

# Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

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## NEWSLETTER

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### *President's Notes*

It is with a sad heart I write these words this month. We have received horrible news that Miecia, our secretary and foundation block of CAOAC and its operation, has been diagnosed with cancer. I am still in shock over the news and can't even imagine what she must be going through. I have been involved with CAOAC for about ten years and I can't remember a time that she wasn't there. Miecia I am sending a big hug and a special prayer for you from all of CAOAC as you work through this difficult time of your life.

Unfortunately we still need to continue on with business and we have a big meeting in March this year. The awards will be decided upon at this meeting along with more Convention information as the time draws near. As you look through the newsletter this month you will get a good idea of the information that will be covered this month as well.

We have had a very good month with the fish rescue program. We have relocated 1 tank of fish in Quebec and received calls from another in Quebec close to Ottawa with some cichlids and another in Toronto with a supersized clown knife. We also have that same 2-foot long ID shark looking for a good home. I am looking to speak with an expert on ID sharks. I would like to get this fish identified for its species type. If this is you, please contact me at my new e-mail [utakaman@gmail.com](mailto:utakaman@gmail.com).

Be good and play safe

*Tony Bernard*

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**Ways & Means Sarah Langthorne**

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# Minutes of the Meetings

## February 8th 2009

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by president Tony Bernard. Executive present were: Tony Bernard - president, Ken Boorman - 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president, Carl McCleary - 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president, Micia Burden - recording secretary, David Boehm - Treasurer, and Sarah Langethorne - corresponding secretary.

Tony welcomed Kelly from Australia and Don Lewis and Phil Maznyk from KWAS.

Micia called the roll. There were six clubs present representing 16 votes (including executive)

The treasurer's report was read by David Boehm and was passed on a motion by Ken Boorman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephen Crawford. See page 7 for details.

The executive minutes for the January 2009 meeting were passed on a motion by Terry Little, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephen Crawford. The general minutes of the same meeting were passed on a motion by Lisa Boorman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Maznyk.

There was no correspondence this month.

### Committee Reports:

Archivist - Paul needs picture from past conventions for his History of CAOAC display at this convention. We also need pictures for the commemorative booklet to be given out at the convention.

Aquatic Horticulturist's Directory - Nothing to report.

Awards - There will be an awards meeting at 9am on March 15, 2009 prior to the executive meeting. The judging is done for the web award and the judging sheets have been given to Paul McIntosh for tabulation. The judging was done by approximately 30 students in one of the top graphics and media classes in Canada. The newsletter judging is on-going.

Binder - Nothing to report.

Breeder's Directory - Tom Bridges has received submissions from Durham, Sarnia, and Kitchener

CAOAC/FAAS Liaison - We are requesting a medallion from FAAS for our convention.

Convention 2009 - There will be a convention meeting fol-

lowing the general meeting today. Any clubs wishing to bid on holding the 2010 convention should prepare their proposals to be given to the executive at this convention.

Fish Rescue Program - The month has been very active with several fish looking for new homes.

Judges - Nothing to report.

Newsletter - Some events need to be added to the calendar.

Open Show - Terry Little has completed all the calculations for the showing awards this year.

Programs - We need a new chair for this committee. Steering - Stephen Crawford has volunteered to chair this committee with help from Terry Little and Lisa Boorman. If you are interested in running or nominating someone, contact Stephen.

Webmaster - David Boehm showed some of the new convention pages that will be live soon.

Ways & Means - The draw was won by Lucky Lisa Boorman.

Old Business - Nothing

New Business - It was suggested that we hold another hobbyist/club information seminar as we did a few years ago. It was noted we need to prepare well in advance.

The next meeting is March 15, 2009.

*Respectfully submitted by David Boehm for Micia*

### Note:

As many of you may already know, Micia Burden, our recording secretary, newsletter publisher, membership chair and binder chair is seriously ill. She is unable to continue her work with CAOAC. We will need to find replacements for all the jobs she did for us. If you are interested, please contact Tony Bernard or any other executive.

# 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

## UPDATED MONTHLY

**May 15, 16 & 17 2009**  
**Fanshawe College London Ontario**

### **SCHEDULE**

**PHOTO  
CONTEST  
FOR  
KIDS**

#### Friday Night

Registration and Show set-up - 4 – 7:30 pm  
Speaker – 7:30 - 9:00 pm followed by  
Mix & Mingle – meet the speakers

#### Saturday

Registration and Show Set up 8 – 4 pm  
Speakers 9 – 10:15 am, 10:30 – 11:45 am  
Lunch 12 noon - 1 pm  
Speakers 1 - 2:15pm, 2:30 – 3:45 pm, 4 – 5:15 pm  
Dinner/Speaker 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
Light & Lively - Calfo & Fenner 9:30 - ???  
Hospitality Suite

#### Sunday

**SPECIAL  
RAFFLES  
DRAWS  
AUCTIONS**

AGM and elections 8 – 9:30 am  
Brunch and Awards at 9:30 am  
Auction at 12 noon .

### **GIANT AUCTION - SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

**ALL DONATIONS HAPPILY ACCEPTED & WELCOMED!!**

Contact Tony Bernard tbernard@krway.com or Carl McCleary boxturtlesrule@sympatico.ca



## ROOM RATES

The two bedroom suites are \$59.95 per night.

The four bedroom suites are \$119.90 per night.

Each two bedroom suite can be supplied as a kitchenette or living room suite.

Each four bedroom suite comes with both a kitchenette and living room.

To book a suite please contact Terry Little, 519-752-8642 or [tlittle28@rogers.com](mailto:tlittle28@rogers.com)

Payment will be made directly to the college upon check-in to the Convention.

## SPEAKERS

Rein Breitmaier  
Our Great Mediterranean Expedition

Anthony Calfo  
Conservation of Species

Gary Lange  
Collecting in New Guinea

Bob Fenner  
TBA

Heiko Bleher  
Lake Victoria Cichlids  
South American Cichlids  
(newly discovered species)  
Geophagus and Dwarf Cichlids

## SUNDAY EVENING WRAP-UP PARTY

Social evening following the auction for those who are staying the evening.  
cost per person \$10  
Not included in the weekend ticket!

## TICKET PRICES

FULL WEEKEND \$75

SATURDAY SPEAKERS (5)  
ONLY \$50

CHILDREN (UNDER 16YRS) \$30

## CLASS SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Sponsorship cost \$35.00  
Best In categories \$100.00  
\*Best of Show \$150.00

Contact Terry Little [tlittle28@rogers.com](mailto:tlittle28@rogers.com)

# C.A.O.A.C. ELECTION RULES & GUIDELINES

More information can be found in the Constitution & Bylaws - Section 4 of the Binder

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 Newsletter. 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.

# CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF AQUARIUM CLUBS

## GUIDELINES FOR BIDDING FOR A CONVENTION

All bids are to be tendered in writing to the Executive of CAOAC.

All bids must be in the hand of the CAOAC President (or his designate) between January 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> of the year before the proposed Convention.

The Executive will assess the viability of each bid and report any shortcomings to the bidders.

The bidders will make their presentation to the membership at the CAOAC Annual General Meeting in May.

If no bids are made or if no bid is accepted at the Annual General Meeting then new bids may be tendered at the CAOAC General Meeting in June.

CAOAC may run the Annual Convention utilizing volunteers from member clubs if there is no bid from any club prior to the September meeting.

In all bids preference will be given to Conventions proposed for the dates in the month of May in order that they coincide with CAOAC's Annual Meeting requirements.

Bids for May Conventions must include the commitment to provide for a minimum of three hours of convention time for CAOAC's Annual Meeting and this time slot shall not conflict with other Convention events (ei: speaker, auction, field trips, etc.)

The CAOAC executive will offer to the host club a speaker or program on a topic geared toward the operation of a local society.

Treasurer's Report Feb 08, 2009	
Cash on hand	\$244.46
TD Bank	\$5,769.89
Outstanding cheques	\$100.00
Sub-total	\$6,114.35
Committed funds	\$621.28
Working Balance	\$5,493.07
<b>Committed Funds</b>	
Programs	\$441.28
Apprentice binders	\$80.00
Dec 7, 07 unknown deposit	\$100.00
Total committed funds	\$621.28
<b>The following cheques remain uncashed</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
V. Sowa (website judging)	\$100.00
Total	\$100.00
<b>Income for the Month</b>	
Programs (St. Kitts)	\$45.00
Ways & Means (crest)	\$3.00
Membership & Insurance	\$3,125.00
Total	\$3,173.00
<b>Expenses for the Month(s)</b>	
Banking fees (2 months)	\$9.90
Miecia (binder & newsletter)	\$85.77
Miecia (newsletter)	\$24.49
Fisher Stevenson Boehm (insurance)	\$2,478.60
Fisher Stevenson Boehm (insurance)	\$145.80
V. Sowa (web judging)	\$100.00
M&T Printing Group (web judging sheets)	\$17.00
Total	\$2,861.56
<b>Difference for the Month</b>	\$311.44



**Miecia Burden**

# Thank You Miecia

Thank you Miecia for all you have done for CAOAC over many, many years. You have set an example that may never be seen again and we shall sorely miss you. You will be in our hearts, our minds, and our prayers forever.

To view a pictorial tribute to Miecia by Zenin Skormorowski go to <http://s29.photobucket.com/albums/c258/zenins/KWAS%20Events/Miecia/?albumview=slideshow>

# CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

**2009**

**Mar 15** CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)

**NOTE:** Awards meeting at 9:00 am

**NOTE:** Registration of club website for Web Award

**Mar 22** HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction & Flea Market

**Mar 29** BRANT AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show, Auction & Flea Market (sanctioned)

**April 18** SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction only

**April 19** DURHAM REGION AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (sanctioned)

**19** CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)

**NOTE:** Annual Reports due

**May 2** ST CATHARINES & AREA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction only

**May 3** LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY Auction only

**May 15 - 18** 50TH CAOAC CONVENTION.....HOSTED BY CAOAC

**AT FANSHAWE COLLEGE LONDON ONTARIO**

**NOTE:** AGM and ELECTIONS

**June 28** CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general following BBQ)

**NOTE:** Fourth Sunday of the Month

**NOTE:** President's BBQ at 12 Noon

**NOTE:** Committee heads are chosen

**Sept 12** SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (sanctioned)

**20** CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon) **NOTE:** Budgets are reviewed & accepted

**27** LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY Show & Auction (sanctioned)

**Oct 18** CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)

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

**Nov 15** CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)

**NOTE:** Web Sites judged this month for Web Award 2009

**Dec 13** CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general following Christmas Lunch)

**NOTE:** Second Sunday of the Month

**NOTE:** Christmas Pot Luck Lunch at 12 Noon

**NOTE:** Membership Applications & Insurance are due

**NOTE:** Authors & Advanced Authors nominations due

**Jan 17/10** CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)

**NOTE:** Newsletter Award nominations are due & Memberships accepted