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BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am

CALENDAR DETAILS

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

JUNE 4 – No meeting this evening.

JUNE 11 – /No meeting this evening/

JUNE 18 - No meeting this evening.

JUNE 25 - Award-winning author Robert J. Sawyer will join us via Zoom, June 25, 2020, around 8:15 p.m. Mr. Sawyer will read from his new novel, *The Oppenheimer Alternative*, published June 2, and available in both paper and electronic editions from the usual sources.

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

Zoom LASFS Meetings are being held by Matthew Tepper while California's "Shelter at Home" rules are in force. Contact susanfox@kryptonradio.com to be sent an invitation.

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL NOT HAVE A REGULAR MEETING IN JUNE

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

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De Profundis 566– June 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. *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.

Marty Cantor, 11825 Gilmore Street #105, North Hollywood, CA 91606, USA. (818) 761-9401. [martyhoohah \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net). June, 2020. Hoo Hah Publication Number 2309. 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
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.

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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:** Michelle Pincus. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Science Officer:** Bill Green (with Nick Smith). **Marketing and Promotion:** Michelle Pincus.

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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)

**Meeting 4270, June 13, 2019
(Minutes not yet given to me)**

**Meeting 4271, June 20, 2019
President Scott Beckstead, presiding
Nick Smith, Emergency Holographic Scribe**

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

Patron Saint: Ted Johnstone:

Matthew: Ted Johnstone was a pseudonym for David McDaniel. He wrote several *Man from UNCLE* novels as well as some other stuff. The *UNCLE* novels in particular had lots of fun passages.

Larry: He had a lesson to teach, and he taught it the hard way: Use marijuana, and you won't write.

Patron Saint Ted Johnstone was given Three Cheers and crossing Salisbury Plain on a bicycle.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read. Named: \$3 to George McUrso, to name the minutes as Froderick. The minutes were accepted.

Introduction of Guests:

Alexander Novaty, graphic artist and NASA illustrator. another guest was Shawn, who moved here from New York. He is a software engineer and reader of science fiction.

Board of Directors report: next board meeting in July 14

Treasurer's Report: None.

Committee Reports:

Committee to Gouge had a 10-item auction, in spite of the absence of Christian.

LOSCON 46: Reminds people of the change in Artist GOH to Karl B. Kofoed, longtime astronomical artist. Pro GOH Howard Waldrop, Fan GOH Edie Stern, whose son just got married today. Updated list of pros who will be at the con, and updated info.

LOSCON 47: No further report, but guests have been invited.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements: Larry Niven mentioned that the possibility of a movie production based on Known Space has gotten more serious, according to his agent. George added detailed info about the Sherlock Holmes play.

Reviews:

Matthew: Paley Center for Media had an exhibit on Star Trek Discovery's 2nd season. Lots of fascinating props

and costumes, and a video exhibit showing makeup. Oculus rift headsets that Matthew couldn't get to work, but you may have better luck. Closes after July 7th. Open Wednesday through Sunday.

Debra: A bit of clarification that it was just Matthew and Debra, and that they had video of visual effects production.

Hare: *Complete Tales [vol. 1]* of Seabury Quinn, supernatural fantasy and horror. Very interesting, Sherlock Holmes-ish.

Rachel: *Memory Cult* by ?? Martine. Character replaced an ambassador who had gotten in a lot of trouble. Hopes that there will be sequels. Also, watched HBO's *Chernobyl*, which treated the subject with the respect it deserved. Maybe don't watch if you're squeamish, but the final episode is about the science and the culpability.

George: Leonard Wibberly's *Encounter Near Venus*. He liked the imagery. The plotting is not straightforward, but is enjoyable. A worthwhile read. Matthew commented that *Beware of the Mouse* by Wibberly had a cover by LASFS member Cathy Hill.

Scott reviewed *Love, Death and Robots*. Not shy about nudity, excellent stories, at least three written by John Scalzi.

Miscellaneous:

Nick mentioned scientists researching ancient Siberians, and the migration patterns across the Bering Strait. Apparently, some of the people who migrated East then migrated back west, once the land bridge had sunk.

Also, the Barn Gallery at St. John's College, University of Oxford, is having an art exhibit of sketches drawn by a robot. These are not photorealistic, but instead are stylized sketches, based on Impressionist art.

George and Gizmo comment on some of the pseudo-robotics videos out there.

There was a motion to adjourn and put chairs away at 8:59 pm. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Meeting 4272, June 27, 2019
President Scott Beckstead, presiding
Kristen Renee Gorlitz, serving as Scribe**

MINUTES OF THE LASFS
Meeting #4272, 6/27/2019

Scott Beckstead presiding
Kristen Gorlitz, serving as Scribe

President Beckstead called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm

Special orders of business:

It was both Tobey Maguire's and JJ Abrams' birthday yesterday.

Max Wright recently passed away. He was a long time TV sci-fi actor, father in ALF. He was 75.

Patron Saint: Alan Frisbie

Larry Niven: Great guy. Interesting.

Nick Smith: He and his wife have been hanging out in the folk music community.

Elayne: Moved to Arizona

CLJII: Lived in Eagle Rock and would stock up at sodas at Galco's for parties.

Karl: Has donated enough to be a sacred object and is the sacred flying disc.

Minutes of the last meeting were read. Christian paid \$3 to name the minutes as Shoshanna's Surprise Auction. The minutes were approved as so named.

Introduction of Guests:

None. (*I seem to remember None having attended a lot of meetings.* - ed.)

Board of Directors report:

July 14th is the board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: None.

Committee Reports:

Programs: Trivia for Chocolate tonight.

Committee to Gouge, held a small auction.

LOSCON 46: Is pleased to announce that we have new flyers! Memberships are on sale now!

LOSCON 47: Haven't heard back from guests yet, but he is hoping to.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements:

Hare: problems he has been having with coordination and memory may be due to bed bugs. (*Bed bugs usually consume blood, not memory, so I doubt that bed bugs are causing his memory problems. Hare probably had a brainectomy but does not remember it so that is obviously the cause of his memory problems. As for me, I have always had a memory like a sieve; but, unfortunately, the holes in the sieve are now getting bigger.* - ed.) His house has recently been tented. His problems may have been from a bug. So these things can be serious.

Nick Smith: This Saturday, Egyptian Theater has an SF film festival, starting at 7:30 pm, short films directed by

women. Roger Corman will be there to give an award to producer Gale Ann Hurd.

Hollywood Fringe Festival (in theory ends this weekend but in fact runs a bit longer). They have a staged biography of George Lucas called *George*, among others. Hollywoodfringe.org

July 27th – Egyptian is doing a full-length marathon starting at 2 pm, 6 films of old horror/SF films.

CLJII – yesterday was the anniversary of the birth of László Löwenstein, known to a few as Peter Lorre.

Reviews:

Matthew: Reading a short story collection by Michael A. Burstein "*I Remember the Future*". He is a fine writer, very clever.

Nick Smith: Saw the new *Aladdin* and he thought it was an improvement because of the acting. Music was done really nicely.

Science Report: None.

Miscellaneous:

Matthew: Ben is building a gaming computer and he put it together today. (*Did you provide him with Elmer's glue or did you provide him with your own?* - ed.) Matthew is proud of his stepson (and he has told him already).

Tom: Get your gas today, before prices go up. Photos of the moon rocks, the remaining samples will be kept in nitrogen by NASA.

100 Drivers in Colorado followed their GPS into a pool of mud.

Bill: Every year in August there is Bubonicon and they give awards for worst science fiction – the Green Slime awards. He announced the winner. (*It was not DE PROFUNDIS.* - ed.)

Debra: Ben thanks Scott for the wifi thing he leant him.

Nick: The Monkey in the new *Aladdin* is based on a real type of Monkey, the Capuchin. They are tool using monkeys. They are crafty and smart and weird, smart enough to select the right size of rocks for what they need to do, such as cracking nuts or seeds.

Journal of Archeological Science did an article about the Nazca drawings, with puzzling results. Drawings of extinct species or species we are no longer finding, along with known species not native to the Nazca area.

CLJII: New land opened at Disneyland (Star Wars). The other parts of Disney other than Star Wars is not quite a barren wasteland, but there are not many people there.

George: Next Thursday is July 4th, so how many people think you will be here? About 3 people raised their hands.

Gavin: In the latest issue of *Analog*, there is a short story by Buzz Dixon.

Christian: please remember to keep the side chatter down.

Hare: Disneyland might have scared people away with warnings about crowding.

There was a motion to adjourn and put chairs away at 8:55 pm. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Meeting #4273, July 4, 2019
(Minutes not yet given to me)**

**Meeting #4274, July 11, 2019
President Marty Cantor, Presiding
Scribe Nick Smith, Scribing**

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

Special Orders of Business: None.

Patron Saint: Marc Schirmeister

Longtime fan artist who also did art for a living, in the animation industry.

He may also be the only LASFS member who ever designed a Rose Parade float. (*The float was for the City of South Pasadena.* - ed.)

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Introduction of Guests: There were no guests.

Board of Directors report: The next board meeting will be on July 14.

Treasurer's Report: We have money, do not spend it.

Committee Reports:

LOSCON 46: There was no report.

LOSCON 47: There was no report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements:

The Autry Museum will be having a full showing of the *Phantom Empire* serial on Saturday, July 13th, beginning at 10 am. Free with museum admission.

The Hollywood Fringe Festival is officially over, but shows that got extra acclaim have gotten extended for a few more performances. One of these is: *George*, a staged biography of George Lucas and the influences that led him to create Star Wars. Go to the website "hollywoodfringe.org" to find out where, when and how much the tickets cost.

Save the date of July 27th. (*For security I recommend that you put it into your safe deposit box.* - ed.) The Egyptian Theater in Hollywood is doing a 6-film science fiction and horror marathon, starting at 2 pm, for a ticket price of \$25. The films scheduled are: *House on Haunted Hill*, *The Thing From Another World*, *Freaks*, *Them*, *The Haunting* and *Cat People*.

Reviews: None.

Miscellaneous: None.

Adjournment:

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting and put chairs away at (*the end of the meeting*) pm. The motion was passed.

Meeting #4275, July 18, 2019
(Minutes not yet given to me)

Meeting #4276, July 25, 2019
(Minutes not yet given to me)

Meeting #4277, August 1, 2019
(Minutes not yet given to me)

**Meeting #4278, August 8, 2019
President Marty Cantor, Presiding Proudly
Scribe Nick Smith, Scribing Sincerely**

**Meeting #4279, August 15, 2019
Marty Cantor, Presiding Persistently
Nick Smith, Scribing Strangely**

**Meeting #4280, August 22, 2019
Marty Cantor, Presiding Paragraphically
Nick Smith, Scribing Sentencewise**

President Cantor called the meeting to order at 8 pm.

Special Orders of Business:

Today is the 99th anniversary of the birth of some guy named Ray Bradbury. You may have heard of him. His family moved to Los Angeles when he was 14, and technically he turned pro as a writer that year, but only because he sold a joke to George Burns. Before that, he was writ-

ing SF fan fiction, including a sequel to the Edgar Rice Burroughs *John Carter of Mars* series.

Animator Richard Williams passed away this week. His 60-year career in animation was highlighted by the three Oscars and one Emmy that he won, two of the Oscars being for his directing the animation on a little project called *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*.

Actor Peter Fonda passed away last week, and he did some fannish roles, including the Devil in the Nicolas Cage *Ghost Rider* film, and in a film based on a Poe story.

Patron Saints:

Marilyn (Fuzzy Pink) Niven

Marty mentioned that Fuzzy did all the mailing labels for *De Prof* when Marty first worked on that.

Larry said that she is still on dialysis 3 times a week and is still at Lake Balboa center.

George mentioned that she was a fixture at art shows for years.

Michelle Pincus

George mentioned her dedication to working for the society. Marketing the club and cons, for example.

Larry mentioned that she has been a generous friend, and guided him around ComicCon, not an easy thing to do.

Minutes of the last meeting were read. George McUrso paid \$2 to name them Phred. They were approved by voice vote.

Introduction of Guests: none

Board of Directors report: The next board meeting will be on September 8th.

First report is that Karl is doing well after surgery.

Treasurer's Report: none

Committee Reports:

Program Committee:

Trivia for chocolate tonight

Big auction 3rd meeting of September

Trivia for chocolate at the 4th meeting

LOSCON 46: Matthew says no major developments since last week. Please get your memberships and hotel rooms.

LOSCON 47: No information.

A Moment of Science:

Scientists have found the human equivalent of an elephant's graveyard. At Roopkund Lake, at an altitude of over 15,000 feet, a number of mysterious skeletons have been discovered, with apparent death dates in clumps at a variety of dates. The ones from about 1,200 years ago whose DNA appears to be South Asian could have been Hindu pilgrims on their way to a religious site, but no cause of death was apparent. Even stranger, another

large batch of skeletons was much more recent, from around 200 years ago, and from their DNA they appear to be Greek. So far, scientists haven't found any explanation for what they were doing there, or for how they died. Also, from the Department of "It's Alive," scientists here in southern California have figured out a process for surgery on difficult places like the human nose that involves sending an electrical current through the tissue. It turns out that the proper electrical current makes cartilage malleable. The surgeon then adjusts the shape of the piece, and then turns off the electricity, which solidifies things in the new shape. In tests, it can also be used on ears, and even to reshape the cornea of an eye, according to tests performed on... dead rabbits. Sadly, most modern surgeons are not properly trained in cackling maniacally, so the proper sound effects are lacking.

Dinosaurs may have been killed off by something in addition to meteors. Major volcanic activity probably reduced diversity before the meteor hit. (*Whilst it may have been a meteor which took part in the mass extinction of the dinosaurs - it has often been called an asteroid - for some time the Deccan Traps in India, one of the largest volcanic areas on Earth, has also been indicted as part of the extinction due to presumed extensive eruptions at that time.* - ed.)

British scientists have concluded that to reduce global warming, people will have to largely get rid of cars. Well, yes... (*Maybe we should just douse all of the cars with gasoline and just set them on fire?* - ed.)

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements:

This Saturday there will be another screening of classic SF movies at the Pasadena Central Library, 285 E. Walnut in Pasadena, at 2 pm. The films will be *The Valley of Gwangi* and the restored version of the silent *The Lost World*. For those of you who have seen an abridged version in the past, this one had to be pieced together and restored because all known copies of the original had been destroyed, to keep the movie from being re-released in competition with newer monster movies, especially *King Kong*. This year is the 50th anniversary of *Valley of Gwangi*, and let's face it, any excuse to show cowboys and dinosaurs together is a good one.

For those planning ahead, on September 21st, 10 am to 5 pm, *Nerd Expo 2019* will be at the Pasadena Convention Center. The group putting it on has been hosting fannish events in the San Gabriel Valley for a few years now, and this event previously had the hard-to-say name of "*NerdBotCon*". It's especially aimed at cosplayers, gamers, and people who sing karaoke versions of theme songs. There's even a performance by a sort of filk rock band called...wait for it...*Ragna Rock*. Anyone who has ever read a Thor comic or seen the movies may now groan...Advance tickets are currently \$20, and will be \$24 at the door.

Reviews:

Peter finally read Heinlein's *Puppet Masters*. He really liked it.

Gizmo reviewed a review. He saw a review of a Netflix series called *Another Life*. The review savaged it for things like failing to notice a moon, when landing on a planet. Unless it's a really tiny moon, they're hard to miss.

Mike Thorsen bought the *Avengers Endgame* Blu-Ray without special features, and still hasn't seen a Howard the Duck cameo. His theory is that Rocket was surgically reconstructed from Howard the Duck...

Miscellaneous:

Charlie reported that the Disney resort is available again for normal people with normal budgets. The Galaxy's Edge crowds didn't stay huge. California Adventure and Disneyland has gone back to normal summer programs until the end of September.

Gizmo mentioned that D23 is this weekend in Anaheim. Also, Kerbal space program, a game/simulator, currently near Earth simulation, but working toward interplanetary and interstellar distances.

Hare found a Heather Alexander concert recording, and highly recommended it.

Nick reported on the 1944 Retro Hugos and this year's regular Hugos. Forry won one of the Retros, beating out fellow LASFS member Morojo.

Tom: The Bill Gates announcements on nuclear reactors is that he's working on reactors that don't need a cool-down period, to make them safer, as well as reactors capable of using "spent" fuel safely. That would greatly reduce the danger of nuclear waste, if and when he can make the idea work.

Hare mentioned research at Rocketdyne was on the idea of reactors slowing down rather than melting down, so that's not a new idea.

Motion to adjourn and put chairs away at 9 pm. Passed without amendment. amendment amendcontradiction.

Meeting #4281, August 27, 2019 Marty Cantor, Presiding Persistently Nick Smith, Scribing Strangely

President Cantor called the meeting to order at (*something*) pm.

Special Orders of Business:

August 15th is the anniversary of a zillion things connected to science fiction, but the ones that people might actually care about are the birthday of actress Jennifer Lawrence and actor Ben Affleck, both with lots of fannish roles, and the anniversary of the first run of *Buckaroo Banzai*.

Barbara March, the actress who played Lursa, one of the

Duras Sisters in Star Trek's various incarnations, passed away this week. Her husband, Alan Scarfe, was also in Star Trek and a host of other SF television shows.

Comic book artist and editor Ernie Colon passed away after over 50 years of illustrating comics and magazines. His work included illustrating one of Forry Ackerman's creations, *Vampirella*, but he also did a ton of SF and fantasy comics for kids and for adults.

We also lost club member and author J. Neil Schulman, who did not recover from the embolism reported last week. In addition to writing several SF novels and a bunch of Libertarian political stuff, he wrote and directed a movie, *Lady Magdalene's*, starring Nichelle Nichols.

Patron Saints:

Mark Bilan, whose sainthood was paid for by Greg Bilan, apparently just because. Greg was generous, but has moved to the Bay Area. Mark died in 2010 in Hawaii, in a town called Captain Cook. Before that, he served in the navy, and with his skills as a woodworker, made ukuleles for under-privileged children.

Bjo Trimble, (*But nothing was recorded about this fanartist and important previous member of the club who not only helped rescue Star Trek but also helped keep the club together at a rough spot in our history. - ed.*)

Minutes of the last meeting were read. (*Somebody not named in the minutes*) paid (*some money*) to name them (*a name not recorded here*). They were approved by voice vote.

Introduction of Guests: None were not listed.

Board of Directors report: The next board meeting will be on September 8th.

Treasurer's Report: None.

Committee Reports: None.

Program Committee: None.

LOSCON 46: No report.

LOSCON 47: No report.

A Moment of Science:

In the oceans of 60 million years ago there swam...giant penguins! At least, they were giant-sized compared to the modern midgets. Based on fossils found so far, these proto-penguins would have been between 5 and 6 feet tall, and you would NOT want to get in the way of that beak.

Then, there are the ninja squirrels. In modern surveys of squirrels, it turns out that about 1% of North American grey squirrels have black fur when they mature. This seems to be a result of cross-breeding with reddish fox squirrels, which have a color mutation in their genes that could have this exact effect. If so, though, it's a common

LAFAs
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Note: We (LAFAs) are complying with California's "stay safe at home" order. LAFAs filks will be held via Zoom until the COVID-19 pandemic subsides.

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

modern cross-breeding, because they're appearing all over North America. The odd thing is that the travel of this mutation to England has been measured. Apparently British private zoos have been importing American squirrels for some time. No one is quite sure why.

Finally, the planet Jupiter is built wrong. (*Does somebody intend to sue the contractor for not following the blueprints?* - ed.) So far, none of the standard theories of planetary formation can explain its apparent core, which is too big and too spread out, rather than being small and compact. The newest theory, which seems to play out well in computer simulations, is that early in the history of the solar system, Jupiter had a collision with a solid planet of perhaps 10 times the mass of the Earth. That would have the effect of shattering the core of the larger planet, while adding extra solid material, a combination that would explain Jupiter's apparent core today.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements:

The **Arena Cinelounge** in Hollywood has continued its search for those odd SF and horror films that no one else is showing, and so their pre-midnight movie this coming Saturday is very much that sort of thing, with this description: *After losing his parents, a priest travels to China, where he inherits a mysterious ability that allows him to turn into a dinosaur. Although he is horrified by the new power, a hooker convinces him to use it to fight crime.* Yes, he becomes... *The Velocipastor*. No, really. Even Arena Cinelounge is only giving this one screening, but it actually got good reviews, in the few

places where it has been shown.

Zombie Joe's Underground Theatre, at 4850 Lankershim, has extended their new show through this coming weekend, due to high demand. It's called *Beasts From the Sea*, and appears to be a play in which the audience walks through a 50's SF monster movie. Small groups enter the theater every 15 minutes and go from scene to scene.

The **Japan World Heroes** event will be at the Pasadena Convention Center this weekend, with panels and programming on Saturday and Sunday. Most of it is about movies and TV shows with giant monsters, but one of the panels will be exploring the legal ramifications of having a giant monster rampage through your city. \$60 for the weekend including Friday preview night, or \$30 for Saturday, \$20 for Sunday as one-day passes.

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Reviews: None.

Miscellaneous: None.

Motion to adjourn and put chairs away at (something) pm. Passed without fear of contradiction.

**Board of Directors Meeting
February 15, 2020
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Nick Smith, Substitute Secretary
(These minutes will be brought up later)**

E-MAILS OF COMMENT

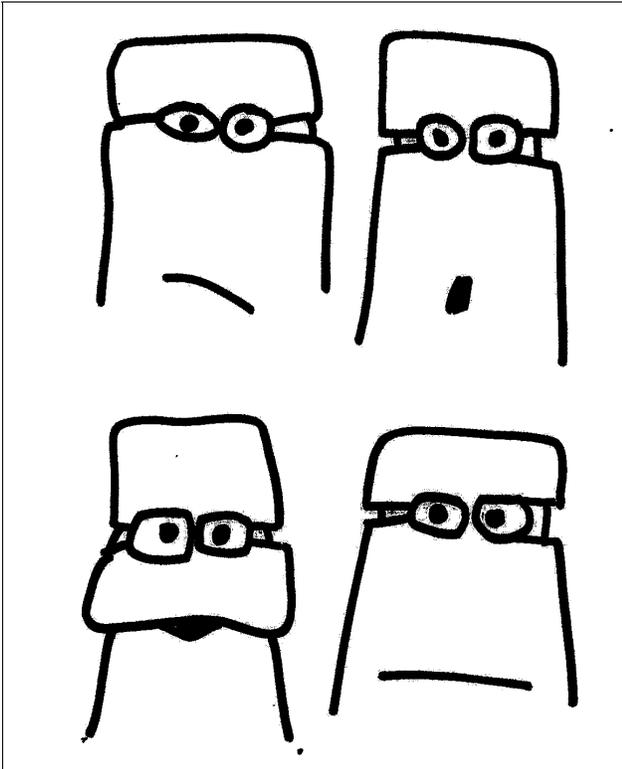
SANDY COHEN: Ere I forget, thank you for continuing to produce and send De Prof. I'm glad to be able to keep informed even if I'm not currently attending anything.

BJO TRIMBLE: I've never designed a Rose Parade Float, though it wasn't for lack of trying. I submitted several designs over the years and discovered that there is a serious rash of nepotism in the ranks. However, I did design, dye and make all the costumes for the 2000 Si-

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BY
WILLIAM ROTSLER**

erra Madre float. There was still internecine politics, but nobody else could do the job. It was fun, but very time-intensive.

P.J. EVANS: Correction to St Alan Frisbie: He moved to Oregon, not Arizona. (His email hasn't changed.)



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.

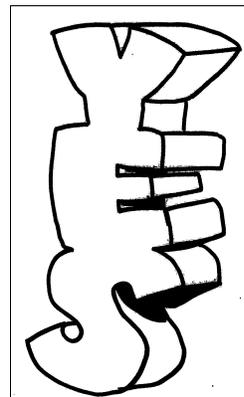
Paper Hero's Games is at 14109 Burbank Blvd., Sherman Oaks, 91401. The shop is in the interior juncture of an L-shaped strip mall on the Northwest corner of the intersection of Hazeltine and Burbank.

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.

FOR THE DURATION
OF THE
SOCIAL DISTANCING ORDER
THERE WILL BE NO
BOARD GAMING
AT
PAPER HERO'S GAMES



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**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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