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### KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am

### CALENDAR DETAILS

**Board of Directors meeting: 11 am**  
**Elayne Pelz' new residence:**  
**16835 Lahey St., Granada Hills, CA 91344**  
**NO OPEN HOUSE AFTERWARDS.**  
**Beware, those with allergies: cats in house**

### THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

JANUARY 2— No programme set at this time.  
JANUARY 9 – /No programme set at this time  
JANUARY 16 - Auction.  
JANUARY 23 - .No programme set at this time.  
JANUARY 30 - No programme set at this time.

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:  
[http://www.lasfsinc.info//index.php?option=com\\_events&Itemid=185](http://www.lasfsinc.info//index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185)

LASFS IS NOW MEETING-  
AT THE  
**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**747 WHITNALL HWY**  
**BURBANK, CA**  
Parking lot is off Screenland Dr.  
at the end of N. Whitnall Hwy.  
We are meeting in the Friendship Hall.



**Board of Directors meeting will be on the third Sunday  
of this month.**

# DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

## COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 561— January 2020. 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](http://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 edress: [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.

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## LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers  
January - June, 2020

**President:** Matthew B. Tepper. **Vice-President:** George McUrso. **Registrars:** Michelle Pincus. **Scribes:** Nick Smith. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz and Debra Levin.

## Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2021). Secretary: Marty Cantor (2021). Vice-Chairman: Nick Smith (2020), Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2022). Other members: Michelle Pincus (2021), Scott Beckstead (2022), Debra Levin (2021), Christian McGuire (2020), Elayne Pelz (2020), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2020), Mike Thorsen (2022). 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:** Gavin Claypool. **Assistant Librarian:** Elayne Pelz. **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:** Bill Green (with Nick Smith). **Marketing and Promotion:** Michelle Pincus.

## 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. **Statue with no arms:** Venus di Milo.

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

**LASFS' \*NEW\* TEMPORARY MEETING SPACE**

**LASFS has moved to Burbank—temporarily!**

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**747 WHITNALL HWY**  
**BURBANK, CA**

Parking lot is off Screenland Dr.  
at the end of N. Whitnall.

We are meeting in the Friendship Hall.

*I am still looking for a replacement editor for DE PROFUNDIS.*

*However, if I cannot find a replacement before LASFS gets a new clubhouse, I will return DE PROFUNDIS to the LASFS Board of Directors after our first meeting in our new clubhouse.*

## CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes are supposed to be filed in the LASFS' files and can be read there - also at [www.lasfs.org](http://www.lasfs.org))

**Meeting 4257, March 14, 2019**  
**President Scott Beckstead, presiding**  
**Scribe Karl Lembke, scribbling**

President Scott Beckstead welcomed everyone to LASFS meeting #4257 at 8:00 pm.

**Comments by the President**

It's Thursday, and we're all more or less here.

**Special Orders of Business**

None.

**Menace**

The Menace was read. George McUrso bid \$2 to name the **Menace** *They can't all be gems*. And the **Menace** was approved by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report**

We have money. Don't spend it

**Patron Saint**

Tonight's **Patron Saint** is **Gavin Claypool**.

Nick: first met him in a collegiate setting at CalTech. LASFS was not his first fannish interest. At Cal-Tech, he was hanging around the Mythopoetic Society. Gavin dragged him to LASFS Friday Night in the late 70s. He's the sort who would show people things he thought they should look at.

CLJII: Many years ago, the group centered around Pasadena would get together on the 26th of December to honor St Putregas. They went, as was their custom to Bob's Big Boy. The group was put in a booth beyond which the restaurant was closed. Gavin arrived, pulled the "closed" sign off the remaining chair, sat down, and put the sign on his head just so it would be visible.

George McUrso: Gavin's a hell of a hell player.

(from the hagiography):

his publishing house is called X-Techer Press.

produced the Fandom Directory for some time

published a book of Jerry Pournelle's columns entitled *That Buck Rogers Stuff*.

helped with the Nebula Banquet one year

**Patron Saint Gavin Claypool** was given three cheers.

**Board member Report**

There will be a Board meeting on Sunday, April 14, at 11.

**Committee Reports**

**Programming:** CLJII announced an auction next week. Trivia for Chocolate two weeks from now. Pre-meeting interview with Craig Miller April 11.

LOSCON 46 is happening, at the LAX Marriott hotel. Writer GoH Howard Waldrop from Texas, Fan GOH Edie Stern from New York, and artist Julie Dillon, from the Pacific Northwest. We'll have fun and panels, and we're putting together stuff. Join LOSCON 46. Membership form is online, including on the Facebook page. Hotel reservations are available through web page.

**Announcements**

None.

**Moment of Science**

Tom Locke had a moment of science. Google has announced one of their employees has calculated pi to over 31,415,925,535,897 digits

Medical breakthroughs: a lady with sickle cell anemia has been cured with stem cells. There has been a similar cure in another AIDS patient.

There is a vaccine and an experimental treatment for Ebola.

Nick Smith: the Journal Cell notes scientists have found that flashing lights and clicking sounds at 40 beats per second cause a partial reversal of the symptoms of Alzheimers in mice.

Philip K Dick film festival includes a short film with Walter Koenig, AC Clarke *9 Billion Names of God*, others. It bounces among venues in Santa Ana over the weekend. \$50 for the weekend, or \$10 per two hour block.

Friday, March 22, South Pasadena Library has a performance of Ray Bradbury *Live Forever*. 7 pm.

Saturday the 23rd, a Harryhausen double feature at the Pasadena Library. 2 pm

George McUrso: Moment of technology. Someone has managed to get a battery operated electric motorcycle up to 220 MPH on the Australian salt flats.

In Spain, they were going to race electric motorcycles, but the storage shed burned down. It may have been the batteries, or maybe sabotage from the fossil fuel folks.

Hare: got an email about experimental use of fat cells converted to stem cells. They've used the same process on muscles, and it seems to work.

**Time Bound Announcements**

None.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Reviews**

George McUrso saw the new Captain Marvel at the new

theater that offers luxury seating. Like film very much. nice, uplifting story about empowerment and someone coming into their own.

Nick: went to see Logopolis, last Tom Baker Doctor Who episode. They've re-done and cleaned up the special FX to hype the blu-ray release. They even restored a few seconds removed from the original episode.

George acquired an interesting item. Back at the Van Nuys location, someone left some CDs behind including Black Irish Band.

Hare noted that One of the two main people in the band was robbed and murdered a couple of years ago.

### **Miscellaneous**

SpaceX craft Crew Dragon splashed down in the Atlantic Ocean on March 8 at 5:45 a.m. PST, completing the spacecraft's first mission to the International Space Station.

Sheri Patten is getting stuff out of her apartment. She's getting rid of floor mats.

George asked one and all to help put the chairs back.

We moved to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

### **Meeting 4258, March 21, 2019 President Scott Beckstead, presiding Scribe Karl Lembke, scribbling**

President Scott Beckstead welcomed everyone to LASFS meeting #4258 at 8:00 pm.

### **Comments by the President**

It's Thursday, and we're all more or less here.

### **Special Orders of Business**

Jamie Hanrahan, San Diego Fan, has passed on.

Michelle announced the passing of Kevin J Anderson's son. He was 31. Heart attack.

George McUrso announced the passing of Craig Miller's mother. To send a letter or card of sympathy.

Vonda McIntyre is in a hospice with pancreatic cancer and has been given a few weeks to live.

### **Menace**

The **Menace** was read. Matthew Tepper bid \$1 to name the **Menace** "Howard 'no J' Waldrop." And the **Menace** was approved by voice vote.

### **Treasurer's Report**

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### **Patron Saint**

**Patron Saint Dan Deckert.**

Marty says Dan was the person who invented the procedure "all in favor say aye, all opposed say aye". It existed elsewhere, but he brought it to LASFS.

Matthew Tepper: Dan is a good fellow and true. Had known his sister from Santa Monica College. His health seems to be doing better these days.

(from the hagiography):

Fan artist

Worked at Hughes Aircraft before moving to Iowa. He was also responsible for some nice fan art.

Known for the parliamentary maneuver of "All in favor say 'aye', all opposed say 'aye'..."

Said to be descended from both Andrew Jackson and Zachary Taylor.

Worked programming at Bucconeer (Worldcon 1998, Baltimore, Maryland).

One of the first members of the Board of Directors and served as chair for a time.

Chaired a LOSCON.

**Patron Saint Dan Deckert** was given Three Cheers.

### **Board member Report**

Board meeting Sunday, April 14, at 11.

On this day, at market close, the LASFS investment account had a total valuation of a pinch over \$800K.

### **Committee Reports**

Programming: Auction next week.

Trivia for Chocolate next week. Pre-meeting interview with Craig Miller April 11.

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### **Announcements**

Debra asked if we're still doing chocolate next week. As far as we know, yes.

Hare: we used to have fannish committee reports.

Scott: they still exist, in Miscellaneous.

### **Time Bound Announcements**

None.

### **Old Business**

None.

### New Business

None.

### Reviews

Barbara Harmon previewed a set of books about Ed Wood.

Hare: *Jesus Christ, Vampire Hunter*. It's a horror musical.

Debra: we all saw *Captain Marvel*. I found it a little odd, since it's taking place before everything else.

Michelle is watching *Nation Z* on Netflix. It's your basic standard Zombie Apocalypse. Sometimes dead serious, and sometimes really stupid, and sometimes hysterically funny. At one point, George RR Martin plays himself as a celebrity zombie.

George McUrso saw this 30 years ago. Henry Fonda, Robert England, Aileen Brennan, *The Great Smokey Roadblock*.

### Miscellaneous

Bill Green had a **Moment of Science**.

1. Back in 2017 they observed four black hole collisions.
2. Chinese lander on the moon turns out to have a radio telescope. It also has an experiment to grow plants on the moon. Trying to see if they'll grow in the low gravity. It also has a rover with ground penetrating radar.

George: Someone had a page from the Gold Key comics where Spock was explaining black holes to Kirk.

Matthew: Topsy turvy, Richard D'Oyly Carte explains to Sir Arthur Sullivan how a fountain pen works.

John DeChancie: They recently buried Richard III. It dissolves time. These historical realities show the time dimension has been abrogated.

Part of the reason Richard III was re-buried was they wanted to examine his bones and see if he really had a back problem. He probably did much better in armor because of the support it gave his back.

Hare: apparently in France Jim Morrison was buried, and they had so much trouble with people trying to dig him up, they built a huge monument over him. Now the monument has been vandalized and people are trying to dig him up again.

They're re-doing Pet Sematary.

George asked one and all to help put the chairs back.

We moved to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

## Meeting 4259, March 28, 2019 President Scott Beckstead, presiding Kristen Renee Gorlitz, scribbling

President Scott Beckstead welcomed everyone to LASFS meeting #4259 at 8:00 pm.

### Comments by the President

It's Thursday, and we're all more or less here.

### Special Orders of Business

Writer and Story Editor Larry Ditillio passed away. He was the story editor for Babylon 5. Animation writer. And he created the character She-Ra. Long time writer for TV and the game industry. Wrote a lot for role playing games. Was a nice guy.

### Menace

The **Menace** was read.

Christian bid \$4 to have George name the **Menace Pet Sematary, who's a good cemetery? Who's a good cemetery? You are! You are!**

And the **Menace** was approved by voice vote.

### Treasurer's Report

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### Patron Saint

#### Patron Saint Sue Haseltine .

Marty Cantor: at one time, **Patron Saint Sue Haseltine** was the librarian for the club. Matthew Tepper: Pleasant person. Used to work in the same building as her. Regina: Keeps the regency dance activities going. Has been doing it for decades.

**Patron Saint Sue Haseltine** was given Three Cheers.

### Board member Report

Nick: Board meeting Sunday, April 14, at 11, as far as we know.

Chairman (Karl Lembke) is currently recuperating. We are looking at properties. More on that later.

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### Committee Reports

Programming: Tonight is trivia for Chocolate.

Pre-meeting interview with Craig Miller April 11.

April 18 - Jules Rivera interview

LOSCON 46 had a presence at the paperback show in Glendale. Matthew got to sit at a table and he spoke with a number of authors there. Gregory Benford, Laura Brodian Freas Beraha, Marc Scott Zicree, Larry Niven,



Harry Turtledove, John DeChancie, Tim Powers, Steven Barnes, Tananarive Due

### Announcements

Francis Hamit: He will be on the radio on the 2nd or the 9th, you can tune in on the internet. WSUB FM 90.1 Suny Eastbrook. Will be talking about Agent Orange.

He and Leigh have a comic collection. They are putting everything on ebay.

Nick Smith: Amazon has made an announcement - they have launched a new series based on Octavia Butler's work. Based on *Wild Seed*. Production company is headed by Viola Davis.

CLJII: Visiting Frontierland? The Fiddler will be retiring at the end of May. Last Friday CLJII was interview for special features on an upcoming blu-ray / DVD release of the Universal Science Fiction serial *The Phantom Creeps* with Bela Lugosi.

Hare: *Dream Theater* is a rock group who have a very strong science fiction themes. They have a new album called *Distraction over Time*. They are a progressive metal group. Selling a lot better than *Hawkwind* ever did.

Jim: Had his first science fiction works published earlier this year in *The Martian*. Can find them online on *Patreon*.

Francis: He has a *Patreon* page and anyone who becomes a patron gets a free copy of *Shenandoah Spy*.

### Time Bound Announcements

Christian: This weekend is *Wondercon*.

Michelle: and LOSCON has a table there.

### Old Business

None.

### New Business

None.

### Reviews

Michelle: *SpaceX* review - they are an amazingly well run company. Now she is not so worried about privatized space industry. She now has hopes that we really can go to space.

Vintage Paperback show - more crowded that it has been in the past and LASFS and LOSCON had a presence there

George: *Love, Death and Robots* (on Netflix) and an anthology of original animation. John Scalzi wrote two of these. Don't watch this with kids. It is violent, gorey, and when it's not that, it's full of sex. Well written. Compelling character. Beautifully made. *Suits* is a noteworthy episode.

Francis: The quality of the animation on *Love, Death and*

*Robots* is excellent. It is almost life-like and runs very naturalistically.

### Miscellaneous

#### Bill: Science Report

They discovered a new asteroid, it is orbiting Venus. This could be a remnant of an asteroid belt around Venus.

George: Robocalls - chairman of AT&T was addressing a group when his phone ran with a robocall.

CLJII: There is a particular subset of these robocalls where their specific job is to get you to say "yes".

Michelle: *Snopes* has disproved that.

Gizmo: *The Daily Show* with John Oliver featured this robocalls - it is surprisingly easy to set up your own robocall.

We had an auction.

We moved to adjourn at 8:57 pm.

**Meeting 4260, April 4, 2019**  
**Michelle Pincus, presiding**  
**Matthew Tepper, scribbling**

LASFS meeting #4260 started at 8:00 pm.

### Comments by the President

#### Special Orders of Business

Writer Vonda McIntyre had succumbed to cancer, to the great sorrow of the pro and fan communities. Michelle recalled having hung out with her; Matthew knew her from Quinn Yarbro's Tuesday night at-homes in the 1970s; and Christian McGuire described her novel *Dreamscape* as magnificent. We had a moment of silence in Vonda's memory.

We were actually short three, count 'em, three of the usual Procedural officers, all for reasons of health. President Scott Beckstead's absence was due to his helping out another LASFS member as designated driver after her medical procedure. Vice President George McUrso was sick, and thoughtfully decided not to share his condition with the assembled masses (although he did come by to close the building up after adjournment). And Scribe Karl Lembke was slacking off taking things easy as he awaited his upcoming heart surgery.

#### Menace

The **Menace** was read.

Christian McGuire bid \$1 to name the **Menace** "We are not the intended recipients"

And the **Menace** was approved by voice vote.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

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#### **Patron Saints**

**The Patron Saints were Chuck Donahue and Tom Stern. Chuck is one of the Hell players, and we don't see enough of him these days, while Tom Stern was recalled as "a very, very nice man who commutes between here and Oregon." (His wife Marina is also a sweetie.) We gave Three Cheers for Patron Saints Chuck Donahue and Tom Stern.**

#### **Auction**

**A small Auction, including a number of books, raised some money for the club.**

#### **Board member Report**

**The Chairman of the Board report fell to Vice-Chair Nick Smith, who said mysteriously that the April 14 Board of Directors meeting was expected to have updates on a number of things.**

**Marty Cantor, keeping an eye on the club's investments, said that as of last week our investment account was worth \$803K.**

#### **Committee Reports**

**Programming: April 18 - Jules Rivera interview.**

#### **Announcements**

None.

#### **Old Business**

**Selection of the Chair of LOSCON 47, to take place Thanksgiving weekend of 2020. The Board of Directors had received one bid, from Scott Beckstead, and validated it as worthy to be forwarded to the club for final approval. Since Scott wasn't here (see above), Joyce Sperling spoke on his behalf. He has already chaired two successful LOSCONs (and was co-chair of another), which strongly suggested that he was up to the task of doing it again. The con will be at the same hotel. The theme has not yet been announced. Charles squeeze money out of the attendees with an auction of the color of the card we were not using for the vote. And it was a real squeaker: the vote was 18 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention. Having failed his saving throw, Scott Beckstead has been confirmed as chair of LOSCON 47. Is there a chill running down his spine?**

#### **New Business**

None.

#### **Reviews**

Christian said that Terry Pratchett's *Good Omens* was brilliant and funny, and made him laugh out loud. He suggested reading it first, before the miniseries with David Tennant airs.

Ben Levin saw the latest *Twilight Zone* reboot, and thought that Jordan Peele did a great job as narrator and presenter. Both of the first two episodes played a bit safe, with twists that were more predictable than he might have liked. For example, the first episode, *The Comedian*, was no joke. He figured that caution was to get it off the ground. Social commentary was toned down from the original, but maybe it will get more daring later.

Nick Smith said that Peele's new movie *Us* was well done, but he couldn't say more because of possible spoilers, not even to say what genres it fits into. "It's worth seeing if you are in this room," he remarked cryptically.

Charles Lee Jackson, the Second had seen a document, *It's Me, Sugar*, about the difficulties in getting Marilyn Monroe to perform a satisfactory reading of a single line in *Some Like It Hot*. A chuckle right at the end suggested that the picture's final line had not even been decided upon while shooting was going on.

Francis Hamit reviewed a video he had seen, of the Dalai Lama attending a technical conference. The D.L. is usually unflappable, but he had been greatly moved seeing girl using robot hands, and another girl using telepresence.

Eli reviewed two movies. The first of these, "The Kid," was not the Charlie Chaplin pic, but a story of a fictional character inserted into Billy the Kid's life. He couldn't quite describe the plot, but called it an unusual semi-tragic western with sort of a positive ending. He enjoyed "Captain Marvel," despite some awkward pacing. It had a "magical effect" like other MCU films.

Joyce Sperling had watched a disc of *Mary Poppins Returns*. She found the bonus features also good, and thought it was worth it just to see Dick Van Dyke. Hare Hobbs bought it last week, and thought it was a little flat.

#### **Miscellaneous**

LAF  
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, January 18, 2020  
Filk: 7 PM to ???  
Terry and Craig Brussel-Rogers, co-hosts  
8515 Penfield Ave., Winnetka, CA 91306  
818/886-0069

(hit # as soon as you hear a voice, to skip the answering machine messages)

**Pre-filk dinner:** 6 PM Potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share.

**Filk style:** moderated chaos

**Notes:**

1. Crash space available at the filk site--call in advance for arrangements.
2. There is a Feline Warning. The hosts will try to keep him them out of the filk room.
3. Bring healthy munchies, juices, etc.
4. **No smoking -- period!!** (Except allowed outside.)
5. Bring all your usual filk stuff.
6. There is a hot tub.
7. The filk site is air conditioned.

LAF info: Barry & Lee Gold:

Nick had an **Auxiliary Moment of Science**. We are edging closer to technology needed to create a T-1000 robot, with a form of liquid metal that is magnetically shapable. Also, NASA got us closer to Spider-Man, creating thin but strong materials, a sort of artificial spider silk, that man will need on Mars. It could be produced in an environmental dome on Mars. JPL says Saturn's moons are color-coded, with several seemingly having picked up their colors from material in the rings. (The count is up to 60 now; I'm so old, I remember when there were only 9!)

Misc: Christian said he wanted to apply for a grant to study whether the noise from windmill farms actually does cause cancer, as an extremely well-known public figure had stated. He'll need a control group, so see him once he has the money.

Krystal Rains has been hard at work adding content to the LOSCON 46 Facebook page, and hoped that members would like and share.

Nick Smith suggested that the word in Malaysia is "wear a costume, go to jail," since costuming is regarded as a performing art form there, and non-Malaysians require special performing visas. Some who had fallen afoul of the law were Japanese fans, so the Japanese government was not terribly pleased. (Am I the only one who remembers how Tadao Tomomatsu

nearly got into trouble for impersonating Elvis without a license in Las Vegas?) Also, the California tax subsidy for filming in California is the reason that the fourth season of "Penny Dreadful" will be shot in Los Angeles rather than Ireland. Likewise, a \$18.5 million tax break will be the reason that the live-action "Akira" will be filmed here, since that's a pretty big chunk of the \$90 million budget.

Hare said that Cousin Bonny will be working on a movie for the creator of "Sky Captain." A rather grumpy Matthew wondered, "will it be in focus?" Christian said that the US production of a live-action "Cowboy Bebop," starring John Cho, was already getting complaints for so-called cultural appropriation. But the Japanese aren't the ones doing the complaining! Christian said he was looking forward to it.

Francis said he is getting rid of his sister's stash of pots, and that is not the 420 kind. Bid early, bid often, and send cash.

Charles had had an unusual experience, in which negative reviews on Amazon had actually helped his sales -- and then the negative reviews got removed! Michelle said she had had some problems with Amazon delivery, while Matthew said, "Amazon helps me find books I can not find otherwise, although I always check at **Iliad Book Shop** first." Christian thought Iliad was a wonderful resource, particularly since the LASFS library is packed up.

Christian found Wondercon "quite pleasant," and recommends it for comic fans.

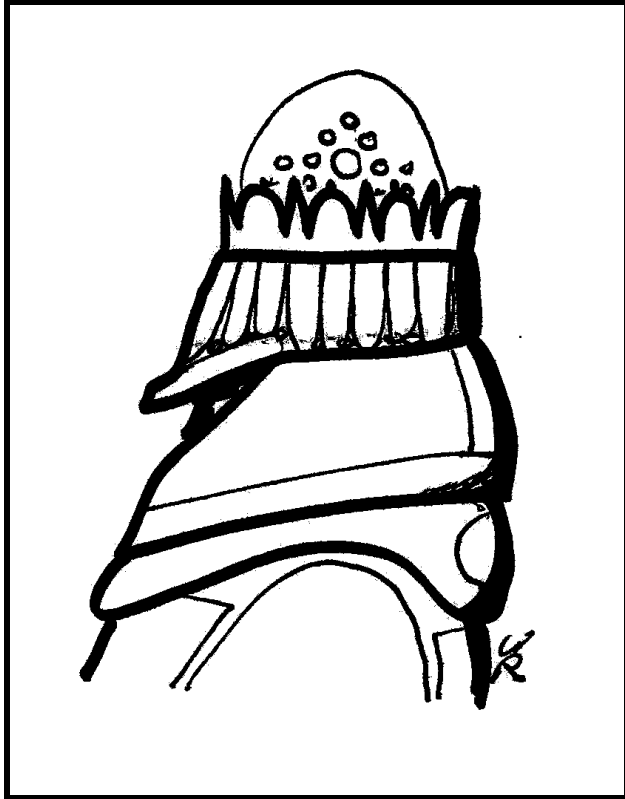
Nick reported that this year's final Hugo ballot has ties to LASFS and to LOSCON. Last year's Pro Guest of Honor Seanan McGuire got a nomination, while the new art book by this year's Artist Guest of Honor, Julie Dillon, was also nominated. There were also many LASFS connections in the Retro-Hugo nominations, including such familiar names as A.E. van Vogt, Ray Bradbury, Forrest J Ackerman, Henry Kuttner, Fritz Leiber, and more. Remember when Los Angeles fandom was well-known and honored all over the world, or at least in the United States? (*Even in Burbank and North Hollywood.*—ed.)-

We moved to adjourn at 8:57 pm.

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AS PER USUAL  
BY  
WILLIAM ROTSLER**



Board of Directors Meeting  
November 10, 2019  
Karl Lembke, Chairman  
Marty Cantor, Secretary  
(These minutes will be approved at the  
January Board meeting.)



## BOARD GAMING MEETUP

The board gaming Meetup which had been meeting at LASFS on Friday Nights when LASFS owned its own clubhouse, 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 3:00 pm to 10:00 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.

## PROCEDURAL OFFICERS JANUARY - JUNE, 2020

President - Matthew B. Tepper  
Vice President - George McUrso  
Registrar - Michelle Pincus  
Scribe - Nick Smith

The Treasurer is elected in June and serves for a full year.  
Current Treasurers:  
Elayne Pelz, Debra Levin

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The directory is now available.  
Elayne will e-mail  
the following directory files, free,  
upon request:  
xl spreadsheet, or  
pdf

For those without on-line  
or printer access  
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for a small fee.

Contact Elayne at:  
treasurer@lasfs.org

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The fannish autobiography of  
Phil Castora  
edited and pubbed by Marty Cantor  
pdf file available at  
<http://efanzines.com/Castora/index.htm>  
paper copies from Marty Cantor for \$5.00

**LASFS MEETINGS -  
WE NOW MEET IN OUR NEW  
VENUE EVERY THURSDAY**

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
747 WHITNALL HWY  
BURBANK, CA**

Parking lot is off Screenland Dr. at the end of N. Whitnall.

We are meeting in the Friendship Hall.

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