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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am

THERE WILL BE A GIFT EXCHANGE THIS YEAR AND IT WILL BE AT THE NULL SPACE LAB.

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

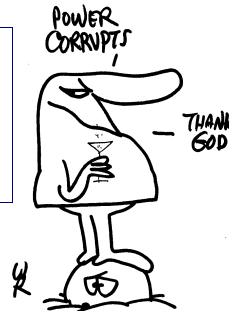
- DECEMBER 7 - Presidential Nominations.
- DECEMBER 14 - Procedural Elections.
- DECEMBER 21 - Big Auction
- DECEMBER 28 - No programming

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

CALENDAR DETAILS

Board of Directors meeting:
 Elayne Pelz' residence, 15931 Kalisher St.,
 Granada Hills.
NO OPEN HOUSE AFTERWARDS.
 Beware those with allergies: cats in house!!!

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THERE ARE BOARD PROPOSALS FOR A BYLAWS CHANGE AND A NEW RULE FOR LOSCON - SEE PAGE 5

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 538– December 2017. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

De Profundis is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (No current permanent address) and the LASFS does not currently have a telephone number. The club's web site is: www.lasfs.org. *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 75¢ in person, \$1.25 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 hand them to me at wherever LASFS meetings are being held. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his address: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net) or at club meetings 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 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 \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net). November 2017. Hoo Hah Publication Number 2110. Thanks go to Elayne Pelz, Charlie Jackson, Karl Lembke, Kristen Gorlitz 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

July - December, 2017

President: Nick Smith. **Vice-President:** Matthew B. Tepper. **Registrar:** Marty Cantor. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke and Kristen Gorlitz. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz & Michelle Pincus.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2018). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2020).. **Comptroller:** Debra Levin (2018). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2018). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2018), Gavin Claypool (2019), Elayne Pelz (2020), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2020), Mike Thorsen (2019), Kristen Gorlitz (2019), Nick Smith (2020). **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 Pro Tem:** Gavin Claypool. **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. **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 ____

LASFS' TEMPORARY MEETING PLACE

by Gavin Claypool and Elayne Pelz

LASFS Returns to North Hollywood:

Starting November 2, 2017, LASFS will be holding its Thursday night meetings at 10717 Chandler Blvd. (rear), North Hollywood 91601, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The building is located between Denny Ave. and Cartwright Ave. Entrance is from the alley in back. Going east from Denny Ave. along the alley, it is the second building.

There are comfy couches for people who want to sit and talk before or after the meeting proper. There is one restroom.

We will be allowed to bring in personal food and drink - NO communal food table - but must police our own trash.

We are renting the meeting space from Null Space Labs, the local maker group. House rules: No playing with the toys! There is quite a lot of equipment in the room. Leave

it be.

Parking is available in front on Chandler Blvd. and on the west side of Denny Ave. Parking is prohibited north of the alley on the east side of Denny Ave.

P.S.: There is WiFi access at the site.

THE RULES OF THE LASFS GIFT EXCHANGE by Leigh Strother-Vien and others, 2007

Date: Friday, the Twenty second of December, 2017

Doors Open: 7:00 PM / Event Begins: 8:00 PM

Location: Null Space Labs

(This Gift Exchange brought to us courtesy of Lee and Barry Gold.)

The Gift Exchange is considered an extension of the previous night's meeting. Dues will be collected, if not previously paid. The Gift Exchange is open to all active LASFS members who are not in arrears to the club nor under any other sort of administrative stigma. You must be present in person - - NO PROXIES! You should expect to spend several hours at this event.

To participate in the Gift Exchange, bring an anonymous, wrapped gift, with a value of at least \$10. The gift must be related to Science Fiction, Fantasy, or Fandom (see GUIDELINES & SUGGESTIONS at www.lasfsinc.info if unsure). The gift you place in the Exchange should be considered a donation.

Because of the wide range of gifts that may be contributed and because of varying tastes, you might not receive a gift that you really want! You might in fact get a gift you don't want at all! In this event, please bear in mind that THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN. (If you also happen to get some nice loot, that should merely be considered a very nice bonus!)

On entering the Gift Exchange, you will receive a registration number. The registration numbers will be randomized, to determine when each person will be called to choose a gift from the table. The first person called will choose a gift from the table, open it, and show it to the audience. Make sure the rest of the crowd knows what the gift is, because that lets the crowd have fun, and THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN.

The rest of the participants, in the order called, will each choose a gift from the table, open it, and show it to the audience.

Force Trades: If the person who has just opened a gift desires, he/she may "Force Trade" that gift with any gift that has been previously opened. THE PERSON HOLDING THE DESIRED GIFT MUST ACCEPT THE TRADE. The first person in the Gift Exchange is allowed the last "Force Trade," after everyone has selected & opened a gift.

Crud Calls: A "Crud Call" may occur if a gift is deemed

unsuitable. "Crud Calls" may only be made if (1) the gift has insufficient value or (2) the gift is not related to Science Fiction, Fantasy, or Fandom. "Crud Calls" may NOT be made merely because a person is unhappy with a gift, if it otherwise meets the requirements. If you don't like it, trade it away. THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN.



The person opening a gift may make a "Crud Call" at that time. Also, a person receiving a gift on a "Force Trade" may make a "Crud Call" at that time. "Crud Calls" are not allowed at any other time.

"Saves" may be made after a "Crud Call," if any participant wants the gift that has been declared "crud." If more than one person wants the "crud" gift, the person holding it may choose among the gifts offered in exchange. If only one person offers to take the "crud" gift, the person who made the "Crud Call" must accept the trade.

After the trade, neither person may make another "Crud Call" on either of the two gifts in question. A participant may trade his/her future gift choice on a "Crud Call." The person making the "Crud Call" will then select another gift at the appropriate time. The acceptor of the "crud" gift may not make another "Crud Call" on it.

If no one volunteers to "Save," a "Force Trade" with the perpetrator of the "crud" gift - - whether an already opened gift or a future selection - - is mandated. The participants may overrule a "Crud Call" by a majority vote if they consider it unjustified. If a Judgment Call is required in any instance, the decision of the Gift Exchange "Producer" is FINAL!

Please note:

Gifts in the Gift Exchange are considered the Property of the club until the Gift Exchange is officially declared "over." If you are in possession of an opened gift and need to leave (either the room or completely), you must leave your gift with someone else. It is still open to "Force Trades."

Tantrums will result in the person or persons having Tantrums being banned from future Gift Exchanges. Tantrums are Not Fun. AND THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN.

Free Trading: After the Gift Exchange is over, Free Trading of gifts may occur. Free Trading is outside the Gift Exchange rules and is done by persons willing to trade all or parts of their gifts with each other.

*****SPECIAL RULE: The "Chocolate Covered Manhole Cover"** is a traditional feature of the Gift Exchange. While not an acceptable gift by itself (due to insufficient monetary value - if you have possession of it, you got it for free), it can be added to any gift. Whoever ends up with the Manhole Cover at the end of the Gift Exchange is charged with the responsibility to see that it



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introduced in the next year's Gift Exchange. The possessor of the Cover does not have to add it to his own gift... just see that someone does.***

GUIDELINES & SUGGESTIONS

- If you wouldn't be happy to get a gift, don't put it in the Gift Exchange. Others probably won't like it either.

- Having participants fight over an expensive gift ruins the spirit of the Gift Exchange. THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN. If you bring a gift worth MORE than minimum value, do not expect equal value in return.

- Craig Miller's Corollary to Rotsler's Rules for Masquerade Presentations #21 can apply to Gift Exchange presentations as well: "Short is better than long; funny is better than non-funny; short and funny is best."

- Do not put anything offensive into the Gift Exchange. Lewd, crude, or rude gifts are not funny. THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN.

- If it took more than 20 minutes to wrap the gift, it will take too long to unwrap it at the Gift Exchange. Keep the wrapping simple, so that it can be opened in a reasonable amount of time. When giving books that are part of a multi-part series, it is considered good form (and perhaps even good taste) to include the first book (and perhaps all previous books) of the series.

- Some gifts that were very popular at previous Gift Exchanges were: stuffed animals (especially those from comic strips); telescopes; recently published books (in new condition!); toy ray guns; coffee table books about S. F., Fantasy, or Space; and stuff for computers. High quality gifts of chocolate are considered Fannish!

Please note that, prior to 1996, "quality" alcoholic gifts were also encouraged. THIS IS NO LONGER THE CASE. The use of alcohol is your own business, but the Club would prefer to NOT encourage alcohol in the Gift Exchange, as more and more members are either abstainers

or minors!

Items that bombed: miscellaneous (dull, boring, mundane) food, hand-crafted "artwork," used paperbacks if small in number or poor in condition, and anything having to do with *Zotz!* or the Hubbard Decology, unless Crud Insurance (high quality chocolate, for example) is included.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OFTEN ASKED

Q. "What exactly does 'related to science fiction, fantasy, or fandom' mean?"

A. If you don't know what's related to science fiction or fantasy, you're in the wrong club. Fandom-related things are associated with the activities of organized fandom: e. g. mementos from conventions, propeller beanies, chocolate, costumes, computer hardware and software, comic books, collected fanzines, manuscripts from pro authors, bookshelves, video storage devices, interesting toys, games, puzzles, sheet music and/or recordings by Filk artists, miniatures, leather-craft tools, chain mail, etc.

Q. "I've just been force traded a large box of "Magic The Gathering" Cards. I don't like "Magic The Gathering." Am I allowed to call Crud?"

A. No. The nature of the gift is unquestionably related to science fiction, fantasy, or fandom. The value of the gift is unquestionably in excess of \$10. There are no other criteria. Your options are to (a) hope that someone force trades for the Magic cards, leaving you with something else, or (b) wait until after the Exchange and try to obtain something you prefer during Free Trading.

Q. "I've ended up with the Chocolate Covered Manhole Cover, but I think it's a silly tradition and I don't want to deal with it. Can I throw the darned thing away?"

A. Only if you want to be ostracized by all of organized fandom. Most people don't have that much masochism in them, so you would be advised to simply give the Cover to someone who takes it more seriously than you do.

Q. I've picked the Pournelle Box (greed is good!), but someone wants to Force Trade me a box of "Magic The Gathering" cards for it. Should I allow it, or scream, whine and complain in a loud annoying voice until they relent?"

A: In the first place, they won't relent. The rules are on their side. In the second place, throwing such a tantrum would only get you thrown out and banned from future Exchanges. Your only real option is to make an effort to act like an adult (yes, it's terribly hard, but necessary) and allow the trade without putting up a fight.

Q. "I'm on a diet, but the buffet table looks so tempting. Should I eat more?"

A. Yes. The club always lays on too much food for this event, and we have no place to store leftovers. Feel free to eat us out of house and home. Diet later!

ADDENDUM: If you are bringing an under-age



child, you are responsible for them and for their behavior. It is *not* acceptable to hand off the responsibility to another person and boisterous behavior by the child, uncontrolled by the parent or guardian, will result in the child and the parent (and/or guardian) being asked to leave. Apologies afterward are nice; but, nicer still, is not having the ruckus in the first place.

One of the traditions of the Gift Exchange is food. Because we are guests in this venue, cleaning up after ourselves is a must.

Therefore, even though we will have our traditional food table - and everybody is invited to bring food to share with the members - please note that we request that everything be on paper plates and all of the utensils be plastic. We will provide garbage bags and we intend to throw all of the trash and garbage into our host's dumpster.

So, if you bring food in non-paper or cardboard containers, please "rescue" said containers before they are put into the dumpster.

Our hosts like us - let us keep it that way.

ADDENDUM TO THE ADDENDUM: If, by any chance, you bring an adult guest to the Gift Exchange, the previous paragraph applies to you and the guest, too.

BY-LAWS DRAFT PROPOSAL

The LASFS Board of Directors will be bringing before the members a By-Laws

Draft Proposal. This will be read at the November 30th meeting and will be discussed and voted on at our December 7th meeting. The Proposal follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LASFS BYLAWS

The Board of Directors resolved at its Nov. 12 meeting to replace Article III, Section 1 with the text below. The proposed amendment will be read to the Society at the Nov. 30 meeting, and voted on by the Society at the Dec. 7 meeting.

Article III: Directors.

Section 1. Number and Qualifications.

- A. The authorized number of Directors, as stated in the Articles of Incorporation, is eleven.
- B. Each Director must be 18 years of age or older at the time of their election.
- C. When elected, and continuously while serving, each Director shall meet the following qualifications:
 1. Be an Attending Member, and have maintained such Attending Membership for at least 156 regular Society meetings;
 2. Be an Attending Member continuously during the previous 52 regular Society meetings, unless prevented from doing so by a medical condition or by being temporarily absent from the area;
 3. Reside within Los Angeles County, Kern County, Orange County, Riverside County, San Bernardino County, or Ventura County;
 4. Not have been declared of unsound mind by a final order of court; and
 5. Meet such additional activity requirements as the Board may establish pertaining to activities of the Board itself.

The Board, by a majority vote of the directors who meet all of the required qualifications to be a director, may declare vacant the office of any Director who fails or ceases to meet any of the above qualifications that was in effect at the beginning of that director's current term of office.

The significant changes are: (1) to allow a member, being unable to meet the current year Attending Member requirement due to a medical condition (e.g., broken kneecap) or being temporary absent from the area (e.g., working in Austria), to be eligible for election to the Board and to continue to serve on the Board; (2) adds Riverside County to the list of counties that a Director may reside in; (3) replaces the phrase "otherwise legally competent" with "not have been declared of unsound mind by a final order of court"; and (4) aligns the removal process for a Director who does not qualify under this section with the process in the California Cor-

porations Code.

The current bylaw is as follows:

Article III: Directors.

Section 1. Number and Qualifications.

- A. The authorized number of Directors, as stated in the Articles of Incorporation, is eleven.
- B. When elected, and continuously while serving, each Director shall meet the following qualifications:
 - 1. Be 18 years of age or over, and otherwise legally competent;
 - 2. Be an Attending Member, and have maintained such Attending Membership continuously during the previous 52 regular Society meetings and for at least 104 other regular Society meetings;
 - 3. Meet such additional activity requirements as the Board may establish pertaining to activities of the Board itself; and
 - 4. Reside within Los Angeles County or one of the four adjacent counties (Kern County, Orange County, San Bernardino County, or Ventura County).
- C. A Director who fails to meet the above requirements, as attested by a vote of 2/3 or more of the Directors voting at a regular Board meeting, shall be notified in writing of the fact, and shall be deemed to have resigned.

21. LOSCON RULES

The LASFS Board of Directors will be bringing before the members a LOSCON Rules Proposal. This will be read and voted on at the December 7th meeting and will be again voted on at our December 14th meeting. The Proposal follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STANDING RULES

The Board of Directors resolved at its Nov. 12 meeting to add a clause (shown underscored below) to the responsibilities retained by the Board of Directors in the Loscon Rules (Standing Rule 21). The proposed amendment will be voted on by the Society at the Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 meetings.

21. LOSCON RULES

- G. Responsibilities Retained by the Board of Directors.
 - 1. A committee appointed by the Board of Directors will negotiate all Loscon hotel contracts and submit them for approval by the Board.
 - 2. The Board of Directors shall establish a Weapons Policy and a Conduct Policy for

Loscon and shall have the sole power to amend them.

- 3. The Comptroller may advise the Loscon Committee as to changes needed for fiscal responsibility. If differences between the Comptroller and the Loscon Committee are not reconcilable, the Comptroller must bring the matter to the Board of Directors. The Board will review the matter, and may require compliance with the Comptroller's recommendations.

As part of the revision of the Loscon Rules passed earlier this year, the requirement that a bid include a weapon policy was discontinued. In its place, it was intended that the Board would set a Weapon Policy as well as a Conduct Policy for all future Loscons, but the clause establishing this was inadvertently left 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 4168, June 29, 2017
Matthew B. Tepper, vice-presiding
Karl Lembke, scribbling

Menace of the LASFS

Meeting No. 4168, 6/29/17

Vice President Tepper set LASFS meeting #4168 running at 8:00 pm.

Patron Saints

This week's Patron Saint is Alan Frisbie. Patron Saint Alan Frisbie was given Three rousing Cheers.

Previous Menace

The Menace was read, and smart comments were offered. Marcia Minsky bid \$8 to name the menace "It was almost a coup".

Registrar

The registrar announced a guest. Sabya Daylone. She learned about us from the Meet-up.

Moment of Science - Science Monitor David Okamura:

- Space-x managed a double launch. The Vandenberg launch launched 10 Iridium satellites. The fins on the boosters are a new titanium design. In the last two boosters, the fins caught fire, but the new fins are expected to be capable of indefinite life. The turn-around time desired is 24-48 hours.

- Kepler scientists have found 10 new earth-sized planets in the Goldilocks zone.
- Bill Green mentioned Jupiter has two new moons. Takes it up to 69 satellites.
- LIGO has detected a third event, two black holes colliding. The latest is 2.8 billion light years away.
- Finally, David Okamura is resigning as Science Monitor, due to an inability to attend meetings for the time being.

Special Orders of Business

We lost:

- Jerry Nelson, astronomer who designed advanced telescopes. His design used segmented mirrors.

We note with interest the George Lucas museum plans have been approved, to be in Exposition Park. This will be the George Lucas Museum of Narrative Arts.

Committee Reports

The committee to gouge held a small auction. The first item auctioned off was The Wizard of Oz Cookbook (To Serve Munchkin).

Announcements

Bill Green: this weekend there will be a convention in Arizona,

Matthew erred. He publicly apologizes to Charles for not properly introducing the guests. Our guest has to be out by nine, so without further ado, we recessed the meeting to the program.

It being late, and chairs needing to be put away, motions to put away the chairs at the time and adjourn were entertained and acted upon at 9:03 pm.

Board of Directors Meeting

September 10, 2017

Karl Lembke, Chairman

Marty Cantor, Secretary (*There was no BoD meeting in October.*)

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

Members and Guests: Joe Zeff, Matthew. B. Tepper.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:01 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, September 10, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors, meeting at Elayne Pelz' house.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of July 9, 2017, were accepted unanimously.

New Members: There were no applications for membership.

Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz): No report.

30-second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): No report.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): I have a report from Lee Gold and I will give it at the Web staff part of our meeting.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): No report.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): No report.

Library (Marcia/Gavin Claypool): The library books are in storage.

Archives (Debra Levin): The archives are in storage.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): No report. (Non-existent at the moment.)

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): No report.

Events (Nick Smith): Some of our rental groups are experimenting with meeting elsewhere - such as Time Meddlers at the Pasadena Library. We can possibly use the Pasadena Public Library for a Memorial for Jerry Pournelle. // Christian mentioned LAX Marriott

Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Kristen Gorlitz): No report. We can use the Pasadena Public Library and the museum for events.

(Significant Others)

Club President (Nick Smith): We continue to have meetings with no problems with the current space.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): (Marty: I got an e-mail from Lee Gold (who said they would not be at the Board meeting because of the heat). Lee wrote, "Barry told me that he mailed the new member with web design experience and invited her to join the webstaff - and she didn't reply." Also, "Aside from that, nothing new on the Web front.")

LOSCON COMMITTEE: LOSCON is going paperless but there will be print on demand. Membership is on-track with where it was at this time last year.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Financing of new clubhouse. (E. Pelz): We discussed financing and a vacant lot in Sun Valley near the Tuxford/Glenoaks intersection.

A Committee on LOSCON Weapons & Harrassment

LAFAs
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, December 2, 2017
Filk: 7 PM to ???
Pre-Filk Dinner: 5 PM, The Palace
(formerly known as VIP Harbor Seafood)
(Chinese cuisine and some Dim Sum)
Brandyhall
Lee and Barry Gold, hosts
3965 Alla Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90066
(310) 306-7456

Pre-filk dinner: 5 PM, at 11701 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025, 310-979-3377

Filk style: Poker Chip (Non-Topological) Bardic, or Chaos

Notes:

1. No Smoking Indoors! -- Use the front porch in good weather; the enclosed patio during bad weather.
2. Please bring munchies and drinks to share.
3. There are no domestic animals in residence.
4. Crash space available (couch, recliner, floor space).
5. Two Silicon life-forms are present. The old photocopier is gone, but we have an all-in-one scanner/printer/FAX machine.

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

Policies was appointed by Karl (after listening to recommendations): Marcia, Gavin, Christian, and Karl.

The next BoD meeting will be on November 12, 2017.

OPEN FORUM:

TAKE-AWAYS:

Looking for property.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 11:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

**Board of Directors Special Meeting
September 24, 2017
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

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

Members and Guests: Michelle Pincus.

Called to order: The Special meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, September 24, 2017 Special meeting of the Board of Directors, meeting at Elayne Pelz' house.

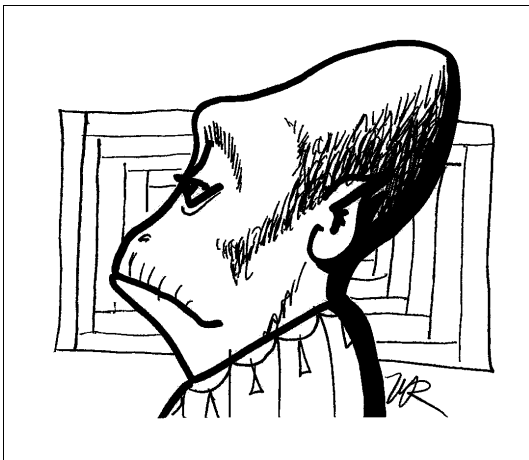
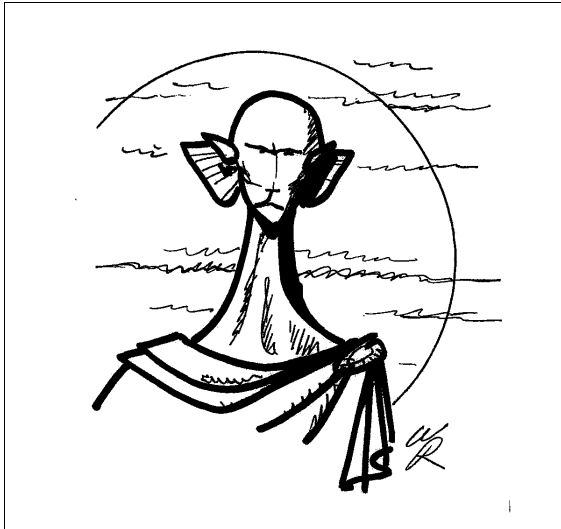
Elayne mentioned that Milt has been delving into the property auctions in L.A. County, all of these being repro properties. Elayne explained how this auction worked. 230 pages of auction material. There is property everywhere - and most of the vacant lots are vertical or in the woods somewhere. We have to do title searches ourselves.

Tom Safer has found another place to meet for less money and longer time. Good for backup. We discussed a small variety of other things.

We adjourned at 2.52 pm, with many of us driving to look at the parking lot in Sun Valley which was up for auction.



**ILLOS
AS PER USUAL
BY
WILLIAM ROTSLER
(This month's topic:
some famous LASFS
personages.)**



BOARD GAMING MEETUP

The board gaming Meetup which had been meeting at LASFS on Friday Nights has moved to a temporary venue, a game store in Sherman Oaks.

Paper Hero's Games is at 14109 Burbank Blvd., Sherman Oaks, 91401. The shop is in the interior juncture of an L-shaped strip mall on the Northwest corner of the intersection of Hazeltine and Burbank.

Our new hours are 4:00 pm to 9:30 pm.

We hope to see our regular gamers at that venue.

We shall move our gaming back to LASFS when the club moves into permanent quarters.



**LASFS
DIRECTORY**

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The directory is now available.
Elayne will e-mail
the following directory files, free,
upon request:
xl spreadsheet, or
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For those without on-line
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Elayne will provide a printed copy upon request
for a small fee.

Contact Elayne at:
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Phil Castora
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The following Board of Directors
members were reelected
to three-year terms:

Elayne Pelz
Christian McGuire
Nick Smith
Rob "Gizmo" Powell

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