



# DE PROFUNDIS 432



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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 - None This Month  
 Time Meddlers - Dr. Who Club  
 TRIPE - Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment  
 TSPC - Tom Safer Presents Cartoons - 10 am

CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm  
 Estrogen Zone - 2 pm  
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm  
 Meets at IHOP, Manchester and Sepulveda  
 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

January 1 - TBA  
 January 8 - TBA  
 January 15 - TBA  
 January 22 - TBA  
 January 29 - TBA

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## COLOPHON

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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, Milt Stevens, can be reached at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings or at his edress: [miltstevens@earthlink.net](mailto:miltstevens@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.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. Interjections in square brackets [ ] are solely the responsibility of the editor.

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### LASFS OFFICERS

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#### Elected Procedural Officers

**President:** Mike Thorsen. **Vice-President:** Maryann Canfield - Rob Powell (tag team). **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

#### Honorary Officers

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

### Board of Directors

**Chairman:** Karl Lembke (2009). **Vice-Chairman:** Merlin R. "Bob" Null (2009), **Comptroller:** **Secretary:** Darnell Coleman (2011). **Other members:** Christian McGuire (2011), Marsha Minsky (2009), Elayne Pelz (2011), Rob Powell (2011), Arlene Satin (2010), Milt Stevens, (2010), Mike Thorsen (2010), Tadao Tomomatsu (2009).

**Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

### Official Committees

**De Profundis Editor:** Milt Stevens. **Speaker to Gestetner:** Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Vanessa Van Wagner. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Darnell Coleman. **LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison:** Marty Cantor. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** C.B. McGuire, Elayne Pelz \*\* **Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi** (take a deep breath here): Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curators:** Doc Reames, Alison Stern. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key Control:** Bob Null. Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire, **Special Photographic Collection:** Mike Donahue. **Webmaster** - <<http://lasfsinc.info>>: Barry Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Ministry of Silly Gavels:** Bob Null. \*\* **Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel, Editor; Greg Barrett, Facilitator. **Computers & LASFS Archives:** Bob Null. **Charity Coordinator:** Liz Mortensen. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **North Hollywood Arts District Liaison:** George Van Wagner. **Hagiography & Ecclesiastical Affairs:** Vanessa Van Wagner. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire Program: Charles Lee Jackson II, Readings: Vanessa Van Wagner.

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## De Prof to be Discontinued?

This is being considered for cost reasons. Currently, the paper version of De Prof costs the club approximately \$100 a month. About 150 copies are printed, and around 100 of them have to be mailed. We have been trying to convince you to receive De Prof by email, but obviously some of you haven't gone along with the idea. The electronic version of De Prof costs the club nothing. However, the website has the calendar and the minutes, so there isn't much point to the electronic version if the paper version is discontinued. This matter will be decided at the January meeting of the Board of Directors as part of the consideration of the 2009 budget. If a bunch of you were to register with the Treasurer for the email edition of De Prof, it would help the cost situation. In any case, if you don't receive any further copies of De Prof, you should be able to guess why.

## Board of Directors Elections

The following individuals have been elected to the Board of Directors for the three year term 2009 to 2011.

Darnell Coleman  
Christian McGuire  
Elayne Pelz  
Rob (Gizmo) Powell

## Next LAFA Filksing

Saturday, January 20, 2009, 7 pm  
Hosts: Sandy and Gerry Tyra  
43306 Hampton St. Lancaster, CA 93536  
(661) 943-3660

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## Forry Ackerman Memorial

Saturday, January 24, 2009  
1 pm  
at the LASFS Clubhouse

[This date and time will be changed only if there is a conflict with any other memorial for Forry.]

## Procedural Officers January - June 2009

President - Mike Thorsen

Vice President - Maryann Canfield - Rob Powell

Scribe - Karl Lembke

Treasurer - Elayne Pelz  
(Elected in mid-year only)

Registrar - Michele Pincus

## New at the Library

*The Rhinoceros Who Quoted Nietzsche* by Peter S. Beagle

*White Sands, Red Menace* by Ellen Klages

*The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman and Dave McKean

*Bat-Manga!: The Secret History of Batman in Japan*

*In the Face of Death* (Count Saint-Germain series) by Chelsea Quinn Yarbro

*You're Not Fooling Anyone When You Take Your Laptop to a Coffee Shop: Scalzi on Writing*

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## CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

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

***LASFS Board of Directors  
Sunday, November 9, 2008  
Karl Lembke, Presiding  
Darnell Coleman, Secretary***

**Attending Board Members:** Karl Lembke (Chairman), Bob Null (Vice Chairman), Darnell Coleman (Secretary), Elayne Pelz (Treasurer), Christian McGuire, Marcia Minsky, Tadao Tomomatsu, Arlene Satin, Milt Stevens, Mike Thorsen.

**Excused Absence:** Bill Ellern

**Others Attending:** Sherri Benoun, Sherri Tony Benoun, Joe Zeff, Michael Pell, Heidi Nichols, Gregg Bilan, Marty Cantor, and two others.

Board meeting called to order at 11:10am

**Minutes:** approved as corrected.

**New Member:** Bob Mutascio was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer:** \$89,000 in bank

**Vice Chairman:** Continuing updating the past members list, the computers are working. Rob Powell can confirm this.

An interesting topic came up. The question was Forry Ackerman an original member or a charter member? Tadao Tomomatsu said that Forry was a charter member. Milt Stevens said that all members who joined LASFS before 1937 were considered charter members. There was a statement about whether any other charter members were still alive.

**Secretary:** Attendancelist was made for this meeting. Thanked the Board for helping him with the minutes in email.

**Library:** No report.

**Physical Plant:** No Report

**AV Equipment:** The Amplifier is not working and is being repaired, the connector cables weren't connected to the video equipment so the AV Board member is looking for the person or persons who is disconnecting the video equipment wires and not reconnecting them again.

**Quartermaster:** -Reworked the key light to replace it with a LED light, The Quartermaster is discontinuing Pepsi said because only one was sold in two months. Quartermaster turned in financial report.

**Publication:** Regarding the website, Matthew Tepper is not going to run for secretary for the first term in 2009. There was no preference between the short and long menu. Turned in Webmasters report.

The Bylaws call for the Minutes to be sent to De Profundis. The website will be included in the By-Laws revision.

**Events:** No report on La La Con.

**Lascon35:** 600 room nights. Membership-702.

**Loscon36:** moving right along.

**Westercon 2009:** moving along nicely.

**Pasadena 2010:** moving right along.

**Fund Raising and Recruitment:** Sample copy of Donation of Art was passed out for review. Arlene Satin wants the DOA adopted.

**Marketing:** Arlene Satin said that the last children's book reading will be on December 8th. The book **Nightmare** will be read. The reading program will be done every other month next year, but in the summer the program will be done every month. The Marketing group is looking for more things to do so the Board is requested to come up with ideas.

Tadao Tomomatsu asked if the 75th Anniversary an event? Arline said it was an event. Marketing will make a list of places where the 75th Anniversary can take place. The Yearbook is being worked on. We are moving along. Christian McGuire will report on the 75th Anniversary next board meeting.

**Club President:** We have selected a Forry Award winner, Josh Wheedon.

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## Agenda Items

**By-Laws Committee:** Bylaw recommendation were passed out. Look on notebook for discussion. Elayne passed out three sets of pages:

**The Standing Rules of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Inc.** These have not changed. The rules were renumbered. This alteration was unanimously approved.

**The Standing Rules of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Inc.** Only change is the Pillar of the LASFS. Other changes of the way some paragraphs are written are shown in red and they will be corrected when the Rules are approved. Referred to the Board for review.

Michael Pell asked if the Parliamentarian gets a copy of the rules. Elayne said they will be provided.

Joe Zeff asked when the membership would vote for the By-laws. Elayne replied after they are approved by the Board.

**The Bylaws of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society Inc.** due to the large amount of information it was agreed by the Board that this will be taken home and looked at for the month before any motions to approve are done.

The copier choice and copier contracts were brought to the Board by Arlene. There was a pass out from Ameritech that was given. The bid from Ameritech is brought to the Board for the copier. Arlene wanted to know when the copier will be bought. We need an answer. The Chairman said that we need a better machine than the Gestetner we need to buy a faster machine. Marty Canter the bid for the color copier is too expensive. Milt Stevens-We don't need a color copier we can still use black and white. We will probably not going to replace the Gestetner till it breaks. Arlene-we can't wait till the Gestetner falls apart. Christian McGuire-We can take our time if the Gestetner breaks we only put on one con a year also we can go to an outside service like Kinkos. We dint do three Cons so we don't need to hurry. Cost benefit analysis needs to looked up concerning outside venders. Mike Thorsen-What is the cover price that we charge for DE PROFUNDIS. Marty replied that the club asks for a donation for those who use the copier for non club business, the rate chart is inside the printing room. Marty offered the club to use his copier for color prints for a competitive fee. Darnell Coleman -What about time to get the copies done by outside place like Kinkos, wouldn't there be a delay due to laziness.

3D Creative Force wants to use the clubhouse. Tadao vouched for them for two Tuesdays a month. Rob Powell will be the club liaison to the group. They are an open group. They are looking for people. They are looking for a place but they are looking at different facilities. They are 3D viewing and promotion group. Robert Powell will be the liaison to the group. 3D Creative Force is approved to use the Clubhouse for on a temporary basis reevaluate on February.

The vote-9 approved 1 abstained.

Arlene brought up about Fridays. Have the club open for two times a month than four times a month because there are hardly any people in the clubhouse. The club is losing money and the cost of running the facilities for a group that has low membership turn out is not worth the money. Arlene focused on the Friday night meeting but Elayne expanded this to other groups. Tripe, Estrogen Zone, FWEMS,

Elayne made the motion that the LASFS be open only 2 Fridays a month, and that FWEMS, TRIPE and Estrogen Zone be limited to 6 sessions per year. Christian McGuire said that this motion will save Mike Thorsen's life by giving him chances to stay at home more this was said in a joking manner but it had truth in it. Mike Thorsen did not comment. Darnell asked could if we try this for three months, this was lost in discussion.

Motion called for  
vote -9 yes 1 no, motion passed.

Tom Safer Cartoon time is not included in the motion.

Mike Thorson- We may need to solicit donations for second Sunday food or we could go pot luck.

Bob Null wants to Board to consider buying a new DVD and VCR for the club.

Arlene asked would an A/B switch do? Michael Pells said that a combo DVD/VCR machine costs \$220 at Frye's. The request does not need the Board's approval; if the AV department has a budget then they can get the item. Mike Thorson-Combo VCR and DVD. Video channel on the video amplifier need to be changed.

Christian will tell the club about the changes about meeting changes on Thursday.

Art Donation Form and the By-laws both will be reviewed by each Board member. Please reply within two weeks.

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Motion to adjourn the meeting by Christian McGuire it was seconded, the meeting was adjourned at. 1:00pm.

### **MEETING #3717, November 6, 2008**

**Mike Thorsen, President**  
**Matthew B. Tepper, Scribe**

It was early November, and time for elections. Fortunately, this is LASFS, where elections are usually much friendlier than, shall we say, those of certain other entities. At 2021 by the Scribe's reckoning, and "8:00 fannish standard time" by the President's, Michael Thorsen brought down the hammer to begin the craziness. Under Special Orders of Business, CL noted the death of writer/director/tall guy Michael Crichton, "the fellow who invented an island of Cretaceous dinosaurs and called it 'Jurassic Park.'" We observed a brief moment of silence. Fred Patten and Marty Cantor noted the death of the British SF writer Barrington J. Bayley, who wrote for New Worlds but was good anyway.

Menace of the previous week's meeting were read, slightly tampered with past the expiration date, and finally approved as "Wish you were here." Joe Zeff made so many gunpowder references that he wanted to back up the date to the previous one ... that is, 5th November. Penny for the Guy! Penny for the Guy!

We had no New Business. What about Old Business? Several people wondered. They would receive their answer all too soon, and possibly live to regret it.

Registrar Michelle Pincus had welcomed and collected green cards from two guests. The first, "Haji," who had heard about us from Doug Crepeau, averred an interest in all areas of fantasy. Bob Rivard, referred to us by Ed and Karen Garcia, said he likes comics, pulps, history, and fan history. By day he's a Senior Vice President of consumer care for financial services, so he has a fairly close connection to actual fantasy.

Our Patron Saint this time was Woody Dodge. Mr. Thorsen said he didn't know Woody very well, as he didn't show up very often. The Scribe pointed to the front row and said, "But he was just here a few weeks ago, and he was sitting right there!" Woody is a fine fellow, a veteran, who knows everything there is to know about automobiles, appeared in a Subaru commercial (not withstanding his name), and helped the Scribe with his Subarus in the past. Dr. Jerry Pournelle said "he was a pretty good motorcycle repairman, too." We gave Patron Saint Woody Dodge three rousing cheers, "and a Subaru."

An auction followed and moved much stuff, but more

importantly the membership got to see the spectacle of Cathy Beckstead dancing the hula. (While wearing spectacles and casual clothes, that is.)

CL then introduced the nominations for Board elections, and explained the procedure. Carl Lembke then reported that the Board members are now individually taking ownership of specific projects and tasks. These include the Library, facilities, event planning, quartermaster, fundraising recruitment, publications, and audio/video.

After various delays (including the Scribe playing Allan Sherman's classic "Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh"), we finally got on with it. Christian Bainbridge McGuire nominated Elayne Pelz, saying she makes things run, and her record speaks for itself. Elayne said she takes care of the physical plant and gets the termites exterminated. Cathy Beckstead then nominated Christian, saying he's thoughtful, and a great addition to the board. Christian responded that he has taken responsibility of a sector. Don Wenner nominated Darnell Coleman, "who knows what can be done and what can't be done." Darnell said that he is Board Secretary and has further plans, and is an advocate of people working together. Christian then nominated Rob "Gizmo" Powell, saying he has been taking on responsibilities and learning them, as well as improving the computer room. Rob said he brings his technical expertise and has been doing updates to the computers, doing things that need to be done. (Also, he has a pickup truck.) Maahtin Young nominated Michelle "because she works very hard, and is thoughtful, creative, and enthusiastic." Michelle says she will work very hard, is already on two committees, and wants the opportunity to work with everyone and make this great club greater. (Also her boss is a member, and so her job won't interfere with her duties.) That concluded the nominations.

Reviews: None were evident.

Miscellaneous: Joe Zeff said that somebody on NaNoWriMo claimed to have reached a word count of 150,000 words after only four days, which does not seem likely. Albert Sheean said MIT scientists have tricked viruses into making two-thirds of a battery and they are working on the third portion ("they" meaning the scientists). Furthermore, scientists at Montana State have discovered a fungus that produces diesel fuel. Lastly, the Universities of York and Strathclyde are working on a spaceship shield. Gizmo said the trailer for the Christmas "Doctor Who" episode is findable online. CL had a jolly tale, the punchline of which was that the janitorial staff for his school's classroom reset the clocks in the wrong direction. Mike Thorsen said that oddly enough, our atomic clocks did exactly the same thing. Don Wenner said that today was the anniversary of the

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day the Shenandoah surrendered, the last Confederate command to have done so, in 1865. Dr. Pournelle said the lawsuits went on for forty years. Hare said that he mail-ordered a copy of *The Shenandoah Spy*, whereupon Francis recognized Hare's mother's name and personally inscribed it to our green-clad friend. CL said he was under the impression that "Barack O'Bama" was an Irish name. Your humble Scribe replied, "You ever hear of the Black Irish?" The punchline to all of this is the news that the President-elect had ancestors in Moneygall, a town in County Offaly, located somewhere between Dublin and Limerick.

And with that, everything that could be sod had been sod, so we adjourned, at 2128.

**MEETING #3718, November 13, 2008**  
**Mike Thorsen, President**  
**Matthew B. Tepper, Scribe**

It was 2016, and LASFS President Michael Thorsen suggested that the gathered members "drift toward something that looks like it's meant to accommodate your posteriors." After thus advancing to the front, he banged the hammer of the Mighty Thorsen and called the assembled masses to order.

Christian Bainbridge McGuire was then recognized (a real no-brainer); he reported that the LASFS Board of Directors has decided to cut upkeep costs by limiting Friday night gaming to the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, and that Estrogen Zone, TRIPE and FWEMS would be reduced to six meetings per year. C/FO and Time Meddlers are being urged to donate monies for utilities; the Meddlers have already responded. Whiskey said he will talk to the C/FO people.

Suddenly, Tadao N. Tomomatsu waved for attention and said that the toilet in this building had just now fallen over and was unusable. Several people were curious to see what had happened, but Christian wanted to assess \$5 from each looky-loo.

Menace of the previous week's fiasco were read out loud without incident, and finally got approved as "There's no fuel like a mold fuel."

The first of our Patron Saints this evening was Milt Stevens. Charles Lee Jackson, the Second said that "Milton was once part of a LASFS subgroup called *The Epitome of Evil, Ltd.*" Christian added that Milt had chaired L.A. 2000, an event keyed to the 2,000th LASFS meeting, out of which then evolved *Loscon*; and he also co-chaired L.A.con II. Arlene Satin said: "He is a pleasure to have a conversation with, and is a nice guy." Joe Zeff added: "Milt is quite a fanzine fan, and because of this,

he has by far the largest mailbox on his block because of all the fanzines he gets." Hare said Milt had co-chaired the first Space Development Conference; it was boggling to see so many fans wearing suits and ties. (Presumably also trousers?) Jerry Pournelle pointed out that he was there for the name recognition, but Milt was the actual chairman of the Space Development Conference. "Thank you Milt, you sure saved my butt." Qarl Lembqø averred that Milt predicted that the only way he would ever become known to the rest of fandom was through his fan writing. He may have been wrong about that, but Qarl thinks that's a good thing. Karen Anderson pointed out that Milt was on the *Enterprise* ... the one on the Coral Sea. And Maryann Canfield reminded us of one of Milt's most evident roles at LASFS, editor of *De Profundis*. We awarded Patron Saint Milt Stevens three cheers "and single-stage to orbit," or "459 DS – petty theft in a donut shop."

Our other Patron Saint was John Trimble. Hare called him the man behind Bjo, a quiet supportive presence and a hard worker for charities of all kinds. Milt said John had been editor of *Shangri L'Affaires* during one of its best periods (the late '50s and early '60s), chaired several Westercons, and had been Director of LASFS a few times. Jerry Pournelle added: "He sold rope." That being the case, we celebrated Patron Saint John Trimble with three cheers "and a freckle-counting machine for those long winter nights."

Registrar Michelle Pincus reported that we had no guests, but member Patrick Bradley had returned to us, after having gone missing since 1984.

As there was no New Business (yay!), we moved right on to Old Business, mainly, regular Elections for four seats on the Board of Directors, each with a full term of three years. CL explained the procedure, and when we ascertained that all candidates were still running, the election continued.

The first ballot returned Elayne Pelz. Second, Christian McGuire. Third, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, and fourth, Darnell Coleman. When all ballots had been counted and double-checked, the winners were declared. Thanks were due to Brett Achorn, Kimberlee Brown, CL, and Tadao for their efforts in counting ballots.

Faanish Committee Reports: Joe Zeff was bemused to have seen somebody calling the NaNoWriMo site "an underground dating site for book nerds." "Don't ask, I have no idea," he observed. Hare was amazed to have seen no fewer than five people reading books from the *Twilight* series on his way here today. Don Wenner had enjoyed watching an episode of a 1960s adventure series, in which the captain of the *Enterprise* takes on board a father-and-daughter team of Shakespearian

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actors. But no, this wasn't "The Conscience of the King" from the original "Star Trek," but an episode of "Riverboat" with Darrin McGavin and a very young Burt Reynolds, called "Trunk Full of Dreams," and it's not nearly as grim. Doug Crepeau said that the Space Shuttle Endeavour is on the launch pad, and its payload includes a second toilet for the International Space Station. Timon noted that actor Simon Pegg from "Shawn of the Dead" will be playing Scotty in the upcoming "Star Trek" movie featuring young actors playing the original series crew members.

Karen Anderson had Moment of Science, Astronomical Division: Two different teams have recently imaged extrasolar planets, and not merely deduced their existence from their gravitational effects on their respective primaries. The Hubble Space Telescope observed a planet, circling Fomalhaut, which is estimated as having no more than three times the mass of Jupiter, moving around its star in an 872-year-long orbit. Also, astronomers using the Gemini North telescope and the W.M. Keck Observatory have photographed three planets of HR 8799 in Pegasus, seven to ten times the mass of Jupiter.

And after all had been said and done, we were done – so why not just say so? Scratch moved to run away screaming into the night, so we screamed adjourned, at 2118.

**MEETING #3719, November 20, 2008**  
**Mike Thorsen, President**  
**Matthew B. Tepper, Scribe**

Before the meeting, CL showed a trailer for the upcoming "Star Trek" movie, the one with new young actors playing the characters from the original series. Your humble Scribe noted, "Winona Ryder plays Spock's mother, and she steals every scene she's in." There was also some talk about the coupon for a free Dr. Pepper on their website on Sunday the 23rd, as their server has crashed already. Qarl Lembqe said, "I'll bet they also crash at 10, 2, and 4."

And so it was that at "five minutes after eight standard time," or 2015 by the Scribe's tick-tock, President Michael Thorsen called the assembled gang to "what passes for order around here." CL noted the passing of film and television composer Irving Gertz, who wrote the scores for lots of Universal and Fox science fiction and monster movies. He also wrote for various Irwin Allen projects, and sometimes the music was the best thing about them. June Moffatt got up to announce that today was Len's 85th birthday, "and the donuts you've been scarfing up are in his honor."

Menace of the previous week's meeting were read, out loud, in American English, after which they were hammered on a flat rock, covered with anodized aluminum, and finally approved as "having three times the mass of Jupiter."

We Had No Old Business, an occurrence which met with the usual lackluster cheers. "However," quoth President Thorsen, "we appear to have some new." The crowd's reaction was the predictable "Aww!" The said motion would have established filing fees for would-be candidates for the elected Procedural offices: President \$10, Vice President \$8, Registrar \$5, Scribe \$5 (or \$3 "if candidate can spell own name correctly"), and Treasurer \$2,000 ("Source of funds not questioned for incumbent"). The signatories, however, were mostly fanciful fictitious names, each with the same middle initial, suggesting that the influence of the late Jay Ward has not been forgotten. The disgustipated audience demanded the motion be summarily thrown out for various reasons involving silliness. A motion to table the author, Charles Lee Jackson, the Second, was proposed and passed, but not enforced.

**Timebound Announcements:** George Van Wagner stated that a recent issue of LA City Beat has an article by Richard Foss about science fiction and the City of Los Angeles; not only that, but Rick also has a story in this month's Analog. Maahtin Young exclaimed, "Wooooooo!" in celebration. Tadao N. Tomomatsu reminded one and all that Loscon is next week, and this Saturday we will be opening Monstro in order to retrieve the necessary ingredients, so if you need something retrieved, be there. Also, Time Meddlers, meeting on the 21st will feature an auction, including a bicycle (not guaranteed to travel in time). There will be an Estrogen Zone on December 6th, but its theme was not mentioned.

Our Patron Saint for the evening was Jim Tannenbaum, a LASFS member perhaps most active back in the 1970s, who still shows up for occasions other than meetings. Joe Zeff pointed out that Jim, not Tadao, is the club's first friendly pinetree. The said Tadao confirmed that Jim's Emmy Award was for sound mixing. Your humble Scribe related how Jim, in response to the Hollywood mindset which worships youth even in the technical skills, found that he did indeed get more jobs when he dyed his beard black. We awarded Patron Saint Jim Tanenbaum three cheers, "and whatever magical thing they use instead of a Nagra recorder."

Registrar Michelle Pincus had sad news for us: we had no guests. Maybe sometime after Loscon?

**Appointive Committee Reports:** CL bade Michelle to skip happily around the room carrying the Lantern O'Jack

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to help pay for supplies for our Winter Holiday Party on December 25th, 3:00 until 7:30 p.m., interrupted for the usual LASFS meeting, then reconvening 9:00-ish to midnight or thereabouts. There will be no free sodas, so please support the club by buying out of the vending machine that evening. Because of Loscon, there will be no FWEMS this month, nor for that matter a program this evening. The first meeting in December will have nominations for the Procedural office of President, Loscon reviews, and perhaps even some Buster Keaton shorts. Your humble Scribe wonders whether they are boxers or briefs.

Tadao then auctioned off parking spaces and the special soda selection for December. The parking spaces went to the high-bidders Bill Ellern, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, and Marcia Minsky. Maryann Canfield won the soda choice auction, and selected Diet Dr. Pepper as Flavor of the Month.

**Reviews:** CL said that "Quantum of Solace" was the immediate sequel to "Casino Royale," tying up some loose ends of the previous film's story line, though he found it "a little too director-y" with some frantic cutting, but fairly entertaining nonetheless. There ensued some discussion between Charles and Thorsen of continuity in the Bond films as compared with, say, that of DC Comics' "Flash." Thorsen, himself a tech professional in Hollywood, said he had worked on a new series of "Unsolved Mysteries," starring Dennis Farina, who "does at least as good a job as Robert Stack ever did as host. He also does a fairly good Frank Sinatra." And your humble Scribe suggests, he's probably also a good breakfast cereal.

**Faanish Committee Reports:** CL reported that "Westy the Kangaroo," the mascot of Westfield Mall, is male yet has a pouch, yet another instance of gender ambiguity in the entertainment industry. Hare Hobbs noted a decided infestation of fans of "Twilight" at Grauman's Chinese Theatre, which appears to have become "ground zero" for that sort of thing.

Karen Anderson had a Moment of Science combined with a book review. First she had a few more things to say about Chandrayan, the probe from India which now rests on the surface of Luna. The name itself is Sanskrit for "Moon vehicle," which is about as appropriate as you can get. India has thus become the fourth terrestrial nation to have its flag on the surface of our closest neighbor. She read a list of the various scientific instruments now being used by the probe for mapping and other functions. Then Karen had many praiseworthy remarks about Fareed Zakaria's book, The Post-American World, which is about the rise of other nations, with which the USA must now share dominance of our

planet's affairs.

Miscellaneous: Nick Smith noted that the week had contained the birthdays of Edwin Hubble, and of Mickey Mouse. Joe Zeff said that a week from Saturday will be his (and Marcia's) mother's 89th birthday. The fans in attendance expressed good wishes to the fine lady, seated toward the back of the Hall.

And once there was really nothing much more to say, Dr. Jerry Pournelle "moved to chase Len into the night," a motion which passed overwhelmingly, to see us adjourned at 2109.





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