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Legend of Inscrutable Abbreviations

BoD - Board of Directors
 CFO - Cartoon Fantasy Organization
 Cinema Anime - Japanimation
 Estrogen Zone - Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 FWEMS - Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 Time Meddlers - Dr. Who Club
 TRIPE - Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment
 TSPC - Tom Safer Presents Cartoons - 10 am
 Work Party - Noon

CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Estrogen Zone - 2 pm
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
 Time Meddlers - 10:30 am
 TRIPE - Noon until whenever

Thursday Program Items

November 1 - Roundtable Discussion of LASFS 75th Anniversary Celebration

November 8 - Nominations for LASFS BoD

November 15 - LASFS BoD Elections

November 22 - Nothing Scheduled

November 29 - Loscon Con Reports

Calendar Details

Asian Cult Cinema - None this month
 BoD - 11 am, gaming starts at 2 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1 pm until it ends

COLOPHON

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De Profundis is the official newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601, USA). Our telephone number is: (818) 760-9234. Our web site is: www.lasfs.org. *De Profundis* is available to active LASFS members, Patron Friends & Saints of the LASFS, voluntary active LASFS members, and in exchange for other fanzines. VAMs are available for \$10 per year, payable to LASFS, Inc.

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).

We want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address c/o *De Profundis* or leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Milt Stevens, can be reached at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings or at his address: miltstevens@earthlink.net. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

Address corrections should be given or sent to the LASFS Treasurer at the clubhouse.

Due to the press of other material there is currently no space available in *De Profundis* for advertising. I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to members.

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.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. Interjections in square brackets [[]] are solely the responsibility of the editor.

LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers

President: Marcia Minsky. **Vice-President:** Joan Steward, Mike Thorsen, Tadao Tomomatsu (tag team). **Scribe:** John DeChancie, Joe Zeff (tag team). **Treasurer:** Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Joyce Hooper, Michelle Pincus, Arline Satin (tag team).

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2009). **Vice-Chairman:** Mike Thorsen (2007). **Comptroller:** Brett Achorn (2008). **Secretary:** George Van Wagner (2008) **Other members:** Merlin R. "Bob" Null (2009), Ed Green (2009), Tadao Tomomatsu (2009), Liz Mortensen (2007), Cathy Beckstead (2007), Bill Ellern (2008), Elayne Pelz (2008). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

Official Committees

De Profundis Editor: Milt Stevens. **Speaker to Gestetner:** Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Vanessa Van Wagner. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Darnell Coleman. **LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison:** Marty Cantor. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** C.B. McGuire, Elayne Pelz ** **Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi** (take a deep breath here): Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curators:** Doc Reames, Alison Stern. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key Control:** Liz Mortensen, Bob Null. Mike Thorsen. **Special Photographic Collection:** Mike Donahue. **Webmaster** - <lasfs.org>: Scott Beckstead. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Ministry of Silly Gavels:** Bob Null. ** **Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel, Editor; Greg Barrett, Facilitator. **Computers & LASFS Archives:** Bob Null. **Charity Coordinator:** Liz Mortensen. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **North Hollywood Arts District Liaison:** George Van Wagner. **Hagiography & Ecclesiastical Affairs:** Vanessa Van Wagner. **Westercon Liaison:** Ed Green. **Shaggy Editor:** Ed Green. **Program:** George Van Wagner, **Readings:** Vanessa Van Wagner, **Liaison to Enigma** (The UCLA SF Club not the German encryption machine) George Van Wagner

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Master Sergeant-at-Arms In Perpetuity: Roy Tackett. **Windmill-at-Arms:** Kees van Toorn. **Samurai-at-Arms:** Takumi Shibano. **Librarian-at-Arms:** Heather Stern.

BoD Motion

The Board of directors discussed and approved a motion to be forwarded to the membership requesting that the general membership of the society approve the expenditure of up to \$30,000 from the century fund to be spent on infrastructure repair and improvement, with individual project expenditures to be approved by a majority vote of the board. A special meeting of the society will occur on Thursday, December 6 to consider and vote on this motion

Next LAFA Filksing

Saturday, November 10, 2007, 7 pm
The House of Perpetual Commotion
Hosts: John and Mary Creasey
3754 W. 170th Street
Torrance, CA
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CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(Copies of the complete minutes are filed in the archives.)

*LASFS Board of Directors
Sunday, September 9, 2007
Karl Lembke, Presiding
George Van Wagner, Scribe*

Attending Board Members: Karl Lembke (Chairman), George Van Wagner (Secretary), Tadao Tomomatsu, , Brett Achorn (comptroller), Ed Green, Bill Ellern, Liz Mortensen, Bob Null, Mike Thorsen (vice-chair), Cathy Beckstead

Absent: Elayne Pelz (procedural treasurer) - excused absence.

Others Attending: Vanessa Van Wagner, Joe Zeff, Milt Stevens, Marty Cantor, Greg Bilan, Marcia Minsky, Joyce Sperling, Michael Pell, Heidi , Matthew Tepper, Judy Zeff, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, Joan Steward, Fred Lazelle, Scott Beckstead, Patrick Beckstead, Gavin Claypool, Arlene Satin

Called to Order: 11:07 AM

Minutes: The minutes were approved as submitted

New Members: Judy Zeff

Treasurer: No budget report because Treasurer is out of the country attending some to-do in Japan.

Maintenance: Roof repair, repair of West wall and parking bumpers still need to be attended to. The question of crash bars was discussed again. Motion was made and seconded to take \$30,000 from the Century Fund to make infrastructure repairs. A motion passed to table until the decision until the Treasurer was present.

Letter was sent to the neighbor regarding maintenance we intend to do addressing the drainage situation. Neighbor has not only NOT removed his plants, he has installed a permanent watering system.

Ed Green is investigating prices on asphalt repair.

Bob Null notes that power is being wasted due to the thermostat being in the heat flow from the soda machine and also the air conditioning being fiddled with. He proposes installing an accurate thermostat and a padlocked cage to prevent tampering.
Electronic Equipment:

There are no problems with AV systems at this time. Gaming computers are working. One machine is now suitable for playing DVD's only - will hang when game playing is attempted. Inexpensive keyboards have been purchased and installed

Communications: Pubs computer is running fine. Gestetner start button is cracking because of unauthorized users not operating the machine properly. Motion passed for Marty Cantor to get a lock for the power cord to prevent unauthorized use, to come up with a list of authorized users, and to document the process by which users become authorized.

Library: Preparing for the WeHo book fair. Intending to have adult reading list ready for distribution.
Website:

Miscellaneous: The club thanked Tony Benoun for providing LASFS business cards.

Marketing Committee Report: Official instructions for West Hollywood Book Fair setup and parking were distributed. We will have a video presentation, author book signings, and a panel. The new bookmarks were presented amidst "oohs" and "ahs". Marketing requested help for setup and tear-down. Book Fair administrations have already requested that we return next year and possibly help them with programming.

Archive: Bob Null has located back issues of Shaggy, neatly organized and labeled. Currently working on preserving early '30s and '40s minutes. Volume of items to be preserved may exceed available space. It may be possible to reclaim some drawer space by sorting and discarding old items. Things do tend to go missing. Various gavels have disappeared. The Library has off-site storage which might be used for archive storage.

Institutional Memory Committee: Updated by-laws (most recent version found so far dates from 2000), list of important documents and where they are, what events are important and when we need to do them so we can set up a calendar, possibly to be web-hosted.

New Agenda: Call to order, minutes, Directors and Others give a 30 second project report (if it needs more time, it should be an agenda item), prepare agenda in advance and let the membership know in case they want to show up for a given matter, new business, new budget items, policies and procedures, long term planning, open forum (like city council open mic: Board sits and listens to members who speak for a brief time. If additional discussion is required the item can be added to the agenda for next meeting). A suggestion was made that the discussion of the new agenda and meeting format be held during the Special Meeting scheduled for September 17th if there is time. A motion was passed to discuss the changes at the next Board meeting. The Chair will announce to the membership that changes are being considered and members will have an opportunity to comment on them.

Motion passed to reactivate the By-Laws Committee with Bill Ellern as the head with authority for additional members of the committee.

Loscon 34: The next meeting is today, mainly concerned with scheduling and programming issues. A message from the Loscon 34 Chair was read. Progress Report #3 is on schedule. Guest invites have gone out. Dealers, advertising, and art show spaces are all being sold. There will be parties and fan tables at Coppercon and Conjecture. Archeology Day is still scheduled for October 27th. There may also be one October 20th at a museum in the San Gabriel Valley.

Yard Sale: A plan has been submitted and work is moving forward. A motion passed to thank Gavin for his good work and then get out of his way so he can do it.

Book Fair is in Arlene's hands.

Adjourned:
12:23 PM

Meeting #3656, September 6, 2007

President: Marcia Minsky

Scribe: Joe Zeff

The president called for Philip Morris...er...uh...the meeting to come to order at 8:10 PM-ish. The meeting number and Patron Saint were verified in the normal manner by appeal to June Moffatt.

The minutes were read, and after being nitpicked to death were finally approved as Can't we all just get along?

Patron Saints: First, Emil Lewish, who, I'm told, didn't look Lewish. He was never a LASFS member, but was made a saint, posthumously, by his son Mike, so that we would honor him every year. He was given three cheers and a travel toothbrush to clean up after the cotton candy. Second, Greg Bilan, a long-time supporter of the club as Christian McGuire pointed out. Scratch wanted us to know that he's a very, very tall man for his height. Matthew reminded us that he was the only person in the room who had served on the USS Enterprise. Dale Hales told us that he was one of the most hard-working members of the club, sometime to excess. He is an Evans-Freehafer award winner, and the club's own klingon. He was given three cheers and a ten-speed Bird of Prey.

Guests: From last Friday, Cornelia Parkinson and Kane Parkinson.

Committee Reports: there was a discussion of the Hugo winners, although nobody had the complete list. Tonight's program is What Are You Reading. No program next week, but the voting on the Forry Award is coming up at the end of the month. At this point, Mr. Tepper brought up the Hugo list on his iPhone and, being a helpful showoff, read them off for us. The West Hollywood Book Fair will be on September 30, and there will be a LASFS presence, with new bookmarks by Hugo winner Frank Wu. Members who will, or could be there are asked to help out so that Arlene Satin doesn't have to be there all day by herself.

Announcements: Dr. Gleason is out of the hospital and recovering. We're still not sure what was wrong, but we're all glad it's been fixed.

Scott Beckstead gouged the LASFS.

Reviews: Matthew Tepper reviewed the Masters of Science Fiction series, saying that it was both interesting and infuriating, partially because the adapters tended to put their politics into some of the

stories and took the point out of others. He considered it a good effort, damning it with faint praise.

Miscellaneous: The Lantern O'Jack was passed, as CLJII had been out of the room earlier. The money will be spent for the annual Autumn Holiday Party. The first Worlds of Wonder seminar will be Monsters and Madmen about the Universal Monster Movies.

Program: What have you been reading lately?

Meeting #3659, September 27, 2007

President: Marcia Minsky

Scribe: Joe Zeff

At 8:11:37 PM, there was a Big Bang, and a LASFS meeting appeared, seemingly out of nowhere.

The minutes were read, nitpicked and approved as "What?" at the scribe's suggestion.

Patron Saints: Karl Lembke. He's the absolute, positive best chairman of the Board of Directors we've had all year. He knows more about movies than the average bear. (Oops! Wrong person.) He's brave, kind and all sorts of other nice things. He's not Charlie Jackson, and we're all glad of it. Karen called him a good cook and a good publisher of cookbooks. Frank Waller reminded us that he's good at making mead. Matthew wanted us to know that he keeps our water drinkable. Ms. Minsky told us that he'd brought a birthday cake as his birthday is Sunday. He received three cheers and a bookmark. Ron Ellik. Len Moffatt told us that he was one of the young kids that came to the club in the '50s, out of Long Beach. He reminded people of a squirrel, in the nicest possible way, unlike Screwy, Slappy or Skippy. Alas, he died young, before many of us had a chance to know him. Part of his fanac was publicizing the '58 WorldCon in South Gate and writing a Man from U.N.C.L.E. Book. Karen Anderson remembered that he was not only an LA fan, he was a Bay Area fan and went to college up there. Fred Patten told us he'd shared a room with him at the Seattle WorldCon. Bill Ellern wanted us to know that he hitchhiked back and forth across the country for conventions. He was killed in a single-car accident on an icy road in Michigan. All of fandom is poorer for it. The scribe pointed out that he gave us what was, by the standards of the time, a considerable amount of money. He was given three cheers and a big pack of Squirrel Nutters.

Guests: none. We're setting a bad precedent.

Committee Reports: West Hollywood Book Fair, this

Sunday. Details were given, but by the time these minutes are read, they won't matter any more. The Lantern O'Jack was passed again, for the same reason it's been passed every week this month, Pinky. The first Worlds of Wonder seminar is still scheduled for October 9th. The Recommended Viewing List is being updated, to be ready for LosCon. There are still a large number of tapes and DVDs missing. The Science Committee reports that the meteor strike in Peru is getting more and more dubious, although there is something noxious in the ground water. Programming for tonight is the voting on the Forry Awards. At some time in October, there will be a tribute to the late Mr. Wizard, with hands on experiments.

Old Business: voting on the Forry Awards. A long, drawn-out Buchman Process ended with David Gerrold as the winner. A request for club Spring Cleaning and maintenance, written by Frank Waller, was read to the club.

New Business: none.

Announcements: Dandelion Wine, based on a story by Ray Bradbury, will be shown in Pasadena. The NaNoWriMo contest will start at midnight, October 31.

Faanish Committee Reports: Martin reported that the press conference at Columbia University by the President of Iran was a classic example of somebody doing his best to avoid unpleasant facts. The scribe reported on a spam he'd seen where the entire message was on the Subject line of the email.

Reviews: Len Moffatt reviewed In the Shell of the Moon, about the Apollo Program. I think he liked it, as he called it both entertaining and informative. Hare Hobbs reviewed the new Bionic Woman series. He thinks it's going to be a good show. The scribe nitpicked a character's claim to be the first Bionic Woman. A Random Walk in Science was reviewed by a fan named Mike. He's been enjoying it, off and on, for thirty years now and finally got around to reviewing it. Mr. Jackson reviewed The Old Farmer's Almanak, finding the 2008 edition as enjoyable as former ones have been.

Miscellaneous: Ms. Minsky asked any keyholders at the meeting to see her after the meeting ends. Frank Waller has had an ultrasound, and will be getting an angioplasty at 6 AM, Monday. I didn't know that Monday had a 6 AM.

The final motion moved at precisely 9:31 PMish.

Respectively submitted by the Scribe with the Sideburns.



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