

**Jim Robinett**  
**Chicago, IL**

**Personal Information**

- Born in Chicago, spent formative years (5-15 yrs.) in Milwaukee
- Interests include natural history, WW II history, geology and movies
- Hobbies: reading, traveling, hiking and visiting friends.
- Married with two daughters, and an old dog.

**Education**

- Northern Illinois University, M.S. in Biology (Aquarium Science), 1977 (Thesis: Survey of freshwater fish parasites)
- Northern Illinois University, B.S. in Biology, 1974

**Job History**

- Sr.VP, Regulatory and External Affairs, 2001-2018
- Director of Animal Collections, 1995-2001
- Curator, Marine Mammals, 1985-1995
- Assistant Curator, Fishes, 1981-1985
- Lab Manager, 1980-1981
- Aquarist, 1977-1980

**Related Activities**

- Chair of Shedd Aquarium's Diving Safety Board in establishing dive program
- Scientific Associate, northern Gulf of Mexico—Worked with the National Marine Fishery Services on a NMFS trawler, sampling for fish and invertebrates
- Beluga whale tagging—mouth of the MacKenzie River (NWT) as well as in the St. Lawrence River
- Lake sturgeon monitoring—Wolf River, Wisconsin
- Asian carp monitoring—Illinois River
- Established and maintained professional relationships with several governmental organizations (USDA, NMFS, USFWS, IATA, Illinois DNR) to further Shedd Aquarium mission as well as to serve in an advisory capacity regarding regulations
- Consulted with and performed accreditation inspections for numerous AZA facilities.
- Facilitated a USDA water quality symposium consisting of government inspectors and aquarium community members.

- Helped start an aquaculture facility in Terra Bella, CA (San Joaquin Valley) raising channel catfish and Gambusia sp. (for mosquito control)

### **Professional organizations**

- AZA (Association of Zoos and Aquariums)—Professional member
  - Accreditation Commission—served as both a commissioner and as an inspector
  - Marine Mammal TAG (Taxon Advisory Group), Chair and Shedd representative
  - Also served on the WCMC (Wildlife Conservation and Management Committee); the Government Affairs Committee; the Animal Welfare Committee; Aquarium Affairs; Freshwater Fish TAG
- AMMPA (Association of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquarium)—served as Shedd representative, and past President
- Society for Marine Mammalogy
- The Nature Conservancy