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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

2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming

Cinema Anime = Japanimation

CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation

Work Party = Varies with what needs doing

FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm

FUCC = Fandom Universal Computer Club

TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club

## CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever

BOD - 11:00 am, games start at 2:00 pm

Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends

CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm

Work Party - 10:30 am

FUCC - Evening

TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am

ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm

Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm

FWEMS - Detective Films

## THURSDAY

### PROGRAMME ITEMS

**FEBRUARY 6** - No programming set at deadline time

**FEBRUARY 13** - No programming set at deadline time

**FEBRUARY 20** - No programming set at deadline time

**FEBRUARY 27** - Tom Safer Cartoons

## APA-L Room cleanup

During the current major neatening of the  
LASFS' premises

Any paper left in the APA-L Room will be con-  
sidered donations to either APA-L or the LASFS

*We thank you for your cooperation in keeping the APA-L  
Room neat and clean*

## COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 361 – January, 2003. Editor: **Marty Cantor**. Production Assistant: **Bob Null**. Mailing List: **Liz Mortensen**. Mailing Labels: **Fuzzy Pink Niven**.

*De Profundis* is the official newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601, USA). Our telephone number is: (818) 760-9234. Our web site is: [www.lasfs.org](http://www.lasfs.org). *De Profundis* is available to active LASFS members, Patron Friends of the LASFS, voluntary active LASFS members, and in exchange for other fanzines. VAMs are available for \$10 per year, payable to LASFS, Inc.

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We 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 the clubhouse on Thursday evenings or at his edress: [hooah-pubs@earthlink.net](mailto:hooah-pubs@earthlink.net). Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

Address corrections should be given or sent to the LASFS Treasurer at the clubhouse.

Due to the press of other material there is currently no space available in *De Profundis* for advertising. I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to members.

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.

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This is Hoo Hah Publication No.

## LASFS OFFICERS

### Elected Procedural Officers

**President:** Ed Green. **Vice-President:** Merlin R. "Bob" Null. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** Liz Mortensen. **Registrar:** Robert Keller.

### Board of Directors

**Chairman:** Karl Lembke (2003). **Vice-Chairman:** Mike Thorsen (2004). **Comptroller:** Michael Mason (2003). **Secretary:** Joe Zeff (2005). **Other members:** Merlin R. "Bob" Null (2003), Ed Green (2003), Liz Mortensen (2004), Cathy Beckstead (2004), Bret Achorn (2005), Marty Cantor (2005), Bill Ellern (2005) **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J. Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

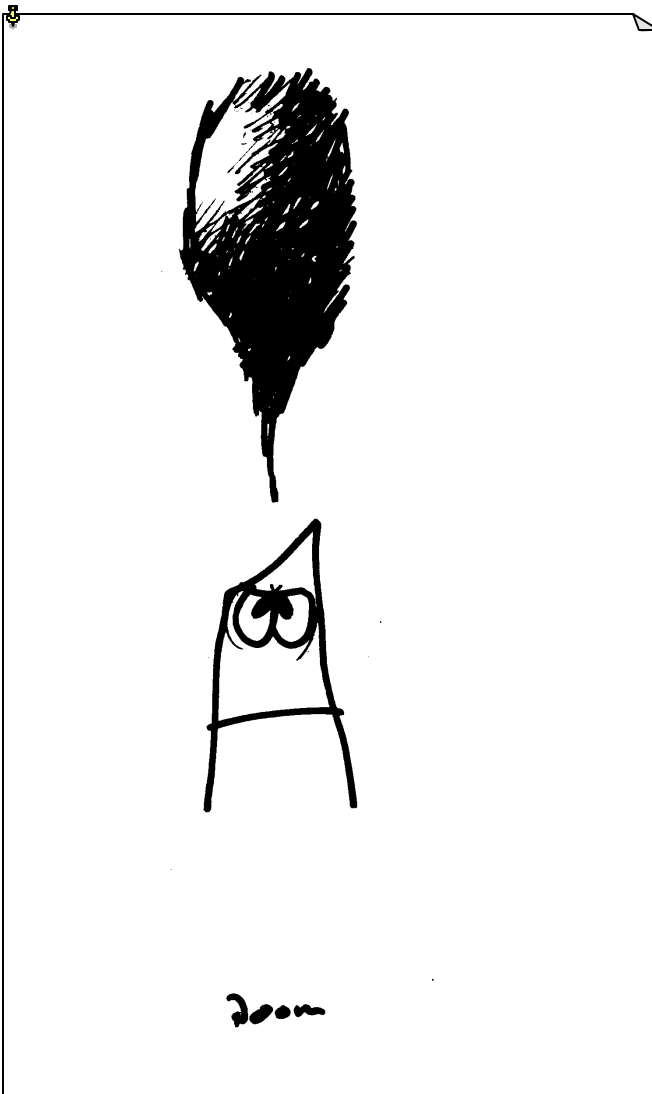
### Official Committees

**De Profundis Editor:** Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Michael Mason. **Librarian Emeritus:** Leigh Strother Vien. **Assistant Librarians:** Greg Barrett, Doc Reames, Joyce Sperling, and Lynn Baden. **Special Guest Librarian:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **LASFS Answer Guy:** Greg Barrett. **LASFS/APA-L Liaison:** Tim Merigan. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** Tadao Tomomatsu, C.B. McGuire, Dale Hales. **\*\*Legion of Substitute Gouges:** Sandy Cohen, Ed Green. **\*\*Strategic Reserve Registrar:** Robert Keller. **Eulogist, Public Relations, Records, Shangri L'Affaires Editor, Video Collection Curator, Programming Committee, Party Rabbi, & Tontine Committee** (take a deep breath here): Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curators:** Doc Reames, Alison Stern. **Hall Decoration:** Tadao Tomomatsu. **Silent Auction Coordinator:** Tadao Tomomatsu. **Science Monitor:** Christian McGuire. **Non-Science Monitor:** Mike Stern. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key**

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### Honorary Officers

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



### Correction

We start this issue with a correction of a notice I put into the previous issue. (These things arise when I put entries into DE PROF late at night . . . and 10 pm is late at night to this person who gets up at 5 am each day.) When I listed the newly elected Procedural Officers I accidentally listed them under the rubric of Board of Directors officers. So, the six-month elected officers in the right-hand box at the top of page 8

are Procedural Officers, not Board of Directors officers. The LASFS Board of Directors will elect its officers for the year 2003 from amongst its members at its January meeting. For this transgression I sentence myself to at least another year of editing DE PROFUNDIS.

## CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes can be read in APA -L and are filed in the archives)

*Meeting #3408, December 5, 2002*

*Ed Green, presiding*

*Karl Lemke, Scribe*

“Did anyone take minutes last week?” As if he had to ask. Meeting number 3408 was started at 20:10:25. The **Menace** were read and approved as “choo, choo, splash, splash.” Liz invited people to line up for ballots.

**The Registrar:** We have a guest, and she’s right there! Elise Dee Beraru.

**Patron Saint Marty Massoglia:** Christian McGuire started. Marty is an incredibly good source for inexpensive SF hardbacks and paperbacks. Thanks for continuing to supply them. Hare Hobbs: We’ve lost the Elephant, but Marty has a memory that’s unbelievable. Hare had mentioned liking Cordwainer Smith, and that he was planning to read *Norstrilia*. Marty told him not to buy the paperback, and brought the magazines the following week. The paperback was badly edited, and the installments in the magazines were much better executed. (*They used lethal injection instead of the electric chair. - ed.*)

CLJII: Marty is one of the few who had been graced by the opportunity to visit Wilcox, Az, the birthplace of LASFS’s favorite cowboy. (James Garner, asteroid wrangler?) Christian again: He’s always willing to volunteer sources for writers, and contacts for programming.

Phil Castora: Marty is a good man, he makes sure you don’t think he’s perfect, because sometimes he comes up with a terrible pun. Joe Zeff: For many years, to keep the price on SF books up, Marty had an automatic 25¢ bid on those books, so they wouldn’t go for nickels and dimes. Christian chimed in again, saying that Marty’s a good Hell player, and has a son who’s turning out to be a good human being. He was given Three Cheers, and fifteen books for two dollars. CLJII got the obscure reference award for the night.

**Committee to gouge:** It’s true. They **will** bid on **anything!**

**Old Business:** Some elections.

Ed Green  
Scratch,  
and Tear

were nominated for President.

**New Business:** The new LASFS pins are in. They are \$3 the each. They are available now. They came out much better than originally anticipated.

**Committee Reports:** Christian, speaking on behalf of Tadao, reported that LOSCON 29 has happened, it was successful, and many people were happy. 1300 badges were handed out. Over 200 memberships were sold for next year. Thanks to all who helped make this thing work.

CLJII: On Sunday, he chatted with Forry. Forry thanked him for arrang-

ing for him to get the Forry Award. Charlie disabused him of the notion that Charlie had been the Machinator in Chief. Forry was very happy with the efforts of the entire LASFS to give him the award.

Next week, we’ll vote on procedural officers. People interested in these jobs should report to their psychologist, or if they fail their saving throws, arrange to get nominated.

Bill Elern spun a yarn about how, approximately five years ago, while attending LOSCON, someone handed Anne Morrell a hall costume award. She was pleased. The following year, there were no hall costume awards. She became upset about that, and decided to change things. Three years ago, as the Hall Costume Award Committee, she handed out five or six awards. Last year, she handed out 35. This year 130. (*Rats! I came as a Mundane and did not win anything. - ed.*) Hall costumes are running at 10% of the convention. One item of interest: last year, we learned that a woman with cancer had always wanted to wear a Klingon costume to the con. She was outfitted with one this year. She was thrilled to win a hall costume award. Even more thrilled to learn that the person who made the costume had not won an award. She died in July, but her last few months were brightened by the award.

George Mulligan: reporting that the donated toys have been run over to the Salvation Army. (*The Salvation Army accepts toys which have been run over? - ed.*) They extend their thanks and are pleased at the generosity shown. (*I guess, the flatter the better. Should we be flattered? - ed.*)

**Time Bound Announcements:** Leigh’s father died the day before Thanksgiving. She won’t be back for the rest of the month.

**Reviews:** Christian reviewed a book, an alternate history, in which Spain defeated England during the Spanish Armada. Ruled Britannia, by Harry Turtledove, featuring William Shakespeare as a rebel leader. Rick Foss: As an Elizabethan history fanatic, he seconds the review. The more you know history, the better *Rule Britannia* is. Ed Green: Thirds the review, and he finished the book today. One slight impediment, the characters speak in the language of the day. Don’t let that put you off; it’s a marvelous read.

Bill Elern: Reviewed *Night Watch* by Terry Pratchett. It’s an excellent book. Pratchett runs from good to tremendous. Mr. Pratchett has surprising depths. (*He set off a depths charge? - ed.*) The book is a good, solid, fast read, with no dead areas in it.

Christian thanked Ed for his first go at LOSCON programming. There were some odd bits, (*Ye ed on two panels. - ed.*) but all the panels he was on were wonderful to be on, and the audience was responsive. He had a good time with programming.

The meeting adjourned at 21:22:29.

*Meeting #3409, December 12, 2002*

*Ed Green, presiding*

*Karl Lemke, Scribe scribbling*

Meeting number 3409 was started at 20:12:19. Hey, Ed, shut up! We’re trying to have a LASFS Meeting here.

Ed Green has been forced to make an announcement. Signs posted in bathrooms. It seems some have forgotten how to use the facilities. If there’s a medical problem or an accident, we do have Lord High Janitors.

## L.A.F.A.

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

L.A.F.A. Filksing -  
**Saturday, February 8, 2003 at 3 PM**  
(with the folk group)

Dinner break (hosted burrito bar) at 6-7 PM

**8 PM (pure filking)**

House of the Prancing Skiltaire  
Hosts: Mark Merlino & Rod O'Riley  
13412 Gilbert, Garden Grove, CA  
92644  
714/539-6547

**DINNER:** Do-it-yourself burritos, ingredients provided: 7 pm at the filksite

**DIRECTIONS:** See Thomas Bros. Orange Co., page 798, C-7 (1992 edition); page 15, grid E-5 (older editions).

L.A.F.A. info: Barry & Lee Gold:  
(310) 306-7456

Hopefully, enough said.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "missing also."

The **Registrar:** no guests!

**Patron Saint Fred Patten (Radioactive Radishes!)**

Ed Green went first: "He has been around a heck of a long time, and done just about everything there is to do in fandom. He's always rather quiet, and then I'll read something from the past, and Fred's name pops up, illustrating yet another iron in the fire." Christian: Fred has been trying to keep the history of LASFS printed up and accurate in all our publications. He has chaired a IOSCON, and served on the Board of Directors. He's an advisor. He's a pioneer in a couple of areas of fandom: An-

thropomorphic and Anime fandom. He has been a constant, consistent, and passionate member of both. (He is now the official LASFS Historian, working on a "Patten-ted" history of the club.)

Marty Cantor observes, APA-L has been put out every week for 1962 weeks. Fred has been in each and every issue. And still going strong. Len Moffatt: And it's been an excellent zine. He's an excellent editor and writer. He also produced a fanzine for Forry's 50th birthday, and got people to write something for it. He's a wonderful guy, and I love him.

Jerry Pournelle: Everyone's been so nice to him, I have to point out one thing: he started a review magazine, made the mistake of publishing it, and got an idiot for an editor. Did a review of Niven and Pournelle's books, and that caused the zine to fold. Fortunately, no one remembers the name of the editor. (*Um, wrong - I remember the name of the editor as I reviewed some books for that zine: Richard Delap. But I did not review any of Larry's or Jerry's books. - ed.*) CLJII: Fred Patten loves cartoon characters, and he is one, having appeared in Cinemania. "Oops!" Frank Waller: Fred is a main fixture in this club. Fred stated, "I'd rather stand and read a book!" He was given Three Cheers, and \$5000 in photo bills.

**Old Business:** Elections were held.

Ed Green: President.

Bob Null, in a stunning upset vote, was elected Vice President.

Karl Lemke, in a hard-fought contest, won out and became Scribe.

A tag team of Ben Massoglia, Robert Keller, and Susan Arizona have been elected as a tag team for Registrar.

**Time Bound Announcements:** Eylat: Daddy and baby are in Philadel-

phia because an uncle has died.

The meeting adjourned at 21:53:04.

*Meeting #3410, December 19, 2002*

*Ed Green, presiding*

*Karl Lembke, Scribe*

Meeting number 3410 was started at 20:10:57, and all's well. The **Menace** were read and approved as "it's not easy being Green."

The **Registrar:** We have a new member, Elise. Also present are guests Jason Partee, and Alejandro Herrera - a future hypnotherapist.

**Patron Saint, Steve McGinty:** He falls into that class of fans Ed doesn't know. CLJII: Said he was a long-time member a long time ago, was a nice guy, and physically crippled to go with our social cripples. He paid the fine and walked. He was given Three Cheers, and something.

**Committee to Gouge:** raised some money. Scratch raised Cathy Beckstead.

**Old Business:** Thanks to whoever put these fine objects on the front table. Mention of them is illegal in this club (*tipped in the Scribe. - ed.*).

**Time-Bound Announcements:** Marty Cantor held up TAFF and DUFF ballots. These ballots send people on trips to other countries, but they do eventually come back. (*There are probably some members who wish that I had stayed in Australia on my DUFF trip. - ed.*)

CLJII: We have two pieces of art in front of the TV. (*And both parts of Art are video fans. - ed.*) Plastic Bats at Play, and Memories of Santa Ynez, done for art class. CLJII got a grade of "A" - his first in an art class.

**Reviews:** Elise reviewed a book, "Undead and Unwed" by Mary Janice Davidson. It is about a woman who dies, and then the story starts. (Marley was dead to begin with . . .) She's a kickass vampire, out to save the world and find romance while she's at it.

Have finally finished "War of Honor." Very good, doesn't end on as bad a cliffhanger as some, but it's still a cliffhanger. He enjoyed it immensely.

**Miscellaneous:** Eric reported on a memory lapse. He forgot what he was going to say.

Karl Lembke reported that his mom's biopsy has come back clean.

The meeting was sacked by a blodger at 21:08:09

*Meeting #3411, December 26, 2002*

*Ed Green, presiding*

*Karl Lembke, Scribe*

Meeting number 3411 was started at 20:12:53. It says the 26th on the PDA, and that's the date I'm sticking with.

**Special Orders of Business:** No traditional ones, but we have the notation that today is the feast day of St. Putregas.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "vetoed."

The **Registrar:** No guests, except for Jack Shaw, who just entered.

**Patron Saint, Elayne Pelz.** Those who don't know her, shame on you.

She's been a critical member of the club for years and years, more critical to fandom than [Ed] will ever be. She has the patience of three or four saints. Scratch: she has nice cats. Christian: She is also known as Spryngbok, after an animal that is swift and sure and never caught. She spoke to a moose who chaired LOSCON 20. The moose sent her messages about how to chair a LOSCON. She recently chaired a Westercon. She has worked several Worldcons as Treasurer, Art Show, etc. She's a nationally and internationally known fan, and has been a Westercon Guest of Honor.

Hare Hobbs: She was the treasurer when he started coming. She'd approach with the cash box if you hadn't paid dues, and give you *that* look. Christian: When I met Elayne, I thought she was a humorless and hate filled woman who didn't want anything to do with us. Then I got to watch two young guys lose a tickle fight to Elayne.

Joe Zeff: Many times over the years, he's always been able to tell when Elayne has decided some mathom has to go when it's referred to as "this silly thing." Also, we have her immortal Treasurer's Creed: "Yes we have money. No, you can't spend it." CLJII: Being her friend, he will refrain from sharing stories of interests he shares with Elayne, and that no one else in the club does. Ed: Thanks for everything you've done for as long as we can remember. Three cheers and a carousel with a spryngbok on it.

**Robbie Bourget** (rhymes with "you bet") is not with us here, but living Across the Pond. Was a forceful and dynamic personality, whom some could think humorless. Also one of the prime movers and shakers in the society. She was a co-founder of Gallifrey. She has held many different positions, procedurally and on the BoD. She was even less gracious in collecting dues than Elayne. Marty Cantor met Robbie at Worldcon '82, she came down here, and LASFS has never been the same . . . and neither has he. Considering her combative nature, they had a very amicable divorce. She's a wonderful person, and currently lives in England. She has also been Guest of Honor at LOSCON (on the condition that she stop trying to run the convention). (It didn't work.)

Christian: The first night he ever walked into LASFS, he walked in with a couple of friends, back in '84 or '85. There were two people arguing about the use of the Gestetner, Marty and Robbie. They still didn't scare him away. Robbie remains a friend of his, and has been there an incredible amount for quite a few people. She has kept at least two people he knows from committing suicide. She is a very generous and thoughtful person, with lots of shields around her core. Joan Stewart: Had the good fortune of speaking with her yesterday, she sends Christmas greetings.

Greg Bilan: It's not good to tell her she can't get you in a game. She does. CLJII tells that he once won the Evans-Frehafer Award, and when the committee was deciding who was to be the next recipient, she was not being considered because the other two people in the committee were afraid to be the one to call her up on stage. Charlie volunteered to bell the cat. The following year, after her name was called, she said, "You'll get yours, Jackson."

Christian: Elayne and Robbie both won the Evans-Frehafer Award. Robbie was the 1985 DUFF co-winner with Marty. She is an active fanzine fan, including a stint in APA-Tarot. She helped Marty on Corflu 9. Marty: We were at Aussiecon II in Melbourne, and they were having

problems. Robbie was there and got an award for helping save the con. Christian: Recalled the 1988 Nolacon. This was a disastrous Worldcon if you were a con runner, and a fantastic con for the attendees. Two weeks before the con, she found out she was second in command running a hotel for Ops. A week out, she finds out she's in charge of a hotel for Ops. Then she found herself in charge of both hotels. Then she was in charge of all of Ops. She then recruited 89 people to run Ops. She was given Three Cheers and a whole bunch of snow with maple syrup on it.

**Forry Ackerman:** Some of you don't know who he is. Look around. You're here, largely because of Forry. He was a founding member of fandom. He's an incredible man. CLJII: Forry won the Forry Award this year. It's been a tough year for him, but he's doing better than you'd expect under the circumstances. He's been a long-time force in the club, and his presence is still felt even when he doesn't come around any more. He was given three cheers and a huge collection of stuff.

**Time-Bound Announcements:** Now's the time when we announce annual dues. Yearly are \$70 and can be paid over time. Those wishing to pay have to decide and make their intentions known in the next couple of weeks. If you're going to be here 35 or more weeks, it's worth it.

**Miscellaneous:** Karl Lembke offered his thanks to Elayne Pelz and Mike Glycer for service on the BoD.

The meeting adjourned at 21:19:48.

*LASFS Board of Directors  
Meeting of November 12, 2002  
Karl Lembke, Chairman  
Mike Glycer, Secretary*

**Attendance:** (Board) Karl Lembke, Mike Glycer, Mike Thorsen, Bob Null, Michael Mason, Joe Zeff, Bill Ellem, Elayne Pelz. (Absent: Liz Mortensen and Ed Green on family matters and Cathy Beckstead.) (Proxy: Bob Null had Cathy Beckstead's proxy.) (Others) M. Cantor, B. Hales, A. Morell, J. Sperling, C.L. Jackson II, F. Hamit, G. Bilan, T. Tomomatsu, E. Hooper.

**Minutes:** The chair thanked Joe Zeff for taking minutes of the previous meeting. No one had brought a copy.

**New Members:** No new members.

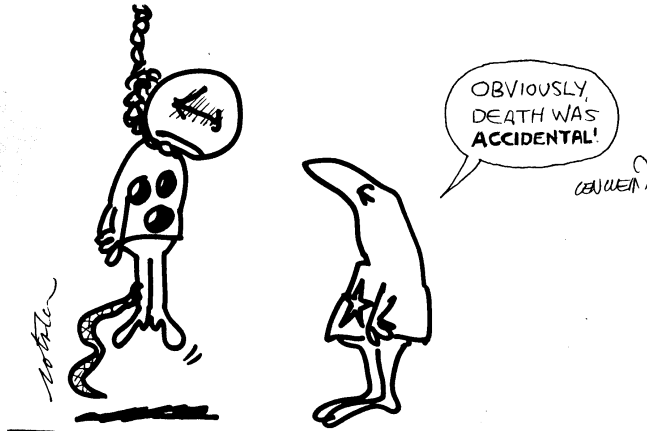
**Treasurer's Report:** No report. Michael Mason announced he had just paid lifetime dues.

**Facilities:** Karl Lembke had rattled Donahue's cage - he will have Andy come through and finish the rain gutters. Bob Null asked about installing them on the front building. Karl said he thought so, since even if the front building might get replaced, that

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will not be happening quickly.

Karl said Donohue mentioned consulting an architect - the current consultant is doing it in his copious spare time. We can get it cheap or get it fast.

**Furniture:** Bob Null priced the benches last month. Joe Zeff had checked out some furniture mentioned by Bill. Bill Ellem said there are two styles of benches, both \$36. He has a friend who's agreed to weld on chains. Then they need to set a bolt to attach the chains to. Ed Hooper asked about cushions. There were sneers about such an effete desire for comfort, mostly from folks who had their own cushions built-in. Karl observed it would take a gross of dollars to buy four benches. A motion was passed unopposed to buy four benches. Karl asked about indoor indoor furniture. Charlie Jackson 2 asked whether the Board was endorsing getting rid of broken-down secretary chairs in the front building with stuffing coming out and metal poking up from seats. (Well, since you put it that way, Charlie . . .) (*I thought those were crafted that way to drive those in the front building into the meeting hall. - ed.*) The Board did.

**Computers:** Bob Null had installed a couple of computers newly donated by Brett and Stacy. He inquired about updating the library computer with a CD burner, a quicker version which cost around \$70. It was moved, seconded, and passed to spend \$70 for a CD burner.

**Parking:** Karl Lembke referenced e-mails about getting the signs coated for easier cleaning off of graffiti. The discussion concluded that two handicap parking signs would be acquired and coated. The Board also discussed blue-striping the handicap parking space.

**Hall Decoration:** The meeting room was still decorated for Halloween.

**Marketing Committee:** Karl reported they are continuing to do things like sending press releases to local news outlets about LOSCON. Charlie Jackson 2 asked to receive copies of any press releases so he would be aware of what people are calling about when he picks up the LASFS answering machine messages. Karl said the releases were giving out other numbers.

**Publications:** Children's Recommended Reading List: Anne Morrell said the latest edition would be printed for LOSCON. Recommended Viewing List: Charlie Jackson 2 reported. Adult Recommended Reading List: Michael Mason was working on formatting.

**Copyright Registration Clinic:** Francis Hamit said he had taken it upon

himself to cancel the co-sponsorship of the National Writers Union, who hadn't responded with the help he requested. He still feels the workshop is something that we want to do. He wants to pick a date when he's not at risk of being snowed in at home. Looking at the calendar, Karl suggested a tentative date of March 29, 2003.

**Video Library:** Charles Lee Jackson II now has a new spreadsheet for keeping track of video materials. In December there will be an amnesty for missing items which there is no record of being checked out, then in January he'll decide whether to replace the missing items. Bill Ellem, seconded by Joe Zeff, moved a vote of thanks to Elayne Pelz for producing the spreadsheet. The vote passed by voice, unopposed, Elayne abstaining.

**LOSCON 29:** Tadao reported the con has 571 members. Room nights are creeping up. GoH arrangements are taken care of. The web site has been updated.

**LOSCON 30:** Michael Mason has selected various guests of honor: Saberhagen, Harvia, Chalker.

**LALACON:** Tadao is shooting for June 2003. His co-chair will be Ed Green.

**Closed Session:** Joe Zeff requested a closed session. Then we reopened.

**New Business:** Charlie Jackson 2 asked if LASFS wanted to send out a holiday greeting card this year to businesses the club uses and various friends of the club. Joe Zeff moved to appropriate \$75 for Charlie to issue a LASFS Holiday Card. Dingaling over squeak squeak. Charlie also suggested the LASFS answering machine needs replacing. The microphone records the squeal of the spindles as the tape turns. There was a discussion of why we didn't already use a digital one - had only found ones with 15 minutes of memory. Other alternatives were suggested. The directors voted to ponder the question for another month.

**Convention Delegates:** Michael Mason was duly appointed a delegate to SMOFCON in San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.

*LASFS Board of Directors  
Meeting of December 21, 2003  
Karl Lembke, Chairman  
Mike Glycer, Secretary*

**Attendance:** (Board) Karl Lembke, Mike Glycer, Bob Null, Michael Mason, Joe Zeff, Bill Ellem, Liz Mortensen, Ed Green, Cathy Beckstead. (Absent: Elayne Pelz and Michael Thorsen.) (Proxy: Joe Zeff had Michael Thorsen's proxy.) (Others) M. Cantor, C. McGuire, G. Bilan, T. Tomomatsu, F. Patten.

Chairman Karl Lembke called the meeting to order. He thanked the outgoing directors, Mike Glycer and Elayne Pelz. Joe Zeff asked that somebody send Elayne an appropriate note since she wasn't present.

**Minutes:** Glycer's minutes were distributed. Liz Mortensen noted that some of the business transacted at last month's meeting had also been passed three months ago. The Board deemed this to be a defect in the minutes which they approved as corrected.

**New Members:** Applications were received from Carla Rose Anastasio, Michelle Pincus, Kenneth Dodds and Kevin Dodds. Karl said the latter two applicants involved nepotism, because the root of the word refers to nephews. And they are his. Ed Green, seconded by Mike Glycer, moved to accept all applicants into membership. The motion passed by voice vote, unopposed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report is available from the treasurer.

**Facilities:** Bob Null reported on the installation of the rain gutters. He also observed that the back building bathroom needs work. Karl will coordinate with Donahue about that because a couple of new members have a father who is a handyman and might be able to do some of that work.

**Furniture:** Karl said benches have been purchased. Bob said they need to work on the anchoring. Liz said there is \$100.00 left of the amount appropriated for the benches.

**Cleanliness Is Next To Ed:** Ed Green discoursed on the unacceptable levels of mess and filth plaguing the clubhouse. He felt it was appropriate for him to lead the solution. As President he appoints the Lord High Janitor and the Committee to Gouge. He asked the Board for its endorsement of his purposes - getting the place in decent order - both as a body and as individual members who will be coming into contact with others who have an opinion about the effort. Ed said the Board-appointed Space Monitor and librarian needed to make some decisions to contribute to the cause. The APA-L room also needed work. Ed felt there wasn't a single area that didn't need to be looked at and worked on. It's a health and safety issue. Joe Zeff, seconded by Mike Glycer, moved to give Ed full authority to address the problem. Ed said he wanted to consult with the Board before taking any strong action, for example, shutting down the computer room. The motion passed by voice vote, unopposed.

**Parking:** Karl Lembke reported on progress in getting the signs coated for easier cleaning off of graffiti.

**Computers:** Bob said it was time to dispose of some of the computers that had been kept for LOSCON's Internet Lounge. They have been partly cannibalized.

**Hall Decoration:** Bill Ellem said at one time Donahue was discussing building storage in the back building. He asked whatever happened to that. Karl said he would ask.

Karl pointed out the plaque for Bruce Pelz, first Pillar of the LA SFS.

**Pins:** Liz Mortensen said the club pins have been purchased and are for sale.

**Gestetner:** Marty Cantor said the machine needed another fix; it's getting lines again.

**Publications:** Children's Recommended Reading List: No report.

**Adult Recommended Reading List:** Michael Mason said the new version is finished.

**Copyright Registration Clinic:** Karl reminded that it is on March 29, 2003.

**Library:** Michael Mason said the library is temporarily not accepting donations until it catches up.

**Archives:** Fred Patten explained a recurring problem of inaccurate historical lists in LOSCON publications despite his repeated efforts at correcting them. Marty Cantor suggested the club appoint a LASFS historian. The directors consulted the LOSCON archivist Tadao Tomomatsu, clarifying this was not a responsibility he was accountable for. They also discussed that due to the autonomy of LOSCON committees, it would not be appropriate for the Board to appoint a historian and declare him an automatic member of those committees. Ed Green, seconded by Joe Zeff, moved to create the Board-appointed position of LASFS Historian. Its responsibilities would include updating LASFS and LOSCON history, and keeping current the lists needed for LOSCON program books. In the discussion, Bill Ellem suggested organizing the archivists under the Historian. Ed Green disagreed, feeling that would create friction when the archivists are already doing their jobs wonderfully. Karl restated the final form of the motion. It would create the position of LASFS Historian, a Board appointee who would be responsible for the accuracy and availability of historical material. The motion was passed by voice vote, unopposed.

**Marketing Committee:** Arlene Satin distributed examples of LASFS documents created to market the club. She had guests packets prepared containing flyers, recommended reading lists, and other information sheets. The directors immediately fell to proofreading, until Mike Glycer complimented the committee for this impressive assortment of documents, and Ed Green said Arlene needs another vote of thanks.

**LASFS.org:** Joe Zeff drew attention to errors on the latest version of the Board e-mail bounce.

**LOSCON 29:** Tadao reported the con had 1300 warm bodies, over 1400 members. Everybody seems to have had a good time. They are working on the pass-on issues. Michael Mason moved to commend Tadao for a wonderful LOSCON.

**LALACON:** Tadao said Lalacon 9 will be called Lalacon's Eleven.

**LOSCON 30:** Michael Mason said they sold 257 memberships at the con. They filled a bunch of committee positions at the San Diego SMOFcon.

**LOSCONS OF THE FUTURE:** Christian McGuire said LOSCON 30 will be the last at the Burbank Hilton under the current contract. He had solicited 5-year contracts from hotels and presented three proposals to the Board, from the Sheraton (at LAX), the Burbank Hilton, and the Marriott (at LAX). There was extensive discussion of the rates offered, and of the implications of moving the con to the airport area, as well as the drawbacks and advantages of keeping it at the Hilton. In the end, the directors cast 8 votes to accept the Marriott contract and 1 vote to stay at the Burbank Hilton. Mike Thorsen's proxy abstained.

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Mike Glycer and seconded by Mike Thorsen's proxy.

**FANZINES**  
By Ted White

## LASFS CLEANUP, AUCTION & LIBRARY DONATIONS, AND THE APA-L ROOM

During the next few months the club is attempting to get itself in enough order so that the members do not have to continue to flatten themselves under a steamroller to get thin enough to be able to move through our buildings.

Therefore, as the Library has had to clog its aisles to move in books from the lounge, it is temporarily not able to accept donations at the present time. Please do not die and leave your books to the library until we are finished. If this conflicts with your present plans, please see the librarian about delayed donations.

The amount of material donated for auction is threatening to outnumber our members. Please, *please*, see Tadao before you bring in any more material for auction.

People are bringing paper into the APA-L room and doing printing. If you bring in your own paper for printing, please take it home with you after the printing is finished. This applies even if your printing job is large and requires several days to complete. Any paper found on the counter, in one of the printers, or any other place in the room, will be considered a donation to either APA-L or LASFS and will be cheerfully accepted as such. If you need to store paper in that room, do not just leave it there. See Marty Cantor and he will attempt to find a place for it. The days of Just Leaving Stuff in the APA-L Room are over and the attempt is now going to be made to keep that overcrowded small room neat enough so that there will be room for people to actually Do Things.

Fanzines are a basic part of science fiction fandom, having been in existence as long as fandom itself – the past 70 years. Fanzines are a reflection of many fans' interest in the printed word and amateur publishing. The publication you are reading this in is a fanzine, but a specialized one. A variety of other fanzines are also available – many of them by request – and this column will cover some of them each issue.

All fanzines are published as a hobby and lose money. Their editors appreciate money to defray their expenses and sometimes list single-copy or subscription prices, but they appreciate even more your written response – a Letter of Comment, or LoC. Feedback – better known in fandom as “egoboo” – is what fanzine publishing is all about.

Check out the fanzine below and broaden your participation in fandom.

*WASSAMATTA U.* (Randy Byers, editor & author, 1013 North 36th, Seattle WA 98103; e-mail to rbyers@u.washington.edu; available to promote Byers' TAFF candidacy – but send at least a dollar to cover the postage)

One of fandom's unique traditions (starting in 1953) is the Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund which exists “for the purpose of providing funds to bring well-known and popular fans familiar to those on both sides of the ocean across the Atlantic” to a major convention – the Worldcon, if possible. The TAFF alternates, bringing overseas fans to the U.S. and then sending U.S. fans abroad – usually to the U.K. The fan who is thus funded is one who has won an election and after he or she wins and takes the trip, the winner takes over the administration of the fund from the previous winner on the same side of the Atlantic. There is also the tradition (unfortunately honored as often as not in its breach) of writing and publishing a trip report. These are known as “TAFF Reports.”

Fans become well-known and popular and familiar to those on both sides of the ocean largely via written communications – fanzines and the Internet newsgroups and e-lists which have grown up over the past decade.

This year the candidates for the trip to the U.K. are three Americans and one Canadian, all of whom are known and liked and capable. They are Randy Byers, Colin Hinz, Mike Lowrey and Curt Phillips. I will be happy with whomever wins. But Full Disclosure requires me to admit that I am one of Randy Byers' nominators.

And Randy has done something I'd like to see all TAFF candidates do: He has published a collection of his own fan-writing, covering a full decade of work. *Wassamatta U.* is a 36-page fanzine, very simply but attractively designed by carl juarez (who is one of those guys who doesn't want his



name capitalized), containing 13 of Byers' pieces, plus an introductory "editorial."

"In the short term – such as it is – this collection is a promotional tool for my 2003 TAFF campaign," Byers states in that editorial. "I thought that voters might be interested in a sampling of my writing to help them make up their minds one way or another. ...There are a couple of con-reports here that should give you an idea of what my TAFF trip report would be like. I think you'll find my writing full of fantasy, good humor, and near-hallucinatory levels of bewilderment, but grounded in a terse, sweaty fear of love and death. Just the qualities one looks for (and finds) in a TAFF candidate, I'm sure you'll agree."

There's a lot of excellent writing in *Wassamatta U*. Byers tells strange tales of encounters with fans and ruminates on what "fannish" really means. He reviews a book (Gwyneth Jones' *North Wind*) and considers a proximate death. He wends words in personal but meaningful ways. *This* is what fanwriting is all about. If TAFF didn't exist this would still be one of the top fan publications of the year.

#### zines received in trade

(All zines are available to read and are in the *De Profundis* mailbox and can be taken out for a week)

**club zines:** SFSFS SHUTTLE #150 (SFSFS). FOSFAX #207 (FOSFA). ConNotations Vol.12, #5 (CASFS). BCSFAzine #356 (BCSFA). INSTANT MESSAGE #712, #713 (NESFA). EIN-BLATT!, JANUARY 2003 (MinnStf). PULSAR # 291 (PorSFis). DASFAx vOL. 34, #12 (DASFA). NASFA SHUTTLE Vol. 22, #12 (NASFA).

**other zines:**

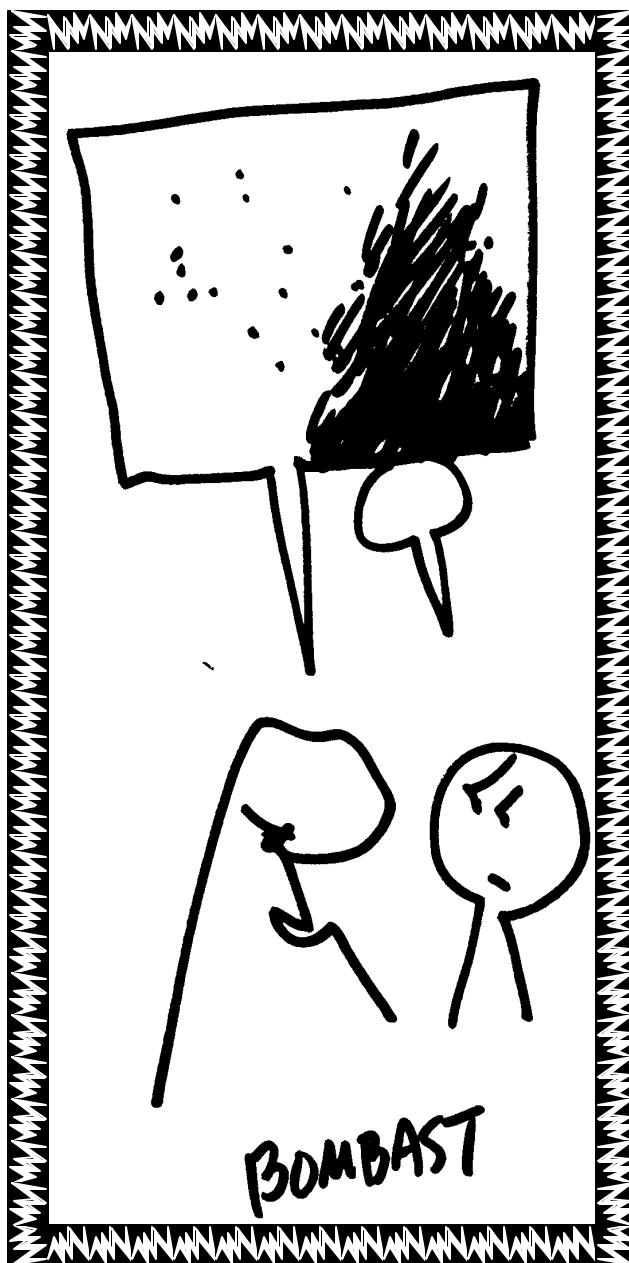
#### NEW BOOKS

(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. There is no current list of new additions.)

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#### Recent Additions to the Video Collection

(There were none listed for this month.)



#### ESTROGEN ZONE

Scrapbooking classes and workshops

*If you have scrapbooked before, please bring your supplies and come and sit and talk as the rest work on their projects.*

*Rebecca will be glad to help anybody who has not done this get started.*

*Questions? Call Rebecca at: (310) 710-3291*

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