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**KEY TO CALENDAR  
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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  
 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  
 TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am

ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm  
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm  
 FWEMS - I Love A Mystery

**THURSDAY  
PROGRAMME ITEMS**

**FEBRUARY 5** - No program designated at press time  
**FEBRUARY 12** - No program designated at press time  
**FEBRUARY 19** - No program designated at press time  
**FEBRUARY 26** - No program designated at press time

**NOTES**

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For anybody who lost or found something at LosCon 30, the Lost and Found list is now up on [http://home.earthlink.net/~kayshapero/L30\\_LF.htm](http://home.earthlink.net/~kayshapero/L30_LF.htm) . Some mighty strange things can be found therein...

## COLOPHON

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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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## LASFS OFFICERS

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## CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

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

*Meeting #3460, December 4, 2003*

*Ed Green, President*

*Karl Lemke, Scribe*

Meeting number 3460 came to order at 20:12:25

**Special Orders of Business:** Ruth Rigel has passed away, doing so just before Thanksgiving. And we have an unusual item: this month is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Playboy Magazine, and the magazine has popularized science fiction, and has published many well known genre authors. And Jerry Pournelle. "They publish fiction in Playboy?" – Ed Green. "It's all fiction." – Karl

Susan Gleason is in the hospital. Details are sketchy. It doesn't appear to be life threatening.

Scratch is home with a temperature of 101° plus.

**The Menace** from 3459 were read and approved as "Harry Red-dington".

Administrative note: Fannish committee and misc reports are likely to go by the wayside tonight. We may have some reviews, too. And we have a program, the virtual masquerade.

**The Registrar:** We have a guest, Bobby Eisenhart, who found us through Scratch.

**Tonight's Patron Saint: Marty Massoglia** please raise a hand. Ed said, "I'm not sure Ben should speak." He did anyway. "In his defense, he's raised an admirable son." "Will he ever come to LASFS?" asked Ed. Joe Zeff: Back when he started coming to the club, Marty had an automatic quarter bid for SF books, so they didn't go too cheaply. Doug Crepeau said that Marty created a tracking list and broke the codes of publishers.

CLJII: In addition to running a bookstore where you can find trashy old SF, he has excellent taste in LOSCONs. Matthew Tepper: He's one of those rare and valuable people who seems to have read every novel of consequence. Hare Hobbs, Before he had the store, if you

needed a book, he could usually find it and bring it in the next week. It was really important for Hare. Doug Crepeau says he may be part of the timeline that led to Schwarzenegger as Governor.

Liz Mortensen says that he taught her how to Waltz at a Regency dance. Tad: Marty's most recent act of sainthood was speaking on LASFS history panel. It was a cool panel. At the very end, it turned into a panel about LASFS' future, and Marty had provocative ideas for outreach. Ed Green wrapped up by saying, over the years we've known each other, we've disagreed on small items, but at no time has he ever thought Marty was not speaking from his heart and for the best of the community. Thank you for years of service, for the books you brought, and for the money. Marty Massoglia was given three cheers, and a box of books.

**The Committee to Gouge:** is dealing with staff problems.

**Old Business:** Nominations for President  
Nominees are:  
George Van Wagner Karl Lembke  
Matthew Tepper Sandy Cohen  
David Gerrold

Nominations were closed, and will re-open next week.

**Time Bound Announcements** Kay Shapiro: Anyone knowing where the Lost and Found box is, please tell her. Also missing, a Yu-Gi-Oh deck in a blue box, and another object.

Our member announced Linda's social worker has agreed to take the cats for a couple of weeks, but they still need homes.

Ed Announced: Convert your memberships. Please clean up after yourselves.

**Committee Reports:** Library has a new assistant librarian. Beth O'Brien has volunteered to come in once a month.

Loscon: The meeting was turned over to Michael Mason, who thanked all the committee members, including Christian who's about to walk out the door. Thanks were given to Arlene for programming, to Ed and Liz for advice, encouragement and support. Numbers were 1177 warm bodies, down a bit but still acceptable, with 52 who didn't appear. Last year was 1400, which was anomalously high. People came for the weekend this year, and nearly 1000 badges were picked up Friday.

Ed thanked Michael for the work he did helping him on next year's con. Thanks to a crew for helping with the room parties; thanks to Liz for helping on the news zine, and there are issues available. Michael is printing out all the e-mail received this year, to put in the archives. CLJII mentioned one thing we tried was running a trivia contest. It seemed to be well received. Hare liked getting his badge Wednesday night. Joe Zeff: as head of volunteers, apologizes for not having the imported spiffs ready. Thanks to all who helped straighten out the confusion. Tad had a good news/bad news comment. Scott Beckstead played kick-ass music Saturn night. Bad news

was – disappointed at not seeing new faces following a con.

Sandy Cohen was pleased to see a larger than usual number of younger fans, including second- and third-generation fans. We need to conduct a new blood drive along with the Red Cross drive. Also, Disappointed at not seeing new faces in programming, most of the people in the green room are repeat guests. Maybe we first need to look for new faces and programs.

Innovations tried the first time included kaffeeklatches, and using some of the outdoor space. We tried the talk show, to mixed reactions. Frank Waller noticed, it's the same dealers every year. Rick Foss asked, if the new dealer's room was going to be the same size. He was told it'll be larger. Rick noted many who worked well under stress: the people keeping the party floor clear were polite even when confronted with the grouchy. Tad enjoyed the chocolate on Saturday, and Cleopatra of the Nile.

The art show went very smoothly. Sales were down a bit, and we had one artist who was a no-show. There were a couple of problems with the program book, and stuff fell through the cracks. The History of LASFS and LOSCON document had to be thrown together. Ed has already been in touch with Fred Patten so he can proofread the history.

Bill Ellern thanked Liz for the massive typing job on the names of costumes and costumers for the last issue of the News Zine. Some 140 hall costume ribbons were handed out. Ed Hooper added: Sales were down at art show because Joyce wasn't there. Larry Niven asked if we were aware the kaffeeklatches were being run without coffee. CLJII had a reality correction: Stuff deferred was deferred until later, not "next week".

The meeting adjourned at 21:22:51.

*Meeting #3461, December 11, 2003  
Ed Green, Mike Thorsen, presiding  
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

Meeting number 3461 came to order at 20:13:10.

**The Menace** from 3460 were read and approved as "deferred until next week".

**The Registrar:** was too busy passing out bribes to introduce any guests.

**Tonight's Patron Saint:** Tonight's is **Fred Patten**, who is hiding in the APA-L room. CLJII: There was a time when Fred would sell you comic books you couldn't read at prices you can't afford. Now he's selling books you can read at prices you can't afford. Kris Bauer stated, it's not a Furry party until Fred falls asleep at it. Larry Niven told how Fred once let him stay at his house long enough to read "Darker than You Think". Sandy Cohen: He was one of those very helpful in bringing in new fen. Phil Castora: He's a good man and true like most at LASFS (except for the women, of course). He's, in his own quiet way, an active member. He doesn't do lots of silly

## 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*

things. I don't know how he got in, he must have lied about something.

Alice Massoglia: Anyone ever doing business at a con knows that a booth or table will attract more people if there are people already there. Fred spent a lot of time at tables looking at stuff, acting as bait. CLJII: Remember that among Fred's contributions, he's served on the BOD and was the chair of a Loscon. Marty Cantor: Fred's also been an occasional contributor to APA-L. Only on the occasion of it being published, that is. (*In all 2017 weekly issues as of this typing. – ed.*) Phil Castora: When Fred does anything, he does it right, and he does it thoroughly. Len Moffatt: He was on a panel Fred moderated. The panel made Fred moderator because he joined later, but he knows more about early history than almost anyone else. Fred Patten was given an Amazing Three Cheers, and a commutation of his sentence as one of the 13 nastiest bastards in fandom.

**Appointed Committee Reports:** Scheduled weekends for next year are in the works, including a Roger Korman summer. We'll also have a special tribute to Mysterious Island. Also, don't forget, there's a black box that rings on occasion. Feel free to respond to this noise.

(At this point, the Menace were hijacked by Ed Green) There was a discussion on how to pronounce the name of the club. Len Moffatt offered, "LAS FASS"! Ed Green offered "Those Bastards!" Ed Hooper claimed it was Los Foss. It became unspeakable from there...

Yet another important note, if the deadbolt is open and propping the door open, close it. Its not good for the door...

(At this point, Ed the usurper was ousted from the golden keyboard and returned to his spider hole in the desert.)

**Time Bound Announcements:** Fred has the new issue of a furry fanzine, and it's not Yarf!

**Old Business:** Election of officers

President  
George Van Wagner Karl Lembke  
Matthew Tepper Sandy Cohen  
David Gerrod

Vice President  
Mike Thorsen was railroaded in...

Scribe  
Karl Lembke Matthew Tepper Phil Castora  
Joe Zeff

Registrar on the (cyan's fiction ballot)  
Ben Massoglia, Michelle Pincus, Robert Keller  
Ben Massoglia, Patrick Beckstead  
Ben Massoglia, Ed Green

And we have winners winners!

**Committee Reports:** Chaz has 1400 photos taken over Loscon by the official photo dept.

The meeting adjourned at 21:39:31.

*Meeting #3462, December 18, 2003*  
*Ed Green, presiding*  
*Karl Lembke, Scribe*

Meeting number 3462 came to order at 20:12:51.

**Special Orders of Business:** were announced, as we do this week every time. This week marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of heavier than air powered flight by a human being, and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of something ceasing to be science fiction. It was the wright man at the wright time with the wright idea. "If god had meant for man to fly, he wouldn't have invented airport security." – Zeff. Three cheers for the Wright Bros and their magical flying machine.

**The Menace** from meeting number 3461 were read and approved as "Green Gets a Life."

**The Registrar:** We have one guest: Dino Andretti, who found us through some means or other.

**Tonight's Patron Saint:** is **Steve McGinty**, one of those Ed doesn't know anything about... CLJII stated that he was a quiet sort who gave us money. He had a slight limp. Phil Castora notes, all the vague memories he has of the fellow were pleasant. Three Cheers for Steve McGinty.

While next week is a standard meeting, it's also Christmas day. Shall we auction off the parking spots tonight?

**Committee to Gouge:** The committee chair was still at least nominally contagious, so the fill-in crew auctioned off the parking spots.

**Time-Bound Announcements:** Francis Hamit announced that

Leigh gets back tonight.

Ed Green will not be here next week to say anything. Thanks to all for allowing him to be President for so many years. And thanks to all for their patience with him. Jerry Pournelle moved that the club give a vote of thanks to its retiring President. Joe Zeff objected that Mr. Green has never been what anyone would call "retiring".

Other Time Bound Announcements: Clean Up After Your Selves! Committee may impose severe consequences for not cleaning up. Please clean up front computer room if you work in it.

This is the last week to see Elayne Pelz to convert your memberships.

Volunteers are still needed in the library.

**Reviews:** Hare Hobbs reviewed "Escape from Katmandu" This is a collection of 4 shorts, first – about freeing a yeti and returning it to the wild. third: about the bureaucracy in that area and the insanity involved in getting anything done. Very interesting stories...

Jason: Read a good book, Ilium by Dan Simmons, author of Hype-iron. This is a good exercise in re-inventing historical tales. Ilium is a really interesting exercise in looking at how AI robots would respond to a humankind they don't remember anymore.

#### Fannish Committee Reports

Joe Zeff: When he arrived, he was given a letter delivered to him as part of LOSCON committee. It was postmarked with the Cat in the Hat.

**Miscellaneous:** Matthew Tepper notes that "Return of the King" will play at the Museum of Tolerance, 1/7. Director Peter Jackson and some cast members are expected to be there. Well, scratch the director, now Sean Astin is expected to be there.

Jerry Pournelle: Burt Rhutan's ship is a very interesting concept. There's no way you can get from what they're doing to an orbital vehicle. The company he financed makes a composite rocket. Stuff a rocket shell with liquid oxygen. The concept sounds better than it works. It's interesting that we're getting more private financing of space craft. We may yet have a private space program.

Hare Hobbs had something: Dodge is talking about going to completely composite cold-assembly frames for their SUV vehicles. Better mileage, same strength, insurance will decrease because of no welding needed. The pioneers for getting the tech into mass production scale have been mountain bike developers.

Jerry Pournelle reports that the illumination on earth has been falling for the past 100 years. This is known as global dimming.

Phil Castora notes Jerry reported on a talk at AAAS in which a new ice age had been predicted for some time this millennium. Jerry noted, They come fast, you know.

The meeting adjourned at 21:39:31.

*Meeting #3463, November 25, 2003*

*Phil Castora, presiding  
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

Meeting number 3463 came to order at 20:10:31

**Special Orders of Business:** Are being deferred on account of the feast day.

**The Menace** were read and approved as "Flap, flap."

**The Registrar:** announced that we have no guests.

**Tonight's Patron Saints:** First of the evening is **Robbie Bourget** Joe Zeff: Was the treasurer for the LASFS for a long time, and has come out to help run several LOSCONs. She helps run Gallifrey, and is chairing the next one. Nola Frame Gray declared her an excellent game master. (mistress??) Marty Cantor was married to her for 15 years. She's one of those very competent people who does very good things, but she has very strong opinions. He got her a T-shirt with the motto, "She Who Must Be Obeyed," to account for his Rumpoled appearance. She has rescued several conventions from inept concoms.

Ed Hooper: Robbie Bourget is responsible for his being on concoms, since she drafted him into helping on Gallifrey. Greg Bilan: When you play a game with Robbie, never dare her to do anything. And she's a very intimidating treasurer. Phil Castora: As treasurer, didn't like having people spend money frivolously. CLJII: In not wanting people to spend money, she followed in the fine tradition of Elayne Pelz, but Charlie would do an end-run around her by getting a club vote to spend money on a given project. This left her with nothing to say about the issue. She once conspired with Elayne to commit assault and battery against a citizen of the US.

Mike Thorsen recalls, she took to bidding in \$20 increments from treasurer's desk, to the point

#### **Lafa**

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Lafa Filksing -

Saturday, February 21, 2004

Dinner break (hosted burrito bar) at 6 PM

7 PM (pure filking)

House of the Prancing Skiltaire

Hosts: Mark Merlino & Rod O'Riley

13412 Gilbert, Garden Grove, CA

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714/539-6547

DINNER: Do-it-yourself burritos, ingredients provided: 6 pm at the filksite

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

#### NOTES:

1. Very little crash space available; call ahead to see if it's possible.
2. Allergy note: There are no longer feline lifeforms living in the household. They're in Colorado.
3. Bring all of your usual filk stuff.
4. NO SMOKING indoors PLEASE!! (except users of smoke-filter ashtrays)

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

where we named a bid after her. Unfortunately, its name didn't change when hers did. Scratch: with her memory for faces and amounts owed, you couldn't sneak past her at the desk. Hare: She's a person about whom many things will go down in fannish mythology. While Elayne had to go around with a cash register to collect dues, Robbie could fix people with her cold glare and get the same result.

Matthew Tepper had a story from Worldcon: Matthew had arrived in town to get the lay of the land. He was looking around the convention center. Asking for directions to the escalator, she pointed out one that way, and another the other way. Once both her arms were outstretched, he asked her, "And when do we land?" "No landing," she replied, "you'll feel my boot against your butt real soon." And she gave us money. She was given three cheers, and a TARDIS.

**Elayne Pelz:** Joe Zeff noted that she was the club's treasurer for a long time. Hare Hobbs recalled, "she would stand in front of you with the cash box, and you knew she wanted dues." Phil Castora: These days, we often have food left over. It used to be, any food at parties was gone in half an hour. When Elayne and Bruce gave a party, their food was delicious. And she also gave us money. Elayne Pelz was given three cheers, and some money we're not allowed to spend.

**Forry Ackerman**, who picked the 53<sup>rd</sup> week of the year so he wouldn't get cheered quite so often, got three quarters of a cheer. "Hip, hip, hoo?"

**Committee to Gouge:** was nestled, all snug in their beds, while visions of LASFS bids danced in their heads.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Phil Castora: While walking down the street, he saw a license plate frame with the lettering upside down. It said, "If you can read this, turn me over."

Greg Bilan was watching one of those old movies that foresaw doom coming our way: "Demolition Man". At one point, someone in the film is talking with some surprise about the Arnold Schwarzenegger Presidential Library.

CLJII wants to vote for Wintergreen for president. (Let's see, that's Ed's brother?)

**Miscellaneous:** Matthew Tepper: As he's been mentioning, he's been listening to Jack Benny radio shows. It's a wonderful experience to listen to them, especially at the rate of at least four per day. He's amazed at the consistency, the high quality of the humor, and the running gags that span long periods of time. Yesterday, since his place of business let him escape early, he made a pilgrimage to the address of 1002 North Roxbury, the home of Jack Benny for many years.

The meeting adjourned at 20:50:41. And there was much rejoicing.

*LASFS Board of Directors  
Meeting of December 14, 2003  
Karl Lembke, Chairman  
Joe Zeff, Secretary*

**Directors:** Karl Lembke, Mike Thorsen, Bill Ellern, Brett Achom, Marty Cantor, Liz Mortensen, Ed Green, Bob Null, Joe Zeff, Cathy Beckstead, Michael Mason.

**Others:** Joyce Sperling, Tadao Tomomatsu, Anne Morrel, Greg Bilan, Arlene Satin, George Van Wagner, Ed Hooper, Sherry Benoun, Stacy Hallman.

Chairman Karl Lembke called the meeting to order at 11:09:52 a.m. Liz and Ed were late, being stuck in traffic. After a minor, but substantive correction by Marty Cantor and a similar spelling correction, they were approved as corrected.

**BUILDING REMODELING:** Nothing has been heard lately. The back building has a very small leak in the roof, much better than earlier. The gutter on the back of the building needs cleaning and re-attaching; nothing difficult, but it needs doing. Arlene has gotten a quote from her friend and emailed it to Mr. Null. This includes a shopping list.

**FURNITURE:** The pile by the APA -L room is back. Bob will be removing everything except chairs, either putting it back where it belongs or getting rid of it completely.

There was less mess left over from LOSCON this year, because we'd had a smaller truck to bring things back than usual, so we couldn't bring back anything that hadn't been on the truck going out.

**CLEANUP COMMITTEE:** Not here yet, so no report.

**PARKING:** We can get the space vacuumed any time we want, preferably just before it gets painted. As it's getting to be rainy season, we need to watch the weather as well.

We also need to make sure our neighbor understands the parking agreement to avoid difficulties.

**COMPUTERS:** We now have four 40Gig drives that can be installed on the gaming computers in the front room. It may be easiest simply to install them as a second drive, rather than copying everything across. The young gamers are still interested in remodeling, but haven't managed to get to a board meeting to offer their proposal.

**HALL DECORATION:** Our hall is decorated.

**PLAQUES:** The Forry Award plaque was engraved on time. Cathy copied the winner's name from his website to make sure it was spelled correctly. The plaque for Procedural Officers has not been updated since 1999. Marty assured her that the details for all administrations since he took over in 2000 are in the De Prof archives.

**GESTETNER:** The machine needs to be run at very low speed to avoid registration and tearing problems, and the counting mechanism isn't accurate. Alas, he's unable to deal with it because of personal problems. Bob has to work around his chemo -therapy, and the service isn't willing to adjust to his schedule. They won't pre-arrange a time, insist on his being at home for several days waiting for a call,

and tell him at the last minute that they'll be here on the one day he's already told them he can't be here. As Mr. Zeff is available at home, it was voted to give him a key for this purpose.

**VIDEO PROJECTOR:** Currently working fine. The SciFi projector needs servicing, but this is already getting done.

**MARKETING COMMITTEE:** There should be a meeting this Wednesday, to plan the yearly calendar. They're planning more targeted announcements to newspapers, getting specific advertisements placed for events.

**LITERATURE LISTS:** The new edition of the Children's List is ready. The lasfs.org webmaster now has the ability to create .pdf files and will do so. The Adult's List is also ready, and will be copied when the Gestetner is ready. Brett Achorn has a listing of anime that he'd like added.

**OUTREACH:** Nothing to report.

**LIBRARY:** Still waiting for the new program. Roughly, \$400 was bought at LOSCON.

**FUTURE BUSINESS:** Ed Green brought up the possibility of moving some of our storage off-site, to make more room for things we regularly need. This will be discussed at a later meeting, to avoid interfering with people's holiday plans.

**ARCHIVES:** More materiel has been received. Michael Mason is planning to move all email he received as LOSCON chairman to a CD with Ed Hooper's assistance, as a permanent record.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Liz now being here, we have a traditional report: we have money and can't spend it.

**NEW MEMBERS:** There is an application, but it isn't here.

**LOSCON 31:** There were two parties at LOSCON 30. There was also a table among the fan tables. Over 200 memberships were sold, slightly light, but nothing to worry about.

The chairman also has plans for parties at other conventions during the year. Roughly, 20 Dealer's Room contracts were sold. Ed Hooper wanted it minuted that the reason that the Art Show was 30% off was that his fiancé wasn't there to spend his money. Ed Green wants it known that he has a specific look and format for publications and would appreciate having marketing and outreach coordinating this with him.

**LOSCON 30:** 1130 warm bodies, with the total membership about fifty more. Over 1000 badges were picked up by 6 p.m. Friday, meaning that people were there for the whole weekend. All went well, and Mr. Mason thanked his committee and staff for their time and efforts. Alas, the Official History of the LASFS wasn't sent to Fred Patten, the LASFS Historian for proofreading. This will be taken care of in time for LOSCON 31.

**CLUB LIAISON:** We have a new one, the new procedural President, George Van Wagner.

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL:** There was a bylaws change planned for this month, but it wasn't announced correctly, and will

be proposed next month. There are plans for a small version of Staples Center here in the valley for next year, Bob told us. It's planned to be near here and the Red Line.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Although we've warned people repeatedly, there's a big new stain in the computer room that's been there for almost a month. It was decided to provide a major incentive for the most likely suspects to clean it up by letting them know that the room will be closed until they clean it up to the Board's satisfaction. The sink in the front restroom and the hot water for the kitchen faucet need repair. The treasurer finally made us accept that we need to call a plumber. After a question by Tadao, it was moved that all future LaLaCon presentations will be made only when the permanent floating chairman is present to answer questions. This was seconded and passed without dissent.

**CONVENTION DELEGATES:** Ed Green was appointed (rather early) as a delegate to LOSCON 31.

**MISC:** Mike Thorsen has examined Joan Steward's Hoover, decided that it would need to be completely disassembled and reassembled to repair it. He has discarded it, and will be getting a new one this week.

The Meeting was adjourned at 1:13:28 PM.

## LETTER OF COMMENT

**Tom Locke** <tl Locke.DELPHI@delphicorp.com>

My favorite "Ruth the Trekkie" story took place at the 1971 WesterCon in Oakland. Upon hearing that Ruth Berman was upset over hearing references to "Ruth the Trekkie" and thinking it was a reference to her, Ruth Rigel had herself introduced to Ms. Berman and then said "Hi, I'm Ruth the Trekkie!"

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:** INSTANT MES-SAGE #730 (NESFA). EIN-BLATT! January 2004 (MinnStf). SOUTHERN FANDOM CONFEDERATION BULLETIN, Vol. 8 No. 4 (SFC). DASFAx, Vol. 35 No. 12 (DASFA). FUTURE TIMES, Vol. 6 No. 12. (ASFS). **other zines:** NICE DISTINCTIONS 4 (Arthur D. Hlavaty).

## NEW BOOKS

(This is a section devoted to listing new books and other items received by the LASFS Library. Our extensive library is

MAGIC  
The Gathering  
\*\*\*\*\*

Tournaments  
held at LASFS  
First Friday  
every month  
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not just for collecting and looking at that wonderful collection of books on shelves. Members may take them out and read them. The Librarian has not provided a current list.)

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