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### KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society  
TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment.  
BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am  
2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming - 2 pm  
Cinema Anime = Japanimation, time after Tom Safer Cartoons  
CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation  
Work Party = Varies with what needs doing  
FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm  
TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club  
Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am

### THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**APRIL 1** - No programme item scheduled at time of printing.  
**APRIL 8** - No programme item scheduled at time of printing.  
**APRIL 15** - No programme item scheduled at time of printing.  
**APRIL 22** - No programme item scheduled at time of printing.  
**APRIL 29** - No programme item scheduled at time of printing.

(programme items subject to change without notice)

### CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever  
BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm  
Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends  
CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm  
Work Party - 10:30 am  
TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am  
ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm  
Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm  
FWEMS - BIG Bug Movies

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# DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

## COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 446- April 2010. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

*De Profundis* is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 760-9234. The club's web site is: [www.lasfsinc.info](http://www.lasfsinc.info). *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 55¢ in person, \$1.00 by domestic mail. Out of country rates quoted upon request but it is recommended that copies be downloaded - or at least read - from the *DE PROF* web site.

Westercon is a service mark of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Incorporated (LASFS, Inc.). Worldcon and NASFIC are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society (WSFS).

I want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address *c/o De Profundis* or leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his edress: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net) or at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

If anybody who receives *DE PROF* via the mail happens to move without letting me know the new address; well, I have more important things to do than to be chasing down addresses so I will stop sending zines to you even if you have given me money to do so.

I will accept no advertising in *De Profundis* but I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to LASFS members.

Even though *De Profundis* is no longer the official newsletter of the LASFS, I intend to run the zine as if it still belonged to the club. Mostly. Due to space limitations, priority is always given to content mandated in the LASFS by-laws and by any applicable traditions. Also, after that stuff, by what the editor wants to do.

Written in Publisher 2000 on a new custom-built Intel dual-core computer (using the XP Pro operating system) and printed on an HP 4700dn colour laser printer.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. *Interjections in italics are solely the responsibility of the smartass, er, editor. Any resemblances 'twixt smartassery and responsibility are purely coincidental.*

**Addendum:** At the LASFS' Board of Directors meeting of February 8, 2009, the Directors accepted the proposal by Marty Cantor to take over *De Profundis* as his own fanzine, or as one of them, and he will be assuming the entire cost of production. Marty Cantor has promised to use his 5+ years experience of running *De Prof* as a guide to pubbing the zine as the *unofficial* newsletter of the society. The proposal was put to the Board because the Board had previously indicated that costs were dictating the discontinuance of the zine. As of this issue, *De Prof* will be available on paper solely at cost: currently 55¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.00. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

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## LASFS OFFICERS

### Elected Procedural Officers January—June, 2010

**President:** Christian McGuire. **Vice-President:** Maryann Canfield, Rob Powell (tag team). **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year,

serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

### Board of Directors

**Chairman:** Karl Lembke (2012). **Vice-Chairman:** Merlin R. "Bob" Null (2012). **Comptroller:** Christian McGuire (2011). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2012). **Other members:** Marsha Minsky (2012), Elayne Pelz (2011), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2011), Arlene Satin (2010), Milt Stevens, (2010), Mike Thorsen (2010), Darnell Coleman (2011). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

### Official Committees

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If there is an X in this space, your sub has run out ____
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### CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes are supposed to be filed in the LASFS' files and can be read there - also at [www.lasfsinc.info](http://www.lasfsinc.info))

### *Meeting #3778, January 7, 2010 Vice-President Robert Powell, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe*

"Hmmm. Charles Lee Scissorhands, II" – Karl Lembke

Meeting 3778 was ordered up 20:08:40.

**Special Orders of Business:** We have lost Jim Wilson, club member on the order of 50 years ago. He was Director for a while. He passed about a month ago, and word has finally reached the Emperor. We had a moment of silence for Mr. Wilson.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "Good riddance 2009".

**Patron Saint: Dan Alderson.** Scratch noted Dan Alderson was a mathematical genius who worked at JPL and had a low opinion of himself. His favorite words were Weep Wail. Joe Zeff helped him out a lot, and Scratch helped a bit. He's been immortalized in at least three stories. Mote in Gods Eye, Lucifer's Hammer, and Exiles to Glory, And it was his math genius that gave us such

things as low orbits, transfer orbits, and so on. He wrote the software that makes the whole world orbit. Milt Stevens: his best line ever was they're talking about having a self-denigration contest at LASFS, "But I'd lose, of course."

CLJII: He busted us through the asteroid belt. That's why the first Star Trek movie was The Revenge of Dan Alderson. He has also been immortalized in comics, making him effectively immortal. Kris wanted to say, aside from his real world achievements, she got to know him and game with him. He was a fun person to game with, and a nice human being Joe Zeff: one thing Dan and friends used to do was pick a street, drive down the street, turn right at every corner, and see how far they drove before getting back to where they started.

Hare: first experience with Dan: at a Halloween party, he came bouncing in with a cape on and a sword. Normally, quiet and reserved, when he wore that, he became quite animated.

CLJII: He was first treasurer for the 1984 Loscon, despite beginning to have vision problems. He kept at the job until he became quite blind. And he was a staunch LASFS member. When he wasn't working, he was doing LASFS stuff, because that's the only place he fit in. Dan Alderson was given three loud cheers and a toad with whom to hang around

**Patron Saint: Joe Zeff.** CLJII: has known J Wellington Wimpy. Joe Zeff is no J Wellington Wimpy. Hare: Why he's paired with Dan Alderson, when Dan was in his worst shape, Joe was his caretaker right to the end. That was not an easy job. He deserves an award for that. Scratch has known Zeff for a day or two. He has a marvelous sense of story. Heard and read some of his writing, and he's also a good game player when he has the inclination or opportunity. You never quite expect his characters and interpretation. For example, Simple Aimee McPherson. Aimee was attempting to help by healing a character. She put her heel on the character, and criticized the character's faults. She was granted the ability to perform a Critical Heel once a day, by laying on foot.

Jerry Pournelle called him trustworthy, a description he uses sparingly. Kris said he has a remarkable memory. Mary Ann said he brings new members into the club. Including some he's not related to. Meep says Joe has a wicked and ingenious sense of humor, both in his writing and his gaming. He recalls a number of crocks on the notion of the Ring of Gaseous Form.

Frank Waller: had mistaken Matthew Tepper for Joe Zeff when he was new here. (*Matthew Tepper was never new, here.*—ed.) Robert: Joe is prolific in his writings, and participates each year in the NaNoWriMo, 50 K words, in 30 days. 5 years so far. Marcia Minsky – Joe's my brother. She agrees with everything everyone else has said, and will keep him around a while longer. Joe Zeff

was given three loud cheers and a hamburger until Tuesday.

**Registrar:** The real Michelle Pincus announced Lesley Youngblood who found us by cruising the net for Anne McCaffrey fan sites. CLJII had a second of science: this week, a new animal was discovered – the strawberry crab. It looks like a strawberry, and has dots the right color and size. And it's about strawberry size. Kris wondered if we can expect strawberry crab shortcake as a menu item.

Sandy Cohen noted the Rover is apparently beginning to power up again, and they expect to be able to move it. It's not dead yet.

Gizmo announced five new planets have been discovered, "earth zone" planets.

**Treasury:** Pay dues. Annual dues may be paid now, and when Elayne is here, plastic will be accepted.

**Marketing Committee:** We finally have the correct address for the Zazzle website on the board. We'll be shortening the name, and getting more art. Also, Never-EndingPanel.com continues. Next week, getting children to read; TV programming: remote control or Empty V; 50 best movie robots. Come down and be in the audience. Starts at 6 PM, Thursday nights.

**Time Bound Announcements:** Ken Porter's memorial service will be Monday, at the House of Winston, 9501 S. Vermont Ave. Details are on the website.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Joe Zeff reported on putridity: registered at a website that sends surveys. Yesterday, filling out basic information, noticed a line for zip code, and was instructed, "be specific and fill out all details".

Tim on the committee for the unification of LASFS domains will be talking to Scott Beckstead. He claims he's been too busy to do the task. The task will be finished after Anime L.A. Why is this important? We want to be able to put URLs on stuff, and we want a nice short URL to use. But that one is owned by Chaz. So we're trying to get it back.

Jerry Pournelle notes the Global Warming committee observes China is having the coldest winter on record, and England and Scotland are having their coldest winters in 100 years.

CLJII: Florida is so cold iguanas are seizing up and falling out of trees...

**Miscellaneous:** Fred Patten noted Kees Van Torn visited him yesterday. He just got into the US the day before, and he sends his greetings to the LASFS. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend the meeting. He was at-

tending an electronics conference in Las Vegas – CEF—before returning to Rotterdam.

CLJII reported he's in the middle of compiling version 8 of The List. The ultimate number is 6020. That involves watching 25 minutes of movie since age 5. (*Methinks CLJII has watched more than 25 minutes of movie since age 5. Indeed, it is possible that this 25 minutes since age 5 are the only minutes he has not been watching movies.* - ed.)

Karl contributed 449th unit of platelets to Red Cross.

Arlene offered a motion, and so.....

We adjourned at 21:20:59.

**Meeting #3779, January 14, 2010**  
**President Christian McGuire, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

“What's up?” – Michelle Pincus. “Nothing in Haiti!” – Jerry Pournelle That's the way the cheap no-building-code buildings crumble.

Meeting 3779 was ordered up 20:06:52.

**Special Orders of Business:** Christian had a special order of business. The subject is not dead, but very sick. Baycon lost 50% of its staff, including everyone at the senior level except the chair and publications. Keep the convention in your thoughts, if not necessarily the people. Milt Stevens added that the corporation behind Baycon is a non-profit, and it hasn't filed taxes for years, and has lost its corporate status. So while Baycon still lives, its backers have disincorporated.

The Emperor had no other special orders of business.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as “Strawberry Crabs Forever”.

**Old Business:** From John Hertz, we are in receipt of a booklet from Ken Porter's memorial service. Christian read the eulogy to the club.

**Time-Bound Announcements:** Elayne announced it's a new year. \$110 annual dues payable now.

**Patron Saint: Bruce Pelz.** Milt Stevens said of him, he's turning in his grave to be remembered as “a wonderful human being”. Marty Massoglia notes he won the nickname Brucifer. Joe Zeff: He didn't just collect things, he collected collections. Once, after coming back from a convention, there was a ribbon “The Ribbon Bruce Pelz Won't Get”. You did get one? “Oh, yes.” Ed Hooper: heard Pelz referred to as Smof #2. #1 was Charles M. Brown.

He's responsible for us having a clubhouse. He was a prime moneymaker. Christina: He loved to share his passions and fannishness. He was lifelong reader, and as a bookseller, he'd find books for people that they'd enjoy. He has chaired a Worldcon, he was fan guest of honor at Worldcon, he was an eagle scout, and he was a silver beaver. He was a spelunker in his younger days. He was one of the few omniapans. He was also the person responsible for us having the Pillar of the LASFS. And he was the first to be so honored.

Hare: One time, Disneyland had bought the strawberry farm they wanted. They were becoming like the Borg – yes, said Bruce, Borg of Anaheim. He was very good at getting money out of people. Maryann: Yet, when he was out at his book table, he would tell her enough of the story of books to remind her whether she'd read it or not. Greg Bilan: He's a two-time winner of the Evans Fræhafer award.

CLJII: He enjoyed many things, including accumulating knowledge. His knowledge was extensive, broad and deep. Once, thinking of a joke that required knowing both Flanders and Swann and Pokemon, Bruce was the logical one to tell it to. Frank Waller: He's one of the few people here that, when he (Frank) was a fledgling member of LASFS, built up his confidence.

CLJII added – When Bruce Pelz shook his money maker, it was the club that rocked back and forth until money fell out. Bruce Pelz was given three loud cheers and a around-the-world cruise.

Karl: He's also a sacred object.

**Patron Saint: Christian McGuire.** If you kill me before Westercon, Elayne will kill you.

Arlene: CB McGuire – what can you say? He can run one hell of a convention. Worldcon, four Loscons, NASFIC, Gallifrey, and currently working on a Westercon. It's Christian's fault that she's a member of LASFS; he brought Arlene into the club. Milt: He had relations with hotels. Lots of hotels.

Zeff: when Christian first encountered LASFS, he jumped into helping out the club, even taking on the job of Scribe, before knowing who everyone was. So he referred to one fan as The Guy With the Sideburns. Michelle Pincus: He's honest and – erstwhile Hell player, and owes Elayne three bucks. CLJII: All his fine accomplishments have been achieved without steroids.

Matthew Tepper: Delighted to embarrass Christian by recounting a conversation with his mother. She told Matthew she is proud of him. Christian was at Anime LA, and Lynx was down from the Bay Area. The time we got the truck stuck in the sand at the beach. He used that as a Christian The Science Monitor moment the following meeting. Christian McGuire was given three loud cheers

and a rocking chair.

**Time Bound Announcements:** Marty Cantor announced a board gaming event – southern California Games Day at the Elks lodge in Tujunga.

Bob Null announced the roof is fixed.

Charlie recalled we once had a rainstorm so hard that if you stepped off the front porch, you were standing in water, and would be standing in water all the way to the door of the liquor store.

The **Registrar** announced a guest: Andrew Johnston, who heard about us from a friend.

We have a science minute. Michelle discussed the avalanche on Mars. (*Well, if you avalanche, Mars is probably the best place to 'av it.* – ed.)

**Reviews:** David reviewed a book called *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*. The word you're looking for is Unnecessary. Why was it necessary for the non-jane-austen author to include details of disgusting bodily functions and weird sex acts? Don't waste your time. The sequel, *Sense and Sensibility and Sea Monsters* – he declines to participate in. What do authors need? Brains! Christian notes the LASFS library has a copy of *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*.

**Miscellaneous:** CLJII: This is a book. If some alien society got hold of it and based their society on it, it would be the worst Star Trek episode ever. It's The List, of all 6020 films she's ever seen.

Joe Zeff had a bit of putridity. Recently visited his primary physician at the VA. Today he got a package with prescriptions in it, including one for a drug he didn't know he was prescribed. One of the nine meds calls for ½ pills per day. They sent him a pill splitter, and he now has five of them.

Hare moved to vacate.

We adjourned at 21:21:21.

**Meeting #3780, January 21, 2010**  
**Christian McGuire, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

"A flood light! Just the thing for today!" – Hare Hobbs

Meeting 3780 was opened in the middle of a light flood at 20:10:51

**Special Orders of Business:** The Emperor announced a couple of losses. First is Takumi Shibano, who passed last weekend at the advanced age of 83. Takumi was an important member of Japanese SF fandom.

ated the Spencer character, and Hawk and other friends, which led to a TV series that lasted several years.

For these folks, we had a moment of silence.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "Christian is – oh, never mind, I forgot".

**Old Business:** Pay Elayne.

Present Loscon bids at February Board Meeting

For those who are interested, Michelle Pincus is a committee to put together a Phil Castora / Ken Porter memorial at the club. See her for more details.

**Committee Reports:** Arlene Satin announced the Neverending Panel next week is a collaborative writing panel with Larry, Jerry, and hopefully Steve Barnes.

**Patron Saint: Jeff Siegel.** Scratch: He gave us money. Matthew Tepper: he served in the Air Force. Joe Zeff: He was the first to introduce us to Japanimation.

CLJII knew Jeff, but not well, They got along OK, but he doesn't have anything meaningful to say. Christian: he was quiet and non-intrusive, and thus not very fannish. Jeff Siegel was given three loud cheers and a DFC.

The **Registrar** announced Julie Scott, a member of the Time Meddlers. She was pulled in by the NeverEnding-Panel.com.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Matthew Tepper announced that on account of the quakes in Haiti, many organizations have been working in Haiti. To donate, text Haiti to 90999. This causes a \$10 charge to appear on your phone bill, and \$10 to be donated to the Red Cross. (*And you know what comes after Haiti? Haiti-one.* - ed.)

Scratch: The mobile agencies are foregoing their usual text charges for this. It's the largest phone generation of capitol in history. Bob Null notes one bug in the system was the money wasn't going to be paid to Red Cross until the end of the billing cycle, but at least one provider is advancing money.

Hare notes there was a bobcat sleeping on the back porch for an hour to stay out of the rain. Obviously, the bobcat decided to take a cat-nap on the porch.

David Okamura notes that Hilber Graf has passed away from pancreatic cancer. He was 54. He was frequently in the dealers rooms in conventions. He started doing animation for Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids, and went into model making. He was a writer, and wrote at least one book David knows of. He used to have haunted houses at his home for Halloween, and donate the proceeds to the Boy Scouts.

**LAFAs**  
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, April 10, 2010, 7 PM  
(or maybe later)  
Pre-filk dinner at 6 PM (see below)  
Alan and Gail Stillson  
5515 Keokuk Avenue  
Woodland Hills, CA 91367  
(818) 884-4284

Pre-filk dinner: 6 PM  
Fromin's Deli in Encino  
17615 Ventura Blvd., north side, just east of White Oak. We'll meet  
in the waiting area and go in as a group, no reservations needed.

Directions: See Thomas Brothers L.A. County, page 560, D-2.

Notes:

1. No crash space
2. There is a small, friendly dog
3. Please bring munchies & drinks to share.
4. Smoking outside only
5. There are two computers with internet connections, for song purposes only, and a fax machine with very limited copying power.

LAFAs info: Barry & Lee Gold:  
(310) 306-7456

Tim notes the unification of LASFS domains has acquired Scott Beckstead's domain, Next step: Chaz for LASFS.org. The committee for reducing the deficit in medieval castles has postponed its trip to Glendale.

Elayne: anyone who donated money to LASFS – the list of donations is up.

**Reviews:** Matthew Tepper read *The Princess Bride* by Goldman. It was an extremely pleasant and hilarious novel. Goldman did a great job making the novel into a screenplay.

Christian notes Douglas Copeland has a book, *The Gum Thief*. It's good, but kind of depressing. It concerns a 43 year old guy who doesn't know what he's doing with his life. He's in a platonic relationship with a goth girl, then in a relationship with her mother.

Tim reviewed Cory Doctorow's new book, *Makers*. Go to Craphounds.com to download. This book takes the maker movement and extrapolates it into the future. These people build an open-source amusement park, and the book follows their rise and fall. Disney sues.

Christian suggested a TV special from the other side – death sitting there, these things don't happen, and Death has to fix it.

John DeChancie reviewed *Avatar*, another comedy. He laughed all the way through it. The plot was clichés strung like a charm bracelet. He was asked to leave a cou-

ple of times. (*Actually, leaving just once is really enough.* - ed.)

CLJII reviewed the seven books the movie *Avatar* ripped off. He also reviewed *Final Destination* – fourth of a series that's trying its best to pretend there were no previous movies in the series. It's really the same movie over and over with the same cast.

Karl reviewed *Wells Fargo* – very responsive and cooperative when someone cloned the debit card and helped themselves to money from his account.

Matthew Tepper reviewed Chase's response when he had the same problem. – someone spending a whole bunch of money from his account at a Wal-Mart in Chino.

Richard Costas had much better response from Chase when his card was abused.

Hare Hobbs notes Bank of America was not so responsive. It took them two months.

Frank Waller had the same thing happen to him. He switched to Union Bank. He told them he has a Jewish mother – cross her, and die. (*Star of David her and live?* - ed.)

**Miscellaneous:** CLJII warned – the latest piece of malicious extortion ware debuted Saturday night – Antivirus Life, claims to be from Windows. It hijacks parts of other websites, bangs against the firewall, and interferes with access to Windows. Right now, the only way to get rid of it is to pay someone to evict it. (Later, it turns out to be trivially easy to get rid of.) (And there was much rejoicing.)

By popular demand, we adjourned at 21:12:35.

**Meeting #3781, January 28, 2010**  
**Christian McGuire, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

“Shoot someone, already!” – Jerry Pournelle

Meeting 3781 was whispered in at 20:09:23.

**Special Orders of Business:** Monday, Fred Lazelle's sister and mother died when the house caught fire. Condolences are to be saved for when he returns.

Karen Anderson rose to announce the passing of SCA member Carol Bowman Porter aka Dutchess Carol of Belatrix, author of *Queen Carol's Handbook*. She passed Sunday after being given palliative care.

The Emperor announced Big Bill Mills, father of Bill Mills, passed away this week.

For these individuals, a moment of silence was observed.

Christian announced author Cage Baker is fighting cancer. They've reached the point where they're giving up the fight.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "Bill Green Memorial Minutes".

### **Old Business:**

**Loscon business:** Thursday the 18th, people presenting bids for Loscon will need to be ready to present their bid for a vote.

Elayne is still collecting for yearly dues, and payments toward lifetime dues.

**Patron Saint: Gail Selinger.** CLJII: Gail is a pleasant person who once soaked up a certain amount of Frank Gasperik. She is an expert on pirates, and gave us plenty of dubloons. MBT: In addition to being an expert on pirates, she writes romance novels which she self-publishes. She was a teacher in the NYC public schools.

Larry Niven: Gail's an old friend. At one point, invested in an art gallery she ran. It failed. Gail Selinger was given three cheers and a bottle of rum.

**Patron Saint: Rick Sneary.** Karen Anderson rose to say we owe him South Gate in '58. The Alexandria hotel is now the location of an upscale eating place, and she has to get back there. It was a good convention hotel, at least for the South Gate Worldcon. There, she met Len and June when they were married to other people. Rick was word blind. They thought his misspellings were so endearing, they reproduced them to his chagrin. He was undersized and a bit sickly, but he was interested in things that included fighting. Rick was a well rounded Lasfan and we owe a great deal to him.

Milt: he was always in fragile condition, and had six months to live for a period of 42 years. First noticed him in Startling Stories and other letter columns. He came across as the most wise ass of wise ass teenagers. When they finally met, he had been writing for quite a while. CLJII: Remember Rick was also honored by Rick Young, with the South Gate Loscon in 88. Rick Sneary was given three cheers and is it too late for South Gate Again in 2010?

The **Registrar** introduced guests: Cynthia Cordell, AJ Catalano, David Aguilar, and Jim Sullivan. Three of these people heard about us through Neverending Panel.com.

The Committee to Gouge auctioned off some posters, a box, and a book on knitting, a zoo, and some space. (*Which zoo, the LASFS meeting?* - ed.)

### **Time-Bound Announcements:**

Nothing is happening this weekend about which anyone

**Committee Reports:** Karen reported on something scientific, news pertaining to the Spirit rover. [www.tinyurl.com/yelsrw6](http://www.tinyurl.com/yelsrw6).

Spirit's roving days are over, NASA has announced. If it survives winter, it will continue to serve as a fixed observation point. It got stuck on May 6 when its wheels broke through the hard crust on soft sand. As it sits, Spirit may be able to use its radio signals to tell whether the core of Mars is solid or liquid.

Milt notes we have acquired photos from Dik Daniels. The first 474 scans have been shipped to the Golds. He wasn't the greatest photographer in the world, but he kept trying and got some good stuff. Daniels had a penchant for photographing attractive young women at conventions, which is not entirely a bad thing. Christian said all are invited to visit the website and try to identify people in the photos. Bill Ellern notes Dik blazed away at every event he attended. There are several thousand pictures in existence.

Arlene (marketing) has started putting stuff on the website, lined under "Cool Stuff". Some is videos from YouTube.

Christian noted this is now the nomination period for this year's Hugos. Nominate early, nominate often.

Christian remembered another committee – Westercon 63 / ConChord 23, July 1-4 at the Pasadena Hilton.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Hare: The cat came back. The bobcat is still wandering around the neighborhood. It seems to like to be on the picnic table on his porch. Another thing, he woke up one morning to find the front bathroom had been T-P'd. It was actually done by the household cat.

Matthew Tepper commented, "there's an app for that." It will let you simulate unrolling a roll of toilet paper. It still doesn't substitute for the real thing in other uses.

Scratch opened up the over or under the roll debate, and Christian answered a phone call.

**Reviews:** Darcee: Lasik is surreal. Ten minutes, you're done, and you have 20/20 vision. She recommends Dr. Tuma in Huntington Beach.

Other, a slightly disappointing restaurant – the Oinkster. Ads made it seem like it had a wide variety of dishes. They actually only have about four items, with a few variations. They have lots of beers. Pulled pork is their specialty, and the only pork on their menu. It's not too expensive, but it's OK – if you happen to be in Eagle Rock.

Scott Beckstead mentioned that's the proper way to do pulled pork. (*What, pull it to Eagle Rock? - ed.*)

Jerry Pournelle commented his neighbor was the censor assigned to the Smothers Brothers, and it drove him to early retirement. The law was fairly severe, and people were jailed for saying certain words on the air. The Smothers Brothers liked to come as close as they could to being censored, and it drove him crazy.

Christian remembered he had lunch today. He had it at the Grilled Cheese Truck. Go to GrilledCheeseTruck.com. It's worth trying if it happens to pass through your neighborhood. Their most expensive was a macaroni and cheese and onion and pulled pork sandwich. They have good tomato soup.

**Miscellaneous:** Jerry Pournelle tried to mention this earlier, but JD Salinger died today.

Hare Hobbs rose to announce James Cameron likes keeping props from his movies. Avatar's prop was rather big. He put it on the front lawn of his house in Malibu – the robot from the end of the movie.

Scott Beckstead made the motion he had been trying to make for the past ten minutes.

We adjourned at 21:21:10

**Board of Directors meeting**  
**February, 2010**  
**Karl Lembke, Chairman**  
**Marty Cantor, Secretary**

**Board Members in attendance:** Karl Lembke, Darnell Coleman, Mike Thorsen, Bob Null, Arlene Satin, Milt Stevens, Elayne Pelz, Marcia Minsky, Christian McGuire, Rob Powell, Marty Cantor.

**Members and Guests:** Jeni Burr, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, Michael Pell, Joyce Sperling, Michelle Pincus, Greg Bilan, Fred Lazzelle, Bill Ellern, Joe Zeff, Judy Zeff, Toni Benoun, Sherri Benoun, Robbie Bourget, Rick Bond, Martin Young, Don Wenner, MaryAnn Canfield, John DeChancie, Tim Trzepacz.

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:15.

**Opening Remarks:** Chairman Karl Lembke offered a Happy Valentines Day & Happy Chinese New Year to all.

**Minutes:** The December minutes were accepted as corrected.

**Election of Board Officers:** The Board elected its officers as follows:

Chairman: Karl Lembke  
Vice Chairman: Bob Null  
Secretary: Marty Cantor  
Comptroller: Christian McGuire

**New Members:** The following people have filled out the proper documentation and have paid the requisite \$5.00: Samantha Davis, Kevin Anderson, Connor Foss, and Julie Scott. All were unanimously passed.

**Treasurer:** We have money, do not spend it. There will be more on the budget at the end of the meeting.

**30 Second Reports**  
**(Board Members)**

**Chairman (Karl Lembke):** No report.

**Vice Chairman (Bob Null):** No report, and the club's computers are working okay.

**Secretary - Outgoing (Darnell Coleman):** Darnell thanked the Board and the Board applauded his service as Secretary for the past year.

**Secretary - Incoming (Marty Cantor):** Marty Cantor thanked the Board for his election and mentioned that copies of the minutes will be put into the files as he once wrote into the by-laws of the club.

**Comptroller (Christian McGuire):** Nothing to report.

**Library (Darnell Coleman):** Darnell asked to take over this oversight position and Elayne enthusiastically agreed.

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** Elayne offered to take over this vacant position and there was no objection. She reported that both parts of the roof, which had been leaking, have been fixed.

**AV Equipment (Robert Powell):** The AV equipment is working and Rob has shown up at events to give people a chance to complain about things which might not be working.

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen):** // Soda units sold: 14,618 to date, 629 this period. Soda money: \$9,864.00 to date, \$463.00 this period. Paper goods were recently purchased.

**Publications (Milt Stevens):** Milt asked about increasing the quality of the photos from the Dik Daniels estate we just uploaded to our web site. Milt also mentioned that we may need more space for them. // Marty mentioned the importance of Bill Rotsler to LASFS and that Rotsler.com is moribund but is still owned by Michael Bernstein. He has sent off an e-mail posting to Mr. Bernstein asking about Mr. Bernstein's plan for the web site. He also would like the return – if possible – of the pound and a half of Rotsler illos he once sent for the site but had never been uploaded there. // Tim said we have put 2 of 3 names into our umbrella site: lasfs.org.

**Events (Marcia Minsky):** LOSCON 36 turned over to LASFS \$6880.77. LOSCON 37 had its first meeting.

Christian reported on Westercon 63/ConChord 23 (WesterChord) and mentioned that there will be a meeting for volunteers on May 2 at the clubhouse at 11 am.

**Fundraising and Recruitment (Arlene Satin):** Zazzle.com has available art – and there have been good comments on the art we have on the site.

### **(Significant Others)**

**Marketing Committee (Arlene Satin):** There will be reading auditions on March 26. There was a meeting at the West Hollywood City Hall for the West Hollywood Book Fair and the organizers want us to be more involved in the event. Arlene said more people can help.

**Club President (Christian McGuire):** No report.

**Agenda Items:** The Roof – The repairs were mentioned by Elayne and the Secretary.

**LOSCON bids:** Arlene Satin, Bid Chair; Martin Young, Vice Chair; Treasurer, Elayne Pelz; Christian McGuire, Joyce Hooper, Kim Brown, Hotel Liaisons: this bid was passed. Greg Bilan, Bid Chair, Elayne Pelz, Treasurer, Christian McGuire, Hotel Liaison: this bid was passed with the proviso that the bid chair have a written Weapons Policy by next week when the club will be voting on the bids. Both bids were forwarded to the club and there will be a presentation next Thursday.

**NeverEndingPanel.com:** Christian reminded the Board of the 3-month test of this programme item. One person (who was not in the audience) has complained about not being able to use the soda machine during the NeverEndingPanel because the machine was loud when used and the noise was disruptive to the Panel. The NeverEndingPanel was discussed by several people – and it was pointed out that this problem with the use of the soda machine during the Panel was rare as most members attending the Thursday meeting showed up later in the evening, after the Panel was over. Bond gave a progress report on the NeverEndingPanel. Christian moved that we continue NeverEndingPanel until the end of the year and this was passed with one abstention. Christian moved – and this was passed – allowing the NeverEndingPanel to use club equipment.

**The Budget:** The loss this past year was less than the previous year – we lost \$3600. The proposed Budget was discussed, topic by topic, and also various general budget items were brought up. Do we still want to spend \$250 for protection on showing movies? It was agreed that we should do it. Closing on Fridays is not saving us any money that we can determine. (Christian moved and we passed: We will now be open on any 5<sup>th</sup> Friday.) The Board went over the budget, line by line, attempting to lower expenses. Elayne will start creating certificates for club levels other than Patron Saint in an attempt to interest club members in contributing monies at Award levels lower than that of Patron Saint. It was pointed out that we should send fund-raising ideas to Arlene. Christian

moved to approve the budget as amended and this passed with one abstention. Arlene talked about getting more support from Board members for doing marketing things. Elayne said we should all be thinking about how to raise money.

**Open Forum:** Christian suggested we think about not holding a Board meeting in May on Mother's Day and then he made the appropriate motion: it passed with one member opposed and two abstentions.

Enigma is the UCLA sf club. Darnell went to two Enigma meetings – they have no issue with us (as was reported 7 months ago). Darnell was appointed liaison to Enigma.

Robbie asked for various items for Gallifrey One as per usual and it was moved by Christian to do this. This was passed unanimously. Robbie said Galley will give us \$500 for the use of this equipment. Christian asked the same for Westercon and this was moved, seconded, and was passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be March 14.

**Take-Aways:** President: Pass along to the membership that they should not eat the 2nd Sunday food stored in the APA -L room, the Front Building fridge, or the Quartermaster drawers in the file cabinet under the Flatscreen TV -- and please honor our Code of Conduct. The President will talk to the membership about the LASFS donation levels other than Patron Saint. He will also mention Zazzle.com to the membership.

**Adjournment:** The Board adjourned its meeting at 1:19 pm.

### **NEW BOOKS**

*(This is a section devoted to listing new books and other items received by the LASFS Library. Our extensive library is not just for collecting and looking at that wonderful collection of books on shelves. Members may take them out and read them. Reading books, whatta concept...)*

Ravenor	Abnett, Dan
Build a Better Life by Stealing Office Supplies	Adams, Scott
Christmas on Ganymede and Other Stories	Anderson, Poul & Pohl, Frederik
Van Rijn Method, The	Anderson, Poul
Trouble with Humans, The	Anvil, Christopher
Secret of Phantom Lake	Arden, William
Alpha	Asaro, Catherine
Ruby Dice, The	Asaro, Catherine
Foundation and Empire	Asimov, Isaac
Myth-ion Improbable	Asprin, Robert
Eon	Bear, Gerg
Daughter of the Blood	Bishop, Anne
Rediscovery	Bradley, Marion Zimmer & Lackey, Mercedes
Toons for Our Times Bloom Country	Breathed, Berke
Mushroom Clouds and Mushroom Men	Brothers, Peter H.
Zoboa	Caidin, Martin
Soulless	Carriger, Gail
Shooty Dog Thing	Castle, Paul & Friends
Serpent's Reach	Cherryh, C.J.
Earth Strikes Back, The	Chizmar, Richard T.

Shadow Dawn

Shadow Moon

Marvelous World  
Sten

Thieves Like Us

Artemis Fowl

Artemis Fowl: The Arctic Incident

Artemis Fowl: The Eternity Code

Artemis Fowl: The Lost Colony

Women and the Warlords, The

Dark is Rising, The

Beyond Imagination

Song of Scarabaeus

Unidentified Flying Oddball

Conan and the Spider God

Stars in My Pocket Like Grains of Sand

Man in the High Castle, The

Doctor Who: Robot

Voyage, The

Caught in the Crossfire

Bring the Light, The / Lest Darkness Fall

City of Ember, The

Dungeon of Dread

Protectorate

Virgil Finlay's Women of the Ages

Sorceress of Karres, The

Girl Genius

Planetoid of Amazement, The

Dwindling Party, The

Elminster: The Making of a Mage

Starbound

Worlds Apart

Claremont, Chris

& Lucas, George

Claremont, Chris

& Lucas, George

Cle, Troy

Cole, Allan & Bunch, Chris

Cole, Stephen

Colfer, Eoin

Colfer, Eoin

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Colfer, Eoin

Cook, Hugh

Cooper, Susan

Copperfield, David

& Berliner, Janet

Creasy, Sara

Crume, Vic

De Camp, L. Sprague

Delany, Samuel R.

Dick, Philip K.

Dicks, Terrance

Drake, David

Drake, David

Drake, David

& De Camp, L. Sprague

DuPrau, Jeanne

Estes, Rose

Farren, Mick

Finlay, Virgil

Flint, Eric & Freer, Dave

Foglio, Phil & Foglio, Kaja

Gilden, Mel

Gorey, Edward

Greenwood, Ed

Haldeman, Joe

Haldeman, Joe

Minstral's Kiss

Cerulean Sins

Micah

Home -World

In Our Hands the Stars

Hammer and the Cross , The

Adventures of the Stainless Steel Rat, The

Black Magic Sanction

Centauri Device, The

Moon is a Harsh Mistress, The

Hamilton, Laurell K.

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