

**Canadian Association of  
Aquarium Clubs**



**Annual Reports 2017 - 2018**

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## President's Message - Ron Bishop

Thank you to the entire executive for all of your help this past year. I could not do this job without all of you. I would also like to thank the executive for all of their work on this year's CAOAC convention. I am sure it will be an outstanding convention. I look forward to attending.

We have accomplished a lot, finished a lot of the projects that were underway. We do still have some ongoing projects, but I am optimistic that they will be completed.

One of the things I would like to see happen is having more club representatives attending our monthly meetings in Waterdown. With club reps there, we can share what we are doing much faster and they can keep their clubs up to date with such things as awards, shows, auctions and other club events. It is also nice to hear what other clubs are doing, or who they have as speakers. I know it can sometimes be difficult to find new speakers. I would also like to remind people, that even if they are unable to drive to Waterdown, they will be able to Skype in. CAOAC spans all of Canada, and I would like to hear from clubs that are East and West of here as well. These meetings are for everyone, not just an elite few. They are fun, informative, and when your representative attends, they can keep you current with what is going on, and they can bring forward any concerns or questions that your club may have.

Thank you for a great year.

Ron Bishop

President

CAOAC

## Archivist

Paul McIntosh sent his boxes of archives to our meeting through Barry McKee.

Boxes were dispersed, with Peter Melady taking items related to Awards. Ann Stevens took most of the other boxes.

After reviewing some of the information, the following was concluded:

- Due to government regulations, all past minutes must be kept, because we are incorporated.
- Previous copies of newsletters were kept, due to the keeping records of past minutes of meetings. Anything that was not electronic was kept. Electronic copies of newsletters are available from 2003 onwards.
- Copies of convention reports were scanned and saved.
- Copies of past futures reports were scanned and saved.

Copies of clubs past newsletters were also found. They had been submitted for past Newsletter awards.

Rather than discarding them they will be available at convention for anyone that either wants to take them back to their club for archives or to read.

The following is the list of newsletters available:

Club	Year	Months	Club	Year	Months
St. Catharines	2006	Feb-Apr, Sept - Dec	Durham	2008	Oct
	2005	Jan - Mar, May-Dec.		2003	Sept.
	2004	Feb-Oct., Dec		1980	Jan-June, Sept.
	2003	Mar-Apr, Oct-Dec		1979	Jan, Mar-May, Sept-Dec.
Kitchener-Waterloo	1985	May & Oktoberfish		1978	Dec
	1988	Oktoberfish		1983	Membership Information Binder
	2003	May, June, Oct. Nov.	Calgary	2002	June, Nov, Dec
	2005	June		2003	Jan - Mar, Oct.
	2006	Mar, Apr, June, Oct, Dec		2005	Jan-May, Sept-Oct
	2007	Jan-Feb, Apr-June		2006	Jan-Aug.
	2008	Mar, Nov.		2007	Jan-Sept
Hamilton	1997	Jan	London	2001	April
	2002	Oct-Dec		2003	June

	2003	Mar-June -Oct-Dec		2005	Nov.
	2004	Jan-Dec		2006	Nov.
	2005	Jan-Dec	Regina	2006	Jan-Mar, Sept, Oct
	2006	Jan, Mar-May, Nov.		2007	April-May
Erie County	2004	June, Oct.			
<b>The following clubs are no longer active. These will be kept for historical purposes.</b>					
Erie Aquarium Society	1991	Nov	Peterborough Aquarium Club	1979	May
Flin Flon Aquarium Club	1999	May-Biennial Show & Auction	Canadian Aquaria Society	1978	Mar-Apr, Sept
Brampton Aquarium Club	2001	Feb, Apr	International Marinelife Almanac	1987	Oct-Dec
Bowmanville	1973	Apr-June, Sept-Dec			
	1974	Jan-Feb, June, Sept-Nov			
	1975	Jan-June			

## Aquatic Horticulturalist Directory - Chair Ann Marie Towell

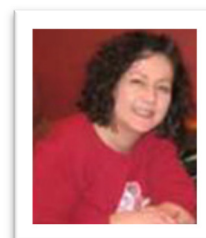
The CAOAC plant listings need more input please. Clubs, please submit your club records to be included.

Keep in mind, CAOAC offers "First In" for plant propagation as well. With so many new plants, why not be the first in Canada to be recognised for growing some of the latest additions?

Don't forget to submit for your HAP awards to the awards chair. Deadline is the February meeting.

If you have ideas on how to get more participation in the HAP program, please let any of the CAOAC executive know.

Tanks for a great year and keep planting!!

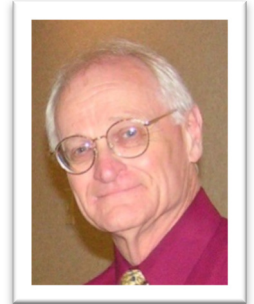


## Awards - Chair Peter Melady

I would like to congratulate all those receiving CAOAC Awards this year. There are 2 Breeders Awards. The Newsletter Award will be presented this year, again judged by Ray 'Kingfish' Lucas. There were five (5) clubs in the running this year. As Ray Lucas has indicated a desire to step down, we are searching for a new Judge. We do not want to go the "College" route again as there were problems. We also have a Recognition Award to hand out. Many thanks to the recipients for your interest in the hobby and CAOAC.

I once again encourage all members to check out the Awards program on the CAOAC website and, if you feel that you are eligible, submit an application. Rules, requirements and forms are available on the website for download. As I state every year; we can only process what we receive.

Peter Melady



## Breeders Directory - Chair Lisa Boorman

CAOAC has a total of 22 member clubs. Of these 22 clubs, 6 of those are actively involved. We encourage all members of CAOAC affiliated clubs to participate in the program. This needs the involvement of each club's BAP chairperson. Please send me your BAP information so your members can be properly acknowledged and awarded (if they meet the 'First In' requirements).

Clubs with input and/or updates for '17/'18: Aquarium Society of Winnipeg

Chatham-Kent Aquarium Society

Hamilton & District Aquarium Society

Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society

Sarnia Aquarium Society

St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society

Any club wishing to participate in this program just need to email me their monthly BAP records.

This year we had several 'First in CAOAC' awards. Congratulations are in order to those excellent fish breeders on their achievements! Please note that some of the First In Awards are retroactive due to species being described.

Congratulations to:

### 2017

Lisa Boorman - *Thorichthys panchovillai* May 2017

Peter Melady - *Aphyosemion campomaanense* Nov 2017

Terry Clements - *Neolamprologus obscures* Nov 2017

### 2018

Charlie Drew - *Corydoras knaacki* Jan 2018

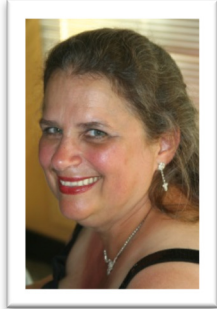
The Directory was and is intended as a service to the member clubs of CAOAC. It provides information and encouragement in the area of fish breeding. It also celebrates the collective achievements of our hobbyists.

Lisa Boorman. May 2018



## Binder - Chair Ann Stevens

There were no updates this year.



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## FAAS - Chair Ken Boorman

Unfortunately there were no meetings to my knowledge this past year and as such, I have nothing to report. This is an ongoing status and I recommend we shelve this position (FAAS liaison), until such times as FAAS are up and running again and conducting regular meetings.

Ken Boorman - F.A.A.S. Liaison 2017



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## Fish Rescue - Jerry Draper/Ann Marie Towell

We were involved in the rescue of 5 koi in Ontario in September. In November, we found a home for tank in BC. Not sure of which fish that was in the tank other than a harlequin rasbora. Ann Marie Towell



## **Futures - Jeff Mountjoy**

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The re-establishment of the Futures committee is a very important priority for CAOAC as it has not been active in recent years. A group of interested committee members gathered for our initial first meeting via Skype in February of this year. Some individuals who provided much appreciated ideas to Futures in advance regrettably could not participate in this meeting, however the May convention will provide good opportunities for many of us to connect again. From our 1st meeting many ideas were gathered, however the group formed consensus that our immediate focus should be on more effective communications and in particular, the CAOAC Facebook page. A 1st draft of some Facebook guidelines has been produced and this is being reviewed by the committee. Some other priority areas of interest to the Futures Committee in addition to stronger communications were the importance of annual conventions for outreach, updating the CAOAC speakers list and judges list. Sharing the communications already being done by many clubs and channeling it more efficiently through an improved CAOAC Facebook page should bring benefits to all clubs with the hopeful goal being that membership will grow and help keep the hobby alive in local communities. Making CAOAC relevant to clubs and valuable to hobbyists of all ages and experience levels will be a focus for the Futures committee and we look forward to working with the new CAOAC executive to make this happen.

Jeff Mountjoy May 2018

## **Judges - Chair Ken Boorman**

Due to my recommencement in the workplace this past year, I have not been able to devote the time required for this position. There is an extensive amount of work to do to bring the guidelines up to the high standard set by the abilities of all the current judges. Not least of which is to actually ascertain who is a current CAOAC certified Judge! I am hopeful the inclusion of the Judging Seminar this year at the convention may answer a few questions from CAOAC Club Members and encourage them to start/continue to participate in the shows that are still being held. I would like to invite all current judges to contact me to discuss their ability/willingness to continue as a CAOAC certified Judge.

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## Membership - Chair Ed Bosker

Some of the following changes this year:

- Brant Aquarium Club was welcomed back
- Forest City Pond Club closed their club

	Club	# Votes
	<b>Insured</b>	
CAOAC	Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs	
ACE	Aquarium Club of Edmonton	2
ASW	Aquarium Society of Winnipeg	1
BRASS	Barrie Region Aquarium Society	1
CAS	Calgary Aquarium Society	2
CKAS	Chatham-Kent Aquarium Society	1
DRAS	Durham Region Aquarium Society	2
HDAS	Hamilton & District Aquarium Society	2
KWAS	Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society	1
LAS	London Aquaria Society	2
OVAS	Ottawa Valley Aquarium Society	2
RAS	Regina Aquarium Society	1
SarAS	Sarnia Aquarium Society	1
SAS	Saskatoon Aquarium Society	2
SCAS	St. Catharines & Aquarium Society	1
TGVAS	The Greater Victoria Aquarium Society	1
MAST	The Marine Aquarium Club of Toronto	1
WAS	Windsor Aquarium Society	1
	<b>No Insurance</b>	
BBC	Betta Breeders of Canada	1
PRAC	Peel Regional Aquarium Club	1
TCGG	Trans Canada Guppy Group	1
BAS	Brant Aquarium Society	1
SAM	Société d'Aquariophilie de Montréal	2
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FCPC	Forest City Pond Club	

## Newsletter - Chair Ann Stevens

I continue to try to keep the newsletter as a source of information, not just club related. I have included the following:

- any club event flyers, when sent to me
- recent hobby related news
- updates to any CAOAC changes
- general CAOAC information for committee chairs and executive positions
- proposal for changes to CAOAC Sanctioned Shows
- pictures and stories, when available, from club events

There was a suggestion to have a club highlighted each month in the newsletter, to enable to get to know each club a bit better. A form will be created and sent to clubs to start highlighting in September.

If there is something you'd like to see included, send me your ideas or articles.

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## Open Show - Chair Barb Draper

In 2017 there were 5 sanctioned shows. They were hosted by the Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs, London Aquaria Society, Hamilton & District Aquarium Society, Peel Region Aquarium Club and Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium. CAOAC continued to expand the competitions to include Trans Canada Guppy Group along with IFGA and Killifish Association from last year. All of the shows were attended very well with many newcomers and veteran fish hobbyists.

The annual winners will be presented with their awards at the CAOAC Convention on May 19/18 in Burlington, Ontario.

JUNIOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS - Jackson Draper, Hamilton District Aquarium Society

SENIOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS - Draper Family, Hamilton District Aquarium Society

CLUB CHALLENGE AWARD - Hamilton District Aquarium Society

BETTA POINTS AWARD - Ashley Rezka, Peel Regional Aquarium Club & Betta Breeders of Canada

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## Programs - Chair Ken Boorman

There were some DVD's sent early in the past year but nothing lately. The growth of You Tube and the ease of uploading lengthy videos on that platform has made it relatively easy for Member Clubs to access their own programmes from that source. The choice is obviously far greater, and perhaps more pertinent than what we have to offer at this time too. My recommendations for this committee are to schedule future discussions concerning either the extensive upgrade of this function or the cessation of it.

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## Ways & Means - Chair Annette Bishop

Another great year is coming to an end. Thanks to your support, ways and means was able to provide hot drinks and snacks at the monthly meetings.

I would like to thank Ed Bosker for supplying the monthly meetings with delicious, hot soups, stews and chili. I would also like to thank Ron Bishop for his baked goods.

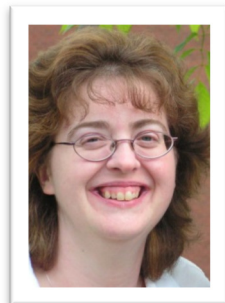
For everyone who donated items for the meeting raffles, it was appreciated. We had some great items this year. Thank you to those of you who attended the meetings and showed your appreciation by donating in some fashion.

Thank you to Peter and Halina Melady for hosting the awards meeting. The food was amazing.

This year ways and means was able to supply the pop and water, as well as the snacks for the hospitality suite at the CAOAC convention. Also we will be supplying drinks and snacks to the President's lunch in June. At that time, I am very happy to say, that we are also able, to once again hand in \$100.00 to the treasurer at year end.

I would like to let everyone know, that I will not be the ways and means chair next year. I have enjoyed my time working with the CAOAC executive and club representatives and wish the next chair the very best. I will be handing in my supplies and any extra money to be used for next year at the June meeting which is the President's lunch.

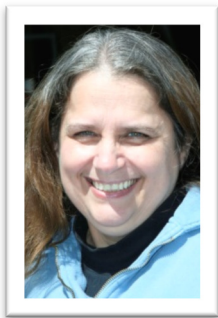
Thanks again for all of your support. Without our members, CAOAC could not continue to do the work that they do. Wishing the CAOAC organization the very best and brightest future assisting hobbyists.



## Webmaster - Chair Ann Stevens

The following items were updated throughout the year.

- 2016-2017 Award recipients were added
- Continuous updates in regards to the 2018 convention
- Updated membership form
- Updated executive and membership chairs
- Added Fishbreeders Directory rules
- Updated the Contact Us page
- Added club events as sent to me throughout the year



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## Motions - Recording Secretary Ann Stevens

There were no motions this year.

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## Treasurer's Report

<b>April</b>			9,951.81
Chq#234-Peter Melady	72.30		
Deposit			
<b>Ending Bank Balance-May 13</b>	72.30	0.00	9,879.51
Reserved Funds - Terry Little			(362.82)
Forest City Pond Club Donation			(648.00)
Working Balance			8,868.69
<b>PayPal</b>			
43 Tickets (\$4340-145.53)		4194.47	
3 Speaker ticket (\$150-5.25)		144.75	
7 Banquet only ticket (\$420x7-13.68)		406.32	
Less			
Rick Borstein Air fare	475.66		
Greg Steeves Air fare	476.94		
<b>Total</b>	952.6	4745.54	3792.94