

Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

Aquarium Clubs



NEWSLETTER

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President's Notes

Again the time for the 48th Convention has rolled around and elections for the new Executive are in the offing. Mother Nature has blessed us with a new awakening of spring with all its beautiful floral display of brilliant flowers, budding trees and green carpet of grass.

CAOAC ELECTIONS!

The following are running for these positions:

President - Tony Bernard (accepted)

1st Vice President - open

2nd Vice President - Randy Seufert (unconfirmed) & Terry Little (accepted)

Recording Secretary - Miecia Burden (accepted)

Treasurer - Jennifer Bawden (accepted)

Corresponding Secretary - Sarah Langthorne (accepted)

All the positions are open for further nominations at the Convention. Please make sure that you have a club representative present or send a proxy vote to Dave Boehm the Steering chairperson at fishman@golden.net. The proxy forms are on pages 1101 and 1102 of the CAOAC Binder.

CAOAC Convention in London May 25th to May 27th

I hope that many people are planning on attending this wonderful upcoming event at the Fanshawe College. CAOAC people have worked very hard to bring another outstanding convention to its members. They have booked an excellent array of speakers who are speaking on a good variety of topics to whet your taste of various interests in the hobby. **Ralph C. Hagen Inc** has donated ten gallon tank kits for the Junior Aquarium Beautiful Contest. The juniors get to take the tanks home after the convention for the low price of \$20.00. They have also donated 2 very large tanks to CAOAC for the tank raffles at the Convention.

Again I have said it is a wonderful weekend to renew former friendships, show your fish and plants and take part in the festivities of this great Convention!

New CAOAC Club

Welcome to The Aquarium Club of Thunder Bay for joining CAOAC!

See you at the Convention in London!

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Minutes of the Meetings

April 22nd 2007

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Combined with the Convention meeting.

Called to order at 1000 hours by Paul McIntosh (President).

Executive present: Paul McIntosh (President), Bob Wright (2nd Vice President), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary) and Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary). Tony Bernard (1st Vice President) and Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer) joined the meeting at 1100 hours.

Others present: Terry Little (Open Show) and Bill Irwin (Judges).

Annual Reports: Due today. Minutes from the May 2006 AGM will be published along with the annual reports and be available at the Sunday May 27 CAOAC Annual meeting in Fanshawe College London Ontario. Neither directories (Breeders and Aquatic Horticulturalists) are required to be published this year. The directories are published bi-yearly.

Awards: Discussion about the late submissions for Breeder and Aquatic Horticulturalist awards received from the Aquarium Society of Winnipeg. These have been looked over by both the chairperson of the Awards committee (Wayne Rakestrow) and the President of CAOAC (Paul McIntosh) and deemed to be acceptable. Unfortunately since they were submitted well after the deadline they will not be available for presentation at the Convention but will be awarded later. Wayne will advise the society of this decision.

Binder: An update will be ready for a September release.

Programs: Paul has several VHS tapes of the 1993 CAOAC Convention speakers which he has turned over to Bob Wright our program chairperson. Bob

will check to see if they are any better than the ones we already have.

Ways & Means: CAOAC/BAS Auction – no formal report yet but we did make some money. Thanks to all who participated.

New Business: Request from East Coast Aquarium Society for funding assistance for their upcoming May 5th one day seminar/workshop Talk Fish. After a lengthy discussion **Motion # 0704-01 that CAOAC send \$200.00 to assist this club with that seminar; ; Motioned by Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary) , seconded by Bob Wright (2nd Vice President) . Voted on and carried (Three for and one against – two absent from the vote.)** All executive present thought that it was a good idea to fund such ventures and as a result of discussion an ad hoc committee will be setup to decide upon the criteria for such requests in the future. This will be done by the new executive at the June meeting.

Steering: Nominations will close after the break at the April general meeting and a list of potential candidates will be published in the next newsletter.

Convention 2008: A bid has been received from the Aquarium Club of Edmonton and will be announced at the general meeting in accordance with guidelines that are in place at this time.

CONVENTION 2007

Trophies: are ordered and all classes were sponsored.

Auction: same format as the last CAOAC/BAS auction in March.

Silent Auction & Casino Night Play Money Auction: any donations are accepted with thanks.

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Booklet & Flyer: corrections will be made and copies printed. Both are available online from the CAOAC website.

Website: is looking good. Several links from CAOAC website are operational. The promotional tri-fold flyer, booklet and all forms and rules have been posted and can be downloaded. Thanks to Craig Williams for providing the links to the CAOAC site.

Junior Aquarium Beautiful Workshop: Through the efforts of Terry Little and Bob Wright the Rolf C Hagen company has become involved and has generously donated 12 extra tanks and equipment for this workshop. The workshop will take place on Saturday afternoon following the Hagen Seminar scheduled for 1 pm. Details are included in the convention booklet.

The Rolf C Hagen Company will also set-up three 10 foot displays of merchandise for participants to view and product from the displays will be donated to the auction on Sunday. A rep from the company will be attending the convention to promote these products and answer any questions about the company and their products.

Two giant raffles: Once again Rolf C Hagen Company has very generously donated two complete tank set-ups for raffle. See the ad in this newsletter.

Hospitality Suite: will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings following the main events.

Respectfully submitted by
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary)

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

GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1200 hours by Paul McIntosh (President) on April 22nd 2007 in Waterdown, ON. Paul will be leaving at 1230 and Tony Bernard (1st Vice President) will take over the meeting.

Executive present: same as executive meeting.

Roll Call:

- Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)
- Barry McKee (Durham)
- Craig Williams (Hamilton)
- Brad Smith (Hamilton)
- Terry Little (London Aquaria/Open Show)
- Carl McCleary (Ottawa Amph)
- Tom Bridges (St Catharines)
- Wayne Cole (Sarnia)

- Paul MacIntosh (Archivist)
- Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership/NL)
- Tom & Pat Bridges (Breeders Directory)
- Tony Bernard (Futures/FRP)
- Bob Wright (Programs)
- Sarah Langthorne (Ways & Means)

7 clubs and 15 votes.

Membership: Miecia Burden (Membership/Binder/Newsletter) motioned that we accept the membership of a new club – the Aquarium Club of Thunder Bay, seconded by Brad Smith (Hamilton). Voted on and carried. ACTB has one vote and no insurance.

Aquarium Club of Thunder Bay

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- President – James Foley – aquascapes@shaw.ca
- Editor – Ryan Tuomi – ryantuomi@shaw.ca
- BAP Chairperson – Shelly O'Connor – shelldenn@tbaytel.net
- HAP Chairperson – Grant Derozea – gderozea@yahoo.com
- Meeting Dates – first Wednesday each month at 7.30 pm
- Number of members - 12
- Elections – June

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Miecia Burden (Membership/Binder/Newsletter) motioned that we increase the membership for the Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society to 2 votes (they have increased their membership to over 60 memberships), seconded by Carl McCleary (OARA). Voted on and carried.

Treasurer's report:

No report received by email as promised.

Treasurer's report accepted on a motion by Brad Smith (Hamilton), seconded by Terry Little (Open Show). Voted on and carried.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the executive meeting in March: accepted as printed on a motion by Brad Smith (Hamilton), seconded by Craig Williams (Hamilton). Voted on and carried.

Minutes from the general meeting in March: accepted as printed on a motion by Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges), seconded by Craig Williams (Hamilton). Voted on and carried.

Correspondence: A letter from Dorothy Reimer thanks CAOAC for the Honorary Membership Award presented to her for extended years of service to CAOAC.

Miecia also reported that another long time associate and judge in CAOAC is seriously ill and in the Toronto General Hospital at this time. Frank Buhagiar is known to many of the CAOAC reps and a card or phone call would be appreciated to cheer him up. *(Editor's note: Unfortunately I just received word that Frank passed away May 3 2007. I will have more information soon that I will publish in the next newsletter.)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: Any old photos of past CAOAC conventions etc would be appreciated. Send to Paul to be included in our archives which will be on display at the convention.

AH Directory: Chair absent. No report.

Awards: Late submissions from Winnipeg – see executive meeting for details. Dave Boehm has sent a package to Wayne Rakestrow (Awards) via Miecia Burden (Membership/Binder/Newsletter) that probably contains the results of the judging of the Newsletter Award and the Web Award trial. Results from both these competitions will be mailed to the clubs that participated in the competition.

Binder: A new binder # 113 will be sent to Thunder Bay ASAP. An update to the binder will be ready in September. Hamilton has requested a second binder and one will be prepared over the summer.

Breeders Directory: Sizeable submission from Winnipeg will be added to data base and several CAOAC First In's will also be presented to that club. See side bar in this newsletter.

CAOAC/FAAS: Chair absent. No report.

Convention 2007: See executive minutes for detailed report. Carl McCleary has designed and donated a large permanent directional sign with arrows to be used at the CAOAC Convention. Thanks Carl.

Fish Rescue Program: Nothing to report.

Judges: One apprentice judge will receive his certification at the convention.

Futures: Nothing to report.

Newsletter: Deadline for next issue is May 1st 2007. **Please check the Events Calendar for show and auction dates – there are changes and additions. The Events 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. Hamilton advised that they will not be holding their show and auction on the weekend of October 7th which is the Thanksgiving weekend – this will be changed on the Events Calendar.

Open Show: Nothing to report.

Program: Nothing to report.

Steering: Bob Wright has declined his nomination for the position of 1st Vice President and mentioned that he had not been contacted re accepting the nomination in accordance with the nominating rules. Unfortunately steering chairperson Dave Boehm was not present to clarify the issue of notification of candidates and their acceptance therefore the nominations will remain open until the annual general meeting.

The slate of nominees is as follows:

President – Tony Bernard (accepted)

1st Vice – Bob Wright (declined)

2nd Vice President – Randy Seufert (unknown) and Terry Little (accepted)

Recording Secretary – Miecia Burden (accepted)

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Treasurer – Jennifer Bawden (accepted)
 Corresponding Secretary – Sarah Langthorne (accepted)

Ways & Means: CAOAC/BAS Auction – successful. Profits and expenses divided between CAOAC and the Brant club. Brant announced that it has already booked March 30th 2008 for their next auction. This will NOT be a joint venture with CAOAC. CAOAC’s new executive will decide later in the fall whether it will be necessary to have another CAOAC auction in the spring of 2008. The idea of another joint auction with another small club needing assistance was briefly discussed.

Webmaster: Chair absent. No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Reports: Due today. Thanks to those who sent them in ahead of time – it is greatly appreciated by Miecia Burden (Membership/Binder/Newsletter) who is responsible for the annual reports. Last year’s AGM minutes will be available along with the annual reports for this year’s AGM held May 27th at 8:00 am at the Convention in Fanshawe College in London ON. Minutes from the April CAOAC meetings will NOT be accepted until the June CAOAC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Convention 2008: An application to hold the 2008 CAOAC Convention has been received by the Aquarium Club of Edmonton. See insert in this newsletter for details.

Application for funding for Seminar hosted by East Coast Aquarium Society – see executive minutes for details and discussion. The question was asked as to whether the executive has the power to make and pass motions without general membership approval resulted in further discussion which resulted in **Motion # 0704-02 that CAOAC fund this request and send \$200.00 to the East Coast Aquarium Society with the understanding that it is a one time approval until we come up with a set of criteria and guidelines for future requests; Motioned by Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges), seconded by Barry McKee (Durham). Voted on and carried. (For 6, Against 1, Abstainers 7).** Further discussion resulted in **Motion #0704-03 that until a committee has been formed and guidelines made for dona-**

tions requested by member organizations for the running of conventions, shows and emposiums no more monies be given out by CAOAC until the guidelines have been approved by the general members ; Motioned by Brad Smith (Hamilton) , seconded by Carl McCleary (OARA). Voted on and carried. (For 8, Against 0, Abstainers 6). An ad hoc committee will be requested by the executive at the June meeting to set up the criteria and guidelines for this type of requests.

Share the wealth: won by Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary).

President’s BBQ – June meeting at 12 noon. Brad Smith (Hamilton) will supply the BBQ and Sarah the dry goods, Miecia will bring sodas and burgers and liaison with Brad re other main course delicacies. Repls are request to bring a salad or dessert for sharing.

Treatment of Fish in Pet Stores - Carl McCleary initiated a discussion about how some pet stores treat and bag fish for customers. Tony Bernard (Fish Rescue Program) will send a letter to the store in question outlining our concerns. Other suggestions suggested that might be more effective were that hobbyists who witness any abuse complain directly to the store management either in person or by a letter or report the offending store to PETA.

FUTURE MEETING INFORMATION:

Annual General meeting – May 27th at 8:00 am at Fanshawe College in London Ontario.

June 24th – Executive/Convention meeting 1000 hours followed by the President’s BBQ at 12 noon followed by the General meeting.

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.

KITCHENER WATERLOO AQUARIUM SOCIETY..... our April meeting featured Charlie

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Drew from the H&DAS with a slide show on CATFISH. The presentation was very good with so much great information about identification, raising and breeding these very popular fishes. Charlie also very generously donated several bags of fish to our auction. A big thank you to Charlie Drew.

Next month's program features a number of club members with a live presentation on Food for our Fishy Friends – flake food, beef heart, worms and brine shrimp with give-away samples to the Kwas members.

All are welcome to join us.

SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY..... has had a busy month starting with our last meeting on the 10th. Terry Little came and talked to us about the upcoming Caoac Convention and also about showing (and judging) fish. He outlined the benefits that could be derived by attending the convention and I am sure quite a few from our club will be in attendance again this year. He then went on to explain some of the finer points of showing and judging fish. He used the fish we had on hand for our Bowl Show to illustrate his points. I am sure we all learned something from his talk.

We had our Spring Auction yesterday, April 21st. Despite a smaller than normal crowd, everything went smoothly and we finished in good time. A big thank you goes to all the members who helped make this another successful auction. Thanks too to all the members of other clubs who came and showed their support by either selling or buying. Special thanks are extended to the two people who agreed to auctioneer for us at the last minute when our scheduled auctioneer failed to turn up - thank you Jerry Draper and Bob Wright!

Our next meeting is on May 8th and will be a quiet one as we call for nominations for the Executive and we watch one of the talks from last year's CAOAC Convention. There will also be a small demonstration on how to make a culture of microworms. Anyone in the area is welcome to attend our meetings.

OTTAWA VALLEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY...April's OVAS meeting was a DIY lighting presentation that was absolutely smashing. Amazing how much attention a shattering light bulb can attract! Members were given some hands on info re-

garding building a do-it-yourself lighting system.

Even this late in the year, we are still getting membership sign ups; it is always good to see continued interest in the club beyond the initial membership drive in September.

Our next report will be after our General Meeting and elections in May.

First in CAOAC Certificates

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

Steve Bansee of ASW for
Corydoras gossei

Howard Beilby of ASW for
Pundamilia igneopinnis

Allan Bridges of ASW for
Gephyrochromis moorii
Pyxichromis orthostoma

Richard Engstrom of ASW for
Melanotaenia angfa
Melanotaenia parva

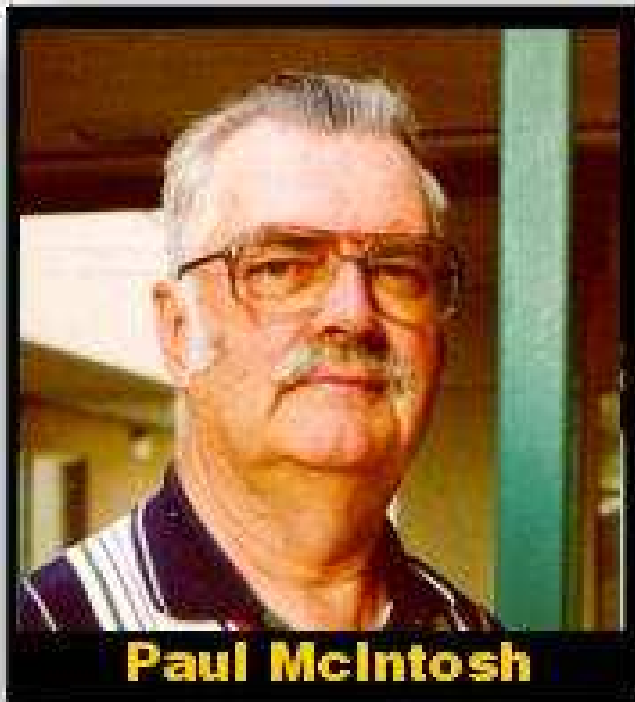
Melanie Fraser of ASW for
Paratilapia polleni "small spot"

David Kozak of ASW for
Hypancistrus "Queen Arabesque"(L260)

Fred Olynyk of ASW for
Aphyosemion hera

John Sabo of ASW for
Paraneetroplus nebuliferus
Thoracochromis brauschi
Vieja guttulata

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



PRESIDENT 2002 - 2007

President's Farewell Message

It has been an honour, a privilege and a pleasure to serve CAOAC for the last 5 years as President. I have tried, with your help over these years to improve CAOAC and its clubs. I had certain objectives that I wished to attain. I am sure that you can see these accomplishments. There are at least two that I did not fully accomplish. I leave these up to the next executive if they wish to explore. One is to have more contact with our western and eastern clubs. They are very active in their own provinces. CAOAC is exploring more ways to strengthen ties with them. The second is to involve the junior members in more of the activities and to promote their active participation in their own clubs as well as CAOAC. After all, they will become some of the backbone of CAOAC in the future. We have started this process with the promotion of the Junior Aquarium Beautiful Workshop at this year's Convention.

As I leave this position as President, I have mixed feelings. I know that CAOAC will be in good hands in next year's executive. I also wish to thank the members on the present and previous executives for their constant and faithful support! Good sailing and may you enjoy your new positions.

And as my favourite comedian, Red Skelton said in closing his show "May God Bless".

CAOAC Web Award

Starting in 2007

**Please notify Dave Boehm at *fishman@golden.net*
if your club is interested**

**Deadline for notification for this year only is
MAY 27th at the AGM 2007**

The purpose of the CAOAC web award is to promote and reward excellence in the web promotion of CAOAC clubs. The CAOAC Web site award is based on content, structure and navigation, visual design, functionality, and overall experience. Web critique, like Web development, is not an exact science. The criteria is intended as a guideline to evaluating/ creating web sites. The weight of each category varies. Content, for example, is clearly more valuable than Visual Design. In the end though, Overall Experience outweighs the other criteria; a web site is much more than the sum of its parts.

Criteria:

- Content
- Structure and Navigation
- Visual Design
- Functionality
- Overall Experience.

Content (30%)

Content is the information provided on the site. Good content should be engaging, relevant, and appropriate for the audience. You can tell it's been developed for the Web because it's clear and concise and it works in the medium.

Structure and Navigation (10%)

Structure and navigation refers to the organization of information on the site and the method in which you move through sections. Sites with good structure and navigation are consistent and effective. They allow you to form a mental model of the information provided, where to find things, and what to expect. Good navigation gets you where you want to go quickly and offers easy access to the site's content.

Visual Design (10%)

Visual design is the appearance of the site. It's more than just a pretty home page and it doesn't have to be cutting edge. Good visual design is high quality, appropriate, and relevant for the information it is delivering.

Functionality (10%)

Functionality is the use of technology on the site. Good functionality means the site loads quickly, has live links, and any new technology used is functional and relevant for the intended audience. The site must be both work cross-platform and browser independent. The site must be compliant with the latest version of Internet Explorer and Netscape Navigator.

Overall Experience (40%)


The overall experience encompasses content, structure and navigation, visual design, functionality, and interactivity, but it also encompasses the intangibles that make one stay or leave. A web site can be compared to a recipe; each ingredient may be exquisite but blended together it may or may not be palatable. Does the web site present the information in good taste? Is it responsive or do you spend too much time waiting for it to load. Are the graphics appropriate or overwhelming?

Judging Guidelines

- the content should be original, concise, accurate, well written, and up-to-date.
- all content must be meaningful to and useful for the intended audience.
- all content should be organized into logical groups.
- all graphics should be clear and sharp, without any "jaggies".
- all graphics should be relevant to the content of the web page.
- all graphics should be "gift gif or "jpg", for most browsers will only display these formats.
- sparing use of animated graphics, and only if they are relevant to the content of the page.
- use of browser safe colours for large areas of solid colour to avoid "dithering"
- optimized graphics to reduce their loading time.
- pages should look clean and crisp, not crowded and cluttered.
- backgrounds should not make it difficult to read the text.
- there should not be distracting elements on the page that detract from the information being presented.
- if there is music anywhere in the site, there should be a way to turn it off.
- the web pages should display properly in all the latest version of the major browsers.
- navigation should be intuitive and user friendly.
- provide more than one menu on longer pages, unless they are using frames.
- provide a "Back to Top" link at the bottom of longer pages. (This can also be achieved by provided a menu bar at the bottom of each page)
- visitors should not have to use the "Back" button on their browsers to navigate.
- missing graphics and broken links, especially internal links, are unacceptable.
- the absence of grammatical errors and spelling mistakes.

This is an example of a web award judging sheet.

In the next update to the binder to be released in September 2007 this page will be included and is page 8919

 Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs Web Award Judging Sheet	
Club Name _____ Date _____	
Content	1) Originality & Conciseness (5) □ □
	2) Current & Up-to-date (15) □ □
	3) Events (15) □ □
	4) Appropriate For Audience (5) □ □
	Sub-total Content (max 40 pts) □ □
Structure & Navigation	5) Good Organization (6) □ □
	6) Navigation System (12) □ □
	7) Functionality (12) □ □
	Sub-total Structure (max 30 pts) □ □
Visual Design	8) Graphics Quality (5) □ □
	9) Graphics Relevance & Location (6) □ □
	10) Background (5) □ □
	11) Consistency of Look & Feel (6) □ □
	12) Scalability & Portability (6) □ □
Sub-total Visual (max 30 pts) □ □	
Notes	

48th ANNUAL C.A.O.A.C. CONVENTION MAY 25th - 27th 2007

SPEAKERS

Discus Hans
(Discus)

Ginny Eckstein
(Plecus)

Peter Unmack
(Native Fish
& Rainbowfish)

Ed Champigny
(Koi & Fancy Goldfish)

DINNER SPEAKER

Rein Breitmaier
World traveler
KWAS member



CONVENTION FEES

Full Convention Ticket
(prior to May 15th) \$75.00
(after May 15th) \$100.00

Speakers Only Ticket \$50.00

Children's Ticket
(16 yrs & under) \$30.00

Junior Aquarium
Beautiful Workshop \$20.00

2 AQUARIUM DRAWS

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Tickets \$2.00

\$5.00 for 3

\$10.00 for 8

\$20.00 for 25

MIX AND MATCH ANY COMBO

ACTIVITIES

**Play Money Casino Night & Auction
Speakers**

**Dinner with Speaker followed by Karaoke
35 Class Fish Show**

Junior Aquarium Beautiful Workshop

AGM & Elections

Awards Breakfast

**Giant Auction - Fish, Plants, Books
& New Equipment ONLY**

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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2 or 4 Bedroom
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**CHECKOUT NOT REQUIRED UNTIL
AFTER THE AUCTION ON SUNDAY**

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, 1st Vice president, 2nd 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

- May 5* TALK FISH sponsored by EAST COAST AQUARIUM SOCIETY
May 19-21 REGINA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (sanctioned)
May 25-27 CAOAC CONVENTION in FANSHAWE COLLEGE LONDON ON
NOTE: AGM & Elections Sunday 8 am
- June 24* CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec/convention at 10 am,
general following BBQ)
NOTE: Fourth Sunday of the Month
NOTE: President's BBQ at 12 Noon
NOTE: Committee heads are chosen
- Sept 15* SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (sanctioned)
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 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

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- 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
- Mar 16* CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)
NOTE: Awards meeting at 9:30 am
Mar 30 BRANT AQUARIUM SOCIETY (Auction only)
- April 20* CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)
NOTE: Annual Reports due