

AMERICAN ELASMOBRANCH SOCIETY



Dear AES Member:

Your membership is critical to the continued growth and success of the American Elasmobranch Society. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of your Executive Committee, improvements in communication associated with the membership renewal process continue to be reflected in the stability of our membership base and in the success of our election process.

On the back of this letter is a membership renewal form – **members can also renew online**. Please remember that to receive a ballot for the 2010 election of officers, and to be eligible for Society awards, Standard members must renew their memberships by **January 1, 2010**. Members who renew by that date are considered **Members in Good Standing**. This reminder is especially important for student members who are considering competing for any of the Society Awards, including Student Travel Awards, the AES Research Award, the Samuel H. Gruber Award (outstanding oral presentation), the Jeffrey C. and Carol A. Carrier Award (outstanding poster presentation), and the Donald R. Nelson Behavior Research Award. **ONLY** Members in Good Standing are eligible for Society awards and exceptions are not made for late renewals. Student members must also be in at least their second year of membership to be eligible for student awards.

Members whose dues are received after January 1, 2010 will be considered **Active Members** in the Society, with all rights and privileges except voting in the Annual Election and eligibility for Society Awards.

Don't forget, you can pay your dues by check or using VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express, and please take advantage of the self-addressed return envelope. Once your membership dues have been processed, your 2010 membership card will be sent to you. As a “card-carrying” member you will be able to take advantage of many benefits, including discounts on elasmobranch related publications, items from the AES Store, and reduced pricing to attend the Annual Meeting Banquet. The AES Newsletter and Membership Directory will now be available exclusively online in the members’ only section of the website, but you must renew your membership to receive the password for this restricted site. **Additionally**, please remember, and notice on the renewal form, that AES now offers two new membership categories: a family lifetime membership and a graduate three year membership designed to keep graduate student membership costs low as students matriculate from graduate school into a professional career (however, any member can pay multiple years of dues at their current rate). The lifetime and family lifetime memberships can also be paid in four installments.

The 26th Annual AES Meeting will be held in Providence, RI, July 7-12, 2010, in conjunction with the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (ASIH). This year we have two symposia, “Feeding Ecology of Chondrichthyans,” and “Physiological Stress Responses in Elasmobranch Fishes.,” so plan on coming! Additional details will be posted at the AES web site as they become available. The meeting promises to be enjoyable and the sessions will be stimulating. Meeting new members, hearing about the wide array of chondrichthyan research that’s going on and spending time with colleagues makes the summer meeting an enjoyable highlight for all of us. I hope to see you there to help celebrate the Society’s 25th anniversary meeting!

With best wishes,

Kenneth J. Goldman,
President

American Elasmobranch Society *(Renewal Form on Back)*

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2010 Membership Renewal

RENEWAL DEADLINE:

Postmarked by January 1, 2010 to be considered a MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

Category: (check renewal category) _____ Standard _____ Affiliate

Membership Level: (check one)

- Student (\$25.00) Graduate 3-yr renewal (\$75.00)***
 Regular (\$50.00) Associate (\$100.00) Benefactor (\$1,000.00)
 Foreign (\$40.00) Lifetime (\$1,000.00) ¼ Lifetime installment (\$250.00)**
 Family (\$60.00)* Lifetime Family (\$1,100.00)* ¼ Lifetime Family installment (\$275.00)**

*maximum of two ballots per household, check both boxes if you wish to receive two ballots. Please include name and contact information for both members if separate listing in membership directory is desired.

**must sign terms of agreement to be mailed upon receipt of installment.

***can renew membership for three years at the student rate the year you graduate

NOTE: any membership category can renew for multiple years

Total Enclosed \$ _____

All funds must be in U.S. currency, drawn on a U.S. bank or a New York bank draft, (payable to American Elasmobranch Society), or complete credit card information below.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Check here if membership information has not changed from last year

Title _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Country _____

Telephone No. _____ FAX No. _____

E- Mail Address: _____

Web Page URL _____

Degree Program (for student renewals, e.g. MS in Biology) _____

Contact information for second person of a Family membership if separate listing in membership is desired

Check here if membership information has not changed from last year

Title _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Country _____

Telephone No. _____ FAX No. _____

E- Mail Address: _____

Web Page URL _____

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MASTERCARD NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD _____

VISA, AMEX CARD NO. _____ EXP. DATE: _____

& DISCOVER THREE DIGIT CODE (from back of card): _____

SIGNATURE: _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

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