



## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ICHTHYOLOGICAL TAXONOMISTS AND ECOLOGISTS

07 March 2016, NHMLAC

**Attendance:** Julianne Passarelli (CMA); Bill Power, Terra Petry (LACSD); Fred Stern (Retired-LACSD); Robin Gartman, Gabriel Rodriguez (CSD); Craig Cambell (CLA); Rick Feeney (NHMLAC); Jim Mann (ABC Labs); Danny Heilprin (Tenera Env).

### Meeting Summary:

Dr. Juli Passarelli opened the meeting with announcements regarding upcoming events and SCAITE business.

#### 1. Upcoming meetings:

Visit the SCAITE website at [www.scaite.org](http://www.scaite.org) for the latest meeting announcements. Note: the April meeting date may be changing due to possible schedule conflict with another meeting.

The annual two day SCAS meeting is being hosted by University of Southern California on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The Academy is celebrating 125 years of scientific fellowship! This year's plenary speakers are Dr. Larry Allen of CSUN and Dr. Virginia Naples of NIU on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

#### 2. SCAITE domain name:

The SCAITE website domain name has been renewed for another five years and paid for by Bill Power.

#### 3. Miller and Lea revision:

Juli indicated we are on schedule to finish validating the individual family keys in April and will begin validating the Key to the Families located in the front of Miller and Lea in May. The book will likely be ready for printing at the end of the year.

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to validating the revised Liparidae (Snailfishes) key. This is a continuation from the February meeting, where specimens being acquired from University of Washington had not yet be received. Also being validated was the newly

developed Chondrichthyes (chimaeras, sharks, skates, and rays) key. All but six specimens were available for review. Any recommendations regarding the keys were submitted to Juli and she'll be forwarding them to the person whom revised/created the key.