



DECEMBER 2020

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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am

CALENDAR DETAILS

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

- DECEMBER 3 – Nomination for Procedural President
- DECEMBER 10 - Noms. & election of all Procedural Officers
- DECEMBER 17 - ZOOM meeting this evening.
- DECEMBER 24 - ZOOM meeting this evening.
- DECEMBER 31 - ZOOM meeting this evening.

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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There is a *VERY* important editorial on pages 7 and 8.

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 572–November 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 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, 2020. Hoo Hah Publication Number 2346. 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, 2020

President: Matthew B. Tepper. Vice-President: Susan Fox. Registrars: Michelle Pincus and Michelle Dane. Scribe: Eyelat Poliner. 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 (2023), Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2022). Other members: Michelle Pincus (2021), Scott Beckstead (2022), Debra Levin (2021), Christian McGuire (2023), Elayne Pelz (2023), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2023), 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: Michelle Pincus. 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 ON-LINE— temporarily!

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 #4313, April 9, 2020
President Matthew B. Tepper, Presiding
Karl Lembke, not the current Scribe,
scribbling**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00

pm.

Damon announced the passing of a person from the Bay Area Animation Society: Tony Cracz

The **Menace** was read. Eylat bid \$5 to name the **Menace**. And she won.

The **Menace** was named "Death shall not release you."

The named **Menace** was accepted as corrected.

During corrections, Eylat mentioned bras can be converted into face masks.

Chloe was introduced as a guest. She is a student and an artist, and is working on being an author.

Patron Saint Eliot Weinstein was honored. He is responsible for the Herbangelist cult. Matthew met Elliot at LASFS, and they fell into the same crowd. (*Obviously they both hit their heads, thus explaining a lot [but not explaining Eylat].* - ed.) He's a medical doctor, and therefore probably quite busy. He also founded Friends of Klingon.

He hosts the wine and cheese parties at LOSCON.

He invented the Hogu awards, held at McDonalds.

There will be no BOD meeting this Sunday, due to the Coronapocalypse.

LOSCON bids: they are temporarily withdrawn and the Board will figure out what's going to happen.

Tad Daley had an announcement: (*Unfortunately, what Tad announced was not recorded by the temporary Scribe.* - ed.)

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ELECTIONS:
Board members just
elected to
3-year terms:
Nick Smith
Christian McGuire
Elayne Pelz
Rob "Gizmo" Powell**

Katherine Ann, past Vice Chair of LOSCON, spoke up from San Diego. (*I guess she did not speak loudly enough, considering San Diego is about 150 miles south of where LASFS usually happens to be located, thus giving the Scribe nothing to scribble.* - ed.)

No old business.

No new business.

Eylat: several people in chat are asking about the status of the clubhouse. Elayne has still not found any properties.

At this point, the connection to the meeting was lost.

The emergency back-up Scribe moved to adjourn, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting number 4314, April 16, 2020
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Emergency Scribe Karl Lembke, scribbling**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm

Sad news:

George McUrso is in the hospital with infected sores. (*We all hope that he is a sore*

loser. - ed.)

Ken Rowand has passed, reported by his wife.

We had a long moment of silence in his memory.

The **Menace** was read and corrected. Regina Reynante bid \$5 to name the **Menace**.

The **Menace** was named "Bless the LASFS and keep it safe".

The named **Menace** was approved by voice vote.

The night's **Patron Saints** are the **Moffatts**, and **Stan Burns**.

Patron Saint Stan Burns was taking a class in something or other, and came to LASFS to write a report about it, and joined.

Patron Saint Stan Burns Was given Three Cheers.

Marty has published Len's autobiography (*Still available for \$5.* - ed.) covering his early years up to his early time in the LASFS.

The **Moffatti** were active in the LASFS for many years.

At the 4000th meeting, the **Moffatti** were the members who had been members the longest.

Kees Van Toorn called the **Moffatti** great people

After **Len** passed, **June** asked Eylat to cater the memorial

Michelle: when she returned to LASFS after a lapse, the **Moffatti** were the ones

who remembered her from when she was a child. **June** was the one who kept in touch with her after she left local fandom.

Regina: **June** was good at grandmothering and gave great hugs.

Scott Beckstead got to LASFS fairly late, and met the **Moffatti** when they were already pretty old. **Len** was great to talk to, and **June** was a marvelous Hell player.

Patron Saints Len and June Moffatt were given Three Cheers.

There is no old business.

There is no new business.

There was much rejoicing.

Eylat announced the latest word: The governor of California and the Mayor of Los Angeles have said don't expect to hold any large event, more than 50 people, through the end of 2020. This has implications for conventions being scheduled this year.

Susan Fox added:

California's largest city — appears to be considering banning concerts, sporting events and large-scale events until 2021 due to COVID-19, the Los Angeles Times is now reporting.

"(L.A.) Mayor Eric Garcetti raised the issue during his weekly briefing Monday with a group of high-level staff from several departments, including Fire Chief Ralph Terrazas. Garcetti indicated during the conference call that 'large gatherings such as concerts and sporting events may not be approved in the city for at least 1 year,'" reports the Times, citing an internal Los An-

geles Fire Department email.

There was a lengthy discussion of the impact this has on LOSCON. It's best dealt with by the concom and Hotel Liaison.

James Daniel has been monitoring this. Official position: We don't know enough to schedule for certain. The advice is, check the situation every month and see what the latest word is.

Larry Niven's microphone works. Thanks to Susan Fox for running the meeting.

Time Bound Announcements:

Marty announced, belatedly, last week's item: from Fancyclopedia III, a Dave van Arnam story. This led to the founding of APA-L.

Nola Frame-Gray has learned George McUrso is in the hospital.

Nick announced his microphone is working. And the Laemmle theaters are able to stream movies to you, for a fee. Go to Laemmle website. \$12 per household for a weekend. They have a number of SF offerings. <https://www.laemmle.com/faq/laemmler-virtual-cinema>

Heide announced a group from the Inland Empire is applying to be a California charitable corporation. They have sent a letter to the group running the current Westcon, putting in a bid for 2022. Business is on hold until we know what's happening in July. The location would be Ravenwood.

Reviews

Eylat reviewed Apple TV+ – very hard to use. They air TV shows one at a time like regular cable. When you try to figure out how to play sound and video, it's very complicated. It claims to be playable over Google or Chrome device. In order to can-

cel, you have to have an Apple ID, and they need double verification.

A show online, *For All Mankind*, a TV show about what would have happened if Russia had made it to the moon first. Very enjoyable.

Michelle Dane reviewed *Code 8* in Netflix. Fun. Like a typical cop show, but deals with mutants who are second-class citizens.

Debra Avenue 5. HBO. The TV equivalent of a page-turner.

Scott Beckstead liked *Wizards of Aus*. It's brilliant. Look it up, on You tube.

Nola reviewed a great source for nostalgia music and professional radio plays: *BBC Sounds*. Several of the dramas are SF.

Matthew Tepper has started binging *The Good Place*. Hilarious, good premise. It's the only sitcom he's seen that gets into ethics.

Lynn Maners reviewed a SF called *The Aliens* (from the UK) a group of aliens has crashed near London, and become ghettoized. Their hair is smokable and gives people a high, so there's an underground trade. It's funny. The only problem is the accents are so broad the captions are needed to understand it. Viewable on Hulu, where it's listed as a comedy

Michelle Dane reviewed *The Expanse*. It's great. However, she read the books before seeing the series, and recommends doing this.

Nick reviewed what if Franz Kafka and Philip K Dick walked into a gamer bar and started playing. *Penultimate Quest*. It is

totally surreal and weird.

Jim Daniel reviewed a written SF piece: *The Cape Hi* series. Latest, aloha boy, is very good. This is about the Polynesian superheroes, and how they don't like the tights-wearing supers on the mainland.

Links will be posted on the LOSCON meeting thread

Matthew Tepper read *All Clear* by Connie Willis, and is reading *Pursuit of the Pankera* by Heinlein.

Tad Daily reviewed *Yuri's night*, virtually. This was started in 2001, 40th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's space flight. Honors his space flight as an achievement of humankind. This happens on or around April 12. This year it was virtual. Next year in meat space!

Damon: Roger Korman announced first and last quarantine film festival. Tag his page to enter your film.

Gizmo announced this is the 50th anniversary of the Apollo Mission Link: <https://apolloinrealtime.org/13/>.

NASA will be streaming movie *Apollo 13* tomorrow night.

Nick miscd that if anyone is interested in music or science, Cal Tech has just tested something - a concert with Eileen Eivert from New York, demonstrating various gadgets. This will be online because of the Coroapocalypse. [Events.caltech.edu](https://events.caltech.edu).

Nola: if people want to know about this group, can she refer them to LASFS webpage?

Forward them the Facebook post

John DeChancie: George McUrso is in the hospital. This is in Claremont. He may

have surgery afoot. Details are on his Facebook page.

We had a motion to adjourn at 9:04 PM, which carried.

**THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES
HAVE YET TO BE GIVEN TO ME!**

Meeting #4273, July 4, 2019

Meeting #4290, October 31, 2019

Meeting #4291, November 7, 2019

Meeting #4292, November 14, 2019

Meeting #4293, November 21, 2019

Meeting #4295, December 5, 2019

Meeting #4296, December 12, 2019

Meeting #4297, December 19, 2019

Meeting #4298, December 26, 2019

Meeting #4299, January 2, 2020

Meeting #1300, January 9, 2020

Meeting #4301, January 16, 2020

Meeting #4302, January 23, 2020

Meeting #4303, January 30, 2020

Meeting #4304, February 6, 2020

Meeting #4305, February 13, 2020

Meeting #4306, February 20, 2020

Meeting #4307, February 27, 2020

Meeting #4308, March 5, 2020

Meeting #4309, March 12, 2020

Meeting #4310, March 19, 2020

- Meeting #4315, April 23, 2020
- Meeting #4316, April 30, 2020
- Meeting #4317, May 7, 2020
- Meeting #4318, May 14, 2020
- Meeting #4319, May 21, 2020
- Meeting #4320, May 28, 2020
- Meeting #4321, June 4, 2020
- Meeting #4322, June 11, 2020
- Meeting #4323, June 18, 2020
- Meeting #4324, June 25, 2020
- Meeting #1425, July 2, 2020
- Meeting #4326, July 9, 2020
- Meeting #4327, July 16, 2020
- Meeting #4328, July 23, 2020
- Meeting #4329, July 30, 2020
- Meeting #4330, August 6, 2020
- Meeting #4331, August, 13, 2020
- Meeting #4332, August, 20, 2020
- Meeting #4333, August 27, 2020
- Meeting #4334, September 3, 2020
- Meeting #4335, September 10, 2020
- Meeting #4336, September 17, 2020
- Meeting #4337, September 24, 2020
- Meeting #4338, October 1, 2020

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

A **VERY** IMPORTANT EDITORIAL

Here is a section of the LASFS' By-Laws. Please read this material first.

Article IV: Procedural Officers.

Section 7: Scribe.

The Scribe:

A. shall be the secretary of the corporation;

B. shall keep minutes of each meeting of the Society;

C. shall keep, at the principal office of the Society, a book of minutes of the meetings of the Society, which shall be accessible to any member on demand and shall maintain the minutes section of the archives.

D. shall provide a copy of the minutes of each Society meeting for publication in the Society newsletter (whose editor may edit and condense them as necessary as long as said editing shall not distort the meaning of said minutes) and to the Society Website ; and

OK, as the readers of *DE PROFUNDIS* know, I have been wanting to find a Publisher/Editor for the zine as I am slowing down as I gradually get older. On top of that, I am constantly asking the various scribes who took the minutes of all of the meetings (in red) on the previous two columns to get me the minutes they took - and every one of the minutes of these meetings in the previous columns have not been given to me.

I have previously written that if I had not found a person who can publish and edit *DE PROFUNDIS* by the time LASFS has moved into its next clubhouse (and I care not if it is one we rent or one we own), I

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

will print one issue of the newsletter after we move into the clubhouse and I will then give the newsletter back to the club.

After all, the LASFS needs a newsletter to keep members aware of society happenings and to also let them know about future happenings at the clubhouse.

Without the minutes of the meetings I cannot fully have DE PROF fulfill its function for LASFS.

THEREFORE: IF THOSE WHO TOOK THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS IN RED TONER ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE - AND DO NOT GET THEM TO ME NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15, 2020, I WILL GIVE *DE PROFUNDIS* BACK TO

THE LASFS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THEY MAY THEN DO WITH IT AS THEY WISH.

And, no, giving it back to me will not be appreciated nor will I accept it.

I was discovered to LASFS in 1975 and the club has been a fixture in my life for more than half of it.

I have not so much lost interest in LASFS as much as I am just slowing down in my mid-80s and I really feel I can enjoy LASFS more if I just stop doing so much for it.

However

If the various permanent and temporary Scribes who took the minutes for the meetings in red toner on the previous pages will get these minutes to me as per what they are supposed to do according to the LASFS' By-Laws, I will continue to run *DE PROF* until LASFS holds its first meeting in its next clubhouse.

Or, until I just get too tired to continue.

At present I have no unpubbed minutes.

WILL THOSE WHO TOOK THE MINUTES WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN GIVEN TO ME PLEASE DO SO ASAP?

THANK YOU!

SOME ILLOS
AS PER USUAL
BY
WILLIAM ROTSLER

LETTERS OF COMMENT

Bjo Trimble:

As usual, a very readable newsletter. Thank you!

Trimble report: daughter Lora is so worried about the impaired immune system of us Auld Pharts, we are kept at home most of the time. While we appreciate all she and Jason do for us, it is still hard to stay at home all day.

So Lora and I paint rocks. There is nationwide rock-painting going on. Check out Monrovia Rocks on FB. Now the call is out to paint bears on rocks to line the trail in our local wilderness park.

Along with that, Lora and Jason have laid new floors in all the rooms in our little 107 year old house. The original oak floors were splintering from age. All of this activity is because Lora can't rearrange anyone's life right now. -- Bjo

As a fellow Olde Phart (for a while I am 85), I quite understand your thoughts on being an Auld Phart. However, not having anybody to chain me down (plus managing my building, buying groceries, depositing rent cheques in the bank), I do a bit of driving to run these errands. Still, in addition to building business, APA-L, LASFAPA, and DE PROFUNDIS keep my busier than I ever was when I worked full time.

Sandy Cohen:

Thank you for continuing to publish in these difficult times. I truly appreciate it.

I need to change my email address; Earthlink soon will be history. Please use (*deleted for security reasons*) for everything. Stay safe!

Your edress has been changed.

Sandy, I am glad that I have had the opportunity to run DE PROF twice during this century, taking it over for my second tour as editor (and my first as publisher) when the Board was ready to put it to sleep. The Board gave me the newsletter and I have continued to put it out as a necessary service for the club.

But I have been wanting to ease off on my obligations as I really am slowing down and some things which have been important to me will now have to be moved to somebody else to run. There may not be anybody in LASFS who can run DE PROF but I hope that a new editor can soon be found. I have run the newsletter as a form of paying forward to the club what I have gotten from it. So now, maybe sooner than I (and anybody else) wants, it may be time to pass on the baton.

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.

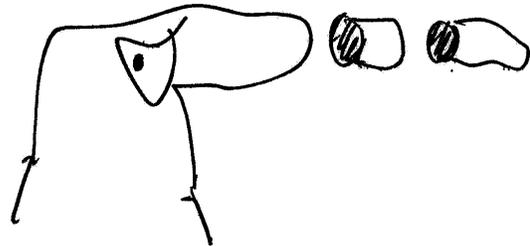
Paper Hero's Games is at 14109 Burbank Blvd., Sherman Oaks, 91401. The shop is in the interior juncture of an L-shaped strip mall on the Northwest corner of the intersection of Hazeltine and Burbank.

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



**LASFS
DIRECTORY**

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
Elayne will provide a printed copy upon request
for a small fee.

Contact Elayne at:
treasurer@lasfs.org

**WHO KNOWS WHAT ETHER
LURKS IN THE MINDS OF FEN?**

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**

**OUR NEEW MEETING HAPPENS
TO BE
ON
ZOOM**

See details on page 1.

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