

# Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

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## NEWSLETTER

**March 2007**

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### *President's Notes*

#### Happy St. Patrick's Day & Hope for an Early Spring

May the luck of the Irish be with you on March 17<sup>th</sup> and all through the coming year! Also, look for that good luck four leaf clover and that elusive pot of gold. I hope that by the CAOAC meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> comes we will more seasonal spring weather.

#### In Memory

Let us remember one of our stalwart members of CAOAC Paul McFarlane.

#### CAOAC Meeting Times

The Awards Meeting will be at 9:30 am followed by the Executive at 11:00 and the General meeting at 12:00 noon.

#### CAOAC CONVENTION 2007 in LONDON

Many plans have been finalized and others are in the later stages. It promises to be an interesting and exciting event as usual for those who attend. The members will have a wonderful time showing their prize fish and plants as well as renewing old friendships and making new ones. It is also a weekend to learn more information from our noteworthy speakers, seeing other people's fish show entries and enjoying the delicious banquet and brunch. Plan to attend this outstanding event! Also, don't forget the CAOAC Elections for the next year's Executive at the AGM on Sunday and the great Sunday Auction.

#### CAOAC DATES to Remember

CAOAC/Brant Auction in Brantford on March 25<sup>th</sup>

*Regards and good Fishing  
Paul "Mac" McIntosh*

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

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# Minutes of the Meetings

## February 10th 2007

### EXECUTIVE MEETING

Very short meeting followed the convention planning meeting.

**Executive present:** Paul McIntosh (President), Tony Bernard (1st Vice President), Bob Wright (2nd Vice President), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary) and Miccia Burden (Recording Secretary).

**Others present:** Terry Little (Open Show), Bill Irwin (Judges) and Craig Williams (Hamilton).

**Awards:** Awards meeting March 18 at 09:30 am prior to the executive meeting in Waterdown ON.

Awards committee need regional reps for regions 1, 4 and 7.

Region 1 – Toronto Willowdale, Nova Scotia, Durham and Ottawa Valley.

Region 4 – Erie, St Catharines, Hamilton and Brantford

Region 7 – Edmonton, Winnipeg, Calgary and Regina.

These regions will be represented at the March meeting by the awards committee if no regional reps have been chosen by then.

Region 2 – Brampton, Kitchener Waterloo and CKA are represented by Dave Boehm.

Region 5 – Forest City, London Aquaria and Sarnia are represented by Bill Gibbons.

Regional rep duties are found on page 8051 of the Information Binder. Anyone interested should contact Wayne Rakestrow the awards chairperson.

**Annual Reports:** Due at the April meeting but can be sent to Miccia ASAP. She has a very tight schedule at that time and would appreciate any reports that can be sent early to be sent early. Neither directories (Breeders and Aquatic Horticulturalists) are required to be published this year. The directories are published bi-yearly.

Respectfully submitted by  
Miccia Burden (Recording Secretary)

### GENERAL MEETING

**The meeting was called to order** at 1200 hours by Paul McIntosh (President) on February 10<sup>th</sup> 2007 in Waterdown, ON.

**Executive present:** same as executive meeting.

**Executive absent:** same as executive meeting.

**Roll Call:**

Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)

Kai Hing (Durham)

Craig Williams (Hamilton)

Terry Little (London Aquaria/Open Show)

Tom Bridges (St Catharines)

Ken Boorman (Sarnia)

Bob Saunders (Toronto Willowdale)

Paul MacIntosh (Archivist)

Miccia Burden (Binder/Membership/NL)

Tom & Pat Bridges (Breeders Directory)

Tony Bernard (Futures/FRP)

Bob Wright (Program)

Sarah Langthorne (Ways & Means)

7 clubs and 13 votes.

**Membership:** A pdf file of the Insurance Policy mailed to two contacts in each club via email. Application forms passed on to Dave Boehm to update the website club information.

**Treasurer's report:** Treasurer absent. No report.

**Secretary's Report:**

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

**Minutes from the general meeting in January:** accepted as printed on a motion by Craig Williams (Hamilton), seconded by Ken Boorman (Sarnia).

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Voted on and carried.

**Correspondence:** None. In reference to the letter from New Substances Division, Environment Canada, about screening assessments for all living organisms on the Canadian Domestic Substances List that Bob volunteered to look into, Bob reported that it is not of a concern for CAOAC – it is dealing with manufactured organisms only.

Ministry forms – corrected and sent by Miecica Burden.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Archivist:** Paul showed the group the framed tribute for Dorothy Reimer. Terry Little (Open Show) will take to the London Aquaria meeting and it will be presented to her at that time. Thanks to Paul's wife Marilyn for the great framing job.

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

**Awards:** There will be an awards meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> prior to the executive meeting. This is a closed meeting – open to the awards committee and regional reps only. See executive minutes for the status of the regional reps. Paul MacIntosh mentioned that he would consider being the regional rep for region one – to be added to the agenda for the awards meeting. Also to be discussed at this meeting - a suggestion that since we have seven junior hobbyists that are in the running for the Junior Champion of Champions that we consider awarding one winner with six honourable mentions as an encouragement for the junior hobbyists.

**Binder:** Updated Sarnia binder given to Ken Boorman today.

**Breeders Directory:** Submissions received from Kitchener Waterloo.

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

**Convention 2007:** See separate report.

**Fish Rescue Program:** 24 inch red tailed catfish needs a new home.

**Judges:** No report.

**Futures:** No report.

**Newsletter:** Deadline for next issue is March 1<sup>st</sup> 2007. **Please check the calendar for show and auction dates – there are changes and additions. The calendar is on the back page of the NL and also on the web site.** Remember **show dates only** are reserved for the following year NOT auction dates.

**Open Show:** Next show on the calendar is Durham on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 followed by the Convention Show May 25 – 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Program:** An inquiry from East Coast Aquarium Society about a speaker for a one day convention they are holding.

**Steering:** Chair absent. No report. Please send any nominations to Dave Boehm. Nominations will close at the break of the April meeting. Rules and regulations published in the newsletter.

**Ways & Means: CAOAC/Brant Auction:** March 25<sup>th</sup> 2007 at the same place as last year - Brantford and District Civic Centre, 69 Market Street South, Brantford. Same split as last year 70/30 with the sellers and CAOAC and the Brant Aquarium Society will split the costs and the profits. Flyers are available for reps to take back to the clubs.

**Webmaster:** Chair absent. Craig will contact Dave regarding convention information on the website. Miecica sent Dave the CAOAC/Brant information and it is posted on the website as a pop-up. The Kitchener Waterloo club has offered to mirror the CAOAC events calendar on their forum site. The go-ahead was given and Tony will contact and discuss with Dave Boehm as a courtesy.

**OLD BUSINESS: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Annual Reports:** Due at the April meeting but can be sent to Miecica ASAP. She has a very tight schedule at that time and would appreciate any reports that can be sent early to be sent early.

**Share the wealth:** won by Kai Hing (Durham).

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**FUTURE MEETING INFORMATION:**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Awards meeting at 0930 hours**

**Executive/convention meeting at 1100 hours**

**General meeting at 12 noon.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary).

**CLUB REPORTS**

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

**Ottawa Valley Aquarium Society.**

We had an excellent meeting in January with a live presentation from a local pond company. A video presentation followed by some Q&A was well received by all. All the members, regardless of if they had a pond or not, said they thoroughly enjoyed the speaker and presentation.

We have big events coming up in the coming weeks. Our regular meeting for February will be re-scheduled to the 25th so we can enjoy a couple of presentations from Spencer Jack. All are welcome (\$5 for non-OVAS members). Additionally, March the 4th is our Giant Auction. If that could be posted in the newsletter it would be great.

So, the next few weeks will be a busy set for OVAS.

Enjoy your meetings...



**SPEAKERS**

We are looking for excellent speakers who would be willing to give talks at club meetings. If you would like to offer your services or if you know some one who might, contact Dave Boehm at [fishman@golden.net](mailto:fishman@golden.net)  
Check out the speakers page on the CAOAC web site at [www.caoac.ca](http://www.caoac.ca)

**FISH RESCUE PROGRAM**

Needs a contact person in each club to help rescue 'orphaned' fish pets. Please ask members in your club if they are interested in helping out!

**Call Tony Bernard**  
**(905) 768-7991**  
**[utakaman@porchlight.ca](mailto:utakaman@porchlight.ca)**

**PROGRAMS**

We are always looking for great programs in any format. If you come across what you think might be suitable for club viewing

contact **Bob Wright** our program chair  
**(416) 883 0571**  
**[bob.wright@telus.net](mailto:bob.wright@telus.net)**

# CONVENTION NEWS

## February 10th 2007

**Present:** Bob Wright, Tony Bernard, Sarah Langthorne, Paul MacIntosh, Craig Williams, Bill Irwin, Terry Little and Miecia Burden.

**Name Tags:** Terry has located a source and designed the inserts.

**Ticket prices:** Full convention ticket prior to May 15<sup>th</sup> \$75.00  
Full convention ticket after May 15<sup>th</sup> \$100.00  
Speaker only \$50.00  
Children 16 years and under \$30.00  
Dinner/Dance \$45.00 (not advertised)  
Awards Breakfast \$30.00 (not advertised)

Convention registration form - posted on the web site for downloading.

**Speakers:** two are confirmed, one in waiting. Need a dinner speaker. Several suggested and Bob will contact. Confirmed are: Discus Hans from Baltimore – topic Discus

Ginny Eckstein from Long Island – topic Plecos

Unconfirmed: Peter Unmack from Utah- topic Australian Fishes and Native Fishes.

Speaker costs discussed. Travel expenses, room and board for weekend will run about \$2500.00 in total.

Gifts for speakers – plaques suggested.

Money for speaker from CAOAC - \$200.00 as motioned in 2006.

**Flyer:** Mock-up of flyer passed around for comments and suggestions. Will print on colored paper for distribution at auctions and meetings. Miecia will finish off, print and distribute and email as required. Will be available on the web site also.

**Brochure:** In progress. Distribute when ready (late March or early April) and posted on the web site. Should contain show and auction rules and regulations along with tank tags. All this will also be on the web site for downloading. Send brochure advertising to Miecia.

**Trophies:** are still being selected. Sponsorship monies should go to Tony Bernard first who will then pass on the money to Miecia. Miecia will take care of revolving trophies and getting them engraved with last years winners. Who takes care of the revolving trophy keepers for this year – awards committees???

\$50.00 cash prize – one ticket per fishroom entry per person. (50 entries = 50 tickets)

**Donation and advertising:** few replies to date.

**Itinerary for the weekend:** finalized

Friday, May 25th

4:00 pm-8:00 pm

8:00 pm

Convention & Show Registration

Speaker

9:30 pm Casino Night & Auction

Saturday, May 26

8:00 am-4:00 pm Convention & Show Registration  
 9:00 am Speaker  
 10:30am Speaker  
 11:45am-1:45pm Lunch  
 1:45 pm Speaker  
 3:15 pm Speaker  
 6:30 pm Cocktails  
 7:00 pm Dinner & Entertainment

Sunday, May 27th

8:00 am CAOAC AGM & Elections  
 9:30 am Brunch & Awards Presentation  
 11:00 am Auction Registration  
 12 noon Auction

**Chinese auction:** all weekend. Sarah to run.

**Prizes and donations:** needed for Chinese auction and the casino night. Miecia has designed a letter of introduction for reps to take to companies to ask for prizes and donations for the various events that weekend.

**Fanshawe College:** Deposit sent January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007. Book rooms through Terry but pay the rooms at College.

**Show:** Fish Room -Terry will supply individual air pumps per class as needed. Judging Saturday evening and awards presented on Sunday at breakfast.

**Junior Aquarium Beautiful:** Long discussion about this project. Will take place Saturday afternoon. A \$20.00 pre-registration fee per child will get the child a 10 gallon tank and all necessary items to create an aquarium beautiful which will then be entered into the fish show competition class Junior Aquarium Beautiful. The tank and all related equipment will go home with the child. Last minute entries can be accommodated but the entrant will be required to bring all their own tank and equipment.

## CONVENTION CHAIRPERSONS & CONTACTS

Any & All Ideas will be considered!!! Please contact those below with your suggestions!!

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# TROPICAL FISH & EQUIPMENT AUCTION

**HOSTED BY C.A.O.A.C. / B.A.S.**

THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF  
AQUARIUM CLUBS  
and  
BRANT AQUARIUM SOCIETY

**SUNDAY MARCH 25<sup>th</sup>**

**BRANTFORD AND DISTRICT CIVIC CENTRE  
69 Market Street South, Brantford.  
for more information 519-752-8642**

**DOORS OPEN AT 8:00 AM TO RECEIVE AUCTION ITEMS  
AUCTION STARTS AT 10:00 AM  
& ENDS WHEN ALL ITEMS SOLD**



## 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.

Please contact Steering Chairperson  
***Dave Boehm at fishman@golden.net***  
with your nominations

# CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

## Calendar for 2007

- Mar 4* OTTAWA VALLEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction only  
*11* HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction only  
*18* **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)**  
**NOTE: Awards meeting at 9:30 am**  
*25* **CAOAC/BRANT AUCTION in BRANTFORD**
- Apr 15* DURHAM REGION AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (sanctioned)  
*21* SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction only  
*22* **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)**  
**NOTE: Annual Reports due**  
*29* LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY Auction only
- May 25-27* **CAOAC CONVENTION**  
**NOTE: AGM & Elections**
- June 24* **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 1 pm)**  
**NOTE: Fourth Sunday of the Month**  
**NOTE: President's Pot Luck Lunch at 12 Noon**  
**NOTE: Committee heads are chosen**
- Sept 15* SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (reserved)  
*15/16* TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY Show & Auction (reserved)  
*16* **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)**  
**NOTE: Budgets are reviewed & accepted**  
*23* LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY Show & Auction (reserved)
- Oct 7/14* HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (reserved)  
*21* **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)**  
*28* KITCHENER WATERLOO AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (reserved)
- Nov 3* BRAMPTON AQUARIUM CLUB Show & Auction (reserved)  
*18* **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)**  
**NOTE: Membership Applications & Insurance are due**
- Dec 9* **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 1 pm)**  
**NOTE: Second Sunday of the Month**  
**NOTE: Christmas Pot Luck Lunch at 12 Noon**  
**NOTE: Authors & Advanced Authors nominations due**

## 2008

- Jan 20* **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)**  
**NOTE: Newsletter Award nominations are due & Memberships accepted**
- Feb 10* **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)**  
**NOTE: Second Sunday of the Month**  
**NOTE: All other Award nominations/applications are due**