



## JULY 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Tom Safer Cartoons	2	3	4	5 LASFS MEETING	6 Open House	7 - Ray Bradbury Memorial
8 BoD - Second Sunday Open House	9	10	11	12 LASFS MEETING	13 Open House	14 Cinema Anime:
15 Time Meddlers	16	17	18	19 LASFS MEETING	20 Open House	21 CFO - Tom Safer Cartoons
22 LOSCON Meeting	23	24	25	26 LASFS MEETING	27 LASFS CLOSED	28
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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 - 11 am  
 2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming - 2 pm  
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation, time after Tom Safer Cartoons  
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation  
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing  
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm  
 TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club  
 Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am  
 D.I.G. = Developer Interest Group = 7 PM

### CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever  
 BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts 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  
 DIG—7:30 pm  
 FWEMS -

### THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

JULY 5 - Video: Quark  
 JULY 12 - Video: Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Mikado" with Groucho Marx  
 JULY 19 - Robert J. Sawyer, Canadian Author  
 JULY 26 - LASFS Limber Up Workout

(programme items subject to change without notice)

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:  
[http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?option=com\\_events&Itemid=185](http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185)



The Memorial for LASFS member Ray Bradbury starts at 2 pm on July, 7

## DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

### COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 473– July 2012. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

*De Profundis* is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (6012 Tyrone Ave., Van Nuys, CA, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 904-9544 . The club's web site is: [www.lasfsinc.info](http://www.lasfsinc.info). *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 55¢ in person, \$1.00 by domestic mail. Out of country rates quoted upon request but it is recommended that copies be downloaded - or at least read - from the *DE PROF* web site.

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

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

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

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

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

Written in Publisher 2000 on a new custom-built Intel dual-core computer (using the XP Pro operating system) and printed on an HP 4700dn colour laser printer.

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

**Addendum:** At the LASFS' Board of Directors meeting of February 8, 2009, the Directors accepted the proposal by Marty Cantor to take over *De Profundis* as his own fanzine, or as one of them, and he will be assuming the entire cost of production. Marty Cantor has promised to use his 5+ years experience of running *De Prof* as a guide to pubbing the zine as the *unofficial* newsletter of the society. The proposal was put to the Board because the Board had previously indicated that costs were dictating the discontinuance of the zine. As of this issue, *De Prof* will be available on paper solely at cost: currently 55¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.00. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

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### LASFS OFFICERS

#### Elected Procedural Officers July - December, 2012

**President:** Matthew B. Tepper. **Vice-President:** Greg Bilan. **Scribe:** Liz Carlie. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

### Board of Directors

**Chairman:** Karl Lembke (2012). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2014).. **Comptroller:** Bill Ellern (2013). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2012). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2012), Warren "Whiskey" Johnson (2012) Elayne Pelz (2014), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2014), Arlene Satin (2013), Mike Thorsen (2012), Eylat Poliner (2014).. **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moflatt, and Fred Patten.

### Official Committees

**De Profundis Editor, Speaker to Gestetner, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison:** Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whiskey. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Darnell Coleman. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** Christian McGuire. **Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curator:** Tom Khamis. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key Control:** Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster - <<http://lasfsinc.info>>:** Barry Gold. **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel, **Editor. Computers & LASFS Archivist:** Christian McGuire. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Arlene Satin. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Cat Liaison:** Don Wenner.

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### Meeting 3896, April 12, 2012 President Marcia Minsky, President Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Marcia Minsky called meeting #3896 of the LASFS to order at 20:05. Or 4:00 PM by the clock on the wall. Tonight, on account of tonight's program, we're on Agenda Light again.

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie Jackson, II announced some special orders, this week we lost a member of the Society. Word has come that Barry Workman died Tuesday afternoon. It was not unexpected, but it was also not welcome. Scratch has known BG Workman for many years, and he was always kind, courteous, opinionated, strong willed, and a friend to many. "Typical fan" – Hare Hobbs.

Jerry Pournelle met "Sarge" at LASFS while we were still at the park, and after that, Jerry got appointed Chancellor to a college campus in Baja. Sarge and he and an unremembered girl took a jeep down a thousand miles of bad road. If he had it to do again, he'd pick Sarge to go along. He was a good man and knew his limits. Mike Donahue never met anyone who devoted himself so unselfishly to doing good works for others. In his honor we had a long moment of silence.

Marcia explained her crown. This is National Library Week. She works in the Library, so her boss decided to honor two people – Marcia and another person. They would not let her take it off for the rest of the day. Includ-

ing in labs. And yes, it is the Cinderella Crown.

The **Menace** were read, and MaryAnn Canfield paid \$6.50 to name them "Pundamental". She also paid a 25¢ pun fine.

**Patron Saint Elliott Weinstein** was honored. Matthew Tepper: good fan and true. Friend for many years. He's one of those who invaded LASFS in the early 70s, about the same time as the Granada Hills contingent (he was from North Hollywood). He's one of those who came up with bizarre ideas. Even before Klingon was promoted, he came up with an idea for an organization called Friends of Klingon. He also promoted Herbangelism, where the supreme being is Herbie Popnecker. It's scripture is the Holy Babble. He also came up with a culture called Devonian. He brewed a sort of wine in his home which he called Chateau Weinstein. He got his medical degree from University of Guadalajara. He became a pediatrician. Nowadays he's known for the wine and cheese parties he and Carole host at Loscon.

Marty Cantor says he was the one who came up with, based on the story, the Chocolate Covered Manhole Cover. His family was bakers, and he baked chocolate onto an access cover. Milt: He founded the Ranquets at Worldcon. when the price for a Banquet was going over \$25 at Worldcon, he proposed the Ranquet, held at McDonalds. It attracted 50-100 people. He devised the Hogu Awards, for things like Best Feud, Best new typeface, and so on. And it was always in order to bribe the judges. He and Glycer produced a Hoax-a-rama, and he founded APA-H. The requirement was that contributors not exist. And the wine may have been Chateau Lefitte Athlete.

CLJII: Note that the Church of Herbangelism is the most sincere and ethical church ever created by a LASFS member. The summer between his junior and senior years in Guadalajara, he came to hang out with everyone. He wanted to take his automobile back with him. He and CLJII drove down, and CLJII flew back. They wound up staying in Juarez for a couple of days because the rules had changed and Mexico was requiring foreign owners of cars to post a bond. Elst got the money from his uncle, but it took a couple of days, making the rush to Guadalajara an Adventure. He made it down there and became Dr. Elst. He was featured in an APA-L cover for St Elstwhere, where he would say things like "Brain Surgery? Get me a reasonably clean butter knife." **Patron Saint Elliott Weinstein** was given three cheers and a watom. (Einstein deals with atoms, Weinstein deals with watoms.)

On your way out, check your information in the prospective directory. If it's correct, put a check mark next to it. Otherwise, correct it.

**Registrar** Michelle announced no guests tonight.

Science Monitor David Okamura had nothing to report.

**Committee Reports:** CRAB: Last Bookstore is raising money by pre-selling store credits. Lastbookstorela.com

SF writer Robert J Sawyer is celebrating the publishing of Triggers, his latest book, at Mysterious Galaxy, Redondo Beach, Wed 18th at 7:30.

Redondo flea market will sell fleas on April 28th.

Elayne announced the library has 99% of the Hugo nominations. Milt: for those who haven't seen The List, Chris Garcia made it into an unusual category. He made Best Dramatic Short Form for his acceptance speech for last year's Hugo.

**Announcements:** Nick Smith: Nucleus Art Gallery in Alhambra, exhibit of art based on Silmarillion. Neat stuff.

Also, the musical Re-animator, based on the Lovecraft story, Herbert West, Reanimator. It's showing at The Hayworth, May 3 – July 8.

John DeChancie had some show and tell. He held up a magazine called Mondo Cult. He's connected with the magazine because he has three articles in it. It has a picture of Rondo Hatton on the cover. it will be in the library for look-over.

David Okamura had a short science report. LHC is accelerating to 4 TEV. Now they're starting to collide the beams, for a total of 8 TEV. And ... North Korean rocket launched. It only lasted a minute or so. The fallout will unfold for a few weeks. North Korea will probably ignore whatever the UN decides.

Jerry Pournelle rose to speak about a couple of items. First – pretty sure no FTL neutrinos exist. That turns out to have probably been faulty equipment. A few years ago, there was a flap over thimerosol, a preservative for vaccines, causing autism. The evidence was kind of lacking. In 2002, there were 6 cases per 1000. Thimerosol is now gone, and vaccines are a bit more expensive. For the last few years, Rate of autism is now 11.4/1000, an increase of 78%. All that means is we don't know what's going on. We don't even know if that's a true number. We may simply be diagnosing more. But people have been avoiding vaccines, with a corresponding rise in whooping cough and other diseases.

Debra Levin notes they've been modifying how autism is diagnosed, so that would affect numbers. Hare says back when he started being a guinea pig, he had a brain scan. OF their test subjects, only 1 in 12 had neural patterns they considered autistic. David Okamura: the one article he did not mention was recently published – the age of the father may be a link to risk, or maternal obesity or diabetes.

Jerry Pournelle: prior to 1940 doctors couldn't do much for you. What they could do is Do No Harm. What they did do was develop a system of taking careful case histories, and over time look at patterns. They could come up with This Seems To Be A Pattern. In the mental sciences, during that same period, everything was filtered through theories. All of them worthless. No basis in physiologies, and most of the case histories were made up. We're looking at autism through lenses of various theories, and no

one is doing careful case histories. If you're going to study something, study it rather than picking facts to fit your theory.

The scribe notes he's heard disparaging comments about checklist diagnoses and the subjectivity involved in deciding whether or not to check a box.

**Miscellaneous:** Karl's magic number is 556. (*For those not in the know, that is the number of platelet donations made by Karl.* - ed.)

Please police the area around you.

We adjourned at 20:53.

**Meeting 3897, April 19, 2012**  
**President Marcia Minsky, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marcia Minsky called meeting #3897 of the LASFS to order at 20:10. Tonight, on account of tonight's program, we're on Agenda Semi-Light again.

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie Jackson, II announced nothing at all, since he wasn't here today. (*This is one of Charlie's Special Talents.* - ed.)

Rusty Hevelin's collection has been given to the U of Iowa library.

Jacek Tramayl, who was at Auschwitz, came to America and eventually created the Commodore computer, and then Atari. The Commodore helped make personal computers popular.

K.D. Wentworth has died from complications of pneumonia. She was coordinating judge (gatekeeper) for the Writers of the Future contest. John Campbell used to say he'd read more bad SF than any person alive, because he read everything in the slush pile. KD did about the same thing for Writers of the Future. But they get a lot more bad SF than Campbell did.

For all these folks, we had a moment of silence.

The **Menace** were read, and Marcia Minsky paid \$3.25 to name them "Chateau Laffitte Athlete".

**Patron Saint Stan Burns** was honored. Marty Cantor said Stan's been around a long time. He now lives in the Riverside area. His interest is cameras. When Bill Warren was helping to clean out Bill Rotsler's effects, he put together fifteen masques (a fanzine) from material remaining in Rotsler's collection with Stan Burns' help. Matthew Tepper says his understanding was that Stan was at LASFS and distributed a questionnaire for his class, liked the group, and stayed. Karl: He was at a party at Larry's house and tripped over a ceramic cat, shattering his hip. He didn't sue. He's still invited to Larry's parties. Jerry Pournelle: he quit coming about the time of the move to the Burbank clubhouse. **Patron Saint Stan Burns** was given three cheers and another ceramic cat.

**Registrar** Michelle announced no guests. But we do have Bears – Greg and Astrid

**Announcements:** Scratch announced Phil Foglio has come up with his second full length novel in the Girl Genius genre.

Eylat announced Glen Olson has published Night Watch on Amazon.com. Please support him.

Eylat announced Charles Justiz is giving away a Kindle Fire. Enter the contest if you're interested.

Michelle Pincus announced a guest after all. Greg Bear and Astrid Bear. Greg does some writing.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Eylat: Mark is working for a placement agency called Aerotech. They emailed him saying we have positions available. Then two co-workers got phone calls saying there were jobs available.

Hare Hobbs reported on something from Locus. EBooks have skyrocketed. Brick and mortar store sales are going up. People are buying the EBook and then the hard copy. If Borders could have lasted another 6 months, it might have lived. Matthew Tepper says Baen Books observed that some time ago.

Joe Zeff takes surveys. Some times the survey company gives preliminary questions that have nothing to do with the survey. Last two items for who provides wireless are : other" and "none of the above".

**Miscellaneous:** Mike Thorsen mentioned that on Easter Sunday, he was involved in a car accident. This time, he failed to misplace the witness list. The witness stories bore out his account, so Mike's repairs are covered, with no deductible.

David Okamura did some science. Many through the centuries have looked for the fountain of youth. It looks like teeny tiny soccer balls. Buckyfullerine extends the lives of lab rats.

Also, India has launched a rocket of its own. Three stages, capable of reaching China. Fortunately, they did not need to call Tech Support for anything.

Ed Hooper thanked several LASFS members for helping him and Anita move. Debra and Matthew, Mimi and her kids, Samantha Davis, and Karl Lembke and Michael Thorsen. Now they're trying to dig out from the pile of boxes.

David Okamura wished it noted that Shin has been doing nice work refurbishing the park benches in the patio.

Jim Busby forgot to mention that yesterday the Shuttle Discovery made its last Flight to the Smithsonian. (*It seems he also forgot to mention when the Shuttle Discovery made its first Flight to the Smithsonian.* - ed.)

Frank Waller had one little tidbit. The shuttle will be stood upright. Don't touch.

Arlene reviewed Triggers by Robert J Sawyer. Mysterious Galaxy is a cool place. Still under construction, but open

for business.

Triggers' book release was full to capacity. There was a reading which was fascinating.

Clean Up Around Yourselves. Please.

We adjourned at 21:07.

**Meeting 3898, April 26, 2012**  
**President Marcia Minsky, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marcia Minsky called meeting #3898 of the LASFS to order at 20:09. There is cake in back, and pretzels in honor of National Pretzel Day. Tonight, on account of tonight's program, we're on Agenda Really Light.

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie Jackson, II announced one of note. It is the 100th anniversary of the birth of A.E. Van Vogt. He is a member of the club, but has not attended in some time. For AEVV, we had a moment of cake.

The **Menace** were read, and Matthew Tepper paid \$2 to name them "Mr. Barnabas, you promised me you weren't going to do that anymore!"

**Patron Saint Bill Warren** was honored. Milt: He did a really big history of SF movies in the 50s, *Keep Watching the Skies*. He was on the LASFS board for a number of years. He was the first janitor of the first clubhouse. We used to see him more often than we do now.

Marty Cantor: he was one of the key people in ramrodding the Burbank Blvd clubhouse through and getting reconstruction done. Hare: The new version of KWTS without the index is just under 1000 pages. This is a coffee table sized book. The index adds another 100 pages. He's actually seen all the movies he reviews, except for the one that was destroyed. CLJII: both the original edition in two volumes and the millennium edition are available in the library. The ME has been corrected. Bill has been hoping to come and see the new place, but Beverly's health is interfering. (But she's doing reasonably well, and there's hope before Loscon she'll be able to get out.)

Arlene: Bill helped with our 75th Anniversary Celebration. He contacted Arlene and gave information about history. He makes a terrific guest at Loscon. Matthew Tepper: Allan Rothstein regarded Bill Warren as his best friend. **Patron Saint Bill Warren** was given three cheers and skies to watch.

**Registrar** Michelle announced we have no guests.

**Committee Reports:** David Okamura: Tomorrow, Shuttle Enterprise flies to New York. The Smithsonian gets a real flying shuttle, New York gets the Enterprise. (So it's being hauled away AS garbage! – CLJII) Scratch observed, speaking of shuttles, one of the shuttles will land at LAX to move to the Natural History Complex. It will move past a landmark – the shop with the huge

donut. Hare recalls LASFS talking about having a group sitting outside the donut shop to watch the shuttle go past. Anyone interested in organizing? (*Personally, I would prefer to be having a donut inside me rather than having one outside me.* - ed.)

Arlene Satin: Our GoodReads group membership is up to 71.

**Announcements:** Marty Cantor announced there's a 2 bedroom apartment available in his building in a month or so. And there's a 1 bedroom unit coming up soon.

**Reviews:** Matthew Tepper: Audiobook of Connie Willis' "To Say Nothing of the Dog" is a terrific novel and excellently performed.

Westways is out, listing the Columbia Space Center along with other things.

**Miscellaneous:** Clean Up Around Yourselves and stack your chairs so we can limber up.

We adjourned at 20:58.

**Meeting 3899, May 3, 2012**  
**President Marcia Minsky, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marcia Minsky called meeting #3899 of the LASFS to order at 20:10. Tonight, we are on agenda weird because of the Big Auction

The **Menace** were read, and Christian McGuire paid \$2.25 to name them "All of you missed Gizmo and Elayne comparing scars." (Mine's a quarter of a century old and somewhat faded.)

**Patron Saint Larry Niven** was honored. Scratch Galloway said: he is a perfect gentleman who tells a beautiful story (You don't know him very well – Jerry Pournelle) When he teams up with another member of the club, their stories are world notable. Matthew Tepper: Larry is one of those who decided he wanted to take on a particular career and he wanted to be at the top, and he worked very, very, very hard and achieved his goal. John Hertz: Mr. Niven is one of our more poetic writers – the art of poetry expressed in words. He's a pointillist – he puts little tiny dots of color, which resolve into a picture. He's a comedian. He's one of my favorite guests.

Arlene Satin: Although he's a wonderful writer, he seems to be a very quiet man, and you have to draw him out in a conversation. But once he's in a conversation, it's a great one. Pat Fahey: first chat with Niven was at a barbecue at Mojave Space Port a few years ago. Michelle Pincus: he's a very interesting man.

Jerry Pournelle: Niven proved you can make a living at this racket, provided you start with a big enough trust fund. Larry's a great sign of encouragement to Jerry. For the past few years, he's lost his memory to a great deal of radiation. He's found he couldn't remember people's names, but in practice, he's down to where Larry Niven

has been for the past 40 years. John Hertz: two points: 1) Mr. Niven and Dr. Pournelle put their money where their mouths were – a space conference some while ago. It seemed to have very productive results.

Niven has a sense of the right word. As Twain said, the right word is the difference between lightning and a lightning bug. Example: “Legendary”. That means it doesn't exist. The phoenix is legendary. My patience is legendary. – Larry Niven. Jerry Pournelle: If you're in a room with Niven, it doesn't matter who's in it. Niven wrote the most memorable scene anyone in the room has written. **Patron Saint Larry Niven** was given three cheers and a tree full of integers.

We broke for the Big Auction, at which a number of interesting items were auctioned off. (*As a result of the auction, some of the winners were what were broke.*—ed.)

### **Committee Reports:**

Arlene Satin announced that we have LASFS and Loscon fliers. If you're going to any events, take some fliers.

Christian announced Loscon 39, Thanksgiving weekend. Writer = Vernor Vinge. Artist = Alan White, LASFS member in Nevada. Costume Mela Hoyt Heydon. Fan = Lloyd and Yvonne Penny. We have lots of good stuff planned. We will have plenty of stuff, old and new. The Hotel Block will open momentarily. Memberships are currently \$40.

We adjourned at 21:38.

### **Meeting 3900, May 10, 2012 President Marcia Minsky, Presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marcia Minsky called meeting #3900 of the LASFS to order at 20:06. Tonight, we are on agenda semi-light because of the speaker.

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie Jackson, II announced some special orders of business. Ernst Callenbach, author of *Ecotopia*, has passed away from cancer.

Richard Simak, son of Clifford, has passed.

Club Member DeeDee Goldstein, passed very recently. Harold Goldstein is receiving condolences.

Sandy Cohen is in the hospital, 2 weeks, has a body-wide staph infection. He is getting better, but not quickly enough to suit anybody. (He's now out of the ER.)

For these worthies, we had a moment of silence.

The **Menace** were read, and Marcia Minsky paid \$1.50 to name them “My patients are legendary”

**Patron Saint Bob Null** was honored. Eylat Poliner: Bob was always there if she needed access to the club. He was always willing to let her borrow supplies. He wore a lot of hats, stocking sodas, setting up the club, key holder, janitor, etc. He is

greatly missed and greatly loved. Scratch: Bob had a knack of almost understating what he did because he did it so well. Marty Cantor: Bob was one of the most valuable members we had. If you needed something done, he did it. Bob was the brother Marty never had. They would drive each other to Kaiser for doctor's visits. After Bob's colonoscopy, he was given 2 years. He used each year four times. The Nulls have been to the clubhouse. Bob was one of those wonderful people, and his biological family considered us to be his second family. At his funeral, they were surprised. After their remarks, fans spoke at length about him. At the gravesite, it was six LASFS members who were pall bearers for Bob. We put on a memorial service at the club, and they were extremely pleased by it. Bob continues to be honored. He was vice president of this club for 20 terms. When he couldn't do it any longer, he had taken on so many jobs, it took five people to take over his work.

Matthew Tepper: Bob had a wide variety of interests, including Turkish history, exnumia, the music of Stephen Foster. And if he saw something online he thought you would like, he'd buy it and give it to you. It wasn't until after he died that we discovered this, but he came across his kind heartedness naturally through his family. CLJII: When Bob passed, we identified the area between buildings as The Null Space. When we moved, we discovered we had a space we could use, so we transferred the name. His family was pleased at this. Bob had more money than he knew what to do with. He bought a couple libraries worth of books, coins, pseudo coins, non-coins, and possible coins. One thing he found online was a Raiders of Ghost City coin. Prussian spies identified themselves by the use of a special coin. Bob got it for CLJII. After he retired, his bosses wanted to hire him back at three times their salary, and they needed three people to take over his job. He was happy to provide rides for various club members. This got him out of the house. He was a great guy and a great friend.

Hare Hobbs: When he first came here, he graduated high school with a second grade reading level. His education was mostly being stored in classrooms. Bob contributed to Hare's education. Bob liked to learn stuff for the hell of it. He and Dave Fox helped Hare understand fandom. Joe Zeff: Bob served 20 consecutive six-month terms as Vice President, making him truly a ten-year-old Veep. Bob was an exceptionally good hell player, and always fun to have in the game. You could tell when he had just gotten into the lead. That's when he'd call for kill the bunny, the person in the lead. Arlene: any time around Bob, he always had the most interesting things to talk about. He could carry fascinating conversations about anything.

Marty Cantor: He liked to get away from his apartment because of the lack of air conditioning (He didn't give it up because it was rent controlled). In 2006, sold him his Saturn and bought a new Scion. Bob's 23-year-old Toyota couldn't pass smog testing. But he liked to chill out in a car with air conditioning. Pat Fahey: nine years ago, Bob's condition had become known, and Pat was diagnosed with the same condition. They talked about it once, but Bob was very helpful to someone who was scared half to death. 9 years. Karl: Bob saved the lives of his brothers by getting them to get colonoscopies.

**Patron Saint Bob Null** was given three cheers and a fumarole.

**Registrar** Michelle announced no guests. Except for our guest speaker. He will be introduced when he gets up to speak.

David Okamura discussed honeybees suffering from Colony Collapse Disorder. This is linked to nicotinoids. This is a systemic which causes bees to not return to the hive or stop collecting honey or pollen.

Dawn space probe has been examining Vesta. It's no longer considered an asteroid, but a protoplanet, formed within 300 million years of the beginning of the solar system. It has an iron core, layers of rock and maybe a magnetic field.

Falcon space craft to launch soon, and ATK, the people behind the space shuttle booster rockets have come up with Liberty space taxi to send astronauts up to the space station.

Last Sunday's board meeting featured a decision re nonpaid weekend events (satellite gatherings) which will now be dues-collecting events. FWEMS, EZ, TRIPE and Cinema Anime will now pay dues. If they're not members, they will be asked to join.

The Committee to Gouge had an Auction.

**Committee to report on Magic Numbers:** CLJII = 122, 77 being for the first time. (*Movies seen.* - ed.) Karl Lembke = 562. (*Platelets donated.* - ed.)

**Reviews:** Hare Hobbs read fifth and final parasol protectorate novel. Supposed to be last, but there's lots of room for more books. Two main characters will take side streams if she writes more.

CLJII last night's Craig Ferguson show. Least good of the three episodes he attended. Lots less of Charles and Charmagne.

**Miscellaneous:** Frank Waller went to hospital and did a sleep study. News in a couple of weeks. Don't lose any sleep over it.

Arlene asked people to police their surroundings.

We adjourned at 21:00

**Board of Directors meeting  
May 6, 2012  
Karl Lembke, Chairman  
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

**Board Members in attendance:** Karl Lembke, Mike Thorsen, Eylat Poliner, Bill Ellern, Marcia Minsky, Rob Powell, Marty Cantor, Christian McGuire, Arlene Satin, and Elayne Pelz. Warren "Whiskey" Johnson had an excused absence.

**Members and Guests:** June Moffatt, Patrick Fahey, Gavin Claypool, Matthew B. Tepper, Debra Levin, Ben Levin, Tim Trzepacz, Jeni Burr, Joe Zeff, Michelle Pincus, Shin, Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Tom Safer, Milt Stevens.

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am.

**Opening Remarks:** The Chairman said, "I hope everybody had a good Cinco De Mayo and Star Wars Day."

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Meeting of March 2012, were accepted as presented.

**New Members:** These people paid their \$5 and put in applications to join the Society: Melanie Hartman, Leone Hankey, and Lindsay Peet were accepted.

**Treasurer:** We are down to too little money – do not spend it. Some ways of raising money were discussed. (See the Treasurer for details.)

**30 Second Reports:**

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

**Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire):** No new vice, no old vice, no Edelweiss.

**Secretary (Marty Cantor):** Elayne and I went through the many shelves of software in the APA-L Room and most of the discs and other impedimenta were thrown away.

**Publications (Marty Cantor):** No report. Karl talked about having permissions ready for people and organizations who might want photos and things we have access to.

**Comptroller (Bill Ellern):** No report.

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen):** We are good on soap and paper towels. Soda units sold: 21,909 units to date, 590 units this period. Soda money: \$16,578.00 to date, \$605.00 for this period.

**Library (Warren "Whiskey" Johnson):** (No report from video curator.) Elayne said: We finally got the shelving we need and are waiting for Mike Donahue to come in and bolt it to the wall. We are basically out of space.

**Archives (Marcia Minsky):** Archives are nice and tidy.

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** We have paid off the contractors for everything done to date. There are two more things to do around here but no money to do them: to replace the carpet next door and to sandblast, patch, and paint the outside of the building. However, the air conditioner on the other side of the building is not working so I will be here, tomorrow, to find out why. The sense of the Board was to fix the air conditioner if it does not cost more than \$1,000. // Karl reported that David Okamura has installed a drip system to water the lemon tree. Right now there are some leaks in the timing unit but it got a bit dark before he could fix it on the day he set it up. A misting system is being considered.

**AV Equipment (Rob Powell):** We're having a lot of problems trying to balance out the DVD and VCR and some people are not understanding how it works. Some

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people are mis-using the equipment because of the way it is set up.

**Events (Eylat Poliner):** The Gala has been cancelled due to not being able to get guests, but the Mah Jongg Tournament is going forward and, so far, we have 12 people interested in attending it. It is being held on June 2. // LOSCON 39 (Christian). E-mails will be soon sent out to those who requested them, giving them opt-out permissions. Soon there will be a PR. // Marty mentioned that ALL Saturdays are tied up with things on the big or little screens. It was decided to speak to this later in the meeting.

**Fund-raising and Recruitment (Arlene Satin):** Arlene mentioned the panel with authors we held last Saturday.

**(Significant Others)**

**Marketing Committee (Arlene Satin):** Good Reads is over 70 people, now. Non-LASFS members are joining. This is a good place to go to socialize and talk about books – and it is a good promotional tool. // The West Hollywood Library felt that the talk about Bradbury went well. We are talking with that library about trying a reading programme for Children. // There will be a reading programme here this Summer. // The LASFS Limber Work-Out seems to be working out well. // Michelle mentioned the Pasadena Library reading programme

**Club President (Marcia Minsky):**

**WEB MASTER (Barry Gold):** Updated LOSCON programme. The West Hollywood items were put up. Arlene mentioned how good Lee and Barry were doing good things on the web site – and got applause.

**Open Forum:**

June Moffatt mentioned that she had 16 boxes of books she got from her first husband who wanted them donated to LASFS. Arrangements to get them here were discussed. // Christian mentioned that he and Eylat are putting together a collection of books for the Science Fiction Outreach Programme – they did this last year – they gave away several thousand books at the Chicago Comicon and next year they will be doing it at a large Comicon in Texas. We could use money donations for postage.

Mike Thorsen put together photos of various club officers and was applauded for his efforts.

We went into a closed session.

Arlene Satin was named as the LASFS representative to Enigma, the UCLA Science Fiction Club.

It was moved to expand dues to be payable at any non-paid event on weekend days. Passed unanimously.

A Town Hall meeting was deemed necessary.

**Agenda Items:**

Milt Steven’s petition for the change of parking hours on Aetna was discussed and distributed for signatures.

Our next meeting will be June 10, 2012.

**Take-Aways:**

**Taken Away from previous meetings:**

Eylat: contractors.

Mike Thorsen: equipment in kitchen.

Eylat: parking contact from Temple, outside signage. Parking is a dead issue. Eylat made a banner – Eylat showed it to the Board.

Marty: board game group

Karl: Town Hall.

Arlene: Loitering in the clubhouse

We now have a Meyer lemon tree in the patio.

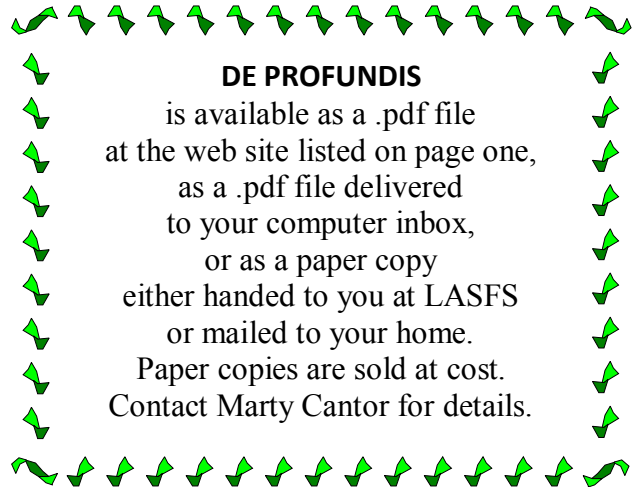
**Adjournment:** The Board adjourned its meeting 12:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary



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July 7, 2012  
2 pm

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