



NOVEMBER 2015

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8 - Board meeting - Open House	9	10	11	12 LASFS MEETING	13 - Open House - NO Board Gaming	14 - Cinema Animé: - Cosplay Sewing Circle
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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

NOVEMBER 5 - Board of Directors nominations
NOVEMBER 12 - Board of Directors elections
NOVEMBER 19 - BIG AUCTION
NOVEMBER 26 - No Programme

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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THE THANKSGIVING (NOVEMBER 26) MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE, AS PER USUAL, NOT AT LOSCON. and it will be a *small* meeting.

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 513– November 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 \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.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.

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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. *De Prof* is available on paper solely at cost: currently 75¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.25. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at approximate cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

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LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers
July - December, 2015

President: Matthew B. Tepper. **Vice-President:** Debra Levin. **Registrar:** Ed Hooper. **Scribe:** Kristen Gornitz & Nick Smith. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz & Michelle Pincus.

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.

Official Committees

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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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 4069, August 6, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

(The minutes from this meeting were temporarily misplaced - but here they are.)

President Matthew Tepper called the meeting to comparative order at: 8:00 with the theme from Dagnet.

Special Orders of Business: Robert Conquest, mainly a historian, but he also sold a few stories to John Campbell and other editors. He co-edited the Spectrum anthology series. Jerry Pournelle mentioned that his warnings about the atrocities of Stalin were not taken seriously by the mainstream press at the time.

Minutes of the last meeting for \$1 to Christian as "presented by the committee to publicize Dr. Who."

The **Registrar** presented some guests: Amir Tambakoosaz, works nearby, wanted to meet us. David Beavers retired, currently writing a story. Rick Smith, learned of us from Teri Brussel.

Also announced was returning longtime member Pat Hollander, who created a horrible pig-related pun.

Time-Bound Announcements: Nick announced Scare L.A. in Pasadena. Eylat mentioned that Whe-donopolis would have a table.

Committee to Gouge held a small auction bringing in some money.

Other **committee reports:** Marcia Minsky, here as chair of LOSCON 42 reported towels are \$55 each but with a membership at no additional cost. Ed asks whether pass-ons will receive towels. This is TBD in meetings between Marcia and Robbie.

Treasurer's Report: There is money and we can't spend it. (See the Treasurer for details.)

Patron Saints: Ed Hooper: Scratch: He is not a zero, he's a hoop. Joe Zeff: Ed came to LASFS from Time Meddlers and Anime. He used to have the nickname *Grass*. Milt: Ed is a baseball fan, whatever that is. CLJ—remember his cousin Hoppity? Matthew Tepper: Ed is eager to help in any way he can, and has been serving as Registrar.

Patron Saint Tim Merrigan: Milt Stevens says: Tim was Official Collator of APA-L for some time. Joe Zeff: Tim got tired of being bugged by his father about his hair, and shaved his head. Christian McGuire: he was very patient with Christian in his early days here.

Matthew Tepper: Tim had a cowboy hat with buffalo nickels. CLJ: Tim was one of those members who got written into CLJ's comic strip. He had asked to be portrayed as a Manx cat with a prosthetic tail [and an Eeyore-approved nail].

Patron Saint Jerry Pournelle: Joe Zeff: Back in the 80s, when working on a collaboration with Larry, Jerry brought bottles of champagne to the club to celebrate one memorable line in Footfall. John DeChance: Jerry is a polymath and knowledgeable in many fields, as well as being a great writer and a great friend. Matthew Tepper: Jerry has a great love for and knowledge of opera. In awe of Jerry's knowledge of history. Jerry was an assistant director in his distant past.

Tom Safer: thankful that Jerry has been with the club for many years, and wants to see more of Jerry's wife in the choir. CLJ: Jerry has been a mainstay in the club, and great at whipping other writers into writing. A great fighter in terms of coming back from medical adversity. Frank Waller: Jerry was instrumental in building the previous clubhouse. (*Yes, he provided a table saw and brought in other instrumentals. - ed.*)

Pat Hollander: Jerry was a big part of my life, but Pat remembers Jerry's distaste for a bizarre poker variant called Baton Rouge. Jerry's rebuttal: he helped design the old clubhouse, but others did much of the work. Scratch: Jerry earned his doctorate honestly, and studied the question of how much heat the human body could en-

sure. Jerry replied that this was an examination of the suits for the Apollo mission, and Jerry had to wear one in testing. CLJ: How many doctorates? The answer is 2 earned, plus a few honorary. Joe Zeff: Jerry was the person who said we should figure out how a cat handles zero G. Michelle Pincus: Jerry is not only a **Patron Saint**, but is also a sacred object.

Patron Saint Jerry Pournelle was given Three Cheers and a Steve Martin hearing aid.

A Moment of Science, with David Okamura. It's a tough life for a robot. The Canadian hitchhiking robot, relying on the kindness of strangers to cross Canada and Europe, made it only partway across the U.S. before getting mugged outside Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love.

You can make a chicken leg on a 3D printer. Not to eat, it's a prosthetic. This is not the first time this has been done.

The FDA has cleared the first drug manufactured by 3D printing. This is an anti-epilepsy drug. This is useful for "orphan" drugs with limited need.

Spaceship 2 crash—turns out that Congress has prevented the FAA from enforcing normal aircraft design rules on space planes. A small L.A. firm will launch from New Zealand. Rocket Lab can handle satellites up to 220 pounds. New Zealand has easier rules to follow for launches.

Northern California sightings of what may be a gray wolf, passing through from Oregon. the first such in a long time. Seventeen Florida panthers have been killed by cars in the past year, almost 10% of the known population.

Historical note: today is the 70th anniversary of the Hiroshima bomb. Recent discovery that Japan was well on the way to develop its own bomb, so the Japanese were only surprised by how quickly the American project produced a bomb. Japan could not get uranium from Germany. The U-boat delivery attempt was interrupted by the surrender by Doenitz. The uranium oxide from that shipment was used by the U.S.

Matthew's comment is that part of the papers discovered were plans for the centrifuge to separate fissionables to build a bomb. A discussion ensued on the logistics.

Miscellaneous: Tom Safer mentioned that his father was in the Army Air Corps at the time, age 23, and was in the Philippines. He and his mates would be part of the invasion force if they had to invade Japan. He and others were told that they might not come back. A few days later the bomb was dropped.

Jerry—Yoji Kondo was being trained to fight in the streets with a spear if Japan was invaded. He was about 12 at the time. Jerry feels that no president of the U.S. could reasonably have made a different decision. Scratch: while working for Office of Naval Intelligence, he saw documents estimating 1 million allied casualties if a

ground invasion was necessary. Jerry—the night after the surrender, 2400 Japanese officers publicly committed seppuku. Matthew: hard-liners fought hard against allowing the emperor to surrender over the radio. His accent and form of expression were hard to understand, as he spoke in a classical form and face-saving phrasing. Michelle: Once the announcement did get out, the fighting stopped right away, for the most part. Discussion of the minority of holdouts who kept fighting for years.

Adjourned at 9:42 after a motion to adjourn and clean up was passed.

Meeting 4071, August 20, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Kristen Gorlitz, Scribe
Karl Lembke, emergency backup Scribe
(Until Kristen arrived)

(The minutes from this meeting were temporarily misplaced - but here they are.)

President Matthew Tepper segued into meeting #4071 at 8:00. Matthew mentioned that Our Scribe has a flat tire, and is having to get a ride here. But as long as she's safe, that's all that matters. So we have an emergency backup Scribe.

The **Menace** were read, and Debra Levin bid \$1 to name them "Oh dear".

We have a **Special Order of Business**, presented by David Okamura. We note the passing of Yvonne Craig, youngest member of Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, and who had an extensive movie and TV career, including such series as Star Trek, Man from UNCLE, Voyage to the Bottom of the Barrel Sea, and Batgirl. She was 78, blame cancer. We had a moment of silence in her honor.

Bill Green mentioned FWEMS this coming Sunday. The Emperor is having cataract surgery, and we wish him well and success. *(Which waterfall is being removed from him? - ed.)*

Hare Hobbs: His Ride Access Card has arrived. He now has his own transportation. Yay.

There were no further announcements, and in the absence of an auctioneer, we had no auction.

Both **Treasurers** having left town, Gavin Claypool is filling in as collector of money.

Patron Saint Michelle Pincus: Scratch: She's out of town. Jerry Pournelle: Michelle always drives him to the meeting. She is someone who starts things and finishes them well. Frank Waller: Never met another human being like her. She was his wife in another life. So much energy in such a reasonably small package. She knows Frank like the back of her hand. Karl Lembke: She has received the Evans Freehafer Award. Karl was on committee that selected her and continues to be happy that she was selected. Matthew Tepper: She also has served

on the board of directors for something like 5 years and is semi-treasurer. Gavin Claypool: Michelle is still working on 80th anniversary dinner, which would have been held last year. *(I hope that the food for the 80th anniversary dinner is not being held until the dinner is actually held.* ed) Cliftons Cafeteria will be open next month on October 27th, in time for the 81st anniversary dinner, which is a Tuesday.

Patron Saint Michelle Pincus was given Three Cheers "And a whole lot of ribbons." It was noted that Michelle could do an entire program on ribbon management.

Patron Saint Fuzzy Pink Marilyn Niven: Scratch: She is the quiet companion of Mr. Niven. Doesn't say much often, but when she does it's worth while to hear. Jerry Pournelle: Without her as hostess, we could not have held kitchen cabinet meetings in Tarzana. 50 top scientists, politicians, military officers, scifi writers grouped into this social situation. It was a very difficult job that she managed very well. And she kept everyone fed with gourmet meals, 50 people for a week with only a few volunteers to help. This was an unclassified meeting. *(Right. It is not usual to classify meals. - ed.)* Top secret clearances. Jerry thinks that we would still be in the Cold War today if they did not have the meeting. And Marilyn is able to keep Mr. Niven anchored in the real world, which is a difficult thing to do.

Matthew Tepper: If you go to a convention like WORLD-CON or LOSCON and there is an auction and art show, the reason things work so well is that Marilyn Niven is involved in making sure they work properly. She has been the keeper of the one true mailing list for many years now. Elayne is the front, but the database was designed by Marilyn Niven. Scratch: She's a nice lady. **Patron Saint Marilyn Niven** was given Three Cheers "And fuzzy pink bedroom slippers."

The **Registrar** reported that we had no guests. However, guest Rowen Dell has graduated to member status.

Committee Reports:

A Moment of Science: by David Okamura. Some good news. A Japanese supply ship has successfully launched and is on its way to the International Space Station. Concerning ISS, NASA has asked the museum that holds the Endeavor to surrender two of the water tanks on board that shuttle. They need it for the space station. We will never get these back. At least they are not taking the tiles, says Matthew.

Ventura County: Recently, UC riverside revealed a large earthquake fault in the Santa Monica channel that can create a tsunami far worse 7.1 or larger. This could strike a 20 ft tsunami right into Ventura County. Some people think this is like saying the sky is falling. But the ground is falling right now in San Joaquin. Farmers who have been denied their surface water have started to drill and are sucking water out of the water table and are experiencing ground sinking. One casualty could be the Califor-

nia aqueduct.

Genetics scientists have found out more about the obesity gene. It is not the gene but the mutation that changes the function of it, instead of ordering body to burn fuel instead stores it as fat. They are seeing what they can do to reduce this process. There is something wrong genetically. Jerry Pournelle: due to California's labeling laws, if they are genetically cured of obesity, will they have to wear a sign labeled as GMOs

British scientists have been experimenting with mice. By changing one gene they are creating smarter mice that can have extended memories, solve mazes and remember them, and are less prone to fear and tolerable of being out in the open light. The change affects production of a certain enzyme.

Historic note: Warren G Harding, not known as most illustrious president since his presidency was corrupt with scandal, died in office, and some suspected that the first Lady had a hand in his death. Around that time there was a tell-all biography by a woman who claimed that her daughter was fathered by Warren G Harding, and it has now been confirmed that she was his daughter.

Reviews: Jerry Pournelle: Astronauts Wives Club TV series about the women married to the 7 original astronauts. It is kinder to NASA perhaps than they deserve. Betty Grissom finally got mad after her husband Gus Grissom was killed. All and all it was good. The women looked the part. Jerry knew Gus Grissom. The series was fairly accurate, even if it was Hollywoodized. Matthew: how did they portray Annie Glenn? Jerry: She was shy. They were all accurate as far as he can tell, but Betty was not quite as aggressive as she was in the real world. When the president didn't come down or act like Gus was a human being, she went crazy and enlisted members of congress to bring him back status wise. Gus one of the most fouled mouthed guys he met in his life, but was the best engineer of the lot. Would have been first man on the moon if he was not killed in capsule accident. Jerry heard the tape of the burning. It is grim. You don't want to hear it. They decided to run an experiment in which they put 15 pounds pressure of pure oxygen in the capsule. Anything will burn in that environment. You don't want to hear that tape.

Matthew: The Soviets did not learn from it, one of theirs died for oxygen chamber and space heater. Jerry: 5 pounds is total pressure, not 15! Almost anything becomes flammable under those circumstances. Scratch has seen an enclosed experiment where they had a Sears space heater in an oxygen tank. Coils burned like a magnesium torch. Karl: steel wool will burn in normal atmosphere. Matthew: when something oxidizes quickly we call it an explosion. Jerry: I cannot believe that anyone was dumb enough to do this experiment.

Bill Green back in early 1960s when he was student. Teacher Ed Nye played a recording of communication with one of the early flights and in background you can hear someone cursing continuously. Maybe that was Gus Grissom.

There was a motion to adjourn after we clean up after ourselves and put away the chairs. We **adjourned** at 9:04 pm.

Meeting #4074, September 10, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Kristen Gorlitz, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

The **Menace** were read, and Eric bid \$1 to name them "I missed it, let's hear it again". (Matthew: you can read it in *De Profundis*.)

Announcements: Fred Patten is with us tonight and he has brought his most recently published book *The Furry Future*. These are science fiction based furry stories. Fred donated his book to the LASFS library.

Treasurer's Report: We do have money but you cannot spend it.

Registrar Report: We have 2 guests. First is David Miles - from North Hollywood, (who heard about us from the Atlas Obscura website which documents strange and unusual places. He has never attended before and has a love and passion for the sf genre, is a gamer and artist, writer, literary fan, amateur filmmaker and visual effects artist. Our second guest is Gwen Weinnich who is from North Hollywood, has never been here before, is a gamer, media fan, literary fan, and is an artist by profession.

Patron Saint Dale Hales: Joe Zeff: among other things, back in the day when there were many role playing games, Dale was a very enthusiastic gamer, mostly D&D. He preferred playing to running the games. One year, when the LASFS truck was unloaded by 4 people, he was one of them. Joe was not. Dale is a good fan and true. Always willing to help people. Nick: Dale is an intrepid board gamer, the kind of person who will offer to help with whatever needs to be done. When he is here, he is often helping someone. Marty Cantor: Barksdale Hales III is currently living in an RV and has been very helpful in a lot of things. He is an avid gamer. He does come down from where he lives north of the Antelope Valley once in awhile. He is very helpful at the Gift Exchange and helps unwrap gifts. Dale will make hot spiced cider for the gift exchange (if Marty remembers to bring in the cider). He jumps right in to help. (*Um - it is not the cider into which he jumps. ed.*)

Mike Thorsen: Dale is extraordinarily generous with cash and non-cash donations. He donated the folding picnic table and has donated other things. At conventions, he is one of the "Usual Suspects". He volunteers for positions that desperately need people to volunteer for. CLJII: In 5th and 6th grade, Dale Hales was one of his best friends, or his best friend. They shared various interests. Charles could tell he was the right kind of guy because his father had a mint collection of Mad comics, they were kept in plastic bags locked in his den. One time, his father let Charles see the covers. At the end of 6th grade, Charles' family moved, and they went to different schools. Charles didn't see him again for longest time, but they reunited at the 1984 LOSCON. Charles was the chairman of LOSCON that year. Shortly after, Dale started coming to LASFS. He continues to be one of the more important mem-

bers, even in his absence. For the Winter Holiday party Charles always gets KFC, but Dale wanted Dina's fried chicken. He could not accept that Dina's was not open Christmas day and that fried chicken does not keep well. There were Three rousing Cheers for **Patron Saint Dale Hales** and "the toll of doom".

Patron Saint Mike Thorsen: Barbara Harmon: When she came early today, Mike was cleaning the rugs and mopping the floors and doing all the chores. Typical of Mike. If everyone cleaned like he did, this place would be immaculate. Worked with him when they made the move and he is great to work with. David Okamura: Mike is responsible for 2nd Sundays, he oversees it. He makes sure that soda machine is well stocked. Mike assisted David to irrigate the lemon tree on the patio. Joe Zeff: Anent role playing games, Mike was a big gamer, but not a game master. Mike always played some of the most strangely imaginative characters you have ever seen. In once case of D&D, someone spilled whimsy wine on a flying carpet and it came to life. And Mike played it as a thief who can fly. Very interesting. Debra Levin: Mike is an all-around nice guy and does a lot of wonderful things for the club. Frank Waller: Mike took over many of Bob Null' jobs. He talks to Frank. Has an imagination, drive, umph to him and it keeps you on your toes.

Ed Hooper: Kermit Cam, video camera with stuffed Kermit glued to it. Adds whimsy to what he films. And he does a good Kermit impression. CLJII enjoys speaking with him, always helping out. Mike assists Charles in setting up and tearing down (doing all the work, and he's very good at figuring it out). Very good to have his help, but Charles would be happy to have him here anyway. We gave Three Cheers to **Patron Saint Mike Thorsen** "and a previously unheard of soft drink flavor." Matthew and he gets good stuff for vending machine.

Old Business: CLJIII: Selecting Forrest J Ackerman lifetime award for service to science fiction. Charlie Read the list of those who have received the award - there were 49 names.

New Business: Forry Award nominations: There were many of them. On the third round of voting CLJII and Spider Robinson tied with 14 votes each so there were 2 winners for the Forry Award this year.

A Moment of Science, with David Okamura. El Nino has been happening for some time now. We are seeing tropical red crabs in OC beaches, hammerhead sharks (who are aggressive) near the shore. This might not be record breaking, but it could be in the top 3 El Nino events on record. Unfortunately, this does not mean the drought is over. We need heavy snowpack in the Sierra Nevadas to help relieve the drought.

There is a growing awareness of the full night sky. The National Park service is attracting awareness of light pollution, robbing enjoyment of night sky.

Those who sleep fewer than 7 hours are more susceptible to the common cold. You are 4.24 times more likely to develop a cold if you sleep 5 to 7 hours. 4.5 times more likely those who sleep less than 5 hours. (*Likely is not certainly as I usually sleep 2-4 hours of sleep a night and rarely get colds.* - ed.)

Nick: In South Africa they found intact skeletons of Hominid Naledi. They have tiny heads and the hand is almost identical to the modern hand except for the curvature of bones. They found many partial skeletons that were buried in ritual form in deep cave with narrow entrances. 15 were found. Jerry Pournelle: it is controversial as to their age and if they were buried .

Scratch: Regarding the science report about hammerheads, these sharks are chasing their food source. They eat stingrays that bury themselves along the beach. This brings food and predators closer to us.

CLJII: A note about Red crabs. There are 2 things called red crabs, one is a red crab, other is prawn that looks crab-like, but both are along coast line. Ed: Was it a stingray that did in crocodile hunter? (*Nah. It was probably another Chevrolet.* - ed.) (Yes) Karl: Stingray venom is in same category as others, do not ice the injury, heat it up as much as possible

Miscellaneous: Bill:" The upstart organization, The Planetary Society is celebrating its 35th anniversary. They have new headquarters and the Huntington Library will start a special archive for them. The archive will cost the group \$100k. They are holding a celebration to fundraise. \$3k to attend. Oct 23rd, Friday night, reception at 9 pm. Tickets are \$75/ person. Will accept donations of \$350 as well. Milt: The Planetary Society does not have much use for people like us. Milt at one point offered them a table at a convention, but they told him to get lost. They don't like our sort.

Fred: Things they don't teach in school. A Rrare coin dealer advertised one of the first coins that the US made. For the first 3 years of our country's existence, the U.S. did not have dollars of our own. We used Spanish colonial coins from Mexico as our national currency. The coin that was being sold was the first 5 cent piece (disme). At this point in time, the government was still against organized religion and the first coins promoted science and industry.

Scott: Fandomverse expo - There were 1100 people for the 3 day con with 500 warm bodies on Friday. Panels were scattered and disorganized. The venue was not quite right and the sound system was not right. Everyone had fun and they had a good dealer room. The con wasn't horrible.

Nick: timebound - Talk Like a Pirate Day is September 19th. Language: Pirate is recognized as an official language. One can take online Pirate language lessons. Scratch: The currency used in our first 3 years (Spanish Royal) was minted in Mexico out of silver with a uniform high quality for metal value and stamping. We had pieces of 8 that you could break off bits and use as smaller amounts of money.

Miscellaneous: Charles thanked us for our generous donations to the Lantern OJack.

Jerry Pournelle: Jerry is working on a new war anthology. If you know of a good war story, he will be buying non-exclusive anthology rights. Niven, Barnes and Jerry had a productive day on Wednesday. They might get this book done in the first year at this rate!

There was a motion to adjourn and clean up chairs at 9:38 pm
We adjourned to clean up and put away chairs at 9:58 pm.

Meeting \$4075, September 17, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper summoned the spirit of the meeting into being.

Special Orders of Business: Louis "Bart" Merrigan III, 58, a LASFS member since August 1981, was found murdered beside a motorhome in Phelan, California on August 24 by Victor Valley Sheriff's Station deputies. Investigators determined he was killed two days before he was found. Two suspects have been arrested, a 15-year-old and 26-year-old Kyle Comrie. Deputies announced that robbery was believed to be the motive. Comrie pleaded not guilty at the initial hearing.

Marjorie "Jor" Jennings, one of the first Writers of the Future Contest winners, died of a heart attack on August 27. She joined LASFS in May 1976. That was about the same time she was enjoying her first success at selling SF. "The Devil and All Her World" and "Unemployment Problem" appeared in *Galaxy* magazine in 1978. Her story "Other" was published in *Rod Serling's The Twilight Zone Magazine* in 1982, and collected in The Year's Best Fantasy Stories 9 (edited by Art Saha). Jennings' "Tiger Hunt" was a quarterly winner during the first year of the L. Ron Hubbard Writers of the Future Contest (1984). She was a featured participant at the first Writers of the Future Award banquet (1985). And her winning story was published in L. Ron Hubbard Presents Writers of the Future, edited by Algis Budrys.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. They were Named "Beware the Red Crabs" by Christian.

The **Registrar** announced we have no guests.

Time-Bound Announcements: Karl announced that LOSCON bids would be presented to the Board in January, and that there is cake in the other room.

Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's Report at this time.

Patron Saint Karl Lembke: Joe Zeff mentioned his skill at running con suites and staff lounges. Hare Hobbs mentioned that Karl has been helping him to get home from LASFS, although Hare is finally getting the hang of Access. (*Does Access agree to be hung?* - ed.) Christian McGuire mentioned that Karl contributes to APA-L [and LASFAPA], and is Chairman of the Board of LASFS. David Okamura said Karl was a wonderful scribe who took two people to replace and he is a great Mah Jongg player.

CLJ mentioned Karl's blood donations, and that his work for the club is greatly appreciated. His fan name of Karl is

because at one time the club had an overabundance of Charleses. Scratch: Karl is a hell of a nice guy. Frank: Karl has brewed nice mead, and is a great problem solver. Christian McGuire: Karl is a brewmaster of the first order. His mead even survives aging, which mead isn't supposed to do. Barbara Harmon: Karl also makes the water in Los Angeles safe to drink. (*Nah. Karl makes the water in Los Angeles safe for him to use in his brews.* - ed.) Michelle Pincus: Karl is an Evans-Freehafer honoree, he helps with marketing and much else for the club.

Matthew Tepper: Karl is an excellent driver and handles emergencies well. He reminds Karl and the club of a case where Karl's driving safeguarded club members as an accident approached. **Patron Saint Karl Lembke** was given Three Cheers and a minstrel. Karl's sacred object is "Sacred Canteen."

Programming: CLJ mentioned that on the first meeting in November there would be Nominations members of the LASFS' Board of Directors and on the second meeting in November there would be elections to the Board. In December there will be an election for Procedural Officers. Be very afraid.

Committee reports: Matthew Tepper mentioned that the Memorial for Anne Morrel would be Sunday, Sept. 27 from 1-9 pm.

There was **A Moment of Science**, with David Okamura. Despite light rain this week, with more coming, we are way short of rain. Tree ring measurements indicate that this is the lowest snow pack in the Sierra Nevada in 500 years. An El Nino might not be enough, because it directs the rainfall differently. (*El Nino directs rainfall differently? It rains up?* - ed.)

Not only are there more hammerhead and white sharks off our coast, but there are Orca sightings as well. These are because of more fish which have been also drawn to the local part of the Pacific Ocean because, hereabouts, the ocean is warmer than usual.

The navy has agreed to curtail sonar and explosion testing near whale sites off the coast of California. (*Right. After all, the whales may decide to shoot back.* -ed.)

You've heard of "Shooting the moon?" (*This is a reference from the card game Hearts.* -ed.) How about "nuke Mars?" (*This is not a reference from any game I know.* - ed.) Elon Musk said, maybe seriously, that warming Mars might be achieved by the careful use of thermonuclear explosives. Problems with both theory and execution. David hopes he was tongue in cheek. (*And whose tongue was in which cheek?* -ed.)

Scratch mentioned the TV documentary on the recent hominid finds, and that the research team was made up of young women. It turns out that there was a reason for that. There was a maximum body size limitation for fitting in the underground tunnels and cave, and the women researchers were smaller than the men.

Lafa
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, November 21, 2015, 7 PM
Pre-filk dinner at 5 pm. see notes
The House of Perpetual Commotion
Hosts: John, Mary, Devon and Richard Creasey
3754 W. 170th Street, Torrance, CA
(310) 329-6772

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

Call the Creaseys to reserve -- three days before, please!

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

Notes:

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

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

We had a Recess to the Auction at: 8:45.

Board of Directors Meeting
September 13 , 2015
Chairman of the Board, Karl Lembke
Board Secretary, Marty Cantor

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

Members and Guests: Tom Safer, Matthew B. Tepper, Dana Ginsberg, Frank Waller, June Moffatt, Bill Ellern, Joe Zeff, and John DeChancie.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:07 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, September 13th, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of August 9th, 2015, were accepted as presented.

New Members: There were 7 applications for membership from fans who paid their \$10 application fee: Cameron Brenner, Evan Hedge, Rowan Dao, Bruce L. Howard, Manami Noelani Howard/Inoue, Drew Conley, Aryn Winslow. All were accepted.

Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz): \$28,500.00 is the amount of the current treasury.

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: 317 units bringing in \$350.25. (The difference has to do with two items being sold at higher than the usual costs.) Total units to date: 34,027, and total monies to date: \$28,934.50. We have purchased floor soap and toilet paper.

Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson): Gavin - the library exists. More books have been cataloged and put on shelves.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): No report.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): No report.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): Our VCR needs to be cleaned.

Events (Nick Smith): Had a follow-up meeting with Pasadena Museum of History - they want to have a meeting with us. // Cliftons Cafeteria will only be partially open at the time of our anniversary. The whole cafeteria will be open some time in October. (Marcia has not yet given Nick information.) Elayne mention that LOSCON membership sales are higher than they were last year this far out of the con.

Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus): Steve Barnes is doing a Tai Chi workshop here on October 3 with half the proceeds going to LASFS. // We are partnering with the Pomona Library - our booth will be free. (October 3 is the date.)

(Significant Others)

Club President (Matthew B. Tepper): Thursday meetings persist. Spider Robinson and Charlie Jackson were the co-winners of the Forry Award. // It was decided to continue giving a certificate rather than going back to a plaque.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): No report - Barry not here.

AGENDA ITEMS:

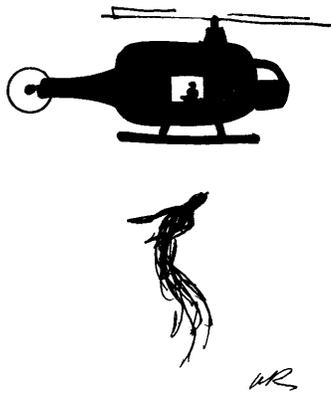
Code of Conduct Committee: Gavin presented a report from the committee. The Board will consider this in our October meeting.

(We discussed moving LOSCON bid acceptance meetings to the January meeting. This we decided to do.)

The next meeting will be on October 11, 2015.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 11:49 am.

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.)

**AT THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2015
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS,
THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED:**

Adopted 10/11/15

New Standing Rule of the Board of Directors

8. Code of Conduct Procedures

- A. A member who believes that a Code of Conduct violation has occurred may bring the matter to any officer or director, preferably the President or Vice President.
- B. The President or Vice-President will ascertain if the matter is of minor degree (an *infraction*) and if so will attempt to resolve the matter satisfactorily. If unable to do so, or if the matter is of major degree (a *violation*), the Board of Directors will ascertain if an investigating committee is warranted.
- C. The Board of Directors shall be the trial body for alleged violations, unless it chooses to appoint a trial committee to hear the trial.
- D. Resolutions submitted by the trial committee in its report are acted upon by the Board of Directors.
- E. If the penalty imposed is that of expulsion, a vote of the Society is required to terminate the membership.
- F. The rules contained in the chapter entitled "Disciplinary Procedures" in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Society in all cases of discipline and in which they are not inconsistent with the Society bylaws, standing rules of the Society or of its Board of Directors, any special rules of order, and any statutes applicable to the Society (a California nonprofit public interest corporation) that do not authorize the provisions of the bylaws to take precedence.

ERRORS

I have been more than busy this past week; therefore, in a last-minute rush to get out *DE PROFUNDIS*, the LASFS' newsletter, I missed a couple of things.

Getting out the issue was compounded by my net access being turned off this past Wednesday. This was done so as to switch from DSL to Uverse. I thought this would be happening on Friday - but I was mistaken. In any event, I had to miss final proofreading so that I could e-mail the pdf's on Thursday.

So, to the two corrections to calendar entries.

Firstly, the listing of the Board of Directors on Sunday, November 15, is incorrect. The listing of the Board of Directors meeting on Sunday, November 8, is the correct date.

Secondly, delete all of the entries on Saturday, November 21. CFO and Tom Safer Cartoons will not be seen on this day as LOSCON will be doing pre-staging of supplies which will be going to the con.

And then there is a clarification. Friday, November 13, the regular Friday Open House will be held - I think it starts at 7 pm. What will not be held on that Friday is the Board Gaming Meetup. I am not holding the Meetup because the company which employs me is holding a mandatory seminar for all employees - and this will be held at Los Angeles City College on Vermont Avenue. The seminar will run until 5:30, after which I will have to fight traffic to get back to The Valley. By the time I finish dinner it will be too late to load the car with games and drive to the clubhouse to game. In any event, as the gaming usually starts at 4:30 (and sometimes earlier), my arrival would be much too late - so that Meetup is cancelled. We will game on the following Friday.

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Marty Cantor, *De Profundis* Editor/Publisher