



## APRIL 2012

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1	2	3	4 D.I.G.	5 LASFS MEETING	6 Open House	7 Estrogen Zone
8 <b>NOON</b> 2nd Sunday Open House	9	10	11	12 LASFS MEETING	13 Open House	14 Cinema Anime
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22 FWMS	23	24	25	26 LASFS MEETING	27 Open House	28 LOSCON MEETING
29 Book Reading Auditions	30	31 Archie Mercer Day				

### 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 - 11 am  
 2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming - 2 pm  
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation, time after Tom Safer Cartoons  
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation  
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing  
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm  
 TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club  
 Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am  
 D.I.G. = Developer Interest Group = 7 PM

### THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**APRIL 5** - Jim Busby Lecture on US & USSR space race  
**APRIL 12** - Dr. Horrible's Sing-a-long Blog  
**APRIL 19** - Eric Hoffman - SF/Horror Posters & movie promotion  
**APRIL 25** - Limber Up Workout

programme items subject to change without notice)

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:  
[http://www.lasfsinc.info//index.php?option=com\\_events&Itemid=185](http://www.lasfsinc.info//index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185)

### CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever  
 BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts 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  
 DIG—7:30 pm  
 FWEMS -



**THE APRIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED.  
 THE APRIL SECOND SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE WILL COMMENCE AT NOON.**

## DE PROFUNDIS - the unofficial newsletter of LASFS

### COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 470– April 2012. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

*De Profundis* is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (6012 Tyrone Ave., Van Nuys, CA, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 904-9544 . The club's web site is: [www.lasfsinc.info](http://www.lasfsinc.info). *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 55¢ in person, \$1.00 by domestic mail. Out of country rates quoted upon request but it is recommended that copies be downloaded - or at least read - from the *DE PROF* web site.

Westercon is a service mark of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Incorporated (LASFS, Inc.), Worldcon and NASFIC are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society (WSFS).

I want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address c/o *De Profundis* or leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his address: [martyhoohah\(at\)sbcglobal\(dot\)net](mailto:martyhoohah(at)sbcglobal(dot)net) or at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

If anybody who receives *DE PROF* via the mail happens to move without letting me know the new address; well, I have more important things to do than to be chasing down addresses so I will stop sending zines to you even if you have given me money to do so.

I will accept no advertising in *De Profundis* but I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to LASFS members.

Even though *De Profundis* is no longer the official newsletter of the LASFS, I intend to run the zine as if it still belonged to the club. Mostly. Due to space limitations, priority is always given to content mandated in the LASFS by-laws and by any applicable traditions. Also, after that stuff, by what the editor wants to do.

Written in Publisher 2000 on a new custom-built Intel dual-core computer (using the XP Pro operating system) and printed on an HP 4700dn colour laser printer.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. *Interjections in italics are solely the responsibility of the smartass, er, editor. Any resemblances 'twixt smartassery and responsibility are purely coincidental.*

**Addendum:** At the LASFS' Board of Directors meeting of February 8, 2009, the Directors accepted the proposal by Marty Cantor to take over *De Profundis* as his own fanzine, or as one of them, and he will be assuming the entire cost of production. Marty Cantor has promised to use his 5+ years experience of running *De Prof* as a guide to pubbing the zine as the *unofficial* newsletter of the society. The proposal was put to the Board because the Board had previously indicated that costs were dictating the discontinuance of the zine. As of this issue, *De Prof* will be available on paper solely at cost: currently 55¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.00. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

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### LASFS OFFICERS

#### Elected Procedural Officers January - June, 2012

**President:** Marcia Minsky. **Vice-President:** Greg Bilan. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

### Board of Directors

**Chairman:** Karl Lembke (2012). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2014).. **Comptroller:** Bill Ellem (2013). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2012). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2012), Warren "Whiskey" Johnson (2012) Elayne Pelz (2014), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2014), Arlene Satin (2013), Mike Thorsen (2012), Eylat Poliner (2014).. **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

### Official Committees

**De Profundis Editor, Speaker to Gestetner, LASFAPA/APA-Liaison:** Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whiskey. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Darnell Coleman. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** Christian McGuire. **Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curator:** Tom Khamis. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key Control:** Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster - <<http://lasfsinc.info>>:** Barry Gold. **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel. **Editor, Computers & LASFS Archivist:** Christian McGuire. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Arlene Satin. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Cat Liaison:** Don Wenner.

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

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### Meeting 3882, January 5, 2012 President Marcia Minsky, President Karl Lembke, Scribe

Why don't we get started, President Marcia Minsky asked, as she called #3882 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society to order at 20:02.

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie Jackson, II announced "I Got Nothing." (*At least he did not start to sing "I Got Plenty of Nothin..."* -ed.)

The **Menace** were read, and Matthew Tepper paid \$1 to name them "Can't think of a darn thing".

**Patron Saint Dan Alderson** was honored. Scratch: Dan Alderson was the mad genius of JPL. He has given us a means of figuring out how to do our elections. Larry Niven: Dan worked out a solar system with four ring-worlds in it, three orthogonal to each other on frictionless bearings. The fourth was designed by Mesklin-ites. Doug Crepeau: Don't forget the Alderson disc, shaped like a Vinyl record, with the sun in the hole.

Joe Zeff: Dan was very good hard worker at JPL, as long as he was able. But he was very much a night owl. If you found Dan at his desk in the morning, it was because he'd been there all night. If you wanted to talk to him in daytime, let him know in advance. CLJII – Daniel J Alderson, born on Halloween, was 11 or 12 before he learned people weren't dressing up for his birthday. He was his own worst enemy because he valued his genius less than

everyone else. Because he loved what he was doing, he turned down offers by other companies and stayed with JPL. He figured out how to get stuff through the asteroid belt, which CLJII thinks of as the Alderson belt. He had a collection of Fawcett comics. After he passed, it was sent to Harlan Ellison. He had a trailer for that one collection. He was a member of an argument club. He was CLJII's first friend at the LASFS. When CLJII left his father's estate, Dan let him stay in the room his father had vacated.

Scratch: Alderson has been a source of information and a character in Niven and Pournelle's works. Looks forward to his character every time he picks a book up. Jerry Pournelle: Dan created self-consistent universes, probably more than the next three who do that put together. He had all kinds of them, including an early universe in which vampires made some kind of self-consistent sense. He asked Dan to help put together the Co-Dominium universe. He was a sane genius, not a mad one. What he did with JPL, computing was pretty primitive, and a FORTRAN compiler took time to do iterative solutions to gravitational problems. Dan wrote a series of approximations that could be updated with observational data, so when you ran it with the updating, it gave as good an approximation to low thrust trajectories as could be had. It's still incorporated in software. Doug Crepeau: He's also a character in Doug's comic strip.

Scratch: We miss him. Dan Alderson was given three cheers and a self deprecation contest...

**Patron Saint Joe Zeff** was honored. Hare Hobbs stated Joe took care of Dan when he was at his worst, right up until his death. Joe probably deserved an award from the government for what he did. Scratch: While Joe was helping Dan Alderson after his eyesight went, Joe became his seeing-eye person which allowed Dan to continue working at JPL doing what he could do. CLJII: It's a good thing the club doesn't meet tomorrow night because we might confuse him with another LAPD officer.

Jerry Pournelle: Joe was legendary at tech support at Earthlink, sufficiently so that when Sky Dayton was running the place, he knew who Joe was. Joe also takes care of Jerry's dog when the Pournelles are out of town. Anyone my dog likes can't be all bad. Eylat: Joe used to tell really funny tech support stories. Scratch: Zeff is one of the few of us who have made a point of keeping his sideburns. He is known as The Guy With The Sideburns. Matthew Tepper believes the reports were called Users Too Stupid To Live, which he got from a LASFS member too unimportant to mention.

Marcia: Joe, her brother, and is her go to guy for computer work. Including her new toy when it needs work. We yell at each other, but at the end of the day, he ain't heavy, he's my brother. Joe Zeff was given three cheers and an electronic wizard staff.

**Registrar** Michelle announced we have a guest. Marilyn Miller, heard about us from Wendy. She just found out we moved to Van Nuys.

tioned off a can of V-8.

**Committee Reports:** Marcia reported on receipt of a donation from the Michael Mason foundation. We have received a donation of \$1000 for support of the club. The scribe was asked to send a thank-you letter.

Arlene, switching hats to Marketing, announced that January's schedule is now full. Auditions for readers will be in February. As for fundraising, there are ideas in the hopper. Any suggestions are welcome.

Marty Cantor spoke about DUFF. John Hertz is the current administrator, and Marty is acting as treasurer. Entries for DUFF are being solicited. We've had a number of DUFFers among our members. Anyone who is interested, speak to Marty.

**Perishable Announcements:** Bill Ellern, for the last 30 years he's had his house, has had a pendulum suspended from near the peak of his house to the ground below. He made a mark where it's sitting. In the last 2 months, the pendulum has moved a fair amount, and the doors are suddenly fitting perfectly. It's not the house settling – it's geological activity in this activity.

**Miscellaneous:** Frank Waller said, when using the kitchen, clean means nothing in the dish rack, and nothing on the counter. Soap, water, and elbow grease.

Joe Zeff reminded one and all that he has paid his lifetime dues. However, this is the first meeting of the year, and the club needs money, so he's donating \$10. Any other lifetime dues paid members are invited to do the same, sometime this month.

Jerry Pournelle had several things.

1) recommends an illustrated paperback book called Stretching, by Anderson and Anderson. It was recommended to Jerry and Larry by Steve Barnes.

2) Losing weight – Jerry used to have 50 more pounds than he does now. Unfortunately, he doesn't recommend the method he used – there are unpleasant side effects to cancer therapy.

3) Amazon business – Any who are thinking of writing books – don't give up electronic rights without one hell of a fight. Don't bother with a publisher, do it yourself. Amazon reported that in the fourth quarter, there has been a 600% increase in e-book sales. 4 million kindles were sold in December. Right now, ebook rights are worth more than print rights. And the bubble isn't bursting – it's continuing.

While there are many members of the LASFS who are well known, LASFS is also known and could act as a publisher for members.

Hare Hobbs announced that when he was doing Committee to Read Locus, reading is not going down, but online reading was not being tracked. Locus itself didn't allow their annual survey to be done online. When they allowed it, the age of their readers went way down, and the num-

ber of readers went way up. When people say nobody's reading anymore, they mean nobody's reading dead trees anymore. (*I think that I am going to leaf this alone and go bark up another tree.* - ed.)

We adjourned at 21:46..

**Meeting 3883, January 12, 2012**  
**President Marcia Minsky, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Where is that President? Marcia Minsky asked, as she called meeting #3883 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society to order at 20:03. We are on Agenda Very Lite tonight.

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie Jackson, II announced none, but ... Matthew announced his engagement to Debra Levin.

The **Menace** were read, and Matthew Tepper paid \$1.50 to name them "Yes I think I am sufficiently decayed". (You had to be there.)

**Patron Saint Bruce Pelz** was honored. Scratch: Bruce is someone I miss, even when I wasn't on his party list. He was a collector of collections. Hare: Bruce was one of our elephants. If there was something said wrong about our history, he was there to correct it. He had a great sense of humor and worked it in to whatever he talked about. Joe Zeff: first, when he got into the club, the SMOFs were cliquish and standoffish. Not Bruce. He was always willing to listen. If you had an opinion, he would listen. Second, in his later years, Bruce became a book seller at the club. One thing he was very good at was fitting people to books.

Lee Gold: Anyone who gets to the UCLA Research Library should look at the card catalog and see if his card catalog entries are still there, such as research into the properties of kryptonite and Letters From Hell. he wrote filk songs, did master costuming, and did thoroughly, well, and brilliantly whatever he turned his hand to. Kay Shapero: Bruce sold her a filk book and told her about LASFS at her first con. Barry Gold: Bruce turned him into a filker too. Bruce had a sneaky side. Bruce never lied. He always told the truth. It would be the literal truth. But it might not be quite what you thought you were going to know. Christian: Bruce was to library fandom what he was to SF fandom. He was a party thrower, an event runner, etc. Many who showed up at his funeral were librarians, some from quite a distance.

Jerry Pournelle: Back in the days before the Internet, the only way to do serious research was in these places called libraries. Jerry had stack privileges at UCLA because of other work he'd done for the Regents. Bruce was able to find him bunches of stuff on volcanic activity and what was then known about asteroid strikes. He met Bruce's superiors at the library, and Bruce was legendary as being the most efficient guy they had on the staff. He was well regarded in his profession. CLJII: Before he came to LASFS, he was a Boy Scout. He was as enthusiastic as anything. He may hold the record for complete sets of

badges. He was also VP of BASFA. He was elected to the post shortly after he passed, held the post for 6 months, and did a slightly better job than his predecessor. Hare: NESFA edition of Silverlock has music in it, all but one piece written by Bruce.

Lee Gold: In Florida he was a Spelunker. He was thin then, very important for caving. Once, had an office at Boelter Hall, and saw Pelz going down the stairs in front of her in library persona. She said, "Elephant?" He assumed his aspect. He was taller, straighter, had five more points of charisma, etc. UCLA had an Ugliest Man On Campus contest. She once suggested to Bruce this could be adapted as a LASFS fundraiser. The fughead contest is Lee's fault. Jerry Pournelle: Bruce's boy scout achievement includes Silver Beaver. Jerry has met one other person who qualified. Christian: One year at Loscon, at the Burb, a couple of friends were running the Ice Cream social. they had stuff from Oriental Trading. Who can we put this sash, scepter and wand on? Bruce. The sash read either Princess or Queen. Bruce had great fun with it while the social lasted.

CLJII: Bruce picked up ideas and ran with them. Most of the things we do at elections were things Bruce and he worked out. One time, death-time dues. Bruce transformed the idea into Pillar of the LASFS – ironically. Rick Foss: Accidentally insulted him the first time I met him. Heard an idea, and said That Has to be the worst idea I ever heard. It was his idea. He took it very calmly. Bruce Pelz was given three cheers and a trumpet...

**Patron Saint Christian McGuire** was honored. Christian suggested we go straight to the cheers. Michelle Pincus paid \$3.50 to have us go straight to the cheers, and we did so.

In corrections and additions the following week...

Marcia: Who would like to say kind things about Christian McGuire? Arlene: Christian and she have been friends for a long time. Through the ups and down, he's been a trusting friend and a brother. (No, that's "bother" – Jim Busby) Mike Stern: Christian was the first science monitor. Christian the 'science Monitor.

Scratch: He gave moving reports. Marcia: He is known as the Rocking Chair. Joe Zeff: Christian came to LASFS From the time meddlers and jumped into helping the club from the moment he got here. He served as substitute scribe long before he knew who everyone was. He didn't know Joe's name, and referred to him as the guy with the sideburns.

Mike Stern: Christian started conventions by running his Loscon and went on to become hotel liaison and one of the best we've ever had. Matthew: Christian has a good aim and a good throwing arm. At the last LA Con, he chaired a SF trivia contest and gave awards. Unfortunately, one person in the audience seemed to be a know-it all and answered every question, and his aim became deadlier and deadlier each time. CLJII: Christian's supreme good thing last week was when he stopped us from doing what we're doing right now.

Marcia: Concurs with Arlene. He's a very good friend and Marcia's honored to say he's a friend of hers. Three Cheers for Christian McGuire. And a chairman's hat. Christian McGuire was given three cheers and a small financial bonus.

**Registrar** Michelle announced guests! Jeromy Miller and Christina Miller. Both heard about us from their mother.

We adjourned at 20:43 to the program, Jerry Pournelle and Jim Busby on reusable rockets.

**Meeting 3884, January 19, 2012**  
**President Marcia Minsky, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

The room is quiet tonight, Marcia Minsky said, as she called meeting #3884 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society to order at 20:00. "We are on Agenda Normal tonight."

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie Jackson announced one. This one's a bit more cheerful than others are: June Moffatt is recovering from her reversible micro-stroke that affected her left arm. She was able to post on Facebook and send out e-mail telling of her wonderful Chinese lifestyle, living in interesting times. The secretary might send her a bar-mitzvah card.

The **Menace** were read, and Joe Zeff paid \$1.25 to name them "A renaissance fan".

**Patron Saint Jeff Siegel** was honored. Jerry Pournelle: he was a member when Alex was an active member and was part of that brat pack. Jeff won an appointment to USAF academy and assigned to office of special investigations, retired as a major and is now associate pastor of a Lutheran church in Des Moines Iowa, married to a veterinarian in the Air Force, and they are adopting two Chinese children. An hour later, they'll want to adopt some more! Milt Stevens knows who he is, and never interacted with him. Marty Cantor called him a nice guy. Jeff Siegel was given three cheers.

**Registrar** Michelle announced there will be an announcement later in the evening.

**New Business:** A contact person for the Sohus couple? Milt suggested all we know is what we read in the newspapers. We never met Rockefeller and don't know what transpired between them. Arlene: what we were contacted about was pictures of the folks, and we don't have any.

**Registrar** Michelle introduced our guest, Guy Bradshaw, a friend of Arlene Satin.

Arlene made the clean-up announcement.

Elayne announced they are not going to change the signs for us. We are negotiating over placards that allow us to park on specific days.

**Perishable Announcements:** Jim Busby announced, in a moment of science, the launch of the Dragon and Falcon rockets will be delayed for software corrections. Launch should still happen in Feb.

Now Jim's on the board of advisers for Columbia Space Center in Downey, he can advise the traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian on the development of space suits will be at the Center,

**Reviews:** Rick Foss reviewed a book by Christopher Moore, "Fool". Quite different from other stuff by him, a retelling of King Lear from the fool's point of view. Read King Lear before reading this book. IF you're interested in a very unusual recasting of Shakespeare, it's quite a good read.

Karl reviewed *Midnight in Paris* – a time travel story.

CLJII has been reading the *Xibalba Murders*, a murder mystery in which the investigator has been running an antique shop. She gets called to the Yucatan by an old friend. Every now and then Mayan mythology creeps as if it's controlling events. Lynn Hamilton = author. 1997.

Tim Trzepacz reviewed the Toshiba Thrive 16 GB android tablet. A steal at \$280, dual core processor, 1 GHz, and it does very nicely with flash and other software. No 4-G, only wi-fi. Full sized HDMI ports. Full size USB. It has an SD card slot. Generally, it's a great tablet.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Hare reported on a bobcat too dumb to live. It likes to sit in the middle of the street. Keep an eye out if you drive down Rinaldi. (*The bobcat is just waiting for Hare to fall off his bike in shock.* Yum. - ed.)

Rick Foss says anyone who's a writer has a reason to be careful with proofreading. A court decision from Chile – a recipe in the paper accidentally created a bomb when it called for dropping freezing dough into 460° oil.

**Miscellaneous:** Please police the area around yourselves.

We adjourned at 21:13.

**Meeting 3885, January 26, 2012**  
**President Marcia Minsky, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marcia Minsky can't kick, but she called meeting #3885 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society to order at 20:01 anyway. "We are on Agenda Normal tonight." And there was much joicing. No rejoicing, since we get it right the first time.

**Special Orders of Business:** Dr Pournelle announced the passing of the founder of the Edmund Scientific supply company, on 1/16. Norman Edmund, age 95. His company is still in business, but it's a website now. We had a moment of silence.

The **Menace** were read, and June Moffatt paid \$5 to

name them “my left hand”. So much better than “my hand left”.

**Patron Saint Gail Selinger** was honored. Scratch: Gail is a wonderful lady who lived with Frank Gasperik, and deserves sainthood for that. She knows a lot about pirates. She has been the adviser on movies and books. And she's one heck of a nice lady. Larry Niven: She was one of the main characters in Lucifer's Hammer. Gail Selinger was given three cheers and a bottle of rum.

**Patron Saint Rick Sneary** was honored. Milt Stevens encountered him first at his first LASFS meeting. Earlier read his letters in Thrilling Wonder Stories where he came across as the most wise guy of wise guy teenagers. He was given 6 months to live in 1947 and did so, 80 times. He offered some weird suggestions. He was a very active fan, wrote lots of letters, with idiosyncratic spelling. June Moffatt: he did the best he could because his education was at home; he was too sick for regular school, and they didn't have the resources available to home schoolers as they have today. He spelled oddly, because he'd look up complicated words, but not simple ones like jiant. He wrote a report on the 67 Worldcon before it happened, and it was surprisingly accurate. He gave it to June and asked her to correct his spelling. They published it corrected and asked people to guess who wrote it, and no one guessed.

Barbara Harmon spent a lot of time with Rick. He was one of the nicest, kindest people she ever met, and was an absolute realist. He was very upfront about his disabilities. He was a great human being. Rick Sneary was given three cheers and a broken spellchecker.

**Registrar** Michelle announced there will be an announcement later in the evening.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Registrar** Michelle announced three guests: Jim Ubersetzig, Elizabeth Carlie, and Chris Riedesel.

**The Committee to Gouge** appeared to auction off a box and some soda, some space, and a space calendar.

Jerry Pournelle recalls LASFS used to buy a Worldcon membership and the club would have a discussion about nominating stuff. Elayne announced it hasn't happened since they raised the price of a supporting membership. Milt says they changed the rules to put a stop to our practice.

**Perishable Announcements:** Jerry Pournelle noted tomorrow is the anniversary is Capsule 12 (Apollo 1). Jerry had to listen to the tape. The first thing you hear is “Fire in the capsule”. You don't want to hear what comes after.

**Reviews:** CLJII reviewed the Robert Burns dinner at Tam O'Shanter. The dinner is regular food, with a large dish of haggis on each table – but he tried some and it's not bad. Pipers came in and piped for a while. Then a gentleman came in with a pastry football. Then a woman came in playing a violin while another woman danced a

jig. Haggis is defined, of course, as dining on a full stomach.

Tim Trzepacz went to the NAM show – National Association of Music. It's a professional show. You don't want to be in the drum room. At least not for very long. A good overview of where the music instrument industry was, from accordions to zithers, through synthesizers. Interesting show, somewhat bittersweet given how far some things have fallen. It's very hard to scam one's way in – you have to have a legitimate interest in the music industry.

Jim Busby has often been asked How Did Apollo Get to the Moon? It was basically the invention of the modular computer that made it possible. There's a book out, Digital Apollo, Digital Technology and Space Flight. (*Nah. They used a hoist and a very large number of people who alternated pulling on the rope.* - ed.)

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Hare Hobbs reported on Bobcats too stupid to live. “They” decided she apparently has cubs. She returned the first time because of them. They caught the bobcat and moved her to where the cubs were taken.

**Miscellaneous:** In 1980, a bunch of meetings were held. He and Larry were there, and the meetings drafted space policy for the nation. The major congress critter there was Newt Gingrich.

This is not an endorsement of his candidacy, but he's advocating space programs Jerry and Larry developed in the 80s. The notion of America as a space-faring nation, private space technology, and the offering of prizes. Prizes cost nothing until the goal is reached. X projects cost very little if they're true X projects.

Please police the area around yourselves.

We adjourned at 21:23.

#### **Board of Directors meeting February 12, 2012 Karl Lembke, Chairman Marty Cantor, Secretary**

**Board Members in attendance:** Karl Lembke, Mike Thorsen, Eylat Poliner, Bill Ellern, Marcia Minsky, Rob Powell, Marty Cantor, Christian McGuire, Arlene Satin, Warren “Whiskey” Johnson, and Elayne Pelz.

**Members and Guests:** Greg Bilan, Michael Pell, Joyce Sperling, Robbie Bourget, Michelle Pincus, Marcia Minsky, Joe Zeff, Milt Stevens, Lee Gold, Barry Gold, June Moffatt, Matthew B. Tepper, Frank Waller, Jeni Burr, Tim Trzepacz, Scott Beckstead, Cathy Beckstead, Tony Benoun, Ed Hooper, Sherri Benoun, Tom Safer, Mike Donahue, Ron Garner.

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:08 am.

**Opening Remarks:** The Chairman said, “Welcome to

the February meeting of the Board.”

**Recognition of new Board Member and Board Officer election:** We welcomed Eylat Poliner to the Board and former Board member Darnell Coleman was thanked for his service on the Board.

**Board reorganization:** Karl Lembke was reelected Chairman of the Board, Christian McGuire was reelected as vice Chairman, Marty Cantor was reelected as Secretary, and Bill Ellern was reelected as Comptroller. All Board members stayed in their current assignments with new member Eylat Poliner taking charge of Events Coordinator.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Meeting of December 2011, were accepted as presented.

**New Members:** These people paid their \$5 and put in applications to join the Society: Frank Gross, Brian Lawson, Jeromy Miller, Marlyn Miller, Kristina Miller, Elizabeth Carlie, Zalman Serebryanski. All were accepted.

**Treasurer:** Elayne will report later in the meeting.

### 30 Second Reports:

**Chairman (Karl Lembke):** No report.

**Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire):** No report.

**Secretary (Marty Cantor):** I will be working with Elayne to sort the large number of software programme discs in the APA-L Room, discarding that which is obsolete.

**Publications (Marty Cantor):** No report.

**Comptroller (Bill Ellern):** No report.

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen):** Soda units sold: 21,055 units to date, 636 units this period. Soda money: \$15,697 to date, \$659.25 for this period. We have a month's supply of paper goods and lots of sugar for coffee. We have purchased a new universal remote as a replacement for the 3 units which were lost.

**Library (Warren “Whiskey” Johnson):** (No report from video curator.) We have books. We need a new shelf unit. The person who will be building it has been sick. We have been getting lots of donations of books.

**Archives (Marcia Minsky):** Thanking Eylat and those who helped putting out display cases. Elayne mentioned that Anne Morrell is no longer able to do the Westercon Archives so she will go in and attempt to straighten them out.

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** Water is now fixed – with new heaters. Wiring completed but we need a new thermostat. New timer clock for sign will be put in – at this point we should be done with the contractor in a week. We hope. We need two timer controls for the air conditioning units so that they will turn off automatically.

**AV Equipment (Rob Powell):** There have been no complaints from Charlie Jackson on the set-up.

**Events (Eylat Poliner):** No report yet, referred to LOSCON chairs: Arlene said LOSCON 38 will be having a close-out meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> and we turned over \$5,000 to the club. Christian (LOSCON 39) has a new GoH, a costumer. He will be handing over parts of the con to new, young people. We are trying to get new and young people interested in LOSCON and we expect to do major work on the LOSCON Domesday Book. // Karl presented Charlie Jackson's Second Housewarming proposal.

**Fund-raising and Recruitment (Arlene Satin):** Arlene has been ill so she is a bit behind in getting things done. Both the reading programme and the children's reading programme will be done later.

### (Significant Others)

**Marketing Committee (Arlene Satin):** The Director of the Reno Book Fair has stepped down but Arlene is letting that committee know that she is still interested in the committee.

**Club President (Marcia Minsky):** We have new members, big auctions, and more people are attending meetings. Some old members are returning.

**WEB MASTER (Barry Gold):** There is a new Board Alias. // There is a defect in the calendar as the original start date of continuing items is the date which comes up on calendar items. The best fix is to change the start date once a year.

**Report on parking (Milt Stevens):** The police will not change parking policy on Aetna. The recommendation is getting signatures, both from us and from businesses on a Petition to the Mayor.) There was a discussion of this matter and a discussion of the Orange Line parking lots.

### Agenda Items:

Budgets and money we don't have (Elayne): We discussed the budget for last year (when we had a lot of donations including SCIFI [who gave us \$25,000 and an additional \$5,000 to fix the roof]) and the proposed budget for this year. We moved to increase the Marketing part of the Budget \$165. This passed. We still have a PayPal account and people can donate money that way. Anime LA donated \$2,000 to LASFS. (There was applause.) It was moved and seconded that we accept the budget as amended – this passed.

LASFS Gala: Eylat has been delayed because of personal matters.

Arlene: Doug Crepeau has donated a very nice Electrolux vacuum cleaner to the club – and it is a good machine. (The old vacuum cleaner has been disposed of.)

Arlene: (cleaning): When we do our own events is when

**LAFa**

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, April 14, 2012, 7 PM  
Pre-filk dinner at 5 pm. see notes  
The House of Perpetual Commotion  
Hosts: John & Mary Creasey  
3754 W. 170th Street, Torrance, CA  
(310) 329-6772

Pre-filk dinner: 5 pm, New York Deli  
2424 Sepulvda Bl., Torrance CA

Directions: See Thomas Guide L.A. CO. page 733 grid E-7

TYPE OF CIRCLE: -TBD- & Theme basket-John and/or  
Mary will be Demighod.

Notes:

1. Mucho crash space available; call to reserve yours; bring sleeping gear in case we run out of beds.
2. Children welcomed on good behavior.
3. Bring all of your usual filk stuff.
4. NO SMOKING indoors PLEASE!!
5. There is a piano, it's playable but very old and tuned a hair under 440
6. There be computers here! (PC clones).  
THEY WILL BE IN HIBERNATION for the night except for song archiving. 'Tis a filksing, not a bytebash.
7. There is a copier available; slight cost to cover supplies.
8. The last survivors will be conscripted into cleaning up the remains.
9. Random Factors will be open for business.
10. There are no pets with more than two legs.

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

there are problems with people not taking responsibility in keeping the building clean. Outside groups are better on this. Eylat proposed that the person running an event should be held responsible for the cleaning after that event. We discussed the problem of people leaving messes. // Opening hours on Thursdays: it was moved that the official opening time on Thursday's be no earlier than 6:00 pm. It was seconded and passed. We will post a Thursday hours sign on door.

Board Gaming (Marty Cantor): Elayne said that the charge for outside groups to use the clubhouse should be \$200 + a \$75 refundable cleaning fee. (The charge for outside groups was moved, seconded, and passed.)

Marty Cantor made a proposal to use one of our previous signs on the wall outside the APA-L section of the white building to easily designate the white part of our building as also part of LASFS. The Board took a 5-minute recess to examine these signs. After the examination Marty Cantor changed his mind and agreed that the existing signs were in too bad a condition for use but considering how low the sign will be that any sign we put up be covered in plastic that can have graffiti easily cleaned off of it. There was a motion to accept a Tom Safer offer of money for a new sign – this motion passed. Eylat will

handle this.

LOSCON 40 presentations. Cathy Beckstead and Christian McGuire made a presentation. The Board voted to accept this application with one abstention. Elayne suggested that in the future we postpone the club voting for LOSCON on the second meeting after second Sunday instead of the current practice of voting on it at the Thursday meeting immediately after the Second Sunday Board Meeting. The suggestion was agreed to by a consensus of the Board.

**Open Forum:**

Robbie thanked us for the use of LASFS' items at Gallifrey One. (And Galley bought us white-boards).

Thorsen needs a determination as to what supplies are con supplies as cons are taking just about everything in the Kitchen and the supplies cabinet.

Arlene talked about a Movement Class as a programme item. (This will be a 30-minute class).

Milt reported on a meeting at Cal State Northridge.

Ron Garner (who owns the Roswell UFO Museum in Roswell, New Mexico) reported on what he will be doing in Las Vegas (which is moving the Museum to Las Vegas to the Hilton Hotel where the Star Trek exhibit was). He needs social media and internet marketing help.

Our next meeting will be March 11, 2012.

**Take-Aways:**

Elayne dealing with contractors.  
Gallifrey One is taking away equipment.  
Mike Thorsen is sorting kitchen stuff.  
Eylat Poliner contact regarding parking and looking at space requirement for outside signage.  
Marty looking at boardgaming group  
Karl setting up town hall meeting.

**Adjournment:** The Board adjourned its meeting at 1:18. pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

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If you want your name, address, phone number and email address to be published, please send them to:

elaynepelz@verizon.net

A signup sheet will also be available at the meetings on Thursday.

Target date for publication is  
1 June 2012

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