



# NOVEMBER 2014

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## KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

Estrogen Zone = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society  
 BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am  
 2nd Sunday Open House = Board and other gaming - 2 pm  
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation - 1 pm  
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation - 1 pm to 8 pm  
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing  
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm  
 Time Meddlers = Dr. Who club - 11 am  
 Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am

## CALENDAR DETAILS

BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm  
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends  
 Work Party - 10:30 am  
 Estrogen Zone - 2:00 pm  
 FWEMS -

## THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**NOVEMBER 6** - Nominations for LASFS Board of Directors  
**NOVEMBER 13** - Election of Directors  
**NOVEMBER 20** - **BIG** Auction  
**NOVEMBER 27** - No programme - smile at the grump, er, President

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)

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**THANKSGIVING:** There will be a regular (although small) LASFS meeting at the clubhouse on Thanksgiving evening though many club members will be at the LOSCON hotel.

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

### COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 501– October 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](http://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, DELL Workstation (using the Windows 7 Professional 64 bit 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, 2014

**President:** Marty Cantor. **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), Milt Stevens (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 toners, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison:** Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whiskey. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Gavin Claypool, Ed Hooper. **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:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Science Officer:** David Okamura (with Karl Lembke). **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](http://www.lasfs.org))

**Meeting 4010, June 19, 2014**  
**President Eylat Poliner, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Eylat Poliner called meeting #4010 to order at 8:03.

**Menace** from the previous meeting were read. Marcia Minsky bid \$1 to approve them as "chirp". They were so approved.

**Patron Saint Ted Johnstone** was honored. Nick Smith called him a heck of a writer. He wrote the good Man from Uncle novels. Milt Stevens: he wrote under his real name and attended LASFS under a pseudonym. He and his friends, when joining, didn't want to be known by fans, so they joined under assumed names. He and Bruce Pelz were omni-apans, joining all the APAs in existence at the time. APA-X was founded to exclude him. In college he majored in broadcasting. He didn't get as far in life as he should have. Barbara Harmon remembers him from 1958. He seemed like a nice young kid.

Scratch" His writing ability was phenomenal if you could get him to write. CLJII: I conducted fan activities with

him but was more involved with David McDaniel. First LASFS meeting, was introduced to him. He featured Hoover Dam in his first UNCLE novel, and Forry Ackerman in his second. We fell into partnership, broke up briefly over a woman, but in his last year, we were collaborating on a Star Trek novel because he'd been invited to write a novel. Turned out the inviter wasn't a person with the authority to invite. When he would sit down to write he was a very good writer. Often, having writ, he would move on before it was ready. He was a very good cinematographer, understood the technical and artistic aspects of cinematography. It was my misfortune to find his body after he'd left it behind. And of course, being a comic book character, he never dies -- he goes to limbo until an editor needs him again.

**Patron Saint Ted Johnstone** was given Three Cheers and It Wouldn't Be a Picnic Without Ants.

**Committee Reports:** David Okamura had a science report. Scientists have found a mutant gene that protects against heart attacks by keeping triglycerides at a low level. (I wonder if I have that.) (*I know that I do not have that gene, considering what tests have shown my triglyceride level to be. grump.* - ed.) Those who have type A diabetes have to constantly monitor glucose levels. Progress is being made on a bionic pancreas, with an iPhone hookup. They've done a study with 40 adults using the device for 11 days. So now your doctor is threatening to put that cell phone where the sun don't shine...

Scientists have probed behind the blue room. When Pablo Picasso was 19, he was painting in Paris and tended to re-use material. One painting, The Blue Room, seems to have had a layer underneath. Improved infrared imaging has uncovered details of a man's bearded face. Can't tell what the colors are -- yet. (X-ray fluorescence might uncover what the pigments are...)

Matthew Tepper rose to announce the passing of Author Daniel Keyes, author of Flowers for Algernon. He was 86.

CLJII notes we just lost Carla Laemmle,

Eylat Poliner embarrassed her best friend by noting that today is Debra Levin's birthday.

**Registrar** Michelle announced we had a guest Friday, Chris Venuti.

Jerry Pournelle was at the Solid State Sensors, Actuators, and Microsystems Workshop. He rose to speak on the subject.

Building stuff on the micrometer level used to be SF. A nanometer is a thousandth of that, not much larger than single atoms. Projects under work include:

\* Brain probes with thousands of channels per probe, imaging everything in the brain, and designing prosthetics that are activated by the brain. (*Considering some people, I wonder how it can image a vacuum.* - ed.)

\* A gadget that attaches to your computer and does elec-

tron microscopy. It exists, but he's trying to get the price below \$100.

Karl Lembke moved to adjourn and so we adjourned at 9:41 PM.

### **Meeting 4011, June 26, 2014** **President Eylat Poliner, presiding** **Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Eylat Poliner called meeting #4011 to order at 8:00. And there was much rejoicing. Michelle thanked Eylat for her service on behalf of the membership.

**Menace** from the previous meeting were approved as a vague hand-wave.

Charles Justize was not able to make it to tonight's meeting, so tonight's program is canceled.

This meeting, Eylat's last, is a free-for-all. Tonight's program is "What-evah"

**Patron Saint Alan Frisbie** was honored. Joe Zeff: He's a nice man who is a member of "that" family. He's the only patron saint to be thrown out of the meeting on his own saint's night. He was being too noisy, and Ed Green threw him out, and was suitably embarrassed when he had to call him back in. Larry Niven: Nice guy, good sense of humor, wicked storyteller. Karl Lembke: He is the Sacred Flying Disc

Tom Locke: he had interesting hobbies including messing around with Ma Bell. He was invited to become a guest of the US Government, but with the help of a lawyer, he was able to decline the invitation. Because of the usual clientele of the lawyer, he was asked "who did you kill?" (The answer, of course, was "Ma bell".)

**Patron Saint Alan Frisbie** was given Three Cheers and a sacred flying disc.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Mike Stern imitated David Okamura and reported on some retro science. They're doing space capsules that are being sent up by balloon. World Enterprizes of Houston can get capsules up 20 miles. They're starting to charge tourists. (*With electrifying results.* - ed.)

**Registrar** Michelle announced guests: Art Davis, and Chris Horrocks.

David Okamura had a **Science Report**. The World Enterprizes system is what they used to lift Felix Baumgartner into near space.

When the Kings won the Stanley Cup there was a crowd standing around. They noticed a drone which they knocked down with a t-shirt and smashed with a skateboard. It's at the police department waiting to be claimed. Flying a drone in public is not a crime. Yet.

**Meeting 4012, July 3, 2014**  
**President Marty Cantor, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

There's been a change of plans with LACMA. Its expansion project is being modified. They will demolish some of the old gallery and instead of extending the overhang over the tar pits, it will extend over Wilshire to another lot owned by the city.

Tom Safer reported on a sculpture his dad made in honor of astronomer James Dobson who recently died. It's called "Galaxy." It was made for the National Astronomical Society as a trophy. It's called the John Safer award. This one is being given in memory of John Dobson, who did more for amateur astronomy than anyone else, and who died a few months ago at the age of 99.

Milt Stevens could come up with a bunch of stories about dumb criminals. One was about a couple of would-be terrorists who learned they need to set some time on the timer of a time bomb before connecting the explosive.

Mike Stern recalled a fellow who went to holster his gun and shot off a part of himself from a very sensitive spot, qualifying himself for a Darwin Honorable Mention.

Hare Hobbs recalls a time his father had a classic car to be worked on. Someone stole it, with the head still bad. The thief replaced the spark plugs. He stole drugs from the hospital, placing them in a box with identifying paperwork.

Mark Poliner related how a black bear fell through the skylight of an Alaskan couple during a kid's birthday celebration, and proceeded to eat the cupcakes.

Milt Stevens notes they have reverse engineered a raspberry using raspberry juice and a 3-D printer. This technology can be used to produce fruit that never existed in the first place.

Doug Crepeau observed they have successfully printed a set of human lungs.

Eylat reviewed her trip to Israel, calling it great.

Paige Willey is starting a convention next year, Fandomverse Expo in Palmdale. Anyone interested in helping out, find her and talk to her.

Mike Thorson would have thought it was obvious: It's annoying to shuffle the flavors already in the vending machine. So new rule: the auction winner has to choose a flavor not already in the machine.

Eylat had one final act as President. She asked Marty Cantor to take the chair. And he took it away. (*I took it only a few feet, from the dais to the floor next to the dais.* - ed.)

Barbara Harmon moved to thank Eylat for her service. Doug Crepeau asked her if she was going to be President again. Hell No.

Matthew Tepper moved to adjourn and so we adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Having finally finished his cookie, President Marty Cantor called meeting #4012 to order at 8:00.

**Comments from the President:** Thanks for electing me. I know I am LASFS' leading curmudgeon, but I promise that whilst president and in this chair I will not curmudge. At least, not all of the time.

Many of you know that I am of the opinion that movies are not SF and that I do not like movies. However, most of the members do like movies and I am not about to institute a ban on them here. And, to prove this, the first person I am appointing as a committee chairman is Mister Movie himself, Charlie Jackson, II.

The by-laws allow for the order of business to be modified and I will be doing some of that, with the first change being the bringing back of the Treasurer's Report, listed in the by-laws but not used by recent presidents. The LASFS has money problems and I want the members to know about them so that they can help solve them. And, to further help solve our problems, next week I am instituting a new item, reports by any board member who wishes to speak.

To make life easier for our scribe, I am going to insist -- or at least attempt to insist, that the members stick to the topics at hand and making their comments at the appropriate time. I will wield the gavel when necessary.

One last change. When time-bound announcements were introduced, the attempt was to limit announcements because of time restraints. What happened was that all announcements became "time-bound announcements" even if the event was in the next century [not counting events announced between December 23, 2000 and December 31, 2000 when events in the next century really were time-bound]. I intend to go back to the original intent. Therefore, if I announce "time-bound announcements", that means that any announcements must concern events up to the next meeting -- and no later than that. This is because we have to keep things short in this meeting. Now, if I just indicate that the topic is "announcements", this means that members can make announcements for things as far in the future as they wish -- even events planned for Trantorcon!

Now, that is enough of my blithering.

Matthew Tepper reported that Brand Bookstore in Glendale is closing its doors.

**Menace** from the previous meeting were read. \$2 from Eric Hoffman. He opted to name them "I have no idea what the hell is going on because I came in late." They were so accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** This week, the totality of the report was, we have money. Don't spend it.

**Patron Saint Doug Abe:** Tepper: He attended regularly through the 70s and 80s. He was from Hawaii, and is remembered for bringing SF books to give out to people. Marty Cantor recalls the company for which he worked sent him to Japan. He is of Japanese descent but doesn't speak a word of the language. In Japan, people insisted on speaking to him in Japanese, something he found to be frustrating.

He is still alive. **Patron Saint Doug Abe** was given Three Cheers and a year of Berlitz lessons

**Introduction of Guests:** In the absence of Michelle Pincus, Marty provided the nickel tour and introduced guests: Joe Helminski, Walter Helminski, Walt Helminski, Chris Lemcke.

**Committee Reports:** David Okamura had a **science report**. Things have been looking up for the space program. A successful test of a Mars entry system, a flying doughnut or flying saucer. Hopefully this will handle larger landers. (*Only if the load enough jelly*. - ed.) They're having another try at a lander to detect CO2 in the atmosphere.

ISS is going to be getting a cappuccino machine. It can do espresso but not latte, because bubbles don't form in a low gravity environment. (*Aw - no bubble baths in ISS*. ed.)

**Announcements, Regular or Time Bound:** From the voodvork oudt ve haff: Ed Buchman, Roger Hill, and Bea Barrio!

Brad has some original cels from Ralph Bakshi. Do people have an idea for a cel to donate to the club? Bring ideas to Elayne.

Matthew Tepper reported on the passing of Frank M Robinson co-author of *The Glass Inferno*.

Mike Thorson remarked on a controversy over whether Diet 7-up should be one of the constant flavors in the machine. From August 1 on, the space just after Diet Coke will feature Diet 7-up.

Peter Santelle asked: when will the lights be fixed? "The electrician will be called Monday" was the answer he received.

Hare Hobbs: The woman Kevlar was named after is in the science hall of fame. Kevlar was a happy accident and she was smart enough to investigate it.

CLJII announced he has a whole pile of SF fantasy adventure books out. They're available as digital and as physical books. He's made arrangements with the publisher to send him a bunch of them. He'll have them available for \$6 each, 25% less than Amazon's price.

Marty announced we're trying to get more people board gaming here. It was something a lot enjoyed, but he's been getting more from a group in Sun Valley. This is Friday nights. Since tomorrow is a holiday, he's opening

the clubhouse at 4:30. Debra announced we have gaming and socializing on Fridays.

**Reviews:** Eric Hoffman reviewed a book. *World Gone Wild*, alphabetical list of Post Apocalypse movies almost to date. Someone in Australia is doing a remake of *Mad Max*.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

CLJII misced that the necessity for doing remakes is ending because if the excuse is to give actors work, they can put the actors on a green screen and insert into existing versions of films.

Marty Cantor: any who read APA-L know that Karl Lembke and I have been throwing atom bombs at each other. We really like each other. (*We use friendly atom bombs.*)

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:43

### **Meeting 4013, July 10, 2014 President Marty Cantor, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4013 to order at 8:00.

**Comments from the President:** None at this time.

**Menace** from the previous meeting were read. \$2 from Eylat Poliner. She opted to name them "I'm not the President any more!" They were so accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have funds. We have specific funds. We also have a general fund. Those who are really interested in the funds are welcome to show up at the Board meeting. We have one this coming Sunday, starting at 11.

**Patron Saint Marc Schirmeister:** Marty Cantor: He brought the ice cream that's in the next room. Matthew Tepper: read in remark about this incredible new artist in 1972. Eylat: He's a great artist and does a great amount of work around the clubhouse. He keeps the plants alive.

Joe Zeff: He designed South Pasadena's Rose Parade Float. Tom Safer: He is a good cartoonist. CLJII: He's one of the wackiest cartoonists around. He's so creative and so ... there's no point in drawing something a human being could play -- Bob Clampett. He has had a spotty career in professional animation, because he's too wacky and undisciplined for the studios. Shows like *Sponge Bob* could benefit from Schirmeister's jokes.

Cantor: Marc is one of my favorite fan artists. he's done very good artwork for him. We're waiting for him to decorate the door to the pubs room. One disappointing thing about Marc is that he was never short-listed for best fan-artist Hugo. Matthew Tepper: He draws wonderful dinosauroids and horses. Scratch: He has a unique

form of visual communication. One of his favorite drawings shows a priestess dancing and catching a melon on her chest, and about to get smacked in the head with another melon.

Kay Shapero: Like Ted Geisel, It doesn't matter what he draws, you will know who drew it when you see it. Cantor: He has a Marc Schirmeister cover (*for his Hugo-nominated fanzine Holier Than Thou*) done as seven linoleum blocks for seven colors, for a run of 300.

**Patron Saint Marc Schirmeister** was given Three Cheers and a fanartist Hugo.

**Registrar** Michelle introduced guests Cam Baity, William Weist, Rupert Pollard, and Lawson Woodward.

Board Member Presentation: Michelle recounted the Family Science Day at LASFS, a community outreach and marketing program. Not quite as successful as she'd prefer, but we'll do it again, and it brought in \$180.

**Announcements, Regular or Time Bound:** Larry Niven mentioned last week a guy named Walt brought his family seeking autographs. Thanks for treating them well. Fuzzy Niven is home now, and becoming reacquainted with the cat. She can get around with a walker and is doing exercises and trying to rebuild the muscle strength she lost during three months convalescing. She appears free of infection. Bad news is, healing takes a while.

Eylat: Her family lives in Israel. She got a text from her sister, on Tuesday they ran to bomb shelters in the middle of the night. Missiles have been dispatched from Gaza with love.

Art Davis added: This does have to do with SF, it's the subject of many SF books throughout history. Same thing happens elsewhere, and guess what: Los Angeles is a target.

Scratch announced that Lin Daniel is currently under observation for a kidney stone.

Doug Crepeau: July 3, the VA barbecued his prostate with gamma rays.

David Okamura: Last week was an important anniversary -- 75th anniversary of the first World Science Fiction Convention, held in New York City. There were three guests from Chapter 4 of the Science Fiction League; Ray Bradbury, Forry, and Merle R Douglas, who had created costumes for herself and Forry. This was the first instance of SF fan costumes.

Jerry Pournelle: while we're talking about things that happened a while ago, there are members who assisted us when we had a series of meetings at Larry's house in 1980 contemplating space policy for the incoming Reagan administration. One item proposed was research in missile defense. Of the 1000 missiles launched from Gaza, 60% have been shot down by the Israeli Iron Dome system. Karl: The 60% figure is not because it misses, but

because they only shoot down missiles heading toward things they want to keep.

John DeChancie has written a novel. Maybe #21 or 25 or something. This is the ninth Castle novel. Marty Cantor pointed out there are people who have a special pleasure of John DeChancie's work. He's in both APA-L and LAS-FAPA.

Kristin is directing her first SF feature film.

Marty Cantor made an error: he forgot to call on David for a **Moment of Science**. David Okamura had sad news: There was a program to reactivate the IC3. It could not fulfill its renewed mission. There's not enough propellant, apparently having leaked out over the years. They may still be able to get more science out of it.

A Mississippi girl who was treated for AIDS and thought to have been cured has shown evidence of infection again. It's very difficult to weed it out of her system.

Apparently the CDC found six vials of smallpox virus in a closet. We don't know if they were inert, but they will be soon. How many other forgotten vials are there out there?

Doug Crepeau: ISIS in Iraq has gotten hold of 40 Kg of nuclear material.

**Reviews:** Eric Hoffman: A Night in Paradise, Aesop sent to try to prevent a war King Croesus wants to start for gold. It may appear at LASFS. (*All that LASFS needs is the gold*. - ed.) Also, a book: The Art of Japanese Monsters. It covers almost every poster from different parts of the world for Japanese Monster SF films.

Milt Stevens: Last weekend was Westercon 67. Hertz and he were the only active LASFSians to make it there. 637 in attendance. Next year's is in San Diego, and for the following year, they ran unopposed and this time they won. Unlike others, this Westercon had a 10,000-person fantasy convention across the street. They were decent about it, and honored Westercon memberships if people wanted to wander across the street and look at the dragon. A couple of their people came across to look at the Westercon.

Peter Santel: finally read Silverlock. Liked the part dealing with literary hell, a take-off on Dante's Inferno.

Kay Shapero: Stairs Women: Four novels thus far. A planet which has both a magicians guild and a society of scientists

**Miscellaneous:** Mark Poliner Last Friday, lunch at a restaurant with Matthew and Deb. Waiter had been in America for one month, fresh from Israel. Before ordering, say we want to split the check. He was unclear on the concept. He comes back with each item's price split in half.

Joe Zeff: Most hearing aids are programmed to work best when someone is in front of them. People spoken to

from the side or rear have a lot of trouble making out speech.

Milt Stevens: There's a new Worldcon bid. Kevin and Andy are bidding for San Jose 2018.

LONCON committee has a cease and desist order on issuing Hugos for fancasts. Someone in Europe has a trademark or copyright on the term. They are looking for a lawyer to send the complainants a bag of sand and a hammer.

There will be a Board Meeting Sunday, here, at 11 AM. Important things happen there. After the board meeting, at 2 PM, there's open house, with gaming, picnic, food, socializing, and all kinds of nice things.

Marty seems to have lost his plate, a one-tooth partial. If found, please return it. You can't handle the tooth.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 21:15. Debra Levin reminded one and all to police their areas and wrangle their chairs.

### **Meeting 4014, July 17, 2014 President Marty Cantor, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4014 to order at 8:00.

**Comments from the President:** (*I obviously said something but it was not recorded here. \*grump\* - ed.*)

**Menace** from the previous meeting were read. Matthew Tepper bid \$6 to name them "We had funds, funds, funds, till Elayne took the T-bills away" They were so accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have money. We have a number of different funds. We could use more money. Bid higher at the auction.

**Patron Saint Bill Curry:** (*From the Hagiography: Book collector. Appeared in Niven and Pournelle's Inferno. Worked for the Post Office.*) **Patron Saint Bill Curry** was given Three Cheers and a bottle of chutney.

**Registrar** Michelle introduced Sara Price who found us through Google, and Ian Kohn, dragged here by a friend.

**Board Member presentation:** Elayne spoke about the state of the library. We're out of room. We are going to find some items good homes elsewhere. We need a larger facility. If you want to help, buy stuff at the auction, for at least \$5 each.

**Programming (CLJII):** 7/24: Tom Safer presents Bugs. (*Our cockroaches and termites don't need no fanfare, Tom. - ed.*)

David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**. We had a commercial launch to re-supply the ISS. The story was

so hard to find, private space flight is ceasing to be newsworthy. Orbital Sciences flew the re-supply mission. Space-X has received certification that will allow it to bid for space projects.

Boeing got the OK from DARPA to develop a reusable launch vehicle. It's supposed to be a space plane.

We've had some interesting alliances. Google and Novartis have joined to create smart contact levels to monitor glucose levels and other things.

A Valencia firm has been sterilizing stuff with UV light. They've found they can use the technology in hospitals for antibiotic resistant bacteria. (*Bah! Chiropractors have been using that for decades. A chiropractor killed the Shingles virus infecting my back 20 years ago. - ed.*)

**Announcements, Regular or Timebound:** Peter Santel announced CF/O Saturday, 12-8. Last half of last season of Inu-Yasha.

Christian announced JMS fans can see the art department of Babylon-5 at Comic Con talking about how they put together a TV show on a dime. Noon, Friday, room 23-ABC.

**Reviews:** One review, of one book, The Foundry's Edge by Cam Baity and Benny Zelkowicz. Cam was given five minutes to review his book. He hated it. The feeling may well be mutual. Despite its high body count and dark nature, it's marketed as a Young Adult book -- because the heroine is age 12.

**Miscellaneous:** Mark Poliner had a couple of items: There's a kickstarter campaign to raise money for the coolest cooler, bluetooth stereo, and a built-in blender. In Minneapolis, this guy was talking with a friend and off-handedly remarked gummy bear sausage. We now have gummy bear sausage.

Joe Zeff took a survey about political opinions. Part of the survey asked about background and beliefs. Asked about his religion, he picked "Jewish". Next question: do you consider yourself evangelical or born-again Christian?

CLJII: Hostess collapsed, was revived, brought back everything but Choc-o-dile. They're back.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:35.

### **Board of Directors Meeting September 14, 2014 Karl Lembke, Chairman Marty Cantor, Secretary**

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

Lafa  
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, September 20, 2014, 7:30 PM - whenever  
Saturday, November 22, 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 Sepulvda Bl., Torrance CA  
Call the Creaseys to reserve -- three days before, please!**

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 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.

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

**Members and Guests:** Barry Gold, Lee Gold, Matthew B. Tepper, Ed Hooper, Eylat Poliner, Joe Zeff.

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:03 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, September 14th meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of August 10, 2014 were accepted as presented.

**New Members:** There were 2 applications for membership. These were submitted by: Andrew Mayne and William Weist. They paid their \$10 and were accepted.

**Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz):** We have some money, see the Treasurer for details.

**30 Second Reports:**

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

**Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire):** No report

**Secretary (Marty Cantor):** No report.

**Publications (Marty Cantor):** No report.

**Comptroller (Gavin Claypool):** (Apologies to the Board because of a medical problem.)

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen):** This month: 383 units bringing in \$383. Total units to date: 30,696, and total monies to date: \$25,478. Purchased the usual paper towels and toilet paper and minor bits of hardware.

**Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson):** (Acting temporary librarian Gavin Claypool): Elayne reported that Gavin is cherry-picking books to be sold. We are currently not buying books and are saving money for buying books at LOSCON.

**Archives (Marcia Minsky):** No report.

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** Money not used for painting and water and put a deadbolt on gate in back so if you now get trapped in the patio with the door locked you can get out of the patio without having to climb over the fence. Electrical work has been done and there is now a plug near the sale books and some lights were put up in that area. There is new lighting in the library. There is no more maintenance scheduled.

**AV Equipment (Rob Powell):** Received no reports of troubles in the past month.

**Events (Milt Stevens):** No new events scheduled. Called junk collection company about stuff on sidewalk on Aetna. // LOSCON - Elayne: Starting to work on programming. Membership is rising with SMOFCON in the following week. Memberships go up on October 15th. // Marcia: her LOSCON: website will be up and running first week in December. There is nothing else to report at this time.

**Fund-raising, Recruitment, and Marketing Committee: (Michelle Pincus):** Worked mostly on stuff for LOSCON. We will have a table at the paperback show next year. Elayne reported that the library will have a book sale on Oct. 4 at her house from 9 until 4. Tables will be taken on Oct. 3.

(Significant Others)

**Club President (Marty Cantor):** We are still holding meetings and people seem to be enjoying themselves.

**WEB MASTER (Barry Gold):** John Hertz' reviews are now on the web site. CLJ will be giving the web site a programme item.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Fannish Artwork (the Gold's):** The Gold's showed



some fannish artwork to Christian for possibly putting into an auction. Christian thanked the Golds.

**Friday Night Dice - Security (Marty Cantor):** There was a discussion about a door bar for Monstro - this was tabled. There was a discussion about the Friday Night Meetup and Marty possibly taking it over as its current organizer has resigned that position. Michelle said she would fund the first 6 months if Marty took over that Meetup.

Christian mentioned that on October 5 Elayne will be having a class in how to use the Registration software in conventions.

**University Collections (Milt Stevens):** CSUN Library - Elayne wondered if some of the items we are going to be giving to other libraries might be going to the CSUN Library. Jay Kay Klein Foundation gave \$ to the Eaton Collection.

**Elayne:** Problems with EZ: not many people showing up. It was moved to delete EZ from the schedule with thanks to Kris for her services - passed with 2 abstentions. There was also a discussion about air conditioning problems, problems with the ac thermostats.

Gavin: Bylaws changes - housekeeping changes. There was a discussion about voting qualifications of people not showing up at meetings. These were moved and passed with one nay and one abstention to pass this on to the membership. It was also moved that the wording appropriate to the Standing Rules be passed on to the membership at the same time.

Michelle: As Registrar she is often told about the toilet seats. It was mentioned that we need these stronger toilet seats because several of our members are of the weighty persuasion and we are not going to replace our current toilet seats with more "normal" toilet seats as more "normal" toilet seats often have to be replaced. We all know this but some people have trouble understanding it.

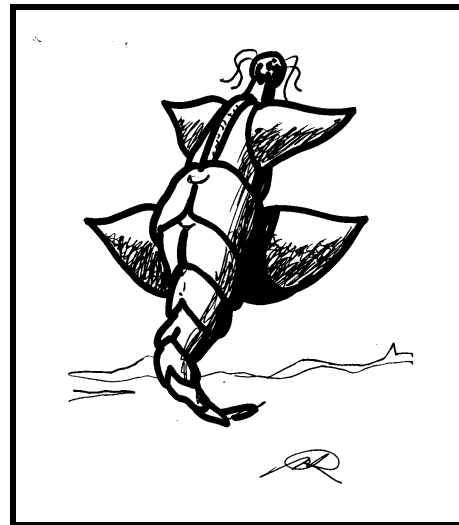
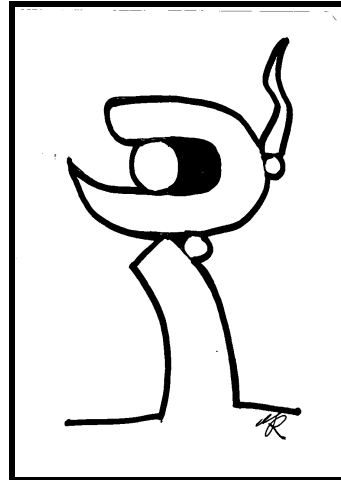
The next meeting of the Board will be on October 12, 2014.

**OPEN FORUM:**

**TAKE-AWAYS:**

**Adjournment:** The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary



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