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Marine Invertebrate Taxonomists**

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- NEXT MEETING:** Bivalve Molluscs and Brachiopods
- GUEST SPEAKER:** Paul Scott and Dr. Eric Hochberg of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History
- DATE:** February 8, 1993  
9:30 am - 3:00 pm
- LOCATION:** Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Santa Barbara, CA (map is included)
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**FEBRUARY 8 MEETING**

The Bivalve groups that will be treated are Tellinidae- (potential new species of *Tellina* sp. A of Ljubenkov), Thraciidae- (identifying juveniles specimens of all members in family and deciding correct identification of *Cyathodonta*), Thyasiridae- (identifying all *Thyasira* and checking id on "*Tomburchus*" *redondoensis*), and specimens that are not *Solemya reidi*. Please bring specimens to the meeting. Paul Scott asked for specimens of *Tellina* to be sent in advance to the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History tel. (805) 682-4711, ext. 319.

Please bring all species of Brachiopoda that have been collected. Paul has arranged for motel accomodations. A special rate (\$60/night) has been provided for February 7-8 at:

Colonial Inn  
206 Castillio St.

Santa Barbara, CA 93103

(805) 963-4317 ask for Carmela or John

Reservations are required and be sure to mention you are attending the Natural History Museum workshop. The motel is located near the beach (take Bath St. exit off 101 Northbound and turn left at end of offramp).

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## MINUTES FROM MEETING ON JANUARY 11

Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) has contracted with SCAMIT for the production of a master species list of benthic infauna of the southern California shelf. The list will contain taxa reported by the four major dischargers and SCCWRP's Reference Surveys. The money will be used to support publications, newsletters, guest speakers and other SCAMIT activities.

After discussing the protocol, we broke up into smaller groups and addressed the master species list phyletically. Each group reviewed the list for synonyms, spelling and accuracy in reporting.

### 1993-94 Schedule

Larry Lovell is looking for input on possible speakers and subjects for the next year. He would appreciate any input you might have. You can write him at:

Larry Lovell  
1036 Buena Vista  
Vista, CA 92083

Suggestions for topics as they pertain to our area include discussing two recent articles in the Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington 105(4), 1992. The first article is titled New Polychaetous Annelids of the Families Nereididae, Hesionidae, and Nephtyidae from the Santa Maria Basin, California, with a Redescription of *Glycera nana* Johnson, 1901 by Brigitte Hilbig. The other is titled New Species and Records of Phyllodocidae (Polychaeta) from the Continental Shelf and Slope off California by Dr. James A. Blake. It was also suggested that the article on Lumbrinerids by Ann B. Frame in Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash. 105(2), 1992 be discussed.

## SCAMIT Officers Elections

Nominations for 1993-94 SCAMIT officers were taken at the meeting. The following names were entered for nomination:

Ron Velarde - President  
Larry Lovell - Vice President  
Diane O'Donohue - Secretary  
Ann Dalkey - Treasurer

Short biographies of all the nominees along with a ballot have been included with this newsletter. Ballots are due by March 31. They can be either mailed to Larry Lovell or brought to the March 8 meeting. See ballot for the mailing address. The results will be announced at the April meeting.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

The meeting on March 8, 1993 will be on Sabellid Polychaetes II with Dr. Kirk Fitzhugh of the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History. Kirk will emphasize the Subfamily Sabellinae (*Demonax*, *Sabella*, *Megalomma*, *Pseudopotamilla* etc). So start collecting specimens now. The meeting will be held at the Allan Hancock Foundation Building, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.

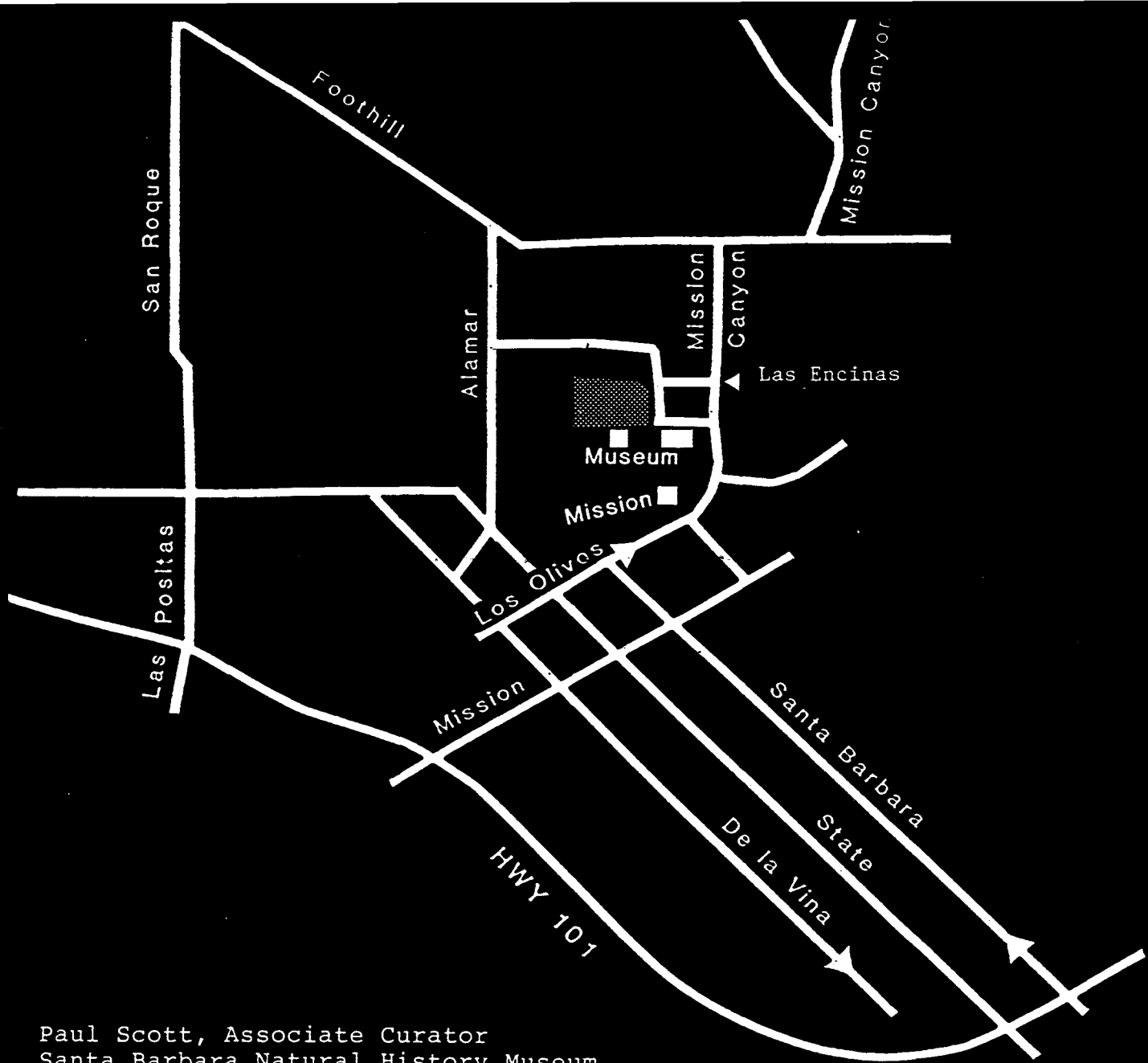
The April 12, 1993 meeting will be on Decapod Crustaceans with Dr. Jodi Martin of the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History. It will be held at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, Times Mirror Room, Los Angeles, CA.

**SCAMIT OFFICERS:**

If you need any other information concerning SCAMIT please feel free to contact any of the officers.

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Directions from the south to the Santa Barbara Museum

- 1) Proceed north on US 101 to Santa Barbara, turn right at the first signal (Santa Barbara St.).
- 2) Proceed up Santa Barbara St. about 3 miles, turn right on Los Olivos.
- 3) Go past the Mission, bear left at the "Y", proceed about half a mile.
- 4) Turn left on Las Encinas, turn left on Puesta del Sol, turn right into Museum parking lot.
- 5) Invertebrate Zoology is on the west side of the new Collection and Research Center (past the whale, west side of parking lot).

## CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

### PRESIDENT

#### **Ron Velarde**

Ron is the current President of SCAMIT and a past Vice-President; he has been a Marine Biologist with the City of San Diego since 1983 and currently is the supervisor of Benthic Taxonomy for the Ocean Monitoring Program. His taxonomic interests include most groups, especially polychaetes and nudibranch mollusks. He earned his B.S. degree in Marine Biology from California State University, Long Beach, in 1976, and did post-graduate research on the systematics and ecology of autolytid polychaetes.

### VICE-PRESIDENT

#### **Larry Lovell**

Larry is currently a private consultant and Vice-President of SCAMIT. Prior to his independent status, he was employed at Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Facility (City of San Diego). He also worked MEC Analytical Systems for 12 years. Prior to that he worked under the guidance of Dr. Kristian Fauchald in the Worm Room at the Allan Hancock Foundation in 1975 and 1976 on the BLM project. He earned his B.S. in Biology from the University of South Carolina in 1973. His primary taxonomic interest is polychaetes.

### SECRETARY

#### **Diane O'Donohue**

Diane is a Marine Biologist with the City of San Diego and the current Secretary of SCAMIT. Previously, from 1987 to 1991, she worked for the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) specializing in polychaete identification and data management. She did her post graduate work at Long Beach State. Diane has been a member of SCAMIT since 1988 and received a B.S. in Biology from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va. in 1986. During her undergraduate training she worked as a student intern sorting samples from the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean and she also participated in field sampling. Since 1986 Diane has maintained an interest in the study of marine invertebrates, particularly polychaetes.



## TREASURER

### **Ann Dalkey**

Ann is presently the Treasurer for SCAMIT and has held this position since SCAMIT was founded. Ann is a member of the water biology staff at the Hyperion Treatment Plant where she specializes in the identification of polychaetes and amphipod crustaceans. Prior to working at Hyperion, Ann was a member of the laboratory staff at the County Sanitation Districts of Orange County. She worked there for nearly 10 years, reaching a position of senior laboratory and research analyst. She received her B.S. from California State University Long Beach in Marine Biology in 1974 and her M.S. from the same university in 1982. Her thesis research pertained to polychaete bioassay.