

## What is USAS?

The United States Aquaculture Society (USAS) is a chapter of the World Aquaculture Society (WAS). WAS is a worldwide professional organization dedicated to the exchange of information and networking among the diverse constituencies interested in advancing the aquaculture industry. As WAS becomes more globally involved in providing services and professional development opportunities, the role of USAS is increasingly important to the U.S. aquaculture community.

## What is the USAS mission?

To provide a national forum for the exchange of timely information among U.S. aquaculture researchers, educators, students, and industry members.

## What are USAS activities?

- 1 Providing a forum to link the aquaculture industry with suppliers, research, Extension, educators, and government agencies.
- 2 Sponsoring and convening workshops and Aquaculture America conferences to foster educational opportunities; USAS is one of the official hosts for WAS conferences held in the U.S.
- 3 Hosting webinars and workshops important to the development of U.S. aquaculture.

# UNITED STATES *Aquaculture Society*

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## What are the benefits of joining USAS?

- 1 Opportunities for leadership in USAS-sponsored special projects, programs, or publication.
- 2 Student awards for best presentations, posters, and abstracts are given at Aquaculture America Meetings, as well as several industry-sponsored awards.
- 3 Student leadership opportunities through committee functions, including participating in board activities, sponsoring social mixers, networking at annual meetings, and organizing special projects.
- 4 Special accommodations at USAS-hosted or sponsored meetings for eligible students.
- 5 Involvement in a unified voice for addressing issues of importance to the U.S. aquaculture community.
- 6 Networking opportunities through a broad-based membership, which provides opportunities to see the latest technologies and equipment.
- 7 Educational opportunities through scientific training workshops.
- 8 Recognition through Career and Service Awards.
- 9 Professional growth and development through service to the society.

## How much does it cost to join USAS?

The annual dues are only \$5, which is conditional on being an active member of our parent organization, WAS. The dues can be included in the WAS membership application or renewal process.