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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and
Fallout Society
 TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information
 Programming and Entertainment.
 BOD = Board of Directors
 2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club
 Fictionados - Writer's Workshop

CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever
 BoD - 11:00 am, games start at 2:00 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
 CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am

ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
 Fictionados - 7:00 p.m.
 FWEMS - Domestic sitcoms

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

FEBRUARY 3 - Ray Harryhausen
FEBRUARY 10 - Name change of the Evans-Freehafer
 Award
FEBRUARY 17 - Nominations for vacant Board of Directors
 position. Also, Physics Lecture: Einstein
 & Quantum Revolution Chapter 9
FEBRUARY 24 - Election for vacant BoD position.

(except for the voting, programme items subject to change
 without notice)

The *De Profeditor* acknowledges a few mistakes lastish. Firstly, it is the **Treasurer** who is elected in mid-year and serves for the whole year, *not* the **Secretary**. Secondly, the name of Bob Tucker's early fanzine was *Le Zombie*, not *E Zombie*. *E Zombie* is the name of his occasional electronic zine.

COLOPHON

De Profundis 385 – January, 2005. Editor: **Marty Cantor**. Production Assistants: **Bob Null**. Mailing List: **Liz Mortensen**. Mailing Labels: **Fuzzy Pink Niven**.

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

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

Due to space limitations, priority is always given to content mandated in the LASFS by-laws and by any applicable traditions. Also, after that stuff, by what the editor wants to do.

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LASFS OFFICERS

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President: Matthew B. Tepper. **Vice-President:** Mike Thorsen & Ed Green (tag team). **Scribe:** John DeChancie. **Treasurer:** Liz Mortensen. **Registrar:** Christian McGuire & Dr. Susan "Arizona" Gleason (tag team).

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It is my sad duty to report the deaths
of two valued members of
the Society:

Kelly Freas
and
Michael Mason

(details may be in the next issue
of *De Profundis*)

By the time you read this, funerals and Memorials
for both will have occurred.

Michael was a member of the LASFS'
Board of Directors.

Nominations for his vacant seat will be on
February 17, 2005
and the election to fill his seat will be on
February 24, 2005

(There will be Memorial Pages for Michael in the
next *De Profundis* - send material to Liz Mortensen
at Lyzard13@yahoo.com .)

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes can be read in APA -L and are filed in the
archives)

Meeting #3512, December 2, 2004
Michelle Pincus, presiding
Karl Lemke, Scribe

Following the accepted order of succession, Michelle Pincus called meeting # 3512 to order at 20:09:20. No major past history, except last week, Loscon, a great time was had by all.

The Menace were read and accepted as "a smooth Harry Reddington."

The Registrar: The registrar asked for a substitute registrar. There being none available, she wore two hats. Jim Flynn who lives in Anaheim was introduced to the club, and Jerry Pournelle's sense of humor.

Michael Mason had a correction to *De Prof*. The Gift Exchange is on December 17th, not the 10th. The starting time is 8 PM. Marty added, he got the date from a peachable source. The rules printed in *De Prof* are correct. Please follow the rules if you can get here.

Tonight's Patron Saints: A really nice guy, almost like family to Madame President... **Marty Massoglia.** Matthew Tepper, being recognized, called him a good person and true. He runs A&M Books. He doesn't show up often, but he's a good friend and true. He can usually ID any book given a plot description or any other bits of information. Chaz Baden noted, he runs regency dances at Coppercon, Leprecon, etc. He does a great job of it. Hare Hobbs: When he came to the club, he was reading Cordwainer Smith. Marty brought in the three magazines needed to read the story as it was intended. The novel is not well edited. His wife kept him from doing something fun at the store. Rome -ants for the romance section.

Karen Anderson said, he's a pusher. He has low chairs for the kids in his store. Chaz Baden remarked that his daughter is preparing to give him grandkids. Michelle Pincus: They invited her to a book convention with them, and allowed her to stay with them. And they let her keep Ben out to all hours.

Joe Zeff: back in the long ago time, when bids for books were very low, Marty had a standing bid of 25¢ for any book that was SF related. Sometimes he had to pay it, but never complained. And he gave us money. Three Cheers, and a standing bid for all SF books. And a Frobazz. (Frobazz Magic Research Committee was his e-mail name.)

Old Business: Presidential Nominations...
Matthew B Tepper Michelle
Pincus Joe Zeff
Nominations were recessed until next week.....

Committee Reports: Ed Green: The Committee to present Loscon 31 reports it's been presented. A couple of things: Our numbers were 1265 members, 1197 attending. Many of us thought there'd be a 10% loss. Instead of that, we were a bit ahead of last year. Thanks to exec Treasurer, Hotel Liaison, and Vice Chair, who kept Ed from exploding during the con. (*Which has stopped him exploding after the con. – ed.*) Thanks to all who attended, and thanks for comments, both positive and negative. I hope all who went had a good time. Wrap-up in January, early Feb at the latest. Receipts to Elayne by the end of the month if you want to get paid. Elayne is firm about that.

Time-Bound Announcements: TAFF nominations. One of the nominees is Chaz Boston Baden. Ballots will be left at the clubhouse. Vote early, donate often. He will even make Jello Margueritas while he's over there. TAFF is a fund designed to bring well-known fans to visit from across the Atlantic. So far, it's survived without a constitution, by-laws, etc. There are other fan funds, but TAFF is the oldest.

Fannish Committee Reports: The Committee to Shoot The LASFS reports there are still 3 pictures available. See Scott Beckstead

Reviews: Ed Green reviewed Days of Infamy, by Harry Turtledove. It involves the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and Postulates a follow-up with a land invasion and takeover of the Hawaiian islands. It's a good read, with well-rounded characters. (*None of them are on diets? – ed.*)

Rick Foss: Brad Linaweaver has been getting over his shyness to promote Anarchia – Werner Von Braun doesn't wind up on side of Germans. Von Braun winds up in jail from a youthful adventure, and not a higher-up with the Nazis. Unfortunately, it's one of those books that doesn't end, it just stops. Plenty of room for a sequel. It's not an entirely smooth novel, but it has moments. If you like novels with a lot of ideas in them, it's an interesting read. Anarchia.

Miscellaneous: Diana was volunteered to announced that the three in the back have started a SF writers group. They want to affiliate with LASFS. "You mean you say we read books?" "You may not read them, but you review them." The AffictionAdos. Jason Stoddard, etc...

The heavily anticipated motion passed at 21:06:55.

Meeting #3513, December 9, 2004
George Van Wagner, President

Lafa
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Lafa Filksing
Saturday, February 5, 2005
Dinner break (hosted burrito bar)
at 6 PM
7 PM (pure filking)
House of the Prancing Skiltaire
Hosts: Mark Merlino & Rod O'Riley
13412 Gilbert, Garden Grove, CA
92644
714/539-6547??? (Rod's cell phone)

DINNER: Do-it-yourself burritos,
ingredients provided: 6 pm at the
filksite

DIRECTIONS: See Thomas Bros.
Orange Co., page 798, C-7
(1992 edition);
page 15, grid E-5 (older editions).

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

Karl Lembke, Scribe
On this day in history, President George Van Wagner had no time to do any historical research before calling meeting # 3513 to order at 20:14:45.

Special Orders of Business: Nothing applicable was delivered to the Emperor. Ed Green reported that Jack Chalker is in the hospital with something – so far, we know it's Not Good. Try for info. Prayer, good vibes, etc are welcome. (Ed Green reports that

Flasher – er – Flash. Ben Massoglia: The way Marty Massoglia is with books, That's Fred with anime.

Michelle Pincus: He's totally well known outside LASFS as well. At Comicon, she wound up seeing how famous he is. CLJII: He was member of BoD, and on retirement, assumed position of advisor to Board. It's a great position. You don't have to do anything if you don't want to. Fred, being insane, wants to do stuff. Vanessa: Fred's position in anime is so impressive, people overlook his literary knowledge. Fred introduced her to any number of worthwhile books. Tepper: Fred's interests include comics of various lands, and he's also a vexilologist.

Phil Castora: All said about Fred is true, but note that he's a good man and true. John: enjoyed the furry fiction book he edited. Fred Patten was given an amazing Three Cheers!

We'll be running agenda lite.

Old Business:

Nominees for President currently include Matthew Tepper, Michelle Pincus, and Joe Zeff. John Amato and Phil Castora were added to the list of the insane.

The insane person who was elected **President** was Matthew Tepper.

Vice President!

A motion to railroad carried, and the golden shaft spike was given to ThorGreen.

Scribe!

Nominees were Karl Lembke, John DeChancie, Joe Zeff, and Phil Castora. Larry Niven wisely declined. John DeChancie won the office.

Registrar:

Nominees are Michelle Pincus, Christian and the Doctor (Arizona), Mr & Mrs Tiny, and Scratch Galloway.

The winner of this monkey business was a tag team of Dr. Arizona and Christian McGuire.

We then auctioned off the color of the ballot that would have been used to elect the treasurer.

Appointed Committee Reports: Marty Cantor for the committee to apologize for a mistake in *De Prof*. The Gift Exchange is NOT tomorrow. The rules are correct. The Exchange is a week from tomorrow, starting at 8 PM.

It seems to be the complications from congestive heart failure. Matthew Tepper says Chalker seems to be getting better.)

The Menace were read and accepted as "Hit them again, they're still moving."

The Registrar: has not found any guests. But Dawn Boniface returns after a 15-year absence.

Tonight's Patron Saints: This is another one our President has actually met, talked with, and is quite fond of: **Fred Patten**. Marty Cantor said, very briefly, he's done many things in fandom, but most amazingly, he's been in all 2065 issues of APA-L with no exceptions. "Not to mention long periods when he was OC," said Phil Castora, thereby mentioning it, wouldn't you know... Christian McGuire: While he was at Smofcon, he met a lady from San Jose, and conversation centered on Fred Patten. Fred's a mythical creature in fandom. He helped create anime fandom at this very clubhouse.

Len Moffatt: Took less time than he could have, noted Fred's picture is in the dictionary under the definition of "Meticulous." Ed Green: Let it be noted Fred has been incredibly active in LASFS since 1960, holding many elective offices, LASFS chair, Loscon chair, SCIFI, and many other things. He was even the Golden Age

Charlie Jackson had a lovely assistant pass among us all with the Lantern O'Jack, while he announced the coming Winter Holiday Party, 12/25 at 2 PM. We'll have some hot food. The President put in some money for some diabetic-friendly snacks.

The committee to shoot the LASFS reported having one picture left for sale, \$15.

Joe Zeff announced there won't be a Magic tournament. It's been several months since we've had enough people for one, so it's time to cast dispel magic. (Kind of a disappointed committee report.)

The heavily anticipated motion passed at 21:51:09.

Meeting #3514, December 16, 2004
George Van Wagner, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe

On this day in history, President George Van Wagner was playing host to some life-sized microbes, and was therefore too busy to waste time calling meeting # 3514 to order at 20:13:17

If Beethoven were still alive, he'd be 234 years old today.

The Menace were read and accepted as "flagging for lack of response."

The Registrar: We have Connor Salisbury, who met us at Loscon and showed up anyway.

Tonight's Patron Saint: Steven McGinty. He gave us money – Jerry Pournelle. Rick Foss: Unlike many who became saints, he was a quiet sort who showed up at meetings. He liked small groups. He was that tall quiet guy in the corner. Steve McGinty was given Three Cheers and a South Pasadena slider.

Committee to Gouge: Tried to auction off some exercise. It was a miserable failure, of course.

At one point, the bid was \$2.50 to give the robot to Ed. We'll auction off which Ed later. Phil Castora rose to a point of personal privilege. It never ceases to surprise him how silly the club can get. (*Giving Phil any kind of personal privilege is about as silly as it is possible to get. – ed.*)

Time-Bound Announcements: Marty Cantor announced that tomorrow will happen tomorrow.

Fannish Committee Reports: Scratch was in the hospital to have his kidney stone excavated. His thought

for the week is "this too shall pass."

Miscellaneous: Tadao reminded all that there are some things in the club Not To Be Moved, including the pile of stuff in the auction corner.

Doug Crepeau caught a commercial for West Wing. An upcoming episode deals with an asteroid impact on Earth.

The heavily anticipated motion impacted the club at 20:57:29.

Meeting #3515, December 23, 2004
Phil Castora, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

The magic hour draws nigh. Too bad we have to be here for it. With the magic chant of "eenie, meenie, chili beanie, the meeting is about to start", meeting # 3515 was called to order at 20:14:04.

On this day in history, in 1672. Cassini discovered Rhea. The moon, not the goddess.

1823, "A Visit from St Nicholas" was anonymously published.

In some year, Vincent Van Gogh took Marc Anthony a bit too literally.

1938, during filming of Wizard of Oz, Margot Hamilton's costume caught on fire.

1968, two things – Borman, Lowell and Anders become the first men to orbit the moon (Earth's that is.) (And while not anywhere near the Earth's surface) and we had the first ever reported case of space motion sickness.

Special Orders of Business: None that have been brought to attention. Freddie March is on vacation this week. Ben Massoglia has an announcement: 2:22, 2:24 Liam Ryan and Miri Benjamin Massoglia came into the world. The Sister is fine, so are the kids, although they arrived 7 weeks premature so as not to miss Christmas.

The Menace were read and accepted as "the purpose of these minutes is to have fun". There was a late motion to accept these minutes as "timing"

The Registrar: announced one guest had escaped. David Alan Snow, who had made it to the Meddler's meetings.

Tonight's Patron Saints: Another two George is familiar with. **Elayne Pelz** and **Robbie Bourget**. Elayne is also known as The Sacred Spryngbok: George

The LASFS announces
a new group
meeting at the clubhouse.

FICTIONADOS
A Writer's Workshop

currently
second and fourth Mondays of each month

www.fictionados.com is its contact information
also
diana@fictionados.com or Jason@fictionados.com

Mulligan said, he likes her a lot. In his years of dealing with her, she's shown great kindness and an amazing degree of organization that's rare hereabouts. Matthew Tepper: It's not generally known, but he took a college German class with Elayne when she was a teenager. He has since given it back. In that class, he learned what a wonderful sense of humor Elayne has. Phil Castora – she and Bruce used to give parties on a regular basis, and she did great cooking

Nola: she and Elayne had been hanging out at a media convention. Elayne was asked to help with budgeting and did so. Hare Hobbs: Elayne used to be treasurer. She would stand in front of you with the cash box, never saying a word, but giving The Look. Christian McGuire: When she was a teenager, she was the Valentina of her day at the LASFS. Another thing – she has a degree in Russian lit.

Ed Green: Many of us who deal with Elayne will make jokes about her desire to keep a budget within the actual budget – she has a very large heart, and is a very good friend to many people. For all her abrasiveness, it's all on the surface. Outside the context of treasurer, she's great people

Marty Cantor: very competent, and takes on things in emergency. When Bruce died, he was con chair for Westercon. Elayne, just having lost her husband, took over running the con. She was much more than figurehead at a time of great stress. Len Moffatt: One example: Back in 91, he and June conned SCIFI Inc to sponsor Boucher con 22. He and June chaired. Elayne volunteered to be registrar. Wait a minute, Bruce is GOH. You get a free ride too. Later, realized they should have made the two co-guests of honor. She helped a lot with the con. She had a knack for keeping records and organizing things.

Ken Porter: Fondest memory of Elayne was from first meeting at old clubhouse. After Ken had bought stuff and was writing a check, he came up to Elayne to pay. She apologized for Bruce, and Ken started saying "No, it's all right." "Ah, just like home." she said. CLJII One thing Elayne has done for years – She and Bruce were regular visitors to county fairs. She and Charlie have been making the rounds now that Bruce is gone. She's a delightful companion. Also, in 1984 when Loscon lost its treasurer due to blindness, she took over the job of treasurer on site. Most important thing about Elayne – if she were here to hear all this, she'd be denying it. Elayne Pelz was given Three Cheers and a permanently sealed record.

Second **Saint** is **Robbie Bourget**. She has given George a completely different perspective on LASFS history. Phil: When she was treasurer, she saved us a lot of money by responding to any dumb schemes for spending money with A Glare. Cantor: She was one of a line of treasurers who have just been excellent. We've been very lucky in our selection of treasurers. She's a wonderful person, which is why he married her. She comes back from England for some LOSCONs and for Gallifrey.

Hare: Robbie's technique for collecting dues was to yell out to people from behind the desk. She was also the person in charge during truck loading, except for the person who was actually in charge. She still works tech at conventions. She knows how to get things done, and without her, we'd have had to find someone else. Christian: Gallifrey – in 1979, she had tried to put together a convention to be called Gallifrey One. In LA, she discovered the Time Meddlers renting from LASFS. She managed to intimidate enough Meddlers into helping her put on Gallifrey One in 1990. Another thing Marty wouldn't mention – Robbie has a soft side. It was love at first sight between her and Marty. She has emotions, and she's good at concealing the non-angry ones. George Mulligan – She's a boon companion for playing cards, and has taught him the intricacies of Hell. One story: One convention, she was out of sorts about something when he needed to talk to her. In dealer's room, found her a badge, "Oh Shit, You're going to talk to me, aren't you?"

Nola: Robbie was a fantastic game master. She would take various reference books and map out the world or future history that the characters would wind up in, and if she wanted to figure out a way to insert Canadian history, she would. She also made adjustments to help Nola with her visual problems. Ed Green: Minor correction – Robbie worked Ops. In a room full of

people with strong opinions, she tried to be the strongest, and often succeeded. Also, playing Hell with Robbie is an experience, to be tried once. Christian: She was easily annoyed by people who wouldn't bid enough on an item. She would yell out "\$20!" and sit down.

Ken has known her almost as long as Marty has. Has played Hell with her any number of times. She was a ruthless Hell player. Rule three was Kill Ruth Sandy. The club really needs people like her. Robbie was given Three Cheers and a Three no zero.

Committee to Gouge: auctioned off some stuff. No donations are being accepted by the committee pending inventory.

Reviews: Bill Ellern: Isle of Man has a major industry, postage stamps. They put out some of the nicest stamps that exist. Bill has particular favorites – when QEII was crowned, they put out a large picture of her sitting on the throne, with regalia. Latest two issues are Lord of the Rings which includes small sheets, multiple sheets, in beautiful presentation packages, and Harry Potter, also in multiple sheets in beautiful presentation packages. Bill attempted to demonstrate that philately will get you everywhere.

Ed Green: gift exchange – thanks to Michael Mason and Joyce Sperling for their work

George Mulligan incurred a quarter fine for his comment on the Lord of the Rings set for those in the hobbit of stamp collecting.

Hare: Gift Exchange – Only problem was it was the Year of the Stuff. Everything went fine. It was a fun day.

Zeff: reviewed his new air bazooka. Cats react amusingly to the thing. George Van Wagner: <backyardartillery.com> for the air guns and related stuff.

CLJII bought a three pound pail of Hershey-ettes. They were delicious. Every last one.

Fred Patten: If it's the thought that counts, what am I to think about getting a plushie dog turd?

Fannish Committee Reports: George Van Wagner: 4250 people dressed as Father Christmas. Affair took a wrong turn when a bunch of them ducked into a pub, got into a street brawl. The police had to break it up with tear gas and truncheons, to the strains of Arrest ye merry

gentlemen.

Miscellaneous: Tom Safer: Starting Jan 11, he will be with a group rehearsing Carmina Burana – tales written by defrocked priests. They're quite racy if you know Latin. (Well, they're pretty racy even if you don't know Latin, you just won't know what they say.)

Kenny: LATimes did a wonderful article about the SF museum near the Space Needle

The suggestion box needs a new clasp and padlock. What a wonderful suggestion!

The heavily anticipated motion passed at 21:20:54.

*Meeting #3516, December 30, 2004
George Van Wagner, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

"It's the pen-ultimate day of the year." On account of that, meeting # 3516 was started up. In 2004, President George Van Wagner had no time to do any research, so meeting 3516 was called to order at 20:09:25

Special Orders of Business: Marty Cantor reported that in the midst of a whole lot of sadness in Asia, Arthur Clarke is OK. And, Marty read a posting (which he got from Karen Anderson) from Sir Arthur to the club. Andy Robinson reports that since he's 2.5 hours from the coast in Jacarta, his water heater has quit working. Doug Crepeau has posted letters from the Clarke Foundation website.

There is a motion that the Society send \$200 to CARE on account of the Tsunami. A Friendly amendment was made to change the amount to \$500. Passed unanimously. Jerry found an e-mail address for CARE. They take credit cards and checks.

The Menace were read and accepted, as "It is a good day to die."

The Registrar: We have guests! Debbie Morgan, who learned about us from the Internet, and Kelly Morgan who learned about us from her mom.

Tonight's Patron Saint: It being the 53rd Thursday of the year, tonight's **Patron Saint** is **Forry Ackerman**. Now George has met him. Hare Hobbs was at his birthday party this year. One thing he did in his role as a manager for SF authors: when they didn't get paid, he'd pay out of his pocket. He had, at one time, the largest collection of SF and horror memorabilia. He's a

ESTROGEN ZONE

Scrapbooking classes and workshops

If you have scrapbooked before, please bring your supplies and come and sit and talk as the rest work on their projects.

Rebecca will be glad to help anybody who has not done this get started.

Questions? Call Rebecca at: (310) 710- 3291

marvelous person to listen to. But you'd better like puns. Len Moffatt has known Forry by correspondence since the late 30s. Moved out here in '46, and back then, fandom had all kind of polls going, favorite stories, authors, etc. One popular poll was "vote for your favorite fan." In most, Forry was #1. Sometimes Bob Tucker was #1. At Worldcon, Tucker got up and declared we need to settle it. Forry would be the #1 fan, Tucker #1.5. Forry is too generous. He's gotten ripped off too many times over the years. Too many people would come in and get the tour of the house, and later he'd notice something was missing. He never stopped giving the tours, though. It was just contrary to the purpose of maintaining such a collection.

Nick Smith: Forry was most amazing literary agent in history. He kept stories on file forever. He had other stories that had been sitting there since the '50s. That's how they got an unpublished Hubbard story for Fantasy Book. Doug Crepeau: Forry is indispensable because it gives us someone to blame LASFS on. Ed Green: one nicer thing – the way he's opened his house for tours. One day, he and Liz went on a tour. Some of the memorabilia is impressive because of what it is. Some because it was so oddball.

Tad Daily: Forry gave him the best business card he's ever seen. It has his phone number, his address, and a picture of Forry with a fiendish look in his eye, sitting on The Time Machine. Hare Hobbs: The Invitation to Forry's birthday party showed Forry sleeping in bed with the model robot from Metropolis. It's not the original, but it's still very valuable. George Van Wagner: We're it not for Forry, he wouldn't be here today. Reading Famous Monsters of Filmland got him in to SF.

Charlie Jackson recalls that the way he found LASFS was through Bill Warren and Forry. Back in 1967, he

was glad to find a place he could go to meet Forry. They've been good friends ever since. Doug Crepeau: Whenever he brought people over to Forry's place, Forry would tell him, "you know the place as well as I do. Show him around." Paul Allen bought what Forry thinks is the last SF League ring for \$50K.

Jerry Pournelle: Will tell a story he didn't have the heart to tell at Forry's 85th birthday. It was the combined Westercon/Worldcon in 1968 – Poul Anderson was nominated for a Hugo. Jerry was at his table. They were drinking. That evening, they had awards by everyone, including Forry and Sam Moskowitz. They decided to see who could speak the longest. Both won. Anderson was so drunk by the time he went to collect the award he barely made it to the stage. Forry is long-winded. Forry was given Three Cheers, and the robot of his choice.

As outgoing President, George had one last appointment: Following a request from a member to resurrect Shangri L'Affaires, Ed Green will edit the mess. If you have things to submit, submit to Ed Green. *Shaggy* is the fanzine of the LASFS. It's a general SF zine. It was the original Official Organ, and after severely intermittent publishing, it went moribund.

A motion was offered suggesting that mutant hogs be captured, bred, and trained to fight Iraqi dinosaurs. Call it the Porcine International Guard. Unfortunately, there are sufficient signatures to get this thing considered. Friendly amendment: team this group up with the Prestigious International Gourmands...A motion was made to table this motion to 400 years. A motion was made to table this motion for one year to the day.

One Presidential Pardon, and one quick announcement. Pardoning self for program item, a round table discussion, Wither the LASFS?

David Gerrold had an announcement: He had no chance at Loscon to say thanks for having him as the LASFS Guest of Honor. He still doesn't know why he bothered. He has donated his new book to the library.

Time-Bound Announcements: Joe Zeff announced for Joe Fekete, his next webzine version of Gateway SF will be out. It includes the first of the Notorious Doc Sideburns stories.

Reviews: Nick Smith: part review and part announcement: There is a new computer game called Fable. It's escaping. The designer is being knighted OBE. First knighted for designing SF and Fantasy games.

George Van Wagner said, speaking of the UK, he has a book review. Charles Stross' Singularity Sky. The basic question of the book is, what happens to anti-tech society run along lines of tzarist Russia when someone drops off a replicating cornucopia machine. Also in background is a near omniscient AI that objects to messing with causality. Highly recommended. A sequel just came out.

Geoff has gotten around to reading Lucifer's Hammer. He finds it an acceptable read.

Miscellaneous: Karl: thanks to everyone for being a wonderful source of inspiration for the Menace.

Charlie Jackson gave out info on why we should help protect bats.

Matthew Tepper called for a round of applause for George and Karl. (*The applause had sharp edges, so it could not be considered round. - ed.*)

Phil Castora reviewed some Campbell's soup. He's not willing to try the Jimmy Neutron soup.

Doug Crepeau forgot what he was going to say.

The heavily anticipated motion passed at 21:21:53.

The January Board meeting was canceled, so the December Board Minutes have not been corrected. The Minutes will be in this space nextish.

Zines received in trade

(All zines are available to read and are in the *De Profundis* mailbox and can be taken out for a week)

club zines: Meeting Notices (PSFS). ConNotations Vol. 14, #6 (CASFS). Instant Message #745 & 746 (NESFA). DASFAx Vol. 36 #6 & Vol. 37 #1 (DASFA). NASFA Shuttle Vol. 24 #12 & Vol. 25, No. 1 (NASFA). Einblatt! January 2005 (MinnStf).

other zines: NICE DISTINCTIONS 8 (Arthur D. Hlavaty). Trap Door No. 23 (Robert Lichtman).

NEW BOOKS

(This is a section devoted to listing new books and other items received by the LASFS Library. Our extensive library is not just for collecting and looking at that wonderful collection of books on shelves. Members may take them out and read them. The Librarian has no current listings at this time.)

The following motion has been presented to the club on January 6, with 57 signatures. It was tabled for 30 days for fuller consideration and will be considered on February 10, 2005.
(A simple majority of those in attendance will decide the issue.)

WHEREAS -

Throughout its lifetime the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society has depended on the efforts of volunteers for its continued existence and growth,

And whereas this spirit of volunteer labor helps to spread our message of the future, as well as introduce people to our community of fans,

And whereas, over the last ten years, Michael Mason had exhibited a great sense of responsibility to our community by volunteering to work for the benefit of the Society, in position of greater and greater responsibility, that required hours and hours of hard and at times, uncredited work; among those positions were his membership on the Board of Directors, Chairman of LOSCON, Comptroller of the LASFS; and, finally, his position as Librarian of the Society,

And, as members of the Society, we have a responsibility not just to remember and thank the members from previous generations for their hard work, but to insure that similar efforts do not go forgotten for Society members of the current generation,

And, finally, in some small way, to honor the memory of Michael Mason, a dear friend, who has left us too soon:

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY DO HEREBY MOVE THAT THE NAME OF THE AWARD GIVEN FOR SERVICE TO THE LASFS BE RENAMED THE

“EVANS-FREEHAFER-MASON-AWARD”

The position on the
LASFS' Board of Directors
is now vacant.

Nominations to fill the position
will be taken on
February 17, 2005.

The election for this Board position
will be held on
February 24, 2005.

*(All nominations must be made
on February 17, 2005,
as no nominations will be taken
at the time of the election.)*

*The election will be to fill the
time remaining on this office.
The term expires in 2006.*

dictated by Fred Patten, and intended for APA-L 2,071st
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Gold, Wednesday, January 19, 4 PM

FRED PATTEN says,

I was feeling fine right up to the time the airplane left
LAX. By the time it arrived in San Jose, I had the flu so
bad that the first thing I did on checking in was to take a
90 minute nap to regain my strength because I was ex-
hausted. And then I went downstairs to check in at the
convention, and I wasn't down there more than five min-
utes before I needed to go to sleep again, and I spent al-
most the entire convention in bed.

I came home on late Monday night and I was so disori-
ented and confused that I fell and smashed my face so I've
got a big bruise on my forehead right now.

Tuesday morning, everybody around me insisted I needed
to go to a hospital, and they called the paramedics, who
took me to Daniel Freeman Hospital in Marina Del Rey in
Room #4109 (Telemetry: a monitoring hall), and I've been
here ever since.

(Fred has been diagnosed with pneumonia. - ed.)



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