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### KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am

### CALENDAR DETAILS

**Board of Directors meeting: 11 am**  
Elayne Pelz' residence, 15931 Kalisher St.,  
Granada Hills.

**NO OPEN HOUSE AFTERWARDS.**  
Beware, those with allergies: cats in house.

### THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**JUNE 7** - Nominations for Procedural President.  
**JUNE 14** – Nominations for all Procedural officers & elections.  
**JUNE 21** - **Medium-sized Auction.**  
**JUNE 28** - No programme assigned at De Prof deadline.  
Updated programme information can be found at this web site:  
[http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?option=com\\_events&Itemid=185](http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185)

**June 7 - starting at 7 pm,  
an interview with  
Lon Varnadore**

**June 14 - starting at 7 pm,  
an interview with  
Author Mark J. Rose**

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**June 21—starting at 7 pm, an interview with  
Laurel Ann Hill**

# DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

## COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 542– June 2018. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

*De Profundis* is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (No current permanent address) and the LASFS does not currently have a telephone number. The club's web site is: [www.lasfs.org](http://www.lasfs.org). *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 75¢ in person, \$1.25 by domestic mail. Out of country rates quoted upon request but it is recommended that copies be downloaded - or at least read - from the *DE PROF* web site.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers

January - June, 2018

President: Michelle Pincus. Vice-President: Matthew B. Tepper. Registrar: Marty Cantor. Scribe: Karl Lembke. Treasurer: (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz and Michelle Pincus.

## Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2018). Vice-Chairman: Christian McGuire (2020).. Comptroller: Debra Levin (2018). Secretary: Marty Cantor (2018). Other members: Marcia Minsky (2018), Gavin Claypool (2019), Elayne Pelz (2020), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2020), Mike Thorsen (2019), Kristen Gorlitz (2019), Nick Smith (2020). 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 Pro Tem:** Gavin Claypool. **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. **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.

## Honorary Officers

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

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

## LASFS' TEMPORARY MEETING PLACE

by Gavin Claypool and Elayne Pelz

### LASFS Returns to North Hollywood:

Starting November 2, 2017, LASFS will be holding its Thursday night meetings at 10717 Chandler Blvd. (rear), North Hollywood 91601, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The building is located between Denny Ave. and Cartwright Ave. Entrance is from the alley in back. Going east from Denny Ave. along the alley, it is the second building.

There are comfy couches for people who want to sit and talk before or after the meeting proper. There is one restroom.

We will be allowed to bring in personal food and drink - NO communal food table - but must police our own trash.

We are renting the meeting space from Null Space Labs, the local maker group. House rules: No playing with the toys! There is quite a lot of equipment in the room. Leave

it be.

**Parking is available in front on Chandler Blvd. and on the west side of Denny Ave. Parking is prohibited north of the alley on the east side of Denny Ave.**

**P.S.: There is WiFi access at the site.**

*I am still looking for a replacement editor for DE PROFUNDIS. If necessary, I can still remain as Publisher.*

*However, if I cannot find a replacement before LASFS gets a new clubhouse, I will return DE PROFUNDIS to the LASFS Board of Directors after our first meeting in our new clubhouse.*

## CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes are supposed to be filed in the LASFS' files and can be read there - also at [www.lasfs.org](http://www.lasfs.org))

**Meeting 4179, September 14, 2017  
President Nick Smith, presiding  
Scribe Kristen Gorlitz, scribbling**

President Nick Smith called LASFS meeting #4179 to order at 8:00 pm.

### Patron Saint

This week's **Patron Saints** are **Dale Hales (Barksdale Hales IIII)**, and **Mike Thorsen**.

**Patron Saints Dale Hales and Mike Thorsen** were each given Three rousing Cheers.

### Menace

The **Menace** were read, and corrections were offered.

Mark bid \$5.25 to name the **Menace** "I defer to June" who officially named the **Menace** "Leopold! (bang!) ". After the naming, it was moved and seconded that we approve the **Menace**, and it was so.

**Registrar** Marty Cantor reported that we have no guests.

### Special Orders of Business

We lost:

Jerry Pournelle - Michelle spoke - she has a tradition where every Thursday afternoon she called Chaos Manor to see if he wants to come to the club. Two weeks ago she did not call because she was sick and would not get Jerry sick. This week the reason is far worse. They had a tradition where they would stop at a Starbucks before the club

and order their special coffees. She could be up here for hours telling the hundreds of memories, but she will save her stories for the memorial.

Len Wein - one of the great comic writers to come out of fandom. Michelle notes - he was one of the nicest people.

To keep in our thoughts:

Joe Zeff announced that LASFS member Mike Morris, who worked on Project Voyager and did tech support for Jerry, his wife Carol has been diagnosed with cancer and it has metastasized to her brain. She has maybe six months to live. So if you want to reach out to Mike, contact Joe.

Update on Mark Poliner - has a tumor and an ulcer, so they are shrinking the tumor slowly so they do not rupture the ulcer. He is having chemo. But he is working from home.

We took a moment of silence for the members we lost and those we need to keep in our thoughts.

### New Business

Forry Awards Election: We opened for further nominations.

Mercedes Lackey was nominated in addition to last week's nominees.

We voted by a show of hands.

Greg Bear was chosen as the Forry Award recipient.

### Moment of Science

Bill - Nova: There are snowstorms on Mars, not dry ice, but water ice. These occur only at night, but they detected them.

Examining cosmic rays - Cosmic Rays Examination CREAM was sent to ISS so it is now known as ISS CREAM

Karl Lembke sent an article that Nick explained - They have discovered an exosphere planet with an atmosphere of Titanium oxide. It is roughly the size of Jupiter but it is so close to the star it is orbiting (orbits in only 19 hours).

For those of you with computer access, go to the NASA channel online (NASA TV) because they are going to live broadcast the Cassini footage as it goes down into Saturn, expecting it sometime in the 4 am hour.

### Announcements

Fred Patten donated two of his books to the LASFS library - Symbol of a Nation and Dogs of War, both are furry anthologies

Geeky Teas in Burbank is doing something the first week-

end of October. They are having a fannish craft fair. It is Harry Potter themed. Saturday, Oct 7th from 11am-6pm. 2120 West Magnolia in Burbank. There is a Stephen King Festival at the Aero that starts today and goes through this weekend

Sept 29th is the first show for Wicked Lit. They use a cemetery and mausoleum as their stage at Mountain View Cemetery in Altadena

### Miscellaneous

Dr. Jerry Pournelle's public service is this Saturday at 12pm at the Saint Francis DeSales Church 13368 Valleyheart Drive in Sherman Oaks.

We moved to put away the chairs and adjourn. The motion carried at 8:59 pm. And the chairs were put away.

### Meeting 4180, September 21, 2018 President Nick Smith, presiding Scribe Karl Lembke, scribbling

President Nick Smith called LASFS meeting #4180 to infinity and beyond at 8:00 PM.

#### Patron Saint

This week's **Patron Saint** is **Karl Lembke**.

**Patron Saint Karl Lembke** was given Three rousing Cheers.

#### Menace

The **Menace** was read, and corrections were offered.

John DeChancie bid \$4 to name the **Menace** "I'm Dreaming of a Mars Christmas".

After the naming, it was moved and seconded that we approve the **Menace**, and it was so.

#### Registrar

Marty Cantor reported that we have guests: Brad Goldberg, who wants to connect with other people interested in SF, Niraj Pancholi, found us through Meetup.com

#### Committee to Gouge

Auctioned off, among other items, a packet with some Finnish items from Worldcon, which are much better than unFinnish items. It sold for four Finns.

A DVD of "Walking with Cavemen," not a Chinese cookbook.

#### Moment of Science

Spider-Man's webbing may be possible. A combination of spider silk and graphene is tougher than normal spider silk. It can be created by spiders fed graphene.

Nanotech is closer and smaller than we thought. A University of Manchester scientist has created a 150 atom robot capable of moving smaller molecules from place to place. A separate project at Cal Tech is working on doing the same thing with DNA.

A member of the club has been working on an aspect of this. There is a set of mathematical analytics studying how social media interacts with how things become popular or unpopular. They're analyzing how people talk about things on social media. Input on one social media platform has effects that show up on a completely different platform.

George McUrso notes ProTerra builds buses. They came up with a fully electric bus, battery operated. It's completed 1000 miles on a single charge. But is there room for passengers?

#### Special Order of Business

Gavin Claypool announced the passing of member David Pass, on July 24. He used to show up to play hell, and to browse the sale shelf.

#### Announcements

Friday the 13th is on a Friday in October. If you wander into Pasadena, Art Night happens that Friday. Pasadena Public Library has a graphic novel salon and gallery that night. Creators will be on hand to autograph their work.

Next week's meeting is the continuation of the memorial for Jerry Pournelle and Len Wein, and this will occupy the bulk of the time.

Matthew Tepper misced that tonight's episode of Jeopardy had a bit of a tribute to Len Wein. Final Jeopardy: told to create a character called this, learned the real animal will attack an enemy ten times its size. David Gerrold remarked, the answer is either Wolverine or Harlan Ellison.

Mike Thorsen has seen a few ads for a new series called Orville. (*I am tempted to make an Orville pun on the title but I will not.* – ed.)

We moved to put away the chairs and adjourn. The motion carried at 8:59 pm. And the chairs were put away.

### Meeting 4181. September 28, 2018 President Nick Smith, presiding Scribe Kristen Gorlitz, scribbling

President Nick Smith called LASFS meeting #4181 to order at 8:03 pm.

#### Patron Saint

This week's **Patron Saints** are **Mike Donahue**, **Ron Ellik**, and **Barry Workman**.

The **Patron Saints** were each given Three rousing Cheers.

#### Menace

The **Menace** was read, and corrections were offered. Ana bid \$5 to name the Menace "Never give up, never surrender." After the naming, it was moved and seconded that we approve the Menace, and it was so.

#### Registrar

Marty Cantor reported that we have guests: Kathleen Parry - is

from Burbank. Recommended by Jim. Likes Fantasy and High SF, she is a writer, bartender, and photographer.

### **Remembering Jerry Pournelle and Len Wein:**

Craig Miller - Len was not without his foibles, as are well all, but Len was pretty much universally loved. He started as a comic fan, became a professional writer of comics in his late teenage years, he wrote most of the major comic characters. Most noted for having co-created Wolverine and Swamp Thing among other characters. Len was pretty much the most affable person you could imagine. Moved to LA from New York in the early 80s. Always came to LOSCON. He loved people, loved hanging out with people.

Nick Smith - Len impressed him. He was the first person during the Cold War to create what a communist superhero would look like. He co-created most of the new X-Men, one of the best creators of comic book characters ever

Larry Niven - you hear it every year at his Saints day - Jerry Pournelle saved civilization twice, once with Lucifer's Hammer and once with the Citizen Advisory Council. It took about 10 years, but they drove the Soviet union bankrupt. Jerry shaped his life. Jerry had approached Larry at a time he was thinking about collaborating. Jerry gave him half a boat he brought down from Seattle. Taught Larry how to sail. Larry taught him how to pour brandy in coffee (maybe he shouldn't have). When Jerry gave up drinking they switched to hiking and plotting stories. Kept them concise because they needed to save their breath for the hike. Jerry got lost in death Valley, he was prepared for the eventuality - had a knife, compass together on his person - started walking out of death valley in the wrong direction (his compass was being distorted by the knife).

Tom Safer - appreciated seeing Jerry at his church. For many years Jerry's wife, Roberta, sang in the choir. Jerry always had kind words to say to Tom. Tom will always remember what a nice guy he was. He always had something interesting to say and you always wanted to listen to him

Eric Hoffman - he was always fun to watch when he got going. Was definitely not dull. They mutually enjoyed the Goon Show. He is very glad that he got a chance to meet him and know him as much as he was able to. He has left a void behind that is not going to be filled very easily.

CLJII - Jerry truly appreciated the LASFS and was always ready to lend a hand or idea to help the club. In the days before Bob Null became "BOB NULL" Jerry was almost as good. He did a lot of the work refurbishing the clubhouse. Was always there with an opinion, and it was usually an opinion you needed to hear whether you wanted to or not.

Craig Miller - Jerry, along with Bill Warren, did the remodeling on the Burbank clubhouse. Most of us do not have a lot of experience with construction projects. Jerry also served a number of years on the Board of Directors at LASFS. It was in the 70s and 80s. He was not always the easiest person to keep to order, but he was always determined to contribute. Very involved.

John DeChancie - encountered Jerry through his fiction first,

and his columns in Galaxy Magazine. His concept of the space shuttle - a brick spaceship (heat resistant tiles) stuck with John. Around 1990, John started coming out here. John got Jerry's phone number and he left a message on his machine. Jerry called back and was very friendly, which conflicted with his reputation. Finally John moved out here (to LA) around 1997. He met Jerry in the flesh. And for some reason, Jerry thought John was one of his enemies (confused him with someone else). Thought John was one of his online tormentors. John didn't know how to correct that. Then, John started scribing and started fooling around, a lot, and doing extreme things to the Menace, to the point where minutes became a Tennessee Williams play or other imitations, and Jerry loved it. Finally, Jerry warmed up to him. Jerry offered to write something together - it was a process that lasted years - and they just couldn't finish anything. They were in the middle of a book when he died. John just never thought he would be in Jerry Pournelle's house. It was a real thrill. Man he misses him. He loved Jerry.

Karl Lembke - for one convention - LA Con 4 - there was a photo event, and Jerry was on the science curriculum. The chairs asked him to stand for photos. It was a confused situation all around, but they got the photos taken. Someone asked Jerry if he could move a little bit to the left. Karl chimed in saying "I don't think he knows how to move to the left". Jerry spoke up "I haven't moved to the left in years." (*Karl once tried to move me to the right. Fortunately, I was already at the edge of the dais so I was not able to move to the right.* - ed.)

Tom - Jerry was instrumental in getting the Burbank building up to code. He had a lot of personal discipline. Managed to quit smoking, quit drinking, and he stayed a non-smoker, non-drinker.

Jim - in around 2012 - Jerry said something to the effect of "it's in my book". Jim asked what book - and it was The Strategy of Technology. There is a lot in there. Jim took notes on the book - Jerry was in favor of a nuclear powered aircraft. Wanted to use nuclear power for fast earth moving - surface transportation. He is proud of Jerry, not only for the SF he wrote, but for trying to provide directions for the US in terms of technology advancements.

Nick Smith - Smithsonian has his personal word processor that he used to type a novel 40 years ago. You wouldn't think in terms of writing a novel on those things, but Jerry did

Craig Miller - a lot of us don't realize how well known and how well regarded he was in the computer industry.

Barbara - thought her cousin would be a good guest speaker, he went through astronaut training among many other accomplishments. So she described LASFS to her cousin and told him about Jerry. His cousin said, "oh, you mean he writes science fiction?". He knew about Jerry for his computer work.

CLJII - the first time he met Jerry, he had not read any of his work. Went over to Jerry's place, introductions were performed, and within about 10 minutes Jerry asked him, "so, do you write?". Charles was working on something, and Jerry said, if you write something short, let me see it.

Michelle - Jerry was so respected in computer industry that when Apple came out with the laptop you can put in a mailing envelope, they sent him one

Gavin - back in the 70s, Jerry got one of those wonderful visits from the IRS, they were conducting an audit of his business expenses. "Scuba lessons, how could you possibly have that as a business expense?" So Jerry went to his shelf and pulled off a copy of Analog (it was research for that story).

John DeChancie - when Jerry was in high school, he got it into his mind that he wanted to make nitroglycerin, so he did. He made a large bottle, the equivalent of TNT. He saw it on the bench and thought "what the hell do I do with it now". So Jerry carefully carried the bottle up through the house and out into a farm, down to the hog wallow. He put it on a board, floated it out. Then he got a gun and shot it. It covered the farm in fecal matter. He said the consequences were severe.

Karl - that may or may not be the same audit where the IRS realized that Jerry overpaid taxes and they owe him a refund

Matthew - Jerry was very influential in his personal life. Matthew's father offhandedly said, "Oh, Matthew, I don't think you'll ever marry." Jerry said "I think you'll find someone someday, what if I write you into a book and marry you off?" The wife must have disappeared in the rewrite but his confidence in Matthew was very important (let the record show, Debra stuck her tongue out at him). Jerry was a groomsman at the wedding. Story - Jerry and Matthew agreed that opera is a form of fantasy. Jerry and Roberta enjoyed the LA opera. One time, they went to see an opera at the movie theater and saw the Pournelle's. Rossini's La Donna Del Lago, something Matthew knew Jerry would want to see. Jerry did want to see it. They met at the theater. But the theater was remodeling, and they weren't able to see it there. Jerry was walking up, but they had to let them know. It was a warm day. Matthew was wearing shorts and a super hero t-shirt. Jerry opens the door - Matthew runs up, tells him the movie is not playing. Matthew ran over there, and said "I didn't know I could do that". Jerry pointed to his shirt and said "of course you can". It was a Flash t-shirt

Larry Niven - Jerry put on some weight. Larry said he looked like he swallowed a small, liberal democrat. One day Jerry was gifted a t-shirt with Jerry as a person being confronted by a mob, and the figure that was supposed to be Jerry is too fat. Larry told him he stretched the t-shirt out of shape. He said, pardon me, is this your sphere.

Eric Hoffman - if there is another side, can you imagine how lively Jerry is keeping things over on that side. Can't say he believes in it, but likes to think he is getting a chance to meet people he admires

Michelle - he very generous with his time. He would answer fans questions, giving them the best information they could get anywhere. Loved meeting fans. Great generosity of spirit

Hare - one of the things that bothered Jerry, senator Proxmire fought so hard against the space program, so he suggested that you buy non-Wisconsin cheese and mail it to him.

Nick Smith - Jerry always wanted to find out information about things. Jerry wanted Nick's view on the copyright politicization. He was always looking for that next bit of information that he might want to use somewhere else

Mike Thorsen - back when Mike was President of the club, one of the last things that happened during that term, they had a new author come to the club who had only published two books. They were of the man made global warming bent. Jerry raised his hand to question the author. They got into it, rather vehemently. Conversation lasted a better part of an hour. When the conversation (or fight) ended, Jerry was gracious enough to autograph his latest novel. Then the author went home and wrote a blog "I get in a steel cage with Jerry Pournelle"

Michelle - Jerry had no problems with people disagreeing with him.

Nick - Jerry was capable of listening to people

Ed - Lee Gold told this story to him - Jerry was involved in some discussion in the clubhouse - short of the story - Jerry admitted he was wrong and that Lee was correct. He was open to learning from the facts.

Debra - her first husband, while they were at the club, he would always go up to Jerry, because he had to discuss politics with him, which meant an argument. And Jerry always seemed to be kind of growling, but Debra thinks deep down, Jerry kind of enjoyed having that interaction

John DeChancie - Jerry was in England for a Worldcon - got into a violent argument with a British author - and Jerry didn't really know this writer. Jerry goes to Harry "he called me a Fascist" "Well Jerry you are a Fascist." "You can call me a Fascist, but he can't."

Anna Safer - Roberta and Jerry have always been very kind people - one time she went to church and it was pouring rain, but Roberta stopped her from getting a taxi to take her back home. They drove her home. Also, Jerry would always kiss her hand

#### **Special Orders of Business:**

We lost:

Carol, wife of Mike Morris, passed away on Tuesday. Mike Morris has been a member of the club for over 30 years.

Milt Stevens is in the hospital - he has had a medical emergency - they suspect a stroke.

Hugh Hefner passed away. His magazine did a lot to publicize real science fiction (in fact, Larry Niven sold two stories to Playboy) (One of them, "Man of Steel, Woman of Kleenex", was the only one published without illustrations, for trademark reasons.) (Actually, no. "Leviathan", a Svetz story, was published in Playboy. "Man of Steel" was published in Night magazine.)

We moved to put away the chairs and adjourn. The motion carried at 9:15 pm. And the chairs were put away.

**Board of Directors Meeting  
March 11, 2018  
Karl Lembke, Chairman  
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

Board Members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Gavin Claypool, Marcia Minsky, Debra Levin, Mike Thorsen, Elayne Pelz, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, Christian McGuire, and Nick Smith. Kristen Gorlitz was absent.

Members and Guests: Matthew B. Tepper, Tom Safer, Michelle Pincus,

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:07 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, April 8, 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors, meeting at Elayne Pelz' house

Minutes: The minutes of March 11, 2018 were accepted as presented.

New Members: There were no new applications for membership.

Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz): We have copies of our budget. MSP to accept the budget as presented with one abstention. We talked about renting a warehouse for our needs. We had a discussion of the purpose of our Society. It was moved, seconded and passed that we look for a warehouse space for rental to put all of our storage items into this space along with all of our meetings on all days. There was one opposed. We decided to put this off until club members at a Thursday meeting could speak up about this.

30-second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Gavin Claypool): No report.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): I am still looking for somebody to take over DE PROF. Until I find somebody, I will continue to put out the newsletter. I intend to be a bit picky in whom I pick as I feel that DE PROF is an important adjunct to the Society and I do not want it to change its mission.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): \$458 pm 114 books.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): Units sold this month: 59 plus 4 Stix). Gross income: \$60.98 with the 98¢ from purchase change. Replenish buy fund to \$35.00 Net Income: \$25.98. To date: \$134.54 + \$60.98

= \$194.52.

Library (Marcia/Gavin Claypool): Gavin:

Archives (Debra Levin): The archives are still in storage.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): Nothing new but brought up the possibility of buying a vacant lot and putting up a shell of a building which can have the rooms finished in the future. The shell would have 2 bathrooms and the requisite number of doors and we would have the money to do this. Elayne has researched this and found that it is doable and we can afford it. (The shell of the building would be about 4800 square feet.) This plan would depend upon us finding a plot of land in our area. It was mentioned that this would be better than renting a warehouse space.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): No report.

Events (Nick Smith): Club has voted on a meeting for the 1st weekend in May for the club to have a free weekend at the Pasadena Museum of History. Gavin reported on the Paperback Show: 114 or so books sold, we brought in \$468.00.

Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Kristen Gorlitz): (Absent)

(Significant Others)

Club President (Michelle Pincus):

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold, Lee Gold): Not here.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Board Responsibilities: There was a discussion about what the Board responsibilities should actually be. We need to be addressing the broad responsibilities of Board memberships. The inputting of board member thoughts were sporadic and the general consensus was that board members overseeing ongoing operations should continue doing these things. Nick felt that the board was not doing the various things a board should be doing. Nick felt we should have a board meeting about what is LASFS, what was LASFS, what should LASFS be. We need to have long-term financial resources as responsibilities possibly the responsibility of the treasurer and comptroller, possibly with the assistance of others. We need to have long-term member happiness as a responsibility of the board. These things should do these things before we make piddling little assignments of jobs. These long-term piddling little assignments have dominated the board job when that is not the board's job.

Lafa  
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, June 16, 2018  
Filk: 7 PM to ???  
Terry Brussel, host  
8515 Penfield Ave.  
Winnetka, CA 91306  
(818) 886-0069  
(hit # as soon as you hear a voice, to skip the answering machine messages)

**Pre-filk dinner:** 6 PM Potluck and BBQ

**Filk style:** moderated chaos

**Notes:**

1. Crash space available at the filk site--call in advance for arrangements.
2. There is a Feline Warning. The hosts will try to keep him them out of the filk room.
3. Bring healthy munchies, juices etc.
4. **No smoking -- period!!** (Except allowed outside.)
5. Bring all your usual filk stuff.
6. There is a hot tub.
7. The filk site is air conditioned.

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

It was moved, seconded, and passed (with 2 abstentions) to hold the May Board Meeting at 8:30 pm (after the regular Thursday meeting) on May 10 at the Null Space.

LOSCON Policies Report. Karl: We met, we liked one policy. This will be e-mailed to the Board.

LOSCONS OF THE FUTURE: Robbie for ops seconded by Lee Almodar, Marketing Michelle Pincus, Web Site Joyce Lloyd, Children's programming Linda Korp. Jason Justice Hotel Liaison. No guests of Honor yet.

Property search:

The next BoD meeting will be on May 10, 2018.

OPEN FORUM:

TAKE-AWAYS:

Looking for property.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 1:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

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A SHORT E-MAIL OF COMMENT

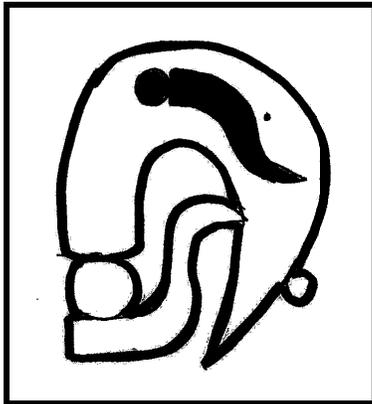
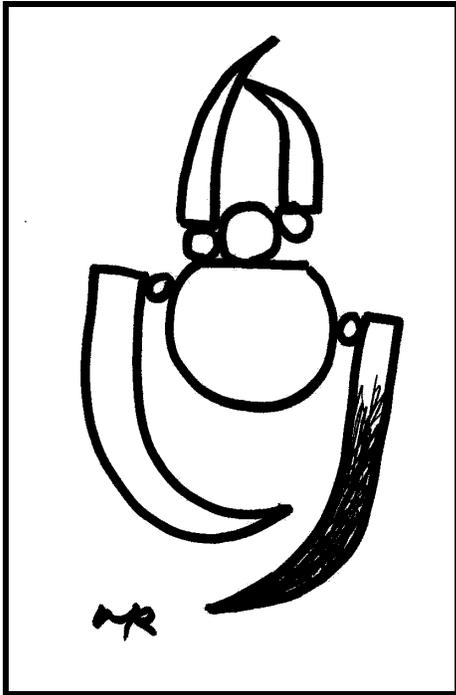
**Mark Bonderant:** I really appreciate the work you do on this. I depend on this a lot to stay in touch.

*It is to keep the members in touch with the society that I initially took over De Profundis several years ago—and why I continue to produce it. I am, though, beginning to feel that I am over-committed to producing zines of one or another sort and I really would like to find somebody to take over this newsletter.*

*If I do not find anybody to take over the zine and run it to keep members in touch with LASFS, I will continue to run the zine until LASFS gets its new clubhouse; after which I hope that members start coming to the clubhouse to see what is happening there.*



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AS PER USUAL  
BY  
WILLIAM ROTSLER**



## BOARD GAMING MEETUP

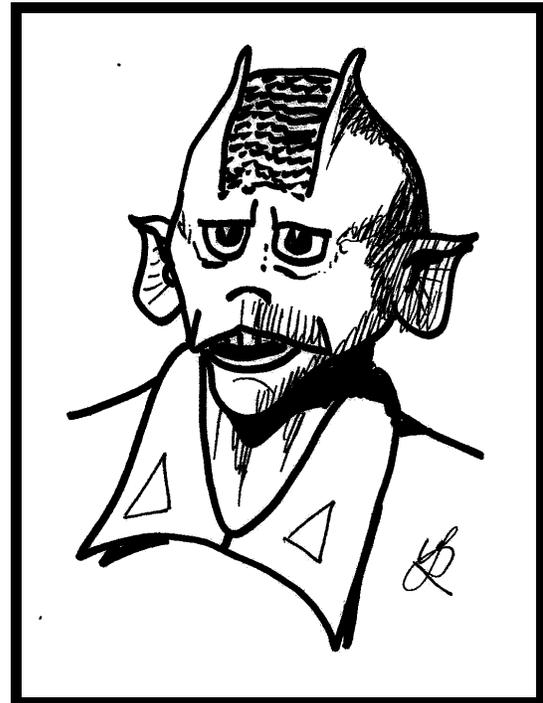
The board gaming Meetup which had been meeting at LASFS on Friday Nights has moved to a temporary venue, a game store in Sherman Oaks.

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

Our new hours are 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

We hope to see our regular gamers at that venue.

We shall move our gaming back to LASFS when the club moves into permanent quarters.



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