



DE PROFUNDIS 416



September 2007

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Legend of Inscrutable Abbreviations

BoD - Board of Directors
 CFO - Cartoon Fantasy Organization
 Cinema Anime - Japanimation
 Estrogen Zone - Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 FWEMS - Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 Time Meddlers - Dr. Who Club
 TRIPE - Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment
 TSPC - Tom Safer Presents Cartoons - 10 am

CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Estrogen Zone - 2 pm
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
 Time Meddlers - 10:30 am
 TRIPE - Noon until whenever

Thursday Program Items

September 6 - What Have You Been Reading Lately?

September 13 - Nothing Scheduled.

September 20 - Auction and special program honoring Don Herbert, Mr. Wizard.

September 27 - Nothing Scheduled.

Calendar Details

Asian Cult Cinema - 2 pm
 BoD - 11 am, gaming starts at 2 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1 pm until it ends

COLOPHON

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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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Roy Lavender
October 23, 1919 - June 17, 2007
R.I.P.

An e-mail from Don Fitch reported that long time fan and old friend Roy Lavender died on June 17. According to Bruce Pelz's birthday list, Roy was born October 23, 1919, making him 87 years old. It doesn't seem like seven years since we attended Roy's 80th birthday party put on by his daughter Lois.

His wonderful wife DeeDee died a few years ago, but Roy kept up with some of his activities. He was a retired engineer from what I used to call the "space ship industry" and wrote about

subjects both scientific and science fictional in his annual newsletter, reminding us of our conversations with him at meetings and parties back when he was able to attend them.

For Many years he sent insulting but humorous birthday cards to his friends. Besides contributing to the space program, he had many interests as a science fiction fan and a knowledgeable collector of jazz going back to the days it was known as jass.

He and DeeDee contributed considerably to the Seventh Worldcon in Cincinnati in 1949, in program planning, contacting authors, etc. They moved to California in the 1950s and stayed in a motel in Downey for a short period of time. That's where Rick Sneary and I first met them as I was living at an earlier Moffatt House in Downey at that time.

Their daughter Lois grew up to be quite active in local fandom. We also met her brother Roy, Jr. but I never got to know him very well. DeeDee was a kind-hearted friend and a wonderful hostess of gatherings at their eventual home in Long Beach. She wasn't much of an sf reader, but she liked fantasy and mysteries.

Roy and DeeDee were members of First Fandom, with DeeDee serving at its secretary at convention meetings. Locally, they were members of the Petard Society (which was modeled after the old Outlander Society) that met once a month in various members' homes. Meetings at their home were always special for me as I loved listening to Roy's tapes of original jass recordings by the likes of Billie Holiday and others of her era and older.

To paraphrase an old jass piece played for funeral marches, he "wondered" 'til the butcher cut him down, the butcher in this case being the idiot with the scythe.

—Len Moffatt



Photo by Richard Lynch

More About Rob Cole

(From the Los Angeles Times)

Rob Cole, a pioneering gay journalist, whose efforts helped create a national readership for the Advocate, the long running gay publication, died June 30 at his home in North Hills. He was 76.

Cole died after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease, complicated by pneumonia and a chronic back ailment, according to a longtime friend, Rob McCoard.

Cole had been an editor for 17 years at the Dallas Times-Herald when he left to join the Advocate as news editor in 1969, two years after the founding. He was the first news professional to work at the Advocate, said Stewart Timmons, an expert on gay history in Los Angeles.

According to the Encyclopedia of Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender History, owners Bill Rand and Michaels hired Cole to bring professional standards to what was then a rather amateurish mix of news, features and photographs of scantily clad men.

Cole not only assigned and edited stories, he also often wrote them, covering serious issues such as conditions for gays in jails, psychiatric abuse and gays in religion.

"He was quite responsible for the Advocate's growth and and for the excellence of the paper," said Jeanne Barney, an Advocate columnist when Cole was editor.

His work was encouraging to other gay journalists, such as Mark Thompson, a former Advocate senior editor and author of books on gay spirituality and culture.

'In those days, for someone to leave a mainstream career and work for a struggling gay newspaper was an extraordinary act of courage and bravery," Thompson said.

Cole, native of Dallas, remained with the Advocate until new owners moved the entire operation to San Francisco in 1974. Over the next several years, he helped start a Los Angeles based gay publication called News West – now defunct – and worked for other newspapers in Southern California.

He eventually left journalism and worked as a real estate appraiser while remaining active in the gay community.

For most of the last 37 years, he was a board member of Christopher Street West, the organization that annually sponsors gay pride parades on Hollywood Blvd.

Letter to De Prof

I was very sorry to read in De Profundis of Daugherty's and Cole's deaths! And I'm wondering — at 78, how close am I to being the oldest Worldcon Chairman still around.

--George Scithers

[[When I said Walt was the senior surviving worldcon chairman I was thinking in terms of the year in which he had been chairman rather than his age. Walt was chairman in 1946, and the chairs for 1939, 1940, and 1941 were already deceased. When Walt died I believe Julian May from 1952 became the senior surviving worldcon chairman.

In terms of absolute age, I don't know the ages of all the other surviving chairs, but I can find out some of them. According to Clute and Nicholls, Julian May was born in 1931. The same source says Dave Kyle (chair in 1956) was born in 1912. It looks like you're going to have to survive for awhile longer to become the oldest surviving worldcon chairman.

--Milt]]

Next LAFA Filksing

Saturday, September 15, 2007, 7 pm
Pre-filk dinner (hosted burrito bar) at 6 pm
House of Prancing Skiltaire
Hosts: Mark Merlino and Rod O'Riley
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New Books In The Library

The Last Colony by John Scalzi
The Name of the Wind by Patrick Roghru
The Company They Keep: C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien as writers in community
by Diana Pavlac Glyer
Fast Forward: Future fiction from the cutting edge
Your Cat & Other Space Aliens by Mary Turzillo
All Together Dead by Charlaine Harris
Soon I Will Be Invincible by Austin Grossman

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(Copies of the complete minutes are filed in the archives.)

LASFS Board of Directors
Sunday, July 8, 2007
Karl Lembke, Presiding
George Van Wagner, Scribe

Attending Board Members: Karl Lembke (Chairman), George Van Wagner (Secretary), Tadao Tomomatsu, Elayne Pelz (procedural treasurer), Brett Achorn (comptroller), Ed Green, Mike Thorsen (vice-chair), Bill Ellern, Liz Mortensen.

Absent: Bob Null, Cathy Beckstead.

Others Attending: Vanessa Van Wagner, Joe Zeff, Milt Stevens, Marty Cantor, Greg Bilan, Marcia Minsky, Susan Gleason, Gavin Claypool, Arlene Satin.

The meeting was called to order at 11:10am
Congratulations were offered to Marcia Minsky for winning election to President of the LASFS and to the other officers who won posts. Condolulations to the new Treasurer, Elayne Pelz.

Minutes: approved as corrected

New Members: Robert Jansen, Anaheim; Andrew Livingston, Los Angeles, Mitsuhiro Sakai, Los Angeles accepted unanimously.

Treasurer: We have money. Items are budgeted and need to be done.

Maintenance: Roof repair and wall repair still assigned to nobody. Intermittent electrical problem in Freehafer Hall bathroom needs to be fixed. Old soda refrigerator machine has some questions pending.

Crash bars: George will forward research to Elayne. She will call around and see if this is something the locksmith would do along with the rekeying.

The side flower bed/drainage area on the east side of Freehafer Hall needs maintenance. Neighbors should be kept informed. Attorney advice may be sought. Further discussion was taken off-line.

Elayne Pelz will investigate disposal of the old refrigerator.

Electronic Equipment: Video setup is working. Some visual hum has been observed, but not enough to take any action. Audio is working. Computers are working. Damage to one keyboard was addressed.

Communications: The Gestetner is getting less usage now that Marty is printing most APA contributions off-site. Otherwise, nothing to report. We have a new answering machine.

Library: Trying to set up a schedule: Thursday nights, Friday nights, Second Sunday. Soliciting volunteers. June reading made \$27 in donations. New acquisitions are being announced at meetings and given to Milt for inclusion in De Prof. Acquisitions policy will be included in guidelines outlining the duties of volunteer positions for Institutional Memory Committee.

At this point, a closed session was called for.

A motion was made to appoint George and Brett to getting content to Scott and also to research options and prices for alternatives for maintaining the website. The motion was passed with one abstention.

Session re-opened.

Archive: LOSCON archives has acquired a pro photographer to work on doing a living history. There may be an opportunity to do another "class picture." Update on this in another month.

Institutional Memory Committee: Has been meeting virtually. Preparing a report/proposal re procedural meetings.

Events:

Westercon site selection: Arizona won the bid for 2009. No formal bids announced for 2010 or beyond.

Websites for individual Westercons: Move to purchase the next several years worth of Westerconnumber.org. Prices and exact number of years to be purchased to be researched. LASFS will request an administrative fee from the individual Westercon concons.

Loscon 34: Meetings are being held, attendance is good, work is being done. Programming meeting has been held, invites are going out for programming. Fictionados are going to be running a writers' workshop. We have volunteers for the Public Archeology Day on October 22 and plans are proceeding.

Loscon 35: Concom not present, no report.

LaLaCon: LaLaCon attendance 55 people. Convention made \$640.55 not including yard sale proceeds.

Diamond Anniversary Committee: No report

Classic SF Day: Plans were written up and have been handed in for review.

Yard Sale: Moved that Gavin Claypool plan and coordinate a yard sale to be held in a slightly cooler part of the year.

Marketing Committee Report: The marketing committee suggested considering presenting an open house to bring in new members and promote good relations with neighbors. It was suggested that this be tied in with a craft fair or other specific event.

WeHo Book Fair on September 30. The application has a creative/interactive requirement and asks about plans for book signings. LASFS authors have been approached about participating. We will have two 8-foot tables and an electrical drop. A request for funds for imprinted items was postponed to the August Board Meeting when the entire budget will be reviewed. Moving of supply cabinet.

Institutional Memory review of tasks to be completed:

Roof repair – not assigned. Elayne can do it after Worldcon.

Wall and posts at side of building – not assigned
bathroom outlet – Elayne volunteered

Escape bars – Elayne volunteered to do research

Disposal of old fridge – Elayne volunteered

Drainage area – discussion taken off-line with a report next month.

Website – George and Brett

Westercon.org domains registration – Liz

Move to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:31pm

Meeting #3647, July 5, 2007
Marcia Minsky, President
John DeChancie, Scribe

Meeting called to order: 8:05 PM.

Special Orders of Business. CLJII announced death of Fred Saberhagen. Jerry Pournelle gave short eulogy.

Scribe read the minutes, to great annoyance among the members. Call for impeachment, Scribe himself seconding.

Saint – Doug Abe – George van Wagner said nice things. Three cheers and a “Dewey decimal system.” (Explanation of meaning pending.)

Committee announcements: upcoming film-watching at the clubhouse, TRIPE and FWEMS.

Guests: Rob S. Wilson, Ted Helmers. Ted and Rob visited because it “sounded interesting.” Oh, have you been to the Tar Pits?

George van Wagner announced new library acquisitions. Books, of all things, plus other matter.

Mary Turzillo, an out-of-town member of the club, announced her story in an anthology FAST FORWARD, from Pyr publishers.

Reviews – Scribe reviewed ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND. “Veddy interesting.” Tom Safer reviewed FIVE THOUSAND FINGERS OF DR. T, Jerry Pournelle also commenting and urging members to catch this unusual film.

George van Wagner reviewed Mary Stewart’s THE CRYSTAL CAVE.

Jerry Pournelle reviewed John DeChancie’s first novel, STARRIGGER. “Writes like van Vogt, if he knew the English language.” Scribe turned a distinct shade of

magenta.

Ed Green reviewed the latest DOCTOR WHO series.

Jerry Pournelle reviewed a T. E. White novel, the title of which escapes the Scribe’s spotless mind. [Mistress Masham’s Repose. Jerry liked it.]

Charles L. Jackson II reviewed a cereal box.

Ed Green related that Westercon 2009 will be held in Phoenix, who won the bid.

Michelle Pincus told about Anime Expo ’07, which drew 50,000 people. And most of them were non-Japanese. [The last sentence is wrong; many of the presenters and attendees were, in fact, Japanese.]

Miscellaneous announcements: Hare Hobbs claimed, having read a news story, that bees were getting nicotine from pesticides. At least, **that’s the buzz**. Bees are now banned from all public places in California. Conservatives claim the new law is unenforceable.

Eric Hoffman talked about upcoming DVDs of classic movies.

A motion was made to “Rob Cole.”

Motioned carried. President Minsky so ordered it.

Time: 9:11 PM.

Humbly submitted, John DeChancie

Meeting #3648, July 12, 2007
Marcia Minsky, President
Joe Zeff, Scribe

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:08:03.14159 PM, by the repeated rapping of the gavel by Marcia Minsky.

Special Orders of Business: Fred Patten announced the death of Sterling Lanier, a writer who’s passing he wasn’t able to discuss last week. There was a full minute of silence.

President Minsky, after having Marty Cantor come out from the APA-L room, introduced LASFS’s newest patron saint: a smart-ass known as Marty Cantor.

Last week’s minutes, by scribe John DeChancie were read, and approved as Rob Cole’d, after considerable nitpicking.

Patron Saint: Mac Schermeister. Marty Cantor brought out a piece of his art work for the club to admire, and called him probably the best fan artist that's never won a Hugo. Len Moffatt told us that Marc's style was greatly influenced by the early comic books. Milt said that he'd probably drawn more dinosaurs than were on the planet originally. Marc explained that he got his ideas from a combination of breakfast cereal and Jack Daniels. Jerry Pournelle told us of a cartoon he remembered called "Close Encounters of the Weird Kind." Marcia Minsky mentioned a Rose Parade float he'd designed, and Mr. Schermeister told us the story of designing it. We gave him three cheers and, an infinitely long repetagraph.

Registrar: No guests, so none were introduced.

At this point, there was a brief pause for an auction. Tadao told us there was a moratorium on donations, as we've got too much right now.

Committee Reports: George VanWagner told us of upcoming programs, including a Major Auction.

There was no Old Business, or New. There was much rejoicing, except by the Scribe, who happens to like New Business.

Announcements: Marcia started off by announcing a change in procedure. Timebound Announcements would go first, but others would be allowed. Mike Burlake reported about a fanzine interview that wrongly claims that the Eaton Collection turned down Harry Warner's fanzine collection. Hare Hobbs told us about a mystery novel, with Steve Barnes as a co-author.

Reviews: Mike Burlake reviewed some artwork he'd bought at a convention, AntroCon, showing the pictures so that the members could appreciate his comments. Fred Patten told us that the Guinness Book of Records was planning to list AntroCon as having the largest collection of people in furry costumes, over 300. Cathy Beckstead called Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix very good, although there were things left out from the book. Matthew Tepper said that he'd heard that it was the shortest of the movies, although made from the longest, yet, of the books.

Fannish Committee Reports: none!

Miscellaneous: Karl Lembke got a promotion. Gizmo told us it was his birthday. As always, Jerry Pournelle responded with the Mongolian Barbarian's Birthday Song. Next week will be Agenda Very Light, to leave time for #########. The motion to Rob Cole came at precisely 9:08ish.

Respectfully submitted,
The Scribe with the Sideburns, happy to be sharing the work..

*Meeting #3650, July 26, 2007
Marcia Minsky, President
Joe Zeff, Scribe*

In the early part of the evening, on Thursday, at the prescribed time of 8:07 Post Meridian, the two siblings who were charged with the running of the meeting seated themselves in the seats placed for them before the membership. President Minsky rapped on the table with the spoon she was wont to use as a gavel. Although it was not the custom of the membership, they heeded the signal and became quiet.

The President called, now, for Special Orders of Business. Yea, verily, saith George Van Wagner, for the Weekly World News has passed after lo, these many years. And he spake unto us about this paper and we were saddened by his news. Amused, we were, but saddened.

And Len Moffatt rose to say unto us that Deedee Lavender's husband had passed on the 17th day of the month of June. And the number of his years was 87. And Marcia called for a moment of silence, and silence was on the face of the LASFS. And the siblings looked out upon the pond of faces and saw that it was good.

Yea, verily, saith Christian McGuire, for John DeChancie is now a grandfather.

Marcia Minsky spake unto the membership, saying that the Order of Business was changed, and that we would now recognize the evening's Patron Saints, Tom Safer and Ed Green. Kay Shapero

stated that Tom has long loved animation, and George Van Wagner saith the same thing, and more. And behold, many others came forth and said unto the membership that Tom was a good fan and true. And Ms. Minsky calleth for three cheers, and the fans cheered not once, not twice but thrice.

And it came to pass that Ed Green was not present, and behold, the members took advantage of this. And Joe Zeff told the tale of the time Ed Green told Alan Frisbee to leave the room on his own Patron Saint night. And many others too, said things of Ed Green, and they were good, and the members were pleased. And again, we gave cheers for Sgt. G-r-e-e-n, and three was the number of cheers.

The preceding week's minutes were read, to much acclamation. All saith that they were unwilling to correct them, and they were approved as both Spare the Rod and spoil the Minutes and Ronnin in the Gloamin, as, behold, the vote was a tie.

And the President asked if there were guests, and behold, Joyce had a guest to introduce: Adam Wills of Agoura Hills. And the members applauded.

Committee Reports: Yea, saith Milt Stevens, if you have not received your De Profundus, heigh thyself hence unto the Treasurer's desk and take it. George Van Wagner spake upon upcoming programming. He also spake for the Library, for the Library now has the two latest Harry Potter books.

Then the President calleth for the Committee to Gouge, and the members were gouged. And there was much rejoicing, for it was right and proper that the members be gouged.

And Tom Safer stood up, when the auction was finished, and warned us that the program tonight was 13 Bugs Bunny Cartoons. And the members were not superstitious, and were not upset by the number 13.

And Christian McGuire stood and said unto the members that the Board of Directors had charged him with preparing for the 75th Anniversary, October 29, 2009.

Marcia Minsky then spake, to say that there was no business, old or new. And the scribe was astonished that there was not a weeping and a gnashing of teeth at the lack of business.

Joyce Hooper stood and preached unto the members who wantest to vote on the Hugo Awards to do so before time runnith out. Then stood Allison Stern, to warn us that ConCord was coming. And again, Tom Safer rose, to speak on a special program at the clubhouse this coming Saturday. Len Moffatt spake, saying that a story by Jerry Bixby had been made into a movie and would be out soon on DVD. Then came Mike Glycer to the front, for he had a book, C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien as Writers in Community, to donate to the library, and the current issue of File 770.

George Van Wagner revieweth the latest Harry Potter book, sans spoilers. He warned the membership that it is worthy, albiet flawed, and he found it a good ending to the series. Karl Lembke saith that he, too, had read the book and found it worthy. Victoria Shapero said unto the members that this book is proof that the author is learning as she goes. The scribe thinketh that he'd like the chance to learn the same way.

All business having been completed, there was a memorial motion to Rob Cole at 9:23 Post Meridian.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Scribe with the Sideburns.

Watch This Space

If the TV is busted
and
You Totally Have Nothing To Do For The Evening



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