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* **Thursday Programme Items:** **April 6**—Charles Lee Jackson II reading, **April 20**—David Brin reading

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Addendum: At the LASFS Board of Directors meeting Dec. 11, 2022, the directors accepted Eylat Poliner's proposal that Heath Row become editor of *De Prof*. He will do so as LASFS scribe for the term of January-June 2023.

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Scribe: Heath Row
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Condensed Cream of Menace

(Official, approved minutes are also available online at <https://www.lasfs.org/lasfs-meeting-minutes>. Unofficial, unexpurgated minutes can be read in *Menace of the LASFS*, which is available upon request.)

Editor's Note: Having recently relaunched *De Prof*, I am already slightly out of sync with the rhythm in which Condensed Cream of Menace and board meeting minutes are corrected and approved. This issue is a catch-up issue to establish a more consistent schedule beginning next month. This edition is also slightly late because I was traveling.

Meeting #4451, Dec. 1, 2022

Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Krystal Rains, Scribe

Call to Order

Called to order at 8 p.m.

Hatching and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Malachi Throne, TV actor
- Sid Dutton, movie visual effects
- Treat Williams, actor

Dispatchings

- Ray Nelson, author, fan, and cartoonist who popularized the propeller beanie as a sign of fandom
- Albert Pyun, director

Media Anniversary

The Adventures of Captain Zoom in Outer Space, 1995

Reading of the Minutes (Krystal Rains)

Rains read the minutes.

Additions and Corrections

Charles Lee Jackson II did not write the draconian pun. Someone had to pay a pun fine. The scribe is allowed to repeat puns with no fine.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Lynn Maners bid \$25 to name the minutes, granting the right to Eylat Poliner, who named them "I Was Going to Give It to Lynn."

Call for Approval

Approved

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

This month's Spot of Honor goes to "CLJII's Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices," a free Facebook page of holiday fun.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

No guests

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Pay your dues. It's December. You can start paying off your annual dues for 2023: \$135 for the year. Pay your dues please. We have expenses.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Susan Fox: Frank Gasperik was a long-time member of the LASFS, a generous donor, and a hell of a guitar player. He was one of the first people to introduce her to filking along with Barry Gold and Bruce Pelz. "I treasured the times together in the music department."

Richard: What can I say about Frank? He was one of the most imaginative people I've ever known. He ran *Dungeons & Dragons* games off the top of his head that exceeded any of the things I had played at the time. He was an excellent singer, and one time when he sang his tribute song for the Apollo 13—yes, *those* astronauts—and afterward he relayed a time where he got drunk with these Apollo astronauts and various other Air Force types. In the middle of being real drunk, he saw one of them snatch a fly out of the air. A wonderful storyteller, what a guy.

Charles Lee Jackson II: Dr. Pournelle used to relate the story of trips he and Frank made. They would wander into a bar, Frank would sit down and play his guitar, and they would not pay for a drink all night. There were plenty of them from the appreciative crowd. He could be boisterous and overbearing, but he was basically a good-hearted guy with different boundaries than most of us. He is missed because nobody could take his place except perhaps Miles Gloriosus from *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.

Lee Grixit: Way back when I first started playing *D&D*, he was one of the people that I played under—and was someone I wanted to play under whenever possible. He helped me develop some ideas, helped a lot of people develop ideas, and was one of the people we would imitate when learning to DM.

Susan Fox: "I believe his dungeon was called Godhome." Richard confirmed.

Nick Smith: For any of you who have not heard him sing, there is a YouTube video of him performing at a Westercon. (Examples: <https://tinyurl.com/Gasperik-Sings-1> and <https://tinyurl.com/Gasperik-Sings-2>)

Chris Marble: Frank was an interesting fellow to know. He pretended to work for me at NASFiC 1999. His challenges and boundaries didn't let him, but he was a great guy to interact with.

Heide Nichols: In the filk community, he was prized because he was a good musician. He was very imaginative and fun. He wasn't always easy to get along with, but he was appreciated. He came up with creative filk songs we all enjoyed.

Susan Fox: It helped that he knew how to play guitar.

Matthew B. Tepper: I had known Frank since the early '70s when we would play *Risk* with Jim Hollander at Santa Monica College. He was a great *Risk* player, he was a great friend, and I miss him.

Three rousing cheers for Patron Saint Frank Gasperik—and three great chords.

Committee Reports

Loscon 48 (Nick Smith): People seemed to be having a good time. Apparently the convention had about the same number of people. But this year, they were all Loscon members, not Westercon members. We had a number of special events that went well. The Greg Bear memorial was last minute, but a number of people were very happy that it was able to happen. Kristen did a great job with that. Our musical guest was really happy the way the concert stuff was put together and how Heide had the room set up. Some very favorable comments about the special area. Sadly, not enough folks stopped by the film room, where Tom Safer had some very cool and obscure stuff, including the *Around the World in 80 Days* with all the interesting people who were in that. The art area was spectacular, especially the special exhibits. The art show sold more than they expected to. I can now tell you that one of the exhibits was for an upcoming book by Richard Mann of photographs of key people in science fiction. Hoping for copies to be available at next year's Westercon. Heide said there were 25 folks at the Rocky Horror sing-a-long. Not many people attended the dance, but the ones that did had a good time, including a glow-in-the-dark dragon. Tanya Huff had a lot of issues getting to and from the convention, including fog.

It wasn't until almost minutes before the convention started.

Krystal Rains: Where I can, I am sharing commentary that I am finding online about Loscon 48. Our panelists really enjoyed themselves. I've seen multiple comments about how friendly and welcoming the con was, and many were first-time attendees. Kristen did a fabulous job reaching out and finding people. I am sharing on Facebook. For those on Instagram I am sharing in stories, but I will work on putting together a compilation. There are some particularly lovely sentiments expressed.

Elyat Poliner: I would like to compliment Krystal for the Loscon 49 party, the first time I have seen a lot of people in that room enjoying themselves and buying memberships. It was a lot of fun.

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): We are on track for a really good con. We are going to implement some ambitious things. Hopefully, in a few weeks, I will have a couple big announcements. Everyone seems to be excited about next year. Memberships are \$50, and we have a military/veteran discount this year.

Our Guests of Honor are Peter S. Beagle as writer guest of honor, Echo Chernick as artist guest of honor and Elayne Pelz as fan guest of honor.

Matthew B. Tepper: Susan, will you announce the Evans-Freehafer Award—"Elyat Poliner is our winner for 2022. Now we will work on picking a nominee for next year."

Board Report (Michelle Pincus): Meeting on Dec. 11 via Zoom.

Tad Daley: Terrific con, great substance during the day and also great parties at night. As for Loscon 49, your vice chair is 17, to be 18 by the convention. It's a great opportunity to reach and market Loscon 49 for the younger demographic.

Programming (Elyat Poliner):

- Tonight: Nominations for president
- Dec. 8: Procedural officer and president elections
- March 2, 2023: Laura Brodian Freas Beraha, an exhibit of Kelly Freas artwork

Old Business

Nominations for president of the LASFS for the first half of 2023, proctored by Charles Lee Jackson II. Elyat Poliner nominated Cathy Johnson, who accepted

New Business

We got none.

Time-Bound Announcements

Kevin Segall: LA Comic Con is this weekend downtown. Next Wednesday at the LA Breakfast Club, the director of the CalTech Heritage Project will be speaking.

Chris Marble: My birthday is Sunday.

Nick Smith: Movie showings and book signings

Charles Lee Jackson: CLJII's Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices Facebook page opened earlier today.

Moment of Science

Lynn Maners: Remember the excitement over finding fossil human footprints, dated at @23,000 BP, at White Sands, New Mexico? That date is now under serious review. Critics have noted that prehistoric water levels were fluctuating, so that the ditch grass seeds used to derive that date could have floated up from a lower level. Stay tuned for more "unsettled" science.

Lee Grixit: No reason to stay away from social media, because they are paralyzed. New version of mental interfaces, called IBrain, still requires probes to be inserted into the brain. Could be the basis for further developments.

Nick Smith: CalTech might have created a quantum digital wormhole. Physicist Maria Spurafalo co-authored an article in *Nature* magazine, using quantum computing to create a baby wormhole. A team created a digital simulation in a quantum computing system of two digital black holes and showed how data traveled in ways that should only work in a wormhole. That confirms how a wormhole could be created. It also fills the gap between Einstein and quantum physics, as Einstein predicted decades ago, so maybe it can be figured out.

Regular Announcements

Eylat Poliner needs help sorting Karl Lembke's belongings that are being moved to a new storage unit after the new year.

Chris Marble visited George McUrso today. He is improving, doing stand ups on his own. Once that becomes easy, then he will move to the next level of therapy.

Reviews

Eylat Poliner: At Loscon 48, I noticed that panel attendees were having a good time. The green room and the parties had people having a good

time. Alexander James Adams had a great response to his concert. Tim Griffin's concert was fun. I will reiterate how good Krystal Rain's Loscon 49 party went. It's been so long since a con party has been so much fun. I am glad I got to go to it. What I saw when not in hospitality: I saw people having a good time.

Lee Grixit: New TV show *1899*. Just when I saw the image, I got the vibes of *Lost*. It starts with a bunch of people who are on a journey seemingly with reasons of their own. There are hints of connections, and then they are sidetracked by a mystery and there are all kinds of supernatural things. Plenty of room for more things to develop.

Krystal Rains: I want to mention that Matthew, you, Debra, and Ben were missed as well as the other 17 staff members who were not at Loscon. One of the most notable things about this convention are all the compliments by the attendees and panelists, because we were 20 people short on staffing. Anyone that was there on staff, you could ask for help, because we all knew we were short staffed. Those here on this call and those not, know that you were all appreciated for helping unload, load, and the variety of other things. We aren't talking about how it went to rub it in, but that the fact that everyone pitched in to make it a good con with that many staff missing was great and that I hope that it carries over to next year when we do have people, because it can only make it a better con.

Charles Lee Jackson II: As someone who had three panels one afternoon, I have to say that the shortage of staff did not bother the professionals at the con. I had a marvelous time. I got to see a lot of people I don't usually get to see. The panels I was on and the panels I saw, everyone was having a great time. That means that this can only make next year bigger and better.

Nick Smith: I watched *The Guardians of the Galaxy Holiday Special*, which was better and funnier than I expected. Then I saw the trailer for the third *Guardians of the Galaxy*. Watch the holiday special first, because the trailer might make you sad before the holidays.

Steven Spielberg's movie, *The Fabelmans*—if you have ever wondered about Spielberg's vision of creativity and creation, that is this movie. With some funny moments, it is a really interesting movie about growing up wanting to be a creator. Lots of great moments.

Susan Fox: Watch the holiday special through the credits for the bonus.

Matthew: I will briefly say that the final episode of *Andor* turned out to be really interesting. I was a little confused in moments, but it was really good and worth waiting for after the credits.

Miscellaneous

Cathy Johnson: Join us for the aftermeeting. Link in the chat.

Call to Adjourn

Eylat Poliner moved to adjourn.

Meeting #4452, Dec. 8, 2023

Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Krystal Rains, Scribe

Call to Order

Called to order at 8 p.m.

Special Order of Business (Eylat Poliner)

We have a very special guest. Rev. George Hooper has a sad announcement.

Rev. George Hooper: Sunday morning, Dec. 4, my brother, William Edward Hooper, passed away. He was in the hospital, and they were monitoring him. He had a DNR [order], and his heart stopped. I will share with you that he chose to be an organ and tissue donor. As I went through the interview, it was oddly joyful to share my brother's life. Two people have received corneas, and various other body parts have been usable. I am happy to share that with you, as I am heartbroken to share the news of his death.

Nick Smith: A lot of us have known Ed for over 20 years, from his other various interests: *Star Wars*, *Doctor Who*, and the Dodgers. I met him through *Doctor Who* fandom. He helped recruit members for that organization. Something he did very well was talk to people about the various organizations. A big friendly guy that you would want to talk to.

Krystal Rains: We had the Ed Hooper Con. He was a special guest of honor. I was head of programming, Richard was the treasurer, Michelle was the chair. When we stayed in Palm Desert at a hotel, we had a nice time. We had hospitality in the room. We arranged to use the pool, but didn't. We went and visited various bookstores and comic book shops to leave Loscon fliers. It was a fun time at a difficult time in his life when he didn't have any fannish friends around him. It's a good memory.

Cathy Johnson: I met Ed in the early '90s in Time Meddlers. We ended up joining LASFS

around the same time. Ed was a big person with a big huge heart who cared about his friends and those around him. He will be missed.

Matthew B. Tepper: Ed was not always jovial, but he was a gentle man with a kind demeanor, often silly, who cared about his friends. Someone good to gather with unexpectedly. I also credit him with my chance to see a total solar eclipse in 2017. It was a weird trip, but I appreciate being included.

Poliner: Thank you, George, for joining us. Perhaps you know more about how much he meant to all of us. You are welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

Hooper: I can not stay, but want to thank you all for offering friendship and love and sticking with him through challenging times. He was on the upswing, but it's better to go when doing well. It is tragic that he has left us far too soon.

Poliner: A full moment of silence for Ed Hooper. Thank you all. To George, go in peace.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- George Melies, director
- Richard Fleischer, director
- John Rubenstein, actor

Dispatchings

- Kirstie Alley, actress

Media Anniversary

The Atomic Kid, 1954

Reading of the Minutes (Krystal Rains)

Rains read the minutes.

Additions and Corrections

Correction from Lee Grixit.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Eylat Poliner bid \$20 to name the minutes "Looking Forward to Loscon 49."

Call for Approval

Approved as amended

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

CLJII's Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices is your one-stop Facebook page of Yuletide fun.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

Our honored guest, Rev. George Hooper, joined us earlier to share the sad order of business. He is Edward Hooper's brother. Orton Ortwein is actually a member who doesn't make it often

because he lives in Chicago. "I like to check in when I can." He works at the Waukegan Public Library that holds Ray Bradbury's personal book collections with volumes signed by many notable folks.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Matthew B. Tepper: Susan Cross was a benign presence at meetings in the 1990s and 2000s, and she would often join us at Coral Cafe.

Three cheers for Patron Saint Susan Cross

Susan Fox: Marty Massoglia was king of trivia—book and science fiction trivia. On a day of days, the day *Star Wars* first hit the theaters in 1977, I was going in the theater when he was coming out, and I asked "How was it?"

He said I would like the opening scene; it's just two spaceships flying overhead. The next week I was aargh, because we had never seen anything like that. But that was Marty's sense of humor.

Charles Lee Jackson II: Marty is a member of LASFS who has excellent taste in Loscons, Loscon 11.

Marty Cantor: He had a phenomenal memory, especially for numbers. You could remember a book you enjoyed, you could give him a few details, and he would be able to tell you the title, author, when it was printed, ISBN number, and other things you never wanted to know about it. He is a great resource when you are looking for a book. Nice guy.

Cathy Johnson: He is still alive. He is a nice guy, with a great memory and recall for books. He has a couple of kids that hang out with my kids.

Eylat Poliner: We used to recycle books that Mark was no longer reading, and they were great at buying back books and kept our books cycling.

Three rousing cheers for Patron Saint Marty Massoglia—and an ISBN.

Cathy Johnson: Chris Marble is a super cool human. He is fun to be around and hang out with, and makes great ice cream.

Lynn Maners: I think he has excellent taste in Hawaiian shirts.

Krystal Rains: Great helper with unloading the truck.

Three rousing cheers for Patron Saint Chris Marble.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz paid all the rentals, \$1,200. Please pay your dues: \$4 a meeting, \$12 a month, \$135 for a year by March.

Committee Reports

Loscon 48 (Nick Smith): Smith is figuring out the finances, but the numbers are looking good. We will have that when Elayne Pelz has the numbers.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus): Board meeting this Sunday at 11 a.m. via Zoom.

Programming (Eylat Poliner): I have things scheduled, depending on the incoming LASFS president. (The newly elected president continues with Eylat as programming.)

- Jan. 12: Brandie June, author
- Feb. 2: David Brin, author
- Feb. 23: Craig Miller, author
- March 2: Dr. Laura Brodian Freas Baraha presents a program about the art of her late husband, Kelly Freas.

Old Business

Election of procedural officers and president of the club, proctored by Charles Lee Jackson II.

- Nominations for president last week: Cathy Johnson was railroaded!
- Nominations for vice president: Susan Fox was railroaded!
- Nominations for registrar: Eylat Poliner was railroaded!
- Nominations for scribe: Heath Row was railroaded!

Thank you, all.

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements:

Nick Smith: Movies and signings

Moments of Science

Lynn Maners:

- Archeologists working in the deep and twisting karstic cave of Rising Star, in modern South Africa, were puzzled as to the lack of any evidence of fire, since there was no remains of a hearth. Finally, one of them looked up and saw the trail of soot from the cave mouth, through the twisting passages, to the final pit.
- Just as babies rapidly tune in to the syllables and sound in the language most commonly heard around them and learn to ignore other speech sounds, so do they also process music in the same way, learning to focus in on the notes, intervals, etc. of the music that they

most frequently hear, and ignoring other musical sounds.

Lee Grixit: The people who investigate horror movies might take note, "It came from the permafrost." One researcher has determined that viruses can survive in the cold. They were careful, using amoeba. We need to be careful of viruses and other things coming out of the melting.

Charles Lee Jackson II: My cardiovascular health is excellent.

Regular Announcements

Chris Marble went to visit George McUrso. He is doing well with his physical therapy and working on flexibility. Hoping for a day pass for the holiday.

Reviews

Eylat Poliner: The *Losconzine* that was created during Loscon 48 is absolutely wonderful. The artwork was created onsite. It was put together onsite by Heath Row and John Hertz with contributions from Loscon 48 attendees, with some photos from the con, suggestions, explaining what a fanzine is. Thank you so much. It is really neat. If you would like a copy, Heath should be able to share it with you via PDF. (<https://tinyurl.com/losconzine48>)

Heath Row: A movie review of a straight-to-video stinker, *The Alien Within*. 85 percent of the footage was taken from *Evil Spawn*, but this is a different story and includes an appearance by Forrest J Ackerman with a line. Some similar cast and some new, but an interesting watch.

Cathy Johnson: In the Christmas spirit, I would like to review the movie *Spirited*, a retelling of *A Christmas Carol*. It is a musical and I really enjoyed it, even if I didn't expect to. Get into the holiday spirit with a great cast. Via Apple TV+

Lynn Maners: If you have been watching *Ancient Apocalypse* on Netflix, please stop and seek professional help.

Matthew B. Tepper: Watching Tim Burton's *Wednesday*, the adventures of Wednesday Adams. It is mostly very entertaining and interesting.

Debra Levin: I want to add that it is well cast and well written. The sets and costuming are great.

Miscellaneous

Matthew: If you get a message that perpetuates to come from me, it is not me. There are several that seem to be using an outdated board list.

Nick Smith: There is a bookstore in Pasadena, Book Alley, that is working to be as eclectic as A&M books and it is being staffed by the Workmans. Nice assortment and selection and good pricing.

Cathy Johnson: Link to aftermeeting in the chat! Join us.

Call to Adjourn

Eylat Poliner moved to adjourn.

Meeting #4453, Dec. 15, 2022

Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Krystal Rains, Scribe

Call to Order

Called to order at 8 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Freeman Dyson, physicist
- Don Johnson, actor
- Helen Slater, actor and voice actor

Dispatchings

- Chris Boucher, *Doctor Who* writer
- Angelo Daniel Badalamenti, composer (courtesy Matthew B. Tepper)

Media Anniversaries

- Christopher Reeves's *Superman* movie release, 1978
- *Gamera*, 1966
- *Young Frankenstein*, 1972

Reading of the Minutes (Krystal Rains)

Additions and Corrections

Auction to Name the Minutes

Eylat Poliner bid \$10 and won to name them "Whatever Anyone Wants to Name Them."

Call for Approval

Accepted as amended and named.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

CLJII's Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices is your one-stop Facebook page of holiday fun, and there is no charge.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

No new guests.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Krystal Rains: We've ascertained that in the 1970s, that the first meeting of a science fiction fan organization was on Dec. 11, 1929, as noted in a comment on the Society for the Perpetuation of Fannish Fandom post wishing fandom a happy birthday, although there was some disagreement by LASFS members.

Chris Marble: Fond memories of CFO and massive daisy chains of VCRs copying tape after tape. Fred Patten was the instigator. Many anime groups would have been delayed if not for Fred's efforts.

Marty Cantor: Fred contributed to APA-L 1, 2, 3 and various ones even when it was kept from Him. Even after his stroke, he continued writing. He kept producing fanzines for APA-L. He has probably contributed more fanzines to an apa than anyone known, a record that will probably never be beaten. No one will probably ever match that number of contributions to fanzines.

Charles Lee Jackson II: Fred was a historian, a fan, an entrepreneur, a gadabout, but a quiet one. When I joined in the late '60s, he was a fixture, and he provided European comics, toys, and memorabilia that you could not get anywhere else in Los Angeles, including the Schtroumpfs, the precursor to the Smurfs. He provided us the Mexican wrestling comic books. All this stuff you could only get from Fred, and then he got caught up in the Japanese genre, which he called Japanimation. A writer of considerable note, a huge collection of sf material, including a collection of paperbacks that took every wall of his home was bookshelves, two deep. APA-L zines was like his personal diary of what was going on, what he had done, what he read. He kept track of much of LASFS history. volumes that would have been lost otherwise. APA-L #3000 is coming soon, and watch for him in that issue.

Nick Smith: When I did the museum exhibit, I was able to get some of the things from his collection. He has so much stuff that the Eaton collection still doesn't know all that they have because they don't have funding to inventory. He had pieces of artwork that many folks thought were long lost. He had an extensive collection, a genuine fan, collector and enthusiast.

Eylat Poliner: Long before I joined LASFS, Fred Patten and Forry introduced me to fandom when I did a speech about fandom in high school.

Jackson: Another important aspect of Fred's life is that he, too, was a cartoon character appearing in adventure stories with Dan

Alderson and myself. Comic book characters never die, they just go off to the side, waiting for a new editor to bring him back again.

Barbara Gratz Harmon: I remember at meetings in the late '50s and early '60s, he would sleep standing up where he would know what was going on, but would not respond.

Three rousing cheers for Patron Saint Fred Patten—and a shelf of paperbacks

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

It's getting to the end of the year. You can make arrangements for annual dues between now and March, or pay per meeting or month. We have \$1,200 a month in storage expenses. Some folks have not been paying their dues. Please start doing so: \$4 a meeting, \$12 a month, \$135 per year. Check/Paypal/Zelle

Committee Reports

Webmistress (Kristine Cherry): The Web site has been updated, with a members update section with comments enabled. The Web site also has *Losconzine #48*, that is the latest blog. Thank you to Heath. The memorial page has been updated. Updates on the Loscon 49 page.

Loscon 48 (Nick Smith): No update

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): We are on track, working on bringing back a masquerade and a few other things.

Marketing and Promotions (Pincus): We are chugging along. I am sure you have seen Krystal Rain's social media posts.

Board Report (Pincus): Jan. 15, via Zoom Programming (Eylat Poliner):

- Jan. 12: Brandie June, author
- Jan. 26: Tim Powers, author
- Feb. 2: David Brin, author
- Feb. 23: Craig Miller, author
- March 2: Dr. Laura Brodian Freas Baraha presents a program about the art of her late husband, Kelly Freas.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith: Screenings and signings

Heath Row: APA-L #3000 comes out today. It will be mailed tomorrow. Any members can ask for an issue. We brought back old timers: Mike Glycer, Ted White, Ulrika O'Brien, and Barry Gold.

Rob “Gizmo” Powell: Late tonight or early tomorrow, SWOT will launch from Vandenberg. A space satellite that will be in near earth orbit, it is the Surface Water and Ocean Topography taking measurements and sending them back.

Moments of Science

Nick Smith:

- Livermore Labs did an experiment that showed an energy profit of 50 percent in nuclear fusion, equivalent to the Wright brothers’ flight in aviation. It is an important step, but it will be decades before it is workable, and they have been working on it for decades already.
- Volcanos: The supervolcano in Yellowstone is probably not likely to become active. Another volcano at Hunga Tonga in the Pacific erupted, and the water vapor hit the upper edge of the atmosphere. It was the greatest electrical disruption ever previously measured. Meteorologists are keeping an eye on it. It will have an effect on weather patterns, but it is unknown how much.

Reviews

Jim: Animated show, *Alien News Desk*, they are studying the Earth and they get things backwards. It is very well done, lots of humor. Like a cruise ship is considered a prison. On Roku, originally on Syfy.

Heath Row: A good movie, *Viy*, a wonderful folk horror movie. Witchcraft, the undead and startling special effects circa 1967. It’s been remade several times over the years. This version is absolutely amazing.

Charles Lee Jackson II: Galcos in Highland Park, a wonderful place to go and find all kinds of sodas you can’t find anywhere else. I went and found 17 new ones. Good stuff, on York in Highland Park.

Regular Announcements

None

Miscellaneous

Willard Andrew Stone: What is the status of Westercon 75?

Nick Smith: A few weeks ago, they had to change hotels, and Arlene is working on a new hotel contract.

Smith: Weirdness of things that went out of copyright. There’s a Pooh horror movie.

Chris Marble: Thank you, SCIFI.radio, for your continued hosting of the LASFS meetings on Zoom.

Call to Adjourn

Eylat Poliner moved to adjourn for the evening.

Meeting #4454, Dec. 22, 2022

Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Krystal Rains, Scribe

Call to Order

Called to order at 8 p.m. Blast off!

Reading of the Minutes (Krystal Rains)
Additions and Corrections (Rob “Gizmo” Powell)

Auction to Name the Minutes

Lyn Maners bid \$5 to name the minutes “Happy Hanukkah! I Am a Jelly Doughnut.”

Call for Approval

Accepted as corrected and named

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Frankie Darro, actor
- Jay Brazeau, actor and voice actor

Dispatchings

- Jane Sherwin, actor
- Mike Hodges, screenwriter
- Diane McBain, actor

Media Anniversary

Son of Kong, 1933

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

CLJII’s Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices is winding down its season in the next couple of days.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

No guests

Celebration of Patron Saints

Matthew B. Tepper: Steve McGinty did attend a number of meetings in the last few years of the second clubhouse. A benign presence. He would bring his MacBook and share with certain friends.

Three rousing cheers for Patron Saint Steve McGinty.

Eylat Poliner: Heide Nichols is very good at buying and selling houses, and getting them ready to sell. She has a talent for gaming and

organizing game rooms at events like Loscon and Gallifrey One. She is really good at sewing, quilting, and knitting. Glad to have her as a friend.

Three rousing cheers for Patron Saint Heide Nichols.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)
Payment for annual dues is open, donations are accepted, and I will provide a tax letter for your filing. Please pay your dues.

Committee Reports

Loscon 48 (Nick Smith): No report

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): We are looking forward to it. Buy your memberships, and when the hotel opens, please

Marketing and Promotions (Pincus): We are all the marketing team. If you have an opportunity to talk about Loscon, please do.

Board Report (Pincus): Jan. 15 is the next board meeting via Zoom.

Programming (Eylat Poliner):

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- March 23: Kristen Renee Gorlitz demo on VR

We're looking for additional programming. Please let Eylat know your ideas.

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith: Showtimes

Chris Marble: George's physical therapy has not gone well enough to get a day pass for the holidays.

Charles Lee Jackson: TCM is running an incredibly varied holiday lineup over the next few days.

Moments of Science

Lynn Maners: A moment of non-science—I turned in my final grades online for the semester the other day. Almost immediately, I received an email from a student who had been both lazy and inattentive all semester. To wit: "Which is my letter grade, the 68% or the B?"

Dean Johnson: Dall-e AI image program that will take an ordinary sentence and create a picture based upon the text you write. There is some controversy, to teach the AI, it scoured the Internet for images both free and under copyright. It is interesting, and not perfect. Available on OpenAI.org.

Lee Grixit: A retreat from a previous conclusion, analysis of some rocks from Mars, they found Manganese Oxide which is formed in a watery environment under the same conditions that are good for life, but oxidize is a special term in chemistry that doesn't require oxygen, it might have been chlorine. Not that it isn't, but not necessarily a sign of life in the environment. Someday when they actually bring samples back, they will have a better idea of what these materials are actually.

Jim: Continuing with the AI, one of our reporters did a story on an AI stock picking. None of them did any better than a human. But the stocks are doing particularly poorly this year.

Regular Announcements

Eylat Poliner: Jan. 14, we will be going through Karl Lembke's second storage unit. Things need to be sorted, inventoried, and photographed. We're starting at 11 a.m. and would appreciate any help.

Reviews

Jim: Jordan Peele's recent movie *Nope* is a modern version of *Cowboys & Aliens*. It's not a big budget film, but the effects are good and the movie has some good plot twists and humor. I liked it and think you will too.

Cathy Johnson: Two documentaries that we watched last night—*The Sound of 007*, for the 50th anniversary of Bond. Music, sound, interviews with many folks over the years of the film franchise. Good documentary available on Prime. Following that we went to Disney+ by Mary McCartney, a history of Abbey Road studios. Many of the musicians, going back to the 1930s. From the symphonic era through the Beatles and then to Indiana Jones that revived the studio. All about film scoring.

Eylat Poliner: Mark and I continue to watch *Boston Legal*, with many actors from a wide variety of *Star Trek* franchises. As the seasons continue, the characters keep getting better and better.

Miscellaneous

Debra Levin: On the AI doing artwork, with it collecting from all over, it is doing collages.

Susan Rothman: On Tuesday I had my bivalent booster and some people have laryngitis after receiving it.

Dean and Cathy Johnson: The link to the aftermeeting is in the chat.

Merry Christmas everyone and Happy Haunukka and air your grievances for Festivus.

Call to Adjourn

Eylat Poliner moved to adjourn.

Board Meeting

Feb. 12, 2023

Michelle Pincus, chairing

Susan Fox, Secretary

(The version of this board meeting's minutes that was published in *De Prof* #583 was neither corrected nor approved. This publication is a make good to reestablish the approval rhythm.)

Call to Order

11:02 a.m.

Present

Chairman Michelle Pincus, Vice Chairman Nick Smith, Secretary Susan Fox, Eylat Poliner, Gavin Claypool, Elayne Pelz, Christian B. McGuire, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, Cathy Johnson, Dean Johnson, and Heide Nichols. Non-board members: Webmistress Kristine Cherry.

Minutes

Approved

Treasurer's Report (Elayne Pelz)

\$31,543.02 in the active treasury

30-Second Reports

Chairman (Michelle Pincus): No report

Vice Chairman (Nick Smith): No report

Secretary (Susan Fox): No report

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): Fidelity account balance as of Feb. 10, 2023:

\$801,540.33. A year-end investment report from Fidelity should be available next week for taxes.

Library (Gavin Claypool) He has received boxes from the estates of Karl Lembke, Louis Gray, and Eric Hoffman. Boxes of books are out of Loscon Storage.

Quartermaster (Heide Nichols): No report

Archives (Cathy Johnson): She will check the archives for digitized publications and books for the library in late April or May.

Physical Plant/Storage (Rob Powell and Dean Johnson): No report

AV Equipment (Dean Johnson): The equipment remains in storage.

Events (Eylat Poliner) No events. Defers to Loscon chairs.

Loscon 48 (Nick Smith): Smith has handed a check for \$11, 019.61 to Elayne Pelz. Better than we expected, we got a good number of memberships vs. expenses. Loscon 48 is now closed.

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): Loscon 49 has \$5695.91.

Marketing and Promotions (Michelle Pincus): LASFS has tables at the paperback show March 19 and the OrcCon gaming con next to Gallifrey One. The Loscon and LASFS library tables need help.

Publications (Christian B. McGuire): *De Profundis* is back in publication by "Scribbles." *Fanac*, a reputable entity, wants to publish our fanzines. Karl Lembke digitized all our fanzines, but he had his laptop wiped clean upon his death. He thought the *De Prof* work was off the computer, and it should be in the hands of the Archivist at the time, Debra Levin. In the meantime, Heath Row and *Fanac* will communicate directly for new issues of *De Prof*.

Miscellaneous (Eylat Poliner): Karl Lembke's storage unit work day on Feb. 25, invites people to come take stuff. Greater Angeleno Gourmet Society (GAGS) dinner at Super Wok at 7 p.m.

Significant Others

President (Cathy Johnson) We are meeting! New members, guests, Tim Powers spoke through a speaker phone but still managed to make a good presentation. David Brin could not make it due to medical issues (he is OK now) and has rescheduled for April 6. Kudos to Eylat Poliner for getting guest speakers. Aftermeeting social time is still lively.

We might need to get a Loscon 50 chair, which will be a club presentation. Deadline is Feb. 25.

Heide Nichols wants to know, are you going to walk up to them and say you can not tell us who you have in mind for Guests of Honor or do anything that will forward your ability to get this bid?

Christian B. McGuire: If they are competent and have all the requirements, they can bid without opposition.

Webmistress (Kristine Cherry): In a holding pattern until after Gallifrey One. Asking Dean Johnson about the database they are trying to retrieve. Barry Gold is paying for the storage and wants to be mindful. Dean Johnson does not

have an update for the full list to switch over. That will happen after Gallifrey One and OrcCon.

A full membership database throughout the club history is needed for meetings and for moderating social media. Perhaps that should not be made publicly available, for privacy reasons. It is on Google Docs, and only Michelle Pincus and Elayne Pelz have access at this time.

Rob Powell: Does member information fall under the digital archive? Probably does. Should this be made available to procedural officers like the president?

Cherry: We are using Google Docs and give access to people who need to use it.

Powell: Does this fall under Webmaster vs. Archivist? Cherry thinks it does.

McGuire: Archives are archives, whatever the form.

Cathy Johnson makes that call, but the gatekeeper of digital access is the Webmistress who controls the access, so that makes sense. Johnson delegates the job to Cherry, which addresses Powell's question.

Cherry: Where are we going with a new clubhouse? It's a money thing.

Elayne Pelz: The trouble is the lack of properties in our price range, where we want to buy one. Pelz continues to monitor the three Web sites and is still trying to get a broker. No brokers have accepted. We might as well stay on Zoom, grow our money, and wait for the market to settle. We have more weekly attendees now on Zoom than we had in person in 2020. All we are missing is auction income. We need a place with meeting space, room for the library, and storage for club materials.

Cherry asks for someone to write up a set of requirements for a club house, to address that inevitable question.

Agenda Items

April Board Meeting: The second Sunday is Easter. New date: April 23. The May Board Meeting is canceled because of Mother's Day.

Open Forum

Nick Smith: New members appear to be from the Orange County and San Diego areas. How can we leverage marketing to those areas?

Susan Fox: Expand announcements to include Orange County and San Diego events.

Cathy Johnson: We market to Long Beach fandom groups.

Heide Nichols: She's still a member of the Orange County group, which meets on

Wednesdays. Nichols and an author friend go to their meetings in person and would be willing to bring LASFS club materials to them.

Gavin Claypool: The next Loscon meeting is scheduled for April 29 at 1 p.m. It is not the same weekend as the scheduled board meeting April 23.

Takeaways

All After Gallifrey One!

Next Meeting Date

March 12, 2023, 11 a.m.

Adjournment

Occurred

Upcoming Conventions

April 7-9: Golden State Fur Con 2023, Los Angeles, <https://gsfurcon.com>

April 7-9: DreamHack San Diego 2023, San Diego, <https://dreamhack.com/sandiego>

April 8: AniFest 2023, Torrance, <https://anifest.org>

April 14-16: Universe Multicultural Film Festival 2023, Rolling Hills Estates, <http://www.umfilms.org>

April 15: AnaCon, Anaheim, <https://www.anaheim.net/4743/AnaCon>

April 19-24: D20 at Sea 2023, departing from Wilmington, <https://event.cruises/d20-cruise-a-ttrpg-vacation>

April 29: Fangaea 2023, San Diego, <https://www.fangaea.us>

April 29-30: TouhouFest 2023, Torrance, <https://www.touhoufest.org>

Game Days

Mondays

Dungeons & Dragons Adventurers League at Next-Gen Games (<https://www.nextgengames.la>)

Magic: The Gathering at Next-Gen Games, Odyssey Games in Pasadena (<https://odysseygamesco.com>) and Turn Zero Games (<https://www.turnzerogames.com>)

Warhammer: Age of Sigmar at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Tuesdays

Magic at Collector Legion in Lawndale (<https://www.collectorlegion.com>) and Next-Gen Games

Warhammer: Age of Sigmar and *Warhammer 40,000* at Next-Gen Games

Warhammer 40,000 at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Wednesdays

Dungeons & Dragons Adventurers League at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Magic at Collector Legion in Lawndale, Mega City One (<https://www.megacity.one>), and Next-Gen Games

Thursdays

Magic at Collector Legion in Lawndale

Star Wars: X-Wing at Next-Gen Games and Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Warhammer 40,000 at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Fridays

Dungeons & Dragons Adventurers League at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Friday Night *Magic* at Knight Ware (<http://www.knight-ware.com>), Mega City One, Next-Gen Games, Odyssey Games, Paper Hero's Games in Sherman Oaks (<https://www.paperherosgames.com>) and Turn Zero Games,

Saturdays

Magic at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Warhammer at Knight Ware (third Saturday of the month)

Sundays

Magic at Next-Gen Games and Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Warhammer 40,000 at Paper Hero's Games in Sherman Oaks

Please contact the con, store, or venue (or visit its Web site) to confirm any events and logistics before traveling to attend. Events and schedules are subject to change. Additions and updates welcome.

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

Clubzine Exchange

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

The BSFA Review #20 (Spring 2023), *Ethel the Aardvark* #219 (January 2023), *The N3F Review of Books* (February 2023), *The National Fantasy Fan* Vol. 82 #2 (February 2023), *Probe* #194, and *Tightbeam* #342 (March 2023).

Fanzines and Prozines Received

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

Alexiad Vol. 22 #1, *Ansible* #428 (March 2023), *Locus* Vol. 90 #3 (March 2023), *The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction* (March/April 2023), *Obdurate Eye* #25, *The Silver Bullet* #142 (March 2023).

New fanzines available via <https://efanzines.com> include *BCSFAZine* #551, *Captain Flashback* #51-52, *CyberCozen* (March 2023), *The Drink Tank* #445, *Event Horizon* #11, *Inca* #21, *Journey Planet* #70-71, *Meteor* #4, *Opuntia* #544-545, *Perryscope* #31, *Portable Storage* #9, *The Ray X X-Rayer* #170, *Spartacus* #63-64, *This Here...* #62-63, *Wild Ideas* #33, *The Zine Dump* #57, and multiple apazines by yours truly.