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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

Estrogen Zone = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am
 2nd Sunday Open House = Board and other gaming - 2 pm
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation - 1 pm
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 Time Meddlers = Dr. Who club - 11 am
 Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am

CALENDAR DETAILS

BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 Estrogen Zone - 2:00 pm
 FWEMS - Overblown comedy double feature

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

AUGUST 6 - No programme.
 AUGUST 13 - Eric Hoffman video surprise
 AUGUST 20 - NO AUCTION THIS MONTH
 AUGUST 27 - No programme at this time.

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:
http://www.lasfsinc.info//index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185

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DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

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De Profundis 510- August 2015. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

De Profundis is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (6012 Tyrone Ave., Van Nuys, CA, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 904-9544. The club's web site is: www.lasfs.org. *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 \(at\) sbcglobal \(dot\) 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-modified Intel quad-core, DELL Workstation (using the Windows 7 Professional 64 bit 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. *De Prof* is available on paper solely at cost: currently 75¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.25. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at approximate cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

Marty Cantor, 11825 Gilmore Street #105, North Hollywood, CA 91606, USA. (818) 761-9401. [martyhoohah \(at\) sbcglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net). August 2015. Hoo Hah Publication Number 1916. Thanks go to Elayne Pelz, Charlie Jackson, Karl Lembke, Kristen Gornitz and Nick Smith, Lee and Barry Gold, and any others who are helping me in providing news to LASFS members.

LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers
July - December, 2015

President: Matthew B. Tepper. **Vice-President:** Debra Levin. **Registrar:** Ed Hooper. **Scribe:** Kristen Gornitz & Nick Smith. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz & Michelle Pincus.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2015). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2017).. **Comptroller:** Gavin Claypool (2016). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2015). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2015), Warren "Whisky" Johnson (2015) Elayne Pelz (2017), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2017), Mike Thorsen (2016), Michelle Pincus (2016), Nick Smith (2017). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

Official Committees

De Profundis Editor, Speaker to toners, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison: Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whisky. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Gavin Claypool, Ed Hooper. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** Christian McGuire. **Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curator:** Tom Khamis. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key Control:** Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster - <<http://www.lasfs.org>>:** Barry Gold. **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel. **Editor, Computers & LASFS Archivist:** Christian McGuire. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Science Officer:** David Okamura (with Karl Lembke). **Marketing and Promotion:** Michelle Pincus; **Parking/MTA Liaison,** Milt Stevens.

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Sergeant-at-Arms In Perpetuity: Roy Tackett. **Windmill-at-Arms:** Kees van Toorn. **Samurai-at-Arms:** Takumi Shibano. **Librarian-at-Arms:** Heather Stern.

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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.lasfs.org)

Meeting 4059, May 28, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper called meeting #4059 to what passes for order at 8:00.

Special orders of business: Tanith Lee has passed, two days ago. We had a moment of silence in her memory.

Tom Locke announced that Beverly Kanter has been recovering from her fractures. She is living in San Diego, and has been diagnosed with Parkinson's, which may account for her falls.

The **Menace** from the last meeting were read. Marcia Minsky bid \$2 to name them "In the words of Karl Lembke: Sunland, I know where that is." They were so accepted.

Time Bound Announcements:

The LOSCON Committee was represented at Baycon and Clockwork Alchemy. We have one membership from

Baycon and one from Clockwork Alchemy. I thank Zack, Spike, and Justine Reynolds for sitting at the table at Baycon, and Wendy Newton for sitting at the table at Clockwork.

The **Treasurer's Report**: We have money but you can't spend it.

David Okamura monitored **Science** for the club. When Elon Musk started building rockets and cars, people thought he was certifiable. His rockets are. They're now certified for military use, especially for spy satellites.

Over Memorial day weekend, a lot of people went to the beach, and lifeguards had to put in an appearance because of great white shark sightings. They were only 7 feet long, so they're only pretty good white sharks. The life guards protected the sharks from the people.

Later this year, we may have people bringing external flight tanks for the shuttle to Los Angeles.

Back in 1921, archaeologists digging a burial mound found an oak tree trunk hollowed out to make a coffin. Inside was a young woman, the so-called Egtved Girl, age 16 or so, height maybe 5' something. Acid from the oak and peat dissolved the bones, but left clothes, teeth, fingernails and other parts. Under modern scientific methods, they were able to tell a lot from strontium levels in her teeth and hair. Based on strontium levels, they were able to tell she was not from Denmark, and had traveled extensively before her death. She was buried with a bucket of bronze age beer. (But was it the brutish Viking beer?) It was made with bog myrtle berries, honey, and other ingredients.

Registrar Ed Hooper announced no new guests. Welcome back!

President Tepper notes tonight's program is a presentation of artwork by our very own Marc Schirmeister.

We honored tonight's **Patron Saint: Patron Saint Ed Baker**: Milt Stevens recalls he was an Esperantist, was fond of Ayn Rand, and was a dedicated Catholic. He showed up about the same time as did Fred Patten, so the two were confused with each other for a while. He was a member of an APA called The Cult. He translated one of their Fantasy Amateur pieces into Esperanto, so they threw him out. For thirteen members, they caused a lot of trouble.

Ed died 4/22/71. Matthew Tepper recalls that Fred Patten put on the TOC for APA-L, "Ed Baker died this week, Funeral Saturday."

Sandy Cohen commented that when Ed was active, he was one of the leaders trying to make sure this was a literary organization. A number of people were glad to recommend books, and Sandy appreciated that. Tom Locke: Ed was very much interested in the teachings of Andrew Columbus at the Free Enterprise Institute, and was quite active with that institute.

From the Hagiography: Ed served as treasurer, custodian of part of the library and secretary, and he supervised a newspaper delivery crew. Ed was once limited to a maximum of three languages or three coinages in his treasurer's reports, which he sometimes delivered in Esperanto and sometime announced in terms of Esperanto coins.

Ed was known for his [always clean] double entendres and for having a very good deadpan expression.

Patron Saint Ed Baker was given Three Cheers and a green star.

Announcements:

CLJII announced his new book, his 16th, is out today: *The History of Batman*. Only a buck on Amazon. (*Somebody should send the buck a doe so he won't be lonely.* - ed.)

John DeChancie announced a new book: *The Pirates of Perilous*. \$12.99.

Eric Hoffman noted the passing of Eric Caidin of Hollywood Book and Poster passed away at the Film Noir film fest. The store will remain open, at least for the time being.

Reviews:

Milt Stevens reviewed *Skin Game* by Jim Butcher. Sort of a cross between a fantasy novel and dead men don't wear plaid. It's formula, but Butcher does well with it. (Now if he could collaborate with Ed Baker and Raymond Chandler....)

Miscellaneous:

Joe Zeff: Putridity that Digby would have appreciated. In an online survey, asked if he were under 30 or over 30, leaving a curious gap or omission.

CLJII: Barnaby book: quotes on the back, some of which are worthy of remark. "This book is the most important addition to arts and letters in how many years" Dorothy Parker.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned to the program at 8:51.

Meeting 4060, June 4, 2015 President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper called meeting #4060 to what passes for order at 8:00.

Special orders of business: Club member Cecil Rose has passed. A card will be procured, signed, and sent.

The **Menace** from last meeting were read. Jerry Pournelle bid \$2 to name them "They Are the Minutes"

They were so accepted.

Time Bound Announcements:

Matthew Tepper announced David Gerrold has a cover story in this month's Asimov's Magazine.

Nick Smith announced the last performance of the Los Angeles Camerata in Glendale. Marilyn Miller will be showing up there. The founder is retiring and they found no replacement. // Saturday features an all-day music fest in Pasadena.

The Treasurer's Report: We have money but you can't spend it.

Registrar Ed Hooper announced a guest, Bree Turner.

We honored tonight's **Patron Saints: Patron Saint Jim Glass** was first. Jerry Pournelle was part of the committee awarding Jim the Evans-Freehafer award, after which he never came back to another meeting.

From the Hagiography:

Jim was a LASFS Librarian and an Evans-Frehafer Award winner.

Patron Saint Jim Glass was given Three Cheers and a bigger library.

Secondly we have **Patron Saint Michael Bloom:** Matthew B. Tepper: we don't get to see much of him due to health issues. He has a silly shirt bearing the front half of a goose and the back half of a kangaroo, and captioned GooRoo. Nick Smith: He was responsible for the move of LOSCON from the Pasadena Hilton to the Burbank Hilton. Michelle Pincus: He is a well-rounded fan, (*Gee - I thought he was thin.* - ed.) he loves literature, filk, and superheroes. At a SD Westercon, when the Superman movie opened, he moved heaven and earth to make sure people could see it. (*With all of that moving, no wonder he has health issues.* - ed.)

Patron Saint Michael Bloom was given a no two bid and Three Cheers..

David Okamura **Monitored Science** for the club. There is a sort of silver lining to the Texas floods. The El Nino that caused that may be gaining in strength, and may bring moisture to California. Scientists think the extreme weather may be due to the slowing of the jet stream as the Arctic ice melts.

If it gets desperate, there's a Carlsbad desalination institute starting up.

But 100 years ago, San Diego contracted Charles Hatfield, who gave us the Hatfield Flood of 1916. Rainmaking was quite successful, and the city nearly washed out to sea.

(But the cat came back.) We have another mountain lion living in the Verdugos. P-41. He may be crossing the 210

freeway to expand his territory.

Milt Stevens recalls his father had a picture of himself in full police uniform rowing a boat, in the Tyrone Wash (right outside our door). The 6' storm drain they installed seems to have fixed that.

Old Business: Nominations for President: Matthew B. Tepper.

There were no further nominations tonight but the category will be opened next week.

Reviews:

Ed Hooper: Sci-Fest LA. Despite being late for the first play, saw the rest of it, including "A Logic Named Joe". Overjoyed at how well everything was done. Get a group together to see it next year. (The original "Logic Named Joe" is available for free download on Archiv.ix) Neil Gaiman is very supportive of this, and is licensing a spin-off to be performed in London.

Miscellaneous:

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Bill Green: came across an interesting item: they've engineered yeast to produce morphine.

Doug Crepeau" Last night on TV, between a couple of Through the Wormhole shows, NASA Unexplained with Dr Pournelle talking about the Thor weapon system.

There is a list of Hollywood Bowl activities. Contact Gavin Claypool of interest.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned to the program at 8:51.

Meeting 4061, June 11, 2045 President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper Anviled meeting #4061 to what passes for order at 8:00.

The **Menace** from the last meeting were read. Christian McGuire bid \$3 to name them "Moist California" They were so accepted.

Time Bound Announcements:

Gavin Claypool has launched a fundraising drive for the club. With any donation, you get a free 20-inch TV.

Mark Poliner mentioned Jack King, the Voice of NASA has died.

The **Treasurer's Report:** We have money but you can't spend it.

Registrar Ed Hooper announced no guests.

We honored tonight's **Patron Saints**:

First up is **Patron Saint Sandy Cohen**, Sacred Chancellor of Chocolate. Eric Hoffman: He's one of the first fans I met in fandom. He's been a good friend.

Joe Zeff: Sandy is a Sacred Object. Tom Safer: Thank you for bringing the chocolate. Christian: Sandy has been supporting conventions for decades. He's the go-to man to be in charge of the pro lounge. Tepper: He's an excellent photographer.

From the Hagiography: Sandy is LASFS' Sacred Chancellor of Chocolate and has invented a couple of LASFSian poker games. Sandy is a good art auctioneer and has contributed to many conventions.

Patron Saint Sandy Cohen was given Three Cheers and a monument carved out of chocolate.

Secondly, we have **Patron Saint Hare Hobbs**: Debra Levin: Hare is one of the more interesting people she's known, and she enjoys talking to him. Tom Safer: Hare appreciates that he's an avid book reader and appreciator of good music. Mark Poliner: Hare was the second person I met when I joined the club. I still came back. Scott Beckstead: He once had a dachshund, named hors d'oeuvre.

Nick Smith: appreciates that he too enjoys obscure music. Barbara Harmon: Hare must be a speed reader because he reads so many books. Matthew Tepper pointed out Hare's persistence in reading as much as he can is admirable because of the difficulty he had with reading.

Patron Saint Hare Hobbs was given Three Cheers and an E so he can spell his last name correctly.

David Okamura **Monitored Science** for the club.

Briefly: There have been ups and downs in space. Three astronauts have made it home from the ISS. They think they have the bugs out of the boosters. (*It was simple to do as all they had to do was to open the doors to the vacuum of space as bugs sort of need air as we do.* - ed.)

The Planetary Society lightsail has deployed. It will re-enter probably Sunday. A larger one will be launched next year.

NASA was experimenting with a supersonic parachute. It deployed at 180,000 feet. It was still supersonic at altitude 0. So they need to tell it it's supposed to go subsonic at some point. // New Horizon finds the moons of Pluto are not in stable orbits. (*So I guess they cannot put horses there.* - ed.)

China is forging ahead with all sorts of strange experiments, including head transplants.

Old Business: The elections were run by Christian McGuire: Nominations for President (from last week): Matthew B. Tepper. There were no further nominations.

Nominations for Vice President: Debra Levin.

Nominations for Registrar: Ed Hooper.

Nominations for Scribe: In a stunning development, the incumbent declined to run for a subsequent term. "Is there anyone who can read and write in this room?" (*I usually go into the APA-L Room to do my writing but I am usually too busy doing that to do any reading.* - ed.)

It was moved to table the election of Scribe for at least one week until a sacrifice competent volunteer is available.

Nominations for Treasurer: the tag team of Elayne Pelz and Michelle Pincus was nominated.

All those nominated were elected. Strange, that.

Reviews:

Milt Stevens reviewed The Orthogonal Trilogy by Greg Egan. Arrows of time, third volume, read first. Now he has first two books, Clockwork Rocket and Eternal Flame. It's an interesting story. The book gets the reader involved in the problems of the aliens even though they're so different from us.

Diaspora, set in a time when our sort of human has become extinct. It covers the birth and development of an AI.

Nick Smith read the new Mercedes Lackey book, Hunter. It succeeds in both being SF and Fantasy in a post-apocalypse young adult setting.

Miscellaneous:

Joe Zeff: Some of you may recall I had been on a clinical trial for diabetes medicine. The company that ran the trial gave me a large quantity of diabetes test strips. Last Tuesday night, used the last of the strips he'd been given. Tried to use the strips he had been using these instead of. They've expired. More have been ordered, and he can borrow a test kit. He let them know he had run out of the strips they had given him and they invited him to another trial.

Jerry Pournelle: I don't deal with the VA, and heartily recommend Kaiser.

Got his iPhone 6+. This is as close to the pocket computer he and Niven described in Mote in God's Eye as it gets. It's got everything they described in the pocket computers in the book. He's downloaded a bunch of books over the LASFS wireless.

Hare: Also been a guinea pig. If you can be a guinea pig, please do. It helps other people.

Tom Safer moved to adjourn.

It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned to the program at 9:15.

Meeting 4062, June 18, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe in absentia

President Matthew Tepper forced meeting #4062 to cry UNCLE at 8:00.

The **Menace** from last meeting were read. June Moffatt bid \$3 to name them "Covered with Chocolate" They were so accepted.

Michelle was in the middle of a conversation when someone handed her money. It turns out to be for purchased books. Please stay out of the treasurer's drawer if you're not the treasurer.

The **Treasurer's Report**: We have money but you can't spend it.

Programs (CLJII for now) President Tepper is looking for a new programmer for the second half of 2015

Milt Stevens, it turns out the Black Dragon society was real. The Black Dragon was a river in China, that marked how far into China Japanese control should go.

Registrar Ed Hooper announced no guests.

Right at 6 pm we did have a returning member visit this clubhouse for the first time. Doug Abe. Alas, he had to leave after dropping off 24 boxes of books.

We honored tonight's **Patron Saint, Patron Saint Ted Johnstone**. We have been unable to cheer him in person since 1978. Eric Hoffman: Ted was one of the first I met in fandom. Almost as big a film and media buff as I was. Also enjoyed the things he did with Man from UNCLE books. Nick Smith: While he was still alive, I found myself selling David McDaniel books in several environments. All the good stuff in the Man from UNCLE books came out of McDaniel's books. He thought about how the high tech would be used in a spy novel, rather than throwing it in for looks.

Jerry Pournelle: Met at a 1963 Chicago convention at a costume party. Jerry went as Radagast the Brown. Ted comes up and says I, sir, am a hobbit. Yes, that worked. Twelve years later, working on *20/20 Visions*, I had him do a story. It was a good story, but a miserable affair to get the story out of him. He was very generous and would loan Jerry equipment. *There Will Be War* is in print, and *20/20 Visions* will be re-issued soon. So he'll owe the McDaniels money soon.

Larry Niven: David McDaniel and Bruce Pelz introduced him to filking. Filk songs have gotten into many of his stories. David Okamura: Lee gold still has a framed letter from David McDaniel thanking her for a favor done him. On THRUSH stationery. June Moffatt had an argument with him about one of his stories, about a mysterious wind that appeared and disappeared, created by a helicopter. The wind was silent and helicopters tend not to be. Matthew Tepper: He was a good friend, and a father

figure. Learned everything he knew about scribbling from him and promptly screwed up. He was a presence in life, and has been too long an absence.

CLJII: Met David McDaniel on first joining the club. Familiar with work from having read novels. Dagger Affair has a scene at Boulder Dam. Found out he viewed himself as a sidekick looking for a hero, and somehow wound up with CLJII. I discovered he was interested in motion picture direction. He was a brilliant cinematographer, so they partnered up. Working with him was fun and enlightening. At one time he sent Charlie a letter stamped GeheimStatsPolizei, having found a bunch of Nazi-era stamps.

From the Hagiography: Pro who wrote stories under his real name (David McDaniel) and conducted his fannish life under a pseudonym, a fan of Dark Shadows and Man from U.N.C.L.E. and wrote Man from U.N.C.L.E. novels plus one SF novel and several SF short stories. He was a LASFS scribe, a filk singer and writer of filksongs. David teamed with Bruce Pelz as singer. David was also a camera man and film editor and he worked on conventions. David was part of Arson, Rape and Bloody Murder (Harness, Johnstone, & Pelz) and was the inspiration for James Wong Hound, alias David McDog, in Amazing Adventures. David was a Fanzine editor and was a very good storyteller.

Patron Saint Ted Johnstone was given Three Cheers and a Coventry full of stuff.

David Okamura **Monitored Science** for the club. // After a nice nap, the Philae comet lander woke up and phoned home. It looks like it's getting enough light to recharge its batteries.

Folks in Mauna Loa have been isolated in a NASA experiment to see how long they could last in a Mars base style environment.

SpaceX is holding a competition on the hyperloop pod. They want to install a one-mile loop near their Hawthorne headquarters.

Watch out for sharks and drones at Seal beach. (*Yeah, they are dangerous as the sharks are flying and the drones have teeth.* - ed.)

Diets: FDA has said we have three years to get rid of trans fats.

A new study from England says chocolate promotes heart health. But this is milk chocolate with less of the flavonoids, so what's the causal factor?

Old Business: We still don't have a scribe. Attempts to recruit a volunteer have failed. If you know anyone willing to take over as Scribe for the second half of 2015, please get in touch.

Reviews

Christian 1q84, translated from Japanese, a play on 1984.

At first you think it's one thing, then another, then you realize it's a Japanese novel and give up. It's a SF fantasy mystery thriller involving cults. If you like difficult reads, it's a very good book, but it was a challenge for him. Main character seems to have entered an alternative universe.

Miscellaneous: Tom Safer was at home working out when someone ran into his cinderblock wall. The car left the scene. (*Leaving the driver behind?* - ed.)

People moved to **adjourn**. It was seconded, and we adjourned to the program at 9:15.

Meeting 4063, June 25, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper tossed meeting #4063 onto the roof at 8:00.

The **Menace** from last meeting were read. David Okamura bid \$5 to name them "I'll let the Scribe name them." They were so accepted.

Thanks were given to the (*temporarily, maybe*) Scribe for lengthy service.

Registrar Ed Hooper introduced Dan Miller from Hawaii.

Announcements:

Dan rose to address the club on the subject of a documentary project about artist Paul Lehr.

Nick Smith notes Saturday and Sunday, Long Beach is being invaded by pirates, mermaids, and fairies, at Belmont Pier. This is produced by the Living History center.

Creature Features on Magnolia and Catalina are having an art show. Theme this month is variations on Frankenstein's Bride.

Nick Smith has free tix for a fannish play, part of the Hollywood Fringe Festival. Wombatman, a parody of comics, at the Underground Theater on Wilton.

The **Treasurer's Report:** We have money but you can't spend it.

We honored tonight's **Patron Saint, Patron Saint Alan Frisbie**. Joe Zeff: Before cell phones became common, one year the contact number for LOSCON was Alan's car phone, by mistake. He is also the only member to have been ejected from his own Saint's Night meeting. Matthew: He is a programmer from Cal Tech. His business card lists his occupation as "thaumaturgist". Marty Cantor: He's related to the family of the famous flying disc

Nick Smith: He's a fan of acoustic music, and Nick runs into him at such venues from time to time. Glenn Olson: I first met him at a dinner party. He had just returned

from a hair-raising adventure. He had gone to South America and ridden a train there. He spent some time sitting in the front of the locomotive. He spent many hours crossing the country on the outside of a train

From the Hagiography: Sacred Flying Disc and is one of two LASFS "human wallets", the other being Randy Grainer. Alan built Altair Niven; the only LASFS member ever donated to the club and the only member ever auctioned off to the highest bidder. Frisbie managed to addict the entire club to the game of Zork. (*An exaggeration as having some members enjoying playing that game is NOT every member of the club playing it. Indeed, some members have never heard of that game until it was mentioned just now. Grump.* - ed.)

Frisbie was the first person thrown out of his own Patron Saint's day meeting and his pet rat was the official mascot of the 1984 Worldcon.

Patron Saint Alan Frisbie was given Three Cheers and fresh strawberries.

David Okamura **Monitored Science** for the club.

We had a passing at the San Diego zoo. One of the Galapagos tortoises was euthanized. Estimated age was 150.

What do you do with old EV batteries when they're not completely dead? They're expensive, difficult to recycle, and difficult to re-use. They're being pressed into service as backup power for various installations where you don't need 100% of capacity.

Amazon is pushing ahead with the idea of delivering packages by drone. They hope to deliver packages up to 5 pounds. // Air force drone pilots are starting to suffer from overuse. Drones are our weapon of choice, so pilots are getting up to 65 patrols a day. The pilots are in their trailers in the Nevada desert are showing signs of PTSD at the rate of in person pilots.

Old Business:

Election of Scribe. The Tag Team of Nick Smith and Kristen Gortitz was nominated.

The color of the (nonexistent) ballot was auctioned off, and the winning bidder, the Scribe, named the color "indeScribe-able".

The tag-team was elected.

New Business:

There have been accusations of fraud in the running of the election to select the 2016 LOSCON. A motion was submitted asking the following two questions:

In your opinion was the election run in a fair and impartial fashion?

Do you feel the result of the election was obtained through fraud?

LAF
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, August 1, 2015
Filk: 7 PM to ???

Pre-Filk Dinner: 5 PM, The Palace
(Chinese cuisine and some Dim Sum)
Brandyhall, Lee and Barry Gold, hosts
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Pre-filk dinner: 5 PM, at 11701 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles,
CA 90025, 310-979-3377

Filk style: Poker Chip (Non-Topological) Bardic,
or Chaos

Notes:

1. No Smoking Indoors! -- Use the front porch in good weather; the enclosed patio during bad weather.
2. Please bring munchies & drinks to share.
3. There are no domestic animals in residence.
4. Crash space available (couch, recliner, floor space).
5. Two Silicon life-forms are present. The old photocopier is gone, but we have an all-in-one scanner/printer/FAX machine.

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

It was suggested the results be placed in the Minutes.

Christian McGuire suggested the order of the questions be reversed.

The writer of the motion offered no objection.

Jerry Pournelle asked what the point of the resolution was.

There was much discussion.

At the end of the discussion, Jerry Pournelle moved a substitute motion expressing full confidence in the integrity of the voting process for LOSCON 43 with the results being: 24 for, none against, 6 abstaining.

A motion to censure Heide Nichols was ruled out of order, having not been presented in writing.

The **Treasurer** announced we have termites, and you can't spend them.

Miscellaneous:

CLJII will continue as Program Director for the foreseeable future.

People moved to **Adjourn**. It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned to the program at 9:15.

**Board of Directors Meeting
June 14, 2015
Chairman of the Board, Karl Lembke
Board Secretary, Marty Cantor**

Board Members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Marcia Minsky, Gavin Claypool, Rob Powell, Mike Thorsen, and Michelle Pincus. Warren "Whisky" Johnson, Nick Smith, Christian McGuire, and Elayne Pelz had excused absences.

Members and Guests: Matthew B Tepper, Joe Zeff, Frank Waller, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, and Tom Safer.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:20 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, June 14th, 2015 (Happy Flag Day) meeting of the Board of Directors. (Michelle told us that Christian was out with a migraine. Several puns which went against the grain were uttered.)

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of April 12th, 2015, were accepted as presented.

New Members: There were 5 applications for membership: Supriya Limaye, Ibba Armanacas, Julius Vladimir Francisco, Josh Black, Caitlin Mayer. They have paid their \$10 application fee. They were accepted, unanimously.

Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz): No report as the treasurer was not here.

30-second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): No report as the Vice Chairman was not here.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): I will give the web site report at the part of the meeting when the webmaster (who cannot be here) would give his report.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): The Comptroller has initiated a small fundraising effort: there are three - 20 inch TVs free with a donation with no minimum as to the size of the donation or the type of donation.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): This month: 508 units bringing in \$556.50. Total units to date: 33,197, and total monies to date: \$28,027.50. (We have two selections in the soda-dispensing machine which are different from the usual \$1.00 price: one selection at \$2.00 and one selection at \$1.25.) We also purchased salad bowls, toilet paper, and paper towels.

Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson): (Gavin): We have received more donations of books. At about the 27th of the month it is expected that the re-arranging of the

FANNISH EXCURSIONS

If you're interested in joining a group outing to the Hollywood Bowl, contact Gavin Claypool at gclaypo@hotmail.com or at the club.

Bugs Bunny (8/14), 2001 (8/18),

and E.T. (9/4 or 9/6) are other programs of fannish interest.

A group can get the group discount of 20% without sitting together, so we can offer the whole range of available seating.

The Odyssey Theatre in West Los Angeles has contacted us about getting a group together to attend their current production of Oedipus Machina, which runs through July 26. If you're interested in going, contact Nick Smith or Gavin Claypool.

storage unit to be finished and the books which are in boxes on the East Wall of the lounge will be put into the storage unit.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): No report other than to state that we have archives.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): Michelle reported that Frank Waller has done some cleaning in the kitchen.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): Skype is working in the clubhouse.

Events (Nick Smith): Marcia: LOSCON 42: Meeting last Sunday (where Skyping took place). Good decorum in room and the meeting was very productive. (Michelle) LOSCON 43. Still working on getting guests. (Marcia) LOSCON will have a presence at Westercon. (We will not be at Comic-Con - we missed the deadline.)

Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus): Making table decorations - a little behind timeline in making stuff but is working on things.

(Significant Others)

Club President (Matthew B. Tepper): Author appearances, Tim Griffin appearances, scientists giving shows - the meetings continue. Results of the recent Procedural elections: Matthew B. Tepper was re-elected President, Debra Levin was re-elected Vice President, Ed

Hooper was re-elected Registrar, and a tag-team of Elayne Pelz and Michelle Pincus was elected as Treasurer. At the time of the election there were no candidates for the office of Scribe because the current Scribe wanted to take some well-earned time off from the job. (Plus he is going on vacation in July.) The President is looking around for candidates for this office.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): (Marty Cantor gave the report.) Barry is still in the hospital but the prognosis is very good. Barry still needs computer help to get the splash page up to the web site and to also update the Joomla software because even if he is home he is not up to doing everything.

AGENDA ITEMS:

No items sent to the Chairman.

OPEN FORUM:

Gavin asked about conventions in San Diego and Michelle gave information about these. She said that one was on the weekend of September 19th and that Conjecture was combined with Westercon. Gavin also mentioned that in September Long Beach holds a semi-annual comic convention. Michelle said that this is not a non-profit convention.

The next meeting will be on July 12, 2015.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 11:46 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

Friday night board gaming

Friday Night Board Gaming is a Meetup which meets at LASFS most every Friday evening, usually starting around 4:30 and ending around 11:00.

All LASFS members are invited to play these modern, mostly European, board games. There is no charge for gaming but members are responsible for any LASFS' dues which must be paid.

Members of the Meetup game at LASFS the same way other guests visit the club: 3 free meetings and then joining the club if they continue to like coming here. After they join the club they pay dues like any other member.

(Our experienced gamers are willing to teach these games to beginners.)

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