



APRIL 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 LASFS MEETING	4 Open House	5 - Estrogen Zone Cosplay Day
6	7	8	9	10 LASFS MEETING	11 Open House	12 Cinema Animé
13 - BoD Second Sunday Open House	14	15	16	17 LASFS MEETING	18 Open House	19 - CFO - Tom Safer Cartoons
20 Time Meddlers	21	22	23	24 LASFS MEETING	25 Open House	26 L.A. 4000
27 L.A. 4000	28	29	30	31 - ARCHIE MERCER DAY		

KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 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

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

APRIL 3 - Sandra Stroller presents "Propulsion Systems for Boeing's CST-100 spacecraft
APRIL 10 - Meeting #4000 with David Gerrold presiding
APRIL 17 - **BIG** Auction
APRIL 24 - Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle Presents
 Nominations for open Board seat
 Updating the by-laws, discussion on LOSCON bids
 (Meeting will start exactly at 8 pm)

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:
http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185

CALENDAR DETAILS

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
 FWEMS -



**SPECIAL ELECTION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY:
 SEE PAGE 8 FOR INFORMATION.**

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 494- March 2014. 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.lasfs.org. *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-modified Intel quad-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 January - June, 2014

President: Eylat Poliner. **Vice-President:** Debra Levin. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2015). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2014).. **Comptroller:** Gavin Claypool (2016). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2015). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2015), Warren "Whisky" Johnson (2015) Elayne Pelz (2014), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2014), Mike Thorsen (2016), Michelle Pincus (2016), Eylat Poliner (2014).. **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, 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://www.lasfs.org>>:** 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:** Eylat Poliner. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Science Officer:** David Okamura (with Karl Lembke). **Food Guru:** Mark Poliner. **Marketing and Promotion:** Michelle Pincus; **Parking/MTA Liaison,** Milt Stevens.

Honorary Officers

Sergeant-at-Arms In Perpetuity: Roy Tackett. **Windmill-at-Arms:** Kees van Toorn. **Samurai-at-Arms:** Takumi Shibano. **Librarian-at-Arms:** Heather Stern.

If there is an X in this space, your sub has run out ____

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE
(complete minutes are supposed to be filed
in the LASFS' files and can be read there -
also at www.lasfs.org)

Meeting 3983, December 12, 2013
President Eylat Poliner, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Eylat Poliner called meeting #3983 to order at ten dozen seconds after 8.

The **Menace** were read.. Michelle Pincus bid \$5 to call the Menace "These Menace paid for by the campaign to re-elect Michelle Pincus for Registrar."

Patron Saint Fred Patten: CLJII: Fred Patten was the guy who would sell you comic books you couldn't read at prices you couldn't afford. These included Tintin, stroumphs, and others. Later he graduated to selling Japanese comics we couldn't read at prices we couldn't afford. He wound up founding Japanimation fandom. And he's been LASFS historian for many years. Even though we lost him to his stroke, he's been as active as he can manage to be, even attending conventions when he can. Marty Cantor: Robin Johnson lives in Tasmania. He and Fred founded DUFF to do what TAFF does. (*Not really. After all, DUFF does not send fans across the Atlantic Ocean.* - ed.) Fred also started contributing to APA-L, put out every week since 10/64. Fred started in

#1 and finally stopped in #2280. He never missed an issue until then. And he's been writing books about anime, typing with his left hand. Hare Hobbs: In his aunt's eyes, Fred is the incarnation of Satan. The Aunt hated Anime, working as she did for Filmation. Fred's a nice guy, and Anime corrupted Fred. But the Aunt and Filmation are gone now.

Jerry Pournelle: Fred was a nice guy and had great ambitions. But he didn't pick the right editor when he started a magazine of reviews. When he started a mag that he hoped would rival Locus, he came out with a review of *The Mote in God's Eye*. It was the second worst review they ever saw. Fred didn't agree with the review, and this led to a fight between the publisher and the reviewer. Eylat: when she was in high school, she started her own SF club. She contacted Forry Ackerman because she was doing a speech on SF and fantasy, the only thing that would get her reading. She wrote a letter to him and Forry sent her a packet titled *Mystery Girl*, including a fanzine from Fred Patten and a couple zines from LASFS. Later she went to LASFS and met Fred.

Patron Saint Fred Patten was given an amazing Three Cheers and a marlin spike.

Registrar Michelle was summoned. We have guests from the sewing circle: Alex Geena Booth, Rachel Linker, Allison Meyer, Anne Marchewka, Cauntel Carmen, Elizabeth Reed, Leonardo Ecliserio?, and Katie Griffith. We got four new members, and we had 20 guests at the sewing circle.

Old Business: Procedural officer elections.

Nominated for President: Eylat Poliner. Eylat stayed nominated, and no other nominations surfaced, so Eylat was elected President for the first half of 2014.

Nominated for vice President were Greg Bilan and Debra Levin. Debra Levin was elected vice President.

Nominated for Scribe was Karl Lembke, and ... no one else. Karl Lembke was elected Scribe.

Nominated for Registrar were: Michelle Pincus and Christina Miller. Michelle Pincus was elected Registrar.

Charlie Jackson remembers when he was half the Registrar team. He was much cuter in his Third Foundation make-up. I didn't know Max Factor made a third Foundation.

Old business: Resolution #1: Resolved: That Society Standing Rule #4 be amended to read as follows: Effective January 1, 2014: Membership application fee is \$10.00. This was the second reading of the resolution and Resolution #1 passed 17/5/2/1 The Standing Rule Change carries....

Resolution #2: This resolution was scheduled for the last two Thursdays of January....

David Okamura did have some **Science** to offer. There's

a problem with the ISS cooling system. One of the pumps shut down Wednesday. It's not life threatening, but there is cause for concern.

On Mars, Curiosity has discovered remnants of a lake. The pH and nutrients would have been hospitable for life.

The Chinese rover should be landing on the moon by this weekend.

Back on Earth, too weird to be fiction, we have a story about snakes. On the Island of Guam a brown tree snake escaped into the wild. The cure for this headache is tylenol. 80 mg of acetaminophen is enough to kill a snake. The delivery vehicle is dead mice, delivered by parachute.

Reviews:

David Okamura: last Saturday, at Del Mar fairgrounds, saw Tim Trzepacz demonstrating his product at the maker fair there. Despite a pouring rainstorm, the place was packed. Given the crowd, we should concentrate on this sort of activity at the club and Loscon.

Eylat: her daughter had a mini performance at school and was quite cute. (*The school was cute?* - ed.)

Miscellaneous: Susan Fox promoted Event Horizon Saturday night. Claudia Christian was her guest. 9 PM.

Tom Safer is singing Saturday at the First United Methodist Church of Burbank. How come nobody ever goes to the Second United Methodist Church of Burbank? (*Probably because nobody needs a second unless they are dueling.* - ed.)

Tom Safer moved for adjournment, and it was seconded. We adjourned at 9:43 PM.

Meeting 3984, December 19, 2013 President Eylat Poliner, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Eylat Poliner called meeting #3984 to order at fifteen dozen seconds after 8.

The **Menace** were read. Debra Levin bid \$1 to call the Menace "Oh Deer".

Patron Saint Steve McGinty: Matthew Tepper: he's a fellow Mac User. Steve occasionally appears at the club. He is good natured fellow and willing to share internet connections.

Patron Saint Steve McGinty was given Three Cheers and a Mac attack.

Patron Saint Heide Nichols: Michelle: she runs a wonderful games room at conventions. Tom Safer: she's a nice person, fun to be around. Poliner: she baked over 200 scones for the LOSCON tea on site.

RESULT OF THE SPECIAL BUSINESS STARTS ON PAGE 7:
Proposed removal of Mr. Harold Goldstein from membership in LASFS.

While she was baking at her house, the house caught on fire. Fortunately, all is well. Marty Cantor” Heide lives up in the Big Bear area, comes down here once in a while. She recently had a breast cancer operation. She’s a board gamer, and she’s responsible for the Code of Conduct sign.

Patron Saint Heide Nichols was given Three Cheers and a green dragon mah jong tile.

Registrar Michelle was summoned. We have guests. We had a guest back on 12/13: David Beal. John Sawyer is here tonight.

April 26-27 in honor of our 4000th meeting we will have a mini con. We probably have Tim Powers and David Gerrold in attendance. There will be speakers, panels, videos, fun and frolic.

We will also celebrate our 4000th meeting the day of April 10.

Marty Cantor reported on the Gift Exchange. It was a bit more lightly attended, but fun was had by all. There was extensive trading. The potluck worked quite well. There were lots of neat gifts. Gavin did a very good job and Michelle was very helpful. People jumped in to clean because the next day was the formal. Barbara Harmon did the best vacuuming this place has ever had.

David Okamura: NASA is going ahead with space walks to replace the broken pump for the ISS.

Multiple motions were moved for adjournment, and they were all seconded. We adjourned at 9:39 PM.

In response to Joe Zeff, the merriment will be innocent.

**Meeting 3985, December 26, 2013
President Eylat Poliner, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Eylat Poliner called meeting #3985 to order at fifteen dozen seconds after 8.

The **Menace** were read. Marcia Minsky bid \$1 to call the Menace “Innocent merriment”.

Special orders of business: Marty Cantor announced the passing of two nice ladies. Nancy Kemp, ex wife of Earl Kemp. She was very ill for a long time. She was active in the Midwest area, attending conventions, playing hostess, making costumes, etc.

Jack Speer’s widow, Ruth, just passed at age 90. Ruth served with the WAVES in WWII. She was a certified pilot who flew cargo planes, assisted in searching for lost planes, and became one of the first female air traffic controllers.

Eylat asked for people to help with Bill Ellern, who will need 24-hour care for at least a month after his upcoming pacemaker surgery.

Eylat reminded one and all we have a code of conduct. We are looking for people to fill two LASFS positions: Sergeant at Arms, and Programming Coordinator.

Patron Saint Elayne Pelz: Tom Safer: She is very fair and helpful, and I can’t think of enough good things to say about her. Matthew Tepper has known her since she was Elayne Yampolsky. In all the time he’s known her, she has exuded confidence and capability and a thin veneer of the feminine equivalent of curmudgeonliness. I know no one more dedicated and courageous than Elayne. Debra Levin: Elayne is treasurer and she does a difficult job very well. I appreciate it and hope everyone else does.

CLJII honors her by not exposing her to further embarrassment. John Hertz danced at her wedding. Eylat Poliner: Elayne balances books, does taxes and other paperwork, ferries money to banks, and deserves the Evans Freehafer Award many times over. Marcia: not only is she treasurer here, she’s treasurer for three local conventions. LOSCON, ALA, and Gallifrey One. John Hertz caught Elayne smiling. (*She is going to kill you for reporting that, John.* - ed.)

Patron Saint Elayne was given Three Cheers and a spryngbok.

Patron Saint Marty Cantor: Michelle Pincus: is there anything nice to say about Marty? (*Only by liars.* - ed.) Matthew Tepper: Marty is to the left of me, politically, if you can believe that. He has fine taste in music, appreciates the printed word, and likes baseball. Pleased to have known Marty all these years. Tom Safer: commended him for the hard work he does on De Prof, APA-L, and all the other pubs. He keeps a smiling face. In a jar on his desk.

John Hertz: Marty is active in the fanzine world. He is capable of being so grouchy and harsh and exercises that capacity so frequently, it’s necessary to point out he’s a man whose deeds are better than his words. He supports and encourages things he believes ought to be included even though he can’t stand them. Mike Thorson: Marty Cantor is my Richard Henry Lee. Often times when I have something I would like to propose, I can’t find the words to propose it. Marty chimes in with a paraphrase of what I just said and everyone thinks it sounds great. Joe Zeff: Marty is a prolific fanzine writer. He also agents for a number of people in ‘L. Most of those he agents for are constantly involved in arguments with him, and he prints their zines as they wrote them nonetheless. Scratch: Marty has a gentle habit of not agreeing with you. (*Me? Gentle? I told you not to lie.* - ed.)

David Okamura: he’s an avid boardgamer and on second Sundays, he’ll be here with the latest and most interesting games to teach people. Eylat: Marty is a curmudgeon and a pain in the rear. When I first started on the Board, he was very helpful. When I was first elected President, he was very helpful with advice. Marty really is a nice guy. He is very helpful and will go out of his way whether you like it or not. Despite pretending he’s an old curmudgeon he goes out of his way to help people.

Patron Saint Marty Cantor was given Three Cheers and a cur to mudgeon.

Patron Saint Robbie Bourget: Hare Hobbs Robbie is one of those who might qualify as a curmudgeon, and was very important to the club when she was here. She started Gallifrey One. Not sure how she feels about that. Also noted for one thing at a Worldcon in the Bay area. She stepped out of the hotel and someone tried to mug her. She beat him down and brought him back to the hotel to have him arrested. Scratch: She has the history of not having to demand dues money when you were coming in. She would look at a person, and people would line up to pay. Tom Safer: One event that was very helpful, at the 2012 Worldcon, Robbie went to alert him to a situation -- even though they had a license in place, the con almost stopped him from running his program. Because Robbie alerted him to this, Tom was able to remind the con there was a license in place.

John Hertz: we have omitted that Robbie and Marty were DUFF delegates. They not only served well as delegates, but published their reports. Mimi Miller: When we were relatively new to LASFS, there was an auction and Jeromy was bidding for some Dr Who cards and got outbid. Robbie won them and handed them over to Jeromy.

Matthew Tepper: Robbie and Marty were married for several years, parted amicably, and still speak amicably. Theirs was the first wedding officiated at a LASFS clubhouse. There have been two weddings at this clubhouse. English is her second language, her first being French. When The Addams Family was released, Robbie went to see it, several dozen times. Robbie is a good friend and true, and shows up too seldom. Frank Waller: On occasion when he did get out of line, Robbie had the fortitude to whip him into shape, kindly but strictly. Tom Safer: it should be noted that an auction bid was named after her.

Eylat: has been working with her for Gallifrey. The way she starts her meetings is "shut up". And "what haven't you done and what do you need?" She's an old fart curmudgeon and won't take any guff from anyone. (*Oh, she would take guff from me if I had any left after using up most of my supply.*— ed.) If she likes you and you are competent, she'll go out of her way to help you do it. John Hertz: She doesn't have to like you. This is a fan-nish virtue.

Mr. Cantor: It was kind of nice listening to all these things about Robbie. For the most part, they're true. She's a very nice person. We were and still are a fannish odd couple. She's a media fan, particularly of Dr Who. I am the traditional fanzine fan, yet we cooperated in the production of *HOLIER THAN THOU*. It made the Hugo best fanzine list three years in a row.

Patron Saint Robbie Bourget was given Three Cheers and a blue police box.

Registrar Michelle was summoned. We have guests: Leigh Grossman and Crys Pretzman.

David Okamura reported on a Christmas miracle in

space. Repairs to the ISS took only two space walks instead of three. The spare cooling pump is installed. When the astronauts were sprayed with ammonia, they had to bake in the sun to evaporate the stuff before going back in to the station. It's been noted that the refrigerator pump modules are getting old, and there are only two spares.

Reviews: David Okamura was able to take his mother out riding in his housing tract to see the holiday lights. In the last few years, another family decided to join in by building a Christmas float. Of the houses, the pair he liked best was the one decorated to the nines, and another house next to it with an arrow pointing to it, and a line spelling out "DITTO".

Mark Poliner: He Brew has come out with a collaboration with Cathedral Brewing, St Lenny Bruce.

Karl Lembke reviewed this.

Miscellaneous: Congrats to Mark Poliner, new Junior Warden at his Lodge. In two years, he'll be master of the lodge.

Jim Ubersetzig was elected VP of Robot Society of Southern California.

Eylat thanked our Scribe for his Minutes, Marty Cantor for APA-L and De Prof, Frank Waller for trash removal, Mike Thorsen who keeps supplies stocked up, Elayne for Treasurer, Michelle for Registraring, and thanks to all the members of the Board. Thanks to Debra Levin, outgoing and incoming Veep, and Eylat is President.

Marcia Minsky went to a home health care agency for a pre-employment orientation. As soon as they read the TB test, she'll be employed.

Frank Waller moved to adjourn. Karl Lembke moved to table until after Tom Safer showed his picture. Tom Safer has something to show. John Safer is an avid sculptor, still going at age 91. This picture is one of his sculptures, with a stuffed elf in front of it. Karl Lembke moved to remove the motion to adjourn from the table. We adjourned at 9:19 PM.

Afterword: Tom Safer commends the Scribe skillfully editing the menace.

Board of Directors Meeting
February 9, 2014
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Marty Cantor, Secretary

Board Members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Marcia Minsky, Michelle Pincus, Eylat Poliner, Mike Thorsen, Gavin Claypool, Warren "Whisky" Johnson, Elayne Pelz, and Christian McGuire. Rob Powell had an excused absence.

Members and Guests: Matthew B. Tepper, Frank Waller, Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Robbie Bourget, Joe Zeff,

Mike Stern, Scott Beckstead, Tom Safer, Ed Hooper.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:13 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the February 9 meeting.

Board Business: Karl Lembke was re-elected Chairman, Christian McGuire was re-elected Vice Chairman, Gavin Claypool was re-elected Comptroller, and Marty Cantor was re-elected Secretary. The Board members were reappointed to the various oversight offices they have been holding.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of December 8, 2013, were accepted as presented with one abstention.

Closed meeting: The Board then moved into a closed meeting.

Chairman (Karl Lembke): The chairman welcomed the audience back to the open meeting.

New Members: There were 13 applications for membership. These were submitted by: Jessica Malin, Sarah Clemens, Lori N. Willey, Steven Beraha, Cory J. Carmichael, John Sawyer, Crystal Pretzman, Gunhild Jacobs, Steven Roberts, Michael Gomez, Tiia Ramirez, Morgan Woods, and Monte Thrasher. They have paid their \$5 and were all accepted.

Treasurer (Elayne Pelz): The budget was presented. The financial report was accepted by a unanimous vote. // The budget was discussed. (Having a library book sale was discussed as a fund-raiser.) It was mentioned that we really have no room for more books so the budget item for book purchases was lowered. It was moved, seconded, and passed (with three abstentions) to drop the telephone if it can be done. Tom Safer offered to pay for the MPLC License and was thanked for this. There was a motion to accept the budget as amended – it was seconded and passed.

30 Second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): Anime LA donated \$3500 to the LASFS. LOSCON 40 passed \$1,256 to LASFS. Both Anime LA and LOSCON 40 were applauded.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): Gift Exchange. The Gift Exchange was successful - and we did have hot, spiced cider.

Publications (Marty Cantor): I have found only one place in our general area which repairs Gestetner CopyPrinters – it is in Orange County. As it will probably take two trips for them to fix the problem – if the proper part is available on this now-obsolete machine – with one trip necessary to diagnose the problem and a second trip to put in the new part if one is available, I do not think that the club should spend what could be a lot of money fixing the machine and should consider it dead. We

should save the base and dispose of the rest of the machine. When I find a proper replacement for the Gestetner I will purchase it (at my cost) and it will reside on the Gestetner's base. The Board moved, seconded, and passed a motion to dispose of the Gestetner while saving the base on which it rests.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): Gavin brought up the possibility of a book sale like we once had in the parking lot in front of our previous facility. A problem is that we do not have a parking lot in our current facility.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): Soda units sold: 28,711 units to date, 633 units this period. Soda money: \$23,481.25 to date, \$638.25 for this period. // The Quartermaster purchased paper products, cleaning fluids, rodent control items, and other miscellaneous things.

Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson): Yes, we have a library. There is still a problem of book storage.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): I now have some photos from the Trimble's.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): There is a rodent problem and a cockroach problem. A representative from Dewey Pest Control inspected the property for the rodent problem. Karl volunteered to pay for part A of the Dewey Pest Control contract. Part B was moved, second, and passed to pay for this continuing inspection and control for a year. // A temporary food ban on the entire property of the LASFS, starting March 1, was proposed. (Already scheduled special events were exempted – LA 4000 and Pan Formal – but there was discussion of exceptions for other meetings; but, as this would open the door for just about every meeting being designated special for one or another reason [like people's birthdays] it was decided that there would be NO other exceptions.) This was moved, seconded, and passed. (Elayne will contact all of the groups.) // The locking mechanism of the screen door off the computer room needs to be replaced.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): Several members mentioned that they had not heard of any problems.

Events (Eylat Poliner): There have been requests for a Mah Jongg teaching event. The Board liked this and a date was set for it. // Cosplay Sewing Day at the LASFS was discussed and was sponsored by Tom Safer. There will be charges. // Elayne has scheduled a day for a LOSCON registration day. // LOSCON 40 (Christian): Just in the black – we did not pick up enough room nights so we did not make as much money as we could have had there been more room nights. It was moved, seconded and passed that the Board discuss LOSCON policy at the next Board meeting. // LOSCON 41 (Scott): We will be holding its first organizational meeting soon – the web site is being worked on. May 4 will be its first meeting. // LOSCONs of the Future (Christian): LOSCONs 38 and 40 did not make their room nights. The number of room nights has been lowered for the next 5 years in our new contract.

LOSCON BIDS: A bid for LOSCON 42 from Marcia Minsky and Robbie Bourget was presented and accepted. The club will vote on this on March 6.

Fund-raising and Recruitment (Michelle Pincus): Photo history pictures will be put on CDs and sold to the membership for \$25.

(Significant Others)

Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus): A new LASFS Gift Exchange video to go on You Tube was mentioned by Michelle and discussed by the Board.

Club President (Eylat Poliner): We are having meetings. David Gerrold will be running meeting number 4000 on April 10.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): Our web site has been moved to new servers. There is still a problem with the Board of Directors e-mail list.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Due to the length of the meeting, the Banner and name tags item (Eylat) and the Stuff in the APA-L Room (Marty) items were moved to the next meeting. We did discuss a Harassment Policy for LOSCON and LASFS to some small degree. It was pointed out that LOSCON 42 had a harassment policy that would do for the nonce until we had a chance to see if any improvements were needed to it so that those who insisted that we have such a policy could be pointed in the direction of LOSCON 42's policy. The Board will work on a Harassment Policy for LOSCON and LASFS.

Open Forum:

The next meeting of the Board will be on March 9, 2014.

Adjournment: The Board adjourned its meeting at 1:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

**NOTES FROM THE SPECIAL BUSINESS
OF MARCH 27, 2014**

**President Eylat Poliner, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

**Matthew B. Tepper, parliamentarian pro tem
Marty Cantor, De Profeditor**

Charges and rebuttals: excerpted with no spin

One lady met Mr. Goldstein at LOSCON and said that at first he seemed to be very nice. As the conversation continued it started to get uncomfortable for her- he moved closer to her and he would stare and the staring made me feel more uncomfortable. But she tried to be nice as he seemed to be a nice guy but it seemed that the more she tried to move away the more he kept getting closer. It seemed that he was every place I went and it honestly creeped her out. But she did not want to cause a lot of trouble at the convention. It was the second day and she

went up to the con suite so she could work on her writing but the room had cleared out. She met Mr. Goldstein and he accompanied her to the room. She tried to concentrate on her writing but he just stared at her. While this was going on she was trying to be friendly. As she could not concentrate on her writing, she left the con suite.

This woman felt threatened and, at a party later on Mr. Goldstein had to be removed because he was bothering her.

There was a party on the top floor and we went into one of the rooms which was serving drinks but she had not yet had one. Mr. Goldstein was standing right behind her. He stayed for awhile before he was escorted out of the room.

This woman's roommate pointed out that her roommate was unhappy and felt threatened. Another gentleman escorted this unhappy woman for the rest of the evening.

A member mentioned that there was an after-hours party at which Mr. Goldstein seemed to be bothering one of the women. A little bit later, when Mr. Goldstein found that the bathroom was inoperable, it was mentioned to him that he could use a bathroom elsewhere. When Mr. Goldstein asked if he would be allowed back into the room if he returned, he was told by two people (including the person renting the suite) that he would not be allowed in. Later, this woman was urged to report this harassment to con ops. (It turns out that she later did go to con ops but it turns out that con ops, while remembering this, has mislaid the paperwork recording this complaint.)

Another member read a letter from a person who is part of a group which used to go to Burning Man. This letter told of the problems this group had with Mr. Goldstein (including photographing two people in the shower and groping a woman), mentioning that he was told to leave the group and to not come back.

Mr. Goldstein said he was not defending himself but said that his conversation with the woman at LOSCON had to do with his writing. He said that he was not standing all that close to the woman at the bar at that party and that the reflection in the window was misleading. He said that the woman said that she would accompany him to various panels when he asked her if she would accompany him to them and she said yes to some of them and no to others.

He stated that he had only gone to one camping trip, not two, and the only person he touched at that trip was his wife.

Mr. Goldstein said there appears to be no comprehension that a man can have no interest in a woman, especially a young woman, other than sex. I have always been one who has been a mentor, a guardian, to younger people in the past and that in the first instance cited against him, his only interest was in the woman's writing. Beyond that, he did not know what else he could say to the rest of this at this point.

There were two letters in support of Mr. Goldstein and these letters were read to the membership. Both letters said very good things about him.

A woman member said that Mr. Goldstein has done nothing untoward to her and has done nothing wrong.

LAFAs
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, April 12, 2014, 7 PM
Pre-filk dinner at 5 pm. see notes
The House of Perpetual Commotion
Hosts: John, Mary, Devon and Richard Creasey
3754 W. 170th Street, Torrance, CA
(310) 329-6772

Pre-filk dinner: 5 pm, New York Deli 2424 Sepulveda Bl.,
Torrance CA

Note: This is a new location for the Creasey's pre-filk dinner
Call the Creaseys to reserve -- three days before, please!

Directions to filksite: See Thomas Guide L.A. CO. page 733
grid E-7

TYPE OF CIRCLE: -TBD- & Theme basket-John and/or
Mary will be Demighod.

Notes:

1. Mucho crash space available; call to reserve yours; bring sleeping gear in case we run out of beds.
2. Children welcomed on good behavior.
3. Bring all of your usual filk stuff
4. NO SMOKING indoors PLEASE!
5. There is a piano, it's playable but very old and tuned a hair under 440.
6. There be computers here! (PC clones). THEY WILL BE IN HIBERNATION for the night except for song archiving. 'Tis a filksing, not a bytebash.
7. There is a copier available; slight cost to cover supplies.
8. The last survivors will be conscripted into cleaning up the remains.
9. Random Factors will be open for business.
10. There are no pets with more than two legs.

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

A member thought this meeting was obscene and is a kangaroo court as there was only one accuser who did not anything which required calling law enforcement.

Another member thought that the first speaker was misinterpreting things; and, also, did not understand the letter read by Christian.

It was pointed out that some male members of our club do not read social cues very well. It was mentioned that what the complainant said probably happened but she misinterpreted the messages she was getting. Harold really needs to read social clues better. Harold goes to Burning Man every year and has not been thrown out of that community.

A member said that she was hit on by Mr. Goldstein in the 1980s.

Another member said that she grew up knowing that Mr. Goldstein was one of the people you stay on the other side of

**SPECIAL ELECTION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Eylat Poliner has resigned her position on the LASFS' Board of Directors for personal reasons. An election to fill the remainder of her term (which expires at the end of this year) will be held during the regular Thursday meeting of May 1, 2014. Nominations for this position on the Board will be held during the regular Thursday meeting of April 24, 2014.

the room from.

A member who knew Mr. Goldstein for a long time said that he was not good at social cues.

It was pointed out that the meeting seems to be going more to Mr. Goldstein's character rather than to his actions.

There was a question about whether there was an incident report filed at LOSCON – it was pointed out that there was – and there was another question about whether Mr. Goldstein was removed from the convention – and the answer was that con ops talked to him but did not remove his convention badge and remove him from the convention.

A person did not feel we had enough evidence as there were no security guards in evidence.

It was mentioned that what Mr. Goldstein is accused of rises to the point of expulsion.

A member said Mr. Goldstein was very negative in many instances but he had never seen Mr. Goldstein being inappropriate.

Mr. Goldstein has been hired to care for a disabled woman and has never taken advantage of his position.

A woman stood up and mentioned that women should not have to be at the club and put up with any kind of sexual innuendo or harassment.

A man mentioned that one person felt uncomfortable. We don't get to decide what is inappropriate, the victim decides what is inappropriate. Blaming lack of social skills is an old excuse which does not work any more. This is a phenomenon which is being dealt with in clubs and conventions all across the country, very strongly.

A man said that social awkwardness does not excuse predatory behavior. Mr. Goldstein has had 30 years to learn how to behave. The club has had 30 years to teach him how to behave. We cannot be a lab for people to learn how to behave and then never, ever, learn.

We do have a harassment policy for LOSCON and it is in the process of being strengthened and rewritten.

There were statements about harassment policies, something so that no woman should feel bothered by inappropriateness at LASFS or LOSCON.

I then spoke, reminding people that I will be putting the gist of these words into DE PROF. I also reminded people that liking or not liking Mr. Goldstein should not have any bearing on your vote as you should weigh the facts presented and then vote on the facts.

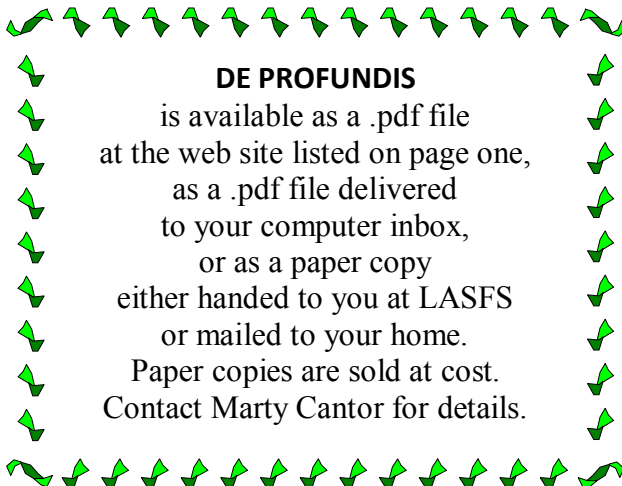
Mr. Goldstein then apologized to anybody in the past whom he might have crept out. He said that he agrees with much of what was said, here, in that he does not read cues very well. He said that he is trying to do as people said he should do. He feels that as he was not removed at LOSCON he should not be removed from LASFS.

The motion was restated: "Shall Mr. Harold Goldstein be removed from LASFS and barred from any LASFS function including LOSCON?"

Yea: 27

Nay: 41

Mr. Harold Goldstein was not removed from the club.



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TEMPORARY FOOD BAN AT LASFS

An announcement from The Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc.

On February 9, 2014, the BOD passed the following resolution:

There will be a temporary ban on all food being brought into the entire property of the LASFS, starting March 1. Already scheduled special events - LA 4000 and Pan Formal - are exempted from this ban.

We have a rodent problem at the club. A rat was sighted and upon further inspection, two nests were discovered. Droppings were found in multiple places. A box of stored books has been chewed and magazines have been shredded .

We have engaged professionals to rid us of the problem, but it will take time. They will close off all entry and exit places they can find and set traps to catch the rodents. This will take at least 6 weeks, but it may take more. We need to do a major clean up of the clubhouse and go through all stored boxes of books for further damage. To support the professionals efforts we are going to make a necessary sacrifice to help this process.

Starting March 1, 2014 : Until we are sure the rats are gone, no food, at any time, will be allowed anywhere on the premises.

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All groups and any individuals will be expected to follow this resolution. Anyone found in violation of this resolution will be asked to leave. If they are a key holder, their key will be taken away and any group found with food, will not be able to meet at the clubhouse in the future.

Every week there are cookie crumbs, potato chip crumbs, candy, pizza bones and misc. cups, papers, food wrapper and boxes left all over the clubhouse. This is the primary factor in the rats presence, apparently the rats favor M & Ms because one of the nests consisted of wrappers from this candy.

We need people to learn to pick up after themselves or this will happen again!

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, DO NOT BRING ANY FOOD ONTO THE PROPERTY AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON.

*Two events that have already been scheduled (LA4000, Pan Fandom Spring Formal) and pre-sold will be granted qualified exceptions, but they will have to assure the board they have a plan and volunteers to carry out a thorough cleaning when they are done.

PARKING

THE ISSUE HAS BEEN RESOLVED

NO, NOT ON AETNA

The MTA (which controls parking for the Orange Line bus) has graciously allowed LASFS to use the lot to the northwest of the clubhouse. From Tyrone, just drive west on Aetna until you get to the entrance to the parking lot (which will be on your right). The after 9 pm restriction on Aetna does not apply to this lot, so those parking in that lot need not move their car at 9 pm.

LA

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*A celebration of the longevity of the oldest continuously active science-fiction club in **this** world.*

***Saturday and Sunday
April 26th and 27th
Noon to 8 pm***

*Memberships
\$25 through March 31, 2014
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