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## About the NEC

The Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies was established in 1956 to assist and strengthen member societies, to act as a clearinghouse for information relating to the aquarium hobby, to assist local societies in publicizing their events, and to promote the aquarium hobby in general. Over the years, the Council's original purpose has expanded to include several committees that are available to assist member clubs.

The NEC has hosted its Annual Convention since 1976. For more information, please visit [www.convention.northeastcouncil.org](http://www.convention.northeastcouncil.org)

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# The Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies, Inc.

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The Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies historically consisted of clubs in the Northeast United States; any club is now eligible for membership. Currently there are 31 member clubs/organizations in the council.

There are 4 quarterly general and 4 quarterly board meetings, all of which are currently conference calls. There is one annual face-to-face meeting every second year when we hold elections. Each club appoints/elects a delegate and alternate to attend the general meetings. Each delegate/alternate can vote (only one vote per club) at the general meeting.

The yearly dues are payable at the beginning of our fiscal year, January 1st.

Membership entitles each club to:

1. Representation at the general meeting
2. The newsletter (via email)
3. Advertising via the NEC web site
4. Web site space and an email address (under the NEC domain)
5. Access to the NEC membership list
6. Free advertising of events in the newsletter
7. Participation in NEC competitive events:
  - Breeder Participation Program (BPP)
  - Exhibitors Competition
  - Articles Competition
  - Photo Contest (Annual Convention)
  - Innes Competition (Annual Convention by invitation)
- NEC Fish Show (Annual Convention; limited classes)

## NEC Member Clubs



8. Club member eligibility for Betty Mueller nomination

9. NEC speaker list

10. NEC slide and video lending library

11. NEC certified show judges

12. Reduced registration rates for the annual convention

13. A table at the annual convention (no charge if meeting attendance minimum is met)

14. One (1) free registration to the annual convention (if meeting attendance minimum is met)

15. Each club has the opportunity to announce their events and discuss items at the general meeting

Application for membership requires the club to present a letter of request for membership, signed by the club president, containing information about the club, including club officers with contact information. This letter will be presented to the NEC Board of Governors (BOG) for a vote and when accepted, the club will send membership dues for that calendar year. There is no probationary period; your club/members will be eligible for all privileges once dues are paid.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [President@northeastcouncil.org](mailto:President@northeastcouncil.org).

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