



## MAY 2018

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### KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am

### CALENDAR DETAILS

**Board of Directors meeting: the May meeting will be held as the programme at the end of the Thursday, May 10, 2018 regular meeting of the club.**

### THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

MAY 3 - No programme assigned at De Prof deadline  
 MAY 10 - LASFS' Board of Directors May meeting.  
 MAY 17 - **Medium-sized Auction.**  
 MAY 24 - No programme assigned at De Prof deadline.  
 MAY 31 - No programme assigned at De Prof deadline.

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)

**May 10 - starting at 7 pm,  
an interview with  
Astronomer Ashish Mahabal**

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**THE LASFS' BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD  
AT THE REGULAR MAY 10, 2018 THURSDAY MEETING**

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

### COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 541– May 2018. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

*De Profundis* is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (No current permanent address) and the LASFS does not currently have a telephone number. 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: 75¢ in person, \$1.25 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 hand them to me at wherever LASFS meetings are being held. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his address: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbeglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbeglobal.net) or at club meetings 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 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. *De Prof* is available on paper solely at cost: currently 75¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.25. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at approximate cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

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### LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers

January - June, 2018

**President:** Michelle Pincus. **Vice-President:** Matthew B. Tepper. **Registrar:** Marty Cantor. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz and Michelle Pincus.

### Board of Directors

**Chairman:** Karl Lembke (2018). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2020).. **Comptroller:** Debra Levin (2018). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2018). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2018), Gavin Claypool (2019), Elayne Pelz (2020), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2020), Mike Thorsen (2019), Kristen Gorlitz (2019), Nick Smith (2020). **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 Pro Tem:** Gavin Claypool. **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. **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.

### 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 \_\_\_\_

### LASFS' TEMPORARY MEETING PLACE

by Gavin Claypool and Elayne Pelz

### LASFS Returns to North Hollywood:

**Starting November 2, 2017, LASFS will be holding its Thursday night meetings at 10717 Chandler Blvd. (rear), North Hollywood 91601, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

**The building is located between Denny Ave. and Cartwright Ave. Entrance is from the alley in back. Going east from Denny Ave. along the alley, it is the second building.**

**There are comfy couches for people who want to sit and talk before or after the meeting proper. There is one restroom.**

**We will be allowed to bring in personal food and drink - NO communal food table - but must police our own trash.**

**We are renting the meeting space from Null Space Labs, the local maker group. House rules: No playing with the toys! There is quite a lot of equipment in the room. Leave**

it be.

**Parking is available in front on Chandler Blvd. and on the west side of Denny Ave. Parking is prohibited north of the alley on the east side of Denny Ave.**

**P.S.: There is WiFi access at the site.**

*I am still looking for a replacement editor for DE PROFUNDIS. If necessary, I can still remain as Publisher.*

*However, if I cannot find a replacement before LASFS gets a new clubhouse, I will return DE PROFUNDIS to the LASFS Board of Directors after our first meeting in our new clubhouse.*

## 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 4174, August 10, 2017  
President Nick Smith, presiding  
Scribe Karl Lembke, scribbling**

President Smith began to commence to call LASFS meeting #4174 to order at 8:00 PM.

### Patron Saints:

This week's **Patron Saints** are **Jerry Pournelle, Tim Merrigan, and Ed Hooper**. The **Patron Saints** were given Three rousing Cheers.

### Menace:

The **Menace** was read, and corrections were offered.

Joe Zeff bid \$4 to name the **Menace** "let me make one thing C/Krystal clear".

**Registrar** Marty Cantor introduced no new guests. (*He also did not introduce any used guests.* - ed.)

### Committee Reports

Treasurer: we are losing money. We need more of it. (*What? We need more losing of money?* - ed.)

The **Committee to Gouge** had a micro-auction, having a time-bound item to auction off.

**Moment of Science:** Nick Smith reports -

They're finding bigger and bigger dinosaur fossils. Patagotitan, the new world champ. 76 tons. Maybe that's the land of the giants.

Elon Musk has been warning about overcomputerization

and overuse of automation. (*What does he mean by "overcomputerization." After all I only have 5.* - ed.) Mark Zuckerberg's reaction was to further automate Facebook. Translations are all done by AI instead of human. Suppose you have a response-bot. You could die and people wouldn't notice for years as you kept on responding. (*I think that LASFS has some dead members who nobody believes are dead because they keep on coming to the meetings.*)

### Special Orders of Business:

We lost:

American fan (living in Costa Rica) Gregg Calkins, fanziner, has passed. His fanzine was OOPSLA.

We lost a character, Chantique. Age 39, Chantique was the orangutan who taught the actress who did the Orangutan parts in the recent Planet of the Apes movie how Orangutans do sign language. Chantique was unusual in being one of the first Orangs studied academically. After many years, the university got rid of him and sent him back to a primate center. Gavin says it's because he didn't publish. They say they were afraid of lawsuits, but maybe if he'd stayed longer they'd have had to give him tenure. He seems to have been done in by his love for Dairy Queen fast food.

### Announcements:

Milt got an email from Fanac.org, looking for videos from 1984 worldcon (Anaheim). The con produced some videos, and he's looking for any others.

Barbara Harmon notes the easiest and cheapest eclipse glasses is Fry's. For library glasses, check with local libraries. Not all checked the rules for handing them out. Some are giving them out now, some waiting till next week. Some giving them out on the 19th. hopefully none are waiting until the 25th.

Sunday, CineFamily theater 611 N Fairfax, screens How to Build a Time Machine. It's a documentary. Really. Two documentaries. One about a man building the George Pal machine from the movie, another about a man who's been studying time. See the review in last week's Menace.

Bill Green announced this weekend is the peak of the Perseid meteor showers. Go away from the city lights.

We moved to put away the chairs and adjourn. The motion carried at 9:06 pm. The chair carriers carried a wee bit later.

**Meeting 4175, August 17, 2018  
President Nick Smith, presiding  
Scribe Kristen Gorlitz, scribbling**

President Smith began to commence to call LASFS meeting #4175 to order at 8:01 pm. (*And, when he finished commencing it, all were amazed to find that it was still 8:01 pm.* - ed.)

### Patron Saints:

This week's **Patron Saints** are **Mark Bilan** and **Bjo Trimble**.

**Patron Saint Mark Bilan** had his sainthood bought for him by his brother, Greg Bilan. **Patron Saint Bjo Trimble** is the same **Bjo Trimble** who saved Star Trek.

The **Patron Saints** were each given Three rousing Cheers.

**Menace:** The **Menace** was read, and corrections were offered.

Eric Hoffman bid \$3 to name the **Menace**, "Snarrrrrl".

**Registrar** Marty Cantor introduced no new guests. (*They were all terribly used.* - ed.)

### Committee Reports:

The Committee to Gouge held a large auction. (*Fortunately it was not too large so it was able to be held and it was not dropped and broken.* - ed.)

**Treasurer's Report:** we are losing money. We need more of it.

### Moment of Science:

Nick Smith reports:

You have probably read science fiction with new technologies for the storage of Data. They have just written data into DNA. Scientists at Harvard encoded a 5 panel animated GIF in the DNA of bacteria, bred them, and then played it back. It played back with over 90% accuracy of the data.

The cosmic map included in Voyager Golden Record is incorrect. It was based on pulsars. If aliens try to use that map, they will be incredibly lost.

### Announcements:

Barbara Harmon, her husband was a member of first fandom. There is only one of the original members left of first fandom. They had fan awards in Finland, and Jim Harmon was voted the Posthumus fan of the year.

Martin Tays, a member of LASFS since 1987, announced that his book is now up for sale on Amazon. It is called *Stealing Endeavour*.

Some of the people in this room are 62 years or older. The National Parks Service has taken into account that more people are living longer and are raising the price of the senior pass from \$10 to \$80. You can go to any of their offices and still pay the \$10 fee. Bring ID and proof of residence and until August 28th, you can still get the lifetime membership for \$10. But after August 28th, it will be \$80.

Remember the science fiction bookclub? There is now an online equivalent. [sffbookbonanza.com/free-books-aug-2017](http://sffbookbonanza.com/free-books-aug-2017) has a model where an author can post one book on

the site to be sold at a very low price to introduce new readers to your book. From now until Sunday you can get one book for free. You don't have to tape a dime to a postcard and mail it in, either.

### Time Bound Announcements:

There is a massive recall from Amazon and Walmart for glasses for the eclipse. So be careful if you bought your glasses from these retailers.

The Eclipse starts at 9am on Monday. 9 am - 12 pm, you should be able to see effects. 10:30 am our time is the approximate time for the maximum coverage.

**Nola:** Trader Joe's is celebrating their 50th anniversary and there are giveaways on Saturday and Sunday.

**Eric Hoffman:** CD Trader in Tarzana is having a solar eclipse sale, 20% off used DVDs and CDs this Saturday and Sunday. (*Oh, is that all? And here I thought that it was the solar eclipse which was on sale.* - ed.)

OuteRim Con is in Downey on Oct 7th and 8th

The Time Meddler's of LA are meeting at the Pasadena library in the studio space there. Meeting this Sunday at 1 pm.

### Reviews

Nick Smith - one of his favorite theatrical things, which is somewhat fannish, is Chickespeare. They improvise Shakespeare. Chickespeare started its season at El Portal theater. Friday nights. Lankershim theater.

Fata Morgana is a new gelato place that just opened across the street. 60+ flavors of gelato at a time. Traditional gelato. It is delicious.

Matthew: has been drinking Pepsi. They did the one thing they could do to make him drink it. They added cinnamon. It's called Pepsi fire.

We moved to put away the chairs and adjourn. The motion carried at 9:06 pm. And the chairs were put away.

### Meeting 4176. August 24, 2018 President Nick Smith, presiding Scribe Karl Lembke, scribbling

President Smith began the beguine, and called LASFS meeting #4176 to order at 8:02 pm.

### Patron Saints:

This week's **Patron Saints** are **Fuzzy Pink Niven** and **Michelle Pincus**.

**Fuzzy Pink Niven** shares a last name with Larry Niven, and for a very good reason.

**Michelle Pincus** doesn't share her name.

**Patron Saints Fuzzy Pink Niven and Michelle Pin-**

cus were each given three rousing cheers.

#### **Menace:**

The **Menace** was read, and corrections were offered.

After heated bidding, Matthew Tepper bid \$5 to name the **Menace** "C\*I\*N\*N\*A\*M\*O\*N".

After the naming, the motion to approve the **Menace** was made, and passed.

#### **Committee Reports:**

The **Committee to Gouge** offered two tiny items for auction. One was a discount voucher for wine, and the other was a \$30 off card for a box of food.

Karl bid \$2 for the wine card and Hare Hobbs bid \$2 for the food card; they both won their bids.

**Treasurer's Report:** we are losing money. We need more of it. (*The money, not the losing.* - ed.)

#### **Moment of Science:**

Bill Green reports:

Companies have been looking into growing meat in stainless steel tanks. Investors are showing interest. Cargill, a major source, is investing in one. These meats are now being called "Clean meat". A pound of hamburger has dropped from \$18000 to \$2400 per pound.

A technology company has figured out a storage bank for energy. They use it to haul a freight train up a hill, and it generates power on the trip back down.

The US Navy has built the USS Zumwald, a high tech ship. It's as computerized as possible, and the computers run on Linux. It uses GPS to guide shells to a target up to 72 miles away, within 1 yard. So when they build ships named Colossus and Guardian, duck.

Yellowstone may be some 30,000 years overdue for the big eruption. Scientists are getting worried about preventive measures. They've figured out one thing that could be done -- drill into the Yellowstone Caldera below the upper level of the magma, pipe in water to drain out the heat, and produce geothermal energy.

#### **Special Orders of Business**

We lost:

Gordon Williams, age 83, best known for the novel that was turned into the movie *Straw Dogs*. He wrote three SF novels, none of which was titled "Honey, I Shrank The Human Race", but could have been. The notion is that if you shrink people down to a very small size, they'll use fewer resources. But what could go wrong? (Devoured by a white cell, perhaps?)

Brian W. Aldiss, age 92.

Steamboat Bill Jr, with Buster Keaton, is taking Nick Smith away from next week's meeting. This is at Cinecon, an annual convention about film preservation, where the most recent items shown date from the 1950s.

Admission for all four days is \$200. The day passes are \$50.00 per day (except Monday which is \$40.00) and include all film screenings for that day plus admission to the Memorabilia Show. If you are only interested in shopping at the Memorabilia Show, Dealers Room Only passes are available for \$10 per day.

Diane de las Casas, folklorist, and tech wizard, has also passed. Several members of LASFS met her. Her daughter won the teen competition on "Chopped" last year. She died in a house fire, age 47.

#### **Announcements:**

Hare had mentioned the Santa Monica mountain conservancy group was suing Rocketdyne to get the test towers torn down. The Audubon society objected because wild birds were nesting in the towers. Nick opined about the Conservancy and doesn't think well of them.

National Parks Service has raised the price of a Senior Lifetime Pass from \$10 to \$80, in honor of seniors living longer. (Or maybe they're just doing their best to make it seem that way.)

#### **Reviews:**

Matthew Tepper has seen the best eclipse of his entire life.

Nick had favorable reviews of the NASA feed.

John DeChancie sends us to YouTube for ISS Transit.

Scratch: they also had a geosynchronous image of the shadow crossing the US.

There was some discussion of eclipse glasses.

Barbara ordered a box of eclipse glasses from Amazon, and that worked.

Bill Green mentioned welding glass.

Cal Tech used crackers to project the eclipse onto paper. Frank listened to the news and learned there's still brain damage loose in the world. People had been blinded from looking at the eclipse.

Matthew Tepper reported on colander photos. But that causes eye strain.

Karl Lembke reviewed the crowd observing the eclipse in front of his building Monday morning.

CLJII recalled a noticeable partial eclipse visible from here, he just poked a hole in a piece of cardboard. All the kids who had been told they couldn't look at the eclipse were amazed.

We moved to put away the chairs and adjourn. The motion carried at 9:12 pm. And the chairs were put away.

**Meeting 4177, August 31, 2017**  
**Vice-President Matthew Tepper, presiding**  
**Scribe Kristen Gorlitz, scribbling**

Vice President Matthew Tepper called LASFS meeting #4177 to order at 8:00 pm.

**Patron Saint:** This week's **Patron Saint** is **Allan A. Rothstein**.

Matthew notes that Allan could be a couple hours late, but he was never 11 hours late.

**Patron Saint Allan Rothstein** was given Three rousing Cheers.

#### **Menace**

The **Menace** was read, and corrections were offered.

Before the naming, the motion to approve the **Menace** was made, and passed. George bid \$2 to name the menace "Fred."

#### **Announcement:**

George McUrso: It turns out that June Moffatt has fully recovered and is alright, but for some reason, she didn't eat in a timely fashion, so when she wasn't feeling good, it was weakness from hunger. Once she ate something, she felt much better.

**Registrar** Marty reported that we have no guests.

**Treasurer's Report:** The usual report was made - we are losing money. We need more of it.

#### **Moment of Science:**

Milt announced that Cassini is entering Saturn's atmosphere.

#### **Reviews:**

Milt - just finished reading the Time Ships by Stephen Baxter, Hugo nominee back in 1996. Takes the story of The Time Machine and expands it into the further doings of the time traveler. It is one of the few authorized sequels to H. G. Wells work. One thing Milt will say about it is that the future ain't what it used to be. The future used to be more colossal.

Hare Hobbs - Baxter has just come out with a sequel to War of the Worlds doing the same type of thing. On the front cover, it says it is authorized as well.

Matthew adds that anyone who enjoys Moorcock might like *Jesus Christs* by A. J. Langguth

#### **Miscellaneous:**

Tom Safer - Angels Flight is now open. \$1 or .50 if you have a tap card. It is the shortest railroad in the world and the highest grade / steepest.

Milt, noticed something on file 770, Dragoncon posted that they give to charities. Milt is wondering why they shouldn't donate to us.

We moved to put away the chairs and adjourn. The motion carried at 8:50 pm. And the chairs were put away.

## **Meeting #4178, September 7, 2018** **President Nick Smith, presiding** **Scribe Karl Lembke, scribbling**

President Nick Smith interrupted a discussion of old movie monsters (of which The Mummy was the oldest of the old monsters discussed) by calling LASFS meeting #4178 to order at 8:00 pm.

#### **Patron Saints:**

This week's **Patron Saints** are **Greg Bilan** and **Emil Luwish**.

**Patron Saints Greg Bilan and Emil Luwish** were given Three rousing Cheers.

#### **Menace:**

The **Menace** was read, and corrections were offered.

Joe Zeff bid \$6.66 to name the menace "A Fetch too far." After the naming, it was moved and seconded that we approve the **Menace**, and it was so.

**Registrar** Marty Cantor reported that we have no guests. But we did have a member from the Voodvork Oudt - Sandra Leigen who used to attend in the 70s.

#### **Old Business:**

We began the process of awarding the Forry Award by opening up the Award for nominations.

Nominations, in case voting doesn't happen, are:

C J Cherryh, David Weber, Murray Leinster, Gene Roddenberry, Elizabeth Moon, Michael Flynn, Kevin Standlee, Joe Siclari, Edie Stern, Greg Bear, Kristine Kathryn Rusch, Michael Crichton, John Lasster, Hayao Miyazaki.

Voting on the nominees is tabled until the next meeting when there is a quorum in attendance.

#### **Moment of Science:**

If you're traveling to Switzerland, check the ingredients in that sandwich before you bite. They're going to permit food incorporating insect protein on purpose, but not on porpoise -- that's still banned. Studies show that many species of insect are high in protein and safe to eat. So your meal may contain real meal worms. This blurs the line between bugs and features.

Milt is reminded of an episode of Futurama in which Fry eats the wrong kind of egg salad and winds up with a small civilization in his intestines.

There's a company in Pasadena working on medical tri-corders. It's working on sensors used to hunt for people trapped in debris. You'd think a Bluetooth attachment would work. The name they've given it: The Welbi

Elon Musk is involved with another step in the development of space, but can't talk about it. A Falcon 9 will be involved in the re-launch of the X378.

**Reviews:**

George McUrso mentioned that a lot of what old timers were introduced to was pulp stories, including by Malcolm Jameson, who helped milSF sub genre. Wrote Bullard of the Space Patrol. Nine stories ran in Astounding, six collected into a collection edited by Andre Norton. Highly recommended. Both collections are available at Amazon

**Miscellaneous:**

Bill Green announced Cassini crashes into Saturn next week.

Karl Lembke, on 9/11, Platelet unit #890 to be in the bag.

Having talked ourselves hoarse, we moved to put away the chairs and adjourn. The motion carried at 8:50 pm. And the chairs were put away.

**Board of Directors Meeting  
March 11, 2018  
Karl Lembke, Chairman  
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

**Board Members in attendance:** Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Christian McGuire, Gavin Claypool, Marcia Minsky, Debra Levin, Mike Thorsen, Kristen Gorlitz, Elayne Pelz, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, and Nick Smith.

**Members and Guests:** Matthew B. Tepper, Joe Zeff.

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:06 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, March 11, 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors, meeting at Elayne Pelz' house.

**Minutes:** The minutes of February 11, 2018 were accepted with the date of the previous meeting being corrected.

**New Members:** There was one application for membership, Rachel Noble. She has paid her \$10 and her application was approved.

**New Board Member:** Christian McGuire was re-elected to the Board at a recent Thursday club meeting.

There was a discussion about Board Member responsibilities in their appointed duties.

**Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz):** See the Treasurer for details.

**30-second Reports:**

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

**Vice Chairman (Gavin Claypool):** Updated, reformatted and printed the by-laws and standing rules.

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

**Publications (Marty Cantor):** DE PROFUNDIS is back in operation after several months in abeyance due to illness. I would really like to find somebody to take over DE PROF.

**Comptroller (Gavin Claypool):** We have tables at the Paperback show next Sunday. Credit Michelle Pincus for getting us multiple tables.

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen):** We had a couple of donations: Scratch donated a box of drink sticks and Karl Lembke donated a couple of boxes of soda. Gross income, Feb.-Mar., \$48.54. Turnover to LASFS: \$13.54, Units sold this month: 46 (Stix sold = 3, To date totals: \$85.00 + \$48.54 = \$133.54.

**Library (Marcia/Gavin Claypool):** Gavin: received another 8 boxes from the Niven collection.

**Archives (Debra Levin):** The archives are still in storage.

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** Nothing new.

**AV Equipment (Rob Powell):** No report.

**Events (Nick Smith):** Nick mentioned the Pasadena Museum of History sf and sf-fandom display with some discussion of the displays. The Museum would like to have information for LOSCON and LASFS to hand out to patrons. //The Museum would like to offer LASFS a free weekend - it is up to the Board or the Club what would be a good weekend.

**Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Kristen Gorlitz):** Started the LASFS Interview Hour with Marty Cantor on March 1 and there are more interviews being scheduled.

**(Significant Others)**

**Club President (Michelle Pincus):** Vice-President Matthew mentioned that we were still having meetings and people were still attending them.

**WEB MASTER (Barry Gold, Lee Gold):** Nothing much going on with the web site this month. Updated officers.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**LOSCON POLICIES REPORT:** Karl contacted members and is scheduling a meeting. (One meeting at Coral Cafe after next Thursday's meeting.)

**LOSCON BIDS:** - One bidder, vote is March 29th. Matthew B. Tepper is chair of this bid. Matthew spoke to the Board about his bid. A motion was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the bid.

**Search for a new clubhouse.**

**LAF A**  
 (Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)  
  
 Saturday, May 26, 2018  
 Filk: 7 PM to ???  
 Pre-Filk Dinner: 5 PM, The Palace  
 (Chinese cuisine and some Dim Sum)  
 Brandyhall  
 Lee and Barry Gold, hosts  
 3965 Alla Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90066  
 (310) 306-7456  
  
**Pre-filk dinner:** 5 PM, at 11701 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025, 310-979-3377  
  
**Filk style:** Poker Chip (Non-Topological) Bardic, or Chaos  
  
**Notes:**  
 1. No Smoking Indoors! -- Use the front porch in good weather; the enclosed patio during bad weather.  
 2. Bring munchies & drinks to share.  
 3. There are no domestic animals in residence.  
 4. Crash space available (couch, recliner, floor space)  
 5. Two Silicon life-forms are present. The old photocopier is gone, but we have an all-in-one scanner/printer/FAX machine.  
  
 LAF A info: Barry & Lee Gold:  
 (310) 306-7456

**LOSCONS IN THE FUTURE REPORT:** Delegated authority to Joyce Lloyd to negotiate a new LOSCON contract.

We need to think about the future because the LASFS is bleeding money. We are bringing in \$50 a week but spending much more than that. Rent is \$120 a week, storage is about \$1200 a month, insurance is \$150 a month. We get approximately \$40 - \$50 a week in dues. We get from \$5 to \$30 a week. Auction brings in about \$30. We have more lifetime members attending than weekly members attending. About 25 or 30 members attending a week. If we have something special at a meeting we will get 50 people. If we were depending upon our attending members alone, each would have to be bringing in \$18-\$20 a week to make up for our shortfall - this is not going to happen. We are not going to raise dues that much and we are not going to get this money from our attending members. We have to think about how to raise money. We are spending about \$2000 more a month than what we are taking in. (We currently do not have a broker but I am attempting to get a new one.) (This comment started by Elayne.)

The next BoD meeting will be on April 8, 2018.

**OPEN FORUM:**

**TAKE-AWAYS:**

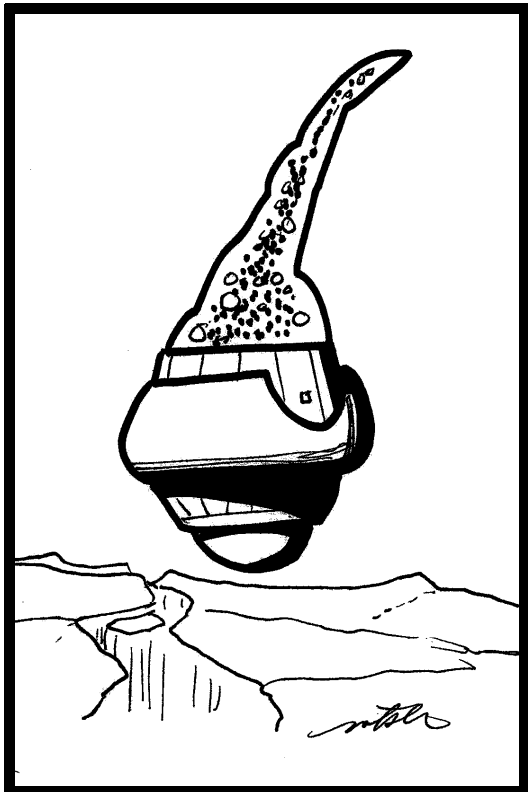
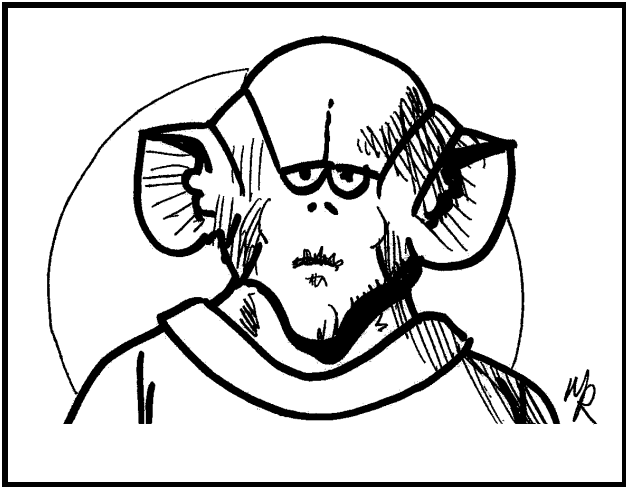
Everyone should come up with 3 areas which need con-

tinuing overseeing.

Looking for property.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Marty Cantor, Board Secretary



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**AS PER USUAL**  
**BY**  
**WILLIAM ROTSLER**





## BOARD GAMING MEETUP

The board gaming Meetup which had been meeting at LASFS on Friday Nights has moved to a temporary venue, a game store in Sherman Oaks.

Paper Hero's Games is at 14109 Burbank Blvd., Sherman Oaks, 91401. The shop is in the interior juncture of an L-shaped strip mall on the Northwest corner of the intersection of Hazeltine and Burbank.

Our new hours are 4:00 pm to 9:30 pm.

We hope to see our regular gamers at that venue.

We shall move our gaming back to LASFS when the club moves into permanent quarters.



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