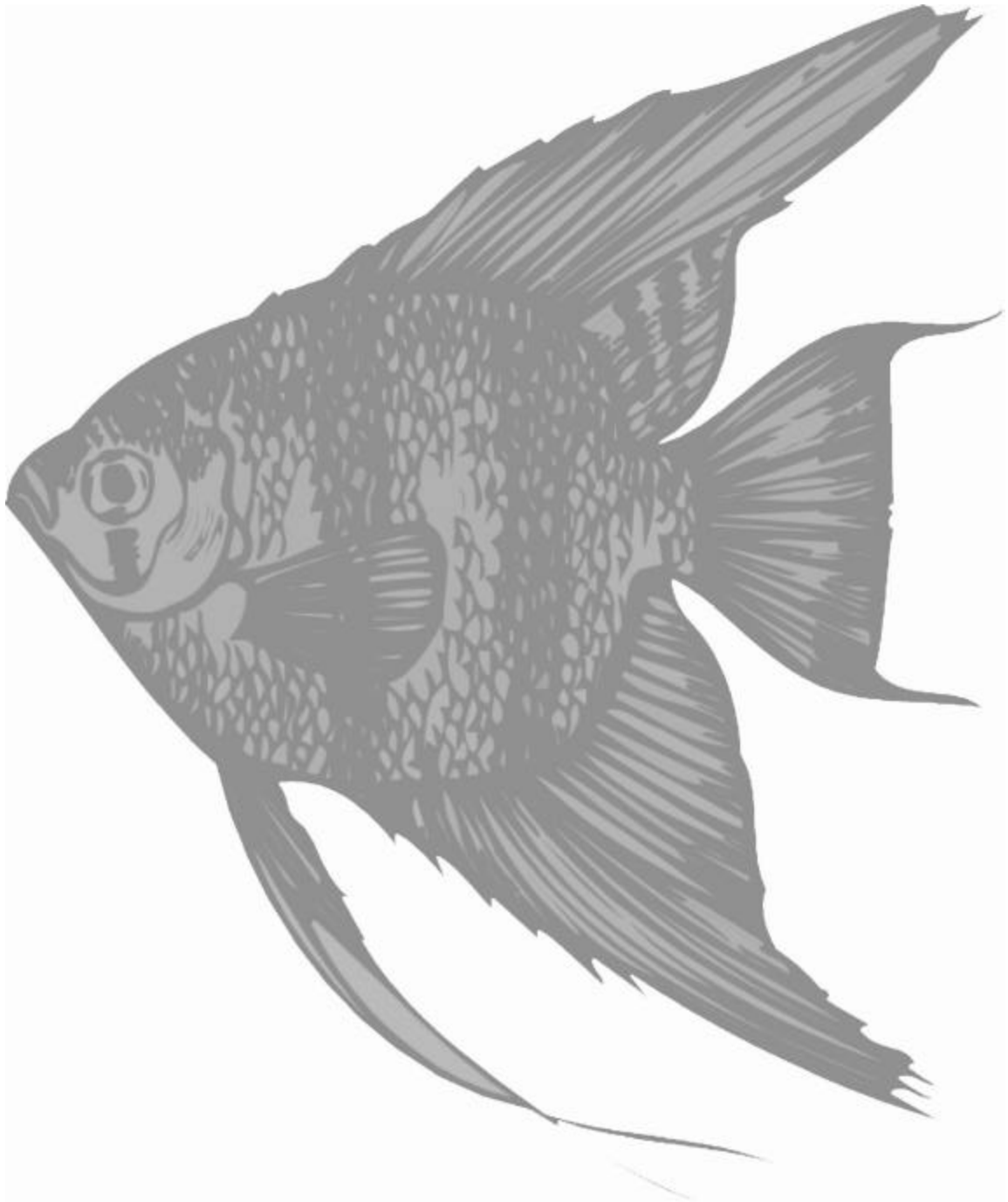


The Boston Aquarium Society
Aquarist Guild Handbook



Boston, Massachusetts
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The Boston Aquarium Society was founded in 1916 with the purpose of increasing both knowledge and interest in the hobby of Aquarium Fish keeping through the activities of its members. Long-term involvement is encouraged at every opportunity. As hobbyists we enjoy the fellowship afforded us through this organization.

With this in mind, we welcome you to the next step in the evolution of our endeavor.

The Aquarist Guild

The Guild is meant to recognize and encourage the activity of all members of the Boston Aquarium Society. A “club within a club”, the Guild will be a way to tally the contributions and achievements of members who help to make our Society great, no matter how large or small that contribution may be.

Guild Points will be awarded according to a list of opportunities that every member of the Society will have available. Members will be eligible for points in a number of areas that will be explained further on in this handbook.

Areas of achievement will include:

- ◆ Breeding
- ◆ Writing and Photography (The Daphnian)
- ◆ Programs and Speakers
- ◆ Offices
- ◆ Committees
- ◆ Attendance
- ◆ Bowl Shows
- ◆ Membership
- ◆ Auctions

You will see in your handbook that there will be many opportunities for you to help build our Society and have a lot of fun along the way. Every year, awards will be given to those who amass the most Guild Points in certain categories and every member of The Guild will be recognized for milestones of achievement. In the pages of this handbook, you will find the rules and criteria for all of the points and honors that will be available to you as a Guild member.

Want to be a member of The Aquarist Guild? If you have read this far, you already are.

The accumulation of Guild Points will make you eligible for both yearly awards and for periodic recognition. Awards will be given at the annual auction each year for achievements in The Guild for the previous year. The categories of awards are:

- Aquarist of the Year
- New Aquarist of the Year
- Junior Aquarist of the Year
- Breeder of the Year
- Bowl Show Champion
- Recruiter of the Year
- The ApistoGrammy Award of Excellence.

In addition, any member of The Guild will be recognized at our monthly Society meetings when they reach certain plateaus of attainment. You will be presented with a certificate and your name will be announced as having achieved the next level in The Guild. The Guild levels are:

- Guild Member
- Apprentice Aquarist
- Aquarist
- Accomplished Aquarist
- Master Aquarist
- Aquarist Extraordinaire

Also, as a breeder, you can reach levels of accomplishment in The Guild according to your accumulation of Breeder Points. Breeder points are covered in The Breeder Award Program Handbook. The levels of Breeder skill are:

- Breeder
- Intermediate Breeder
- Advanced Breeder
- Expert Breeder
- Master Breeder

Aquarist Points

Points will be awarded according to the following system:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Guild Points</u>
<u>Breeding</u> Each submitted report (Verified by the BAP Chair) Achievement of each new Breeder Level	3 10
<u>The Daphnian</u> Publication of each original article, poem or photograph Any item reprinted in another society's publication	10 3
<u>Programs</u> Presentation of the main program at a BAS monthly meeting Arranging for the main speaker at a BAS monthly meeting	10 10
<u>Society Operations</u> Holding any elected office for a full term Holding a volunteer or appointed office on the Board of Directors Holding a volunteer or appointed seat as Chairperson to any committee Performing duties for the Society as directed by a Committee chair Volunteer duties at either a special event or the Annual Auction Attendance of a Board of Directors meeting (open to all BAS members) Attendance of any BAS monthly meeting Hosting a board meeting or Special Event	10 10 10 3 3 3 1 6
<u>Bowl Shows</u> Valid entry of a specimen into the monthly Bowl Show 1 st Place award 2 nd Place award	3 ? ?

<u>Membership</u>	
Timely renewal of your BAS membership (within 60 days of due)	3
Bringing any one-time guest to a BAS meeting	3
Recruiting or referral of a new BAS member	10
<u>Auctions</u>	
Submission of items for any BAS monthly auction	3
Submission of items for the BAS Annual Auction	3
Donation of any items for any auction (100% club item)	6

Ranks

- Guild Member 20 Points
- Apprentice Aquarist 100 Points
- Aquarist 200 Points
- Accomplished Aquarist 500 Points
- Master Aquarist 1000 Points
- Aquarist Extraordinaire 2000 Points or by Decree

Aquarist of the Year

This is the Guild member who has accrued the most Guild points over the year. The year for the BAS begins on August 1st and ends on July 31st.

New Aquarist of the Year

This is the Guild member who has accrued the most Guild points in the year in which they first joined the BAS and The Guild

Young Aquarist of the Year

This is the Guild member who has accrued the most Guild points over the year and is under the age of 16 as of August 1st.

Breeder of the Year

This is the Breeder who has accrued the most BAP points over the year.

Bowl Show Champion

This is the person who earned the most points in Bowl Shows over the year.

The ApistoGrammy Award of Excellence (Think of a better name for this)

This award is given periodically to a person who, through their actions, has made a significant impact on both the BAS and the Aquarium world in general. This award is for a lifetime of achievement and is given infrequently. To be eligible for the JBA, one must have been a BAS member for at least 5 years and have been nominated by another member in good standing. The standing Board of Directors will debate the nomination along with input from any interested member. A unanimous vote of the entire Board of Directors is needed to award this honor. It is not an honor to be bestowed lightly. Along with the award itself and the recognition thereof, the recipient is made an honorary member of the BAS for life and an Aquarist Extraordinaire within The Guild.

Registering Guild Points

You will be responsible for submitting a Guild Form to the Guildmaster for any activity for which you wish to receive credit. A copy of this form is on the last page of this handbook. Forms will be available at BAS monthly meetings and for download at the BAS website.

Activities involving volunteering and committee activity may require the verification of the appropriate committee chairperson. The awarding of Guild Points according to these rules is the decision of the Guildmaster and that decision is final.

The Boston Aquarium Society Aquarist Guild

Guild Point Registration Form

Name _____

	Activity	Guild Points
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You are responsible for handing or Emailing Guild Point requests to the Guildmaster. You may use more than one form for extra submissions. Awarding of points is the decision of the Guildmaster and that decision is final.