



MISSOURI AQUARIUM SOCIETY

Breeders Award Program Chair

Duties & Responsibilities

Accept and verify spawns of MASI members at MASI events (meetings, auctions, swaps)

- Always try to have a few blank BAP forms at MASI events in case members forget them
- Appoint one or two members to the BAP committee to help with verifications if the chair is unable to do so
- Verify that submitting members have followed the BAP rules, filled out forms completely, etc.
- Verify the member is a MASI member in good standing
- Verify the member's identification of the fish they have submitted with accepted databases (Cal Academy of Sciences, Killidata of the American Killifish Association, Cichlidae.com, Fishbase, Planet Catfish, and others as needed)
- Verify CARES status of the fish, if needed (CARESforFish.org)
- If unable to verify identification, contact recognized experts in the field for assistance – do not assign points until identification can be verified in some way, as with trade names for species variants
- Ensure variants submitted are not hybrids, except as allowed in the rules
- If still unable to verify identification, assign temporary ID status until identification can be made (this can sometimes take years)
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- Keep track of all submissions (going back to the beginning of the program) and points in a spreadsheet, and submit reports to the Editor as needed for publication in the Darter, and update the master list annually
- Maintain a backup of the master file
- Go through the entire list of submissions at least once every other year and update any nomenclature as needed
- Visit members who have a Class D spawn to verify the spawn within two weeks of the event
- Make sure the trophy maker has adequate time to create any needed awards and present them at MASI meetings or at the annual banquet
- Make sure that any updates or changes to the program follow the outlined 5 core purposes of the MASI BAP as outlined in the rules and that any new rules follow these as well
- Read and make sure required articles contain needed and accurate information about Class C or D species as outlined in the rules, and ensure that the article follows the 2nd BAP core purpose of sharing information about their spawning and rearing. After approving, submit the article to the Editor for publication.