



MAY 2016

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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

Estrogen Zone = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am
 2nd Sunday Open House = Board and other gaming - 2 pm
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation - 1 pm
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 Time Meddlers = Dr. Who club - 11 am
 Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am

CALENDAR DETAILS

BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 Estrogen Zone - 2:00 pm
 FW-EMS - Arthur Franz Film Festival -- all '50s pictures

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

MAY 5 - Eric Hoffman Video Presentation
MAY 12 - no programme
MAY 19 - BIG AUCTION.
MAY 26 - Guest Speaker Phil Proctor

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE STARTS AT NOON THIS MONTH

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

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De Profundis 519- May 2016. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

De Profundis is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (6012 Tyrone Ave., Van Nuys, CA, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 904-9544. The club's web site is: www.lasfs.org. *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 55¢ in person, \$1.00 by domestic mail. Out of country rates quoted upon request but it is recommended that copies be downloaded - or at least read - from the *DE PROF* web site.

Westercon is a service mark of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Incorporated (LASFS, Inc.), Worldcon and NASFiC are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society (WSFS).

I want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address c/o *De Profundis* or leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his edress: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbcglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net) or at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

If anybody who receives *DE PROF* via the mail happens to move without letting me know the new address; well, I have more important things to do than to be chasing down addresses so I will stop sending zines to you even if you have given me money to do so.

I will accept no advertising in *De Profundis* but I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to LASFS members.

Even though *De Profundis* is no longer the official newsletter of the LASFS, I intend to run the zine as if it still belonged to the club. Mostly. Due to space limitations, priority is always given to content mandated in the LASFS by-laws and by any applicable traditions. Also, after that stuff, by what the editor wants to do.

Written in Publisher 2000 on a new custom-modified Intel quad-core, DELL Workstation (using the Windows 7 Professional 64 bit operating system) and printed on an HP 4700dn colour laser printer.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. *Interjections in italics are solely the responsibility of the smartass, er, editor. Any resemblances 'twixt smartassery and responsibility are purely coincidental.*

Addendum: At the LASFS' Board of Directors meeting of February 8, 2009, the Directors accepted the proposal by Marty Cantor to take over *De Profundis* as his own fanzine, or as one of them, and he will be assuming the entire cost of production. Marty Cantor has promised to use his 5+ years experience of running *De Prof* as a guide to pubbing the zine as the *unofficial* newsletter of the society. The proposal was put to the Board because the Board had previously indicated that costs were dictating the discontinuance of the zine. *De Prof* is available on paper solely at cost: currently 75¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.25. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at approximate cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

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LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers
January - June, 2016

President: Gavin Claypool. **Vice-President:** Debra Levin. **Registrar:** Jeromy Miller. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke & Nick Smith. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz & Michelle Pincus.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2018). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2017).. **Comptroller:** Debra Levin (2018). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2018). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2018), Gavin Claypool (2016), Elayne Pelz (2017), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2017), Mike Thorsen (2016), Michelle Pincus (2016), Nick Smith (2017). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

Official Committees

De Profundis Editor, Speaker to toners, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison: Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whisky. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Gavin Claypool, Ed Hooper. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** Christian McGuire. **Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curator:** Tom Khamis. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key Control:** Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster -** <<http://www.lasfs.org>>; **Barry Gold.** **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel, **Editor, Computers & LASFS Archivist:** Christian McGuire. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Science Officer:** David Okamura (with Karl Lembke). **Marketing and Promotion:** Michelle Pincus; **Parking/MTA Liaison,** Milt Stevens.

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

If there is an X in this space, your sub has run out ____

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE
(complete minutes are supposed to be filed
in the LASFS' files and can be read there -
also at www.lasfs.org)

Meeting 4094, January 28, 2016
President Gavin Claypool, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

President Gavin Claypool called the meeting to order at: 8:02 pm, after finally closing last week's meeting.

Special Orders of Business: Marvin Minsky, co-founder of the Artificial Intelligence lab at MIT. He was also the AI science advisor for the film 2001: A Space Odyssey, in Kubrick's attempt to make HAL 9000 a believable computer AI. He also co-wrote The Turing Option with Harry Harrison. He was on the faculty of MIT since 1958.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and named "It's Loos In Space!!!"

Patron Saint Gail Selinger:

From the hagiography:

Published author of romance novels, and former New York City public school teacher. Gail became an active member of the Society in the '70s and was the one-time partner of fan Frank Gasperik.

Gail created "Coof", a typo of coffee. Fans began coming up with recipes for coof. (*I should have been there to mention that Gail is an expert on pirates and is often shown on the National Geographic and History channels giving expert opinions on things pirate related.* - ed.)

Patron Saint Gail Selinger was given Three Cheers and an "ARRR."

Patron Saint Rick Sneary: Rick served as Director (what we used to call the President) and kept meticulous records during his terms as Treasurer.

Rick donated work and cash during one of the club's unfortunate periods and came up with the slogan "South Gate in 58". Rick's signature line was, "No more than two at a time!" Rick was a member of the Knights of Saint Fanthony.

Patron Saint Rick Sneary was given Three Cheers and a Ytop.

Registrar: Breyen Katz stopped by and got the tour, but couldn't stay. He learned about us on the web and is interested in SF and futurism. He is an Aspiring Writer. Currently, Breyen is a video editor.

Treasurer's Report: Elayne's not here, and you can't spend it anyway. (*I have not heard of any proposal to spend Elayne. And, anyway, Elayne is not an it.* - ed.)

A Moment of Science, with David Okamura. **Tomorrowland** used to have an exhibit where you played tic tac toe against a computer. The computers are getting better. A robot has now solved a Rubik's Cube in a little over one second. Up to now computers have been only able to handle the game of Go at a moderate level. A new AI has been able to play at master level.

Ebola is old news, but Zika is the new bug on the block. Spread by mosquitoes, it apparently causes birth defects, even when the mother is asymptomatic. Travel advisories from the CDC, especially for pregnant women. At least one case in California so far, a teen girl who had visited El Salvador. The WHO is mobilizing more quickly than for Ebola.

Many of you remember where you were 30 years ago, when the Challenger crashed. It was the 25th shuttle mission, and Challenger's 10th, and people thought of the shuttle as a relatively safe, simple vehicle. David found the list of lesson plans that were supposed to come back with the teacher on that mission. Remember the crew of the Challenger.

Chapman University has added papers to its collection from the scientist who had refused to give the go-ahead for the mission.

Reviews: Milt Stevens reviewed **Uprooted** by Naomi Novick, a fantasy novel possibly worth of Hugo consid-

eration. Folkloric imagery mixed with Jane Eyre. May be suitable for YA.

Deb commented that **Agent Carter** is obviously in an alternate universe.

Nick reviewed **Perchance to Dream**, the short story collection of material by Charles Beaumont. Mentioned that this is a great overview of the brief career of Beaumont.

Gavin mentioned the recent Trigger Warning program at the bookstore of Mystery and Imagination, and the staging of the Dennis Etchison story at the store last Saturday. "Turkey Shoot" by Tom Lavagnino? And "Got to Kill them All" by Dennis Etchison. Etchison may teach writing classes at the store in the near future.

Scratch is continuing his read of the Honor Harrington series, and still liking it.

Miscellaneous: Karl Lembke, as Chairman of the Board, announced that there would be no Board meeting on Sunday the 14th, due to a convention conflict. Any remaining LOSCON presentations must be made at the March meeting.

Caltech Play Readers are doing a reading of Post-Mortem on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 8 pm in the Athenaeum at Caltech.

Thursday the 4th, Skylight Books will feature Charlie Anders, editor of IO9, will be reading from her new SF novel.

To Boldly Go will be performed at Caltech the last weekend of February and the first weekend of March. Tickets are \$18, and Nick is trying to organize an outing to the show.

June Moffatt asked about the new abbreviated Saint comments, and there was a discussion of the reasons and the methods to the madness. (My disgust at the new treatment of those who have made the current clubhouse possible is voluminous and will just be briefly mentioned here. I wish that I had been at that part of the meeting where this was proposed. - ed.)

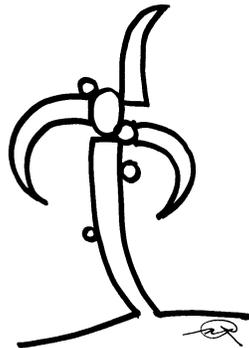
Gavin announced that the library book of the week was **Turing Option**, by Harry Harrison and Marvin Minsky.

The meeting adjourned at: 8:56 pm.

Meeting 4095, February 4, 2016
President Gavin Claypool, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

President Gavin Claypool called the meeting to order as the patriarch of Kzin at: 8:05 pm.

Special Orders of Business: Paul Kantner, long-





time musician from Jefferson Airplane, Jefferson Starship and other musical groups, died a few days ago. The concept album that he created, "Blows Against the Empire," was nominated for the Hugo Award in 1971, the only music album ever on the final Hugo ballot, according to the Hugo website. Oddly, Signe Toly Anderson, who was the original lead singer for Jefferson Airplane, died on the same day.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and corrected. The **Minutes** were named: "The minutes that I didn't really hear will be the silliness of the LASFS."

Patron Saint Mike Luwish: He was the son of Emil. He bought his father a sainthood. All we know about Emil is that he raised a generous son. An old zine states that Mike was remembered on his saint's day with "three cheers and some green cheese."

Patron Saint Mike Luwish was given Three Cheers and a "funny, he doesn't look Luwish."

Patron Saint Gary Louie: Gary was elected to the Board of Directors the very first election for which he was eligible and remained on the board the rest of his life. Gary was the club librarian and was the first person elevated to sainthood posthumously. Gary served on staff or on the committee of most LOSCONs from 1987 through 1998, the 1996 Worldcon, both Los Angeles Westercons, and many Gallifrey One cons.

Gary Louie was considered part of the "Permanent Floating Worldcon Committee." He helped with Bouchercon and was an Evans-Freehafer Award winner. He was a

Collector of LEGO® toys, particularly trains. Gary was also a Collector of Books.

Patron Saint Gary Louie was given Three Cheers and a Happy Chinese New Year.

Registrar:

Jonathan Jake, who heard about LASFS through a convention. Literature fan and writer, occupation attorney. Josh, who has been in L.A. for a couple of years, worked at Marvel and Disney in publishing.

A Moment of Science, with Bill Green.

Space Merchants by Pohl and Kornbluth had the concept of "Chicken Little," artificial chicken. Currently, artificial meat is in the works, but the current cost of an artificial hamburger is \$18,000, so it's not cost-effective yet.

Reviews:

Milt Stevens—Locus recommended reading list has appeared. Its significance is that it's very extensive, and typically includes everything likely to be on the Hugo ballot. Category of "publication" mixes prozines, fanzines and websites. Locus poll is weighted toward subscribers, in terms of how votes are counted.

Scratch is still reading the Honor Harrington series.

Leigh read Games Wizards Play, by Diane Duane. The characters are growing up and are really getting interesting.

Nick Smith reviewed volume 3 of Schlock Mercenary, by Howard Tayler. The AI torpedoes are the best computerized weapons since Dark Star, and a lot of fun.

Josh—reading Kindred by Octavia Butler, really amazing. This was the first book of hers that he read, and heard about it from a Harlan Ellison article.

Larry Niven has been reading Schlock Mercenary for years, and finally caught up. The author is talking about eventually ending the series (which is very funny, hard SF.)

Leigh—Another online series worth checking out is "A Girl and Her Fed," which starts out weird and gets stranger. (*Are we sure Leigh was not reading APA-L?-ed.*)

Eric Hoffman—Guerrilla filmmaker Graydon Clark wrote a book called **On the Cheap** about creating low-budget movies. He was able to get name actors who weren't busy at the time to do odd roles. Jan Michael Vincent, Raymond Burr and others.

Jerry Pournelle—When he was in graduate school, he and classmates were trying to predict grades of undergrads. It actually worked, and one of the predictors was IQ. A new

book called *Hive Mind* by Garret Jones, which seeks to predict the GDP and life expectancy of a nation. Jerry thinks it's surprisingly accurate.

The meeting adjourned at: 8:54 pm.

Meeting 4096, February 11, 2016
President Gavin Claypool, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

Gavin Claypool presided as Professor Yanna, as portrayed by Derek Jacobi.

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

Special Orders of Business:

It was a bad week for people behind the scenes of things we enjoy.

Two fantasy game illustrators passed away, **Wayne England** and **Christopher Rush**. Rush was the first American artist to illustrate a Pokemon card, and created the artwork for roughly a hundred cards for Magic the Gathering. England was the illustrator for many fantasy games and magazines in Europe and the U.S., including one based on Robert Jordan's fantasy series.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read. Named: to Eric for \$1--"I have no idea what the hell he was talking about."

Patron Saint Mike Glycer: From the hagiography: Mike Glycer is the winner of multiple Hugo awards for his fanzine, *File 770*. As secretary, Mike inserted humorous comments into the minutes, in the tradition of Jack Harness. (*Mike did this as he took the minutes as he did not rewrite them before presenting them to the next meeting.* - ed.) Mike works for the Internal Revenue Service.

Patron Saint Albert Sheean: Matthew Tepper: He was one of the purchasers and deliverer of donuts for a while. He and his daughter Krystal Mae are wonderful additions to the club. Mark Poliner: He's always good for a good story in the library and he enjoys good beer. Michelle: He's an amateur paleontologist.

Patron Saint Frank Waller: At one time Frank was a Star Trek costumer who appeared as Harry Mudd. Frank has donated edibles, stuffies, and wisecracks to the club. He livens up club auctions with wacky bids. When he was a Charles's Chips rep, he would often entertain us with the bizarre seasonal potato chip flavors that are offered and he likes classic cars.

All three **Patron Saints** were given Three Cheers.

Guests: Eric Hoffman announced Darly Brewster, an animator, who worked on *Prince of Egypt*, *El Dorado*, *Osmosis Jones* and others. She has a Lost in Space robot in her living room.

Treasurer's Report: the non-Elayne (otherwise known

as Michelle Pincus) says that we have money and can't spend it.

A Moment of Science, with David Okamura. Harvard has done experiments with gelatin, to study brain development of the folds. They have created a mold for the white matter, with a surface covering to mimic the gray matter. Expansion in an acidic solution ends up causing the gray matter to develop the folds and crevices. The gene that regulates the control of the actual development in the brain may be related to schizophrenia, which would explain the young adult schizophrenia onset.

The Zika virus is expanding explosively in the Central American tropics, and chances had seemed low that it would spread here, but it turns out that the virus can be spread by body fluids as well as mosquitoes. The birth defects are the really frightening parts. This may encourage genetic modification of mosquitoes to out-compete.

New species are discovered and must be named. A new species of black tarantula found near Folsom prison was named after Johnny Cash.

Gravitational wave study announced at Caltech, and our own club member Kyle Baric worked on this project. Gavin mentioned that a professor named Joseph Webber had worked on such a project. He is married to a professor at U.C. Irvine named Virginia Trimble, who had been Miss Twilight Zone when she was an undergrad at UCLA.

Reviews: Milt Stevens read *Prentice Alvin* by Orson Scott Card. Enjoyed the first novel in the series as alternate history. *Red Prophet* and *Prentice Alvin* are more fantasy novels. Pretty good fantasy, hybrid of magic and science. Hugo nominated, but did not win.

Eric Hoffman read *Carter and Dunlap*, which caused him to rewatch *Cast a Deadly Spell*, a blend of private eyes and H.P. Lovecraft horror. Private eye named Harry Philips Lovecraft.

Josh reviewed *The Craft of Science Fiction* which has articles by Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle and Harlan Ellison.

Miscellaneous: Gavin mentioned that there would be an interview with John Williams on KUSC this evening at 9 pm.

Josh asked about renting the club for a writer's group, and was advised to talk to Elayne next week.

A motion that John DeChancie is hungry was made at 8:46 pm.

We moved to adjourn at 8:49.

Meeting 4097, February 18, 2016
President Gavin Claypool, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

Minutes of the LASFS

Meeting # 4097, 2/18/2016

Gavin Claypool presiding as Helmuth of Boskone

Nick Smith, Scribe

Patron Saint: Craig Miller

President Gavin Claypool called the meeting to order at: 8:00 pm

Minutes of the last meeting were named: \$5 to June Mofatt as "What is so rare as a day in February."

Patron Saint Craig Miller: From the hagiography: Craig makes a living from genre-related activities (writer, producer, et cetera) and has worked for Lucas Films and Henson. He has chaired many cons and also served as hotel liaison. Craig helped put on the first two Star Trek conventions in LA, co-chaired the '84 Worldcon, and was head of programming for the '96 Worldcon. He won first prize for his table-setting at the L.A. County Fair. Nick said that Craig was one of the best convention bosses he'd ever had.

CLJ II: Craig exemplifies the best of LASFS membership, helping out in all ways including helping connection with the professional media. He wishes Craig was still more involved, and hopes that others will follow his example. David Okamura: Craig has good taste in shirts. Matthew Tepper: Craig was the liaison with the Palms Recreation Center when LASFS used that as a clubhouse in the late 60s/early 70s. Jerry Pournelle: He was liaison in disguise, since the city misread his signature as "Cecy" Miller. Christian McGuire would like to expound on David's comment, that Craig has an incredible collection of Hawaiian shirts. Some of the credit should go to his wife.

Kristen: Craig has entertained her with many stories about Star Wars of which she is now becoming a fan. Josh: All Josh's animation fans speak highly of Craig, and he has learned a lot about licensing and business from Craig. Matthew: During Craig's time on Pocket Dragons, the way people differentiated between that and a similar series was that Craig's was the one that did NOT make people vomit. Christian: Craig had the sense to decline ComicCon's offer to have him do lots of work, but he has worked on many aspects of fandom, and he has been recognized by the club.

Craig Miller: He is usually not here on his saint night, but he would like to point out that nobody ever mentions that he was Chairman of the Board for ten years, and on the board for many years. Gavin Claypool: Milt and Craig went on Hour 25 to promote L.A. 2000, which is what got Gavin to come to LASFS. (L.A. 2000, celebrating LASFS' 2000th meeting, was (in essence) the first LO-

SCON. - ed.)

Patron Saint Craig Miller was given Three Rousing Cheers, and another closet full of Hawaiian shirts.

Guests: Daniel Carr, was told about the club by Darnell Coleman. Interested in general SF. Terry McIntyre, with the fedora. He was told about the club by Jonathan Jake, another recent visitor.

Special Orders of Business: Short story writer, poet and essayist **Bud Webster** died on Saturday the 13th. His writing *about* science fiction history vastly outweighed his fiction output, but he was also the estates liaison for SFWA, and his job was to put publishers in touch with the literary estates of authors. Also, he wore a propeller fez, rather than a mere beanie, so he was automatically cool. (Jerry Pournelle met Bud in 1976, when he, Jerry, was just a fan. Wrote enough to get a SFWA membership, and became very valuable to SFWA.)



Treasurer's Report: None was handed to the President.

Upcoming Programs: Nick announced the Star Trek musical at Caltech, and is trying to arrange a group outing.

A Moment of Science, with David Okamura: Space X is still testing barges for landing, this time because the booster has to land in a more risky fashion.

Channel Island foxes had been on the endangered list, but are bouncing back from disease and predation. Captive breeding programs and moving the non-native Golden

Eagles have helped.

The Zika virus apparently has a preference for fetal brain tissue. Autopsies have shown a heavy concentration in an otherwise uninfected fetus. This clue may lead to research goals, because this is normally the most-protected area of the fetus.

If the ice is melting, why aren't the seas rising more? The continents are soaking up the water, but there is a saturation point.

3D printing for the consumer market is still pricey, but maybe not much longer. Mattel displayed a new product at the Toy Fair, a "Thingmaker," an update of their 60's gadget. The new one is a small 3D printer, with an app, to allow kids to make toy parts and assemble the results. Mattel working with Autodesk. Pre-orders for \$300, a huge price drop. (This is normal for new products which "make good." Examples: plasma and other flat-screen television sets. Also, laser printers.)

Announcements: There was a LOSCON 43 report from Michelle Pincus—seven memberships were sold at Gallifrey.

Gavin Claypool—Dennis Etchison is starting his writing class on Feb. 20th at the Bookstore of Mystery and Imagination.

CLJ II--17th book of the Emperor's Secret Files is on Amazon at a 99 cent price right now.

Reviews: Christian McGuire was at Gallifrey One for 90 minutes on Friday. He bought a bunch of books, and found that there was a Girl Scout cookie booth. Liked the badge. Seemed to be a lot of people. Spent 6 hours there on Saturday. Even more packed then. Sir John Hurt was there. Cathy Beckstead was there, and up all night. Very good convention [Elayne says only three fire alarms].

George Mulligan: The convention seemed well-run, with no major snags. Nice panel on Star Trek Continues, which had cast members and a screening.

Marcia Minsky: Volunteered for con ops, and helped with prepping for the charity auction. One member brought two tins of jelly babies, from England. Had specified that one tin should go to the children's auction. The one in the children's auction had gotten up to \$110, so they moved the adult one to the children's auction as well. [Christian says the charity auction raised about \$11K]. [Scribal note: before Jelly Babies were a running gag in Dr. Who, George Harrison had to ask fans to stop throwing them at the Beatles. He liked them as candy, but not as projectiles during a show.]

Gavin Claypool was ordered out of the hotel by Tadao Tomamatsu, but in Tadao's defense, there was a fire alarm at the time.

Milt Stevens discovered a new writer, Alistair Reynolds. *Poseidon's Wake* is being talked up as a Hugo nominee, and Milt began reading it, finding that this was not the start of a series. Went back to the start, which is *Blue Remembered Earth*, and reviewed the series. Humanity has been genetically engineering people, shrinking elephants and doing other things. Christian just finished reading Heinlein's *Have Space Suit, Will Travel*, after realizing that he hadn't. He found it quite enjoyable, dated but a good read.

Nick Smith reviewed the Crown Books at Topanga and Erwin, near the Warner Center Marriott. Lots of fannish stuff, good prices, nice place. Hare Hobbs had just been there, and held up the book he had purchased.

Jerry Pournelle mentioned what happened to the Topanga mall. He and Larry researched malls for *Oath of Fealty*. Surprised that some malls are dying.

We adjourned to the auction at: 9:05.

**Board of Directors Meeting
March 13, 2016**

**Karl Lembke, Chairman
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

Board Members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Gavin Claypool, Mike Thorsen, Nick Smith, Michelle Pincus, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, Marcia Minsky, and Debra Levin. Christian McGuire and Elayne Pelz had excused absences.

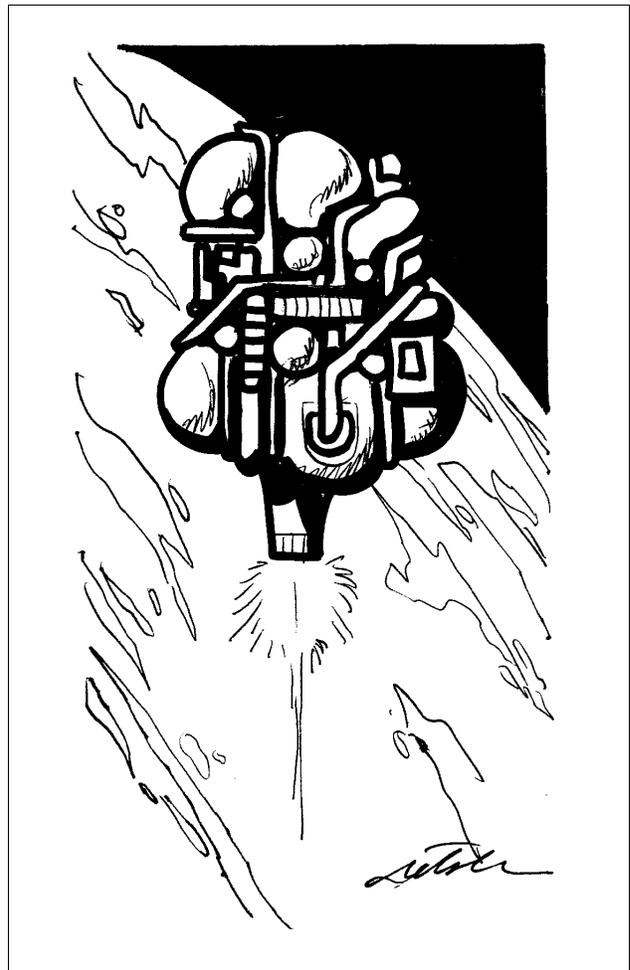
Members and Guests: Craig Miller, Gerold Aho, Loura Verlaque, Matthew B. Tepper, Joe Zeff, Gwen Newton, and Cris Pretzman.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, March 13, 2016 meeting of the Board of Directors.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of March 13th, 2016, were accepted as amended.

New Members: There were 5 applications for membership from fans who paid their \$10 application fee: Mary Antonelli, Jonathan Jaech, Shawn Wilson, Joshua Sky, and Joseph Miranda. They were unanimously accepted.

Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz): The Treasurer was not here so there was no Treasurer's Report.



LAFa
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, May 14, 2016, 7:30 PM
(or maybe later)
Pre-filk dinner at 6 PM (see below)
Alan and Gail Stillson
5515 Keokuk Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 884-4284

There is a large family room that can hold up to 25 filkers (20 comfortably) and enough chairs.

Pre-filk dinner: 6 PM
Uncle Bernie's Deli in Encino, (818) 990-6346
17615 Ventura Blvd., north side, just east of White Oak.
We'll meet in the waiting area and go in as a group at 6PM,
no reservations needed.

Filk Style: Bardic ellipse

Notes:

1. No crash space.
2. Please bring munchies & drinks to share.
3. Smoking outside only.
4. There are two computers with internet connections, for song purposes only, and a fax machine with very limited copying power.

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

30-second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): Absent.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): No report.

Comptroller (Debra Levin): A Report is impending.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): This month: 575 units bringing in \$585.00. Total units to date: 35,597, and total monies to date: \$30,586.50. We purchased all the usual things and a few unusual things. Our driveway apron got graffitied and the nonsense had to be blurred out.

Library (Gavin Claypool): Final delivery of shelves for our expansion case has arrived. Gavin is a bit worried that little work is being done in the library at present.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): No report at this time.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): Elayne is not present but we still seem to have a building.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): No report.

Events (Nick Smith): (Michelle) Members went to

BoldlyGo. // LOSCON 43 will have a table at Wonder-Con and also at the Vintage Paperback Show.

Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus): We now will have a real (generic LOSCON) banner created by a graphic artist.

(Significant Others)

Club President (Gavin Claypool): The Annenberg people thanked us for contributing an application even though we were not accepted this year. Michelle said Tim Griffin is encouraging us to try again.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): Our web master was not here.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Museum Partnership (Nick Smith): Laura Verlage and Nick Smith presented what the Museum was going to do *anent* Science Fiction in Southern California. LASFS would be contributing to this. This will be in 2018.

Forrest J Anthology (email from CLJ11): Charlie thinks it would be a good idea to do a book about the Forry Award winners.

LOSCON Bid Qualification: Matthew mentioned that Robbie Bourget was now co-chair of the bid. The consensus is that this bid remains qualified. // Craig Miller and Gwen Newton presented their bid: (no name at present). MSP to accept this bid as qualified.

Code of Conduct investigation (closed meeting):

OPEN FORUM:

The next meeting will be on April 10, 2016.

Nick reported that Baycon is not dead but is hideously expensive.

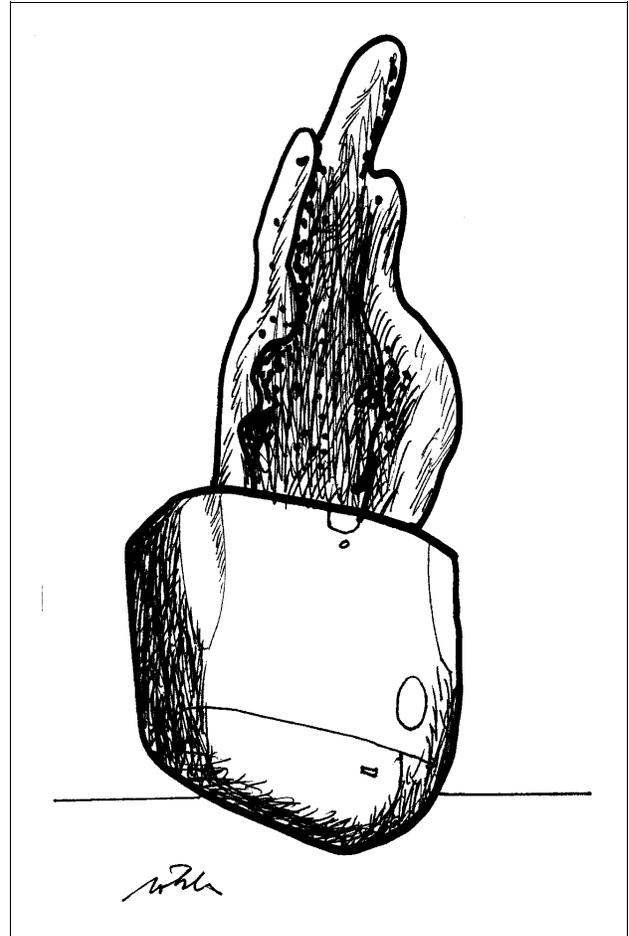
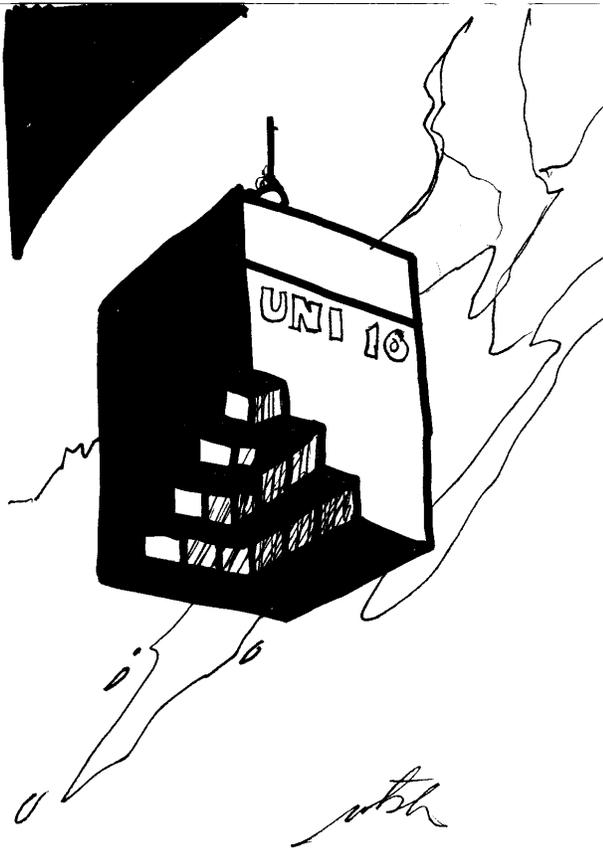
TAKE-AWAYS:

Code of Conduct committee will resume.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

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Friday night board gaming

Friday Night Board Gaming is a Meetup which meets at LASFS most every Friday evening, usually starting around 4:30 and ending around 11:00.

All LASFS members are invited to play these modern, mostly European, board games. There is no charge for gaming but members are responsible for any LASFS' dues which must be paid.

Members of the Meetup game at LASFS the same way other guests visit the club: 3 free meetings and then joining the club if they continue to like coming here. After they join the club they pay dues like any other member.

(Our experienced gamers are willing to teach these games to beginners.)

Here is another loc by Bjo Trimble

Latest De Prof says "If Forry is the one who kept the club alive in the 30s – 50s, Bruce stands out as the one who kept it going through the 60s and 70s, and further."

When I discovered LASFS in 1954 or so, it was down to 4 members. Forry's contribution to keeping LASFS alive was to doggedly show up for meetings.

So where do I fit in? It was mainly my effort, plus those I could inveigle into helping, that revitalized the club.

Bruce arrived on the scene when LASFS was doing pretty well, but I'd handed over much of the work to others, and Bruce took over from them. Not to denigrate Bruce's efforts, because he did a great deal more than most of us could do. But some of the work had been done before he even moved out here.

Thought this point should be considered. -- Bjo, who is fast becoming the club nit-picker.

I dunno, Bjo. I think that I could give you a run for your money as club nitpicker. After all, I am the club's Sacred Curmudgeon.

-- Marty Cantor

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