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* **Thursday Programme Items:** April 11—In-person (hybrid) meeting at Denny’s, By-Laws discussion and first vote; April 18—By-Laws vote

Meeting Tech Specs: LASFS meetings are currently held online via Zoom—and in person once a month. Contact host Susan Fox at 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.

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January-June 2024

President: Cathy Johnson
Vice-President: Eylat Poliner
Registrar: Heide Nichols
Scribe: Heath Row
Treasurers: Elayne Pelz and Debra Levin

Board of Directors

Chairman: Matthew B. Tepper (2026)
Vice Chairman: Heide Nichols (2025)
Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2025)
Secretary: Susan Fox (2024)

Other Members

Cathy Johnson (2024), Dean Johnson (2025), Christian B. McGuire (2026), Elayne Pelz (2026), Eylat Poliner (2024), and Rob Powell (2026)

Special Advisors

Charles Lee Jackson II
Deceased/honorary positions: Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len and June Moffatt, and Fred Patten

Appointed Officials

Cat Liaison, Computers, Editor, LASFS Archivist, Publications, and Westercon Liaison: Christian B. McGuire; Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS and Key Control: Christian B. McGuire and Elayne Pelz; *De Profundis* Editor and APA-L Liaison: Heath Row; Film Coordination Committee, Honor Guard, Party Rabbi, and Video Collection Curator: Charles Lee Jackson II; Hall Decoration: Charles Lee Jackson II, Christian B. McGuire, and Elayne Pelz; LASFAPA Liaison: David Schlosser; 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 and Eylat Poliner; Photographic Collection (Special): Mike Donahue; Program: Eylat Poliner; Science Officers: Bill Green and Nick Smith; Assistant Video Collection Curator: Tom Khamis; Webmistress: Kristine Cherry; Web Advisors: Barry and Lee Gold

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.)

Happy Birthday, Van! Meeting #4511, Jan. 25, 2024

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m. Members applauded the in-person meeting.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Actor and director King Donovan (b. Jan. 25, 1918; d. June 30, 1987)
- Filmmaker Tobe Hooper (b. Jan. 25, 1943; d. Aug. 26, 2017)
- Comic book writer, screenwriter, and producer Geoff Johns (b. Jan. 25, 1973)

Dispatchings

- Actor Gary Graham (b. June 6, 1950; d. Jan. 22, 2024)
- Filmmaker Norman Jewison (b. July 21, 1926; d. Jan. 20, 2024)
- Composer and bandleader Laurie Johnson (b. Feb. 7, 1927; d. Jan. 16, 2024)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1971, the pilot for *City Beneath the Sea* debuted on television.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Jan. 18, 2024.

Additions and Corrections

Charles Lee Jackson II clarified the pronunciation of the character name Ayesha.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Matthew B. Tepper bid \$20, won, and named them "Welcome Back to Live, In-Person Meetings."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as mispronounced, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Gail Selinger was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox, Larry Niven, and Leigh Strother-Vien. Selinger received three cheers.

Rick Sneary was celebrated and recognized by Craig Miller and Matthew B. Tepper. Sneary received three cheers, a "Southgate is Nifty in 5050," and a mimeograph.

Committee Reports

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): The con is happening Thanksgiving weekend at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport. Guests of honor include writer Spider Robinson, artist Laura Brodian Freas Beraha, artist ghost Frank Kelly Freas, musician Kathy Mar, and fans Genny Dazzo and Craig Miller.

Michelle Pincus: We'll table at Strategicon and Gallifrey One.

Programming (Eylat Poliner): Tonight's aftermeeting has been pre-arranged at the North Hollywood Diner.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Scifi.radio.

Members bid on what would be recognized in February. Eylat Poliner bid \$20, won, and dedicated it to Loscon 50.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

We have a couple of guests: Dr. Susie and John Searight. John's father was a member in the 1970s, and John attended Loscon as a teenager. Dr. Searight went to Gallifrey One in 2016 and got bit by the convention bug. She heads the auction for Gallifrey One, serves on the board for WhoCon, and runs a nonprofit called the Browncoat Auxiliary Depression & Anxiety Support System. (<https://www.browncoatsupport.org>)

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues.

A stock of membership cards was located in storage. If you'd like one, Cathy Johnson or a former president can sign them.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The board met a couple of Sundays ago. The next board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 11 at 11 a.m.

Old Business

Cathy Johnson asked members if they enjoyed the in-person meeting and want to do it again. Charles Lee Jackson II suggested that we consider scheduling in-person meetings to align

with elections in June, November, and December. Craig Miller recommended we vote on meeting face to face monthly and scheduling such meetings based on venue availability. Johnson indicated that Nick Smith will look into availability and cost, and report back next week.

Gavin Claypool also brought up a nearby Denny's that has a banquet room available for \$50.

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Krystal Rains has copies of the Loscon 50 flier if you'd like some to help promote the con. A new shipment of logo pins came in, and she'll bring them next time.

Francis Hamit's new novel *Starmen* is now available. (<https://amzn.to/484BL9M>)

Charles Lee Jackson II: Due to technical difficulties, he does not have a new book out this week. He recommended that the club make a list of everyone present at the in-person meeting.

Joshua Sky seeks to buy used video games and vintage comic books.

Marc Schirmeister is writing a novel with Mel White.

Kristine Cherry reminded members about the Web site, seeking contributors to the blog.

Special Event: The Big Auction

Christian B. McGuire led the auction of 15 items.

Three novels in S.M. Stirling's Nantucket series: Matthew B. Tepper bid \$6 and won.

1991 print of artwork by Gary Montalbano: Eylat Poliner bid \$10 and won.

Toshiba DVD/VCR player: Joshua Sky bid \$20 and won.

Disneyland Mickey Mouse T-shirt: Hare Hobbs bid \$10 and won.

Battlestar Galactica Cylon Raider: Genny Dazzo bid \$5 and won.

Two small illustrations by Joe Pearson: Scribbles bid \$10 and won.

LASFS paperweight: J.P. Van Gordon bid \$40 and won.

Solar system T-shirt: Joshua Sky bid \$11 and won.

Lobby cards for Walt Disney's *Scandalous John*: Gavin Claypool bid \$5 and won.

Sealed ILO Technologies DVD recorder and player: Joshua Sky bid \$17 and won.

Hiroshige: Visions of Japan print: Cathy Johnson bid \$15 and won.

1997 and 1998 *Babylon 5* calendars: Hare Hobbs bid \$20 and won.

2000 *Fantasia* Imax Experience T-shirt: Eylat Poliner bid \$8 and won.

Dragon Writers anthology ed. by Lisa Mangum: Krystal Rains bid \$5 and won.

Alien Nation keyring and CD: Scribbles bid \$10 and won.

Moments of Science

None

Regular Announcements

Chris Marble: George Mulligan hopes to be in good enough shape to get a day pass in March so he can visit home for his birthday.

Susan Fox indicated that 58 people are online and in the room.

Hare Hobbs expressed concern about meeting online because of troubles using Zoom. He'd be willing to host people to watch movies in his home. He also asked for help figuring out Zoom so he can join meetings online.

Reviews

None

Miscellaneous

None

Call to Adjourn

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

Thanks, LA, for the Rain. Meeting #4512, Feb. 1, 2024

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Eylat Poliner called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Animator, film director, and producer George Pal (b. Feb. 1, 1908; d. May 2, 1980)
- Actor, comedian, writer, and singer Garrett Morris (b. Feb. 1, 1937)
- Actor Elisabeth Sladen (b. Feb. 1, 1946; d. April 19, 2011)
- Actor, writer, and musician Bill Mumy (b. Feb. 1, 1954)

Dispatchings

- Actor, singer, dancer, and dance instructor Hinton Battle (b. Nov. 29, 1956; d. Jan. 30, 2024)
- Manga artist Hinako Ashihara (Ritsuko Matsumoto) (b. Jan. 25, 1974; d. Jan. 29, 2024)
- Actor, singer, and dancer Chita Rivera (b. Jan. 23, 1933; d. Jan. 30, 2024)
- LASFS member and fan Nathan Okun (b. Dec. 22, 1948; d. Jan. 11, 2024)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1946, *The Flying Serpent* soared onto the movie screens of America.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Dec. 28, 2023, and Jan. 25, 2024.

Additions and Corrections

Dec. 28, 2023: None

Jan. 25, 2024: A member clarified that Marc Schirmeister is writing a novel with Mel White.

Cathy Johnson reminded Scribbles that Gavin Claypool also brought up a nearby Denny's that has a banquet room available for \$50.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Lynn Maners bid \$5, won, and named Dec. 28, 2023's Cream of Menace "Best Wishes for a Rapid Healing to the First Gentleman of Our President."

Eylat Poliner bid \$10, won, and named Jan. 25, 2024's Cream of Menace "Happy Birthday, Van!" LASFSans sang "Happy Birthday to You," reportedly worse than the Time Meddlers.

Call for Approval

Dec. 28, 2023: Moved to accept as read, and approved.

Jan. 25, 2024: moved to accept as amended, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Gary Louie was celebrated and recognized by Cathy Johnson, Chris Marble, Matt Mitchell, and Heidi Nichols. Louie received three cheers—and a bag of Legos and mahjong tiles.

Mike Luwish was celebrated and recognized by Chris Marble and Scribbles. Luwish received three cheers.

Committee Reports

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): Loscon 50 is happening. We have guests. We have a hotel.

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- Feb. 29: Craig Miller reading
- March 14: Heide Nichols will present "Death Is Inevitable" at the end of the meeting.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 50, celebrating 50 Loscons.

Eylat Poliner thanked Jackson for designing and making the Loscon 50 flier for the Spot of Honor.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

We have no new guests tonight.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. It's February. You've got one more month to pay your yearly dues. If you've been paying in chunks, pay some more.

Pelz referred to her records to see how much J.P. Van Gordon has sent so far.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The board of directors will next meet Feb. 11 at 11 a.m. Business is expected to end before some sporting event. A By-Laws change will be finalized to propose to the club for vote at the following meeting.

Old Business

Cathy Johnson asked Elayne Pelz whether Gavin Claypool sent her information about the Sherman Oaks Denny's banquet room (5525 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90049), which can accommodate about 60 people from 7:30-10 p.m. or longer for \$50. The aftermeeting would also be held there. As far as Pelz knows, Feb. 29 will be OK. She'll call back tomorrow.

Matthew B. Tepper and Susan Rothman indicated that AARP members get a 15 percent discount for their whole table.

Johnson thanked Nick Smith for finding New Musicals Inc. She also thanked Claypool.

Smith reported that New Musicals Inc. wouldn't be available for the next weeks we wanted. He asked about Internet access at Denny's, and Elayne Pelz reported that the club owns a portable hotspot.

Eylat Poliner also indicated she has a lead on another venue—free—and programming option that she's looking into.

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Peter Santell: TCM is showing Fritz Lang's complete version of *Metropolis* tonight at 9:30 p.m. Matthew B. Tepper reviewed it at a LASFS meeting about 15 years ago; it really makes sense.

Nick Smith: The New Beverly Cinema is showing *The Matrix* on Friday and *Babe* on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday night's double feature is *Altered States* and *Lair of the White Worm*.

Vidiots will show *Wall-E* and *Final Destination 2* on Friday. Saturday features *Toy Story* and *Beetlejuice*. Sunday brings *The Birds*.

Brain Dead Studios will show *Tank Girl* on Saturday.

The Vista Theater will feature *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* on Saturday and Sunday.

Moments of Science

Lee Grixit: There's bad and good news about the microbial consumption of plastic. Some organisms that developed the ability on their own don't finish the job. A project of artificial breeding has developed organisms that can convert polyethylene into silk.

A new electrical system is in development for iron smelting that can be applied to the detoxification of waste pools from aluminum processing.

Rob Powell: Ingenuity, the robotic helicopter device on Mars, flew its last flight. Problems with its propellers led to its demise. Originally, it was expected to make five missions, and it completed 72. (<https://plus.nasa.gov/scheduled-video/nasa-science-live-ingenuity-mars-helicopter-flies-its-final-flight>)

Regular Announcements

Chris Marble: Selina Phanara caught COVID-19 but has recovered.

George Mulligan's progress continues.

Charles Lee Jackson II has a new book out this week, book 38 of The Emperor's Secret Files, *Goddess of Mystery*.

Heide Nichols reminded people that President's Day weekend is not far away. Strategicon will be held next door to Gallifrey One. Loscon will table at both, and she expects to see every one of us.

Dean Johnson: In case you're wondering what the sling is for, I busted my arm. I fell after the in-person meeting, and we went to the emergency room. There's a spiral fracture in the humerus. I also scraped my knee and got 12

stitches. The main takeaway is to be careful when you're crossing the street.

Cathy Johnson indicated that Dean jogged across the street to bring the car around, leading to a fall. Many LASFS members helped control traffic safely. She thanked them.

Reviews

Nick Smith started watching *Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur* on Disney+. The story and comic book adaptation are wonderful.

Scribbles finally got around to watching *The Sandman* and is up to episode 5, which adapts the comic book up to issue #7. It's a wonderful fantasy and leaves a lot of the DC universe stuff from the comic book out, which is excellent.

Charles Lee Jackson II just watched *Attack of the Giant Leeches* for the first time since 1960. When you can't see the leeches very well, they're really scary. He liked it better than he did when he was 10.

Eylat Poliner reviewed the first ever hybrid meeting last week. She thanked Cathy and Dean Johnson, and Susan Fox, who made it happen. She also thanked Christian B. McGuire and Elayne Pelz for the auction.

Lynn Maners: There's a YouTube channel called Ancient Americas (<https://www.youtube.com/@AncientAmericas>). They just dropped a new episode on the first people of the Americas. It's based on Jennifer Ruff's book *Origins: A Genetic History of the Americas*, a book he wasn't familiar with. It's really excellent.

Miscellaneous

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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

Scribbles Never Fails. Meeting #4513, Feb. 8, 2024

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Novelist, poet, and playwright Jules Verne (b. Feb. 8, 1828; d. March 24, 1905)

- Actor and narrator Truman Bradley (b. Feb 8, 1905; d. July 28, 1974)
- Composer and conductor John Williams (b. Feb. 8, 1932)
- Puppeteer, author, and voice actor Mary Robinette Koval (b. Feb. 8, 1969)

Dispatchings

- Actor Michael Jayston (b. Oct. 29, 1935; d. Feb. 5, 2024)
- Comic book artist and educator Jose Delbo (b. Dec. 9, 1933; d. Feb. 5, 2024)
- Game designer and producer Laralyn McWilliams (b. Feb. 25, 1965; d. Feb. 5, 2024)
- Singer Henry Fambrough (b. May 10, 1938; d. Feb. 7, 2024)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1968, *Planet of the Apes* premiered in New York City. The movie entered general release Apr. 3, 1968.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Feb. 1, 2024.

Additions and Corrections

Lynn Maners remarked that the Ancient Americas episode covered the genetic history of the Americas.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Lynn Maners bid \$5, won, and named them “Thanks, LA, for the Rain.”

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as amended, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Mike Glycer was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, Lynn Maners, Eylat Poliner, Susan Rothman, Scribbles, Willard Stone, and Matthew B. Tepper. Glycer received three cheers—and a party in room 770.

Albert Sheean was celebrated and recognized by Eylat Poliner and Nick Smith. Sheean received three cheers.

Frank Waller was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Eylat Poliner, and Nick Smith. Waller received three cheers—a Harcourt Fenton Mudd, and all that and a bag chips. But not potato-flavored potato chips.

Committee Reports

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): We’ll table at Strategicon and Gallifrey One. Susan Fox will staff the table for Gallifrey, and Krystal Rains will table at Strategicon. Say hello to them.

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- Feb. 29: In-person meeting at Denny’s (5525 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91411). There will be a Big Auction. It will be a hybrid meeting.
- March 7: Craig Miller reading
- March 14: Heide Nichols performance of “Death Is Inevitable”

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 50, celebrating 50 Loscons, not 50 years of Loscons.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

Eylat Poliner stood in for Heide Nichols. We have no guests tonight.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

This coming Sunday is the second Sunday of the month, the standard meeting time of the LASFS board of directors. We’ll meet at 11 a.m. We’ll finalize an adjustment to the By-Laws, which will eventually be presented to the club for a vote.

Old Business

Feb. 29 meeting at Denny’s in Sherman Oaks. There will be a Big Auction.

Scribbles will send out a special edition of *De Profundis* via email and mail.

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith: The New Beverly Cinema will show *Rebel Without a Cause* and *A Goofy Movie*, as well as *Lady and the Tramp*.

Vidiots plans to screen the original *The Wicker Man* on Friday, *Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse* on Saturday, and *Action Jackson* on Sunday.

Brain Dead Studio will show the anime *Ghost in the Shell* on Saturday.

The Vista Theater plans to screen a double feature of *Swiss Family Robinson* and *Dr. Syn, Alias the Scarecrow* on Monday and Tuesday.

Charles Lee Jackson II mentioned the Vista's Feb. 28 screening of *Kiss the Girls and Make Them Die*.

Dark Delicacies will host a signing for the new Blu-ray release of *Blood Feast* on Saturday.

Moments of Science

Lynn Maners: Climate change is affecting coffee plantations that produce Arabica and Robusta beans. Botanists have found a version from Senegal in 1853 that has a better flavor profile. They relocated it and are attempting to hybridize it and introduce it as a GMO to boost up that strain. (<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-023-44449-8>)

Lee Grixit discussed two things about Alzheimer's. Before they could synthesize a lot of hormones, they used to extract human growth factor from the pituitary glands of corpses. Such shots could explain people developing Alzheimer's. (<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/human-growth-hormone-shots-cadavers-linked-alzheimers-study-finds-rcna135927>)

There's also now a greater understanding of the structure of the stuff. They claim there are better solvents to help clean it out. If you treat it just as gunking the works rather than actual damage, that seems hopeful.

Regular Announcements

Chris Marble: George Mulligan sends his greetings. He's doing OK but didn't get out of bed today.

Eylat Poliner: Gallifrey One is next weekend. There are memberships available.

Cathy Johnson: Lots of people won't be here. Who'll be around to run the meeting?

Matthew B. Tepper will chair the meeting. There will be no aftermeeting.

Reviews

Nick Smith went to see *Argylle*, which was better than expected.

Lee Grixit watched a new superhero show that's not very fannish. It's called *God's Gang*. The first episode insults lots of things from the 1970s. He hopes it gets better.

Scribbles enjoyed reading Kingsley Amis's 1960 survey of science fiction, *New Maps of Hell*, which is excellent.

Miscellaneous

Nick Smith: On Super Bowl Sunday, he'll perform as a storyteller at Twisted Horn Mead and Cider in Vista.

Lynn Maners: There was a *Babylon 5* reference on a YouTube channel about the war in Ukraine. The narrator mentioned the character Londo Mollari.

Chris Marble: Greg Barrett says hi. He can't get a certified birth certificate in order to get a new state ID. He needs a notarized request, but you can't get something notarized without an ID.

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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

Board Meeting

Feb. 11, 2024

Matthew B. Tepper, chairing
Susan Fox, Secretary

Call to Order

11 a.m.

Present

Chairman Matthew B. Tepper, Vice Chairman Heide Nichols, Secretary Susan Fox, Eylat Poliner, Elayne Pelz, Christian B. McGuire, Cathy Johnson, Dean Johnson, and Michelle Pincus. Non-board members: club member observers Matt Mitchell and Gregory Lipscomb.

Minutes

Approved and accepted

New Members

Derek LaPorte of Glendale found the LASFS via Google Search and paid his membership fee via Zelle. Approved.

Treasurer's Report (Elayne Pelz)

The LASFS treasury stands at \$72,664.93. She just sent a check to Gavin Claypool for \$30,000 to transfer to the brokerage account.

30-Second Reports

Chairman (Matthew Tepper): Nothing to report

Vice Chairman (Heide Nichols): Nothing to report

Secretary (Susan Fox): Nothing to report

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): The investment account balance is \$897,755.69 as of Feb. 9, 2024, up \$8,438.67 since the last report. He has apparently not yet received the \$30,000 the treasurer sent.

Library (Gavin Claypool): Nothing to report

Quartermaster (Susan Fox): Nothing to report—not yet relevant

Archives (Cathy Johnson): Nothing to report

Physical Plant/Storage (Rob Powell): Nothing to report

AV Equipment (Dean Johnson): On leap day, we will have a hybrid LASFS meeting again. We will check for Wi-Fi, and Elayne Pelz will bring the Wi-Fi unit. Otherwise, equipment remains in storage.

Events (Eylat Poliner): Czech Consul Jaroslav Olša Jr. invited the club to a screening in the Hollywood area and offered to host the meeting after the screening. Poliner shared the trailer for *Restore Point*. This seems to be an issue for the procedural officers and the membership, so it will be brought up at a meeting in enough time for a June meeting.

Another event: Loscon 50 will table at Gallifrey One. Susan Fox will cover the table on Saturday, Matthew B. Tepper on Sunday. Heide Nichols will be there Friday until 4 p.m.

Publications (Christian McGuire): Heath Row is generating *De Profundis* and sending it out.

Marketing and Recruitment (Michelle Pincus): We are also tabling at Strategicon next door next weekend. A Gallifrey One badge will get you into the dealers room.

The LASFS and Loscon will also table at the Los Angeles Vintage Paperback Collectors Show on March 17.

Agenda Items

Discussion of a proposal to amend the LASFS By-Laws. As it currently stands:

Article III, Section 1, Part C

C. When elected, and continuously while serving, each Director shall meet the following qualifications:

1. Be an Attending Member, and have maintained such Attending Membership for at least 156 regular Society meetings;
2. Be an Attending Member continuously during the previous 52 regular Society meetings, unless prevented from doing so by a medical condition or by being temporarily absent from the area;
3. Reside within Los Angeles County, Kern County, Orange County, Riverside County, San Bernardino County, or Ventura County;
4. Not have been declared of unsound mind by a final order of court; and
5. Meet such additional activity requirements as the Board may establish pertaining to activities of the Board itself.

The Board, by a majority vote of the directors who meet all of the required qualifications to

be a director, may declare vacant the office of any Director who fails or ceases to meet any of the above qualifications that was in effect at the beginning of that director's current term of office.

Matthew B. Tepper suggests a minimal change: Item 3, residence requirement, adding Clark County, Nevada.

Elayne Pelz moves that this line be struck completely.

Cathy Johnson wants to strengthen the qualifications in other ways, such as length of membership and current dues.

Susan Fox wants to strengthen defenses against hostile takeovers.

Heide Nichols: Clark County is adjacent to San Bernardino County and residents are considered local residents for college admissions.

Michelle Pincus: If they are planning a hostile takeover, they could be Los Angeles residents. We won't elect anybody we don't know.

Fox: I have crunched the numbers. It would take three years and \$1,000 dollars to raise a board majority to siphon our savings away.

Pelz: Nobody's going to try to take our money.

Christian B. McGuire proposes a change to include the states of California, Nevada, Arizona, and Oregon.

Johnson: The region does not matter. Anybody could try to steal from us anywhere. It would be too much effort to pack membership and then the board for this to happen.

You have to be an *active* member to vote, and an *active* member for three years to run for the board. We have safeguards already in place.

Eylat Poliner: All the money is in the treasurer and comptroller's hands, and they won't hand over the money to anybody.

Fox: Five votes on the board is all it would take.

McGuire: It is possible; it could happen.

Dean Johnson: Different scenarios for people taking over and then taking the money—isn't that a felony? We need to make it impossible for anyone to take the club's money at all.

Pelz: The By-Laws won't help in a scenario like that. Replace the treasurer and the comptroller, and the new ones can just withdraw all the funds and fly to Hawaii. As a nonprofit corporation, funds must not benefit any member of the board.

Poliner: Is there anyone to back up Elayne if anything happens to her? Pelz says yes, there

are backup spreadsheets and thumb drives, and Joyce Lloyd and Kim Marks Brown are here to back her up. Day-to-day records are readable by Jordan.

An amended motion was made: change line three—reside within the states of California, Nevada, Arizona, and Oregon. Seven voted in favor, one opposed, and the measure passes.

The By-Law will be submitted to the club membership. It will be sent to the club via the *De Profundis* list and announced at every meeting until the membership vote two full meetings after publication. Poliner will send text to Heath Row, Cathy Johnson, and Fox for meeting announcements and the Facebook page. McGuire says this will boost it until the second Thursday in April, the in-person hybrid meeting.

Nichols: When did we say the in-person hybrid meetings would be the second Thursdays?

Pelz: We decided at the last in-person hybrid meeting.

Nichols has to cancel her event in March because she can't make it.

Significant Others

Club President (Cathy Johnson). We are meeting in person on leap day! And after that, the second Thursday of each month. Matthew B. Tepper is going to run the Thursday meeting because the procedural officers are all off at Gallifrey One.

Programming (Eylat Poliner): We have program items.

- Feb. 29: The Big Auction
- April 11 and 18: By-Laws discussions and vote
- June: Elections

Open Forum

Christian B. McGuire: We need proposals for Loscon 51. No bids have been submitted to the board yet.

Heide Nichols: We should put together a small committee to solicit a bid.

Take-Aways

None

Next Meeting Date

March 10, 2024, at 11 a.m.

Adjournment

Occurred at 12:01 p.m.

Welcome, Derek.
Meeting #4514, Feb. 15, 2024
Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Matthew B. Tepper called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Actor John Barrymore (b. Feb. 14 or 15, 1882; d. May 29, 1942)
- Actor and activist Cesar Romero (b. Feb. 15, 1907; d. Jan. 1, 1994)
- Publisher Ian Ballantine (b. Feb. 15, 1916; March 9, 1995)
- Actor Jane Seymour (b. Feb. 15, 1951)

Dispatchings

Comic book artist, writer, and editor Paul Neary (b. Dec. 18, 1949; d. Feb. 10, 2024)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1980, the movie *Saturn 3* debuted.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Feb. 8, 2024.

Additions and Corrections

Nick Smith inquired whether Scribbles had Greg Barrett's name correct. He had it correct in the Menace but might have misspoken.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Susan Fox bid \$5, won, and named them "Scribbles Never Fails." Take heed.

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as potentially misread, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Craig Miller was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Debra Levin, Scribbles, Nick Smith, and Matthew B. Tepper. Miller received three cheers.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner): Scribbles stood in for Poliner, reading upcoming programming items from a recent email.

- Feb. 29: In-person (hybrid) meeting at Denny's (5525 N. Sepulveda Blvd.,

Sherman Oaks, CA 91411). There will be a Big Auction.

- March 7: Craig Miller reading
- March 14: In-person (hybrid) meeting and Big Auction
- March 21: Heide Nichols performance of “Death Is Inevitable”
- April 11: In-person (hybrid) meeting—By-Laws discussion and first vote
- April 18: By-Laws vote
- May 9: In-person (hybrid) meeting and Big Auction
- June 6: President nominations
- June 13: In-person (hybrid) meeting and procedural elections

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)
The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 50.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)
Matthew B. Tepper stood in for Heide Nichols. We are joined tonight by Derek LaPorte, a new member. He’s lived in Los Angeles since 2007. He’s a big science fiction fan and found out about the club looking online. He’d like to connect with like-minded individuals and is currently reading Barry N. Malzberg, Roger Zelazny, and Joanna Russ. 10 years ago, he encountered an aftermeeting at the Coral Cafe. He has experience in film and game design.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)
Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues—or Elayne Pelz will come after you.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)
The board of directors will next meet March 10 at 11 a.m. The board has agreed on the wording of a By-Laws change that we will pass to the club for a discussion and vote on April 11. If it passes on that occasion, we will have a second vote without discussion on April 18. We’ll learn more about the proposed change later.

Old Business
None

New Business
None

Time-Bound Announcements
Krystal Rains: Loscon will table with a \$10 discount at Strategicon and Gallifrey One. They’ll also have Loscon lapel pins available for \$12. At Gallifrey One, there will be a raffle for a vintage toy.

Nick Smith: American Cinematheque will screen *Robot Dreams* at the Los Feliz Theatre and the Aero Theatre on Saturday and Sunday.

The New Beverly Cinema will show the 1979 *The Muppet Movie* this weekend.

Brain Dead Studios plans to screen *The Craft* on Saturday.

The Vista Theater has started hosting midnight movies. This weekend, it’s *The Omega Man*.

Dark Delicacies will host a signing with Rodney Barnes and illustrator Jason Shawn Alexander for *Blacula: Return of the King*.

Octavia’s Bookshelf is celebrating its first anniversary Sunday.

Moments of Science
Gregory Lipscomb shared a news release from OpenAI announcing that the newest version of ChatGPT will include memory, and the new product Sora will offer text-to-video generation (<https://openai.com/sora>)

Lee Grixit has seen a short demo for Sora; it is uncanny.

Also, remember when somebody bred rice with extra vitamin A in it? Someone is now breeding rice to include beef protein. He’s looking forward to artificial steaks.

Regular Announcements
Scribbles completed the emailing and mailing of the special edition of *De Profundis*. He’s added Derek LaPorte to the distribution list, so he should start receiving the LASFS newsletter monthly.

Reviews
Nick Smith went to Twisted Horn Mead and Cider in Vista. He plans to go back. They hold storytelling every second Sunday afternoon. He also saw *Madame Web*, which is loosely based on Marvel comics. It’s not horrible, but it’s really peculiar.

Charles Lee Jackson II remarked that he finds the idea behind the movie offensive as a storyteller.

Susan Rothman recently found herself working as a valet driver because of staffing needs. She’s working at a hotel as a valet cashier—without any valets. This week she had contact with a Lamborghini and a Chevy Suburban, a very large SUV.

Scribbles finished reading *Dead Sky* by Weston Ochse (<https://www.simonandschuster.com/books/Dead-Sky/Weston-Ochse/9781781086681>). The novel features Space

Cowboy Books in Joshua Tree, the Los Angeles area, and supernatural horror, as well as military sf. Out-of-body experiences, astral projection, and possession also play roles in the story.

Charles Lee Jackson II recently saw Mario Bava's *Lisa and the Devil*. Telly Savalas is in the movie.

Lee Grixit watched a new series called *Mr. & Mrs. Smith*. It's kind of uneven.

Matthew B. Tepper is now the proud owner of the Quack Mobile E, a 2021 Toyota Corolla Hybrid LE. It's a really nice car, and he will drive it to the hybrid meeting.

Miscellaneous

None

Call to Adjourn

Debra Levin so moved. That was seconded. The eyes had it.

Do You Know Where Your Kaiju Is Tonight? Meeting #4515, Feb. 22, 2024

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Actor Dwight Frye (b. Feb. 22, 1899; d. Nov. 7, 1943)
- Actor Thomas Jane (b. Feb. 22, 1969)
- Actor and producer Drew Barrymore (b. Feb. 22, 1975)
- Fan and LASFS member Genny Dazzo (b. Feb. 22, 1953)
- Courtesy of Susan Fox
 - Actor and singer Celia Rose Gooding (b. Feb. 22, 2000)
 - Actor, producer, and director James Hong (b. Feb. 22, 1929)
 - Actor Kyle MacLachlan (b. Feb. 22, 1959)
 - Actor Jeri Ryan (b. Feb. 22, 1968)
 - Writer, costume designer, and artist Edward Gorey (b. Feb. 22, 1925)

Dispatchings

- Comic book artist Enrique Badía Romero (b. April 24, 1930; d. Feb. 15, 2024)
- Author Steve Miller (b. July 31, 1950; d. Feb. 20, 2024)
- Actor Micheline Presle (b. Aug. 22, 1922; Feb. 21, 2024)

Media anniversary

On this date in 2012, *John Carter* premiered in Los Angeles. It entered general release March 9 that year. On this date in 1993, the first episode of *Babylon 5*, "The Gathering," was aired on television.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Feb. 15, 2024.

Additions and Corrections

Heide Nichols indicated that she wasn't at the meeting. We agreed that Matthew B. Tepper called on Derek LaPorte.

Charles Lee Jackson II asked whether the book title *Blacula: Return of the King* was correct. It was.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Eylat Poliner bid \$5, won, and named them "Welcome, Derek."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Maureen Garrett was celebrated and recognized by Nick Smith and Matthew B. Tepper. Garrett received three cheers—and a dog barked.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- Feb. 29: In-person (hybrid) meeting at Denny's (5525 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91411). There will be a Big Auction.
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- June 13: In-person (hybrid) meeting and procedural elections

Poliner has also talked to Jaroslav Olša Jr. about potential meeting space at the Consulate General of the Czech Republic (10990 Wilshire Blvd. #1100, Los Angeles, CA 90024) for a screening of *Restore Point* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2C-qhAfM0es>). The meeting would be a hybrid meeting, but the movie would not be.

Poliner asked for a show of hands to gauge interest.

The event is likely to occur in May or June.

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): Obi-Shawn Crosby agreed to be MC. They'll show the original three Star Wars movies after the ice cream social. The 501st Legion has also been invited to attend. We have chosen a nonprofit to support, the American Cancer Society. Fen will be able to knit caps to present to Julia Ree during the Star Wars presentation. The auction will also raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

Fandom Wellness Committee (Chris Marble): George Mulligan sends his greetings. His rehab continues. He's coming up on 26 months. Marble encouraged him to do 35 minutes of exercise a day.

Marble hasn't talked to Greg Barrett since the last meeting.

Multiple members updated the group on COVID-19 tests, con crud, and other illnesses.

Cathy Johnson reported that Dean Johnson's surgery is scheduled for Monday morning.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 50, celebrating 50 Loscons. Next week will be the chance to get something in for next month.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

We don't have any new guests tonight. At the last board meeting, we approved a new member, Derek LaPorte, and he's been diligent about attending since then.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. We don't like chasing people down. People have until the end of March to pay for the year. Zelle is preferred.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The board of directors will next meet March 10 at 11 a.m. The board has already agreed on wording for a By-Laws change, which we'll send on to the club for a vote in April.

Old Business

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the upcoming in-person hybrid meetings Feb. 29, March 14, April 11, May 9, and June 13.

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith: American Cinematheque is hosting a Hayao Miyazaki triple feature at the Egyptian Theatre Hollywood on Sunday featuring *Kiki's Delivery Service*, *Porco Rosso*, and *Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind*.

They're also showing Roger Corman's *The Masque of the Red Death* at the Los Feliz Theatre.

The New Beverly Cinema will screen a Roald Dahl double feature, as well as *Time Walker* and *The Outing*.

The Vista Theater will screen *Blazing Saddles* and Danny Kaye's *Hans Christian Andersen*. On Feb. 28, they'll screen *Kiss the Girls and Make Them Die* as a double feature with *Secret Agent Super Dragon*.

Dark Delicacies will host a signing with Izzy Lee for the book *I Can See Your Lies*.

Vroman's Bookstore will host a conversation with Cory Doctorow about his new book *The Bezzle* on Saturday.

The Octavia E. Butler Science Fiction Book Club will hold an online talk with Dr. Kendra Parker at Georgia Southern University. The La Pintoresca Branch Library will host the live component.

Scribbles: Corflu 41 is next weekend in Las Vegas. The deadline to vote for the Faan Awards is Saturday (<https://efanzines.com/TIR/Incompleat2023.pdf>).

Moments of Science

Susan Fox: Odysseus lunar lander became the first United States-made spacecraft to touch down on the moon in 50 years. It landed this afternoon.

Lee Grixit: There's an interesting development related to the adoption of synthetic materials. Did we start using them because they're better than natural materials? Is it because they cost less? Now we could switch back to natural materials and produce them synthetically, like cellulose. It was recently announced that there's now a process that can strain chitin out of waste and use it for construction materials. Will that affect people

with allergies? Chitin itself is not an allergen, but it can still catalyze allergic reactions.

Nick Smith: This is a moment of fannish science. Some of you have probably read historical fantasy or science fiction about something that fell out of the sky and affected everything. In Switzerland, they found an arrowhead made of meteoric iron. The meteor was identified, and it landed in Estonia. That means that nearly 3,000 years ago, someone in Estonia found an artifact that fell out of the sky and traded it most of the way across Europe at the point when the Bronze Age was fading out. Was it a happenstance? Or did it affect the development of iron weapons?

Regular Announcements

Matt Mitchell: On Feb. 20, long-time fan Mark Merlino died. He'd had several strokes over the holidays and was diagnosed with liver cancer. He was a founding member of the Cartoon/Fantasy Organization and ConFurence. (https://en.wikifur.com/wiki/Mark_Merlino)

Rob Powell reported that a GoFundMe was established for his family. (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-a-true-fandom-original>)

Reviews

Scribbles recently read the new issue of the relaunched *Worlds of If* magazine (<https://worldsofifmagazine.com>)—it's very good and worth seeking out.

He's also started watching the TV show *Sapphire & Steel*, one of the most bizarre and awkward programs he's ever seen. Its approach to time travel is wonderfully foreboding.

Heide Nichols has been enjoying a young adult series by Rebecca Rode, *Numbers Game* (<https://authorrebeccarode.com/products/numbers-game>). It's heavily science fiction.

Eylat Poliner has now watched all of *The Librarians*. It's a very enjoyable show and is similar to *Warehouse 13*. It's available on Amazon.

Lee Grixit reviewed *Quantum Leap* last year. He thought it did a good job referencing the old series. In the second season, they did a great job of getting through the overarching plot. There's a nice denouement.

Charles Lee Jackson II remarked that on this week's episode of *NCIS*, they dealt with the death of David McCallum and brought down the curtain on his character. It was a good send off, and the episode had a little sting in the tail.

Debra Levin offered two phone-related reviews. She took the phone with her to pick

Ben up, and it was hysterical to join the meeting in her car via Bluetooth.

She also started watching *Doctor Who* from the beginning on Tubi. She's seen all of the William Hartnell episodes that they offer, and she's enjoying it. She's also enjoyed some of the animated episodes.

Eylat Poliner had a really good time at Gallifrey One. It was a really good convention.

Cathy Johnson also enjoyed it.

Miscellaneous

Charles Lee Jackson II took a fall two weeks ago but didn't break a hip. He's been carrying his phone with him in case he falls. He asked whether there is much in the way of electromagnetic radiation from a mobile phone that's turned off.

Cathy Johnson announced that there will be no aftermeeting tonight. We'll meet in person next week.

Call to Adjourn

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

Upcoming Conventions

April 5-7: Golden State Fur Con, <https://gsfurcon.com>

April 19-21: Anime Nation Fest, <https://www.animenationfest.com>

April 20: Fangaea, San Diego, <https://www.fangaea.us>

April 20-21: *Los Angeles Times* Festival of Books, <https://events.latimes.com/festivalofbooks>

April 27-28: TouhouFest, Torrance, <https://www.touhoufest.org>

Upcoming Events

April 1: *The First Omen* and *The Omen* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

April 2: *The Beast* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

April 4-10: *The First Omen* at the Vista Theater

April 5: *Little Shop of Horrors* and *A Bucket of Blood* at Gardena Cinema, Gardena

April 5-6: *With Love and a Major Organ* at the Los Feliz Theatre

April 6: *Blade Runner—The Final Cut* and *Critters* at the Egyptian Theatre Hollywood

April 6: *Repo Man* at Gardena Cinema, Gardena

April 6: *Sasquatch Sunset* at the Aero Theatre

April 6: *The Muppets Take Manhattan* and *Metropolis* (2001) at the New Beverly Cinema

April 6-7: *The Absent-Minded Professor* at the Vista Theater

April 7: *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* at the Los Feliz Theatre

April 7: *The Muppets Take Manhattan* at the New Beverly Cinema

April 8: *The Man They Could Not Hang*, *The Black Room*, and *The Boogie Man Will Get You* at the New Beverly Cinema

April 8: *The Ninth Configuration* and *Fritz the Cat* at the Los Feliz Theatre

April 9: *Westworld* and *Exhuma* at the Los Feliz Theatre

April 10: *Nostalgia for the Light* at the Los Feliz Theatre

April 11: *Mysterious Object at Noon* at the Los Feliz Theatre

April 12: *House* at Brain Dead Studios

April 12: *The First Omen* at the New Beverly Cinema

April 12: *Crumb* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

April 12-18: *Civil War* at the Vista Theater

April 13: *The Thing* (1951) and *Them!* at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

April 13: *The First Omen*, *Jason and the Argonauts*, *Mothra*, and *The Craft* at the New Beverly Cinema

April 13: *Sleepaway Camp* at Gardena Cinema, Gardena

April 14: *Forbidden Planet* at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

April 14: *The First Omen*, *Jason and the Argonauts*, and *Mothra* at the New Beverly Cinema

April 14: *The Neverending Story* at Brain Dead Studios

April 15: *Caniba* at the Los Feliz Theatre

April 15-18: *The First Omen* at the New Beverly Cinema

April 19: *With Love and a Major Organ* at the Los Feliz Theatre

April 19-21: *Fright Night* and *Night of the Creeps* at the New Beverly Cinema

April 20: Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous Housefilk hosted by Devon and Mary Creasey via Zoom and in person. No pre-filk dinner. Filk style: Moderated chaos.

April 20: *Beetlejuice* at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

April 21: *Exhuma* at the Los Feliz Theatre

April 23: *A.I. Artificial Intelligence* at the Los Feliz Theatre

April 25: *Exhuma* at the Los Feliz Theatre

April 26: *Gattaca* at the New Beverly Cinema

April 26: *2046* at Brain Dead Studios

April 26: *Spirit Riser* at Gardena Cinema, Gardena

April 27: Cartoon Festival and adult Cartoon Festival at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

April 27-28: *Labyrinth* at the New Beverly Cinema

April 27-28: *Dawn of the Dead* in 3D at Gardena Cinema, Gardena

April 29: *The Manchurian Candidate* at the Los Feliz Theatre

April 30: *Ex Machina* at the Los Feliz Theatre

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

Board Game Day at Paper Hero's Games in Sherman Oaks (<https://www.paperherosgames.com>) from 2-10 p.m. (Courtesy of Nick Smith!)

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.

If you'd like to submit cons, events, or news items of interest to LASFS members for inclusion in *De Prof*, please do so by contacting the editor (see Colophon above).

Clubzine Exchange

In addition to sending *De Prof* to the LASFS membership, we also send copies to about 40 sf clubs around the world. Some of them reciprocate with their own publications, which I can forward to LASFSans upon request. Just ask for what you'd like to receive by name. Since the last issue, we've received:

Ethel the Aardvark #224 (MSFC, November 2023), *Fanactivity Gazette* Vol. 3 #10 (N3F, March 2024), *Instant Message* #1007 (NESFA, March 2024), *The N3F Review of Books* (March 2024), N'APA #269 (N3F, March 2024), *The National Fantasy Fan* Vol. 83 #3 (N3F, March 2024), *Probe* #199 (SFFSA, March 2024), *Science Fiction Forum Newsletter* #18-20 (Stony Brook University SF4M, February-March 2024), *Scientifiction* #79 (First Fandom, Q1 2024), *Sigma* #455 (Parsec, March 2024), *The Starship Express* (SFABC, March 2024), and *Tightbeam* #354 (N3F, March 2024).

We also heard from the Academy of Science Fiction Fantasy and Horror Films, the Baltimore Science Fiction Society, the Bay Area Science Fiction Association, the British Fantasy Society, the British Science Fiction Association, the Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association, the Fanac Fan History Project, the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts, Melody Friedenthal of the Worcester

(Mass.) Public Library's science fiction book club, the Science Fiction & Fantasy Poetry Association, the Tolkien Society, and the USS Angeles.

Fanzines and Prozines Received

These items aren't received in trade for *De Prof*, but are received, read, and recommended by Scribbles. I can't send you these, but you can explore them yourself:

Alexiad #133 (February 2024), *BSFA Awards 2023*, *The Crown Prints* Vol. 27 #4 (April 2024), *Galactic Diary* #2, *Horseman* #6, *Interzone* #298, *JenZine* #9, *Locus* Vol. 92 #3 (March 2024), *The MT Void*, Vol. 42 #22 (December 2023), *The Obdurate Eye* #37, *On Spec* #127, *oXlIp: The COR41U Memory Book*, *Pablo Lennis* #436, *Perryscope* #42, *Small Steps Down a Local Street* #2, *SMOF News* Vol. 3 #27-30, *Space Cowboy's Accretion* #5-6, *Star Trek Explorer* #11, *Tetragrammaton Fragments* #274, *The Triumvirate* Vol. 4, and *The Typo King* #84-85.

New fanzines available via <https://efanzines.com> include *A Backwater of Fandom* #12, *Claims Department* #68, *CyberCozen* (March 2024), *Dark Toys* #77, *Every Place I Read Your Goddamn Book* #1, *Every Place I Read Your Goddamn Fanzine* #2-3, *The Incomplete Register 2024 Results Issue*, *JenZine* #9, *Journey Planet* #79, *Littlebrook* #13, *Notes on a Saturday Morning*, *The Obdurate Eye* #37, *Opuntia* #567-568, *Ornithopter Mk.IIa*, *Pixel Dreams* #3, *Rhyme & Paradox* #5, *SF Commentary* #115, *Small Steps Down a Local Street* #2, *Spartacus* #71-72, *The Stf Amateur* #6, and *Wild Ideas* #45.

Call for Submissions

Do you write or draw? Not only is *De Profundis* open to news items and member updates, members of the LASFS participate in two amateur press associations.

APA-L is weekly and collated by Heath Row. If you'd like to consider joining APA-L, contact him to express interest. We're especially interested in cover art, which you can submit without joining.

LASFAPA is monthly and collated by David Schlosser. You can contact him at schloss17@

suddenlink.net to express interest in joining LASFAPA.

And if you'd like to contribute otherwise but not necessarily on a regular basis, Heath Row publishes a monthly fanzine titled *The Stf Amateur*. The most recent issue is available upon request. He'd welcome your fanart, poetry, filk songs and lyrics, fiction, articles, essays, reviews, jokes, and other material. Contributors will receive the issue in which their material appears.

Who knows: If there's enough active member interest—i.e., submissions—maybe we'll return to publishing *Shangri-L'Affaires*, too. Wouldn't that be neat?