for potential licensing opportunities
• Provides certification of competence when involved with legal issues
• Demonstrates commitment and conformity to a recognized professional code of ethics

Value of ARPAS to Agriculture Industry (end users):
• Assurance that available technical resources meet or exceed standardized qualifications, keep up to date with the latest technology, and conduct business under an established professional code of ethics
• Access to a pool of registered Animal Scientists with verified credentials

ARPAS Membership:
• Membership is open to anyone engaged in animal science through research, education, extension, consulting, or production and who meets the requirements for professional registration as established by ARPAS
• ARPAS certification is available as follows:
  o Professional Animal Scientist (PAS)—based on degree, experience, examination, and CEUs
  o Registered Animal Specialist (RAS) and Registered Animal Product Specialist (RAPS)—based on experience, examination, and CEUs
  o Board Certification (Diplomate)—highest requirements; available to ARPAS members with an MS or PhD degree who qualify and can benefit from the highest level of certification.
• PAS and RAS/RAPS registration can be in one or more of a broad field of species/product areas including Aquaculture, Beef Cattle, Companion Animals, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Product Science, Goats, Horses, Laboratory Animals, Poultry, Sheep, Swine, Meat Science, and Poultry Products
• The American College of Animal Sciences (ACAS) provides for board certification in the specific discipline colleges of Animal Behavior, Animal Food Science, Animal Genetics, Animal Nutrition, Animal Physiology, and Animal Welfare Science

ARPAS Governance
• ARPAS is self-governing and self-supporting through dues and fees paid by its members and through the valued contributions of corporate sponsors
• ARPAS is responsible to its membership and Governing Council

Why Should You Join ARPAS?
• You are fully qualified as a professional animal scientist by training and experience and would like the added benefits of professional registration.
• You take pride in your profession and want to deliver the highest value to those you serve
• You recognize that registration, as a Professional Animal Scientist, not only contributes to your current success but also proactively positions you for a time when some form of licensing may be required to practice certain animal sciences.
• You are committed to continuing education and recognize that it is essential for personal and professional development.
• You want to document your professional credibility and credentials as an Animal Scientist to provide recognition of your abilities, knowledge, and continual development to those you serve.
• Certification of competence when potentially involved in legal issues.
• Join a readily available network of credentialed animal scientists.
• Access The Professional Animal Scientist as a source of publishing and useful information