

# Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

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## NEWSLETTER

**May 2006**

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### *President's Notes*

Well the time of year has rolled around to our CAOAC Convention and elections on the May 24<sup>th</sup> weekend. Spring has finally arrived with its touching beauty of brilliant flowers and budding trees.

#### **CAOAC ELECTIONS!**

The **President's position** is being contested this year by Paul McIntosh, the present President and Tony Bernard, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

The other positions are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President—Bob Wright

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President---Randy Seufert

Recording Secretary---Miecia Burden

Treasurer—Jennifer Bawden

Corresponding Secretary--- Sarah Langthorne

All the executive positions are open from the floor at the Convention meeting except the position of President. Please make sure that you have a club representative present or send in a proxy vote to Terry Little the Steering Chairperson. The proxy forms are on pages 1101 and 1102 of the CAOAC Binder. Terry's e-mail address is [tlittle28@rogers.com](mailto:tlittle28@rogers.com).

#### **CAOAC CONVENTION IN LONDON MAY 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>**

I hope that many people plan to attend this wonderful upcoming event. It is one of the highlights of the CAOAC year. The London Aquaria Society is celebrating its historic 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and is working very hard to put on this 47<sup>th</sup> CAOAC Convention. They have booked an excellent array of speakers who are speaking on various topics of interest to the aquarium hobbyists.

Ray Lucas is bringing along many aquarium supplies to be auctioned off and has donated along with Allglass Aquariums, a large bow-front aquarium and goods worth approximately \$2000. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. If you were at the convention last year in Durham, you will remember how beautiful it was. London will be having the usual fish and plant sale as well as the auction on

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## C O M M I T T E E S

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**Miecia Burden**

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**Tony Bernard**

**Futures**  
(see 1st Vice President)

**Tony Bernard**

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**Bill Irwin**

**Membership**  
(see Recording Secretary)

**Miecia Burden**

**Newsletter**  
(see Recording Secretary)

**Miecia Burden**

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**Steering**  
(see Open Show)

**Terry Little**

**Webmaster**  
(see Past President)

**David Boehm**

**Ways & Means**  
(see Corresponding Secretary)

**Sarah Langthorne**

Sunday. They also have a 50 class fish and plant show. There will be the CAOAC Meeting on Sunday morning. The auction will take place on Sunday as well. They are having two banquets—one on Saturday night and the Awards Banquet on Sunday Night. Plan to come and enjoy the fun, fellowship of friends and the festivities that London has planned.

### CAOAC CLUBS

Welcome to the new Ingersoll Aquaria Society and the return of the Brant club.

SEE YOU AT THE CONVENTION IN LONDON!

*Regards and Good Fishing*  
*Paul "Mac" McIntosh*

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# Minutes of Meetings

## April 23rd 2006

### EXECUTIVE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Paul McIntosh (President/Archivist) on April 23rd 2006 at 1100 hours in Waterdown, ON.

**Executive present:** Tony Bernard (1st Vice President), Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Sec) and Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary).

**Executive absent:** Randy Seufert (2nd Vice President).

**Also present:** Bob Saunders (Toronto Willowdale) and Kia Sing (Durham).

**Correspondence:** an email from Dave Boehm who forwarded this email from Nick Mandrak to the entire executive last month.

*Hello folks,*

*I am forwarding to you an email from Nick Mandrak who I knew as a student of Dr. Crossman at the ROM. He now works for the federal government and is asking for our assistance. Nick is a good guy and I think we should assist him if we can. I also thought that maybe Terry could use some of the promotional materials Nick is offering at the convention in May.*

*I will contact Nick and let him know that I have contacted you. Let me know what your thoughts are.*

*Dave Boehm*

*Hello,*

*I am a Research Scientist with Fisheries and Oceans Canada. We are currently undertaking a project to assess the risk of aquarium species being released into the wild and negatively impacting our freshwater ecosystems. The study is composed of several parts:*

*1) Compiling a list of the freshwater plants and fishes in the Canadian aquarium trade. This will be done by accessing records from Canada Border Services Agency and industry representatives (e.g. PIJAC).*

*2) Determining the ability of these species to survive in the wild if released. This will be done through statistical analyses.*

*3) Determining the handling and disposing practices of the average Canadian. This will be done through an online survey ([www.surveymonkey.com/aquarium\\_survey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/aquarium_survey)).*

*We are particularly interested in getting hobbyist involved with the survey. The key to the survey's success is to make hobbyist's aware of it. To this end, we had a booth at the All about Pets show where people could take the survey. We have also developed promotional materials such as posters, business cards, pens and mouse pads. We were hoping that your organization could help us get the word out. For example, could you mention the survey in your newsletter or give out promotional materials at your upcoming show. Please contact me if you can help in any way.*

*Sincerely,  
Nick*

*Nicholas E. Mandrak, PhD  
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Government of Canada | Gouvernement du Canada*

Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership/NL) will contact Dave Boehm to say that we are willing to post this information on the web site and also publish it in our newsletter. We can also take any information Nick has to the convention in London.

**Insurance:** Long discussion regarding the questions asked by the Durham Region Aquarium Society about CAOAC insurance policy and coverage. The following is a list of questions from Durham:

*1. What is covered and how much liability is covered for each individual club. Is it \$2,000,000 for each occurrence or is it a total if there happened to be 2 or more claims?*

2. We also have been discussing the pros and cons of being incorporated or not. We had a lawyer attend our Executive meeting to give us some details and the direction that we, DRAS should be pursuing.
3. Also, are there any other clubs who are incorporated at present or are they considering this?
4. Our lawyer thinks that we should have at least \$5,000,000 coverage. DRAS wants to know if they can add a rider to the policy increasing the amount.

Jennifer contacted the insurance company with the following result:

1. It is a total of \$2,000,000.00 per occurrence regardless of how many claims there are.
2. There are no other clubs that we are aware of in CAOAC that are incorporated at this time.
3. CAOAC itself is incorporated.
4. Our current insurance company has stated that they will not take us on as clients if we want to increase the coverage to \$5,000,000.00. After investigation it was estimated that it would cost approximately \$800.00 per club for \$5,000,000.00 as a group or about \$2,500.00 if a club tried to obtain \$5,000,000.00 on their own with another insurance company.

Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership/NL) has the entire insurance policy in a pdf format and will send it out to any club who requests it. Each club was emailed the current policy in February of this year.

**Annual Reports:** All are due today at the general meeting with the exception of the Treasurer's report which is due April 30<sup>th</sup> 2006. Please send to Miecia Burden by email at [miecia@rogers.com](mailto:miecia@rogers.com)

**Archivist:** Paul McIntosh has obtained some old photos of conventions past from Harold Collis. He is attempting to id the hobbyists and will include them in the photo albums he is working on.

Respectfully submitted by  
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary)



## GENERAL MINUTES

**The meeting was called to order** at 1200 hours by Paul McIntosh (President/Archivist) on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2006 in Waterdown, ON. Paul welcomed guest Jose Aldez.

**Executive present:** Tony Bernard (1st Vice President), Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary) and Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary).

**Executive absent:** Randy Seufert (2nd Vice President).

**Roll Call:**

Bob Wright (CKA/Programs)  
Barry McKee (Durham)  
Kia Hing (Durham)  
Terry Little (London Aquaria/Open Show/Steering)  
Tom Mason (Ottawa Amph & Reptile Assoc)  
Tom Bridges (St Catharines)  
Bob Saunders (TorontoWillowdale)

Paul McIntosh (Archivist)  
Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership/NL)  
Tom & Pat Bridges (Breeders Dir)  
Tony Bernard (FRP/Futures)  
Bill Irwin (Judges)  
Sarah Langthorne (Ways & Means)

\*6 clubs and 14 votes.

Late arrivals: Tom Mason, Barry McKee and Carl McCleary. (Tom & Carl are always late!)

**Membership:** Miecia Burden (Membership/Binder/Newsletter) motioned that we accept the renewal of membership for CRLCA, seconded by Terry Little (London Aquaria/Open Show/Steering). Voted on and carried. CRLCA has 2 votes and carries their own insurance. Miecia Burden (Membership/Binder/Newsletter) motioned that we accept a membership for the revived Brantford Aquarium Society, seconded by Bill Irwin (Judges). Voted on and carried. Brant has one vote and will be taking the insurance.

This changes to count to \* 7 clubs and 14 votes. Bill Irwin (Judges) will represent the Brant club today.

Discussion about the returned membership and insurance cheque from Calgary. Jennifer has tried to contact two people in the club with no success. Miecia will email the contacts she has and see what luck she has.

**Treasurer's report:** read by Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer) from March 20<sup>th</sup> 2006 to April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2006.

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ITEM	IN	OUT	BALANCE
Opening Balance			4929.45
Bank charges		15.61	
Newsletter		22.52	
Newsletter		10.90	
Awards		107.01	
Sanctioning fees	20.00		
Calgary cheque		270.00	
Binder		20.90	
Ways & Means	5.00		
Program		36.96	
Share the Wealth	16.00		
Cheque printing		91.74	
Ways & Means	118.25		
Auction	3615.00	1335.14	
Membership CRLCA	95.00		
Closing Balance			6959.66
Committed Funds			1375.42
Working Balance			5584.24

Accepted on a motion by Terry Little (London Aquaria/ Open Show/Steering), seconded by Bob Saunders (Toronto Willowdale). Voted on and carried.

**Secretary's Report:**

**Minutes from the executive meeting in March:** accepted as printed on a motion by Tony Bernard (1st Vice President/FishRescueProgram/Futures), seconded by Bob Saunders (Toronto Willowdale). Voted on and carried.

**Minutes from the general meeting in March:** accepted as printed on a motion by Tony Bernard (1st Vice President/FishRescueProgram/Futures), seconded by Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges). Voted on and carried.

**Correspondence:** see executive minutes

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Archivist:** Nothing to report.

**AH Directory:** Chair absent. No report.

**Awards:** All in order for convention. The revolving trophies are being engraved with last year's winners and will

be displayed on a table in the fish show room.

**Binder:** 40 in circulation at this time.

**Breeders Directory:** Another "First In" is being awarded. Miecia apologized for forgetting to publish the names in the April newsletter as promised. Will be in the May NL for sure. Updates received from KWAS, London and Samia.

**CAOAC/FAAS:** Chair absent. No report.

**Convention 2006:** Everything is AOK. All information is online at [www.londonaquariasociety.ca](http://www.londonaquariasociety.ca) or [www.caoac.on.ca](http://www.caoac.on.ca). Extended deadline to May 1<sup>st</sup> for \$75 convention tickets. Please let Terry know asap if you are attending. Need to have numbers for the meals etc. A 72 gallon bow front aquarium, canopy, stand, 25 foot python, Rena power filter, and lots of other equipment to make it a \$1500.00 value will be the major raffle prize at the convention. This kit has been donated to the London Aquaria Society by Kingfish Services, Allglass Aquarium, Big Al's Aquarium Services, and many of Kingfish Services manufacturers and distributors. We are selling tickets at \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Don't miss this deal.

**Convention 2007:** Bids for this Convention will be entertained at the 2006 Convention. Clubs are urged to start thinking about bidding.

**Fish Rescue Program:** Four 'rescue' calls last month included goldfish, an oscar and turtles. Carl McCleary offered to take any reptiles that need new homes.

**Judges:** No apprentice judging reports have been received by the committee to date therefore no new judges will be awarded certification at the convention this year.

**Futures:** Had a meeting with lots of discussion but no resolutions. Tony is compiling information.

**Newsletter:** Please send any changes or additions to the Events Calendar to Miecia Burden (Membership/Binder/Newsletter) and she will pass them on to Dave Boehm (Webmaster) to be changed on the web site also. Dates held in reserve for the next year on the calendar are for shows only NOT auctions.

St Catharines Aquarium Society will be having an auction only on October 21<sup>st</sup> 2006.

**Open Show:** Results tallied for 2005 and trophies will be awarded at the Convention.

**Program:** Purchase of new programs is in the works. Terry has obtained permission from the speakers at the Convention to tape their programs and these will be available asap after the convention to be put in the CAOAC

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program library.

**Steering:** Nominations will be closed after the break this afternoon and uncontested positions will be opened again at the AGM in May at the convention. A list will be published in the May newsletter and also sent by email to all the clubs in CAOAC along with the rules and regulations of voting.

**Webmaster:** Several reps mentioned that they could not open the latest newsletter on the web site. Miecica will check with Dave to see if there is a problem.

**Ways & Means:** Auction was a success with about a \$1700 profit.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Motion # 0602-02 that CAOAC donate \$200.00 towards sponsoring a speaker at the annual CAOAC Convention.** No proxy votes received. Voted on with the following results: yes - 10, no - 2, abstainers none. Motion carried.

**Web Award:** Remember to notify Dave Boehm if you want your club to be considered for this 'trial' run.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Share the Wealth:** won by Terry Little (Open Show/Steering) again.

**NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:**

May 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday 8 am at Fanshawe College, 1460 Oxford St. East in London Ontario the site for the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual CAOAC Convention

**CLUB REPORTS**

Are submitted in writing at the meeting or by e-mail within in week of the meeting to Miecica Burden (Recording Secretary) for inclusion in TNL and do not necessarily reflect CAOAC policy.

Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society.....will be holding OKTOBERFISH 2006 on October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Waterloo Inn on King St. It is a large venue and easier to find. This is a date and location change.

Respect fully submitted by  
Miecica Burden (Recording Secretary).

# FIRST IN CERTIFICATES

**First in CAOAC Certificates**

Based on the latest submission from the CAOAC clubs, the Breeders Directory Committee has issued a certificate to:

- i **Charles Drew** of H&DAS for  
Oreochromis umangii
- i **Dave Furness** of SCAS for  
Oreochromis niloticus
- i **Dave Unruh** of SCAS for  
Ptychochromis oligacanthus
- i **Lisa Boorman** of SAS for  
Mbipia lutea
- i **Peter Melady** of SAS for  
Fundulopanchax oeseri
- i **Richard Schinkel** of SAS for  
Gambusia punctata
- i **Richard Schinkel** of SAS for  
Oreochromis esculentus
- i **Rick Wittner** of SAS for  
Neolamprologus helianthus

*They are the first in CAOAC member clubs to breed and submit these species and are to be congratulated on their achievements. '*

## C.A.O.A.C. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SUNDAY MAY 21st @ 8 AM

FANSHAWE COLLEGE  
ROOM 2013  
1460 OXFORD ST. E  
LONDON, ON

### BE THERE AND MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!!!

# GENERAL RULES & PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

As proposed at the Nov 1999 meeting and accepted  
Amended in June 2001 and again in October 2003

1. All nominations close at the end of the meeting break of the regularly scheduled April business meeting. A list of candidates will be supplied ASAP and will be published in the May TNL. A list of the candidates and options for voting will be e-mailed to each member club ASAP after the April meeting.
2. Any one nominated for an office and defeated for election to that office can be re-nominated for any lower office even when nominations for new candidates has been closed.
3. Any office not contested will be opened for nominations at the Annual Meeting. Acclimation will only be allowed after every reasonable effort has been made to provide for a contested election.
4. Any member of a CAOAC member club can nominate any other member (including himself) of a CAOAC club. Private members may also run but only one can be elected to the executive.
5. All nominees will be contacted by the steering committee and only those wishing to stand will have their names published.
6. All officers will be elected by a majority of the votes cast. If a majority is not reached on the first ballot the top 3 vote getters and ties will stand for a second ballot. If a third ballot is required the top 2 vote getters will be voted on. In the event of a tie after the third ballot, the executive in office at the beginning of the election and present at the meeting shall immediately meet in a special closed meeting to break the tie.
7. The order of voting will be: President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary.
8. All voting will be done by secret ballot. Vote count will not be announced. A candidate may request vote tabulation on any office for which he stood for election.
9. Clubs that give official notification of inability to attend the Annual Meeting have two options: A) notify steering of the name of the CAOAC member to whom they have given their proxy. No person can vote on behalf of more than one club. B) send in their vote by mail or by e-mail. This vote would only apply to the initial vote.
10. Current executive or nominated executive members cannot be appointed by a club to vote on their behalf.

## List of Nominees for the Elections May 2006

### **PRESIDENT**

*Paul McIntosh and Tony Bernard*

### **1<sup>st</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT**

*Randy Seufert*

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT**

*Bob Wright*

### **RECORDING SECRETARY**

*Miecia Burden*

### **TREASURER**

*Jennifer Bawden*

### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

*Sarah Langthorne*

# CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

*May 19—22*

## *47th ANNUAL CAOAC CONVENTION in LONDON ONTARIO*

**NOTE: AGM & Elections @ 8 am Sunday 21st**

*June 25*

**CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)**

**NOTE: Fourth Sunday of the Month**

**NOTE: Committee heads are chosen**

## *SUMMER BREAK*

*Sept 16*

**SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (sanctioned)**

*16/17*

**TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY Show & Auction (reserved)**

*Sept 17*

**CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)**

**NOTE: Committee Budgets reviewed and accepted**

*Oct 1*

**HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (reserved)**

*15*

**CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)**

*21*

**ST CATHARINES AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction only**

*29*

**KITCHENER WATERLOO AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (reserved)**

**FOR THE MOST CURRENT AND COMPLETE EVENT INFORMATION SEE THE EVENTS CALENDAR AT  
[www.caoac.on.ca](http://www.caoac.on.ca)**

## HOW TO GET THERE...

