

# Newsletter of the AFS Ontario Chapter



AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
**ONTARIO CHAPTER**

## **President's Message**

Planning is well underway for our 2006 Annual General Meeting, March 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> at the Geneva Park Conference Centre, near Orillia. Your Ex-Comm, and particularly President-Elect Bill Gardner and Vice-President Jon Clayton, have been working hard to bring you an interesting agenda with a variety of speakers and topics. For more information, check out the announcement and registration form on pages 10-12 in this Newsletter – register early and save!

As a result of the membership poll we held in the fall, you indicated your preference for a Thursday evening to Saturday afternoon meeting (rather than our traditional Friday to Sunday); the Wednesday evening to Friday afternoon option was the second choice of those who voted. We've listened to the membership and Geneva Park was able to accommodate us. We've also kept registration fees frozen at 2005 rates, so we hope that even more of you will be able to attend this year's AGM. Thanks to our Webmaster Rob Eakins for running the email poll.

Once again, we would especially like to extend an invitation to students. Due to the generosity of all our sponsors we have been able to subsidize student attendees and keep the student registration fee at \$100 (includes accommodation, meals and socials for the entire weekend – a great value). This year we would also like to introduce students to the benefits of AFS membership, so we will be including a **FREE** American Fisheries Society and Ontario Chapter membership for each student registrant.

I would also like to encourage students to present a paper or poster at the meeting and compete for the **E.J. Crossman Award**. The student with the best oral presentation will receive a \$250 travel award (for the professional meeting of their choice), and a copy of Freshwater Fishes of Canada. There will also be an award for best student poster. The Ontario Bass Federation (OBF) generously assists with sponsorship of the student awards.

Many additional activities are available at Geneva Park, including cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing and skating. It should prove to be great weekend for networking and learning. Come up early or hang around after to enjoy some Ontario winter activities!

Once again, this issue of the Newsletter includes a number of articles and announcements of interest to Chapter members, including: the new column "*The View From Up Here*"; an article about the 2005 AFS Annual Meeting in Alaska from a student perspective; news from the NCD-AFS and CARS; information about Division Technical Committees; an important membership notice; and much more.

I hope to see many of you at the AGM!

Warren Dunlop  
 AFS-OC President



## 2006 AFS Membership Dues Renewal Notice

This past fall, Ontario Chapter members received an email alerting them to a potential problem with the 2006 AFS Dues Renewal Notice. We believe the problem also existed in 2005.

Several members had noticed that under the "Membership Item" list they were still listed as either a "Southern Ontario Chapter" or a "Northwestern Ontario Chapter" member, rather than an "Ontario Chapter" member; there was no accompanying fee listed for Chapter membership.

Please take the time to ensure that your Ontario Chapter membership is renewed (Ontario Chapter membership is still a bargain at \$5 annually).

You have a couple of options:

1 - Turn your renewal notice over, tick the Ontario Chapter box, and add \$5 to your renewal fee. Send a cheque for the full amount or provide a credit card number.

2 - Renew on line by going to <http://www.fisheries.org/html/Membership.shtml> and

fill in your personal information, preferred membership option, any Sections (we recommend you join CARS), plus the Ontario Chapter. The online registration will automatically calculate your fee. You can provide your credit card number online.

If you have already sent in your paper copy renewal, please check to see if the above situation refers to you. If it does, please take the time to visit the website to add your Ontario Chapter membership, or contact Membership Chair Dave Stanley at: [membership@afs-oc.org](mailto:membership@afs-oc.org). We want to continue to have you as a member.

Please pass this information along to any colleagues that may not be aware of the problem – this situation could explain why some Parent Society members thought they had renewed their Ontario Chapter membership, but we didn't have a record. We are working with AFS staff to update the membership database and resolve the renewal problems.

Please be patient.

## Website Update

Announcing a new website resource for students. This webpage provides contact information for Student Representatives, links for Universities and Colleges, Employment Opportunities, Awards/Scholarships, and more! Visit <http://www.afs-oc.org> and follow the Student Resources link.

## AFS-OC Swag! Get your Hats and Pins Here or at the AGM!

**Impress your friends and colleagues—Support your AFS-OC now!** Ontario Chapter baseball caps and lapel pins are now available for purchase from your Executive Committee.



**Cost:** Baseball Cap \$20.00  
Lapel Pin \$3.00



If you would like to place an order for a baseball cap or lapel pin, please contact Warren Dunlop ([president@afs-oc.org](mailto:president@afs-oc.org)) or Heather Lynn ([secretary@afs-oc.org](mailto:secretary@afs-oc.org)).



## Dave Philipp wins NCD-AFS Excellence in Fisheries Science Award



Dr. David P. Philipp (Dave) of the University of Illinois and the Illinois Natural History Survey was presented with the American Fisheries Society North Central Division Excellence in Fisheries Science Award at the recent meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Dave is well known to many

Ontario fisheries people due to the field work that he and many of his graduate students have done here in Ontario. An excerpt from his nomination follows:

Dave began his association with the American Fisheries Society and the North Central Division in 1977, when he joined the Illinois Natural History Survey (INHS) as an Assistant Professional Scientist. At the INHS, Dave progressed to Associate Professional Scientist, Director – Center for Aquatic Ecology, Professional Scientist, Senior Professional Scientist, and is currently the Principal Scientist in the Center for Aquatic Ecology and Conservation. He holds three affiliate professorships at the University of Illinois in the departments of: Natural Resources and Environmental Science; Ecology, Ethology, and Evolution; and Animal Science and he is currently on the Board of Directors of the Fisheries Conservation Foundation. Dave was presented the 1995 Meritorious Service Award by the AFS/NCD and is a Past President of the Illinois Chapter of AFS and of the AFS/NCD. He is also a founder of the AFS Genetics Section and was its first elected



President. Dave has more than 90 publications in peer-reviewed journals almost all of which are in the top journals of his disciplines (fisheries, aquatic ecology, and genetics). Five Ph.D., 15 MS, and 6 BS Honors graduates have been supervised by Dave and he is currently working with 2 BS Honors, 3 MS, and 3 Ph.D. students earning their degrees in fisheries, aquatic ecology, and genetics.

Dr. Philipp's research activities directly address several of the most important and cutting edge issues facing aquatic resource management on the international stage. For twenty years he has led the debate on the consequences of moving and mixing genetically divergent fish lineages between watersheds.

As a result, many state fisheries management agencies now have policies in place to formally address these kinds of activities. His research



on the population effects of angling for nest-guarding bass has literally shattered some of the views of managers and anglers alike that "catch & release" is a panacea for population management for game fish. Moreover, his work on life history variation and reproductive ecology of bluegill and bass has helped to modernize thinking about how performance traits and evolutionary fitness traits interact. Dave's current research interests include: natural resource conservation genetics; factors controlling reproductive success in fishes; evolution of reproductive behaviors in fishes; evolution of gene regulatory mechanisms; developmental and biochemical genetics of fishes.

Dave is an avid fisherman who has turned his scientific talents to understanding genetic impacts of fish culture and management practices and then moving the results of his research into the real world.

## Canadian Aquatic Resources Section (CARS) Update

For those of you not familiar with CARS (Canadian Aquatic Resource Section) of the American Fisheries Society, it is the umbrella that represents the interests of all Canadian AFS members. Along with a rejuvenation of the Ontario Chapter, CARS is also undergoing a renaissance. Recent efforts within CARS have included:

- 1) holding a second annual meeting in conjunction with the Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research (CCFFR);
- 2) actively engaging, increasing and effectively representing Canadian interests, both within the society and to the Canadian government; and
- 3) CARS (as well as the OC) have modified their constitutions and bylaws to include, in the CARS executive committee, delegates of the Ontario and Mid-Canada Chapters, the North Pacific and Atlantic International Chapters. This will allow for more effective communication between all Canadian AFS entities.

In addition to these major achievements, CARS increased its' visibility by sponsoring and participating in the following scientific events:

- Conference/Workshop on Climate and Fisheries: Impacts, Uncertainty, and Responses of Ecosystems Victoria, British Columbia (2005); and,
- North Pacific International Chapter Annual Meet-

ing - organization of the annual meeting's science program (2005).

Along with these accomplishments, I feel that one of CARS most valuable contributions is the continued financial support and organization of student travel to the AFS Annual Meeting (through the Larkin Award) and CCFFR (via the Clemens Reigler Travel Award). In 2005, two Canadian students attended the Annual Meeting in Anchorage, while at the latest CCFFR conference in Calgary over \$13,000 was provided to support the travel of approximately 70 students. As most of you are aware CCFFR is often the first exposure students have to a conference and a professional society. CARS is proud to offer support to our young professionals. If you would like additional information on the Section I encourage you to visit <http://www.canadianaquaticresources.org>.

Dave Stanley  
AFS-OC Past President  
CARS Vice President



## Websites of Interest

*Did you Know* .....More than 251,000 people are employed as “environmental practitioners”, 64% of which actually work outside of the so-called environmental sector. Environmental practitioners are found in many other sectors, such as health care, education, government, oil and gas, construction, etc.

Funded by the Government of Canada's Sector Council Program, Environmental Careers Organization (ECO) Canada has initiated a “Study of Environmental Practitioners in Canada 2005-2006” which is a unique survey that was launched in November 2005. The study will offer a description of the workplace and the workforce in the environmental sector, including information on occupations, training, recruitment, and retention.

If all or part of your job consists of environmental work, or even just a few environmental tasks, you are eligible to participate in the survey. Complete the survey before February 10, 2006 (extended from January 16) and enter a draw to **WIN** a digital camera.

Visit <http://www.eco.ca> to complete the survey on-line and find out more about what ECO Canada has to offer students.

## “The View From Up Here”

For those of you who didn't know this, Ontario is a very big place. But as big as northern Ontario is, and you might be interested to know that it is larger than France and Germany combined, it seems we cannot get away from others who share our interests or our goals. Case in point; Wawa.

Wawa sits 2.5 hours drive northwest of the Sault Ste Marie, near the shore of Lake Superior and has a population of 4,000. Although my office is doing work up there, it is not a place that one expects to see a lot of others from our profession (besides the project partners that is). This past summer, while enjoying a wonderful Jamaican jerk roast pork dinner in a Wawa restaurant, I glanced over and saw AFS-OC Student Representative Mark Poos (University of Toronto) eating dinner at a table full of students. Not really a surprise to see Mark in this particular restaurant, the Kinniwabi Pines, but rather to see him in Wawa at all. It turns out that Mark and a whole host of U of T'ers were doing work all summer long in Hawk Junction (about a half-hour drive from Wawa), studying lakes in an area known as the fume-kill zone, an area that has been denuded of trees by emissions originating from the Iron Ore smelter in Wawa. That same 10-day work trip, I worked with 2 other Ontario Chapter members, Phil Anderson and Andrew Schiedel. Now, I can't say that meeting up with Phil and Andrew was by accident, as they were assisting us on a study in which a client of their's is a partner.

The morning after I saw Mark and company at the restaurant, I arose at 5:45 am (we needed to work early hours before the hydro facility began ramping up to cool southern Ontario and the United States)

and stepped out of my motel room only to see three DFO trucks parked across the street in another motel. “Hmm,” I said to myself, “I didn't know that anyone else was here.” I ventured over to see to whom the trucks belonged. A contingent of the Sea Lamprey Control Centre was in town, not a big treatment crew but just a few of the assessment people. These folks spend most of their time electrofishing the rivers around the Great Lakes to see how effective the treatments were and when another treatment should occur and were just passing through on there way from the Lakehead to the Sault.

The point that I am trying to make is that although we live in a very large province, we are well connected to each other through common threads, like family, friends or even the AFS. As for this article, I am more than willing to write about all sorts of interesting and unique aspects involving fisheries in or about northern Ontario, but I am hoping that other members from the north (or even some of the southern folk who are lucky enough to be doing work up here) will take up the torch and submit articles. Some of the topics that I have planned for upcoming articles include a discussion of the multitude of lakes named Trout Lake in the north, the hunt for lake sturgeon (*Acipenser fulvescens*) in Lake Superior and a look at fish farming in Lake Huron.

Until next time ..... Happy trails from the North Country.

Bill Gardner  
AFS-OC President Elect

## AFS-OC Executive Committee Elections at the AGM

Each September a new Executive Committee (ExComm) takes over the reins of the chapter. However before that can happen, elections must be held at the Annual General Meeting. This year the following positions are up for election: **President Elect**, **Treasurer** and **Student Representatives**. Please consider running and see the bylaws on our website (<http://www.afs-oc.org>) for a full description of each of the positions. Send nominations to Dave Stanley at [past-president@afs-oc.org](mailto:past-president@afs-oc.org).



## AFS Alaska: A Student's Perspective

As a master's student at the University of Guelph, I was very privileged to attend this year's American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting in Anchorage, Alaska. From the night of my arrival to the day of my departure, the trip was nothing less than amazing. It all began on the "red-eye" flight into Anchorage that provided me with the most magnificent view of the Northern Lights. It was as if the amazing green lights dancing across the sky were somehow welcoming me to this northern treasure.

The following day, after I had registered and received my welcome bag, I sat down to look over the program and plan my week. It was at this point that I realized the immensity of the conference. There were 16 sessions running concurrently, with approximately 1780 presentations, of which 1130 were oral presentations. It was quite a challenge to plan out the week and I was thankful to find out that so many social events were already planned for the conference attendees.

From the all you can eat seafood buffet (any

vegetarian's biggest challenge!!), to an entertaining performance by Ray Troll, to a social at the Alaska Native Heritage Center, which included storytelling, exhibits and traditional dances, there was always something to do. These social events also provided a perfect opportunity to meet fellow graduate students as well as potential future advisors or employers. There were also many great day trips made available to conference goers as well as their family and friends. These included a glacier and wildlife cruise, an Alaska Zoo tour, a naturalist hike and guided coho salmon fishing.

I would strongly recommend undergraduate students, graduates students and anyone else who is interested in the field of fisheries science to attend the upcoming 2006 AFS Annual Meeting in Lake Placid, New York in September. I am sure it will prove to be as rewarding as Anchorage.

Lynn Bouvier  
AFS-OC Student Representative  
(University of Guelph)

## Ontario Freshwater Fishes Life History Database

The AFS-OC is proud to be affiliated with the Ontario Freshwater Fishes Life History Database (OFFLHD). Once hosted by the Ontario Chapter, the OFFLHD now has its' own domain ([www.fishdb.ca](http://www.fishdb.ca)). This website is an unparalleled source of information concerning the fishes of Ontario. Researchers, consultants and students alike agree this interactive searchable database provides a valuable resource to all those interested in Ontario freshwater fishes.

The OFFLHD is a fully searchable database for all Ontario and adjacent Great Lakes freshwater fishes including introduced, extirpated and extinct species. It contains current information pertaining to life history, habitat, size and age, distribution, status, reproduction and nomenclature for 150 species, 3 subspecies and 2 established hybrids. The website also includes photographs, range maps, notes, references, glossary of terms and related web links.

Try it out for yourself by clicking the OFFLHD logo on the Ontario Chapter homepage, or directly by visiting <http://www.fishdb.ca>. Explore, learn and enjoy.

The Ontario Freshwater Fishes Life History Database was created and is maintained by Robert Eakins, AFS-OC Webmaster.



## NCD-AFS Passes Resolution Supporting Canal Barriers

North Central Division President Brad Parsons reports that the NCD-AFS passed an important resolution at its recent 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The resolution urges the United States Congress and President to immediately authorize and fully fund the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or other appropriate federal agency to operate and maintain the aquatic species dispersal barriers on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. A new, large barrier, which will use electricity and possibly acoustic methods is almost ready to go. Despite federal funding for the project, however, the money to operate the barrier has been hung up in Congress. If this money is not appropriated, the State of Illinois might have to pay the approximately \$250,000 annual operation costs. This is clearly unfair because, unlike a levee or flood control project, the potential

benefits are not limited to Illinois, but have huge regional impacts. Both bighead carp (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*) and silver carp (*H. molitrix*) are within 20 miles of the barrier, and pose an immediate threat to the Great Lakes. Furthermore, since the barrier is intended to stop species moving in either direction, the Mississippi River drainage could also be protected from ruffe (*Gymnocephalus cernuus*), which are moving down Lake Michigan and could enter the Mississippi drainage, as the round goby (*Neogobius melanostomus*) and zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*) did before.

NCD-AFS is currently compiling a list of agencies and legislators to whom distribution of the resolution would be most effective.



## Getting Involved in NCD-AFS Technical Committees

Some of you may not be familiar with the North Central Division Technical Committees. The purpose of the technical committees is to promote resource conservation and enhancement within the Division and to serve as the focal point for the collection and dissemination of information concerning important resource issues. Technical committees are organized to deal with topical areas addressing issues relating to taxonomic, habitat, or technical orientation.

Currently, the active technical committees are: **Centrarchid, Esocid, Ictalurid, Walleye, and Rivers and Streams**. NCD-AFS President Brad Parsons indicates that the **Salmonid** Technical Committee has been inactive for several years now, but there is interest in rejuvenation.

While each committee's bylaws vary slightly, membership is generally open to NCD-AFS members (that includes AFS members resident in Ontario) and most committees require at least one member officially appointed as a Chapter representative.

Since the Ontario Chapter now represents all AFS members in Ontario, who may have been members of the Southern or Northwestern Ontario Chapters, your ExComm would like to get a better handle on technical committee activities and improve communications with the committees. As such, I would like to solicit current AFS-OC members who would like to be official Chapter representatives on each of the committees. Currently, Tim Haxton is the Ontario Chapter representative on the **Walleye** committee and Dave Stanley is interim contact (looking for a permanent representative) for the **Rivers and Streams** committee. If you are currently an informal member of one of the technical committees or are interested in getting involved and would like to formally represent the OC, please contact Warren Dunlop at: [president@afs-oc.org](mailto:president@afs-oc.org).

You can get more detailed information on each of the Technical Committees, plus past meeting minutes, etc. on the revamped NCD-AFS website: <http://www.ncd-afs.org>.

## Educational Opportunities

### Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Diploma

Interested in expanding your knowledge of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)? Learn modern water management principles, with specific reference to North American issues. Acquire new skills and expertise. Get your United Nations University IWRM Diploma from the Canadian Rivers Institute at the University of New Brunswick. Conducted primarily on-line, The UNU IWRM program consists of nine 25 hour e-learning courses and a final three week on-campus course.

Course content includes:

- IWRM introduction
- human activity impacts
- water transfer
- water use
- organizational infrastructure
- land use
- waste water
- aquatic ecosystems
- governance
- applying IWRM

#### Eligibility:

- Minimum undergraduate degree in science, engineering or related field
- Computer literacy and access
- Resident of North America
- Internet access

Courses are being held **February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

#### Course Cost:

\$750.00 (CDN) for Courses 1 and 2; \$750.00 (CDN) each for Courses 3 to 10

**\*\* Enrollment is limited \*\*** Registration for the first course is required by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006  
For more information, contact the Canadian Rivers Institute: [cri@unb.ca](mailto:cri@unb.ca)  
or Dr. K. R. Munkittrick: [krm@unbsj.ca](mailto:krm@unbsj.ca)

### Benthic Biomonitoring Training Course—Spring 2006

The Ontario Benthos Biomonitoring Network (OBBN) is an aquatic macro-invertebrate biomonitoring network for Ontario's lakes, streams, and wetlands developed by Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Environment Canada (Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network).

Traditionally there has been an individualistic approach to biomonitoring in Ontario, with little communication between practitioners. This lack of coordination has limited the application of biomonitoring, chiefly due to an inability to share data, and a lack of consistent training. The OBBN aims to standardize methods (while maintaining limited options that recognize differences in partner expertise and financial resources), enable data sharing between partners, automate assessments, and provide training.

The Benthic Biomonitoring Training Course will be held by OBBN-certified trainers over two consecutive days, and will include a fieldwork component. The registration fee of \$150.00 will cover lunches, refreshments and limited equipment. Tentative dates are **May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006 or May 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006**.

**Interested in attending?** ..... Contact: Lucie Lavoie (807) 624-2140 or [luciel@ecosuperior.com](mailto:luciel@ecosuperior.com)

**Interested in finding out about other courses in your area?** ..... Contact: The Ontario Benthos Biomonitoring Network: <http://obbn.eman-rese.ca/obbn/english/index.html>



## Workshops and Conferences

### 2006 ROM Ontario Fish Identification Workshops

**When:** April 28, 29, 30, 2006 and May 1, 2, 3, 2006

**Where:** Ramsey Wright Building, University of Toronto

**Cost:** \$400.00 (or \$300.00 for students paying their own way)



The Royal Ontario Museum is again providing an opportunity for fisheries professionals to improve their fish identification skills. This year the ichthyology staff are offering two 3-day workshops.

The workshop offers practical hands-on experience in keying out Ontario's fish fauna. You can design your own program of specimen examination or follow ours. Exercises can be done in any order and a reference collection of Ontario freshwater fishes will be made available so that you can specialize in a group of your choice. Experienced individuals will be on hand to assist you with exercises, provide advice, and access the specimens housed in the reference collection. Handouts and presentations topics include fish anatomy, collection, documentation and preservation techniques as well as species-specific identification characteristics and tools.

**For registration package and space availability contact:**

Cathy Dutton  
 Department of Natural History  
 Royal Ontario Museum  
 Telephone: 416-586-5894  
 Fax: 416-586-5553  
 Email: [workshop-ichthyol@rom.on.ca](mailto:workshop-ichthyol@rom.on.ca)



### 2005/06 AFS-OC Executive Committee

<b>President</b>	Warren Dunlop	<b>Vice President</b>	Jon Clayton
<b>President-Elect</b>	Bill Gardner	<b>Past-President</b>	Dave Stanley
<b>Secretary</b>	Heather Lynn	<b>Treasurer</b>	Shari Wiseman
<b>Membership Chair</b>	Dave Stanley	<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Debbie DePasquale
<b>Webmaster</b>	Rob Eakins	<b>Education Committee Chair</b>	Jennifer Wright

To contact any member of the Executive Committee visit our website (<http://www.afs-oc.org>).

**Student Representatives**

- Lynn Bouvier (University of Guelph)
- Andrea Bernard (University of Guelph)
- Andrew Drake (University of Waterloo)
- Mark Poos (University of Toronto)
- Bill MacLeod (Fleming College)
- Shari Sokay (Fleming College)
- Jarrod Stackhouse (University of Ottawa)
- Steve Marson (Trent University)



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**ANNUAL MEETING**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

Geneva Park, Orillia

***"Bridging the Gap"***

**Join us for our 2006 Annual Meeting and Conference at the Geneva Park Conference Centre, on the shores of Lake Couchiching near Orillia.**

Those planning to present papers or posters at the 2006 Ontario Chapter Annual Meeting must submit abstracts by February 16, 2006. There are limited slots available for oral presentations. Poster presentations can also be accommodated. Papers are solicited for all aquatic resource topics, and on completed studies, preliminary results, or case studies. Abstracts should be submitted as email attachments to **William Gardner** ([president-elect@afs-oc.org](mailto:president-elect@afs-oc.org)).

**Student presenters are eligible for the **E.J. Crossman Award** for Best Student Paper.**

**An award for best student poster will also be presented.**

For registration details or other information, please visit our website:  
<http://www.afs-oc.org>

Or contact:

Jon Clayton

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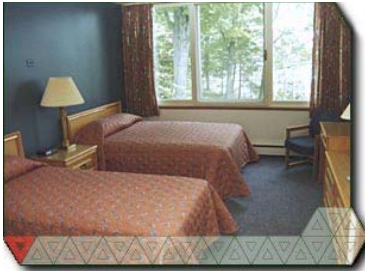
email: [vice-president@afs-oc.org](mailto:vice-president@afs-oc.org)

**AFS-OC Members and students are eligible for discounted rates (see registration form).**

## **Geneva Park Conference Centre**

<http://www.genevapark.ymca.ca/home.html>

We are pleased to have found a great facility for our AGM and Conference. Geneva Park is a full service conference & meeting centre operated by the YMCA. It is located on a 150 acre forested peninsula on the shores of Lake Couchiching, near Orillia.



### **Accommodation:**

The Park offers a choice of single or double accommodation (see registration form for pricing). Rooms come equipped with 4 piece en-suite bathroom facilities, as well as phones with data jacks. Wheelchair accessible rooms are available. Full daily housekeeping services are provided. No pets.

### **Recreation:**

The Park offers cross country skiing (ski equipment available) on groomed trails, snow shoeing and broomball. Bring your skates for the outdoor rink (weather permitting). Enjoy the fitness & games rooms or bring your fishing equipment and try out ice-fishing on Lakes Simcoe or Couchiching on the way to or from the Conference.



### **Getting there:**

#### **From Barrie/Toronto area & south:**

Take Hwy #400 N to Barrie, then Hwy #11 N to Orillia. At Orillia, take 2<sup>nd</sup> exit (Hwy #12 S) to Rama Rd (Simcoe County Rd 44). Turn Left. Geneva Park is 10km from corner on left.

#### **From Peterborough/Lindsay area & east:**

Take Hwy #7 W to Hwy #12 N. Travel 45km on Hwy #12 to Atherley. Turn right onto Rama Rd (Simcoe County Rd 44). Geneva Park is 10km from corner on left.

#### **From Huntsville area & north:**

Follow Hwy #11 S to the Hwy #169/Washago exit. Follow Hwy #169 one km to Rama Rd (Simcoe County Rd 44). Turn right & follow Rama Rd for 10km. Turn right into Geneva Park.

#### **From Georgian Bay area & west:**

Take Hwy #26 E through Stayner. Turn left onto County Rd 22 (Horseshoe Valley Rd). Continue on 22 to Hwy #12 (Prices Corners). Turn right onto Hwy #12. Bypass Orillia by taking Hwy #11 S for 3km to Hwy #12 S exit. Take Hwy #12 to Rama Rd (Simcoe County Rd 44). Turn Left. Geneva Park is 10km from corner on left.

