

experience in The auctions gave us experience in transporting Koi from their home ponds and in preparing a temporary home-away-from-home for them.

One of the many innovations (at least they seemed so at the time) that John File started was having an executive meeting of club officers and committee members in February, while our ponds were sleeping and we could focus our thoughts on plans for the upcoming year. These meetings began in 1987, and it was at the meeting the following year that the concept of having club regions began (North, Central and South). By 1991, under the leadership of our second President, Wayne Orchard, our bylaws were amended to provide for Chapters, each with their own Vice-Presidents who plan meetings and activities in their own areas in addition to the annual club-wide activities which include an annual meeting to install newly elected officers in June, and the annual Koi Show in October. MAKC has since added a Long Island and Metropolitan Chapter and there are rumors of interest in other areas of forming MAKC Chapters, thus drawing on the strength and expertise of the club as a whole and sharing information through Mid-Atlantic Koi magazine.

A major strength of the club has been the continuity of the people involved with it. After John File served three years as President, Wayne Orchard served for two years as has Joe Zuritsky and Betty Roemer. Similar continuity has marked many of the officer and committee positions (with space too short to recognize all of the many and eager and loyal contributors to the club's success).

Today, MAKC is approaching a membership of 1000 families that represent almost every state east of the Mississippi River and many west of it, as well as Canada and the United Kingdom. We have evolved differently from every other Koi club in the United States partially because of necessity and partially because of the ideas and goals of many talented members who have joined together to share and advance a knowledge and love of Koi. ➡

	President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	North Region	South Region	Central Region	New York Region	Long Island Region
June 1986	John File		Betty Roemer	Betty Roemer					
Jan. 1987	John File	Betty Roemer	Joe Prince	Chuck & Doris Poppe					
June 1988	John File	Betty Roemer	Jim Dodd	Chuck & Doris Poppe	Bob Bransfield	Wayne Orchard & Susan Boland			
June 1989	John File	Betty Roemer	Jim Dodd	Chuck & Doris Poppe	Bob Bransfield	Wayne Orchard & Susan Boland			
June 1990	Wayne Orchard	Allan Hobron	Jim Dodd	Susan Boland	Lester Berkow	Norm & Betty Bass	Bill & Jan Fogle (Dec 90)	Jose Gueits	
June 1991	Wayne Orchard	Lester Berkow	Jim Dodd	Bill & Barbara Dixon	Tom & Diana Burton	John & Judy Huttner	Bill & Jan Fogle	Jose Gueits	
June 1992	Joe Zuritsky	Dick Roemer	Jim Dodd	Bill & Barbara Dixon	Tom & Diana Burton	John & Judy Huttner	Bill & Jan Fogle		Mike Bentivegna (Jan 93)
June 1993	Joe Zuritsky	Dick Roemer	Mike Grimaldi	Al Clayton	Jack Laurie & Jay Fitzpatrick	Debby Hester & Betty Roemer	Bill & Jan Fogle		Mike Bentivegna
June 1994	Betty Roemer	Art Lembke	John Kovach	Al Clayton	Lew & Mary Waldeck	David & Debby Hester	Chuck & Marge Booz		Mike Bentivegna Stanford Ho Ken Bermann
June 1995	Betty Roemer	Art Lembke	John Kovach	Al Clayton	Loujeanne Cuje	David & Debby Hester	Chuck & Marge Booz	Metropolitan Region	Jay & Elanor Koch
June 1996	Art Lembke	David Hester	John Kovach	Al Clayton	Loujeanne Cuje Lenore Cotler	Debby Hester Wendy Marris Larry & Laura Lunsford	Chuck & Marge Booz Donna Howard Francis Babiarz	Victor & Christina SanFillippo	Jay Koch Ken Bermann