

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF AQUARIUM CLUBS AWARDS

INTRODUCTION

Each year C.A.O.A.C. presents awards for achievement and service at its Annual Awards presentation, usually held in May, at the C.A.O.A.C. Convention.

The awards take three forms, namely:

- Achievement
- Recognition
- Competition

Achievement and Recognition Awards are administered by C.A.O.A.C. Awards Committee. Competition Awards are administered by the C.A.O.A.C. Open Show Committee.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee is comprised of persons, selected by the Awards Chair, knowledgeable in the hobby or aspects of the hobby that will provide clear and unbiased judgment. It is currently comprised of members of the CAOAC Executive willing and able to attend Awards meetings.

It is normal that the Awards Committee meets at least twice a year.

All applications for the C.A.O.A.C. Authors award and the C.A.O.A.C. Advanced Authors award MUST be in the hands of the Awards Committee no later than the December C.A.O.A.C. general meeting. This deadline has been created so as the applications/articles can be organized, duplicated and passed around for evaluation.

All other applications for awards MUST be in the hands of the Awards Committee no later than the February C.A.O.A.C. General Meeting, unless otherwise specified. Applications should be given to or mailed to your Regional Representative. The Newsletter Award deadline is the January CAOAC General meeting.

These deadlines must be adhered to in order to give the Awards Committee enough time to examine and evaluate each application before the Awards Committee meeting.

All individuals submitting applications for awards are encouraged to do so throughout the year rather than on the deadline. Past experience has shown that insufficient time was allowed to verify certain information on the application before the Awards Committee met. As a result some applications were rejected where the applicant may well have been qualified.

Application forms are available on the CAOAC website. If not available, you can obtain copies from anyone on the Awards Committee. Please read the "Rules" and "How to" pages in the Awards Section.

It is a good idea to retain a copy of the application for future reference in applying for a higher achievement award.

Remember, your application might be based on a formal Club/Society Breeder Award program or Aquatic Horticulturalist Awards program; it is a good idea that the Awards Committee have a copy of that Club/Society's breeders award program. This does not guarantee you an award, because each club/society's program is different, but it may help the Award Committee in making a better decision.

OPEN SHOW COMMITTEE

This committee is responsible for the compiling of records from all inter-club CAOAC sanctioned fish shows in determining the winners for the C.A.O.A.C. competitive revolving awards that are presented each year at the C.A.O.A.C. Annual Convention.

Like all of us involved in C.A.O.A.C. or a local club/society, we are volunteers and these awards are also administered by volunteers. If you have any suggestions or additional information that might help your fellow hobbyist in administering these awards, please contact the President of C.A.O.A.C., the Chairperson of the Open Show Committee or the Chairperson of the Awards Committee.