



MAY 2014

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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 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

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

MAY 1 - Election for open Board of Directors seat
MAY 8 - Milt Stevens Presents: Our Horrible Reputation and How We Earned It
MAY 15 - **BIG** Auction
MAY 22 - Tim Powers
MAY 29 - Matthew B. Tepper hosts Science Fiction trivia for Chocolate

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:
http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185

CALENDAR DETAILS

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
 FWEMS -

Wording for proposed by-laws changes is on page 8.



**SPECIAL ELECTION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY:
 SEE PAGE 8 FOR INFORMATION.**

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 495– April 2014. 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.lasfs.org. *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 edress: [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-modified Intel quad-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.

Marty Cantor, 11825 Gilmore Street #105, North Hollywood, CA 91606, USA. (818) 761-9401. [martyhoohah \(at\) sbcglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah(at)sbcglobal(dot)net). April 2014. Hoo Hah Publication Number 1811. Thanks go to Elayne Pelz, Charlie Jackson, Karl Lembke, Lee and Barry Gold, Eylat Poliner, and any others who are helping me in providing news to LASFS members.

LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers January - June, 2014

President: Eylat Poliner. **Vice-President:** Debra Levin. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2015). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2014).. **Comptroller:** Gavin Claypool (2016). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2015). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2015), Warren "Whisky" Johnson (2015) Elayne Pelz (2014), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2014), Mike Thorsen (2016), Michelle Pincus (2016), ????? ????? (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-L 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://www.lasfs.org>>:** 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:** Eylat Poliner. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Science Officer:** David Okamura (with Karl Lembke). **Food Guru:** Mark Poliner. **Marketing and Promotion:** Michelle Pincus; **Parking/MTA Liaison,** Milt Stevens.

Honorary Officers

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

If there is an X in this space, your sub has run out ____

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE
(complete minutes are supposed to be filed
in the LASFS' files and can be read there -
also at www.lasfs.org)

Meeting 3986, January 2, 2014
President Eylat Poliner, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Eylat Poliner called meeting #3986 to order at fifteen dozen seconds after 8.

The **Menace** were read. Milt Stevens bid \$1 to call the Menace "A quarter pounder across the bow".

Committee Reports: Michelle Pincus announced a historical moment taking place last Friday, honoring the 75th anniversary of L. Ron Hubbard's first SF publication. She showed off the LASFS banner ASI made for us.

Patron Saints: **Dan Alderson:** Joe Zeff said Dan was among other things an absolute genius computer programmer, and as far as he knows, JPL still uses his software. **Matthew Tepper:** the concept of sending space craft around various planets in the slingshot effect may not have been his, but he worked out the engineering. **Jerry Pournelle:** Dan wrote the code to allow a low-thrust trajectory program that would let you see what you could do with slingshot effects. Dan's low thrust trajectory program is still used in part for flight control. It's very hard

to simulate low thrust trajectories. He also developed the Alderson Drive in the Mote in God's Eye. That was done in Jerry's attempt to have battles in space. Naval battles tend to happen in only a few points where ships tend to come together. Jerry needed choke points in which interstellar battles could take place.

Matthew Tepper continued with: Dan's personality -- he was one of the most charming depressed people Matthew's ever known. He put on a lively facade because he so enjoyed the company of his friends. It's tragic that he wasn't happier than he was. He had lots of charm, genius, and wit. He is missed. CLJII: Dan was a great collector. He had a trailer full of Golden Age comic books. He had a complete collection of Fawcett superhero books and nearly complete collection of Fawcett funny animals. Later, Dan sold his collection to Harlan Ellison. Dan's life changed precipitously when his house caught fire. The fire started next to a file cabinet that housed his copy of *Wiz Comics #2*, the most rare early Captain Marvel comic. Fortunately, the contents got warm, but were not damaged. Dan is a comic book character, so he's not dead, he's merely in limbo.

Scratch Galloway notes Dan was a gentle, sane genius. He could take an idea and then explain how it would work if it could work. Scratch has enjoyed the engineering feats Larry and Jerry borrowed from Dan. **Patron Saint Dan Alderson** was given Three Cheers and a new voting procedure

Patron Saint Joe Zeff: Tom Safer says he's appreciated how Joe comes to his programs and has good things to say, and good advice. Christian: Joe was an incredible friend of Dan, and near the end made sure Dan had access to the club. He would bring Dan to the club and back. This allowed him to continue participating until near the end. Scratch: Both he and Zeff are Vietnam vets. Joe was deep water navy, Scratch was on a much smaller thing. (*I wonder if things float as well as boats and ships.* - ed.) When Dan became blind, Zeff took him in to work and acted as hands and eyes for him. This is something that takes lots of hours and native intelligence. Marcia Minsky: Yes, Joe did become Dan's seeing eye person, reading code to Dan so he could analyze it. After Dan died, Marcia needed a place to crash, and Joe opened the house to her. She was there a year or so before she was able to get her own place. "I've known him his entire life, and changed his diapers. He's a great guy all around." (*I wonder if you still change his diapers. I hope that somebody does.* - ed.)

Christian: When Joe had a job handling tech support, Joe found an outlet for his frustration by relating to the club the funnier stories of his dealings with callers. One thing Joe was a pioneer in was self-publishing a collection of his stories. Matthew felt honored that Joe liked the term Matthew came up with for these reports -- "Computer Users Too Stupid To Live". Joe has served as Scribe and Vice President. He also served on the BoD for a time. Jerry Pournelle: If you need a one-word description of Joe Zeff, it would be "reliable". He has the ability to suffer fools, if not gladly, but at least while not letting them know he was doing that. This is something Jerry doesn't

do, and not many do. Tom Safer is reminded of the short time he spent in tech support and heard crazy comments. The one he remembers to this day was "is it plugged in?" No one can be that stupid. Well, yes, someone can.

Eylat Poliner: had the pleasure of having Joe over for dinner one time, and we decided to play Cards Against Humanity. We played for several hours. Never seen Joe blush or laugh that way before. There is a very pleasant and enjoyable side to him and she hopes to see more of that. Marcia Minsky: a lot of you know Joe as The Guy With The Sideburns. That nickname came about because Christian was doing Scribe duties, and Christian didn't know Joe by name. **Patron Saint Joe Zeff** was given Three Cheers and a no 2 bid.

Committee Reports: Michelle Pincus announced a historical moment taking place last Friday, honoring the 75th anniversary of L. Ron Hubbard's first SF publication. She showed off the LASFS banner ASI made for us.

Registrar Michelle was summoned. We have a guest. Ellery Sorkin, fan name Cellery. On Friday we had guests Tony Martinez and John Perry.

David Okamura had a **Science Report**. 2014 is the Centennial of the extinction of the passenger pigeon. Flocks used to blacken the skies. It took 50 years of intense hunting and environment depletion to do them in. They're looking in to the possibility of cloning the bird.

Scientists have extracted the entire genome of a Neanderthal. Now what? (*Put the entire genome back from where it was taken before somebody gets sued.* - ed.)

Reviews: Nick Smith read the Children's trilogy by Catherine Valente, *Advanced Oz*. Three are out, and there's a fourth in the works. *The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland In a Ship of Her Own Making* is the first book.

Miscellaneous: Eylat reported on Bill Ellern. Care is covered during the recovery from surgery. Several have helped clean up his house, and major parts are passable.

Tom Safer moved for adjournment. We adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Meeting 3987, January 9, 2014 Vice President Debra Levin, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

Vice President Debra Levin called meeting #3987 to order at fifteen dozen seconds after 8.

The **Menace** were read. Joe Zeff bid \$3 to call the Menace "Weep, Wail, and Lifetime Positive".

Patron Saints:

Patron Saint: Bruce Pelz: Scratch: Bruce Pelz was more than just a standard fan or a fan who collects things. He collected collections. He had the ability to

name and come up with the correct titles of books, magazines, or tell you where to find them. He was quite knowledgeable about anything he put his mind to. Marty: His nickname was the Elephant. He never forgot. He had a large collection of fanzines, and they all went to the Eaton collection at UCR. Foolish Marty had willed his fanzines to Bruce but Bruce died first. (*Contrary to the expectations of some, Marty is not currently dead.* - ed.) When Marty got his first computer in 97, he was going to start getting back into fanzines. He was kind of broke at the time and Bruce fronted the money for Marty to start up again. He was a very nice person and his passing was a real loss. Milt Stevens: In regard to his collecting, the only way one could collect APAs was to be a member. Bruce was one omni APAn, along with Jack Harness and a few others. Some people started APAX to exclude the omni-apans, but Bruce managed to get mailings anyway.

Joe Zeff: two things: first, in his later years, after he retired he started selling books to keep busy. He was very good at recommending books people had never heard of but would like. Bruce was such a skilled collector, when Joe once went to a con with a ribbon labeled "the ribbon Bruce won't get." When Bruce was later asked, "You did get it, of course?" Bruce replied, "Of course I did!" Pournelle: we wouldn't have a clubhouse without Bruce. The idea came from Paul Turner, but Bruce and Chuck Crayne decided maybe he wasn't crazy. They collected money by every means known to mankind. (*And probably a few known to womankind.* - ed.) The committee to gouge was the first of many such means.

Hare Hobbs: one reason they called his house the Tower was he had a plate off a building in Florida that read, "The Tower." Marty has been running a pool at the Gift Exchange for years. Bruce invented that. Marty took it over. We miss him. **Patron Saint Bruce Pelz** was given Three Cheers and a collection of stickers on his trunk.

Patron Saint Christian McGuire: Eric Hoffman said Christian knows how to gouge money at auctions. I've known him ever since some of the conventions I've been involved with. Scratch: Two things: Christian never seemed to be able to stand still. He rocks from side to side. When I met him, I had just got done reading Mutiny on the Bounty. A line went through my mind, "Mr. Christian" to which Christian said "Yes?" Joe Zeff: many years ago, one of the presidents, maybe Charlie, appointed Christian to be in charge of reporting on matters of science, making him Christian the Science Monitor.

Karl: He's run cons, including a Worldcon. Debra: He doesn't just come up and do the auctioning, he collects, decides what gets put up, and does the administrivia. It's hard work and he does a really good job at it.

Patron Saint Christian McGuire was given Three Cheers and an auction for the last soda spot.

David Okamura gave a **Science Report:** things are looking up for SpaceX. Launched the upgraded Falcon IX. Another launch in Feb to ISS. Competition, Orbital Sciences launched their ship to the ISS. It still has Christ-

mas presents in it. The delay was because of the refrigerator pump replacement. Earlier this week, we had a freeze delay, and then the sun had a flare which delayed it. // Hubble has produced interesting pix. They have spotted four very old but extremely bright galaxies, closer to the dawn of time.

Jerry Pournelle: The 3-D Printer World Expo sounds interesting. The 3-D Printer exhibits are amazing. It's amazing how many things are being made by being printed. (*I do not think that the world is ready for smartassery in 3-D so I will not purchase one of these printers.* - ed.) Scratch: On You-tube, someone had a printed plastic gun and a printed plastic projectile. It worked.

Jim Ubersetzig mentioned a place in Reseda, Hex Labs, a maker space. He went for a class on the laser cutter machine. You can get a day pass for \$20 plus the cost of any materials you use.

Reviews: Eric Hoffman: recently started looking at some old films with Douglas Fairbanks. (*And did Douglas Fairbanks tell you any dirt on these old films?* -ed.)

Jerry Pournelle reviewed his hearing aids. He can hear everything in the meeting. (*I guess we had better stop saying things about Jerry.* - ed.) These are \$2000 from Costco. He hasn't had good hearing since he was zapped. He didn't go to VA because he had not mentioned having his disability before he joined. The hearing aids are programmed by bluetooth on a laptop, and they work. He can change the program and volume with a remote, or by pushing buttons on the hearing aids themselves. Welcome to the 21st Century.

David Okamura reviewed some food. Only a few blocks away from LASFS there will be a new place called Pizza Rev. There's one on Ventura Blvd. Part of a new fad, create your own pizza. There are at least six chains, three locally. It's like a Subway or Chipotle type chain, where you order your toppings, on a thin, quick-cooking crust.

Miscellaneous: Milt Stevens: reading a fanzine called *Argentis*. It brought up the question why propeller beanies? Two answers that interested him: they help you locate short friends in a crowd, they cool the overheated fannish brain.

Scratch: Serendipitous misc: we're in a small world. Facebook bites at any time. Going through Trader Joe's, he saw Japanese family: a Japanese lady, four girls, and a Eurasian husband. "Galloway san?" asked the lady. "Yes", he replied. "She rattles off something in Japanese to her kids." "You look just like your face on Facebook." He met her in 1968.

The **Registrar** has guests. From the Cosplay Sewing Circle, Ellen Everett, Amanda (Fluttershy) (Cory's girlfriend) and Patrick Powers.

Frank Waller announced Geek Magazine is out. (*Of what is it out?* - ed.)

And so we adjourned to the program. 8:58 PM.

Meeting 3988, January 16, 2014
President Eylat Poliner, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Eylat Poliner called meeting #3988 to order at several dozen seconds after 8.

The **Menace** were read. Eylat Poliner bid \$3 to call the Menace “meow”.

Bill Ellern remains at the hospital with a 101° fever

Neil Barrett Jr, SF author, died. He wrote a couple of series and several novels.

Patron Saint, Jeff Siegel Marty Cantor: He was a friend of Alex Pournelle, joined the Air Force Academy, retired at the rank of Major, and is now a minister back in the midwest. Sue Fox: He joined about the time I did. He was nice then, he’s nice now.

Patron Saint Jeff Siegel was given Three Cheers and a clerical collar.

Nick Smith: TOR.com website has salvaged one of the lost BBC documentaries about SF. Includes interviews with Octavia Butler and Steven Barnes.

Hare Hobbs announced the passing of his aunt. (*Seriously, Hare, you have my condolences.* - ed.)

Registrar Michelle was summoned and she announced that we have a guest, Curt Hansen, from the No Ho Lit Crawl.

Miscellaneous: Milt Stevens came across a list online of all the films released in the US in 2013, 688 films. You can have a film festival of films making less than \$10K. Iron Man III was the biggest grosser. After the first 20, you get in to some quite strange items released in 2013.

David Okamura had a stack of paper. Apparently the Space Ship 2 had a successful test flight, the first supersonic flight making it through 71000 feet. First commercial flight into space should take place later this year

Last week at Consumer Electronic Show unveiled first driverless car. Top speed, 12.5 MPH. But...8 passenger shuttle, \$250K laser guided, offsite parking and taking people around campuses, amusement parks, etc. Might save 40% of cost of regular shuttle. Parking lot tram driver may be out of work.

Tom Safer moved to adjourn. And so we adjourned to the program. 9:29 PM.

Meeting 3989, January 23, 2014
President Eylat Poliner, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Eylat Poliner called meeting #3989 to order at several dozen seconds after 8.

The **Menace** were read. Christian McGuire bid \$2 to call the Menace “Quack”.

Patron Saints:

Patron Saint Rick Sneary: Milt: He was responsible for South Gate in ’58. About a decade earlier, bids for Worldcon always had a slogan. He started a gag bid, and when Los Angeles won the 58 bid, they got Los Angeles to declare the Alexandria Hotel downtown part of South Gate. He started after that con with South Gate Again in 2010, but that didn’t go anywhere. His spelling was idiosyncratic, to say the least. Marty Cantor: Rick was crippled, and had lots of health problems, and was basically home schooled. When he sent off a letter, he was hoping the spelling errors would be edited out, but the editors thought the misspellings were cute. Milt: He also had an excellent sneer in letters, and did once have to backpedal when he met a victim in person.

Matthew Tepper: He was a sweet, good-natured, soft-spoken man, well worth seeking out at conventions.

Patron Saint Rick Sneary was given Three Cheers and a dicshunary.

Patron Saint Gail Selinger: Scratch: for her many and gloried works in print and film references for pirates, Argh! Marty Cantor: she was a teacher in New York. She’s an expert on pirates. If you tune in to a show on Nat Geo or History Channel, she’ll be one of the experts talking about pirates.

Patron Saint Gail Selinger was given Three Cheers and a pirate’s life for her.

Registrar Michelle announced Michael Gomez, who was a guest on Friday. Another person who heard about us through the Lit Crawl. Tonight, Robert Senger who heard about us from Harold Goldstein.

Disney has donated 8 brand new computers, and we’re going to sell the rights to name them.

We discussed Resolution #2, the amendment for Standing Rule 4: Resolved: That Society Standing Rule #4 be amended by adding the following clause, effective March 1, 2014: 4. ... *Children under thirteen years of age are not required to apply for membership.*

[The effect is to clarify the membership status of minors; now children thirteen years and older are expected to apply for membership in the Society after they have attended their three meetings as a guest (like all other prospective members), if they wish to continue attending. They will have all rights and privileges as other members, with the exception of serving on the Board of Directors; the Society bylaws require that Directors be 18 years of age or older.] If the Society decides to vote on this addition to Standing Rule #4, it will go into effect on March 1, 2014.

The vote on the motion was almost unanimous for, none against, and there was one abstention.

Milt Stevens: this afternoon at 5, he and John Hertz met in Councilman Martinez' office along with other transportation officials. They really, really, really don't want to change the parking on Aetna. They're offering the parking lot across Aetna from us.

Time-bound Announcements Reviews Fannish Committee Reports Miscellaneous: (*Otherwise known as The President does not group these things so why should I? -ed.*)

CLJII just finished "A Study in Silks", free from Loscon. It's a steampunk murder mystery starring the niece of Sherlock Holmes in a parallel universe London. The author did a very good job of creating a London that's mostly familiar to Holmes readers, and the differences don't seem out of place. First of a trilogy, and interesting enough to try to find the others. (A Study in Darkness, and A study in Ashes, Emma Jane Holloway)

Milt Stevens reviewed Charles Stross' new book Neptune's Brood, saying it's a possible Hugo nominee.

Peter Santell read The Divergent series. Chicago is broken into five factions. It's not as good as The Hunger Games.

Christian has read The Martian Child, by David Gerrold. Slightly fictionalized story of David's adoption and raising of his son.

Matthew Tepper: It was a Nebula award winning novella, both are recommended.

Eylat notes having seen a 1970s Chevy truck in mint condition, then a 1944 Ford convertible in mint condition, and then a horse. (*Um ... if the horse was also in mint condition, is that a new way of preparing it for being eaten? -ed.*)

Milt Stevens announced Beijing is bidding for 2016 Worldcon bid. They're opposite Kansas City. Matthew Tepper added, it would be great to have a Los Angeles bid. (*Why? Is the City of Los Angeles up for auction? If so, I bid a nickel to trash. - ed.*) Joe Zeff wanted to know which Kansas City it was. (*Obviously, the one next to the Missouri River, silly boy ... - ed.*)

Christian: Kansas City has a large selection of fans who have run Conquest who are trying to get a Worldcon in Kansas City. Jerry Pournelle notes the last time Worldcon was in Kansas City, Russell Sykes found a really good Chinese restaurant nearby. (*Making it much cheaper to have Chinese food in Kansas City than to go to Beijing for it. Unless you live in China, of course.—ed.*)

David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**. The Rosetta Space Probe woke up after a long winter nap three years' hibernation. The probe was en route to a comet, and is intended to drop a lander on it.

Here on Earth, a San Diego judge threw out a distracted driving charge for a woman wearing Google Glass. There is no way the citing officer could have known whether the glass was on at the time of the offense.

Next, how about Google Contact Lenses, capable of monitoring glucose levels in tears.

They have created a small chip that can be surgically implanted so that they're always in motion, and this motion would charge up a battery through piezoelectric effect.

Christian notes Google is developing the contact lenses, and the prototype isn't quite ready. Google skunk works is doing amazing things.

Scratch: they've developed a totally transparent phone. Glass sandwich with very small wires, and other bits and pieces. "I have a hard enough time trying to find my phone as it is." -- David Okamura

Christian: So far, nobody's been towed. Gavin has been given a \$93 ticket.

Maryann Canfield moved to adjourn. It was seconded. And so we adjourned to the program. 9:05 PM.

Board of Directors Meeting

March 9, 2014

Karl Lembke, Chairman

Marty Cantor, Secretary

Board Members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Marcia Minsky, Michelle Pincus, Eylat Poliner, Mike Thorsen, Gavin Claypool, Warren "Whisky" Johnson, Elayne Pelz, and Christian McGuire. Rob Powell had an excused absence.

Members and Guests: Matthew B. Tepper, Frank Waller, Joe Zeff, Scott Beckstead, Ed Hooper, David Okamura.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:02 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the March 9 meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of February 9, 2014, were accepted with one abstention.

New Members: There were 5 applications for membership. These were submitted by: Diane Osborne, Heather "Scooter" Milne, Carol Tribble, Robert Senger, and Walter Bartel. They have paid their \$10 and were all accepted.

Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz): See Treasurer for details.

30 Second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire):

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): There might be a problem replacing the Gestetner with a business-type printer which will work with a computer with an XP Home operating system – the computer we now have. I may have to also purchase a computer – and software I can use – which will run the kind of printer we should get.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): Elayne reported that the taxes were filed.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): Soda units sold: 29,011 units to date, 300 units this period. Soda money: \$23,786.25 date, \$305.00 for this period. // The Quartermaster purchased paper products and other miscellaneous things.

Library (Warren “Whisky” Johnson): (Elayne): 3 or 4 boxes were destroyed by the rats and Whisky will go through them to see what can be salvaged, unlisting and disposing of the damaged books. Elayne will be getting together with Whisky to see what can be done in the library so that we can be reshelving and boxing books.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): We have archives – nothing has been recently donated.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): Dewey Pest Control had not charged Karl’s credit card so she took care of that glitch with the company. She will also be getting Dewey set up with the monthly plan. // Phone changed over to a much cheaper plan. // Roof leaks and this will be patched on Monday.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): The complication we had last week was due to the laptop computer. No reports on any other problems.

Events (Eylat Poliner): There were 12 entries for Soup and Stew Bowl – it was well and tastily received. // (Scott) LOSCON 41 is going along nicely. All guests are confirmed and nobody has canceled. // LOSCON 42 (Marcia) A LOSCON bid chaired by Marcia and Robbie was presented to the meeting. One GoH has accepted and Douglas Adams will be Ghost of Honor. Marcia contacted his estate and they graciously accepted.

Fund-raising and Recruitment (Michelle Pincus): Moving forward on the fundraising mentioned last month but nothing more to report at this time.

(Significant Others)

Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus): We are the full but junior partners with Pasadena Public Library programme 30th anniversary. We will be featured prominently in all their advertising and flyers. September is their Science Fiction month. They will be presenting a certificate to Larry Niven in honor of his 50 years as a professional SF writer. This will be on September 20th. They will be creating book marks and there will be SF authors mentioned on them with the authors being the most influential ones of each decade. // Web site is set up

for the science event in June and I have already started passing out flyers.

Club President (Eylat Poliner): We have meetings. We are celebrating our 4000th meeting on April 10th. // Every programme through June 28th is programmed – with no videos.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): Marty reported that the Gold’s are away until the 16th and have not given me anything to report except that the web site is still there.

AGENDA ITEMS:

The Petition: This petition was presented to us last month and it states: “We move to terminate the membership of Harold Goldstein for inappropriate behavior at LOSCON 40, an event of the LASFS.” It was signed by a sufficient number of members to bring it before the Board for consideration. There was a discussion of adding the Art Show bounced check to the petition. The petition was accepted As Is. This was moved and passed with two abstentions.

Stuff in APA-L room (Marty): Marty brought up the design of the collating cabinet and having to make it shorter because of moving the ladder out from the wall. This cabinet is shorter than what is really needed to handle collation of APA-L. Since the table next to the window no longer has the recording equipment on it and next to it, just a lot of Rob’s things, Marty proposed that Rob could now store his stuff on top of the current collating cabinet; and, as we now have more tables than we can possibly deploy, he would like to take one of the 6 foot tables and place it under the window and use that for collating. The peg-board with notices and stuff also has to be hung someplace. There was discussion of this.

Policy for Google Glass and other private recording hardware (Christian): Christian discussed the uncomfortableness of being recorded surreptitiously. David Okamura mentioned that a sign forbidding photography might be put up. Elayne moved that we form a committee to bring this up next month. Marcia, Michelle, Scott, Christian, Eylat, and Tepper were appointed.

Rat Report (Marty, Elayne): The technician from Dewey Pest Control inspected the traps and no rats were found. All possible entrances/exits had been previously blocked except for one left unblocked so that the rodents could exit the building as the poison in the traps make the rats very thirsty and there is no free-standing water in the building. If, after the next visit by the Dewey Representative there are still no rats in the traps, the last exit will be sealed and bait stations will be placed in various locations and we will then be getting Dewey Pest Control giving us monthly visits.

Zero Tolerance for LASFS (Eylat): Eylat mentioned that there are convention attendees who want a zero tolerance policy. Scott feels that a zero tolerance is never a good idea. Christian mentioned that what many authors and others are wanting is not a zero tolerance policy: it is a policy which has flexibility but has firm, ultimate con-

LAFa
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, May 17, 2014
Pre-Filk Dinner: 6PM, cooked by Heide
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Pre-filk dinner: 6PM. Heide will cook dinner, pease porridge (vegetarian and NOT 9 days old), chicken soup, and beef stew. If that doesn't meet your dietary needs, please bring what you will eat. Feel free to bring side dishes and snacks.

Directions: See Thomas Bros. San Bernardino County, page 516 G2. Lat,Lon: 34.243914,-117.294892

Filk style: To be determined by hostess.

Notes:

1. No smoking, please.
2. No creatures with more than two legs.
3. Computer on site, but no printer or internet connection.
4. Crash space for several, actually. There are two extra bedrooms, futons, and mats for sleeping. For those who crash overnight I will be making a pancake breakfast in the morning.
5. **Please feel free to come early** and enjoy the Lake, the town, and visit. **Also feel free to stay** and crash or visit in town the next day. I live in a beautiful place and like to share it!
6. LAFa info: Barry & Lee Gold:
(310) 306-7456

sequences. What we need is a policy which is firm but has flexibility. Basically, a harassment policy. This was moved to committee: Eylat, Christian, Karl, Michelle were appointed.

Christian feels that there should be a harassment policy and weapons policy for LOSCON which is put into the Standing Rules for LOSCON.

LOSCON: Possibly moving to another weekend in the Fall. (Possibly Columbus Day.) There was a general discussion about moving. A survey of LOSCON members was also brought up. // Proposition: phase out or minimize pass-on memberships. Christian felt there should be a policy about free memberships. Elayne feels we can make a by-laws change. Elayne will have proposed by-laws changes for next month. //Christian talked about space utilization in the Con hotel, getting rid of the Meridian room and getting a concession from hotel. Moved that Christian has authorization to give away the Meridian Room and move the con to a different weekend. This was passed with one abstention.

**SPECIAL ELECTION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Eylat Poliner has resigned her position on the LASFS' Board of Directors for personal reasons. An election to fill the remainder of her term (which expires at the end of this year) will be held during the regular Thursday meeting of May 1, 2014. Nominations for this position on the Board were held during the regular Thursday meeting of April 24, 2014.

Open Forum:

Thorsen brought up the code of conduct he e-mailed to the Board. Will send it again.

The next meeting of the Board will be on April 13, 2014.

Adjournment: The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary



**The following are the proposed by-laws changes
put forth at the April 24 meeting.**
(Proposed changes are italicized)

Article IV: Procedural Officers.

Section 1: General.

A. The elective procedural officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Registrar, a Scribe, and a Treasurer.

B. When elected, and continuously while serving, each procedural officer shall be 18 years of age or over, and otherwise legally competent.

Section 2: Election.

The procedural officers shall be elected from the Standard Membership. The Treasurer shall be elected at the second regular Society meeting of June. The other elective procedural officers shall be elected at the second regular Society meeting of June and at the second regular Society meeting of December. Nominations for President may be made at both the election meeting and the last previous regular Society meeting. Election of the President shall be followed by nominations for and election of the remaining elective procedural officers in the following order: *Vice-President, Registrar, Scribe, and Treasurer (in June only)*. All elective procedural officers

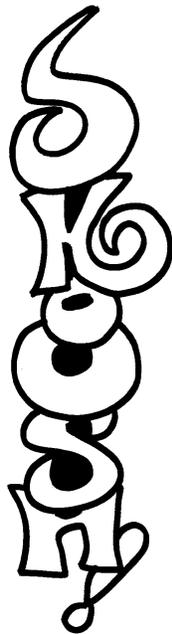
shall take office at the first regular Society meeting of the month following their election, and shall serve until they die, resign, or are removed from office, or until their elected replacements take office. Election of procedural officers shall follow the procedure given in Article X.

[...]

Section 6: Registrar.

The Registrar:

- A. shall welcome new members and guests;
- B. shall supply the Secretary with guest attendance information;
- C. shall respond appropriately to personal and electronic correspondence addressed to the Registrar; and
- D. shall, in the absence or disability of both the President and the Vice-President, perform all duties of the President. When acting in place of the President as described above, the Registrar shall have all the powers of, and be subject to the restrictions on, the President.



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The fannish autobiography of
Phil Castora
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PARKING

THE ISSUE HAS BEEN RESOLVED

NO, NOT ON AETNA

The MTA (which controls parking for the Orange Line bus) has graciously allowed LASFS to use the lot to the northwest of the clubhouse. From Tyrone, just drive west on Aetna until you get to the entrance to the parking lot (which will be on your right). The after 9 pm restriction on Aetna does not apply to this lot, so those parking in that lot need not move their car at 9 pm.

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