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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

- JULY 5 - No programme listed at this time
- JULY 12 - No programme listed at this time
- JULY 19 - **Medium-sized Auction.**
- JULY 26 - No programme listed at this time.

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)

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**July 12—starting at 7 pm, an interview with  
 LARRY NIVEN**

# DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

## COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 543– July 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 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

July - December, 2018

**President:** Michelle Pincus. **Vice-President:** Matthew B. Tepper. **Registrar:** Nick Smith & Kristen Gorlitz. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz and Debra Levin.

## 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.

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**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.

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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 4182, October 5, 2017  
Vice President Matthew Tepper, presiding  
Scribe Kristen Gorlitz, scribbling**

Remember, remember, the fifth of October, as Vice President Tepper calls LASFS meeting #4182 to order at 8:00 PM. (with a ketchup bottle) first meeting in a restaurant in a while Matthew Tepper thanked all for being here, at the strangest meeting since the Rodney King riots.

**Special Orders of Business:** Milt Stevens: Joe Zeff and Marcia Minsky had gone to pick up Milt for the LASFS meeting. He was not waiting. They went inside and found him "out of it." They took him to an ER in the area. They thought he was getting better, having only had pneumonia. At Kaiser, Woodland Hills, he had a heart attack and passed. At the pick-up, things didn't look normal. Normally he's in the garage, garage door up, and he's waiting. After two phone calls, he opened the door, Joe went in, and the only response he got to pounding on the door, and found the door open, and asking his condition was "Yeah" "OK."

They called 911. He was taken to Simi Valley Hospital, thence to Kaiser, and Monday morning at 4:09 he succumbed to a heart attack.

Dian Crayne: Email yesterday from Elayne Pelz. Dian Pelz Crayne has passed away. Bill Mills reports she had not shown up for her book club, so the police were called. On the second call, they were told to do a welfare check. She had passed, apparently peacefully, sitting in her chair. Dian was a published author, and first wife of Bruce Pelz. They had an amicable divorce party, which was the lead-in for the Larry Niven story, "What Can You

Say About Chocolate Covered Manhole Covers.' She then married Chuck Crayne and they moved to Willits, CA. Chuck died in 2009, and she moved into town from the outskirts. We had a long, long moment of silence.

Program Committee CLJII announced reminiscences of Milt and Dian. We have a couple of members who may have words about Jerry.

The **Menace** were read, corrected, and George McUrso bid \$1 to name the **Menace** "This Meeting was Called To Order with a Meatloaf." A motion to approve was seconded and passed.

**Patron Saint:** This week's **Patron Saint** is **Steve Bilan**. Steve's Sainthood was paid for with donations from Greg Bilan, his brother. **Patron Saint Wteve Bilan** was given Three rousing Cheers.

### Announcements:

Skirball Center has an event, Francis Hamit is updating his knowledge of virtual reality. Unfortunately, Timothy Leary compared VR to LSD, and people have been Leary of the subject ever since.

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

Reminiscences of Milt Stevens, Marty Cantor: Milt was a fine fan writer, unsung, but with a dry wit. He would write deconstructions of SF novels. He had a fanzine, *The Passing Parade*. In recent years, he didn't do it as much, but in the patio of the second clubhouse, he'd talk about interesting and funny things at the police department. He was a civilian employee, and got to know an awful lot of stuff. He did a lot of LOC writing, and when the news got out, two fan writers noted they had LOCs from him. He's been helping to find properties we might be able to use, and he had very good finds. Not quite what we could use, but still very close.

Matthew Tepper: Milt had been married at one time, to Beverly Styvers, and on marriage, changed to Sylvia Stevens, aka Contessa. Milt had a mordant wit and a sardonic worldview, possibly due to his employment. After the Sundance decision, it was ruled prisoners had to be given a meal with vitamin supplements. When asked what that stuff was we were supposed to give prisoners, he replied "Zyklon B". Then had to leap to explain it was a joke before the officer wrote it down.

Jerry Pournelle Interlude.Fraternity - Joe Zeff: two stories: Jerry was a state champion fencer in college. One evening, Jerry told the story: apparently when young, he was on a trip to Germany, and told some students in Heidelberg he was a fencer. He was invited to uphold the honor of the university. He found himself in a real Heidelberg duel. These are very ritualized. You have goggles to protect your eyes. And you swing and guard to someone reading poetry for the rhythm. He got a cut on his face, and got a cut on the other fencer's scalp. First aid: blood wiped up, disinfected with beer, bandaged with a black bandage. Since duels were forbidden, when asked

how the injury occurred, the approved reply was, "Sir, I was gored by a bull." At one Worldcon: he was walking back to the hotel with a walking stick he had bought in the huckster room. Two men shoved him into an alley and tried to rob him at knife point. He pulled the sword out of his brand new sword cane, and used Crocodile Dundee's line before Croc ever did.

Francis Hamit, a political opposite of Jerry. During the Iraq war, they found themselves in complete agreement that it was a bad idea. This was unsettling for both of them. Jerry somehow found out one of their computers was dying, and volunteered to build them one, so he could write a column about it.

Back to Milt: George McUrso at Corflu, talking about electric cars including Tesla. Always wondering how Musk managed this on account of Oil Company interference. Milt noted the first battery pack for a Tesla was made from laptop batteries. Oil Companies were trying to interfere with electric car batteries, but never thought to interfere with laptop batteries. Marc Schirmeister: Enjoyed Milt's company and sneaky sense of Humor. One story was of how a truck load of waterfowl were hijacked, calling it Grand Theft Duck. He also fixed a traffic ticket for him. One time, he found a copy of *Imagination* magazine from the 50s, and found a letter from Milt Stevens, and gave it to him. This was the first letter he'd ever published in an SF magazine.

Karl Lembke recalls Milt's suggestion about the true identity of Jack the Ripper. The killer had medical knowledge, and was someone who could approach women and gain their confidence even when there was a murder spree going on. One person who would fit this description is Florence Nightingale. Marcia Minsky: She was having car trouble last year, and looking for a newer car. Because her credit score was rather poor, she was bemoaning the fact. Milt asked for details, and said he'd sign for it. The salesman talked to Milt and traveled to take paperwork to Milt to sign, because of his limited mobility. CLJII:

When Ed Buchman was a regular contributor, CLJII would whip up covers for him. When people got tired of the old villains, he devised the epitome of evil league. Pelz, Miller, Stevens, Sue Fox. Milt is a cartoon character, which means he can't die. He's now in limbo until a new editor brings him back. Debra: Eylat wasn't able to be here, and has a story to pass along. "Milt was always a gentleman to me. He will be greatly missed. I'm sorry he's gone."

Chris Wilson: Joined LASFS at 15. Most remembers his gentlemanlyness, and talked to her when she was age 15 as an adult. He never talked down to her. She looked forward to seeing him again last week. Matthew Tepper: When I first met Milt, we didn't get along. This was due to a tiny little factor I was an obnoxious jerk teenager. Fortunately, I eventually gave the wisdom of respecting my elders and respecting people in general a chance, and over the last couple of decades, I feel Milt became a close friend, and in the last few years a member of our inner circle. I'm sure he was pleased when I finally tied the

knot, along with a number of very relieved single women. He was such a reliable reviewer, when Matthew called for reviews, he'd stare pointedly at Milt. Milt would feign a look of surprise, and then give a pointed, focused review of some insane movie he had seen. He had definite opinions about the Hugos, not thinking well of the Young Adult and Fan Hugo categories. He was well known and well regarded. Many who knew him only through fanzines spoke well of him. There were many tributes to him over Facebook. I feel devastated over the loss of a good friend and a good man.

Gavin Claypool: "Milt and Craig had gone to our local SF show, Hour 25, to talk about this upcoming event, LA 2000. I heard that show and showed up at the clubhouse the following Thursday. So Gavin's membership is Milt and Craig's fault. He chaired the first L5 conference with Jerry." Matthew inserted something about Dian Crayne.

Matthew's first con was at the LA Statler Hilton, 1968, FunCon. This existed because Donaho, Rogers, and Stark had bid for the 1968 Westercon and won. Then they won the 1968 Worldcon. They promised not to combine the two, but did anyway. Bruce and Dian Pelz put on a convention over that weekend on the West Coast. Harlan Ellison wrote an article about it. Matthew read it, and attended. He asked the first person he met if he knew where Larry Niven was. Well, you might ask that person over there. Tom Digby had pointed to Larry. Debra: Ben Levin relayed a message: He doesn't have anything particular to say Debra felt that Ben was also treated like a grown-up by Milt, even when he was a kid. Karl: "Milt was very generous. He paid for the sitting room furniture out of his own pocket. Same with the beverage set-up in LA Con IV fanzine lounge, including beverage fridge. Other things that are not my story to tell, and some embargoed." (Late note: Milt has donated enough to qualify for the highest level of donor recognition: Dark Universe -- \$11,000 and above.) John Hertz: At one point, Milt thought he'd be remembered only for his fan writing. That turns out to be the contribution for which he was the least acknowledged. He co-chaired a Worldcon, ran two fanzine lounges, including at LA Con IV. CLJII: We have observed what seems to be a flood of deaths.

Gavin: Dian story: We talked on Tom Digby's Saint Night about what can you say about chocolate covered manhole covers. The launch was the divorce party. There are a lot of married couples we don't see coming here, and we haven't seen Digby in quite a while. Rowan: Sad that Milt died, it was unexpected. She was referred to Milt for info on what it was like to work with criminals. He told stories of the people he worked with in the LAPD. He'll be dearly missed. Karl: If there is a Hell, he's being dealt in right now. Frank Waller once caught Milt in a conversation, and he treated Frank like a human being. After that, called him Uncle Miltie. Matthew Tepper tried calling him that once and it Ant-agonized him.

Greg Barrett: His thoughts are that Milt was somebody that, talking or silent, he brought something to a room -- a certain feeling that entirely Milt. The club will be different without him. CLJII: Milt had a certain anti-gravitas.

Barbara Harmon: Found that he was always very quiet, friendly, and respectful, and he had an endless amount of information about what he had read. There was a non-stop flow of book reviews once he got going. You got the sense he could have gone on forever. Hare: Many times when there were conversations going on, he was the one recognizing people and playing traffic cop. He was a perfect moderator for panels. Matthew: he was our secret weapon. Happy to see the outpouring of affection throughout fandom. Gavin: He was a true fan.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

Greg Barrett: Joanne Kaiser has reopened the book store. She needs help pricing books and going through stuff.

Marc Schirmeister: At a NASFIC, 1975-6, got his hands on the first Laser book. He read it to a crowd. Tom Monteleone wrote it. (Seeds of Change).

Joe Zeff had a putridity report. Joe takes a fair number of medicines, some of which cause drowsiness. On a new bottle of pills, "warning, may cause drowsiness, and this effect may be enhanced by alcohol or marijuana."

We moved to let staff put away the chairs and adjourn. The motion carried at 9:29 pm. And the chairs were presumably put away.

### **Meeting 4183, October 12, 2017 President Nick Smith, presiding Scribe Karl Lembke, scribbling**

President Nick Smith called LASFS meeting #4183 to order at 8:00 pm.

#### **Patron Saint**

This week's **Patron Saint** is **Beverly Kanter**. Nick says she was a voracious reader. CLJII - Her sainthood was a gift from her then boyfriend, Harry Andruschak.

**Patron Saint Beverly Kanter** was given Three rousing Cheers.

#### **Menace**

The **Menace** was read, and corrections were offered. Frank Waller bid \$2 to name the **Menace** "I defer to Scratch" and so Scratch named the Menace "I defer to Scratch is fine." 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: Adam Smith - learned about us from the website. He has a desire to find fellow scifi and fantasy enthusiasts. He is a writer and director of communications and marketing at USC.

Dexter Fabi (Sir Tristen), learned about LASFS from Atlas Obscura on Google. Gamer, literature fan, tutor, and is from Chicago.

Eric Greenfield - learned about us over the years. He is from the Valencia area. He likes apocalyptic scifi. He is a teacher.

#### **Science report**

Bill - Announcements on Nobel prize winners.

Nobel prize in physics - they have finally given a Nobel prize to Kip Thorne for their LIGO gravitational detectors. Two others shared the prize.

The earth just had a close miss with an asteroid. At 11:34 am this morning, an asteroid 2012 TC4 passed by Earth at 27,000 miles away.

Footprints have been found on Crete in rocks dating back 5.7 million years and the footprints look very human like.

Back to LIGO - they have detected a collision of Neutron Stars.

Nick - it has now been verified that an oral tradition story has been passed along for a minimum of 14 thousand years. This is several thousand years further back than linguists have previously traced a story.

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

We lost: Elizabeth Ann Gilligan - fantasy author, was a prolific short story writer. Passed at age 55.

#### **New Business**

Search for a new property - we have the opportunity to build on a vacant piece of land. About the property - It is 17,000 square feet. It is not on a hill, it is flat, there is a lot of public transportation. There are a lot of business around, like a Denny's and other restaurants. Nearest cross streets are San Fernando and Vineland.

There is a tax auction and we believe we have a chance to get it at the tax auction.

We need the clubs permission to spend that much money at the property auction.

We have unanimity of club members (One abstention) and the motion to authorize Elayne to attempt to purchase this property passed.

#### **Announcements**

CLJII - tomorrow will be the 51st anniversary of The Empire.

Frank - had a Larry Niven spotting on the science channel. He was talking about Ringworld.

Elyat - when Bruce Pelz held the auction, he would say who will give me "\$20, who will give me \$40" to get the club extra money for a .50 cent book

We moved to put away the chairs and adjourn. The motion carried at 9:03 pm. And the chairs were put away.

**Meeting 4184. October 19, 2017**  
**Vice President Matthew Tepper, presiding**  
**Scribe Kristen Gorlitz, scribbling**

Vice President Matthew Tepper mustered (used a mustard bottle to call the meeting to order) LASFS meeting #4184 to order at 8:00 pm.

**Special orders of Business**

We have lost another member of the club, Betty Knight.

Marcia Minsky rose to introduce Al Alonde, brother-in-law to Milt Stevens.

Al stated that the LASFS was a big part of Milt's life. Milt wanted to make sure that this organization receives a gift for all the pleasure he derived from it. He presented a cashier's check from Milt for \$10,000. The first \$4000 will go toward making Milt a Pillar of the Society.

Marty related that Milt was one of the pre-eminent fan writers in the community, and Marty was always happy to publish his work.

**Menace**

The **Menace** was read, and corrections were offered. June Moffatt bid \$3 to name the menace "Doom Doom Doom." After the naming, it was moved and seconded that we approve the Menace, and it was so.

**Patron Saints**

This week's **Patron Saints** are **Randy Greiner** and **Michael Mason**.

The **Patron Saints** were given Three rousing Cheers. Each!

**Registrar**

Marty Cantor reported that we have guests:

Alex Vass, learned about us from Meetup.com and was impelled to visit by curiosity.

**MOVING**

Starting on November 2, we will be meeting at 10717 Chandler Blvd.

Entry is through the alley in the back. Parking on Chandler or Denny, or Cartwright. And there will be four parking places off the alley which we can auction off.

We're moving because it's cheaper, and we can bring in food, as long as we clean up after ourselves, and don't touch their toys.

We can use their wi-fi, AV.

Open from 6:30 to 10 PM.

Thanks to Karl, Elayne, and Jeni Burr.

The Maker Space is two blocks from the Iliad Bookstore

Gavin Claypool: The Dodgers have won the national league pennant.

Dr. Trimpi: At the Bard on Bixel, on the 29th, The Haunted Castle of MacBeth, a dramatic reading. Claudia Christian stars. \$35 walk-in.

**Old Business:**

Board Nominations 2 weeks from tonight. 4 of the 11 seats are up

Christian, Elayne, Rob, Nick.

Allan Trimpi observed, Electology, an online think tank, is lobbying to have positive approval voting in California.

Bill Green had a **Science Report**.

Collision of two neutron stars. Detected by three gravitational wave detectors. Gamma rays observed by Fermi gamma ray observatory, Optical and infrared telescopes were able to point at the event and get more info. The collision produced a number of heavy elements.

Period Homolog 3, a circadian rhythm controlling gene, described in a paper by Bill's grand niece.

Joe Zeff notes that the amount of uranium produced was 10 times the mass of Earth, and ten times as much gold was produced.

We moved to put away the chairs and adjourn. The motion carried at 9:09 pm. And the chairs were put away.

**Meeting 4185. October 26, 2017**  
**President Nick Smith, presiding**  
**Scribe Kristen Gorlitz, scribbling**

President Nick Smith mustered LASFS meeting #4185 to order at 8:00 pm. (*Some of managed to ketchup with the meeting. -ed.*)

**Patron Saints**

This week's **Patron Saint** is **Lee Jacobs**. He will be infamous forever for his typo that created the fannish word "filk". Note - Karen Anderson is the one who popularized it. He was a writer in fannish life and real life - he was a tech writer.

**Patron Saint Lee Jacobs** was given Three rousing Cheers.

**Menace**

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

George bid \$1.25 to name the menace "Goodnight sweet-heart." 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 new guests.

### **Committee Reports**

Elayne - There are maps on the front table to the new space. Please pick them up.

### **Null Space Labs - new meeting space.**

Starting on November 2, we will be meeting at Null space Labs - 10717 Chandler Blvd. Entry is through the alley in the back. Parking on Chandler or Denny, or Cartwright. And there will be three parking places off the alley which we can auction off. Open from 6:30 pm-10:00 pm

We need for a committee for security to open and close the space.

Marty has volunteered to help with the opening of the building. Vice President Matthew Tepper will help with the closing/handoff of keys to the building.

### **Science Report**

Nick Smith - the mating of Homo Sapiens with Neanderthals in Eurasia may have caused an evolutionary hiccup. Genes that were weeded out may have been reintroduced to the gene pool. The reason why so many Europeans are susceptible to sunburn is because of the Neanderthal gene that was bred out and reintroduced through mating.

Scientists have potentially found the use of the tiny arms of T-Rex. They would be useful for a juvenile T-Rex to be used as slashing weapons. With only two claws, the cutting force is most useful.

Joe- heard that about 20 years ago, paleontologists discovered uses of T-Rex forearms, when T-Rex fell down, the claws would anchor them to get them footing. Nick confirmed that this used to be the theory, but is now an outdated theory.

### **Special orders of Business**

We have lost author Yoji Kondo (also wrote under the pseudonym Eric Kotani) on October 9th. He has written many books and received many awards for scientific achievements.

We lost author Julian May, who wrote nonfiction for an encyclopedia. She came to Westercon wearing a costume, and she ended up writing a series inspired by the costume/character. She was the first woman to chair a Worldcon. She was one of the first pros to chair a Worldcon. Also wrote as Ian Thorn - where she wrote children's adaptations of the Universal horror movies.

We also lost astronaut Paul Weitz. Recruited for the Apollo Program (scheduled for Apollo 20) so never got to the moon. He was commander for the maiden flight of the Challenger, and commander of the first manned flight to Skylab.

### **Reviews**

Barbara - thought she was going to a quartet production at Glendale college in the planetarium. It was a strange concert. They did Mozart and Michael Jackson (Thriller). Place went dark, chairs went back, and they did a planetarium show.

Hare - They think Einstein was autistic not just dyslexic, but this is still speculative.

Nick - in Pasadena - there is a display of artwork of decorated pumpkins of the literature fashion at the Pasadena library.

Nick- was in San Diego and visited the museum of man - new exhibit - on the history of cannibalism. That was fascinating. Told a lot of historical and cultural things. Apparently, part of it is Christopher Columbus' fault.

Joe Zeff - fannish committee report - blast from the past - stupid computer user story. Tech support - customer tried to update Linux. "Nothing to do" is the error message.

Gavin - the new issue Nov/Dec edition of Fantasy and Science Fiction contains the Larry Niven story "By the Red Giant's Light," which he recommends.

We moved to put away the chairs and adjourn. The motion carried at 9:00 pm. And the chairs were put away.

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

**May 10, 2018**

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

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

**Members and Guests:** The members attending the Thursday meeting were those who were present at the Board meeting which followed the regular Thursday meeting.

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:28 pm. The Chairman welcomed us to the Thursday, May 10, 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors, meeting at the Null Space Lab.

**Minutes:** The minutes of April 8, 2018 were accepted as presented.

LAF  
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, July 21, 2018, 7 PM  
Heide Nichols @Heartsong  
541 Valley Rd. Crestline, CA 92325  
909-222-7158

**PRE-FILK DINNER:** 6 PM. Heide will provide dinner: a make-your-own-sandwich bar, with, water, tea, coffee, and homemade lemonade. If that doesn't meet your dietary needs, please bring what you will eat. Feel free to bring deserts, appetizers, and snacks along with your preferred beverage.

**Type of circle:** Fortune cookie, or whatever develops? digresses?

**Notes:**

1. No smoking, please.
2. There is a small dog on-site.
3. Computer on site; no printer or internet connection.
4. Crash space for several: One extra bedroom, futons, and mats for sleeping. For those who crash overnight, Heide will be making a waffle breakfast in the morning.
5. **Please feel free to come early** and enjoy the Lake, the town, and visit. **Also feel free to stay** and crash or visit in town the next day. I live in a beautiful place and like to share it!

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

**New Members:** There were no new applications for membership.

**Treasurer (Elayne Pelz):** Not here, no report, but the Chairman noted that we have money in a savings account.

**30-second Reports:**

**Chairman (Karl Lembke):** No report.

**Vice Chairman (Gavin Claypool):** No report.

**PROCEDURAL OFFICER  
ELECTIONS,**  
for the term of July 2018 through December, 2018

**President** - Michelle Pincus  
**Vice President** - Matthew B. Tepper  
**Registrar** - Nick Smith & Kristen Gorlitz  
(tag team)  
**Scribe** - Karl Lembke  
**Treasurer** - Elayne Pelz, Debra Levin  
(Treasurer serves for a full year)

**Secretary (Marty Cantor):** No report.

**Publications (Marty Cantor):** No report.

**Comptroller (Gavin Claypool):** No report.

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen):** The Buy Fund was replenished to \$35 from the proceeds of sales: \$62.35. Turned over to the club: \$27.35. Total units sold = 26.

**Library (Marcia/Gavin Claypool):** No report.

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

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** (Elayne absent)

**AV Equipment (Rob Powell):** No report.

**Events (Nick Smith):** (Absent)

**Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Kristen Gorlitz):** No report.

**(Significant Others)**

**Club President (Michelle Pincus):** We continue to have meetings.

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

**LOSCON 46 (Christian):** LOSCON 46 now has a Pro GoH.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

Quest for space. There was a wide-ranging discussion of the various options open to us and it was pointed out that we were bringing our options to the club so that we could get their input.

Originally we started looking for a building but after a discussion it was decided to also look for a vacant lot upon which we could build a clubhouse.

At our last Board meeting two more options were bought up, with the first being the renting of a warehouse where we could not only hold meetings but could also move all our items out of storage, thereby saving that expense whilst having all of our things available,

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close at hand. We could also restart things like Second Sunday Open House and Friday Night socializing.

This brought us to a fourth option, buying a lot and erecting the shell of a clubhouse with two bathrooms in it. As we get money we can erect walls inside the shell. It turns out that if we can find a vacant lot we could probably afford to do this last option with our current funds.

At this point a second topic was discussed, the future of the club. Basically, it turned on two points, continue renting or buying a new clubhouse. It was mentioned that instead of spending all of our money on a new clubhouse we should continue to rent and should concentrate on getting new members.

A point was made that even with interesting programmes and interviews, most of what we were offering prospective members were just business meetings.

No decisions were made and what we eventually do will depend upon what we find which is available and affordable. The important point was that the Board, in holding this meeting at a regular club meeting, was letting the members know the thinking of the Board. There were many questions from the club members in attendance so the Board found out, first hand, what were the concerns of the members.

Before the Board meeting adjourned, Joe Zeff enquired about the lack of meetings and news about this year's LOSCON – he was worried. It was pointed out to him that the Board will take this up but we could not do so at this particular meeting as we did not have the available time like we would at our regular meeting space as we had to be out of our rental space by a given time.

We are also looking at investing some of our money as we are currently spending more money on rental space than we are taking money into our coffers. The June meeting will be held on June 10 at Elayne's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

**SKOOOSH!**

## **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.



**LASFS  
DIRECTORY**

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The directory is now available.  
Elayne will e-mail  
the following directory files, free,  
upon request:  
xl spreadsheet, or  
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or printer access  
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for a small fee.

Contact Elayne at:  
treasurer@lasfs.org

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