



## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2009

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# 51st ANNUAL CAOAC CONVENTION

**MAY 21 - 23 2010**



## President's Message

The year has flown by very quickly. Many thanks to my very capable executive this year: Ann Stevens has done a remarkable job trying to fill the shoes of Miecchia and perform all the various functions of recording Secretary.

Noel Wright has taken the task of Corresponding Secretary very seriously and if you haven't been hearing from her regularly, you haven't kept your contact information up to date.

Dave Boehm has been a remarkable resource and wonderfully steady influence in addition to running a tight financial ship.

Ken Boorman has done a wonderful job coordinating our speakers for the Convention and we hope you are all enjoying them as you read this.

Welcome to Claudia Carthew who stepped into the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President and has graciously performed every task when requested, such as being Convention Auction Chair.

I have enjoyed working with all of them and hope to continue doing so in the coming year.

A special thanks to Phil Maznyk for stepping into the roles of Webmaster and Newsletter chair and in doing so transforming the face of CAOAC. He has done a remarkable job; please take the time to thank him when you see him at the Convention.

We did make provision for using electronic means for meetings, we have yet to try and implement it. I hope to get the chance in the coming year.

Organizing the annual convention is a major task that was done by your executive with the help of Carl McCleary and Terry Little. This is a lot of work that is above and beyond the call for all of them. Many Thanks.

We experienced an unexpected curve with the proposed changes to the handling of the importation of tropical fish. I made submissions to the government regarding the proposed changes and hope to have input on behalf of CAOAC regarding the administration of the changes.

I have been an active President, visiting many clubs as a Speaker this past year in addition to my being an Auctioneer at many auctions and even for the first time chairing a Show.

*Robert Wright, President of CAOAC*

## Breeders Directory

Our Breeders Directory lists eleven clubs as involved in the program. Seven of those are actively involved. We believe that the 'secret' for clubs is to put an enthusiastic fish breeder in charge of the BAP program -- someone who will lead by example.

Clubs with input and/or updates for '09/'10:

Aquarium Society of Winnipeg  
 Durham Region Aquarium Society  
 East Coast Aquarium Society  
 Hamilton & District Aquarium Society  
 Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society  
 St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society  
 Samia Aquarium Society

The Breeders Directory continues to struggle with fish nomenclature. Knowledgeable fish hobbyists will find a number of errors and duplications as they peruse the directory. We do spend time referring to what books we have as well as many searches on the internet. Hopefully, with your help, the directory will continue to improve over time. We continue to sorely miss the assistance of our friend, Paul McFarlane. He never failed to give excellent advice and assistance in this area. It was Paul who suggested the achievement award for those in CAOAC clubs who are the first to breed a species of fish successfully and that list of 'First In' award winners continues to grow and can be found on the CAOAC web site.

For the first time this year the Directory will be published on disc. (CD or DVD). Hard copies, (paper), may be provided on request to those who have no way to view a disc. I will continue to be happy to send an up to date version by email upon request to any accredited member of any CAOAC club.

Hopefully the Breeders Directory will be used by BAP chairs and fish breeding hobbyists at the club level. The fact that most BAP contacts now have e-mail makes rapid, inexpensive feedback and updating possible. A Breeders Directory page continues to be maintained on the CAOAC website under Committees.

This year again a significant number of 'First in CAOAC' awards have been issued. Congratulations to those excellent fish breeders on their achievements!

**The Directory was and is intended as a service to the member clubs of CAOAC. It should provide information and encouragement in the area of fish breeding as well as celebrating the collective achievements of our hobbyists.**

*Prepared and respectfully submitted by  
 Tom & Pat Bridges*

## Binder

This year, the executive had the massive undertaking of converting the binder into electronic version. Updates have been made to some sections, while others will be an ongoing project.

This year's goal was to get it all put onto a CD/DVD to be handed out at the annual meeting. That goal has been met. The next goal will be to get it all retyped and have a resource that is consistent throughout and easily updated each year.

As for the list of Binder Holders, to my knowledge, that is status quo, since I did not receive any updates throughout the year.

Next year, it will be changed to CD holders.

*Respectfully submitted by  
 Ann Stevens*

# Aquatic Horticulturist Directory

This year we received no updates from any clubs. It is my opinion that we need to re-evaluate this program to decide if it is worth continuing and if so how do we encourage more participation.

There are currently 107 people, 19 clubs, and 421 plants listed in the directory. The total number of submissions is 2,470.

The directory will be published electronically this year on CD.

*Respectfully submitted by,  
David Boehm*

## Awards

I want to thank Peter Melady for assisting me this year as co-chair. Also thanks to Ray "Kingfish" Lucas for his help with the judging. The CAOAC Executive along with Bill Gibbons, Bill Irwin, Richard Carthew, Paul McIntosh, and Phil Maznyk also assisted in the committee decisions.

We will be presenting many awards at the 2010 CAOAC Convention in Oakville but there were several awards that were either late or did not meet the required criteria. Anyone wishing to discuss the requirements of any particular awards please feel free to contact me after the Convention.

We will be presenting the following awards at the 2010 CAOAC Convention.

Scientist of the Year Award	1
Newsletter Award	1
Web Award	1
Authors Award	1
Advanced Authors Award	1
Junior Hobbyist Award	1
Hobbyist of the Year Award	1
Basic General Breeders Award	2
Basic Livebearer Breeders Award	1
Basic African Rift Lake Breeders Award	1
Aquatic Horticulturist Award	3
Advanced Aquatic Horticulturist Award	2
Grand Master Aquatic Horticulturist Award	1
Basic Livebearer Breeders Award	1

*Respectfully submitted by  
Terry Little*

## Archivist

The highlight of the year was searching past convention booklets, newsletters and old documents as well as talking to many members of CAOAC to gain information and insight to activities and events to put in the 50 year booklet. Of course, I was only able to put in some of the highlights.

I also continue to put the plaques of past awards of previous CAOAC members, the crests of past and present clubs, the character and any other pertinent memorabilia. I also take binders of pictures of former CAOAC conventions, members and some of the events of the happenings.

I would ask for any members who would like to contribute pictures that they have taken to be given to CAOAC. I also collect the monthly newsletters for posterity and add to the archives. Hopefully they will be put on computer disk.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Paul D. McIntosh*

## Judges

We have 8 new apprentice judges and hopefully one new judge if confirmation comes prior to the convention.

The Committee will be reviewing all judges' standards over the coming year and hopefully updating the material that is in the current binders.

*Respectfully Submitted by,  
Robert Wright*

## Programs

We have a great deal more programs; please take a look at the contents of the new CAOAC CD for details.

We have also made the policy for borrowing simpler and require payment only for the shipping cost.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Robert Wright*

## FAAS Liaison

News is being passed back and forth between F.A.A.S. and C.A.O.A.C. as needed. Information on the 51<sup>st</sup> convention was posted on the F.A.A.S. forum. F.A.A.S. has again held it's awards for authors and newsletters. I know some C.A.O.A.C. club members have participated. I have not received any F.A.A.S. updates for several months. There is information on suggestions for running an aquarium club on the FAAS forum as well.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Lisa Boorman*

## Newsletter

Thank you to everyone for getting me your reports and information by the end of each month. It has allowed me to get the newsletter released on the first of each month. If anyone would like to contribute to the newsletter, please feel free to send me your material and I will take care of the rest.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Phil Maznyk*

## Open Show

In 2009 there were seven member clubs of CAOAC that held sanctioned shows including the Brant Aquarium Society, Durham Region Aquarium Society, CAOAC Convention, Sarnia Aquarium Society, London Aquaria Society, Hamilton & District Aquarium Society, and the Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society.

The total number of entries at the convention show was 302. There was 31 different exhibitors from 10 different CAOAC Clubs and two non-CAOAC clubs

If anyone is interested in their placement they can contact me after the CAOAC Convention awards presentation.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Terry Little*

## Steering

This is a list of nominees for CAOAC executive positions for 2010-2011.

President	Bob Wright (Hamilton)
1st Vice-president	Ken Boorman (Sarnia)
2nd Vice-president	Claudia Carthew (Erie County)
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens (Sarnia)
Treasurer	David Boehm (Kitchener-Waterloo)
Corresponding Secretary	Noel Wright (Brant)

Proxy votes along with a list of nominees for the executive positions have been sent to ALL member clubs in case they are not attending the AGM. All positions will be open to the floor at the AGM.

Good luck to all.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Phil Maznyk*

## Corresponding Secretary

This is my first year as the CAOAC Corresponding Secretary, and it has been a fun task. I had a lot of organizing to do in the beginning of my term, as a lot of records kept by the late Meicia Burden had been passed to other members, and I needed to get them and organize them. Hey, I like organization, so I didn't mind at all. I encountered some glitches with getting email addresses up to date, but it seems like they are all current. If not, please let me know.

I also volunteered to be on the Convention Committee (it's one way of assuring that I have time to spend with my husband, Bob). Carl left a tough legacy to fulfill, but thanks to him, I was able to contact all prospective convention sponsors and received a lot of donations!

Since I have moved the job of Corresponding Secretary into the electronic world, I am told that I send "too many" emails!...let me know if I bug you with information overload...I may tone it down, but probably not! I feel the key to running any organization, and especially this past year's CAOAC Executive, as a lot of us were new to the job, relies on clear communication. I appreciate that email is not always the best way, but it is the fastest way to get things done in a timely manner. I know that almost all the Executive have set up Skype for future online meetings. This is still a work in progress, but a step forward to keeping clubs across Canada involved.

It has been an honour to serve CAOAC as Corresponding Secretary.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Noel Wright*

## Webmaster

The new look of the website has been getting very positive feedback. I've been updating it with any new changes as soon as they are sent to me. Renewal fee's for hosting the site next year will be \$50.

*Respectfully submitted by,  
Phil Maznyk*

## Ways & Means

Because CAOAC hosted the convention this year we had more means of making money. At the convention several draws were held as well as an auction

At our monthly meetings the "coffee cup" also brings in money.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Sarah Langthorne*



# Motions in 2009

## Membership motions accepted in January 2010

CLUB/SOCIETY/ASSOCIATION	INSURED	VOTES
AQUARIUM CLUB OF EDMONTON	YES	2
AQUARIUM SOCIETY OF WINNIPEG	YES	2
BRAMPTON AQUARIUM CLUB	YES	1
BRANT AQUARIUM SOCIETY	YES	1
CALGARY AQUARIUM SOCIETY	YES	2
CAMBRIDGE & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY	YES	1
DURHAM REGION AQUARIUM SOCIETY	YES	2
EAST COAST AQUARIUM SOCIETY	YES	2
FOREST CITY POND CLUB	YES	1
HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY	YES	2
KITCHENER WATERLOO AQUARIUM SOCIETY	YES	1
LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY	YES	1
OTTAWA AMPHIBIAN & REPTILE ASSOCIATION	YES	1
OTTAWA VALLEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY	YES	2
PEEL REGION AQUARIUM SOCIETY	YES	1
REGINA AQUARIUM SOCIETY	YES	2
SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY	YES	1
SSAFE HAVEN SOC FOR REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS	YES	1
ST CATHARINES AQUARIUM SOCIETY	YES	1
TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY	N/A	1
TORONTO WILLOWDALE AQUARIUM SOCIETY	YES	1

**Explanation of the numbering of motions - Motion 0904-01 means that the motion was made in the Year 2009 (09), Month of April (04) and was the first motion made at that meeting (other than motions to accept minutes and treasurer's reports).**

### All Other Motions from January to December 2009

Motion **#0903-01** - that the score sheets for the Web awards should be sent out with an individual cover letter.

Moved by Dave Boehm, Seconded by Carl McCleary, Declined

Motion **#0903-02** - that a letter to the entrants with a summary of the individual category scores with an option of the web master to request to receive the scoring sheets be mailed out.

Moved by Tony Bernard, Seconded by Bill Gibbons, Carried

Motion **#0906-01** - That we join Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC).

Moved by Ann Stevens, Seconded by Dave Boehm, Carried

Motion **#0906-02** - That we participate in both reptile expos (September and November).

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**Committee Chair Selections 2009-2010**

COMMITTEE	CHAIR
Archivist	Paul McIntosh
AH Directory	Dave Boehm
Awards	Paul McIntosh/Terry Little
Binder	Tony Bernard/Ann Stevens
Breeders Dir	Tom & Pat Bridges
CAOAC/FAAS	Lisa Boorman
Fish Rescue	Tony Bernard/Tom Mason
Futures	Open
Judges	Bob Wright
Membership	Dave Boehm
Newsletter	Phil Maznyk
Open Show	Terry Little
Program	Udo Rohmann
Steering	Phil Maznyk
Webmaster	Phil Maznyk
Ways & Means	Sarah Langthorne

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Moved by Ann Stevens, Seconded by Dave Boehm, Carried

Motion **#0906-03** – That CAOAC Executive host the 2010 convention on the Victoria Day weekend. Dave Boehm and Bob Wright will Co-Chair.

Moved by Noel Wright, Seconded by Carl McCleary, Carried

Motion **#09-10-01** - To accept Phil Maznyk as the new webmaster.

Moved by Terry Little, Seconded by Ken Boorman, Carried unanimously.

Motion **#0906-04** - To ratify the election of the 2009-2010 Executive, effective May 17, 2009

Moved by Carl McCleary, Seconded by Ron Bishop (at the September meeting, tabled for 2 months), Carried unanimously at the

Motion **#0906-05** - To insert into the By-Laws the following provision regarding meetings:

Electronic Meetings – Meetings of the Executive, General Meetings and Committee Meetings may be held by electronic means and any combination of in person and electronic means as is approved by the Executive. Members and Executive may participate in meetings by electronic means and such participation shall be counted for the purposes of achieving quorum. Electronic means includes but is not limited to using chat rooms, web conferencing, or other means as the Executive have approved but shall not include the simple exchange of emails.

Moved by Carl McCleary, Seconded by Ron Bishop (at the June meeting, tabled for 2 meetings), Carried unanimously

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**Budget Motions from September 2009 Meeting**

COMMITTEE	2008-2009 EXPENSES	2009-2010
Archivist	0.00	25.00
AH Directory	0.00	100.00
Awards	1,416.36	1,250.00
Binder	91.81	100.00
Breeders Directory	0.00	75.00
FAAS	0.00	0.00
Fish Rescue	0.00	250.00
Futures	0.00	50.00
Judges	0.00	100.00
Membership	0.00	25.00
Newsletter	100.91	100.00
Open Show	0.00	100.00
Programs	0.00	75.00
Steering	0.00	50.00
Ways & Means	834.00	100.00
Website	0.00	100.00
President	67.57	75.00
Treasurer	18.33	100.00
Recording Secretary	0.00	100.00
Corresponding Secretary	0.00	50.00
Operating Expenses	450.00	1,000.00
Convention	0.00	7,500.00
Total	\$2,978.98	\$11,325.00

This budget was accepted on a motion moved by Barry Sheppard, seconded by Stephen Crawford.

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**Motion #09-11-01** - Due to Kathleen Gallagher missing 3 executive meetings, it has been declared the position is now open.

Moved by Ann Stevens, Seconded by Ken Boorman. Carried unanimously

There are 2 candidates interested in the position. Carl McCleary and Claudia Carthew. A secret ballot was conducted and an impartial person was chosen to count the ballots. The result was Claudia won the vote. Ken motioned the ballots be destroyed.

**Motion #09-12-01** The awards meeting will be held prior to the executive meeting and CAOAC will pay for the meals that day for those in attendance.

Moved by Noel Wright, Seconded by Ken Boorman, Carried unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Ann Stevens*

# Membership

Memberships run from January to December each year and are due at the November meeting. Cheques can be post-dated to January but should be in the hands of the membership chair no later than the December meeting.

Membership dues are as follows:

- clubs with up to 60 members pay \$60.00 and are entitled to 1 vote.
- clubs with more than 60 members pay \$90.00 and are entitled to 2 votes.
- Any club can request any number of newsletters by email to be sent to its membership

Each club can have its own web page as part of the CAOAC web site or if your club has a web page it can be linked to the CAOAC web site. Member clubs are also urged to purchase 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance through CAOAC costing \$180.00 for \$2,000,000.00 liability.

Private memberships are available for \$20.00 but private members are not entitled to vote but will receive the newsletter.

The following is a listing of clubs as of April 2010 along with the number of votes and insurance status

<i>CLUB</i>	<i>VOTES</i>	<i>INSURED</i>
AQUARIUM CLUB OF EDMONTON	2	YES
AQUARIUM SOCIETY OF WINNIPEG	2	YES
BRANT AQUARIUM SOCIETY	1	YES
CALGARY AQUARIUM SOCIETY	2	YES
CAMBRIDGE & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY	1	YES
DURHAM REGION AQUARIUM SOCIETY	2	YES
EAST COAST AQUARIUM SOCIETY	2	YES
FOREST CITY POND CLUB	1	YES
HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY	2	YES
KITCHENER WATERLOO AQUARIUM SOCIETY	2	YES
LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY	1	YES
OTTAWA AMPHIBIAN & REPTILE ASSOCIATION	1	YES
OTTAWA VALLEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY	2	YES
PEEL REGION AQUARIUM CLUB	1	YES
REGINA AQUARIUM SOCIETY	2	YES
SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY	1	YES
SASKATOON AQUARIUM SOCIETY	2	YES
ST CATHARINES & AREA AQUARIUM SOCIETY	1	YES
SSAFE HAVEN SOC FOR REP & AMPH	1	YES
TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY	1	N/A
TORONTO WILLOWDALE AQUARIUM SOCIETY	1	YES