Susan Elizabeth Ford
1942 – 2017

Susan Ford passed away on December 5, 2017, quietly leaving a legacy in the field of molluscan pathology and in the National Shellfisheries Association. Her pursuit of knowledge was patient and persistent. Her expertise was sought by academics, regulators and industry members around the world. Susan was an asset to NSA throughout her career, regularly volunteering to ensure the Association remained functional, stable, and successful. She organized sessions and special events at Annual Meetings such as the Centennial Roundtable at our 100th Anniversary. She served as on the Editorial Board of *JSR* for many years and was an Editor of the *Quarterly Newsletter*. Most recently and perhaps most significantly, Susan co-chaired the Publications Committee with John Kreauter. In this role, she shepherded *JSR* into the digital age, negotiating a favorable relationship with BioOne to publish *JSR* online. A Thurlow Nelson Award winner herself (1972), Susan often judged student presentations and routinely mentored students and younger scientists. The Association recognized her contributions with both the David H Wallace Award (2004) and as an Honored Life Member (2012). A full '*In Memoriam*' will appear in a future issue of *JSR,* and there will be a memorial presentation at the 110th Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA. Her obituary can be found at https://wydaily.com/2017/12/08/obits-164101/

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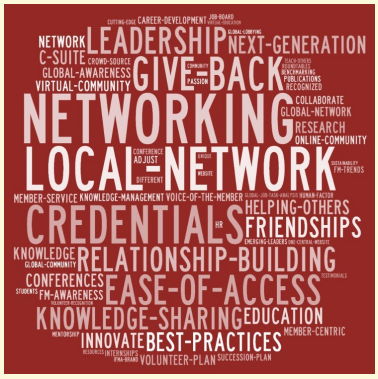
MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



Last year Maria Rosa received the prize of a free registration for the upcoming Seattle conference by recruiting new members. The award for membership recruitment this year has gone unclaimed! There is no easier way to earn free registration - just convince five of your friends and colleagues to join the NSA. It's an easy sell - access to the *Journal of Shellfish Research* (print and on-line), the *Quarterly Newsletter*, reduced registration at annual conferences, and a strong and friendly group of like-minded individuals to share their interests in all things shellfish. There will be an influx of new members who join us in Seattle, but many of them will be transient - students who go on to other things, local shellfish folks who attend for only a few specific sessions, and others that, for various reasons, will not become regular, long-term members. This is common with all meetings. The NSA needs a strong membership base not only to sustain current efforts, but to be able to expand offerings to the membership, especially students, in the future. If every member recruits just one new member, the NSA will double in size. It's not that difficult, you all know someone (probably several people) with an interest in shellfish who are not currently members, or who perhaps let their membership lapse. Encourage your students and post-docs to become members. Carry a few membership brochures with you to relevant conferences. Take a few minutes to identify potential new members and then recruit them! And when you do, be sure to tell Linda Kallansrude to credit you with that new member — the first three people to recruit five new members will receive a free registration to our 2020 annual conference.

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