



## OCTOBER 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 LASFS MEETING	3 - Open House --- <b>NO Board Gaming</b>	4 - <b>BOOK SALE OFF PREMISES</b>
5	6	7	8	9 LASFS MEETING	10- Open House --- Board Gaming	11 - Cinema Animé: Cosplay Sewing Circle
12 - BoD Second Sunday Open House	13	14	15	16 LASFS MEETING	17- Open House --- Board Gaming	18 - CFO - Tom Safer Cartoons
19 Time Meddlers	20	21	22	23 LASFS MEETING	24 - Open House --- Board Gaming	25
26 <b>HOLIDAY PARTY</b>	27	28	29	30 LASFS MEETING	31 - Open House -- Board Gaming	

### KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

Estrogen Zone = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society  
 BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am  
 2nd Sunday Open House = Board and other gaming - 2 pm  
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation - 1 pm  
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation - 1 pm to 8 pm  
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing  
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm  
 Time Meddlers = Dr. Who club - 11 am  
 Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am

### THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**OCTOBER 2** - Nominations and voting for 2014 \*Forrest J Ackerman Award for Service to Science Fiction\*  
**OCTOBER 9** - Special Programme; **Voting on Club By-Laws change.**  
**OCTOBER 16** - **BIG** Auction  
**OCTOBER 23** - Author Peter H. Brothers talk on Bela Lugosi, /The Devil Bat/, and his new book  
**OCTOBER 30** - Lee and Barry Gold with a presentation on the LASFS Website: What's on it, how to use it

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

BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm  
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends  
 Work Party - 10:30 am  
 Estrogen Zone - 2:00 pm  
 FWEMS -

**NO BOARD-GAMING ON  
OCTOBER 3**

This is because all of the large tables will be used at the book sale the next day and will be moved to the book sale site on Friday afternoon.

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**PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES START ON PAGE 7.**

LASFS' Library Book Sale at 15931 Kalisher St., Granada Hills, on October 4. (See page 10 for details.)

## DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

### COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 500– September 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](http://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 \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah(at)sbglobal(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, DELL Workstation (using the Windows 7 Professional 64 bit 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  
July - December, 2014

**President:** Marty Cantor. **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), Milt Stevens (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 toners, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison:** Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whiskey. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Gavin Claypool, Ed Hooper. **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:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Science Officer:** David Okamura (with Karl Lembke). **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](http://www.lasfs.org))

**Meeting 4007, May 29, 2014**  
**Vice President Debra Levin, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Vice-President Debra Levin was a merry old soul and a merry old soul was she. She called for her noise stick and she called for her drink and she called meeting #4007 to order at 8:08.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read. Matthew Tepper bid \$1 to approve them as "so these two unspecified ethnics...".

**Patron Saint Ed Baker** was honored. Milt Stevens spoke. Ed Baker joined the club in about 1960, kept getting mistaken for Fred Patten, and when it was too much work to keep sorted out, it became Fred Baker and Ed Patten. He was an esperantist, and easily confused. Before the days of sexual harassment, it was discovered it was easy to get him all flustered, and females would compete to turn his ears red. He got thrown out of The Cult APA for translating the entire publication into Esperanto. In the end he was shot to death in a robbery down on Crenshaw, a bit south of where his family lived. He was club librarian for a couple of years. Matthew Tepper liked

him. **Patron Saint Ed Baker** was given Three Cheers and a green star.

**Time bound announcements:** Larry Niven rose to announce his wife is scheduled for surgery on her knee, June 4. If the infection turns out to be gone, she gets a new artificial knee. Best wishes to Marilyn... An appropriate card is to be procured.

The Members of the Board and Procedural Officers got an e-mail from the science teacher at Ambassador High School in Torrance. *"I am a science teacher and ISS mentor at Ambassador High School in Torrance, Ca. I am writing on behalf of my students or agricultural engineers, as Vonnegut would put it. They have spent the majority of the school year designing and engineering a fully automated experiment, that will be conducted on the International Space Station (this summer.) One hope of the experiment is to lend some insight into the sustainability of manned space exploration and extended human habitation in space, by investigating a concept related to food production in a microgravity environment. The team is excited to announce that their experiment will launch on June 10!*

*"It is obvious that you are passionate about science fiction. Are you also passionate about making this science project a reality? These students deserve recognition for their dedication and sacrifice towards the project.*

*"I am looking forward to coming up with a idea where both our groups can mutually benefit each other. Without help from awesome organizations like LASFS, we won't be able to continue our research in space."*

### **New Business:**

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**Moment of Science:** David Okamura announced Sea Launch, in Long Beach, has fired a French satellite into geosync orbit from a floating oil platform towed to the equator. Unfortunately, they may get caught up in the fight between SpaceX and the United Launch Alliance.

Google will be building 100 prototypes of their driverless car. It looks a bit like a golf cart. It goes about 100 miles on a single charge, and the top speed is governed at 25 mph.

Karl reported on Space-X: SpaceX will unveil the Dragon V2, its new spaceship that will be able to carry astronauts to and from the International Space Station, tonight at 7 p.m. Pacific. Watch Elon Musk, the billionaire founder of SpaceX and Tesla, reveal the new ship at the company's California headquarters on the livestream above.

The Dragon V2 is a modified version of the Dragon spacecraft that has performed three unmanned resupply missions to the Space Station since October 2012. The third mission returned to Earth earlier this month.

NASA hopes the new vessel will be ready for manned missions by 2017 or 2018. Earlier this year, the U.S. extended its Space Station program through 2024.

Peter Santell read two Kipling stories, With the Night Mail and As Easy as A, B, Z. The first involved zeppelins and was rather boring. The second mentioned northern Illinois. This was on Kindle.

**Registrar** Michelle Pincus introduced E. E. King, a guest who heard about us from Larry Niven.

Scratch reviewed the third book in a series by Wynn Spencer having to do with elves, magic, and a city being teleported between Earth and Elfland. The third book is called Tinker.

Larry Niven rose to say he was given book 5 of Schlock Mercenary. He enjoyed it. Reading from year 2000. It's a SF comic strip. By our standards, soft SF, but enjoyable.

Jerry Pournelle found it more schlock than mercenary. (Jerry's picky about his mercenaries -- Larry Niven)

Jerry: from June 8 to June 14, there's a meeting at Hilton Head, South Carolina, of nanotech technology and testing. It's a big deal, and they were planning on flying him and Larry out to the thing. The Intergalactic Woman of Mystery will take Larry's place. They do have a very competent convention management organization. They set up a conference call and hashed out the details with the guests, and within a couple of days he had his tickets. A limo will pick him up at 4:30, take him to a direct flight to South Carolina. He has instructions to not tip any of the drivers; they've already been paid.

Jerry Pournelle recalled a young lady who turns into a coyote at will in a series of books. The same author, Patricia Briggs, has a series of books about an omega wolf. The new series is called Alpha and Omega.

There is to be a ChatBot contest at the robotic society meeting. It's sort of like a Turing test.

CLJII misced with an observation on the power of the direct to video film maker. A friend of his directed and co-produced Return of the Killer Shrews. A couple of **days ago, sent comments for his publisher to put on his page for the book series. Comments are now on Facebook pages, and within an hour sales of the book jumped.**

**Milt Stevens moved to adjourn to the program. We adjourned at 9:00 PM.**

**Meeting 4008, June 5, 2014  
President Eylat Poliner, presiding  
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

**Matthew Tepper interrupted his phone call to his father so President Debra Levin could call meeting #4008 to order at 8:08.**

**The Menace from the previous meeting were read. Matthew Tepper bid \$2 to approve them as "Irving. Big irving. Big dumb, dumb Irving... 142nd fastest gun in the west".**

**Patron Saint Jim Glass was honored. Marty spoke of Jim who was our librarian in 1975 when Marty joined. The library was housed in a tiny room in a tiny clubhouse. We lost track of him when we moved to the clubhouse on Burbank Blvd. Jerry Pournelle: he did such a good job as librarian, we gave him the Evans Freehafer award, whereupon he quit and never came back.**

**Patron Saint Jim Glass was given Three Cheers and a tiny library.**

**Patron Saint Michael Bloom was honored. Maryann was playing Hell here one night with Michael Bloom. He had a Hellish theme on his shirt -- fishes playing cards. He made her a copy when she admired it, and refused money. Michelle called him a terrific guy who supports the club.**

**Patron Saint Michael Bloom was given Three Cheers and a no two bid.**

**Michelle Pincus auctioned off the Final Soda Slot. June Moffatt bid \$5 for Diet Root Beer**

**Time bound announcements: Tom Safer asked about the parking restrictions. They turn out to be what's legally required to shift the guy in the pickup truck and trailer. He turns out to be the local fence, and it's hoped this will cause the local illegal economy to collapse. Jerry Pournelle noted that the mobile flea markets seem to have been successfully displaced.**

**Larry Niven announced Marilyn Niven has a new knee. It went optimally. Standing up on it is ex-**

**pected in a few days.**

**Committee Reports:** Marty Cantor: Friday Night Board games are here, and So Cal Games Day in Burbank starts at 11 AM until 11 PM, \$10. At 5 pm, they have 6-8 games they raffle off.

**Special Orders of Business:** Matthew Tepper announced the passing of author Jay Lake. He would have been 50 today.

Paul Turner was lost while hiking. The search was called off because he turned up, as Turners are wont to do.

Mark Poliner reported his wife and daughter are in Israel. Eylat was brave enough to ride a camel. ("Brave camel!" -- Jerry Pournelle.)

David Okamura reported on local news: P-22, the mountain lion in Griffith Park is on the mend. Still a question what caused it. He's also at the age where he may be looking for a mate.

Yesterday there was a 286 page report on NASA's space program. The Agency has unsustainable and unsafe strategy for Mars program.

More historical revision: they have reconstructed the spine of Richard III. He turns out to have had scoliosis, but was not the hunchback portrayed by Shakespeare.

Another group has grown a new ear for Vincent Van Gogh, from genetic material from a descendant of his brother. It will be featured in an early exhibit traveling the world. (*Now all they have to do is to build a time machine so that they can go back and re-attach the ear.* - ed.)

**Registrar** Michelle announced no guests.

Hare Hobbs reports the booklet he got in the mail was pix of the cast members, and an explanation of what's going on. They were doing a sequel to Beverly Hills Bordello. Cinemax backed out. Now enough has changed at Cinemax that the series may be on again.

Tonight we nominate for President of the Club. The sole current nominee is Marty Cantor, and possible others to be named next week when nominations re-open.

Jay Freeman announced Space-X has a launch a week from today.

**New Business:** Gavin Claypool rose to go over the changes to the by-laws.

1) Add to Article IV, section 6, a new subsection:

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This was passed unanimously.

2) Amend Article IV, section 2 to read as follows:

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This was passed with 1 abstention.

3) Add to article IV, sect 1, a new subsection:

*B. When elected, and continuously while serving, each procedural officer shall meet the following qualifications: be 18 years of age or older, and otherwise legally competent.*

*After some discussion, including the expected quibbles over the circumstance under which an officer might somehow decrease in age below 18 years...*

This was passed with one nay and one abstention.

All changes passed with significant margins.

Milt Stevens got to the last nominee for the Hugo. It's a 14-volume series. He went back and read volume 1 from 1995. In comparison with the other udder crap on the ballot, it's quite good. It's a very long book, feeling like trudging through Jell-o but it wasn't bad Jell-o. But philosophically he can't vote for a 14 volume series as best novel.

Darnell Coleman: David vs the Spider People, 120 page book with 6 short stories. Jewish History and Call of Cthulhu. Recommended.

Jay Freeman reported on Space-X -- Landing video, June 6, a credible reconstruction.

Matthew Tepper announced he and his wife are proud owners of a bookcase previously owned by Greg Bear's grandparents.

Joe Zeff is lab-rattin on a study of diabetes medicine. Got a letter looking for people with asthma interested in being lab rats. Compensation up to \$900.

We moved to adjourn and adjourned at 9:07 PM.

**Meeting 4009, June 12, 2014  
Vice President Debra Levin, presiding  
Matthew B. Tepper, Scribe**

The lights having flickered out, Vice President Debra Levin called meeting #4009 to order at 8:06.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read. Marcia Minsky bid \$8.50 to approve them as "Need a flashlight?". They were so approved.

**Time bound announcements:** Tonight is Mark Poliner's last night of freedom. He's looking for partners in debauchery.

Marty Cantor notes there will be a celebration of George Clayton Johnson's 85th birthday, 7/12/14 at 2 PM at Mystery and Imagination Books.

Matthew Tepper notes that there's another used book store across the street, Brand Bookstore.

CLJII had an item: we have a special guest, Lydia Van Vogt! This is her first visit to the clubhouse, she was brought by Brad Linaweaver.

**Patron Saint Hare Hobbs** was honored. Matthew: admires how he's very determined when he sets out to do something. He's dyslexic, but he decided he wouldn't let that stop him. He would jolly well read books and has been a constant reader. (*Constant weader fwows up!* - ed.) Scratch: Hare collects music, and is very knowledgeable in his field. He once had a large number of LPs. Close to 6000. He now has close to 5000 CDs. He's very knowledgeable and enjoys telling about his field. Glenn Olson. He's a gentle man and has picked a fine family to belong to.

Tom Safer always appreciates that you're here, always smiling, and have a good sense of humor. Barbara Harmon: Likes that he always contributes. Scratch: He has the good fortune of running into some interesting pretty ladies. He had to sign a model release for that one.

Debra: Hare is one of the more interesting people I know, and appreciate that he always has things to contribute, and appreciates that another dyslexic reads as much as he does.

**Patron Saint Hare Hobbs** was given Three Cheers and a Moeba.

**Patron Saint Sandy Cohen** was honored. Christian: He has lousy aim, but he has chocolate. He's a sacred object -- the sacred chancellor of chocolate. He is a conscientious and well intended member of the club. Scratch: He has a wonderful time with chocolate. He also is kind, plays cards, and is generous to a fault, all when he wins money. Joan: He's a wonderful guy to be around, and a wonderful companion for any adventure you care to go on.

Eric Hoffman: Sandy is one of the first people I met when I got involved in conventions, and I consider him a good friend. He's good for yak sessions. He's one of the saints who's still with us. Michelle Pincus: First three rules of Hell: number 3 is Kill Sandy. Darnell Coleman: he and Sandy talked about fandom and SF books. He was a wealth of knowledge and we hope this continues.

Matthew Tepper: Sandy was generous with advice and taught him how to talk to the single women he meets, thus he's married at the age of 59.. "Slow learner" -- Sandy Christian: over the past decades, Sandy has given a substantial amount of time and energy as a volunteer at conventions.

**Patron Saint Sandy Cohen** was given Three Cheers and a sacred chancellorship of chocolate.

**Committee Reports:** David Okamura had a science report. Kepler is back. The space telescope stopped its search when it became unstable. NASA scientists have been using the solar wind to stabilize the satellite. (*Well, gee - they could have sent me up to blow hot air in its direction.* - ed.)

A private team has re-activated a NASA satellite that was launched in 1978, and has been sleeping since 1997. International Sun Earth Explorer 3 is awake again. The group hopes to be able to do more research with it.

**Registrar** Michelle announced two guests. Zando Schnitzer and San Ann Villagomez

**Old Business:** Tonight we handle procedural elections.

Presidential Nominee so far is Marty Cantor. Darnell Coleman was nominated this week and accepted.

Marty Cantor won, 38/10/3/1 and is now President-elect.

Vice President: Nominated were Debra Levin and Greg Bilan.

Debra Levin won.

Registrar: Nominated were Michelle Pincus and Darnell Coleman.

Michelle Pincus was re-elected to the office of Registrar

Scribe: Nominated were Karl Lembke and Joe Zeff

Karl Lembke was re-elected to the office of Scribe.

Treasurer: Nominated was Elayne Pelz. Nominations were closed and Elayne Pelz was railroaded into office.

Joan Steward moved to adjourn and so we adjourned at 9:49 PM.

**Board of Directors Meeting  
August 10, 2014  
Karl Lembke, Chairman  
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

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

**Members and Guests:** Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Mark Poliner, Joe Zeff, Sherri Benoun, Tony Benoun, Eylat Poliner, Matthew B. Tepper, Scott Beckstead, Frank Waller, John Hertz, Ed Hooper, Marcia Powers, June Moffatt, George McUrso.

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:07 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, August 10th meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of July 13, 2014 were accepted as corrected.

**New Members:** There were 5 applications for membership. These were submitted by: Ben Keen, Zander Schnitzer, Christopher "Chris" Horrocks, C. Lawson Woodward, Gabe Hernandez. They paid their \$10 and were accepted.

**Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz):** We have money but a little less than we should have.

**30 Second Reports:**

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

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

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

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

**Comptroller (Gavin Claypool):** We have plans for some fund-raising, large scale, probably early October. Possibly an October 4 garage sale.

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen):** July's totals were sent in via e-mail. They are: total units sold, 357, bringing in \$357.00 since there were no selections which were priced more than \$1.00. The July to-date units sold since we were given the machine are 29,923 for a total of July to-date amount of \$24,705. This month: 390 units bringing in \$390. Total units to date: 30,303, and total monies to date: \$25,095. Since we purchased most of our supplies just before Second Sunday last month the only thing we had to buy this month was pipe insulation. And that didn't cost much.

**Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson):** (Acting temporary librarian Gavin Claypool): We have done some more purging. Elayne and Gavin discussed removing items. We simply do not have the space for everything. It was proposed that we purge magazines pre-1995 (after cherry-picking) at the discretion of the librarian. These items will be given a good home and will not be thrown away. A proposal for doing this was moved, seconded, and passed with no objections. Lee Gold talked about how she collected a lot of these magazines for the club. ISL will pay for shipping.

**Archives (Marcia Minsky):** No report.

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** There was a report about our water main break: the cost about \$1700 (after

insurance). Some locks have been re-keyed. There will be lights in front of the bookcase and assorted other lights. There was a discussion about putting a door in the gate to the north sidewalk. The painting of the building is on hold because of the money being spent on the plumbing problem.

**AV Equipment (Rob Powell):** The Blu-ray equipment is currently working.

**Events (Milt Stevens):** Parking situation. It was noted that the house trailer was back. The police took him to court - they mess-maker won. We discussed a possible restraining order as some of our members are uncomfortable in walking past the various people piling junk on the sidewalks and with some of them living on the sidewalks. Garage sale: Elayne mentioned that we would have a book sale on October 4 at an off-site location. Elayne is looking into off-site locations for this book sale. // LOSCON - Scott: everything is going fine with more paid members at this time than last year. There will be a programming meeting soon. Code of Conduct is on the web site and it will be on Facebook. // Marcia: her LOSCON is doing fine now with nothing new to report.

**Fund-raising, Recruitment, and Marketing Committee: (Michelle Pincus):** There will be a second annual Science Day.

(Significant Others)

**Club President (Marty Cantor):** We are still holding meetings and people seem to be enjoying themselves.

**WEB MASTER (Barry Gold):** Marty gave permission for his photos to be put on the LASFS entry in Wikipedia.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Equipment loan to Fandomcharities.org (Elayne Pelz):** They want to borrow (for \$1,000) some con suite equipment in May 15, next year. This was moved, seconded, and passed with no objections.

**Spraying for pests (Marty Cantor):** Our contract with Dewey Pest Control is just not only for rodents but is also for creepy-crawlies. As we have lately have more of the cockroach type creepy-crawlies than usual I have talked to the person who comes out here and he has agreed to come out on a Thursday morning (instead of the more usual Thursday late afternoon) so that he can spray the premises and still give us the requisite 4 hours before we can come in, put things away, and then hold a meeting. We would have to come in on the previous Wednesday evening to empty the kitchen and both bathrooms.

**Harassment Committee Report (Eylat Poliner, John Hertz):** (closed meeting)

**Science Day: May 2nd (Michelle Pincus):**

**Closed Session (Elayne Pelz):**

The next meeting of the Board will be on September 14, 2014.

**OPEN FORUM:**

It is noted that Karl disbanded the Harassment Committee with thanks for their work.

**TAKE-AWAYS:**

Elayne is doing stuff.

**Adjournment:** The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

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**PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES**

**Proposal #1:** To amend Article IV (Procedural Officers), Sections 4, 7, and 8 (President, Scribe, and Treasurer), and the title of Article III (Directors), Section 8 (Corporate Officers), with the following **changes:**

**[Article IV]**

**Section 4: President.**

The President:

- A. shall be the **general manager and chief** executive officer of the **corporation Society**;
- B. subject to the Board of Directors, shall have general supervision, direction, and control of the affairs of the Society;
- C. shall preside at **all** meetings of the Society; and
- D. shall appoint, serve on, and/or disband all committees, and/or appoint and/or remove the Society publication editor(s), sergeant-at-arms, and other appointive officers as he or she finds necessary.

**Section 7: Scribe.**

The Scribe:

- A. shall be the secretary of the corporation;**
- B. shall keep minutes of each meeting of the Society;**
- C. shall keep, at the principal office of the Society, a book of minutes of the meetings of the Society, which shall be accessible to any member on demand and shall maintain the minutes section of the archives.;
- D. shall provide a copy of the minutes of each Society meeting for publication in the Society newsletter (whose editor may edit and condense them as necessary as long as said editing shall not distort the meaning of said minutes) and to the Society Website. **and**
- E. shall handle the correspondence of the Society.

**Section 8: Treasurer.**

The Treasurer:

- A. shall be the chief financial officer of the corporation;**

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- B.** shall receive, disburse, and account for all funds of the Society;
- C.** shall present a statement of the financial status of the Society at each regular meeting of the Society and to each regular meeting of the Board of Directors;
- D.** shall keep a record of each member, listing:
  1. name
  2. address
  3. meetings attended
  4. at which meetings dues were paid: and
- E.** shall notify the President when any member is Delinquent and thus ineligible to vote. Financial and attendance records of the Society shall be accessible to any member.

**[Article III]**

**Section 8: Corporate Board Officers.**

**Proposal #2:** To amend Article III (Directors), Section 2 (Election and Term of Office) by splitting it into two sections with the following changes, and renumbering subsequent sections:

**Section 2: Nominations and Election.**

- A. Nominations for Directors shall be held at the first regular Society meeting of November. Nominations shall be**

closed at the conclusion of that nominating session and shall not be re-opened.

- B. Nominators shall be required to explain their reasons for proposing a candidate.**

- C. Nominees, in person or through intermediaries, shall be required to explain their qualifications and intentions for the fulfillment of the office of Director.**

- D. Records shall be kept detailing the attendance of Directors, and shall be made available for examination by members of the Society.**

- E. Directors shall be ~~elected annually, at the second regular Society meeting before Thanksgiving of November.~~ If no such regular Society this meeting is not held, or Directors are not elected at it, the Directors shall be elected at another Society meeting, with Standard Members notified as for a Special Society meeting. Election ~~of~~ Directors shall follow the procedure given in Article X, below.**

**Section 3: Term of Office.**

The term of office for Directors shall be three years, with approximately one-third of the ~~Board~~ being elected each year. Directors shall take office on the January 1st of the year following their election and shall hold office through December 31~~st~~ of the final year of their term.

**Section 3 4: Vacancies.**

**Section 4 5: Meetings.**

**Section 5 6: Quorum.**

**Section 6 7: Fees and Compensation.**

**Section 7 8: Removal from Office.**

**Section 8 9: Board Officers. [if Proposal #1 is not passed, section title remains "Corporate Officers."]**

**Proposal #3:** To amend Article III (Directors), Section 1 (Number and Qualifications), paragraph A and paragraph B subparagraph 4, with the following changes:

- A.** The authorized number of Directors, as stated in the Articles of Incorporation, is shall be eleven.
- B.** When elected, and continuously while serving, each Director shall meet the following qualifications:

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- 4.** Reside within Los Angeles County or one of the four adjacent counties (Kern County, Orange County, San Bernardino County, or Ventura County), or make written statement that the necessary travel will not interfere with fulfilling required duties.

**How these bylaws will read after passage of the proposed changes:**

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**Section 6: Quorum.**

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**Section 8: Removal from Office.**

**Section 9: Board Officers.**

**Article IV: Procedural Officers.**

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