

The DARTER

MASI June Special Edition



June 16th Speaker and 2022-23 Council Candidates

Election: Attend this MASI General Meeting and Vote for your 2022-2023 Council & Officers



New Meeting Location

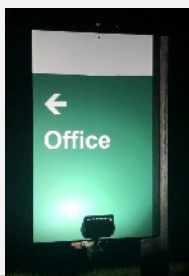
**Public Events at Jost Chemical's building:
8195 Lackland Road
St Louis, MO 63114**



From the intersection of I-170 and St Charles Rock Rd (MO-180).

Turn North from MO-180 at the 1st traffic light East of I-170 into the complex.

About 1/2 mile from the light, turn sharp left at the "Office" sign between the small lake and the interstate to reach the parking lot.



**MASI General Meeting: 7:30
PM CT, Thurs, June 16th, 2022!!**



Dean Tweeddale

**Raising Fry and My Fry
Rack System**



Dean Tweeddale is a master breeder who started keeping fish over 50 years ago. He started with guppies, moved on to discus, and has since bred countless species of freshwater fish. Always an innovator, throughout his fishkeeping career Dean has built three in-house fish rooms and developed an incredible fry system.

Some of his proudest moments in the hobby are developing a system to raise discus artificially, breeding many rare dwarf cichlids, continuous spawning of German blue rams, and spawning several L-number plecos including most recently zebra plecos.

He has previously shared with MASI his collecting trip for wild fish in Peru and has appeared on a number of YouTube channels including Aquarium Co-Op, Swishkey, L.R.Bretz's Aquatics, and Dustin's Fish Tanks.



**At MASI's NEW
meeting location:**

**Jost Chemical Complex building:
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St Louis, MO 63114
Follow the signs - Map on MASI's
Website**

President Candidate:

Vote for I

Pat Tosie
Incumbent



I have served 10 terms as Missouri Aquarium Society's President, am current President and have served numerous positions since joining the club in 1982. I was editor of The DARTER for about 10 years, was BAP chair for a few years, vice president several times, corresponding secretary for about 30 years and have been auctioning at the clubs 4 annual auctions for over 30 years plus have auctioned at many of the ACA and ALA conventions. I currently keep over 75 tanks, mostly with cichlids and livebearers, and enjoy the diversity cichlids have to offer. There have been numerous collecting trips to Mexico, Central America and once to Peru.

I would like to help Missouri Aquarium Society continue moving forward into the future. I am a life member of the ACA and have served on their BOT several times, currently serving as the ACA Bot Chairman for 2022 and was the ACA convention chair in 1998 and ACA show chair in 1988. I have been to over 30 ACA conventions and am an active member at conventions helping out as needed.

Mike Huber
Aspiring

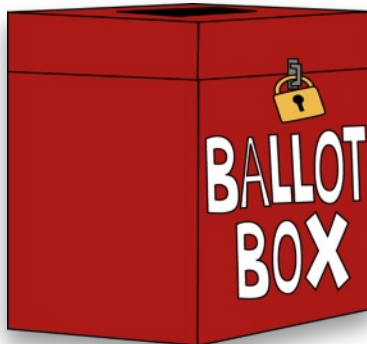


Mike's Comments from 2019:

I'm running to be President of MASI's Executive Council and wish to stay on the Council if that is not attained. I've been in MASI back in the 80s and 90s before work had me working out of state. I rejoined in 2014 and have moved from Arnold to Festus so I'm building two new fish rooms- a cold room of about 50 tanks for native fish and Goodeids, and a warm water room of about 150 tanks for all other fish. I want to help with the council to better MASI and help distribute fish I get to the club so most can get access to them. I also raise CARES fish so they stay in the hobby

Both
Mike Huber
&
Pat Tosie

Plan to run for Council
should they lose the
President's Election



Vice President Candidate: Vote for I

Steve Coxon
Incumbent



I became fascinated with aquariums as a small child and have had aquariums throughout my life, including working in aquarium stores in my teens and 20s and keeping two large biotopes for education when I worked as an elementary teacher. I became serious about breeding after I discovered MASI and have been increasingly volunteering in MASI to keep the Club great.

I currently maintain about 60 aquariums focused on breeding dwarf cichlids and killifish, though I have trouble resisting any fish I haven't kept before. I am a frequent contributor to our newsletter, The Darter, and am currently serving as MASI vice president.

I also serve Missouri as a Stream Team monitor for part of Labarque Creek and as a member of the St. Louis Aquarium Educational Advisory Board. As MASI Vice President, I have worked hard to bring in excellent speakers throughout 2022. It would be my pleasure to continue this work, including some hands-on workshops, as well as to engage new members in the Club.

Secretary Candidate:

Vote for I

Angela Hellweg
Incumbent



I've been a MASI member since 1987, and have been Secretary off and on for most of that time. I don't keep any fish myself, but I am partial to goldfish!

Treasurer Candidate:

Vote for I

Scot Roach
Incumbent



Scot's Comments from 2019:

I am a 2nd time returnee to the hobby. When I was growing up I had a small tank with a few different aquatic creatures in the 80's. In the mid 90's I attended Fontbonne University and lived in the dorms but in my 2nd year I started back into the hobby and slowly grew to 6 tanks. It

got crowded, and eventually they stopped all that... I got carried away with family and work and life and the years when by. In 2015 I started back into the hobby once again. This time for good!

I have had some ups and downs- but through MASI I have had the pleasure to meet some very good and decent people to help teach me to be a better fish keeper. I have just over 200 BAP points and look forward to being a part of the club for many years to come.

Council Candidates:

**Vote
for 6 out of
9 on the
Ballot for
Council**

(Listed in alphabetical
order by Surname)

Charles Harrison
Incumbent



Fish-keeping began for me around Graduation from HS in 1961. My primary interest is in African and South American Killifish and I enjoy all varieties of corys, along with small miscellaneous fish like pencil fish, cherry barbs, angels, etc. and a variety of aquarium plants. I keep many live foods available for my fish and share with other fish keepers when requested.

I specialize in treating fish diseases and parasites and have assisted many folks worldwide in saving their fish from various diseases and parasites. My wife, Sue, and I have been members of MASI since the early '80's and we have both served on the MASI council off and on since then. My primary objectives for serving on the MASI Council is to manage openness and information distribution with the MASI Website as Webmaster and Zoom meetings. Being a member of the Council directly connects me to the pulse of the club.

Caleb Pitman
Incumbent



My name is Caleb Pitman and I'm running for re-election for the MASI council. I have around 80 tanks inside the house and another dozen summer tubbing ponds that I enjoy breeding rainbowfish in, breeding for BAP, and breeding other uncommon fish to distribute throughout the club. I have enjoyed being on the council for the last few years and hope I have made a positive contribution. Having an active part in the club as a council member has been a learning experience and I hope to continue to benefit the club in the future.

Gary Lange
Incumbent



I have been a MASI member since the early eighties and have been keeping tropical fish for over sixty years. I previously served as Vice President for MASI for several years and would like to continue to serve you as a council member. I hope to continue to bring new ideas to council and would like to see our club continue to grow and prosper.

Justin Warnock
Incumbent



Having been in the hobby since the late 1990s, I am currently and have been a member of multiple clubs and societies all over the country in that time. I have served as a council/board member and held chairman positions in a number of them. As a newly appointed but current council member of MASI, I would like to continue serving and hope to be able to bring my previous experience to MASI and help us continue to improve and grow as a

club. The experience I have had in previous clubs has taught me how vital it is to have solid, reliable people in chair and council positions to operate a successful club. I am dedicated to offering that as a member of MASI's council and do my best to be at all of the monthly meetings including the council meetings and plan to continue, hopefully as a council position. Thank you and I hope to continue to be a part of the MASI council.

Ian Eggert
Aspiring

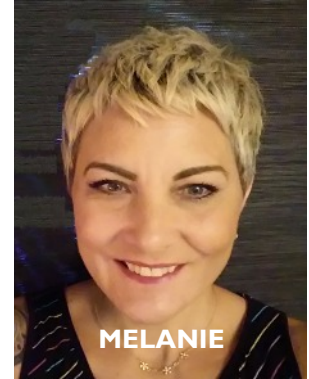


I've been a member of MASI for several years now and have been on council for 2 years before and have been assisting with the auctions for longer. I found the experience of helping council make decisions that move the club forward, affecting change, and knowing that I was helping make the club better, to be rewarding.

After a break from council caused by being busy with life and work and building a house, I want to run for council and again help guide the club forward.



Melanie Holmes
Aspiring



Melanie's Comments from 2019:

Hi, I'm Melanie. I served on council in 2018 and even though I'm fairly new to MASI I'm very passionate about seeing our club continue to grow and prosper. I love all the different aspects of fish keeping (esp my latest love of aquascaping) Most importantly i treasure the friendships formed and the incredible knowledge available from seasoned members.

Bob Watson
Aspiring



Bob Watson has been a "fish a-holic" for over 40 years, particularly interested live-bearers and outdoor fish keeping we affectionately call "Fishy Summer Camp ". He currently has 76 tanks, containers, or tubs of fish and is active in the B.A.P. program. He helps at all the auctions and other events for the club and has helped perform a few fish rescues throughout the years.

Mitchel Wendel
Aspiring



Mitchel Wendel has always been enthusiastic about fish keeping. While in the past few years, he has grown his fish room, he has always had fish tanks as long as he can remember- breeding fish such as Cichlids, Corydoras, Goodeids, and others.

Mitch has been a part of MASI for about 2 years now and is always willing to help out and volunteer in any way he can. He attends every meeting or event, that he can, and

continues to grow in the community. Mitchel is always gearing to expand MASI and help it grow to involve more hobbyists and bring in more recognition.

He enjoys teaching his 3 children, as well as nephews and nieces about fish and the hobby- including donating fish, tanks and equipment to their classrooms and schools, in hopes to get the next generation excited about fishkeeping.

Plus:

Mike Huber
Incumbent



or



Pat Tosie
Aspiring



SHOP HOPPING - St Louis Area, 2021



These Local Fish Shops (LFS) help introduce hundreds of people to the Aquatic Hobby every day.

They also help the Missouri Aquarium Society reach those hobbyists and keep them engaged by promoting our programs. **Support their programs too!**

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The Missouri Aquarium Society

Local Fish Shop	Location	Phone
AquaWorld, Gravois	St Louis, MO	(314) 772-0100
AquaWorld, Manchester	Ellisville, MO	(636) 391-0100
Corals-n-More	St Peters, MO	(636) 387-1212
Petland	Lake St Louis, MO	(636) 685-2925
Malawi Aquatics	Florissant, MO	(314) 830-6460
Midwest Tropical Fish	Jerseyville, IL	(618) 946-7408
Pet Connection	St Louis, MO	(314) 773-7387
Petco, N Lindburgh	Florissant, MO	(314) 839-5136
Sailfin Pet Shop	Champaign, IL	(217) 352-1121

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Seascape Studios	St Louis, MO	(314) 843-3636
Tropical World Pets	Webster Groves, MO	(314) 849-4020
Tye-Dyed Iguana	Fairview Heights, IL	(618) 624-8003