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Legend of Inscrutable Abbreviations

BoD - Board of Directors
 CFO - Cartoon Fantasy Organization
 Cinema Anime - Japanimation
 Estrogen Zone - Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 FWEMS - Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 Time Meddlers - Dr. Who Club
 TRIPE - Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment
 TSPC - Tom Safer Presents Cartoons - 10 am
 Work Party - Varies with what needs doing

CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Estrogen Zone - 2 pm
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
 Time Meddlers - 10:30 am
 TRIPE - Noon until whenever

Calendar Details

Asian Cult Cinema - None this month
 BoD - 11 am, gaming starts at 2 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1 pm until it ends

Thursday Program Items

March 1 - First Vote on Raising Dues
 March 8 - Second Vote on Raising Dues
 March 15 - Nothing Scheduled
 March 22 - Nothing Scheduled
 March 29 - Nothing Scheduled
 April 19 - A Really, Really Big Auction

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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Proposed Change In Dues Structure

A motion has been submitted to change the standing rules to reflect a new dues structure. In order to be passed, the motion must receive a majority vote at both the meetings of March 1 and March 8. If this motion passes, the new structure will take effect July 1. The new structure would be as follows,

\$3 per week
\$10 per month
\$110 per year
\$1200 per lifetime

Loscon 35

At the regular meeting of February 15, the Club voted to accept the bid submitted by Cathy Beckstead and Joyce Hooper to co-chair Loscon 35. The theme for this Loscon will be "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Loscon." If you don't already know that Loscons are held over the Thanksgiving weekend, you really haven't been paying attention.

Next LAFA Filksing

Saturday, March 10, 7 pm
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CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(Copies of the complete minutes are filed in the archives)

*LASFS Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, January 14th 2007
Karl Lembke, Presiding
George Van Wagner, Scribe*

Attending Board Members: Karl Lembke (Chairman), Tadao Tomomatsu, Bill Ellern, Ed Green, Bob Null, George Van Wagner (Secretary), Elayne Pelz, Brett Achorn (Comptroller), Liz Mortensen (procedural treasurer), Mike Thorsen (Vice-Chair), Cathy Beckstead.

Absent: none.

Others Attending: Milt Stevens, Greg Barrett, Vanessa Van Wagner, Fred Lazzelle, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, Marcia Minsky, Phil Castora, Marty Cantor, Tamar Gandy, Ed Hooper, Joe Zeff, Joyce Sperling, Arlene Satiin, Joan Steward, Christian McGuire, Michael Pell, Kim (if anyone has Kim's last name, the secretary would be overjoyed to include it), Greg Bilan, John DeChancie,

The meeting was called to order at 11:20

Minutes: There was a call for reading of the minutes, as some directors had been unable to open the distributed electronic version. The December minutes were read and approved as submitted

Board Officer Elections: It was moved that the entire current slate of officers be nominated for re-election. Due to the fact that the current vice-chair had not yet arrived, the motion was amended to table the nominations for the office of vice-chair until after he shows up. The amended motion passed by acclamation, and the existing slate was then railroaded back into office. At this point the vice-chair arrived and the nomination and election moved forward like grease through a goose.

New Members: Lexie Miles of North Hollywood had filled out an application and her membership was approved pending the payment of her application fee. Her membership was approved on this basis.

Treasurer's Report: As always, January was the annual major budget review. The treasurer presented new, stripped-down budget projections that get us on the positive side of the balance sheet by approximately \$400, at the cost of substantial reductions in categories like the libraries, marketing and outreach programs, printing expenses, and emergency reserves. After some discussion, the budget was amended to add

\$100 budget for the short story readings and \$100 for marketing expenses. At this point it was moved to approve the budget as amended and revisit it in March. This motion was approved. It was then moved to forward to the club for consideration a motion for a change in the Society's standing rules to increase the dues to \$3/week, \$10/month, \$120/year, and \$1200/lifetime effective 7/1/07. There was discussion of whether we should retain a discount for the yearly dues. The motion was amended so that the yearly dues would be \$110. It was pointed out that we have been telling club members that this would be on the agenda for March, so to allow any people who have been expecting that schedule, the president agreed to defer discussion and initial voting on the rule change until the first week of March. The president so assented. The question was called and the motion was passed as amended. A motion was made to officially direct the president to schedule discussion and voting on the rule change in March. This motion also passed.

Facilities: It was moved to delay discussion of re-keying to building until March, when we could budget it.

It was brought up that the eastern neighbor has been making legal noises about the signage he feels has been blocking his building. The club's real estate lawyer, after considering the situation, has upheld the board's decision to not allow them to use our sign pole and to refer them to the billboard company regarding the placement of that particular sign and post.

The concern was raised that having members using the clubhouse as an occasional crash space might cause friction with the neighbors and this concern was taken under advisement.

The apparently abandoned car in front of the club was brought up and it was mentioned that several people have been in touch with the parking enforcement/abandoned car division of L.A. City. It was mentioned that a recent news story said that there was at least 7000 cars behind on towing reported abandoned cars.

There was a repair to the air-conditioning unit in the front building, and to avoid future service fees and ensure priority service in future, we have arranged for a maintenance contract on both HVAC systems. This will provide twice-yearly maintenance and save some money in case of needed repairs.

Gestetner: There have been some issues with the "Start" button on the unit and a repair call is pending.

Furniture: Some of the metal frame chairs are expiring from fannish usage. Donations of new chairs would be much appreciated.

A/V Equipment: Someone has defaced the large pulldown video projection screen by rubbing a smiley-face into it. Since the cost to replace the entire screen is relatively high, several board members are looking into repair possibilities. It was suggested that we talk to the various groups who use the projection screen about this and to emphasize that if this happens again, the LASFS will have to reconsider its policy of allowing general use of the A/V equipment.

Marketing: We have received archive copies for the radio interview from Worldcon and the newspaper articles on Loscon. We are still working on obtaining appropriate permissions to display or link to these articles on the Society's website.

Website: The forums have been getting less spam, but could still use more use by actual members.

Library: Inventory proceeds.

The Time Meddlers of L.A. have asked if we could store their video, audio, and book libraries for them. After some consideration, it was moved to direct the librarian to regretfully refuse the offer, as we do not currently have sufficient space in the library for all of our own collection. The motion passed unanimously.

Loscon 33: Waiting on final accounting.

Loscon 34: Proceeding according to plan.

Loscon 35: Presentations from prospective chairs will be reviewed at the February meeting, and those that meet the requirements will be passed along to the general membership to be voted on.

Gift Exchange: Generally it was a success with over 50 participants and lovely gifts. A certain amount of fun was had by almost all. It was moved that the board officially thank all of those who worked on the gift exchange and the motion passed by acclamation and applause.

Miscellaneous: As a result of an occurrence at the gift exchange in December, there was some concern about copyrighted material being distributed without appropriate permissions or licensing. The president has, as a result of this, stipulated that the showing of copyrighted material without appropriate permission or license will be banned at procedural meetings. It was suggested that the board should review our policy on the showing of all copyrighted material on our facilities. There was substantial discussion of these issues, with no firm conclusions reached. This discussion will be resumed at a future board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 13:47

Meeting # 3621, January 4, 2007
Christian McGuire, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe

To the strains of Jerry Pournelle humming some tune that sounded vaguely like "Hail to the Chief", President Christian called meeting number 3621 to order at 20:12:51, give or take.

Menace: Read and accepted as "Gimme my minutes back."

We opened with a reading from the By-Laws.

We have two saints tonight:

Dan Alderson: Scratch: I would consider him one of the sanest mad scientists in the world. **Joe Zeff:** 20 years after Dan passed, if we talk about Dan without a last name, it's still understood to be Alderson. It was well known that if you found him at his desk at 8 am, it was because he hadn't gone home yet. **Phil Castora:** Dan could have gotten a programming job anywhere else for more money, but he wanted to be part of the space program. He was responsible for the program TRAM, which is still in use. He was also responsible for the ephemeris program for rockets going past the Jovian and Saturnian satellites. He was the world's nicest guy. He almost killed Phil and himself one time. He was always putting himself down. Once, in the car, mentioned having a self denigration contest as a program. "I'd lose, of course". Phil barely maintained control of the car. **Karen Anderson:** Pretty sure Dan's the one who dreamed he'd fixed a problem with a planetary probe. When he went to work the next day, it had been fixed. Also, if someone came into a room, and sitting in the last chair, if someone came into the room, he'd yield the chair and stand. **Jerry Pournelle:** He also appeared in Lucifer's Hammer as a character. Professionally, he's best known for the low thrust trajectory program. It's been rewritten from FORTRAN into other languages. In fiction, known for the Alderson drive. Three Cheers!!! and a hearty weep wail!

Joe Zeff: Michelle Pincus: Finished ahead of him in the Hell-5 society last year. I guess the saintly part is that he hasn't killed her yet. **Hare:** He was the one who took care of Dan while he was at his sickest. **Scratch:** He is a man of many talents, and has functioned at front table twice, in one capacity or another. He has a gentle, slow, but cutting wit. **Ed Green:** He's a novelist - yearly participant in the NANO WRI MO program. **MaryAnn:** He told her about LASFS. Three Cheers!!! and lots of stuff.

A virtual Liz announced dues were due and payable. Also, open for yearly and lifetime dues.

Because we don't have a real Liz, we skip the treasurer's report.

Registrar: The registrar introduced Rachel Reilich (Pickles). Brought by her friend Ben. Rachel is interested in Everything, and is a writer.

Committee to Gouge: We have a small pile, which has to go away. And it did.

Christian had an announcement: During the official meeting and program on days you're expected to pay money, no showing of copyright material without permission of the copyright holder.

Reviews

George Van Wagner reviewed The Amulet of Samarkhan, by Stroud. Bart is a djinn summoned to get revenge against a magician. It's fantasy / alt hist. Very well written. Bartamaus is a sarcastic djinn. Structure of this universe is interesting. Magicians' power comes from their ability to summon and bind spirits. Book I can stand alone. Book II is The Golem's Eye.

CLJII: Two serials: Big superman sale, WB brought out both Superman serials. Produced by taking video masters and burning to DVD. Credits are back. Atom Man vs Superman is quite good. Lyle Talbot does very well as Lex Luthor, very close to what's portrayed in comix.

Michelle announced another guest. Lynn Nguyen. Fan name is Riceball. She was brought in by Chaz. She's new to SF, so unsure of interests.

Motion to Adjourn took place at 211132.

Meeting # 3622, January 11, 2007
Christian McGuire, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Christian called meeting number 3622 to order at 20:13:49.

There was another reading from the By-Laws. Members turn out to be classified. Since we don't have security clearances, we can't see the members of the club.

Special Orders of Business: Robert Anton Wilson has died. "Clearly an illuminati plot" - D. Crepeau
He will be buried on a grassy knoll.

Menace: Read and accepted as "The emperor is a cheap ..."

Ed is the virtual treasurer tonight. Yearly dues are \$70. Lifetime dues are \$700.

Patron Saint Bruce Pelz.

Karen Anderson noted that when Bruce was a student in Florida, he found he was claustrophobic, and took up spelunking to cure himself.

Presumably, it worked.

Ed Green: Bruce was a driving force in every element of fandom and in every element of his life. There's not enough time in the day to say all that needs to be said about him. Len Moffatt: Bruce was a lot of fun to work with, whatever project you happened to be doing, he knew what he was doing, and if someone didn't know, they soon learned.

One reason we miss him and love him is that when he got into fandom, he really got into it, and learned about stuff that happened long before he was around. Bruce had a sweet tooth, and liked sweet wines. In his memory, Len brought a box of baklava.

Sandy Cohen: The term Renaissance Man is much overused. Bruce was one for real. Bruce was exceptional because, not only did he do things well, he got others to do them along with him.

Christian: Late in life, he became a dealer. He got to know people's tastes, and got to be very good at recommending books people would enjoy. Bruce Pelz was awarded three cheers and money for the LASFS.

There was no Old business

There was no New business

Registrar:Michelle announced we have a guest. Scott Anderson, sitting on the couch back there. He is your hotel liaison for the Los Vegas Westercon. He works as a service technician and hotel consultant.

Committee to Gouge: Auctioned off a bunch of stuff

Programming: Still looking for more members of the cracked brain trust. In upcoming weeks, we'll have lectures on post Einstein physics, a what have you been reading round table, and Brigitt Lantry will talk about Cassini-Huygens. Input and assist, please!

Reviews: George Van Wagner reviewed The Golem's Eye. In the first book we were introduced to the 4th level djinn, and magician John Mandrake. We have a trip to Prague, a nasty golem, treachery, much of London being trashed, the British museum torn apart, and much fun had by all. He's buying the series. These books are highly recommended.

Hare saw the fourth Tremors movie. It's not really a movie, it's more of a mini series. This one is the second best of the series, as they took it back to the early 1800s where it's a western and they could work with a lot more material. It has the same quirky sense of humor.

Michelle Pincus saw Children of Man. It's very entertaining while you're in the theater. It's a guy flick. AS SF, it's "Huh?" They could have gone in twelve directions. they went in zero.

Karen Anderson observes Children of Man is taken from a novel by PD James. I guess she managed to take most of it back.

John DeChancie: Children of Man is Very different from the movie. The movie is visually well done, but the plot sucks.

Doug Crepeau: Read "The White Plague" if you want a similar story.

CLJII: Saw TV movie, The Cold Equations. Took a two character story that worked well as a half-hour episode. They added more characters, more stuff, made an interesting 90-minute movie. If you ahven;'t read the story, the movie's OK. It'll be available in the video collection.

Christian: In our library, We have everything Kage Baker has written. They're highly recommended.

Motion to Adjourn took place at 21:07:40.

*Meeting # 3623, January 18, 2007
Christian McGuire, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

President Christian called meeting number 3623 to order at 20:08:31, 32, 33, 34, and on to 42.

We had a special special order of business, the damage to the movie screen was noted.

There was another reading from the By-Laws. We're still in article 2. However, tonight, we deal with attendance classes. There were two types of members, those who have class, and those who don't. Those with class tend not to show up.

Menace: Read and accepted as "Bitch, bitch, bitch, bitch, bitch"

No treasurer's report, because the treasurer's still recovering from a business trip.

Patron Saint Jeff Siegel: It was noted that Jeff Siegel is still alive. From the hagiography: Jeff is a retired USAF major who became a Lutheran minister. He's a lifelong friend of Alex Pournelle and LASFS member since age 11.
Fun Fannish Fact: Jeff is the only LASFS graduate of the Air Force Academy. (Philip Pournelle is Navy) Vanessa Van Wagner, keeper of the hagiography, was applauded. He's contributed to the club on many levels. He was given three cheers and wings of eagles.

There was no Old business

There was New business. It's sort of new. We have a motion to change standing rules to reflect a new dues structure.
Starting July 1, Dues will be \$3/week
\$10 / month
\$110 / year
\$1200 lifetime

The vote will be scheduled on March 1 and March 8.

Committee Reports

Marcia Minsky notes Susan is still not here. Loscon 34 will be 11-23 to 25. From now until 2/28, memberships are \$30. From 31- until 7-31, \$35. 10-1 to 31, \$40. \$45 at the door.

Program: We'll be screening video lectures, including "The Joy of Mathematical Thought." Enigmacon at UCLA, Enigmacon.org is the website. They're dedicated to SF and to fooling the Nazis with a super-duper code.

Third Thursday of February, Loscon 35 bids that have made it through the BOD will be presented to the club for a vote.

Tadao notes Sunday is Time Meddlers. They'll be showing stuff and introducing the new Dr Who. They will not be showing the new Dr Who episodes, since that would involve piracy, and we don't support piracy, even though it prevents global warming.

CLJII: This week, only announcement is "Watch This Space". There's been a perturbation in the Cosmic Awl.

Registrar: Michelle Pincus announced a guest: Melissa, Heidi's niece. She's a student and a massage therapist. Welcome, and keep coming back!

Time Bound Announcements:

Christian: Friday the 26 - Sunday the 28th of January, Anime L.A. will take place at the Van Nuys AirTel. Info on the flyer table.

Doug Crepeau: let's check meeting number

Tadao: Kris Bauer is moving. Needs help this weekend. Please call at cell number to coordinate.

Fred Patten notes Saturday is CF/O meeting 1-8. There's a gallery showing at Echo Park, showing the work of female animators. Pehr's Art Gallery near Echo Park. Starts at 6:00 Saturday.

CLJII - Yesterday's Daily News had an article featuring Bill Warren and Bronson Cavern.

Fannish Committee Reports:

Ed Green: CBS News . com website has a blog. One item is a piece on how evil the Fox network is for having a show where LA gets hit by a nuke. It must be part of a right-wing plot.

CLJII notes there are faux Klingons in the White House. On the Daily Show, John Stewart got a recognized expert - Leonard Nimoy. John had call waiting interrupt, and it was George Takai disagree with Leonard. Michael Dorn was silent.

Joe Zeff: In quest for new work, subscribes to job notification websites. Filter set to send jobs for tech support and computers. One job was for Sr. Phlebotomy Technician. Better than a job with a sharp stick...

Reviews:

Christian: For Your Consideration. If you like movies of Christopher Guest, you'll like this movie. He recommends it.

Heidi Nichols: Jim Butcher – Illara series. Third book, Caldera's Fury, is wonderful. It's worth having slogged through the first two of the series. Also, Sunday Night, is the start of a series based on the Dresden Files, also by Butcher. It's not quite the book, but it's not bad. Go support it, since it's better than what's on network TV.

Hare: The shared universe anthology of the Honor Harrington universe has nice stories in it. The only character in the latest story is the Treecats. They're more on the ball than we'd thought.

Doug Crepeau: Phil Foglio's girl genius comic strip has gone into high gear. Go to girlgenius.com and see it. Other of his work is now online for free.

Miscellaneous:

QST magazine. FCC has abolished the Morse Code requirement for getting a ham radio license.

Christian: Next, they'll stop sending telegrams.

Jerry Pournelle: They don't send them. Stop.

Scratch: His mother went to the hospital last week. She's still there, on dialysis from failed kidneys. Tonight, she has a 103 degree fever. She's not sounding good.

Jerry Pournelle: If you've heard of this silly contest in Sacramento, drinking water– 7-Up and Coca Cola work well for hydrating, Gatorade is better. That's what you give people who are low on electrolytes.

Christian: If you know you're going to be doing something that might dehydrate you, hydrate

yourself the day before.

CLJII: As the LASFS video curator, has new acquisitions. 1 Million Years BC, Fright Night, The Rocketeer, The Howling.

Karen Anderson, the Science Monitor: Most have read work by Jeffrey Landis. He has committed a poem, found on Astropoetica.com.

Motion to Adjourn took place at 21:02:44.

Meeting # 3624, January 25, 2007
Vice Presidents Joan Steward, Marcia Minsky –
Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Vice President Joan, having won the rock, paper, scissors contest, called meeting number 3624 to order at 20:09. The other vice presidents were accounted for, some unfavorably.

Special Orders of Business: Phil Castora was carried off by ambulance, after he reported feeling decidedly out of sorts. Our crack team of people with phones called 911, and paramedics arrived. He has been taken off to Providence St. Joseph's to see what there is that can be fixed. Phil Castora was given a moment of good wishes and general worry about.

Menace: Read and accepted as "Scarlet".

Registrar: announced that John DeChancie brought his brother Gene. As far as interests go, he's listless.

Treasurer's Report: Liz Mortenson announced that last week we had a number of members, and collected a total of \$153 in dues and \$6 in donations. There were no bills going out.

Patron Saint: We have two of them, Rick Sneary and Gail Selinger.

Rick Sneary: Len Moffatt wishes Rick were here to speak in his own defense. His intro to fandom was in the 40s. This was back when SF was still in pulp magazines. In those days, you had letter columns, and that's one reason why fandom got started. Rick's letters were unusual because of the spelling.

Some thought the weird spellings were deliberate, but the real reason was that he was sick all his life, and was tutored at home. He learned a lot of history and math, but not spelling. One of his most famous misspellings was in a letter to Shangri L'Affaires. He was writing about the club as a hole, but the "w" fell off in transit. One of his inventions was snick snack day, after a misreading of shickshack day in the dictionary. It would be May 30, celebrated by drinking beer. He put on a Worldcon in 1958. The South Gate in 58 bid was originated by Rex Ward, but Rick Sneary was the most noted fan associated with it. He declined to be chair, opting to be treasurer instead. He was a very good treasurer. He was a great asset to the club. The money he gave for his sainthood was willed to the LASFS after his death. Rick Sneary was given three cheers, and a dictionary.

Gail Selinger: Scratch has known her for years. She has a life, and doesn't show up at the club that often. She is a pirate-ologist. Marty Cantor: She came here from New York where she was a teacher. She wrote a book on pirates The History Channel had a series of pieces about pirates, and she was featured on at least one segment. Gail Sellinger was given three cheers and the jolly roger!

The Registrar introduced David Rivers, aka Dar. He was brought here by Mike Donahue. His interests are gaming, literature, and writing. He's also a specialist of some sort.

Karen Anderson: Attending vs non-attending member – you don't lose your membership if you go away for years.

There was New business. However, we later passed a motion to forget the whole thing. So we don't remember it. Whatever it was.

The Committee to Gouge has Bells Palsy and three parking spots to auction off. Unfortunately, there were no bidders for the Bells Palsy.

Committee Reports:

Karen Anderson the Science Monitor rose to refresh our memories about Omicron Ceti III. Omicron Ceti is a double star. Myra Ceti has been studied again. There is a ring of dust around Myra Ceti, and it may

condense into planets RSN

Marcia Minsky showed off the fan table display for Loscon 34. David produced it, and tried to make it as sturdy as possible. Buy your memberships to Loscon early, buy them often. Make checks out to Loscon 34. The display will make its convention debut at Anime L.A.

Charlie Jackson II reported, this Sunday is FWEMS. This month, we'll have the scheduled program – Salute to George Chesboro. George Van Wagner notes he has more listings at IMDB as flunkie of one sort or another than almost anyone else he's seen. It starts at 2 PM.

Time Bound Announcements:

Tues, 2/27, short story readings return to the LASFS. A couple of Nebula stories will be read. One of the readers will be Laura Brodean Freas.

Reviews:

George Van Wagner reviewed John Varley's book Red Lightning. A continuation of Red Thunder's story line. Very like mid Heinlein juveniles. (main character is a mad scientist named Jubal). It's set on Mars. There's revolution, invasion, a tsunami wiping out the east coast of America. It's very well done, it's shorter than most of Varley's books, and it's an enjoyable read.

Karen Anderson reviewed the book Children of Men. Text implies it was an Act of God that caused the sterility. It ends with two people deemed unfit to reproduce producing the first children

Bill Ellern requested a review of the British magazine SFX. It appears that in December, there was a TV movie called the Hogfather, Terry Pratchett's story. Did anyone see it?

Gizmo reviewed Further Confusion furry convention in San Jose, main Guest of Honor was Jerry Pournelle. He described it as like being in a live cartoon.

Motion to Adjourn took place at 21:11:32.



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