



APRIL 2016

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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

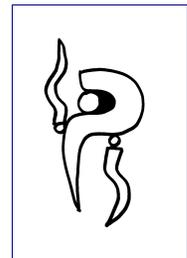
CALENDAR DETAILS

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
 FW-EMS -

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

APRIL 7 - Special Guest Robert J. Sawyer
APRIL 14 - No programme.
APRIL 21 - **BIG AUCTION.**
APRIL 28 - Guest Speaker Larry Niven.

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



There is an e-mail of comment from Bjo on page 9.

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

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De Profundis 518– April 2016. 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@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.

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. *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.

Marty Cantor, 11825 Gilmore Street #105, North Hollywood, CA 91606, USA. (818) 761-9401. martyhoohah@sbglobal.net. April 2016. Hoo Hah Publication Number 1974. Thanks go to Elayne Pelz, Charlie Jackson, Karl Lembke, and Nick Smith, Lee and Barry Gold, and any others who are helping me in providing news to LASFS members.

LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers
January - June, 2016

President: Gavin Claypool. **Vice-President:** Debra Levin. **Registrar:** Jeromy Miller. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke & Nick Smith. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz & Michelle Pincus.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2018). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2017).. **Comptroller:** Debra Levin (2018). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2018). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2018), Gavin Claypool (2016), 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.

Honorary Officers

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

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

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

Meeting 4091, January 7, 2016
President Gavin Claypool, presiding
Kristen Gorlitz, Scribe

President Gavin Claypool called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. They were named: "2015 should be hauled away as garbage" by Matthew Tepper.

Patron saint Dan Alderson: Scratch—Dan Alderson has been immortalized in three Niven/Pournelle books, and one of our members had a lot to do with helping him in his later days. CLJII—Star Trek the Motion Picture should have been called the Revenge of Dan Alderson. Dan had written maneuvering software for Voyager that permitted it to get through the asteroid belt. In addition to his work at JPL he was a collector of things like old Fawcett comics. The collection eventually went to Harlan Ellison. Also a collector of sf books and magazines. Later in life, he found out that many of the foods he enjoyed were cumulatively bad, but then lived longer than expected on a diet that was bad for him. His health declined as a result of his diabetes, and he remained active as long as he could. Charlie shared a house with him until it

burned down.

Barbara Harmon—knew him slightly when Dan was in high school. Her mother was a teacher at Verdugo High. They came to LASFS in 1957, hoping to meet Ray Bradbury. They didn't, but instead met Fritz Leiber. Dan won a statewide student chemistry award his senior year in high school. Joe Zeff—Demonstrating Dan's common sense, when he was still mobile, he would start his walks by going uphill, so that he would be going downhill when he was tired. Joe points out that Dan wrote out the rules for LASFS elections in the way a computer program is written. (*And this is why nobody understands the instructions.* - ed.) Dan is also a character in *Exiles to Glory* by Jerry Pournelle. Gavin Claypool—Dan is also in one of the David McDaniel UNCLE books. Gavin helped Dan to collate APA-L at a Westercon. A year later, Gavin showed up at the clubhouse, and Dan handed him a copy of the zine. CLJII—It's a well-known belief that comic book characters never die. Dan Alderson, along with Bruce Pelz and a few others, were clearly cartoon characters, so they're just waiting for a new editor to bring them back.

Patron Saint Dan Alderson was given Three Cheers and a weep-wail.

Patron Saint Joe Zeff: David Okamura—Joe was an excellent scribe, and apparently one of two people who understand the Alderson voting method. Francis Hamit—Joe is a Vietnam veteran, an experience that was quite science fictional. Christian McGuire—Remembers Joe's collected "stupid computer user" stories. Marcia Minsky—Known Joe all of his life. (*This is a weird trait known to many older sisters.* - ed.) He became involved with LASFS, and he kept talking about it. Marcia dropped in to find out about it. Everything that Marcia has done with the club is because of Joe.

Barbara Harmon—Joe is very inspiring, in the way he deals with health issues. Christian McGuire—When Dan Alderson's health was failing, Joe did his best to keep him comfortable at the club. Gavin Claypool—on behalf of Mary Ann Canfield—Joe Zeff used to buy groceries at the store where she worked, and told her about LASFS.

Patron Saint Joe Zeff was given Three Cheers and a stupid user report.

Guests: Douglas Fisher was here, but had to leave. He learned about LASFS through Google. Interested in SF and fans.

Treasurer's Report: No report was presented.

The **Committee to Gouge** held a small auction. (*Nobody reported who won the small.* - ed.)

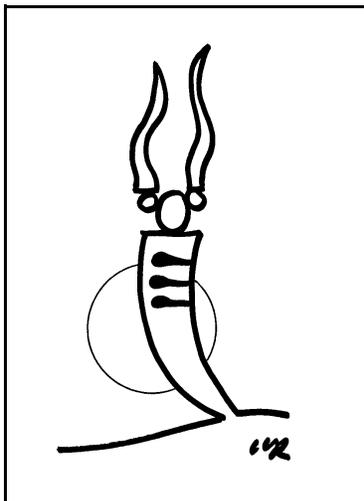
Library report—*Saturn Run* by John Sandford and Ctein has been added to the library, thanks to a generous

donation from Christian McGuire'

Report from the board— There will be a Board of Directors meeting at 11 am on Sunday, a meeting which will examine LOSCON bids.

A Moment of Science, with David Okamura. Thanks to Kristin for reading his report on December 24th. In Japan on that date, normally visitors are more like Godzilla, but in fact there was a giant squid wandering into shallow waters. A diver jumped in to get pictures, and he got close enough to get inked. It was "only" 12-feet long, so it was a young one.

Out with the old and ring in the new--elements 113, 117 and 118 have been added to the periodic table. Official names to be announced later this year.



Have you driven a Ford lately? There may be a Ford driving you around soon. A collaboration between Ford and Google is apparently in the works. GM is working with Lyft to see if they can do self-driving taxis.

Bad news—NASA's Insight craft planned to launch to Mars has to be scrapped for now, due to serious flaws.

Good news—European space agency's exo-Mars craft will orbit the planet to measure atmospheric methane.

More news for the bulletin board. Matthew comments that Asimov's story "Sally" is about a retirement farm for self-driving cars. In the story, the oldest car there was a 2015 model named Matthew.

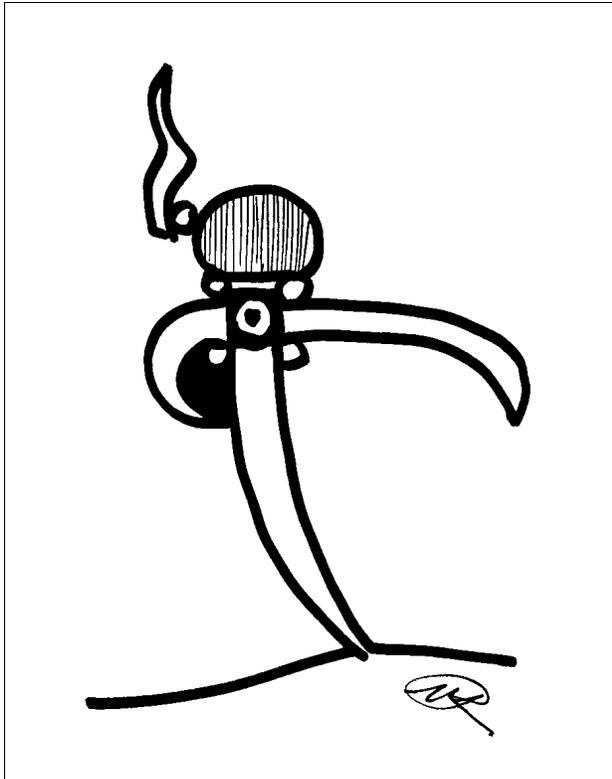
Old Business: Proclamation of 2016 as "Y4E" because this year is the 100th anniversary of his birth. The new president hopes to do more to remember Forry. Bill has unearthed a cap produced by Forry in 1996, on his 80th birthday, commemorating his planned 100th anniversary. Donated to the club display cabinet. Black cap has Vampirella, white cap has the robot from Metropolis.

Reviews: Barbara Harmon—got a free ticket offer for *The Martian*, but it turned out to be an offer to keep coming back for standby tickets.

Milt Stevens— He read *Saturn Run*, a good enough book, but not one he would nominate for a Hugo. Space race triggered by an apparent alien visit to our outer planets.

Miscellaneous: CLJ announced that a combined digital/super 8 camera is being introduced. Matthew is so hopeful that film will make a comeback that their executives have business cards printed on film stock.

We adjourned to a discussion at: 9:28 pm.



**Meeting 4092, January 14, 2016
President Gavin Claypool, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Powerball Loser President Gavin Claypool called the meeting to order at: 20:03. Gavin said, "I hope you all enjoyed the Tim Griffin concert before the meeting. There are three video captures on his timeline, so feel free to check."

The **Minutes** were read and corrected. The minutes were named "One down, 25 to go" by Gavin.

The order of business is being changed around.

Reviews! Milt saw the first two hours of The Chronicles of Shannara. It's sort of a junkyard of fantasy novels, and all the stuff that was excised from other novels was stuffed in here. It starts with a silly contest. Too many things were apparently taken from The Eye Of Argon. How about a sorcerer named Allenan? We have not yet determined whether his father's sister is named Aunt Abuse.

Scratch reviewed David Weber's Honor Harrington series. Napoleonic Wars in Space is loads of fun.

Registrar Jeromy announced no guests tonight, but we had a couple of visitors from over the weekend. We had a group of young'uns from college show up for Board games. Mitchell, Chad, and Amanda. Let it be noted they drooled over the library.

Gavin mentioned we have a **Treasurer's Report**. It

balances. The LASFS didn't win Powerball either.

We had discussions about the Club Telephone at the Board Meeting. Sunday, two calls came in from people asking about the Sunday open house. So the phone remains useful.

We had a short auction. No shorts were auctioned.

Here in meeting number 2 of the new year, we have two patron saints. We begin with

Patron Saint Christian McGuire: Joe Zeff: He came from Time Meddlers, jumped in to help out and never looked back. He minuted Joe Zeff as "the guy with the sideburns", not knowing his name.

The Committee to Correct Everybody noted that Christian was actually a LASFS member a month before he joined Meddlers. (*Um - I do not remember making this correction.* - ed.)

George McUrso: He, Christian, and Bob Null, offloaded a 24 foot truck after Westercon, by ourselves because the truck had to be turned in that night. Westercon 42, 1989. Truly an epic evening. Christian is one of my favorite people here and an all-around great guy.

Christian McGuire was given three cheers [after the Three Cheers for Bruce Pelz].

Gavin notes there was discussion about the length of our patron saint discussions, but if anyone deserves to be talked about at length, it's

Patron Saint Bruce Pelz: Scratch: Bruce was a collector. He was a collector of collections of collections, and he was good at it. Ask his wife. "Still finding them." she said. George McUrso: My very first LASFS meeting was in 1983, Bruce was prominent in that he was auctioning stuff off. One of the items was a collection of The Lock-horns comic strips. Some kids were bidding against him. George dropped out. The kids, having won the bidding, wailed, "But we didn't want it!" "Fine," said Bruce. "Take their money, give him (George) the book".

Milt: Bruce was the only completist fanzine collector in the world. There were very few APAs, and four people managed to join every APA around, and Bruce was one of the members, along with Jack Harness, Ted Johnstone, and Norm Metcalfe. Someone founded APAX intended to ban those four from the APA.

People would collect things that Bruce would be unable to collect, and Bruce would collect them. One item was a slice of bologna that had been run through a ditto machine. (*Um - if I am remembering correctly, the slice of bologna was a zine run through The Cult, an APA known for containing the 13 Nastiest Bastards in Fandom.* - ed.) He also collected the keys to hotel rooms he stayed at at conventions.. Matthew Tepper: someone asked Bruce what he did with the bologna fanzine. He admitted to photocopying it and throwing out the origi-

nal.

Joe Zeff: At one convention, there was a ribbon labeled "The Ribbon Bruce Pelz Won't Get". "You did get one," asked Joe. "Of course I did!" Unlike some fannish politicians, he was approachable. He would listen to you, and maybe even change his mind if you said something reasonable. Larry Niven: He had a roll-away building in the back of his property that was filled with comic books. When I was assigned to do the bible for the DC universe, particularly Green Lantern, I read through his collection of Green Lantern from beginning to end.

David Okamura: I have evidence of Bruce Pelz and three other members of the LASFS at the 1962 convention in Chicago. The four were in costume as the Justice Society of America. He reported on this in *Alter Ego* #6. Gavin: has been a member only slightly longer than half of its existence, so doesn't have abroad a perspective as many might have. If Forry is the one who kept the club alive in the 30s – 50s, Bruce stands out as the one who kept it going through the 60s and 70s, and further.

Scratch: Bruce sold books in the patio at the Burbank Boulevard location in North Hollywood. He could find most anything if you expressed an interest in it. FIASOI. Matthew Tepper: Bruce had been a reference librarian at UCLA, and when the opportunity was presented to take early retirement, he went for it. He became busier after retirement than he had been before. He named his book-selling outfit VERIP books. Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Plan. Bill Ellern: Once upon a time, visited Bruce at UCLA. Bruce revealed several entries in the card catalog, where the books had disappeared. One in particular "The Properties of Duodec", an explosive used in the Lensman series. (Apparently having a yield matched only by nuclear explosions. – ed)

Matthew: Bruce loved putting in cards, including *The Dynamics of an Asteroid* by J. Moriarty, and *Letters from the Underworld* by T. Chardin, published after his death. Karl Lembke recalled having seen a reference to a card for an essay on the properties of kryptonite, written by J. Olson.. Bruce was a convention runner. An Evans Freehafer recipient, and served on the LASFS' Board Of Directors. June Moffatt: once heard a young fan say "oh, that old guy. He sells books." Bill: one last shot, when Bruce was selling books, he was liberal in telling people he despised the meetings. He couldn't abide that bunch of conversations leading to nowhere.

Matthew: Has a photograph of Bruce on his phone. Bruce is sitting on his chair, tenderly cradling a cat in his arms. It was an extremely old cat, somewhere between 24 and 27 years old.

Patron Saint Bruce Pelz was given Three Cheers!

Announcements!

Gavin Claypool: The library book of the week is by John Scalzi. *The End of All Things*, part of the *Old Man's War* series.

George McUrso announced the upcoming of his date of birth is 3/11/56. (*George is planning to revisit his birth-date so that he can be born again?* - ed.) He's having a get-together for his friends in this organization and the Blustering Gales. There will be a party at the LASFS March 5, from noon till 10. There should be food, films, fun, and frolic. Barbara Harmon will coordinate the potluck. Instead of presents, bring your presence.

Committee Reports:

David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**. The ESA Mars explorer is doing its closest fly-by of Phobos today.

Whatever happened to the autonomous barges serving as landing fields for rocket stages? They're still around, and one is in the Pacific. They're determined to make them work.

Michelle Pincus reported on Monday Night Festivities. Sci Fest had a fund-raising night Sunday. This was the Frankenstein radio play. It was very well done and awesomely good. If this is an example of Sci-Fest's work, you have to go see the next thing they do. There will be tickets on sale starting April 11 for a number of events.

There is no **New Business**.

There is some **Old Business**. The Board has been working on the Annenberg Leadership Seminar which we hope to attend later this year. This may even lead to funds for the LASFS, and Tim Griffin has successfully gotten funds from the organization. This is, however, a two-year commitment. In order to receive a grant, we may need to have something worth giving money to produce more of. We should be talking about other possible things the LASFS should be involved in.

In the meantime, our budget remains kind of tiny.

And so if there's anything people want to bring up, now's the time.

Milt: While on the Board, we did a study of grants, government and private. There basically weren't any. As for projects, we could follow NESFA into publishing. Many things might be of academic interest, but not commercial. Now with self-publishing, it doesn't cost a lot of money to make stuff available, and there are fields NESFA hasn't taken over.

Gavin: none of what we're doing is dependent on grants. There are other sources of funding. We could publish resources such as a timeline of SF authors, sort of a map to the field. The goal is not to find projects that will cost us money, but to find projects that are worth doing, and if they happen to cost money, we ask for some.

Marcia mentioned there aren't that many people around from the first Worldcon. Maybe we could record interviews with these folks? There was discussion of fanzines and other recorded histories of fandom, including the LASFS. Norm Metcalfe, still alive, is a trove of information and history of SF and fandom.

Milt mentioned Jerry Pournelle's suggestion that what we need is a review of SF, serving as a Sherpa through the trove that's published each year. But this requires lots of people contributing. In order to publish stuff, we need stuff to publish. (*But it is less work and a lot more fun to Have Published.* - ed.)

Jeromy Miller tried to phrase things without alienating people, but all he hears is people talking about the past. What about the future? Milt pointed out the club was really not successful at all times. 40S had insurgents, feuds of the week, and attacks from without. Total membership was 20-25, and that would split into factions. Jeromy: We need to get out there. Mostly, what happens at LASFS stays in the building.

Tom Safer: on the topic of game tournaments, misses mah jong tournaments.

The discussion wound down after some time.

We adjourned at: 10:09 pm.

Meeting 4093, January 21, 2016
President Gavin Claypool, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

President Gavin Claypool (as Blackie Duquesne) called the meeting to order at: 8:01 pm

Special Orders of Business: We lost one of the most successful modern editors of SF and fantasy, David Hartwell. He died as the result of a head injury suffered in a fall at home. For the last twenty years he was a senior editor at TOR books, but he had been an SF editor since 1971. He was working his way through college by editing at Signet, receiving his doctorate in Comparative Medieval Literature in 1973, when he moved from Signet to Berkeley-Putnam. He then moved to Pocket Books five years later. His work there included founding the Timescape imprint in the 1980s, as well as creating the Pocket Books line of Star Trek novels, which still releases several books a year. He then edited the short-lived Cosmos magazine, and went on to found the *New York Review of Science Fiction*, for which he received 22 Hugo nominations. He received another 19 Hugo nominations for his other editing work.

Marty ran into him at Norwescon, when he and Robbie were fan GOHs. Near the end of the con the Con guests would go to a special room where folks working the con could come and ask questions. David Hartwell demonstrated an encyclopedic knowledge of SF. Craig knew David Hartwell for over 30 years. Thought of by many in the field as their mentor as an editor. Also very active as a fan, and treated fans well as a pro. Guiding light of World Fantasy Con. Milt met him at L.A. Con I in 1972. He helped loading at the con.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved, and named: \$3 to name the minutes "By Grabthar's hammer, by the sons of Worvan, these minutes shall be avenged!"

in honor of the late Alan Rickman.

Patron Saint Jeff Siegel: From the hagiography:

Retired U.S.A.F. major. As of 2009, the only LASFSian alumnus of the Air Force Academy. Jeff was a Cryptography specialist and he became a Lutheran minister after his service in the military. [<http://community.livejournal.com/lasfs/68470.html>]

Lifelong friend of Alex, son of Jerry, Pournelle and he was a LASFS member since age 11. He was an early promoter of anime fandom.

Guests: Alexander Rocha, the man with the Heisenberg hat. (*Are you certain about that hat?* - ed.) Told about LASFS by Kristen. Star Trek fan. Ken Husey, told about club by Doug. Interested in film production.

Time-Bound Announcements:

January 23rd at the bookstore of Mystery and Imagination, 2 pm, Dennis Etchison will be doing a special reading.

Treasurer's Report: We have money, but not enough of it.

A Moment of Science, with David Okamura. An update from last week: Boom!

SpaceX Falcon 9 launched successfully, but once again failed to land safely on the barge. Elon Musk's comment: "At least it was in bigger pieces this time." Even before launch, they prepped us for this, because it was an older rocket and the seas were choppy. It nailed the landing, but then fell over. According to Musk, it may have been due to fog at Vandenberg, which could have iced up the landing leg which failed. The satellite in question was to measure the temperature of the world's oceans, and the company has gotten more contracts for deliveries to space.

Sierra Nevada was working on their own space-shuttleish thing. Their new version is a robotic cargo carrier, launched on a Delta rocket, which would make Boeing Lockheed alliance happy. On the space station, they thought they would lose the flowers before they blossomed, due to mold, but they survived.

Planetary alignment of Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Mercury visible in the sky recently. Caltech scientists, including the one who demoted Pluto, say that evidence is pointing to a different ninth planet. It is probably a smallish gas giant with an orbit of 10-20 thousand years.

Reviews: Milt read Blackout and All Clear by Connie Willis. Time travelers have to dodge V1 and V2 rockets, bombs, monster children, and Alan Turing on a bicycle. People keep handing the time travelers Agatha Christie novels, which has a plot payoff.

Barbara hasn't seen The Martian film yet, but has read the book. She first heard a review of the book on NPR's Science Friday, which is why she read the book. The progressive problems and solutions made her describe it as more akin to a courtroom drama in its pacing and style than to something like Star Wars. The most enjoyable SF book she's read for a long time.

Gavin mentioned that The Martian is the library book of the week.

Craig Miller reviews These Are the Voyages, a series of books about the making of the original series. The author interviewed many people, and the books are 600+ pages, in large format.

Christian mentioned When Marnie Was There, the anime nominated for an Oscar. Christian recommends the source book as well, an English children's book.

Gwendolyn reviewed Shannara Chronicles. She thought it was pretty terrible and thought that the original material must have been better. Craig said, no. It comes across as a bad D&D campaign.

Miscellaneous: Doug Crepau mentioned an article today about the British astronaut demonstrating the space loo.

We adjourned at: 8:01 pm on January 28.



**Board of Directors Meeting
January 10, 2016
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

(The Board of Directors did not meet in January so the January minutes was not be presented to, and accepted by, the Board until its March meeting.)

Board Members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Gavin Claypool, Mike Thorsen, Nick Smith, Elayne Pelz, Michelle Pincus, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, Marcia Minsky, Debra Levin., and Christian McGuire.

Members and Guests: Frank Waller, Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Matthew B. Tepper, Francis Hamit, Greg Barrett, Jeromy Miller, Greg Bilan, Tom Safer, Sue Fox, Joe Zeff.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:08 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday,

January 10, 2016 meeting of the Board of Directors.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of December 13th, 2015, were accepted as presented.

Voting for Board officers: All present officers were accepted in place except new Board member Debra Levin who was elected as Comptroller and Gavin Claypool took over overseeing the Library.

New Members: There were 3 applications for membership from fans who paid their \$10 application fee: Sergio Alcantar, Ryan Stevens, and Maggie Jung. They were unanimously accepted.

Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz): \$34,844.96 is the amount in the current treasury.

30-second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): Reported about his talking to the police about the homeless encampment on Aetna.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): No report.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): No report.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): Annenberg Leadership Seminar application: opened on

schedule. We have to discuss some items about this. This has to do with how we do things and the discussion was put off for later on in the day.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): This month: 222 units bringing in \$226.00. (The difference has to do with two items being sold at higher than the usual charges.) Total units to date: 35,022, and total monies to date: \$30,001.50. We purchased paper products (disposable dishware) and propane. Vending machine has been repaired.

Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson): (Gavin:) We have more space for books with additional bookcases. We will eventually shift some books around. We are caught up on donations and we have purchased some more books.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): We have archives.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): We have a physical plant with no new problems.

LAFAs
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, April 16, 2016, 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.

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

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): No report.

Events (Nick Smith): LOSCON 42 - Marcia said we will soon be turning some money to the LASFS but no details at this time. We did fine, though, doing better than 41. // LOSCON 43 - Michelle: will soon have a meeting.

Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus): Not much of a report this time. // Karl mentioned that he got the address and password for the LASFS Goodreads account. Karl is the new Administrator on this account and now Karl and the LASFS are co-Administrators for the account.

(Significant Others)

Club President (Gavin Claypool): At last Thursday's meeting there was a discussion about how to alter the state of the club.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): Web site has been up-

dated with new officers being listed.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Budget for 2016: The Budget for 2016 was presented to the club by Elayne. (We also reviewed the budget results from 2015.) The new budget was discussed in detail. It was then Moved, Seconded, and Passed to accept the budget as presented. (This includes \$2275.00 from the Michael Mason Foundation.)

LOSCON Bid Qualification: There was a LOSCON bid named ChronoCon by Con Chair Matthew Tepper. Elayne Pelz will be Treasurer and hotel liaison will be Jason Justice. There is a Weapons Policy. No theme decided upon at this time. Matthew was questioned and there was discussion about the bid. There was a motion which was Moved, Seconded, and Passed to accept this bid.

OPEN FORUM:

Gavin reopened the Homeless situation discussion. Karl has talked to the police department about this. Our major problem is the blocking of the sidewalks. Matthew Tepper recommended that we keep a log of problems. Karl will speak to Milt to find out what he did in the first contact about this problem with the Police and the City.

Tom Safer and Susan Fox presented the club with \$360 for MPLC license. (There was applause.)

There was a small discussion about moving. It was Moved, Seconded, and Passed that Elayne be tasked with exploring this and Karl mentioned that she feel free to recruit help.

The next meeting will be on March 13, 2016.

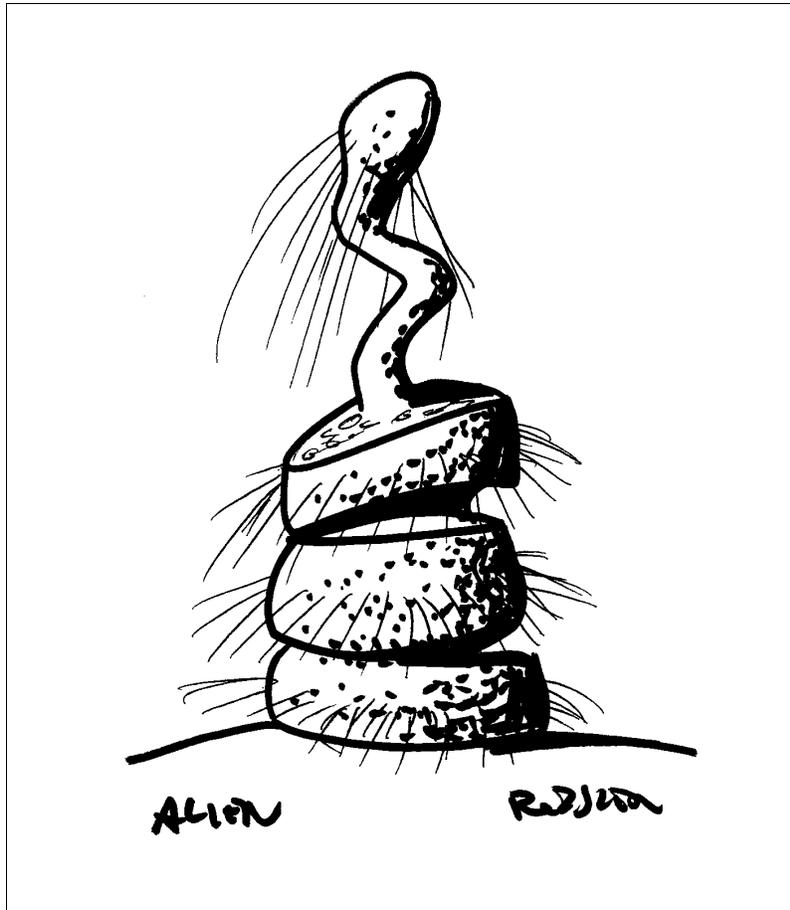
(We adjourned to a close session.)

TAKE-AWAYS:

The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

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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.)

E-MAIL OF COMMENT

I received this e-mail from Bjo Trimble as a response to the January issue of DE PROF - and forgot to put it into the February issue. Shame on me.

Anyway, Bjo points out a continuing error which crops up every year when her Sainthood is brought up. Here is her correction:

“As usual, I'm given credit for the "Flesh Gordon" costumes, but I really did the makeup. I'd never done prosthetics before, so called Rick Baker. He was a teen and his mother wouldn't let him take the makeup job. But he could, and did, give me instructions over the phone for several nights as I worked on Emperor Wang's aging face. -- Bjo

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The directory is now available.
Elayne will e-mail
the following directory files, free,
upon request:
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Contact Elayne at:
treasurer@lasfs.org

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