



President's Message

Happy New Year to one and all

Welcome 2016, Happy New Year to all the people out there in our hobby from the east coast to the west. I hope we all have a prosperous year ahead and lots of enjoyment with our hobby.

If anybody has any questions or suggestions about CAOAC to what we can do to make it better for the clubs or what the clubs can do to make it better for CAOAC please get in touch with me.

Now to the job at hand we have a couple of vacancies in the committees we have to run the association if there is anybody that would be interested in filling these jobs please get in touch with me or anybody else on the executive.

The CAOAC convention is well on its way with the plans being finalized and all the final details to make this a great convention for one and all, as well as the program for the weekend. The links are up for booking the rooms at Fanshawe College. Tickets are available thru CAOAC paying thru Pay Pal and you can get in touch with the London to get all the info you will need. Great job to the London Aquaria Society.

The Awards Committee is looking forward to all the applicants for the awards to being submitted on time.

At our last meeting there was a long discussion on Bullying and Harassment Policies that seem to be getting more and more necessary in our hobby. This is far more than needed as we are volunteers and only in it for the betterment of the hobby, but if needed we will proceed only to make it less stressful and less of a worry for one and all.

So for now I wish you all a wonderful New Year and all the best in 2016
Take care and keep your feet dry

Ron Bishop
President 2016



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Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

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Board of Directors

Executive			
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Meeting Minutes—December 13, 2015

Executive Meeting – December 13, 2015

Called to order at 11:10 by Ron Bishop (President) at Optimist Hall, Waterdown.

Executive Attendance

Position	Name	Absent/Present
President	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Present
1 st VP	Ken Boorman (CKAS)	Present (Skype)
2 nd VP	Peter Melady	Present
Corresponding Secretary	Ann-Marie Towell (CAS)	Present (Skype)
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens (HDAS)	Present
Treasurer	Albert Van Montfort (HDAS)	Present
Past President	Claudia Carthew (SCAAS)	Absent
Also In Attendance:	Annette Bishop (LAS)	Ed Bosker (HDAS)

Old Business –

Insurance - The insurance quote for the Durham Club \$885.00 + Tax and is only valid till Dec 18 2015.

The insurance Cost for all Clubs is \$90 dollars per Million. In order that Durham pays the same that would be 5x\$90=\$450 + membership I propose that CAOAC pays the rest. Alberta made a motion to pay the difference and Peter seconded. It is one of the things we can do for clubs when there is money in the bank.

CAOAC will pay the balance. This will be a one-time only option.

Pet Expo – Ron sent emails after last meeting, but has not received any replies to date.

Minutes – Peter made a motion to accept the minutes . Ken seconded. Carried

Treasurer's Report

November -2015

1	Treasurer's Report Dec 13 2015	TD Bank Oct 30-2015	\$10,169.02
2	Cheque's Cashed # 200 #201		\$(458.30)
3	Bank Fees (Nov 30)		\$(4.95)
4	Cheque's + cash deposit's (.10+.16)		\$0.26
5	Transfers deposit's ()		\$0.00
6		TD Bank Nov 30-2015	\$9,706.03
7	Outstanding Cheque's #		\$0.00
8	Paypal June 19-2015		\$19.12
9	Cash on hand (in trust \$ 25.00)		\$25.00
10	Cheque's on hand \$ 0.00		\$0.00
11	Terry Little Memorial Fund		\$(466.81)
12	Working Balance		\$9,283.34

Motion to accept by Peter, seconded by Ann. Carried.

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Correspondence

In discussion to numerous emails in regards to an individual that is causing havoc with various individuals and some clubs. Ken has suggested:

- 1 Immediate removal of the insulting You Tube video Frank Moreau put up about me.
- 2 Frank Moreau to put on You Tube a video equal to half the time he spent on the above video – this video to be an apology and repudiation of that video aforementioned.
- 3 A written apology from BRASS to be published in the CAOAC newsletter for Mr. Moreau's You Tube videos. This, because as a member of the Executive of BRASS, he obviously is speaking on their behalf, following his own logic of linking AI to KWAS etc.

An extensive discussion was conducted. Legal representation will be sought for a letter to be sent to this person. CAOAC clubs and individuals to be included. Would like to post to website, being more generic.

Request from Udo, from the Barrie club to cover the insurance for one year. Albert made a motion to help Barrie with the insurance or a one year period. Seconded Ken. Carried. Since Udo is not showing as part of the Executive, we will ask the President to request this officially. Ron texted the President and he has indicated his club would appreciate the help.

KWAS has an anti-bullying policy and will be considered to become part of our By-Laws.

New Business

Meeting adjourned at 12:35

General Meeting

Called to order at 1:09 by President Ron.

Position	Name	Absent/Present
President	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Present
1 st VP	Ken Boorman (CKAS)	Skype
2 nd VP	Peter Melady	Present
Corresponding Secretary	Ann Marie Towell	Present (Skype)
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens (HDAS)	Present
Treasurer	Albert Van Montfort (HDAS)	Present
Past President	Claudia Carthew (TFCEC)	Absent
Club	Name	
Betta	Catherin Salmon	
Calgary	Ann Marie	Skype
Chatham	Lisa Boorman	Skype
Durham	Barry McKee	
Hamilton	Ed Bosker	
Kitchener-Waterloo	Al Ridley	Skype
London AS	Annette Bishop	
Ottawa Amphibian	Tom Mason	
Sarnia	Peter Melady	
St. Catharines	Phil Barrett	Paul Paradis (Skype)
Guests:	Cindy Golden (SCAAS)	

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A quorum of 25% or more as per the By-Laws was met so the meeting will continue.

Minutes – Peter made a motion to accept the last General Meeting minutes in November. Seconded by Phil. Carried

Treasurers report – see Executive meeting

Catherine made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Annette.

Business Arising from Executive – see Executive minutes.

Ken contacted the Flowerhorn club, but has not received a reply.

PetExpo in April, Ron contacted Grant Crossman, but has yet to receive a reply.

Correspondence –

I did get 2 pieces of mail about CAOAC. One is from a motivational speaker, the other from the Alberta government regarding invasive species which I will look into further. Also an email from Pet Expo which I have forwarded on and someone pointing out some links don't work. That one is quite old.

Committee Chairs

Title	Name	
AHD	Ann Marie Towell	Skype
Archivist	Paul McIntosh	Absent
Awards	Peter Melady	Present
Fish Breeders Directory	Lisa Boorman	Present (Skype)
Binder	Ann Stevens	Present
FAAS	Ken Boorman	Present (Skype)
Fish Rescue	Tom Mason	Present
Futures		
Judges	Brian Glazier	Absent
Membership	Albert van Montfort	Present
Newsletter	Ann Stevens	Present
Open Show	Barb Draper	Absent
Programs	Ken Boorman	Present (Skype)
Steering	Barry McKee	Present
Ways & Means	Annette Bishop	Present
Webmaster	Ann Stevens	Present

Committee Reports

AHD- No reports from clubs on AHAP. Hope to get the list updated in the next month or so (as long as

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my laptop doesn't die AGAIN!!).

Archivist – given to company for scanning

Awards – If you are submitting your Newsletter for the CAOAC Newsletter Award, you should be sending them to Ray Lucas (kingfish51@verizon.net) at any time making sure that you mention “CAOAC Newsletter Award” somewhere in the subject line. The Newsletters should be in Ray's hands by **January 17, 2016**. All other Achievement and Recognition Awards submissions are due by the **February 21, 2016** CAOAC meeting. All rules, requirements and forms are on the CAOAC website. Double check that all paperwork is filled out as per these rules and requirements to avoid being disqualified.

Fish Breeders Directory – nothing since last meeting.

Fish Rescue – Tom to send.

Memberships – Renewals are due this month.

Newsletter - In preparation for the coming year, the duties of various chair positions are outlined. News articles pertaining to the hobby are also being included.

Programs – Nothing new

Steering – nothing to report.

Ways & Means –

Ed Bosker won 50/50 and donated 3.50 of his winnings back.

2 raffle tickets for a chance to win a CAOAC convention tickets donated by Ron and Annette.

Ron and I brought in a case of our own pop. Will try to find our receipt to put in later.

Raffle – Java Fern – Catherine Salmon

Bag of Goodies – Phil Barrett

6 marine florescent 48” bulbs – Phil Barrett

Hand crafted Necklace – Ron Bishop

Bag of red rotella – Ed Bosker

Hand crafted Broach – BarryMcKee

Draw ticket for convention – Tom Mason

Draw ticket for convention – Phil Barrett

Month	Balance	Spent	Rec'd	50/50	Raffle
Sept.	32.06	-12.16	10.00		
Oct.	29.90	-10.00	9.40	11.00	15.00
Nov.	55.30	- 12.85	3.90	15.00	20.00
Dec.	81.35	-2.85	4.65	13.50	32.00
Jan.	128.65				

Website –An email was received in regards to a link on our website not working. It worked when I checked it out. Dates that were sent to be added were entered on the calendar page. Two changes in executive .

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Club Reports

Calgary - We are at 75 members and working with our facebook site to grow our membership. Our October auction was well attended with over 600 items. We have our elections in January and our last meeting was the Xmas potluck with lots of yummy treats! We have our March show/ speaker and auction with Ted Judy.

Chatham-Kent—CKAS held its annual Christmas potluck on Saturday and it was enjoyed by all. We held a raffle for a large assortment of items, with the big prize being the 10g LED tank set up. This was eventually won by Ron Bishop! The Christmas gift exchange was also something that went over well and showed a large variety of gifts that were given with "fishy themes".

We are not holding a meeting until February since the weather in January is often not the greatest and it's best to keep the members safe. We would like to wish all the other clubs in CAOAC a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Durham – Membership is currently 71. The DRAS Christmas Program included a gift exchange, Pot Luck meal and group discussions on Coral Fragging, Fish Breeding, CARES and Planted Tanks (55 attendees). The DRAS Annual Dinner will be at the Toronto Zoo Atrium on January 30th, 2016 with Gary Lange as our featured speaker (details will be on our FACEBOOK page soon). Aquariama is April 17th, 2016 at the Ajax Community Centre.

January 12th is our general meeting with Matt Coleman speaking on Stingray

February is Nate Lovejoy – Electric Fishes

March is Nathan Luzon – Loricaridae

April is Haydn Pounder – Live Foods

May is Brian Telford – Breeding Jellyfish and Cuttlefish

June is Bob Wright – Native Fishes

Please view our Facebook Page and our Website (www.dras.ca)

Barry McKee, DRAS CAOAC representative.

Hamilton – HDAS had their Christmas meeting this week and played the "Molly wood Squares". It was great fun and incorporated many executive and members. The group was treated to pizza and wings with lots of deserts. Sarah L had her fishy fun table set up selling tickets. We ran a Neighbour to Neighbour Food Drive and all the money's collected were donated as well.

Next month we have our elections and Al Ridley from KVAS will be presenting on Barbs. Awesome!

Merry Christmas and a Safe Holiday season to everyone.

Kitchener-Waterloo - Our December meeting was a social event with a pot luck meal. The KVAS Annual Awards were presented. A free raffle gave away many bags of fish, plants and dry goods to the members. The Flounder Downs Fish Races were popular with the kids.

Karen Murray from our Facebook page has just created a promotional video. Check it out.

Check the KVAS Facebook page for meeting photos. Also visit our website and forum www.kwas.ca

London - We had our Christmas potluck on Tuesday. The club provided pizza and pop.

Each club member received a food sample that Nancy Egelton brought from one of the conventions she attended. We also had draws for gift certificates from our sponsors as well as 2 raffle tickets to possibly

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win a ticket to our convention. These were donated by the club.

There was a medium sized auction of about 60 items. We also had two new members join. They were introduced to the club by Lorraine Gregson.

Saskatoon - Our Thanksgiving show went well with 134 entries from 17 entrants. Next show will be in 2017. We are pleased that Amanda Lawrence has taken over our newsletter, The Nekton. Our next meeting is December 27, a potluck at Bill Bishopp's house

St. Catharines - We had an excellent auction with over 600 items and a great attendance. A big thank you to the gang from London for all their help. Our December meeting was our Christmas party and that was well attended. January 4th is our next meeting, nothing confirmed yet in the way of a program.

Thank you Peter, Albert, Zenin, Annette and Phil for sending their reports prior to the meeting. Thank you to those who sent their reports after also. It is appreciated.

Convention 2016 –

Ron, Ken and Ken McGuigan will be on the Zoomer Under The Sea Radio Show talking about the convention.

Third convention draw and winner was Ken Boorman. Pamphlets are now available to distribute.

New Business

Letter re Australian fish requesting donations received by Ken.

I'm trying to drum up support for a conservation project ANGFA has going on a rainbowfish from Australia that you had seen posted on facebook. Derek Tustin's local club made a donation. Do you have any connections in other Canadian clubs that would likely donate?

ANGFA (Australian New Guinea Fishes Association) has started a crowd funding project to establish a captive breeding population for the Running River Rainbowfish, a population of the Burdekin Rainbowfish that is about to disappear due to an introduced rainbowfish that will interbreed with them resulting in the loss of the wild pure population. We are conducting genetic work to ensure that we have broodstock that are pure fish and to get an idea of genetic diversity so we ensure that each population we establish has a good mix of genes.

There is a bunch more information about the project, some of it is in this Page <http://www.canberra.edu.au/about-uc/uc-foundation/what-can-i-support/research/running-river-rainbow-fish-fund> at the bottom is a link to a pdf file which has more detailed info.

<http://www.canberra.edu.au/about-uc/uc-foundation/what-can-i-support/research/running-river-rainbow-fish-fund/images/running.river.blurb.ucweb.pdf>

Anyway, I was hoping that your local club and/or some club members might be willing to make a donation to help the project? For clubs I've been suggesting that anything up to \$200 would be great (note that \$200 Australian is around \$145 US), but any donations no matter how small all go a long way to helping. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

To be discussed at next meeting.

Merry Christmas and safe New Year.

Adjourned at 2:48 by Peter, second by Ed.

Ever wondered what the various chair positions do (final)?

OPEN SHOW:

- 1) The Chairperson shall be responsible to coordinate dates and information on all open competition shows.
- 2) The Chairperson shall make the show calendar available to member clubs through the monthly newsletter and any other appropriate means.
- 3) The Chairperson shall be responsible for setting up the rules and the administration of these suggested rules.
- 4) The Chairperson shall be responsible for the administration of the Champion of Champions Award and any other trophy or awards given by CAOAC in conjunction with open show competition.
- 5) The Chairperson shall plan in conjunction with the Awards committee the handling of these awards at the annual convention.
- 6) The Chairperson shall submit an annual report at the CAOAC convention.

PROGRAMS:

- 1) The Chairperson shall be responsible to distribute to member clubs programs as requested.
- 2) The Chairperson shall acquire new programs; shall administer the rules and regulations governing the distribution of programs.
- 3) The Chairperson shall submit an annual report at the CAOAC convention.

STEERING:

- 1) The Chairperson shall be responsible for the nominations and annual elections of CAOAC at the annual meeting.
- 2) The Chairperson shall be responsible for the enforcing of the rules and regulations governing nominations and elections.
- 3) The Chairperson shall be responsible for setting up and administering these rules according to the by-laws.

WAYS & MEANS:

- 1) The Chairperson shall be responsible for raising monies for CAOAC through whatever means.
- 2) The Chairperson shall submit an annual report at the CAOAC convention.

WEBMASTER:

- 1) The Chairperson shall be responsible for maintaining the CAOAC website.
- 2) The Chairperson shall submit an annual report at the CAOAC convention.

Two New Tetra Species Discovered and Described

Both *Hyphessobrycon* tetras are translucent with orange fins.

By [John Virata](#) | December 21, 2015

***Hyphessobrycon krenakore*.**

Hyphessobrycon delimai is translucent with a black splotch at the base of its caudal peduncle, while *Hyphessobrycon krenakore* lacks the prominent black splotch. Both have orange colored dorsal and anal fins and both have orange that runs into the anal fin, though *Hyphessobrycon delimai*'s orange coloration in the fin is more sharp while the orange coloration in *Hyphessobrycon krenakore* is much softer.

***Hyphessobrycon delimai*.**

The fish were discovered in the headwaters of the Tapajós and Xingu River basins in Pará, Brazil, which is located in the northeast section of the country.

Source

<http://www.fishchannel.com/fish-news/2015/12/two-new-tetra-species-discovered-and-described-trending.aspx>



Hyphessobrycon krenakore.



Hyphessobrycon delimai.

Mark Your Calendars—Upcoming CAOAC Events

January

17 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON

17 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON
30—DRAS Annual Dinner see website for details

February

21 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON

21 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON

March

12-13 - Calgary Aquarium Society show, speakers and auction

20 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON

20 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON

Check www.caoac.ca for links and more details



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Did you miss a copy of the newsletter?

Past copies of the newsletter are available on our website www.caoac.ca/newsletters

Why isn't my event listed on the website?

If you have an event you want included on the website, send the information to the webmaster and it will be added.

Why am I not receiving emails or notifications?

Please send changes of email address to the newsletter editor and correspondence secretary to keep us up to date.

I'm not a CAOAC representative, can I attend a meeting?

You are welcome to attend a General Meeting. You just do not have a vote. We'd be happy to see you.

I don't live in Ontario, how can I participate in the meeting?

You are invited to Skype into the meeting. Search for ann.stevens11@gmail.com in Skype and request to be added, mentioning your interest in participating in the meeting.

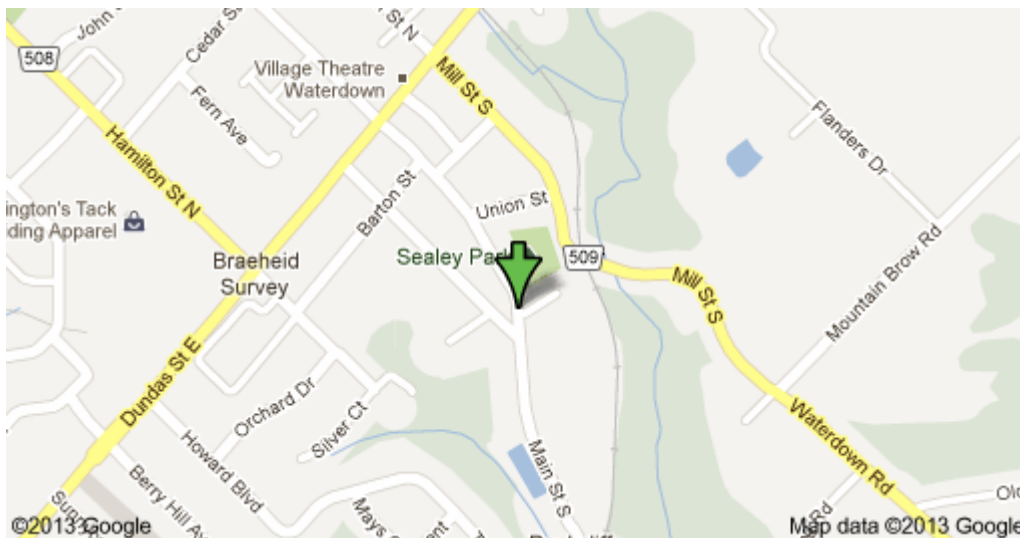
Do I have to belong to a club to attend the convention?

No, but it is helpful to keep up to date with current events in your area.

I have a suggestion for the meeting, how can I get it mentioned?

You can email anyone on the executive and they will raise your comment at the next meeting under Correspondence.

Where we meet



Everyone is welcome to our regular meetings.

CAOAC Meetings are Held at the Optimist Hall, 115 Main Street South Waterdown, Ontario.

11:00 AM CAOAC Executive meeting

12:00 PM CAOAC General meeting

NEXT MEETING IS January 17, 2016

Recognition & Achievement Awards

They may not be due until the beginning of next year, but now's the time to look at what awards are available and how close you are to achieving these

Check out the list below.

If you have any questions, you can either check the website <http://www.caoac.ca/awards.html> or contact Peter Melady, Awards Chair at hpmelady@hotmail.com.

Recognition Awards		
NAME OF AWARD	AWARD	REQUIREMENTS
Author	Certificate	10 articles and at least two (2) different reprints.
Advanced Author	Plaque	By his/her outstanding articles, contributed to the
		betterment of the hobby. For both, articles and, if
		available, reprints must be submitted.
Hobbyist of the Year	Plaque	Contributed immensely to the betterment of the hobby over the past year
Junior Hobbyist of the Year	Plaque	Time and energy to advance themselves in the hobby over the past year
Service	Plaque	Time and energy over extended period of time to benefit C.A.O.A.C.
Scientist	Plaque	Contributed scientifically to advancement in the field of Ichthyology
25 Years of Service	Framed Certificate	25 years of continuous service to C.A.O.A.C.
		OR 25 years of combined continuous service to club and/or C.A.O.A.C.
40 Years of Service	Framed Certificate	40 years of continuous service to CAOAC
		OR 40 years of combined continuous service to club and/or CAOAC
Newsletter	Plaque	Presented annually to a club's editor for the best newsletter published in the past year

Achievement awards			
NAME OF AWARD	POINTS	NUMBER OF SPECIES	CLASSES
Aquatic Horticulturalist	50	4	B C D
Advanced Aquatic Horticulturalist	120	12	2C 2D 1E
Expert Aquatic Horticulturalist	250	30	2D 2E 1F
Master Aquatic Horticulturalist	500	40	3D 2E 2F 1G
Grand Master Aquatic Horticulturalist	1000	80	3 lectures
			OR 3 photo essays
			OR an article of identification 2000 words for publication

Achievement Awards Cont'd.

QUICK REFERENCE FOR BAP AND AHAP AWARDS							
NAME OF AWARD	GENERAL	KILLIES	AFRICAN RIFT LAKE CICHLIDS	LIVE-BEARER	CHARACINS	CAT-FISH	CICHLIDS (Other than Rift Lake)
Basic Merit Award	6 species of fish 3 different egg-laying species	10 species of Killifish 2 separate classes	12 species of African Rift Lake Cichlids	12 species of Livebearers	8 species of Characins	8 species of Catfish	10 species of Cichlids 2 different Genera
Intermediate Merit Award	17 species of fish categories: Cichlids; Killies Anabantids; Livebearers; Minnows; Tetras; Barbs; Catfish; Inverts (variance of 3)	20 species of Killifish 4 separate classes	36 species of African Rift Lake Cichlids 10 - class B 6 - class C 1 - class D	25 species of Livebearers 2 families maximum of 18 per family	15 species of Characins	15 species of Catfish. 2 different families	20 species of Cichlids 5 different Genera & 2 different geographical areas
Advanced Merit Award	37 species of fish Categories as above plus 4 target fish (variance of 6)	40 species of Killifish 6 separate classes	50 species of African Rift Lake Cichlids 12 - class C 4 - class D	50 species of Livebearers 3 families maximum of 35 per family plus 2 target fish	25 species of Characins plus 1 target fish	25 species of Catfish. 3 different families and 5 Genera.	40 species of Cichlids 10 different Genera & 3 different geographical areas (2 target)
Senior Merit Award	75 species of fish No more than 10 live-bearers. 10 target fish	75 species of Killifish 8 separate classes	75 species of African Rift Lake Cichlids 14 - class C 7 - class D	75 species of Livebearers 4 families maximum of 60 plus 5 target fish	40 species of Characins plus 5 target fish	40 species of Catfish. 4 different families and 6 Genera.	75 species of Cichlids 4 different geographical areas (4 target)

NOTE: This page has been created as a "Quick Reference Guide", for details, please refer to the actual sections for the Award applying for.



JANUARY 2016

We're on the web
www.caoac.ca

What is CAOAC?

We are often asked this question. CAOAC stands for The Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs. We are a non-profit corporation and are composed of member aquarium, reptile & amphibian, pond & water garden, and similar clubs or societies from across Canada and the Northeast United States.

CAOAC was founded in 1959 (incorporated in 1963) to allow the clubs to work together for their common good and the good of the hobby. Legislative issues, promotion of events, a judging system, national awards, assistance for new clubs, & liability insurance are just a few of the things on which clubs can work and benefit together. Recently, a Fish Rescue Program has begun. This has been developed with outside partners who also have an interest in our hobby and environmental issues.

What are the benefits of being a member?

National awards program to honour those in member clubs who have achieved success in breeding, plant propagation, or other endeavours related to the hobby.

National judging program to train and certify judges as well as set standards that all can use to judge their shows.

Third-party liability insurance program to protect club members in case of an unfortunate accident at one of their functions.

National forum to express views and opinions.

National voice to deal with legislation which may impact negatively on our hobby and to put forward constructive ideas to politicians and bureaucrats.

A chance to become involved with people who share similar interests with yourselves.

If you are interested in joining CAOAC as a club or as a private (non-voting) member, please contact our Membership Chair, see under committees for email address.

In person meetings are held monthly (except July & August) in Waterdown, Ontario (unless otherwise posted) at the Optimist Hall where clubs which are within driving distance send their representative (s) to discuss issues of the day as well as the future.