



MARCH 2015

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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 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

MARCH 5 - Presentation of 2016 LOSCON bids.
MARCH 12 - Larry Lytle discusses his book *American Grotesque*
MARCH 19 - BIG Auction
MARCH 26 - Special appearance by Harlan Ellison, local author

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
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 Estrogen Zone - 2:00 pm
 FWEMS -

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FRIDAY NIGHT BOARD GAMING Meetup at LASFS

4:30 pm TO 11:00 pm

Our experienced gamers are willing to teach these games to beginners.

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 505– March 2015. 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, 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 75¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.45. 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, 2015

President: Matthew B. Tepper. Vice-President: Debra Levin. Scribe: Karl Lembke. Treasurer: (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. Registrar: Ed Hooper.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2015). Vice-Chairman: Christian McGuire (2017).. Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2016). Secretary: Marty Cantor (2015). Other members: Marcia Minsky (2015), Warren "Whisky" Johnson (2015) Elayne Pelz (2017), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2017), Mike Thorsen (2016), Michelle Pincus (2016), Nick Smith (2017). Special Advisor: Charles Lee Jackson II. Advisors: Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

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De Profundis Editor, Speaker to toners, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison: Marty Cantor. Librarian: Whisky. 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.

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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 4033, November 27, 2014
President Marty Cantor, presiding
Marty Cantor, Scribe

The 4033th meeting of LASFS was called to order at 8:00 pm.

As per usual for the Thanksgiving meeting of LASFS, I am running it as all of the procedural officers. This year, though, I am officially Procedural President.

And, if all of you will look at that sign on the wall over there, it says Freehafer Hall. As the LASFS always meets in Freehafer Hall, this means that this is the meeting which is the official meeting of the club even if some parvenu decides to run a meeting of the rumps at LOSCON, a place where all of the club's traitors are meeting this weekend.

I was going to mention in Special Orders of business that nobody would DARE to die when there were so few of us here to hear the news. Unfortunately, somebody was not paying attention and so he up and died. OK, enough smartassery – this is serious. The person who died was Stu Shiffman. From New York City, Stu moved to Seattle

many years ago and is a past winner of TAFF.

For a long time Stu held the record for the most Hugo nominations without winning the Award. In 1990, though, Stu finally won a Hugo for Best Fanartist. Stu also won the Rotsler Award in 2010. Stu's illos have graced many a fanzine, including my own HOLIER THAN THOU. And, not only was Stu a fine fanartist, his fanwriting was also top-notch.

In 2012 Stu suffered a stroke which left him both paralyzed and made it difficult for him to speak. Gradually, though, despite setbacks here and there, Stu was making a physical comeback. Indeed, he had progressed to being able to maneuver an electric wheelchair. Unfortunately, not long ago, Stu fell and did not wake up from the resulting necessary operation. He remained in a coma until he died yesterday. Stu was 60 years old.

Matthew recommended that we send a card to Andi Schechter.

Theoretically we had a meeting last Thursday evening; however, as the Scribe did not pass to me any minutes of that meeting, it is quite possible that it never happened.

And, as the Treasurer has not handed me the Treasurer's Report; and as she is not here, this seems strange. It is rumored that she is at LOSCON; however, as both she and the Treasury are not here, I cannot help but wonder where both of them are and hoping that absconding is not the order of the day.

We do have a Patron Saint, Frank Gasperik. Frank moved to Arizona several years ago but picked this meeting for his Saint's Day as he liked LOSCON; and, until he died a few years ago, he would come back to the club for a visit before heading off to the con. Matthew said that he knew Frank longer than most people around here. Early 70s at Santa Monica College. Gail Selinger. Meeting at small meeting at second clubhouse – Matthew misses him very much.

We have no guests this evening – I hope that they are all off at LOSCON.

Board member presentation: as one of two Board members on the premises I want to invite all the vast horde of people here to board-gaming at LASFS tomorrow night. I will set out another table for you.

Committee Reports: The only committee here is the Committee to hold LASFS meetings and its report, this evening, should be self-evident. If not, none of us are here.

We have no smalls to auction, so are there any announcements?

Matthew seriously reports that Yngvi is a louse.

There is no business, neither old, new, or monkey – but I am not too certain about the latter.

Are there any miscellaneous items or fannish committee

reports?

TSA agents paragon of tact and diplomacy. // Matthew says Fry's have joined the evil empire as they have replaced Coke machines with Pepsi machines.

The only programme item this evening is me putting out APA-L so I need a motion to adjourn. There was such a motion, it passed, and we adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Meeting 4034, December 4, 2014 President Marty Cantor, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4034 to order at 8:01

Comments from the President: Welcome to some people we haven't seen in a while. Glenn Glazer, and Robbie Bourget.

We're having an ultra fast meeting

Special Order of Business: CLJII: SF film fan and publisher of reference material Walt Lee passed away. He produced a 3 volume guide to SF films that was basically a giant checklist. Several years ago he started a revised edition, but Bill Warren persuaded him to abandon it because the Internet is so much better. His revision may yet see the light of day.

Last Thursday, we had the meeting here,

Menace from the meeting before last were read. Debra Levin bid \$1 to name them "N" They were so accepted.

Menace from last week's meeting were read. They had the questionable virtue of being not quite longer than the actual meeting. Milt Stevens bid \$1 to name them "What do you want to do tonight, Marty?"

Treasurer's Report: We do have some money in the treasury: You can't spend any of it.

Patron Saint Marty Massoglia: Matthew Tepper said Marty is a longtime LASFS member, and he and his wife Alice are well known as booksellers. Marty is not only a hail-well-met fellow, if you're trying to remember a story or novel, mention the slightest detail to him and he'll come up with the title, author, magazine it first appeared in, and the ISBN number.

CLJII: His bookstore remains in the Aether, and he travels the southwest looking for unappreciated treasures. He was at LOSCON with a fine assortment, and he actually admitted that the LOSCON CLJII ran wasn't the best of all time, merely in the top three. Joe Zeff recently became aware of a new convention, mostly Anime, They don't have the right merchandise for that convention, but they are boosting it to other dealers. Hare: You can see him at the paperback convention every year. He's the one who recommended Silverlock to him.

Scratch: It's good he's still with us, not good that he's not here with us. Doug Crepeau: has a set of printouts where he analyzed the codes for major publishers as to what's in their books.

Patron Saint Marty Massoglia was given Three Cheers and an ISBN of his very own!

Registrar Michelle announced we have no guests.

There was no **Board Member** announcement.

Next Friday is the Gift Exchange. Most of us feel it's lots of fun.

Committee Reports: David Okamura rose to report on some science.

First test flight of Orion capsule was delayed. Still iffy due to weather. Should take 2 orbits around Earth and then splash down. CLJII wished "Good luck for the Irish Space Program".

We were very lucky to get anything out of the comet lander. It bounced. It tumbled. That it landed on its feet is a miracle. We'll see if we get any more out of it.

Google is not just a browser. It's all over the place. Latest is Google Spoon. It helps people who have uncontrollable shaking. It compensates for movement. // And there are two weeks' clippings on the board.

Announcements, Regular or Time Bound: CLJII: Hershey's is removing high fructose corn sugar from its products.

Old Business: We have a gift exchange a week from tomorrow. The Video was played.

CLJII rose to handle the announcement of what's going on. He described the duties of the office of President, and then we nominated. And there was much rejoicing. Nominated were Michelle Pincus, and Matthew Tepper.

President Cantor remarked that being president is prestigious. The most important thing is to run the meeting, appoint good people, and let them do their jobs.

Reviews: Hare: LOSCON went pretty well, until Sunday. He got an unusual flu bug.

Jerry Pournelle was pleased to say that John got his flu shot and got the flu. Jerry did not get his flu shot and didn't get the flu, despite being exposed to a convention.

Tim Griffin read How We Got To Now. Excellent storytelling and putting inventions that don't get a lot of attention into context. Enjoyed, good fun, informative.

Miscellaneous: Bill Green was heading to a program and encountered a fellow at LOSCON giving out cards advertising a SF novel. He approached Larry Niven and asked, "Are you interested in hard science fiction"?

Darnell: the shots for flu did not predict the strain that's going around. It covers a lot of strains, though.

CLJII had an autograph session, and one thing he had other authors said he should talk up. He has e-book autograph cards, which can be autographed and given to people with e-books.

Heide Nichols got to run two departments: Music (used to be Filk). Kathy Mar gave him a 2014 best writer Pegasus award. (the other was gaming)

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned to the program at 9:07 pm.

Meeting 4035, December 11, 2014 President Marty Cantor, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4035 to order at 8:00.

Comments from the President: He will be leaving after the election, allowing Debra to finish up.

Gift Exchange is tomorrow, copies of the rules are on the pubs shelf.

Special Orders of Business: Regina announced the passing of Mark Lewis Sunday night. He'd been all kinds of character actors at Ren Faire. He had become a professional storyteller. A Wikipedia biography will be posted in the other room.

This will be a very short meeting.

Menace from last meeting were read. Michelle Pincus bid \$10 to name them "Brought to you by the committee to elect Michelle Pincus President" They were so accepted.

Announced again, Stu Shiffman has died.

Treasurer's Report: We do have some money in the treasury: You can't spend any of it.

Patron Saint Fred Patten: Fred is still writing books despite his stroke denying him the use of his dominant hand. Eric Hoffman: Learned there was more to Japanese Animation than little white lions, and he's been waiting his turn to get even with him. Scratch: Enjoys animation but doesn't know enough Japanese to read or understand them. CLJII: Fred joined LASFS before most of you were even born. Fred used to sell comics you couldn't read at prices you couldn't afford; Stroumphs, tintin, Asterix and Obelix, and many others. Later he shifted from Europe to Asia and pretty much single-handedly started Japanimation in the US. Like Topsy, it grew out of hand and Fred had to back away slowly.

Kappa Alpha, comics fan APA. In APA-L every week, and some weeks when there was no L. He was in issues 1 -- 2280. Scott: Fred Patten was fan guest of honor for his

LOSCON; he had his stroke a month before. Kay Shapero: Fred is one of those annoying people who comes up with new enthusiasms and makes you catch them. Tepper: Between Europe and Asia, he took a side trip to Mexican comic books. In a fascinating article in his zine about a Mexican character named SuperCharro, and a villain named El Professor Mental, who would exclaim things like Rabanos Radioactivos and Zanahorias Electronicas.

CLJII: Fred had a reputation for being at parties, getting a book, falling asleep, and writing up everything that happened the following week. Karl: He is the LASFS Historian.

Patron Saint Fred Patten was given Three Cheers and something full of sound and furry!

We pause here to note the passing of Spider Robinson's daughter, Terry DeSilva.

Registrar Michelle announced we had guests. Last Friday, we became known to Lisa Kottler and Matt Bowers.

Board Member announcement: Board Meeting this Sunday at 11:00. Second Sunday Festivities follow the meeting.

Next Friday is the Gift Exchange. Most of us feel it's lots of fun.

Old Business: Election of Procedural Officers.

President: Michelle Pincus and Matthew Tepper. Michelle bid \$7 to name the ballot Pinc. Matthew Tepper was elected President.

Debra Levin was elected Vice President. Barbara Harmon bid \$6 to name the ballot White.

Ed Hooper was elected Registrar.

The ballot for Scribe was auctioned off, and David Okamura bid \$4 to name the color of the ballot. Karl Lembke was elected Scribe.

Vice President Debra Levin took over.

Reviews: Scratch is working through Fourth book of the Tinker Series, magic comes back and so do elves. It's a good read.

Marcia reviewed LOSCON 41 with thanks to Scott for putting it on.

David Okamura had a moment of science: Orion had a successful trip, splashed down, was retrieved and returned to San Diego.

The Pluto Explorer has been awakened after its hibernation, and will encounter Pluto in July next year.

Evidence has been found to support the idea that the entire Gale crater was once a lake. A 96 mile wide lake.

About 150 years ago, we commissioned the first aircraft carrier. It was a barge used to launch observation balloons during the Civil War. On the 16th, they expect to launch the Falcon 9 re-supply mission to ISS. Musk has been experimenting with boosters with retractable legs. He's ready to try using pads re-purposed from the oil industry. 50/50 chance for the first try, should improve with practice.

Miscellaneous: Marcia Minsky misced about LOSCON 42. Until the end of the year, we're selling towels. \$35 each, free LOSCON 42 membership with each purchase. Website is up and running, LOSCON.org: people with comped memberships, just the towel \$15

Milt Stevens called attention to publication called Journey Planet, by Chris Garcia and James Bacon. now put out a 75 page issue devoted to Doctor Who, available on efanzines.com.

CLJII has a misc. Bestselling of his books is the western. Who wants SF these days anyhow!

Police around yourselves and put up your chair.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 9:24 PM

Meeting 4036, December 18, 2014 President Marty Cantor, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

Before the meeting began, we enjoyed a concert by Tim Griffin, including such greats as "44 Philosophers" and "Oregon Trail".

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4036 to order at 8:00.

Comments from the President: When I took office as President, I wanted only a six month term. Next meeting is on Christmas Day, and that will be my last meeting as President, so you can all continue being happy after I leave.

John DeChancie announced that Dr. Jerry Pournelle has suffered a stroke on Monday. He is recovering very nicely and is out of the ICU. He's complaining about American education, and says he'd rather have a Sri Lankan doctor since they have a wonderful education system. He has a message for the LASFS. "I'll be back!"

The **Menace** from the last meeting was read. Marcia Minsky bid \$1 name them "Something or Other" They were so accepted.

Treasurer's Report: We do have some money in the treasurer; you can't spend any of it.

Patron Saint Steve McGinty: From the Hagiography: Avid reader and general fan, Has a propensity for computer-related gags. Was an Official Assistant Librarian.

Matthew Tepper: Steve is a pleasant fellow who comes around from time to time. At the old clubhouse, he would bring his portable hotspot to share with others. Wishes he'd show up more often.

Patron Saint Steve McGinty was given Three Cheers and a shake of the head.

Patron Saint Heide Nichols: Tom Safer: Heide is a very kind woman, even takes the time to teach games to his wife who is visually impaired. Nick Smith: She's run the music room at LOSCON and tried bringing in different items, while running the game room and arranged for demos from game companies. George McUrso: She was the second donor for the toy drive at LOSCON, and the first actually on site.

Patron Saint Heide Nichols was given Three Cheers and a shake of the dice.

Registrar Michelle announced some guests. Last Friday we had Jennifer Aknin. Tonight we have Brandon Carpe-writer, Emily Hunter, James Brownlee, Mark Thompson, and John Roloff.

Board Member announcement: Elayne Pelz announced it's beginning to get toward the end of the year, so installments on yearly dues payments can be started at any time. Going to start putting a jar on her desk, because the LASFS is running on fumes.

Marty Cantor spoke up. This is a very nice building and it does a lot of things for us. The Friday night gaming is very popular and quite fun.

CLJII suggested one of our biggest income sources is our con, LOSCON. LOSCONs are member-run and completely voluntary. LOSCON bids are heard at the February meeting, and voted on by the club. Check with a Board Member if you're interested in running one.

Marty: Even if you don't wish to run a LOSCON, there's always stuff to be done at the con. We need volunteers.

Committee Reports: David Okamura rose to report on science. This week we were supposed to have the launch of Falcon 9 to ISS, then a practice landing on a powered barge. That has been delayed to the first week in January due to glitches. Things have been looking good for SpaceX. The Senate has passed a bill banning the use of Russian rocket engines in commercial space flight..

There will be an inflatable module sent to the ISS. It will be attached to the Tranquility module, be about 13 feet long, and will be used as a test.

Curiosity rover has detected methane in the Martian atmosphere. It's spiking. No, no Martian cows. More evidence that there may have been, or is currently, something happening on Mars.

Announcements, Regular or Time Bound: Frank Waller announced Alternative Universe meeting Dec 20, model club in LA Area devoted to art of SF and Horror

modeling. Olive Rec center, 111 west Olive in Burbank, room 4. Meets 9-12:30 PM. There's a flyer posted on the announcement wall.

Reviews: Scratch reviewed Win Spencer's Wood Sprite, 4th book in Tinker series. A good read, a little confusing, too short.

Milt Stevens reviewed Ecopraxia by Peter Watts, on NESFA recommended list. It's different. Think crossing CS Lewis with PHilip K Dick. Faith based hard SF. It's got vampires, zombies, intelligent mold on Icarus, aliens, baseline humans, augmented humans, post humans, humans migrated to data clouds, AI that are somewhat hostile, and a plot that wanders all over the place. Ecopraxia seems to be an irresistible compulsion to dance the Charleston.

Miscellaneous: Tom Safer asked the club to help out with the Motion Picture license. It's getting a bit difficult to afford \$360, and if people could help out that would be appreciated. Come see him.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 9:24.

Meeting 4037, December 25, 2014 President Marty Cantor, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4037 to order at 8:00

Comments from the President: President Cantor wanted to serve for only one term, and this is the last meeting of the term. After this, Matthew Tepper takes over. Thanks to everyone for putting up with me. ("Thank you for putting up with us." -- Tom Locke)

Matthew Tepper had a report on Jerry Pournelle. He's getting around on a wheelchair faster than Matthew was able to keep up. He has a firm grip and play-doh to build up strength. Asked if he had any message for the club, he said, "I can't think of anything to say. That's a first." Then he wished everyone a merry Christmas.

The **Menace** from the last meeting were read. Marcia Minsky bid \$3 name them "I'll be Bach!" They were so accepted.

Treasurer's Report: We do have some money in the treasury: Because of upkeep and needed repairs, we're some \$10K in the hole. We can do this for another two years before we fold.

Marty Cantor pointed out this building enables us to host a lot of nifty things so we need money to keep up the building.

There's a cute little piggy bank on the treasurer's desk. Fill it up.

Patron Saint Elayne Pelz: Tom Safer has known her

to be a fair woman, with a good conscience regarding our finances. She's been instrumental in our having a clubhouse. CLJII: Elayne has been the backbone, and a virtual Bruce Pelz in the past few years. She pays attention to the bottom line and acts quickly when things go amiss, so things get fixed before they get worse. It's not surprising she's a multiple Evans-Freehafer award winner.

Marty: she's on the Board and helps guide us, and keeps us from going off the rails. Scratch: Elayne has picked up the mantle of treasurer after the model of Robbie Cantor, and has done a good job. She lacks Robbie's forceful stare, but she does quite well anyway.

From the Hagiography: Widow of Bruce Pelz. Sacred Springbok. Treasurer of LASFS, various LOSCONs and other cons. Westercon chair; Board member. Fan GOH. Evans-Freehafer award winner. Helped the Moffatts create Bouchercon [No, that was Bruce Pelz & Chuck Crayne.] Known for her Treasurer's Creed: "Yes we have money. No, you can't spend it."

Patron Saint Elayne Pelz was given Three Cheers and a Springbok.

Patron Saint Robbie Bourget: Scratch: Robbie has been one of our most outstanding ladies of the Register. Fair, even, a gentle demeanor; robbers and thugs say "yes ma'am". Marty: At the SF Worldcon, some idiot tried to mug her. She dragged him to the hotel, but hotel security kicked him out before she could call the cops. Eric Hoffman, She's the only person who could actually stop a LASFS meeting cold by saying just one word. Fondest memory of her was doing a convention together in Kansas City, MO. She was a fan of Patrick Stewart. He got her a painting of him and she hugged it to her chest for the rest of the con.

Matthew Tepper: She has great loyalty for her friends. If she's your friend, you're great. If she's not, dig your grave now. When she pursues something, she pursues it all the way. Marcia Minsky: When looking for a co-chair for LOSCON 42, e-mailed Robbie and she accepted without blinking an eye. She's a very, very good friend. Scratch: speaking of Addams Family movie, saw it with her four times. She saw it more times. Marty Cantor has gotten away with not seeing the movie even once.

CLJII: She got the stare as a parting gift from Paddington Bear. Robbie is a fan of TV and motion picture items, but sufficiently charming that she married the least likely person for a media fan to marry, and they seemed perfectly happy until the drugs wore off. Eric Hoffman: He has helped feed that addiction to certain performers. Gave her movies she'd been trying to find with Charles Boyer. Karl: at the Gallley with a Pirate theme, it was inevitable she would become known as the Dread Pirate Robbie.

Tom Safer: procured an MPLC license for a Worldcon, and word had not reached the con, so they determined he could not show Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. Robbie ran interference so he could straighten it out. Marty Cantor: Robbie is strong. At one time, she worked

for Privy Council in Canada. Before that, she was working in a comic store and met Marty at a Worldcon. We never had cross words; we separated amicably and exchange hugs at meetings. We are just the odd couple.

From the Hagiography: A co-founder of Gallifrey One. Now lives in the U.K. She has held many different positions, procedurally and on the Board of Directors. Fan-zine fan. Treasurer known for being assertive in dues collection. LOSCON fan GOH. Evans-Freehafer Award winner. 1985 Duff c-winner. Jumped (or was thrown) in at the last minute to run Ops for Nolacon, the 1988 Worldcon in New Orleans, Louisiana. Formerly married to Marty Cantor.

Patron Saint Robbie Bourget was given Three Cheers and an aura of nameless dread.

Patron Saint Marty Cantor: Michelle: he does an amazing amount of stuff for the club. He does publications and is brilliant at it. Under the crotchety exterior, he's a nice guy. Joe Zeff: One of the things Marty does is agent for most of the people in APA-L. What we write is what gets published without editing or censorship. CLJII: Marty Cantor: if there's a more scurrilous, vile, obnoxious person than he to drag down the LASFS, I don't want to hear about him. (*After all of these nice things said about me, I thank you for some truth-telling. Grump. -ed.*) Matthew Tepper: He is one of the people in the club with excellent taste in music.

Scratch: Marty and I don't get along much in politics. He's a nice guy to talk to, and as long as we stay away from politics, current events, arms races, and the like, we get along fine. Eric Hoffman: Marty's character? He is a character, and one of the unique ones in LASFS. John DeChancie: Marty's grumphood is of cosmic proportions, but he saves him a lot of time and trouble. Prints fanzines, collates, and distributes them. He does all kinds of nice things for nothing.

Tom Locke: Marty has managed to bring order to the chaos that once was APA-L, publishes *De Prof*, and puts lots of time into LASFS publications. CLJII: for benefit of filers, M Cantor scans to Mr. Grinch. Marcia: Anyone Robbie would marry can't be all bad. Tom Safer: You and I may differ, I'm a media fan, you're literature, but you're a fun person to talk to.

Debra Levin: He's one of the nicest curmudgeons she's ever known. Karl: He's the one who puts the "cur" in "curmudgeon".

Patron Saint Marty Cantor was given Three Cheers and a harumph!

Registrar Michelle announced some guests. (*They are belatedly listed later.* ed.)

Announcements: Marty announced anyone interested in Euro-gaming should know there are a number of Board Gaming meet-ups in the valley alone. One of them was Friday Night Dice which is now known as Friday Night Board Gaming and meets at LASFS every Friday

evening..

Committee Reports: David Okamura sent in a report on science. (Read into record.)

SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket completed a second static fire test of its first-stage engines on Friday, December 19. This was after the anticipated launch on the previous day was scrubbed because an earlier test firing didn't last the anticipated 3 seconds burn time. While readings suggested that the launch could continue as planned, considering the failure of the Orbital Sciences rocket last October NASA and SpaceX decided out of an abundance of caution to delay the CRS-5 resupply mission to the International Space Station until after the holidays. With the successful test, the Falcon 9 is set for launch on January 6, 2015, during which SpaceX will attempt to land the first stage booster on a specially-modified barge.

SpaceX is currently hiring many technicians and specialist, but one job is more Earthbound. They currently seeking a farmer with 10 years experience in central Texas to manage and perform agricultural work on SpaceX's McGregor test facility. One requirement: "This position will be required to work around test schedules as necessary to ensure the successful crop production does not interfere with testing progress."

You might wonder if all the holiday lights can be seen from space. While astronauts in the International Space Station cannot admire individual home displays, a NASA satellite confirms that the total amount of light emitted during the holiday season in some areas of the US surges to 50% greater than the rest of the year. The Suomi National Polar-orbiting Partnership satellite was launched in 2011 to study Earth's cloud cover, vegetation, ice, ozone layer and air pollution, as well as monitoring land, sea and atmosphere temperatures. But scientists studying data from the craft's Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite could detect that nighttime light patterns also shifted, as many Americans migrated to the suburbs and rural areas to celebrate the holidays. Christmas isn't the only occasion to experience such a light increase, however. Researchers first noticed that Cairo had a brighter light signature during the holy month of Ramadan, when devout Muslims fast during the day and gather to eat after the sun sets.

Scratch added, there is a molecule that takes precedence at night that eats air pollution, and it's destroyed by light.

We auctioned off the mystery soda slot. For \$5, Scratch bought the right to have us all drinking regular root beer.

Announcements, Regular or Time Bound: CLJII: announced that his e-book on the Flash Gordon serials has been in the top 100 bestsellers among film criticism books six times in the last six months.

Miscellaneous: Registrar Michelle had a belated introduction of guests. We have Timmy G, who found out about us from a friend. Jenn Gorlitz heard about us from her sister Kristen.

Tom Safer misced about the high cost of the MPLC license. He continues to take donations to buy the license. This helps with a lot of events that involve showing films, and some \$230 has been raised to date.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:52 PM

Meeting 4038, January 1, 2015 President Marty Cantor, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper called meeting #4038 to order at 8:00

Comments from the President: Welcome to the worst - I mean *first* day of the year. Thanks to past President Marty Cantor, to Michelle Pincus who has served many terms as registrar, and welcome to Ed Hooper, welcome back Debra Levin as Vice President and Karl Lembke as Scribe. (The Treasurer stands for election in June.)

Congratulations to Dame Kristen Scott Thomas created Dame for her contribution to acting. She is the sister of Matthew's brother's former wife.

The **Menace** from last meeting were read. Bill Green bid \$1.50 name them "Humbug! I say these minutes are humbug!" They were so accepted.

We do have some money in the treasury: You can't spend any of it. Feed the pig. Feed it early, feed it often. Coins, banknotes, checks, Kruggerand...

Patron Saint Dan Alderson: Scratch: He is a person, character, plotline out of many books, and we miss him. Marty Cantor notes Dan Alderson invented a game, Space Wars, a 3-d, four layer board with 64 spaces. We ran a move a week through APA-L and got together to game in person but that took week after week of sessions. There was only one board, but it was lost in a fire. It was a long game because you'd figure out what your move was, and then talk to other players because of treaties you had to observe or break. Scratch asked if the directions to the game are available anywhere? (*The time period was late 1970s-early 1980s - and I think it was before Niven gave the Altair computer to LASFS. Therefore, the rules would have been on paper. Possibly a copy of the rules was run through APA-L and I have no doubt that copies of the rules were given to the participants of the game. However, I have no idea of where my copy of the rules might be. -ed.*)

Milt says he also invented topological diplomacy. CLJII: Dan had quite a collection of collections. He had a small trailer beside his house, and rented a garage down the hill from the place which had his collection of comics from the late 50s on. His collection of Fawcett superhero comics lived in trailer. All of that was spared in the fire. along with the 3-d representation of the planet Toadland made in Legos. Stuff was sold to Harlan Ellison. Dan was also a comic book character. Comic book characters

never die. They only go to limbo. (Hope his back is up to it.) Marty added, if you read a lot of the stuff by Niven and Pournelle, you'll find Dan. He also calculated the mechanics of the Alderson drive and Ringworld. In the real world, they still use his orbital work for sending rockets through the asteroid belt.

Joe Zeff: Jerry has always referred to Dan as the sane genius. One concept Dan never comprehended was being on time for anything. If you saw Dan in his office during the daytime, it was for a specific appointment or because he was still there from the night before.

Patron Saint Dan Alderson was given Three Cheers and weep, wail!

Patron Saint Joe Zeff: Tom Safer appreciates interest and good comments on his programs. A nice guy and a good friend. Debra Levin agrees he's an all around nice guy, and enjoys talking about a variety of things. Scratch: He's a naval vet. He got to fire a bigger rifle than Scratch's. During D&D games, he had a sense of wonder in his characters that would make him work.

Glenn Olson: first time I met Joe Zeff, had no idea who the guy with the sideburns was, this guy started talking about the world of computer help lines. Came back every meeting hoping for more. He rarely failed to deliver. Scratch: one feature of his help line -- had to ask one customer, "Is it plugged in and turned on?" Marcia Minsky: Why Joe is called the guy with the sideburns. The story I heard was Christian had named him because he couldn't remember Joe's name, and Joe's sideburns are fairly long. During an auction, he referred to Joe as "the guy with the sideburns". Joe brought Maryann Canfield and Marcia into the club. He's agreed to help with a certain aspect of LOSCON 42.

Joe Zeff had a correction. Mutton chops don't go down straight as his do. They spread out. Christian was acting as substitute scribe and referred to him that way in the minutes because he didn't know the name.

Patron Saint Joe Zeff was given Three Cheers and General Burnside Loves You.

Registrar Ed Hooper announced some guests. Crystal Sheehan is in the house, despite normally working on Thursdays.

Committee Reports: David Okamura did not report on science, since he wasn't here.

CLJII observed the announcement that the probe going to Pluto is about to start looking.

Comet Lovejoy is in the vicinity. It should be at its brightest on January 7 or thereabouts.

Announcements, Regular or Time Bound: Tom Safer continued his pledge drive for the MPLC license. The cost is \$357, of which \$235 has been raised.

President Tepper announced since it's January of the

new year, those who pay annual dues can begin paying toward their \$135 now.

Reviews: Milt Stevens finished *The Windup Girl*, a Hugo winner 5 years ago. This is Steampunk Noir. Very noir. Bangkok a couple of centuries from now after the Americans have released plagues on the world and started selling wheat that is resistant to the plague. Wind-ups are spring technology used in the post-petroleum world. Very well plotted, very interesting, but very dark. Scratch commented that he didn't recognize the title until he heard the description. The heroine has many good features.

Tom Safer: KUSC New Years bash, and two of the guests: Joran Young, spike jones biographer; Barry Hanson, aka Dr Demento. Featured the song Dachshunds with Erections. (They can't climb stairs.)

CLJII: just read *The Lost One*, two bricks hidden between paper covers. You could use it to hold a bank vault door open. It's the life of Peter Lorre, from Germany and Vienna to Hollywood and parts nearby. Very interesting at the beginning and end, but the chapter in the middle is a bit tedious. (He and CLJII share a birthday.) At first, having been typecast as a bad guy, he was thrilled to play Mr Moto, a hero for a change, but after eight films he tired of the role. (He lost his Moto-vation?)

Also reading *The Book of Gordon Dickson*, a collection of short stories. Found a copy of the book, and is having a good time reading the stories.

Matthew fondly recalls from the 1968 Worldcon a room party with four drunks sitting around singing: The Andersons, Gordon Dickson, and Jerry Pournelle. (Science fiction is his hobby, but his main job's having fun.)

Scratch: was finishing book *Wood Sprites*. Dug up *Tinker*, *Elhome*, and *W Rules*, and finished reading *Wood Sprites* in the past week. All were enjoyable, but now has to wait a week to re-read the stories.

Miscellaneous: Joe Zeff read an article about the biggest taxicab in the world, in St Petersburg. It's an Army surplus armored personnel carrier, disarmed, painted fire engine red for visibility. It is fully amphibious. The city is bisected by a river. There are times when the bridges are all lifted at once, and this is the only vehicle that can drive across the river.

Tom Safer heard on the radio, there's a new law going into effect in New York: it will be illegal to pose for a photo with a lion, tiger, or other big cat. Selfies in particular will be outlawed.

Bill Green was reading an old magazine and found a mention of the 1956 Worldcon in Cleveland. Membership was \$3. (Milt Stevens' first Worldcon.)

Milt asked if anyone else gets recorded messages about final notice about something they won't identify.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we

adjourned at 9:04 PM

Meeting 4039, January 8, 2015
President Marty Cantor, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper called meeting #4039 to order at 8:00.

We have **Special Orders of Business**: Marty Cantor spoke in honor of the dozen people killed at Charlie Hebdo. We had a moment of silence in their honor.

Karl Lembke announced his plaque in honor of his 700th unit of platelets.

Comments from the President: Thanks to Gavin for sitting in for Elayne.

The **Menace** from last meeting were read. Barbara Harmon bid \$5 name them "Dead as last year's news" They were so accepted.

We do have some money in the treasury: You can't spend any of it. Feed the pig. Feed it early, feed it often.

Patron Saint Christian McGuire: Joe Zeff noted among many other things, Christian was once assigned position of Science Monitor, and regaled us with interesting tidbits of science. Eric Hoffman: when not walking back and forth, he would rock from side to side. He is also part of the committee to gouge. Matthew Tepper: At LAConIII, he hosted a SF trivia for chocolate program. People answering successfully would get a candy of some sort.

Patron Saint Christian McGuire was given Three Cheers and a box of See's chocolates.

Patron Saint Bruce Pelz: Tepper: He was the backbone of the club, and it would not exist had he not been here to raise money for the building. Marty Cantor: aside from knowing more about fandom than anyone, he helped Marty quite a bit. Marty bought a computer, and Bruce funded Marty for an issue or two of a fanzine, getting *No Award* going. The annoying thing about Bruce: Marty's fanzines had been willed to Bruce, but Bruce went and died first. Bruce is a pillar of the LASFS

Larry Niven: Bruce Pelz collections were vast and included a complete run of The Green Lantern, which Larry read through at Bruce's house. He then wrote the Green Lantern Comic Outline. CLJII: Bruce was a gung-ho sort of fan. When he got involved and interested in a new subject, he pursued it to ground, caught it by the teeth, and worried it into submission. He earned every merit badge as a scout, and became an Eagle scout with merit. He amassed collections in fandom as well, including The Saint, Ellery Queen, con badges, buttons, etc. He was a canny businessman, bringing books to the club to sell. He was very good at sizing up a person and finding books the person would enjoy, and suckering them into buying whole series of books. He sold CLJII magazines and

suckered in some new readers. Bruce is a cartoon character, so he's in limbo with many others.

Scratch: He had a collection of collections. His wife put up with him immensely well. June Moffatt: He was a con runner extraordinaire, with a finger in just about every con in the area. In 1968 after Boucher passed away, Bruce wondered if it was time to start a mystery con. Only one way to find out. Bruce chaired the first two, third was against LA Con, and the Moffatts chaired it. Ironically, in latter days, some of the newer fans knew him only as that guy who sells books. George McUrso: first meeting, first memories of that meeting was Bruce running an auction that night. I bid on a little cartoon paperback. two rugrats were messing around. They won, and didn't want the book. "Okay, he [George] gets the book, you get to pay."

Patron Saint Bruce Pelz was given Three Cheers and stickers on his trunk.

Temporary Registrar Milt Stevens announced some guests who happen to be relatives of his, the Lopez family.

Committee Reports: David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**. In the new year, we have Resolutions. Researchers have disappointed us again. A study by Johns Hopkins has shown that chance overwhelms non-chance causes of cancer. Phooey. A sugar molecule in red meat has been linked with cancer, apparently by causing inflammation in the human body.

More optimistic news: they've found a new antibiotic that deals with resistant strains.

Consumer Electronics Show is now featuring car companies. A self-driving car took its riders all the way to the show.

SpaceX has canceled the latest re-supply mission to the ISS this Saturday. The Air Force will be approving SpaceX to bid for its satellite launches.

Announcements, Regular or Time Bound: Philip Pournelle Thanked everyone for the many prayers and well wishes. Good news is Jerry can walk with a walker, and climb some stairs. Doing quite well, all things considered. Grateful for visits, help, thoughts and prayers.

Also, about Bruce Pelz: early childhood memories from Burbank clubhouse: Bruce and Elayne dragooned him and his brothers into helping with construction, as Philip and Elayne were the only ones small enough to fit in rafters and saw away old pipes. Bruce was one of many honorary uncles looking out for the brothers at LASFS, conventions, and other venues, keeping them out of trouble despite their best efforts.

Reviews: George reviewed a historical mystery. True Detective by Max Allan Collins, a private detective in Chicago in the early 30s. Detailed look at 1930s Chicago. If you want to know what Untouchables was really like, this is a good book.

Eric Hoffman: anyone getting hooked on True Detective, it's the start of a long series of books, borderline fantasy, because we get mixed up in historical events, including the disappearance of Amelia Earhart.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Meeting 4040, January 15, 2015
President Marty Cantor, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper called meeting #4040 to order at 8:00, after rapping out the opening to "Psycho".

We have some **Special Orders of Business**. We're on agenda light tonight because of the auction.

The pilot who crashed in Van Nuys was a JPL engineer named Alberto Behar.

LASFS member Stan Burns is in the hospital with a pulmonary ailment. He still communicates on Facebook.

Bill Warren is recovering well from heart valve replacement surgery. It was suggested that we send him an appropriate card.

Jerry Pournelle is home from the rehab facility, and is doing well.

The **Menace** from last meeting were read. George McUrso bid \$2 name them "Fred" They were so accepted.

We do have some money in the treasury. You can't spend any of it. Feed the pig. Feed it early, feed it often.

Patron Saint Jeff Siegel: From the hagiography Retired U.S.A.F. major. As of 2009, only LASFSian alumnus of the Air Force Academy. Cryptography specialist Became a Lutheran minister. [<http://community.livejournal.com/lasfs/68470.html>]

Lifelong friend of Alex, son of Jerry, Pournelle. A LASFS member since age 11. An early promoter of anime fandom. Matthew Tepper: We're all special, and so is our Patron Saint...

Patron Saint Jeff Siegel was given Three Cheers and thank you for your service.

Registrar Ed Hooper announced some guests: Tiffany Rolls, Spencer Davis, Erica, and Rob Steiner

Committee Reports: David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**. SpaceX Falcon 9 did launch, the capsule arrived without incident, but the landing system didn't quite work as planned. The booster was navigated to the barge, but landed too hard. Chevrolet is coming out with a new all electric car -- the Bolt (like lightning), expected to go 200 miles between charges.

There was then discussion of where Tesla dealers and repairers were located. Frank Waller said this month is electric car month at super car Sunday, at the South Tampang Mall. supercarsunday.com.

Announcements, Regular or Time Bound:

Tom Khamis will be showing movies Monday from 2-10. Starring people who have played Doctor Who or Sherlock Holmes.

Reviews: Scratch reviewed Waistcoats & Weaponry. Third of a series of five, the Finishing School series. Very enjoyable.

Nick Smith: movie theater review. Arena, around the corner from the Egyptian, shows independent films with emphasis on SF and horror. arenatheater.com

Spenser Davis reviewed Snow Crash by Neal Stephenson. If you like digital reality stories like the Matrix, you'll like this book.

Miscellaneous: Matthew Tepper: Cats saving humans. A homeless cat in Russia came across a baby abandoned in a basket in a doorway in subzero temperatures. Cat got into the basket and kept the baby warm, and meowed until some adults paid attention.

Scratch: On Facebook and Youtube there's a scene where a household cat attacked a dog that was attacking the child of the house.

Marcia Minsky: 2/1/15 at 1 PM will be the first LOSCON 42 meeting. Anybody and everybody is welcome. Bring ideas.

Debra reminded one and all to police their areas and put away chairs after the auction.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:55 PM

Board of Directors Meeting
December 14, 2014
Chairman of the Board, Karl Lembke
Board Secretary, Marty Cantor

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

Members and Guests: Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Nick Smith, Ed Hooper, Joe Zeff, John Hertz, Frank Waller, Tony Benoun, and Sherri Benoun.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:08 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, December 14th, meeting of the Board of Directors.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of November 9th,

Lafa
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, March 21, 2015, 7 PM
Pre-filk dinner at 6 pm. See notes
House of the Prancing Skiltaire
Hosts: Mark Merlino & Rod O'Riley
13412 Gilbert, Garden Grove, CA 92844
(714) 539-6547

Pre-filk dinner: 6 pm, potluck. Bring something to share.

Directions: Thomas Guide Orange Co., page 798, C-7

Filk style: Guided Chaos

Notes:

1. Very limited crash space available; call ahead to see if it's possible.
2. Allergy note: there is one cat living in the household.
3. Bring all your usual filk stuff.
4. NO SMOKING indoors PLEASE!!
5. There be computers here! (PC clones)

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

2014 were accepted with a slight edit. There was one nay.

New Members: There were no applications for membership.

Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz): We had money. We now have less of it. No Report, otherwise.

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): No report.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): This month: 329 units bringing in \$329.00. Total units to date: 31,498, and total monies to date: \$26,280.00. We have purchased paper products, not much soda purchasing.

Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson): We have a library. We have had a large donation of books.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): No report.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): Nothing new.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): Some people complained about the Blu-Ray player – we have had donations by Brett Achorn, and Gavin Claypool.

Events (Milt Stevens): No report. LOSCON 41,

(Christian) – no final numbers yet. 1040 warm bodies, 1105 total. 200 more people paid this year than last year. // LOSCON 42 – 174 memberships sold at **LO-SCON** 42. 278 members (including pass-ons at this point in time. First meeting will be in February. Will have tables at Galley and ALA. (First Sunday in February at 1 pm.)

Fund-raising, Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus): No report.

(Significant Others)

Club President (Marty Cantor): Last Thursday we held an election for procedural officers. Elected were Matthew B. Tepper as President, Debra Levin as Vice President, Ed Hooper as Registrar, and Karl Lembke as Scribe. // The Gift Exchange was held on Friday with the early rain and late threat of rain probably why attendance was a bit smaller than last year. Started on time at 8 pm and finished at 9:15.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): Need a few broad categories for the web site. Lee Gold brought up a question by somebody about why should they go to LASFS. John Hertz thought this was a wonderful question to ask. Lee talked about Answer Man position. Nick Smith mentioned that the Pasadena Library has a similar programme. Few people use it but those who do find it very useful. (Add in DE PROF words about new Information Officer.)

John Hertz presented a position paper to the Board. (Christian was reappointed Auctioneer.)

(We had a closed meeting at this point.)

A report was received and accepted. The report by John Hertz to Karl Lembke follows, verbatim:

"This note is not meant to be confidential. You may show it to others as you see fit.

"In August the Board asked me, in my capacity as the Society's lawyer, to address clamor which had arisen for the Society to adopt an explicit anti-harassment policy. A committee had mad a draft, without consulting me. When I was shown it I had to advise the Board that, while I did not doubt the good intentions and effort behind the draft, I found it so troublesome I could not recommend it or indeed approve it. At my suggestion the Board only discharged the committee with thanks.

"The Board appointed Board member Michelle Pincus to assist me as might be helpful.

"I told the Board I considered a problematic situation had long existed and might well not reveal a quick solution. I said I preferred, rather than merely to draw alone some new proposal, to interview in person as many as I could of the people who had been urging such a policy. I had already reviewed several policies adopted by various science fiction and related conventions, and intended to

continue.

"I issued various invitations, some electronically with your help and the help of Society member Eylat Poliner. You showed me various comments which had been made in electronic fora. Very few people have responded to me, even those who had spoken heatedly. I reported orally to the Board in November. Just this month I at last met with two of the people I particularly wished to hear from, and conferred with each at length.

"I am aware of continued urgings. I know the old saying 'I don't want it better, I want it Tuesday.' Here in my opinion the more applicable proverbs are 'Haste makes waste' and 'hard cases make bad law.' I mean to continue with this problem, whose elements combine to render it difficult. I have asked to report in closed session to the Board today."

AGENDA ITEMS:

Physical Forry Award plaque: Or certificate. It was decided to make it a certificate.

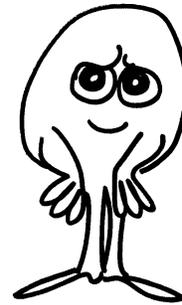
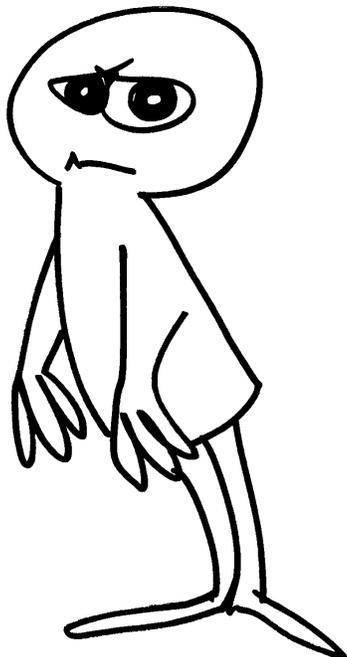
It was moved and seconded that we will not meet in January of 2015. This was passed.

The next meeting of the Board will be on February 8, 2014.

OPEN FORUM: TAKE-AWAYS:

The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary



Friday night board gaming

Friday Night Board Gaming is a Meetup which meets at LASFS most every Friday evening, usually starting around 4:30 and ending around 11:00.

All LASFS members are invited to play these modern, mostly European, board games. There is no charge for gaming but members are responsible for any LASFS dues which must be paid.

Members of the Meetup game at LASFS the same way other guests visit the club: 3 free meetings and then joining the club if they continue to like coming here. After they join the club they pay dues like any other member.

(Our experienced gamers are willing to teach these games to beginners.)

IN EFFECT WITH THE NEXT EDITION OF DE PROFUNDIS - THERE IS A DECREASE IN THE SIZE OF THE ZINE, REVERTING TO ITS PREVIOUS, 10-PAGE SIZE.

The price, however, will remain the same as it is now. The previous time I raised my printing prices was in 2011. Since that time I have had 4 increases in the price of toner; and, nowadays, good deals on the price of paper are very few. As it is, this price is approximately 10¢ below cost.

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