

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 2012 election of officers, and to be eligible for Society awards, *Standard* members must renew their memberships by **December 31, 2011**. 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, 2012 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 *either* VISA or MasterCard, and please take advantage of the self-addressed return envelope. Once your membership dues have been processed, your 2012 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 note that the lifetime and family lifetime memberships can also be paid in four installments. We also have removed the restriction requiring a recommendation to become a standard member. Therefore, if you had previously selected affiliate membership, you may now continue your membership as a standard member.

The 28th Annual AES Meeting will be held in Vancouver, Canada, August 8-14, 2012, in conjunction with the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (ASIH) and the World Congress of Herpetology. 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.

With best wishes,

Lara Ferry,
President
American Elasmobranch Society

(Renewal Form on Back)

American Elasmobranch Society 2012 Membership Renewal

RENEWAL DEADLINE:

Postmarked by December 31, 2011 to be considered a MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

Membership Level: (check one)

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

Additional donation for:

Gruber Fund	\$ _____	Elasmollet Fund	\$ _____
Carrier Fund	\$ _____	Mollet Research Award	\$ _____
Nelson Fund	\$ _____	Murru Fund	\$ _____

***maximum of two ballots per household, check both bubbles 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. Please include expected date of graduation.**

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

If your membership information has changed please include your new information on a separate sheet of paper.

Title _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____

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

Expected graduation date for graduate renewal rate _____

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

Title _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____

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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: _____

BILLING ZIP CODE: _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

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