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**Thursday Programme Items:** **Feb. 2**—David Brin reading, **Feb. 23**—Craig Miller reading, **March 2**—Dr. Laura Brodian Freas Baraha presentation on the art of Kelly Freas, **March 23**—Kristen Renee Gorlitz VR demo

**Meeting Tech Specs:** LASFS meetings are currently held online via Zoom. Contact host Susan Fox at [susanfox@scifi.radio](mailto:susanfox@scifi.radio) to receive an invitation, the meeting password, and weekly reminders.

## COLOPHON

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**Addendum:** At the LASFS Board of Directors meeting Dec. 11, 2022, the directors accepted Eylat Poliner's proposal that Heath Row become editor of *De Prof*. He will do so as LASFS scribe for the term of January-June 2023.

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## LASFS OFFICERS

**Elected Procedural Officers**  
January-June 2023

**President:** Cathy Johnson  
**Vice-President:** Susan Fox  
**Registrar:** Eylat Poliner  
**Scribe:** Heath "Scribbles" Row  
**Treasurers:** Elayne Pelz and Debra Levin

### Board of Directors

Chairman: Michelle Pincus (2024)  
Vice Chairman: Nick Smith (2023)  
Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2022)  
Secretary: Susan Fox (2024)

### Other Members

Scott Beckstead (2022), Cathy Johnson (2024), Christian McGuire (2023), Elayne Pelz (2023), Eylat Poliner (2024), and Rob Powell (2023)

### Special Advisors

Charles Lee Jackson II, Forrest J Ackerman (deceased/honorary position), Walt Daugherty (deceased/honorary position), Len and June Moffatt (deceased/honorary position), and Fred Patten (deceased/ honorary position)

### Appointed Officials (requiring update)

Cat Liaison: Christian B. McGuire; Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS: Christian B. McGuire and Elayne Pelz; *De Profundis* Editor and APA-L Liaison: Heath "Scribbles" Row; Film Coordination Committee, Honor Guard, and Party Rabbi: Charles Lee Jackson II; Hall Decoration: Charles Lee Jackson II, Christian B. McGuire and Elayne Pelz; Key Control: Christian B. McGuire and Elayne Pelz; LASFAPA Liaison: Marty Cantor; LASFS Information: Lee Gold and Matthew B. Tepper; Librarian: Gavin Claypool; Assistant Librarian: Elayne Pelz; Marketing and Promotions: Michelle Pincus; Patron Saints List Manager: Elayne Pelz; Photographic Collection (Special): Mike Donahue; Program: Eylat Poliner; Publications: Christian B. McGuire; Science Officer: Bill Green (with Nick Smith); Assistant Video Collection Curator: Tom Khamis; Webmistress: Kristine Cherry; Web Advisors: Barry and Lee Gold; Westercon Liaison: Christian B. McGuire; Editor, Computers, and LASFS Archivist: Christian B. McGuire

## Condensed Cream of Menace

(Official, approved minutes are also available online at <https://www.lasfs.org/lasfs-meeting-minutes>. Unofficial, unexpurgated minutes can be read in *Menace of the LASFS*, which is available upon request.)

### Meeting #4455, Dec. 29, 2022

Matthew B. Tepper, presiding  
Krystal Rains, Scribe

Called to order at 8 p.m.

**Special Order of Business** (Michelle Pincus)  
Request of the membership, has anyone heard from Greg Barrett?

Group reply that no one had, and a request to Kristine Cherry to check in with Harold Goldstein, who had been helping him in the past. If anyone hears anything, please let Michelle know.

**Special Order of Business** (Matthew B. Tepper)

I am sorry to say, a few days ago, I received an email from Steven Bilan that his brother Greg Bilan passed away. The "Nice Klingon," helpful member at the club when he lived in Los Angeles. He was ill and had moved to the Bay Area a bit ago, and succumbed to his illness.

Nick Smith:

**Passings:** Stephen Grief, actor

**Birthday:** Bernard Cribbins, actor; and John Newton, actor

**Media:** Dec. 29, 1967, was the first showing of *Star Trek's* "The Trouble with Tribbles" by David Gerrold and the first screening of the fantasy movie, *Black Oxen* released in Los Angeles in 1923.

Reading the minutes, corrected, bid to name the minutes \$15 by Eylat Poliner: "Thank you, Krystal Rains for doing such a lovely job doing the minutes for the last six months, the club appreciates you, you've done a great job. We welcome Heath Row to start as scribe in the new year." Approved as corrected and named.

**Spot of Honor** (Charles Lee Jackson II)  
CLJII Presentations, the presenter of *CLJII's Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices*. Bid to name the Spot of Honor for next month will not be held, as Charles will not be available in January to host it.

**Registrar** (Eylat Poliner)

Jesse Campbell. Welcome, how did you hear about us? He has attended Loscon since 1995 and been a member of the Facebook group since 2010. "I heard about Greg and I am here to learn more."

Marty shares about our Patron Saints, who are our generous donors who have chosen a night of the year to be honored. We say nice things about them.

**Patron Saints** (Marty Cantor)

Eylat Poliner: I used to think that Marty was mean and a grouch, and I don't think that any more. He tries to portray himself that way. He has done a lot for the club, kept up the newsletter, *De Profundis*, and APA-L together for many years. Past Scribe for Board of Directors. He has given this club a lot of his time.

Nick Smith: I've known Marty for many years both as a gamer and in the fanzine community. Many might not know that he corresponds with many folks around the world in connection with fanzines. Many internet conversations about fandom. He is delightful to know, and I treasure his friendship.

Lee Grixit: I remember in the late '70s, I was always happy to read his column in APA-L, and he made the previous month's issue more interesting because of his comments on it.

Barbara Gratz Harmon: Very helpful to fans with his work with fanzines. He also helped other fans get to fanzine events. Great taste in music, one of the only friends who has come to my concerts. He lost his sparring partner in Karl, so now he seems very sweet.

Chris Marble: Marty has been a wonderful reliable member of the club since before I joined.

Heath Row: I am here, in part, because of John Hertz and Marty Cantor. I first met John at a Lunacon in New York state in the mid 2000s, and when I moved to LA, I came to the LASFS to meet Marty, see the library of APA-L, and help collate a distribution. Marty is largely why I am here. Thank you, Marty, for welcoming me and introducing me to such a great group of people.

Lynn Maners shared the University of Arizona fight song, since Marty is an alumni:

Bear Down, Arizona  
Bear Down, red and blue  
Bear Down, Arizona  
I will always fight for you.

Matthew B. Tepper: I have been delighted to be Marty's friend since the mid-1970s. I echo

what others have said about Marty putting on the airs of a curmudgeon, but being a helpful, knowledgeable, and friendly person.

Three rousing cheers for Patron Saint Marty Cantor, and a rubber thumb tip.

### **Robbie Bourget**

Chris Marble: Robbie is a wonderful person who has played the curmudgeon as well. I have enjoyed working with her at conventions, and I believe she signed my LASFS membership card in the 1980s.

Cathy Johnson: I met Robbie through Gallifrey One and the Time Meddlers. I've worked with Robbie on many things. She is a great person; she can have a rough exterior but is a sweetheart underneath, and I look forward to seeing her in February.

Matthew B. Tepper: I have many things I could praise Robbie for, but a view one part about her personality. When the *Addams Family* movie came out, she saw it and enjoyed it so much she went and saw it again. She put an open invitation to her friends who wanted to see it with her; you could pick a time and she would meet you. So that is how I went to see the movie. It was pointed out that if you look at the plot of the movie from Uncle Fester's point of view, it is the story of an outsider who finds a group of outsiders and finds that together they are family. There is no better explanation of the fannish experience than that. Thank you, Robbie, for that and all your work on conventions. I look forward to seeing her at next year's Loscon.

Marty Cantor: I met Robbie and she met me, at the '82 Worldcon in Chicago. It was sort of a mutual love at first sight, which was a surprise to me, as I was 46 and had been single up to that point. After the con, she went back to Canada and I came back to LA. I had just enough cash to bring her out here and we got married. We got married for 10 years and were mostly happy, and it was not a nasty parting of the ways. I get to see her once in a while when I make it to Loscon. I was happy there was nothing much to correct tonight. Thank you everyone for everyone being correct about Robbie. She is a nice person, and I like her very much.

Three rousing cheers for Patron Saint Robbie Bourget.

### **Elayne Pelz**

Cathy Johnson: A really great person. I love her a lot. If you need to have someone keep track of handling the money for a convention or other

endeavor, she is great. She puts in a lot of work for a lot of organizations. I have known her for a long time. She is super professional about getting back to you and is a great person.

Eylat Poliner: I agree with Cathy, but will add that she doesn't put up with a lot of bull. Just ask a question, be direct, no wishy washy. Just ask the question and she will get back to you in a timely fashion. She is very professional.

Nick Smith: Elayne has convinced me that she is the most accurately organized person in fandom. She gets it right the first time and does not have to redo things. It is complete and accurate and why she can help so many organizations. I regard her highly. She will be impossible to replace in the future.

Chris Marble: Elayne is incredible. She is involved with many organizations and she gets the job done. If she is involved, it will not suck. I have seen her at events a few miles away or hundreds or a thousand miles away and she gets the job done.

Charles Lee Jackson II: She has a lot of assorted interests. She loves to travel but does not like to travel alone: many places around the country and around the world. She and her late husband, Bruce, were the center of the solar system of gatherings of people who would go visit various locations and events together, like the county fair. When Bruce passed away, that kind of broke up. At one point, Elayne asked if I would like to join her at the county fair, and we attended often and to various other fairs around the area. She also likes Disneyland and asked if she got a pass, would I go with her when she wanted to go. She is a congenial companion. At the county fair, she has entered a variety of needlework and has won some awards. We have lots to talk about. Hip hip hooray for Elayne

Kristine Cherry: Being a person who has to hit her up for money for the Loscon Blood Drive, Dennis and I appreciate her. A newfound respect for her during the arduous transfer of domain and hosting of the Web sites; she was good to work with, patient and helpful. Just be clear and direct. She is a pretty awesome person.

Matthew B. Tepper: I can only endorse what other people have said about Elayne as a friend, a person who gets things done, and a con-runner. When people compliment me on running Loscon 46, I quickly tell them that the con was run by Elayne, Robbie, and Joyce Lloyd; I just chaired it. Without the competence of Elayne and the others, Loscon would not be as good or as fun as it is.

Marty Cantor: When I decided to run a Corfu, the fanzine fans con, the first person I approached to be on the con-com was Elayne for treasurer and to find a hotel. Always the first person you want, especially for treasurer, but she can do anything, really. Any problems and she will handle them.

Three rousing cheers for Patron Saint Elayne Pelz and “pay your dues.”

### **Treasurer's Report**

Debra Levin: Pay your dues! \$4 a meeting, \$12 a month, \$135 a year to be paid by March.

### **Web Site Report** (Kristine Cherry)

Thursday night guests are updated on the calendar.

Occasionally the Web site glitches; if you see that, please let me know.

Evans-Freehafer page is up; next: history vaults of LASFS in process.

### **Loscon 48 Report** (Nick Smith)

None

### **Loscon 49 Report** (Michelle Pincus)

No report

### **Board of Directors**

Jan 15 Zoom at 11 a.m.

### **Marketing**

No report

### **Programming**

Jan. 12: Brandie June, author

Jan. 26 Tim Powers, author

Feb. 2: David Brin, author

Feb. 23: Craig Miller, author

March 2: Dr. Laura Brodian Freas Baraha presents a program about the art of her late husband, Kelly Freas.

March 23: Kristen Renee Gorlitz demo on VR

### **New Business**

None

### **Old Business**

None

### **Time-Bound Announcements**

Marty Cantor can no longer maintain the Patron Saints tracking.

Krystal Rains: Suggested that someone explain the procedures for submitting an item of New Business for the meeting. Must be submitted in writing (email is acceptable) to the

president before the meeting to be on the agenda. That way we do not do that in the midst of the meeting.

Eylat Poliner: I am happy to do the Patron Saint tracking.

Nick Smith: Movie showings for the coming weekend.

### **Moments of Science**

Tom Safer: Today in Science includes Georg August Schweinfurth, German Botanist; Charles Goodyear, American inventor; and Charles Macintosh, Scottish chemist and inventor.

Lee Grixit: I was reading a report about a development in what they call “whispering chamber infrared sensors.” They bounce the infrared around inside to get a better look at it, using long waves, which are further from visible light. A better frequency for getting the texture of small molecules. It is used for trace analysis of the environment. This is smaller than anything they have had before. Looking at something you can mount by your bed to get information about your health. Concerns about a new generation of Wi-Fi that uses radio waves. With two together it is not secure and a lot of personal details, but would be interesting in a hospital environment.

### **Regular Announcements**

Eylat Poliner: Saturday, Jan. 14, at Karl's second storage unit, we will be counted, sorted, and inventoried and can be disbursed. At the Public Storage in Tarzana. I need assistance.

Chris Marble: The anniversary of George Mulligan's COVID-19 diagnosis. He might be going home in the March timeframe; his physical therapy has had a setback.

Michelle Pincus: I will be moving to Las Vegas. I will be having a truck loading party on Friday, Jan. 27.

### **Reviews**

Tom Safer: I recommend the next DVD in the DC Universe film series, *Battle of the Super Sons*. The two featured characters are the sons of Superman and the son of Batman. And my announcement is that my wife Anna has lost 85 pounds! Well done, Anna.

Eylat Poliner: A silly review of Matthew hosting these online meetings. He has done a great job of hosting these online meetings that started during the COVID-19 lockdown. Let's do LASFS on Zoom. Matthew, you have done a great job and we appreciate you. Also a review of Krystal Rains as scribe, because I have

actually enjoyed her minutes because they were precise, to the point, and quick. Thank you, Krystal, for your service.

Matthew mentioned that the idea for doing the Zoom meetings came from Steven Barnes with the technical support of Susan Fox.

Susan Fox: I would like to propose three cheers for our outgoing officers. Matthew, what can I say? Too much; that is what I could say.

Gavin Claypool: Our moment for the humanities

“Once he, in the presidential race, his hat  
threw  
and triumphed; each subsequent race, he  
won that too.

But now the final bell has rung  
And his long string of terms has  
sprung.

Hail and farewell, our long-time president,  
Matthew.”

Lynn Maners: “Adieu, mon president, le Gran Canard! Long may you wave!”

Cathy Johnson: Invitation to the after meeting, link in the chat.

Matthew B. Tepper: Cathy, please open a portal and now grab the gavel—and it changed color!

Cathy Johnson: Thank you, Matthew, for handing over the gavel.

Eylat Poliner: Motion to adjourn. Cathy adjourned the meeting! Good night, all, and Happy New Year. See you all next year.

### **Meeting #4456, Jan. 5, 2023**

Cathy Johnson, presiding  
Heath “Scribbles” Row, Scribe

#### **Call to Order**

Cathy Johnson at 8 p.m.

#### **Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)**

Hatchings included George Reeves, Tananarive Due, Seanan McGuire, and Hayao Miyazaki.

Dispatchings included Suzy McKee Charnas, Fay Weldon, and Darren Watts.

Media anniversaries included the first appearance of Pepe le Pew and the mixed-genre movie *Two Lost Worlds*.

#### **Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)**

Scribbles read the minutes.

#### **Additions and Corrections**

Matthew B. Tepper and Charles Lee Jackson II offered corrections.

#### **Auction to Name the Minutes**

Eylat Poliner bid, won, and named them “Good Job, Heath.”

#### **Call for Approval**

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

#### **Celebration of Patron Saints**

Dan Alderson was celebrated and recognized by Cathy Johnson, Barbara Gratz Harmon, Chris Marble, Charles Lee Jackson II, and Larry Niven. Alderson received three cheers.

Joe Zeff was celebrated and recognized by Eylat Poliner, Chris Marble, Barbara Gratz Harmon, Heath Row, Tom Safer, and Matthew B. Tepper. Zeff received three cheers and some sideburns.

#### **Committee Reports**

Cathy Johnson: Any existing committees can continue into the new term unless someone wants to stop serving in their current capacity.

Eylat Poliner: Upcoming programming includes

- Jan. 12: Brandie June, author
- Jan. 26: Tim Powers, author
- Feb. 2: David Brin, author
- Feb. 23: Craig Miller, author
- March 2: Dr. Laura Brodian Freas Baraha presents a program about the art of her late husband, Kelly Freas
- March 23: Kristen Renee Gorlitz offers a virtual reality demo

Krystal Rains is also recommending potential authors, and Poliner will continue to recruit additional authors and develop other kinds of programs. She’s aiming for two programs a month and will schedule events through June.

Michelle Pincus:

Loscon 49: The first program item selected will be the screening of an animated short with a Q&A session with the creators afterward.

Marketing: LASFS and Loscon will table at the Los Angeles Vintage Paperback Collectors Show on March 19 at Glendale Civic Auditorium. LASFS will also have a book sales table there.

#### **Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)**

Jackson will take the month of January off.

### **Registrar** (Eylat Poliner)

There were no guests present, but there was a returning member: Mark Bondurant.

### **Treasurer** (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues.

### **Board Report** (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting is scheduled for Jan. 15, 2023, at 11 a.m. on the usual Zoom.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Time-Bound Announcements**

Nick Smith:

- Dark Delicacies signings featuring *I Was a Teenage Monster Hunter!* and books related to *Avatar: The Way of Water*
- New Beverly Cinema screenings of *Fantasia* and an IB Tech print of *The Wizard of Oz*
- American Cinematheque screening of *Twin Peaks: Fire Walk with Me* at the Los Feliz 3
- Anime Los Angeles at the Long Beach Convention Center

Eylat Poliner: An online Celebration of Life for Ed Hooper

### **Moments of Science**

Lynn Maners: Pictographs representing the lunar calendar and animal behavior patterns

Eylat Poliner: 80 percent of manganese comes from Ukraine. The war will affect that supply.

Tom Safer: Scientists born on this day included Aaron “Bunny” Lapin, Dame Kathleen (Mary) Kenyon, and King Camp Gillette.

Charles Lee Jackson II: Mohs surgery is the least invasive surgery he’s ever experienced.

Lee Grixit reported on Mars craters that are full of opals, a potential indicator of water.

Lynn Maners commented on Howard Hughes’s Glomar Explorer, which was ostensibly intended to harvest manganese nodules but was in fact a CIA front to retrieve the wreck of a Soviet submarine.

### **Regular Announcements**

Chris Marble reported on visits with Greg Barrett, Don Fitch, and George Mulligan.

Eylat Poliner reminded LASFSians about the Jan. 14 cataloging at Karl Lembke’s storage unit.

### **Reviews**

Tom Safer recommended *Master of the World* starring Vincent Price and Charles Bronson.

Nick Smith reviewed *Two Lost Worlds*.

Dean Johnson suggested YouTube videos documenting easter eggs in *Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery*.

Eylat Poliner enjoyed William Shatner’s role on *Boston Legal*.

Heath Row commented on Barbara Hambly’s *Star Trek* tie-in *Ghost-Walker*.

Debra Levin watched *1899* on TV.

Lee Grixit saw the TV show *Marie Antoinette*.

Matthew B. Tepper said, “*Weird* is.”

### **Miscellaneous**

Debra Levin thanked Lee Grixit for letting her know *1899* won’t see a second season.

Cathy Johnson recommended the after meeting.

### **Call to Adjourn**

Eylat Poliner so moved. That was seconded. The ayes had it.

### **Meeting #4457**

Jan. 12, 2023

Cathy Johnson, presiding  
Krystal Rains, Guest Scribe

### **Call to Order**

Cathy Johnson at 8:02 p.m

Agenda lite: Special guest Brandie June

### **Hatchings and Dispatchings** (Nick Smith)

#### **Hatchings**

- House Peters Jr., actor
- Shirley Eaton, actress
- Rockne S. O’Bannon, screenwriter

#### **Dispatchings**

Carol Cook, actress

#### **Media Anniversaries**

- *The Invisible Man Returns*
- *Lawnmower Man 2*

### **Reading of the Minutes** (Krystal Rains)

Krystal read the minutes.

### **Additions and Corrections**

None

### **Auction to Name the Minutes**

Bid to name the minutes: Susan Fox, \$10—"Scribbles's Debut"

### **Call for Approval**

Moved to accept as read, and approved.

### **Registrar** (Eylat Poliner)

No guests; Zareh Gorjian returning from last year. Brandie June, our special guest

### **Celebration of Patron Saints**

Bruce Pelz: Chris Marble, Matthew B. Tepper, Eylat Poliner, and Charles L Jackson II spoke in memory. Bruce received three cheers, a paperback book, and a \$20 bill.

Christian B. McGuire: Chris Marble, Michelle Pincus, Matthew B. Tepper, Cathy Johnson, and Dean Johnson spoke about Christian. Christian received three cheers.

### **Time-Bound Announcements**

Eylat Poliner: Inventory of Karl Lembke's storage on Saturday, Jan. 14, rain or shine.

### **Special Guest**

Brandie June, author

### **Announcements**

LASFS Board Meeting: Jan. 15, 2023

Michelle Pincus: If you were a staff member on Loscon 48 and have receipts, please turn them in.

Cathy Johnson: After meeting link in the chat.  
Chris Marble visited George Mulligan.

### **Call to Adjourn**

Eylat Poliner so moved. That was seconded. The ayes had it.

### **Board Meeting**

Jan. 15, 2023

Michelle Pincus, chairing  
Susan Fox, Secretary

### **Call to Order**

At 11:01 a.m.

### **Present**

Chairman Michelle Pincus, Vice Chairman Nick Smith, Secretary Susan Fox, Eylat Poliner, Gavin Claypool, Elayne Pelz, Christian B. McGuire, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, Cathy Johnson,

Dean Johnson, and Adelheid "Heide" Nichols. Non-board members: Webmistress Kristine Cherry, club member observers Tony Benoun and Matthew Tepper

### **Minutes**

Approved

### **January Task**

Elected positions: Michelle Pincus remains chairman, Nick Smith remains vice chairman, Gavin Claypool remains comptroller, Susan Fox remains secretary.

Appointed positions: vacant positions; Heide Nichols is now quartermaster and Dean Johnson is now assistant AV tech.

### **New Members**

There are three new members:

- Susie Stein, heard through the Internet, interested in sf and comics, from Arizona
  - Fernando Perez, found us on the Internet; interested in sf, comics, and stop-motion animation; from Arizona
  - Robert Burks, no special interests cited
- All approved.

### **Treasurer's Report** (Elayne Pelz)

Current bank balance: \$31,517.57

Receipts outstanding from Loscon are due at the end of January.

### **30-Second Reports**

Chairman (Michelle Pincus): We have assigned positions for the year.

Vice Chairman (Nick Smith): No report

Secretary (Susan Fox): No report

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): Investment account as of Jan. 15, 2023—\$793,927.96

Library (Gavin Claypool): Expecting a dozen boxes from the donation that Christian B. McGuire and Elayne Pelz have been working on. About 14 boxes from Karl Lembke's estate. Nola Frame-Gray is sorting Louis Gray's books for donation.

Quartermaster (Heide Nichols): No report

Archives (Cathy Johnson): No report

Physical Plant/Storage (Rob Powell):

Clarifying where physical storage is at the moment—Foothill x Laurel Canyon storage.

Powell just came back from storage. No water damage from recent rains. Has checked over equipment for Gallifrey One. We still need to dispose of old art show lights.



AV Equipment (Dean Johnson): Johnson will supervise this department. The equipment is currently in storage.

Events (Eylat Poliner): Defers to Loscon chairs

Loscon 48 (Nick Smith): Still waiting for receipts, as treasurer mentioned above; hotel stuff has been straightened out.

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): On track and looking good

Publications (Christian B. McGuire): No report

Marketing and Recruitment (Michelle Pincus): Los Angeles Vintage Paperback Collectors Show on March 19, 2023, our usual three tables—one for Loscon, two for LASFS library paperback sale. We need table help for the paperback show. We do have some already for Gallifrey One.

### Significant Others

President (Cathy Johnson): Two meetings so far in January; guest speaker Brandie June appeared last week and was enjoyed by all.

Webmistress (Kristine Cherry): Barry Gold wants to do a final switch to add <http://www.lasfsinc.info> to <https://www.lasfs.org>. There are 663 meeting minutes from the years 2008-2016 that need to be changed from text to PDF form.

### Agenda Items

Elayne Pelz forwarded from Kristen Renee Gorlitz: Still paying for Meetup.com and don't need it

Nick Smith: These are good for physical events only.

Moved to suspend Meetup account, approved. Pelz to cancel our account for now.

Eylat Poliner: Proposal for dues, membership, and sainthood rate increase

- Raise weekly dues from \$4 to \$5
- Raise membership from \$10 to \$20
- Raise Sainthood from \$1000 to \$1500

Elayne Pelz: the board can only put this to the membership.

Gavin Claypool: Two ways to execute this—proposal by three or more standing members, or proposed by the board as a resolution. Then voted by the voters of the membership

Why we need more: general inflation, cost of storage, cost of materials like award plaques

Counter-argument: There is no added value to members.

Same for membership fee and Sainthood.

This needs to go to the membership in advance for discussion at meetings and voting. Poliner to do this because she has the signatures.

### Open Forum

Nick Smith: To consider later in the year—we have received more donations for the library book sales than we can sell during our sales events. Now we are getting lots more books. We might want to look at the possibility of selling other ways, like eBay. Necessarily after tax time, if Gavin Claypool was going to work on it, and/or get him help to sell books.

Heide Nichols: Do we have a book database where book intake is logged for selling online?

Gavin Claypool: Maybe we can partner with a Friends of the Library for sales in other places. Example of South Pasadena Public Library. Maybe we can split proceeds.

Nichols does not expect that public libraries will want to split the proceeds, but just take our books and keep the money.

Eylat Poliner: Thanks for helping with Karl Lembke's storage—Michelle Pincus, Rob Powell, Susan Fox, Gene Turnbow, and Charlie. There will be some more. Hoping to complete this by the end of March or April, depending on helpers' availability and school schedule. Lembke would have been proud.

Loscon 50: It is January, and we need to start consideration. We can appoint a chair before we have a new contract. Contract negotiations will be after Gallifrey One. Jason will be working with volunteers Chris and Burt Boden. Club president should bring this up at weekly meetings. Deadline for submitting bids for the 2024 Loscon (Loscon 50) is Feb. 25.

### Takeaways

- Library will work on alternate sales outlets
- Loscon 50 chair help wanted, to be announced at meetings
- Dues increase proposal

Nick Smith asked about the Westercon virtual committee meeting yesterday, which he missed. Do they have a location yet? Kristine Cherry was there, she says that they have announced the location as the Clarion in Anaheim.

Elayne Pelz needs numbers from brokerage to complete the financials. Gavin Claypool will do this.

Eylat Poliner: We need Standing Rules and By-Laws to accommodate things that don't exist when we are not meeting in person, like writing a petition on paper.

Gavin Claypool says that as a corporation, we do need to have these in place.

Eylat Poliner and Heide Nichols to serve on that committee. Claypool will look into this after tax time, then present to the board and membership as needed.

### **Next Meeting Date**

Feb. 12, 2023, 11 a.m., this Zoom channel

### **Adjournment**

At 11:55 a.m.

### **Meeting #4458**

Jan. 19, 2023

Cathy Johnson, presiding  
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

### **Call to Order**

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order four minutes into the Zoom recording.

### **Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)**

Smith briefly mentioned the health condition of artist Peri Charlifu. There's a GoFundMe account, Peri's Medical Support Fund (<https://gofund.me/2dfb1dda>), available to help raise funds while Charlifu can't sell his work at conventions.

### **Hatchings**

- Actor Dean Fredericks
- Director Richard Lester
- Actor and musician Desi Arnaz Jr.

### **Dispatchings**

- Movie producer Edward Pressman
- Comic book artist David Sutherland
- Actress Gina Lollobrigida
- Poet Les Barker

### **Media anniversaries**

- *Tremors* and Roger Corman's *Brain Dead*

### **Reading of the Minutes**

Guest scribe Krystal Rains read the minutes.

### **Additions and Corrections**

There were none.

### **Auction to Name the Minutes**

Eylat Poliner bid, won, and named them: "Short and Sweet; Thank You."

### **Call for Approval**

Moved to accept as read, and approved.

### **Celebration of Patron Saints**

Jeff Siegel was celebrated and recognized by Cathy Johnson and Susan Fox. Siegel received three cheers.

### **Committee Reports**

Eylat Poliner announced that upcoming programming includes Tim Powers on Jan. 26, David Brin on Feb. 2, and Craig Miller on Feb. 23.

Michelle Pincus indicated that Loscon 49 needs staff. If you're interested, contact her. No staff or recruitment meetings have been scheduled yet, and will occur in March after Gallifrey One.

Cathy Johnson said Loscon 50 is looking for a chair. If you're interested, let her or Michelle know and they can present it to the board.

### **Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)**

The Honor Guard will return next month.

### **Registrar (Eylat Poliner)**

There were no guests present.

### **Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)**

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues.

### **Board Report (Michelle Pincus)**

The next board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 12, 2023, at 11 a.m. on the usual Zoom.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Time-Bound Announcements**

Susan Fox: Cookbook sale featuring titles from the collections of Karl Lembke and Susan Fox

Nick Smith:

- New Beverly Cinema screening of *Castle in the Sky*
- Dark Delicacies signing featuring Crab Scrambly, Aiden Casserly, Joycelyn Gateway, Drew Raush, and Aaron Alexovich

Kevin Segall and Heide Nichols: All American Collectors' Show at the Glendale Civic Auditorium

Eylat Poliner thanked Susan Fox and Gene Turnbow, their son Charlie, Michelle Pincus, and Rob Powell for their help at Karl Lembke's storage unit. There will be several more work sessions beginning in March, and some items will be available for LASFS members. She'd like to empty the unit by the end of March.

### Moments of Science

Lynn Maners reported on the discovery of the oldest rune stone, the migration patterns of domesticated corn, and the unearthing of projectile points in Idaho similar to those in Japan.

### Regular Announcements

Susan Fox and Heide Nichols mentioned the forthcoming closure of Amazon Smile. Elayne Pelz indicated that LASFS earns little from the service because few members use it.

Matthew B. Tepper remarked that Chengdu Worldcon 2023 changed its dates and venue. It will now be held Oct. 18-22.

### Reviews

James DeTar commented on *Jurassic World Dominion*.

Nick Smith shared his thoughts on *M3gan*.

Susan Rothman recommended *The Dropout* on Hulu.

Cathy and Dean Johnson, and Lynn Maners expressed enjoyment of *Avatar: The Way of Water*—AKA *Avatar 2: Free Willy*.

Eylat Poliner reported on a recent group outing to Kyushu Ramen in Van Nuys. The next such event will be scheduled after Gallifrey One.

Dean Johnson enjoyed the first episode of *The Last of Us*.

### Miscellaneous

Willard Stone sought updates on Westercon 75. Nick Smith indicated that the staff has held a staff meeting and that a hotel has been secured.

Chris Marble visited George Mulligan, whose birthday is in March. Mulligan should be able to secure a day pass by then.

Heide Nichols updated members on her recent travels to central California and Hawaii, where she contracted COVID-19. She recommends Hawaii, but not COVID-19. She recommended that members seek appropriate vaccination.

Eylat Poliner thanked Nichols for sending her pictures of volcanoes while in Hawaii. They were useful for a class assignment.

Lynn Maners was fined a quarter for making a fun pun about butts.

Charles Lee Jackson II recently had stitches removed. He recommends anesthesia.

Cathy Johnson mentioned the after meeting.

### Call to Adjourn

Eylat Poliner so moved. That was seconded. The ayes had it.

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## Upcoming Conventions

**Feb. 5:** California Comic Convention, Costa Mesa, <http://www.calcomiccon.com>

**Feb. 17-19:** Gallifrey One (*Doctor Who*), <http://www.gallifreyone.com>

**Feb. 17-20:** OrcCon (roleplaying games), <https://www.strategicon.net>

**Feb. 18:** Anime Fest, San Diego, <https://animefest.ucsd.moe>

**Feb. 18-19:** Rocket Con, San Diego, <https://sdrocketcon.com>

**Feb. 24 to March 3:** Star Trek—The Cruise VI (*Star Trek*), departing from Los Angeles, <https://startrekthecruise.com>

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## Upcoming Events

**Feb. 4:** *My Bloody Valentine* board game event featuring cast members Lori Hallier, Helene Udy, and Rob Stein; author Armando Muñoz; and game designer Anthony Masi at Dark Delicacies in Burbank; <https://www.darkdel.com>

**Feb. 4-5:** *Raiders of the Lost Ark* screening at the New Beverly Cinema, <https://thenewbev.com>

**Feb. 11:** *Bubba Ho-Tep* 4K Blu-ray signing with director Don Coscarelli, Reggie and Gigi Bannister, and Daniel Schweiger at Dark Delicacies; <https://www.darkdel.com>

**Feb. 11:** Cartoon Club screening at the New Beverly Cinema, <https://thenewbev.com>

**Feb. 11-12:** *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* screening at the New Beverly Cinema, <https://thenewbev.com>

**Feb. 11-12:** *Blade, Blade II, and Blade: Trinity* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema, <https://thenewbev.com>

**Feb. 14-16:** *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* and *Scott Pilgrim Vs. the World* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema, <https://thenewbev.com>

**Feb. 18-19:** *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* screening at the New Beverly Cinema, <https://thenewbev.com>

**Feb. 21-22:** *The Host* screening at the New Beverly Cinema, <https://thenewbev.com>

**Feb. 26:** Scribbles's birthday

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## Game Days

### Mondays

*Dungeons & Dragons* Adventurers League at Next-Gen Games (<https://www.nextgengames.la>)

*Magic: The Gathering* at Next-Gen Games, Odyssey Games in Pasadena (<https://odysseygamesco.com>) and Turn Zero Games (<https://www.turnzerogames.com>)

*Warhammer: Age of Sigmar* at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

### Tuesdays

*Magic* at Collector Legion in Lawndale (<https://www.collectorlegion.com>) and Next-Gen Games

*Warhammer: Age of Sigmar* and *Warhammer 40,000* at Next-Gen Games

*Warhammer 40,000* at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

### Wednesdays

*Dungeons & Dragons* Adventurers League at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

*Magic* at Collector Legion in Lawndale, Mega City One (<https://www.megacity.one>), and Next-Gen Games

### Thursdays

*Magic* at Collector Legion in Lawndale

*Star Wars: X-Wing* at Next-Gen Games and Odyssey Games in Pasadena

*Warhammer 40,000* at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

### Fridays

*Dungeons & Dragons* Adventurers League at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Friday Night *Magic* at Knight Ware (<http://www.knight-ware.com>), Mega City One, Next-Gen Games, Odyssey Games, Paper Hero's Games in Sherman Oaks (<https://www.paperherosgames.com>) and Turn Zero Games,

### Saturdays

*Magic* at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

*Warhammer* at Knight Ware (third Saturday of the month)

### Sundays

*Magic* at Next-Gen Games and Odyssey Games in Pasadena

*Warhammer 40,000* at Paper Hero's Games in Sherman Oaks

Please contact the con, store, or venue (or visit its Web site) to confirm any events and logistics before traveling to attend. Events and schedules are subject to change. Additions and updates welcome.

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