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## Dear World of Water Lovers,

As a member of the National Marine Educators Association (NMEA), you are an important part of the transformational and inspirational endeavors that our organization is working on, from championing Ocean Literacy across the nation and the world, to advancing educational practice in and out of the classroom, to mentoring the next generation of aquatic stewards.

NMEA provides to you, our members, a vibrant, engaging website, consistent e-newsletters, and a revived peer-reviewed journal Current: The Journal of Marine Education. Our national conferences inspire, educate and connect educators, researchers, scientists, students, and ocean stewards from around the globe. Our member elected Board, which you can be a part of, works with passion and dedication to guide the organization forward, as does the NMEA National Office.

NMEA values members such as you, and we hope that you will further support the organization by joining us as we embark upon our fourth NMEA Annual Appeal.

Financial support from our members helps us maintain our staffing in the National Office and provide the services necessary to run the organization with the consistency and efficiency you expect from a professional association. Your help is key as we implement our strategic plan and continue to strengthen NMEA to better "promote the world of water both fresh and salt."

The exuberance for our organization, and the work it does, was evident during our lively and successful conference in Charleston, South Carolina this past summer. Your contributions to our collective knowledge and network are invaluable. What you contribute during an Annual Appeal also matters. Each and every gift provides a measure of the support needed to sustain NMEA as the global standard for aquatic/marine education.

You can make an unrestricted gift that will help underwrite daily operations, you can direct your gift to Current, or you can support a conference scholarship, including the Johnette Bosarge Memorial Fund. This fund, which honors the memory of our late Administrative Assistant, provides an annual conference scholarship to a member who best exemplifies Johnette's selfless spirit and dedication to NMEA.

Thank you for being a member of NMEA, please consider a gift to the NMEA Annual Appeal.

Visit http://www.marine-ed.org/donations/ to make your donation to NMEA.

Sincerely,

NMEA Board & Committees