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*** Thursday Programme Items:** Dec. 5—Procedural election nominations for president; Dec. 12—Procedural elections for all officers and small auction; Dec. 19—Tim Griffin presents geeky holiday songs; Dec. 26—Loscon 50 feedback

Meeting Tech Specs: LASFS meetings are currently held online via Zoom—and in person once a month. Contact host Susan Fox at susanfox@scifi.radio to receive an invitation, the meeting password, and weekly reminders.

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Addendum: At the LASFS Board of Directors meeting Dec. 11, 2022, the directors accepted Eylat Poliner's proposal that Heath Row become editor of *De Prof*.

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LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers
July-December 2024

President: Cathy Johnson
Vice-President: Susan Fox and Eylat Poliner
Registrar: Derek LaPorte
Scribe: Nick Smith
Treasurers: Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz

Board of Directors

Chairman: Matthew B. Tepper (2026)
Vice Chairman: Heide Nichols (2025)
Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2025)
Secretary: Susan Fox (2024)

Other Members

Cathy Johnson (2024), Dean Johnson (2025), Christian B. McGuire (2026), Elayne Pelz (2026), Eylat Poliner (2024), and Rob Powell (2026)

Special Advisors

Charles Lee Jackson II
Deceased/honorary positions: Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len and June Moffatt, and Fred Patten

Appointed Officials

Cat Liaison, Computers, Editor, LASFS Archivist, Publications, and Westercon Liaison: Christian B. McGuire; Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS and Key Control: Christian B. McGuire and Elayne Pelz; *De Profundis* Editor and APA-L Liaison: Heath Row; Film Coordination Committee, Honor Guard, Party Rabbi, and Video Collection Curator: Charles Lee Jackson II; Hall Decoration: Charles Lee Jackson II, Christian B. McGuire, and Elayne Pelz; LASFAPA Liaison: David Schlosser; LASFS Information: Lee Gold and Matthew B. Tepper; Librarian: Gavin Claypool; Assistant Librarian: Elayne Pelz; Marketing and Promotions: Michelle Pincus; Patron Saints List Manager: Elayne Pelz and Eylat Poliner; Photographic Collection (Special): Mike Donahue; Program: Eylat Poliner; Science Officers: Bill Green and Nick Smith; Assistant Video Collection Curator: Tom Khamis; Webmistress: Kristine Cherry; Web Advisors: Barry and Lee Gold

Condensed Cream of Menace

(Official, approved minutes are also available online at <https://www.lasfs.org/lasfs-meeting-minutes>. Unofficial, unexpurgated minutes can be read in *Menace of the LASFS*, which is available upon request.)

Lost Messages.

Meeting #4532, June 20, 2024

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Voice actor Tress MacNeille (b. June 20, 1951)
- Actor Miles O’Keeffe (b. June 20, 1954)
- Actor, model, and producer Nicole Kidman (b. June 20, 1967)
- Filmmaker, composer, and visual effects supervisor Robert Rodriguez (b. June 20, 1968)

Dispatchings

- Film producer and costume designer Anthea Sylbert (b. Oct. 6, 1939; d. June 18, 2024)
- Actor Evans Evans (b. Nov. 26, 1932; d. June 16, 2024)
- Actor Donald Sutherland (b. July 17, 1935; d. June 20, 2024)
- Courtesy of Susan Fox: Fan Jim Davis (d. June 15, 2024)
- Members of the LASFS recognized a minute of silence for Davis.
- Courtesy of Elayne Pelz: Con runner and fan Priscilla Olson (d. June 14, 2024)
- Courtesy of Matt Mitchell: Birthday of his son Nickelas Tate

Media anniversary

On this date in 1977, a TV movie that served as the pilot for the *Man from Atlantis* series aired. (Multiple sources indicate that the pilot movie actually aired March 4, 1977. A fourth TV movie titled “The Disappearances” aired June 20, 1977.)

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for May 2 and June 13, 2024.

Additions and Corrections

May 2, 2024: The Mac coat referred to by Charles Lee Jackson II is not a Mackintosh coat but the Mackinaw coat.

June 13, 2024: Michelle Pincus clarified the name of the Green Man Metaphysical Shoppe and Apothecary.

Auction to Name the Minutes

May 2, 2024: Willard Stone bid \$6, won, and named them “Loscon 50.”

June 13, 2024: Eilat Poliner bid \$10, won, and named them “Heath, Thank You for Doing an Excellent Job with the Minutes for the last year. And Nick, thank you for stepping up.”

Call for Approval

May 2, 2024: Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

June 13, 2024: Moved to accept as clarified, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Ted Johnstone was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox, Charles Lee Jackson II, and Nick Smith. Johnstone received three cheers—and a cinematographer cranking.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- June 27: In-person meeting at the Consulate General of the Czech Republic (One Westwood building, 10990 Wilshire Blvd. #1100, Los Angeles) followed by a screening of *Restore Point* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uA0c4uchstk>)
- July 11: Jasmine Sov reading of “Obsolete,” winner of the 2023 Omega Sci-Fi Awards First Place Award
- July 18: By-Law discussion and vote on the By-Laws’ revised residency requirements
- July 25: Second By-Law vote, if passed the previous week
- Aug. 1: Kristen Renee Gorlitz presentation of the virtual reality *My Forked Dating Life*
- Aug. 8: In-person meeting and Big Auction at Denny’s
- Aug. 22: Lauren Cipollo and Matt Conant reading of *Origin*, book one of the Parallax series
- Sept. 12: In-person meeting, Big Auction, and Forry Award vote at Denny’s

- Oct. 10: In-person meeting and Big Auction at Denny's
- Nov. 7: Nominations for the board of directors
- Nov. 14: Board elections
- Nov. 28: In-person meeting at Loscon 50
- Dec. 5: Procedural election nominations for president
- Dec. 12: In-person meeting, elections, and Small Auction at Denny's

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): Everything is going smoothly with Loscon 50. The guest liaisons have been working with the guests. The hotel liaison will make reservations.

For more information, visit the Web site.

Susan Fox: We are soliciting donations of hats for cancer patients, and goodies for a high-end auction to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Fandom Wellness Committee (Chris Marble): George Mulligan hasn't continued his run of days on his feet. If no one's there getting paid to get him out of bed, he doesn't get up.

Marble will see Selina Phanara this weekend.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by the Emperor, fighting entropy for 74 years this month, perhaps not as well as you thought.

Because of the circumstances of next week, I want to open the bidding for July's Spot of Honor. Susan Fox bid \$20, won, and dedicated the Spot of Honor to Loscon 50.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

We have no guests tonight.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz said that nobody owes dues. You are welcome to donate money at any time.

Pelz informed the LASFS that we walked away from the Project Yolanda deal. We haven't heard back from them since May 25, and she's put our money back into our funds. She encouraged members to keep looking for potential properties.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The LASFS board of directors will hold its next regular meeting on July 14, 2024, at 11 a.m.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith

- The American Cinematheque will screen the 1986 *Little Shop of Horrors* on Saturday at the Los Feliz Theatre. On Sunday, the Los Feliz will show *Handling the Undead*.
- Brain Dead Studios will show *Arrival* on Friday and *Blade Runner 2049* on Saturday.
- The New Beverly Cinema plans to screen *Forbidden Planet* and *The Time Machine* (1960) on Wednesday.
- Vidiots will show *Gattaca* on Saturday and *Ghost in the Shell 2: Innocence* on Sunday.
- Dark Delicacies will host a signing Saturday with cast members of *Friday the 13th: A New Beginning*.
- The 2025 Westercon will be held in conjunction with the 2025 BayCon

Heide Nichols: This is the last weekend for the Koroneburg Renaissance Festival. The Society for Creative Anachronism will be there. (<https://renfestcorona.com>)

Cathy Johnson: The Steampunk at Strathearn event will occur in Simi Valley (https://www.rsrpd.org/recreation/events/summer_%28june_-_august%29/steampunk.php)

Charles Lee Jackson II: Next Tuesday, June 25, the new TV channel MeTV Toons goes live.

Moments of Science

Thomas Safer: From Today in Science History (https://todayinsci.com/6/6_20.htm)

- Trans-Alaska pipeline
- Rocket airplane
- Zeppelin flight
- George Redmayne Murray

Christine Lipscomb thanked members for the Moments of Science, particularly because of Debra Levin's mention of Splenda-caused stomach problems.

Regular Announcements

Susan Fox: The SciFi World Museum in Santa Monica has closed. (<https://scifi.radio/2024/06/20/santa-monicas-sci-fi-museum-to-close>)

Lee Gold's third Valhalla novel is now available on Kindle. (<https://amzn.to/3SfEg4j>)

Reviews

Heide Nichols: Patricia Briggs has a new book out, *Winter Lost*. She had high expectations because it's normally a very involved, mythological background series. There's a lot of

discussion about magic, but she found it kind of eh.

Nick Smith: *American Born Chinese* is just a few episodes along, but it's absolutely brilliant as a mixture of modern fantasy and Chinese folklore.

Miscellaneous

Thomas Safer remarked on MeTV Toons. He called Spectrum; they're not offering it yet.

Charles Lee Jackson II also contacted Spectrum. They might swap out Catchy Comedy for MeTV Toons if it takes off.

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting

Call to Adjourn

Eylat Poliner so moved. That was seconded. The ayes had it.

Board Meeting July 14, 2024

Matthew B. Tepper, chairing
Susan Fox, Secretary

Call to Order

Called to order at 11:05 a.m.

Present

Chairman Matthew Tepper, Vice Chairman Heide Nichols, Secretary Susan Fox, Eylat Poliner, Gavin Claypool, Elayne Pelz, Christian B. McGuire, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, Cathy Johnson, and Dean Johnson. Non-board members: Club member observers Matt Mitchell, Christine Lipscomb, and Gregory Lipscomb. Michelle Pincus is promoting the LASFS and Loscon at an event, and so has an excused absence.

Minutes

Approved

New Members

Marc Hankin, brought in by his niece Shoshana. Approved.

Treasurer's Report (Elayne Pelz)

Our account stands at \$1,062,782.56.

Yolanda fell through. We walked away again. Get back to looking for a new place. We're holding on to the money until the end of July, just in case. Will return \$75,000 to Chris Marble and return the rest to the funds.

Gavin Claypool: We have someone at Fidelity to advise us about our fund. Claypool wants to

put the money back into the fund sooner because he is leaving on Aug. 1.

Pelz: Can we wait until the 24th? Yes.

Matthew B. Tepper: Thank you very much for all your hard work.

30-Second Reports

Chairman (Matthew B. Tepper): No report.

Vice Chairman (Heide Nichols): Not present.

Secretary (Susan Fox): No report.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): Dividend money came in to the investment account—\$2,565.85.

Library (Gavin Claypool) No report. Book donations go through the library first.

Quartermaster (Susan Fox): No report.

Archives (Cathy Johnson): No report.

Physical Plant/Storage (Rob Powell): The lock to the LASFS storage has been changed. Contact Elayne Pelz or Powell if you need to get into the storage. The old key was broken and a new lock acquired.

AV Equipment (Dean Johnson): No report. The equipment is in storage.

Events (Michelle Pincus): Not present.

Publications (Christian B. McGuire): No report.

Marketing and Recruitment (Michelle Pincus): Not present.

Significant Others

Club President (Cathy Johnson): We're still meeting on Zoom, with two live meetings in the recent past. The Czech consulate meeting was successful and enjoyable; the film was worth seeing. The hosts were kind and wonderful. This week at Denny's, healthy attendance in person as well as on Zoom.

Regarding the proposed By-Laws change: Reading on July 25 and a vote on Aug. 1.

Webmistress (Kristine Cherry): Not present. Gavin Claypool has not been receiving board emails. Please add him to the distribution list.

Open Forum

Eylat Poliner: It has been 10 years since we have raised our dues. She proposed a raise from \$4 to \$5 dollars per meeting.

Elayne Pelz: This is a Standing Rules issue. Write it up and come back to the board.

Gavin Claypool: This must be in writing, either by three or more members, or as an action of the board. Reading, and possible discussion and amendments at a meeting, and vote at the next meeting.

Matthew B. Tepper proposes that he, Poliner, and one more write a proposal. How about the membership fee? \$20, \$15, \$12? Probably not a big impact.

Dean Johnson: Is there a difference between percentage for voting; is it 2/3 for Standing Rules? No, simple majority, 50 percent plus one.

Westercon mark to be discussed in September.

Closed Door Session

Closed door session happened. All is well.

Next Meeting Date

The normal date would be Aug. 11, 2024, but board members will be traveling to Worldcon. Skipping the meeting, approved.

The next board meeting will occur Sept. 8, 2024, at 11 a.m.

Adjournment

Adjournment at 11:53 a.m.

Not Read Minutes.

Anonymous.

Meeting #4536, July 18, 2024

Cathy Johnson, presiding

Nick Smith, Scribe

Call to Order

Call to order by President Cathy Johnson at 8:02 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings, and Dispatchings

(Nick Smith)

Birthdays of actors Marvin Miller and Vin Diesel were noted, along with that of director Paul Verhoeven and *Doctor Who* screenwriter Paul Cornell.

The media anniversary was the movie *Aliens*, whose star, Sigourney Weaver, got nominated for an Oscar for her role in the movie.

The deaths of actors Shannen Doherty, James B. Sikking, and Bob Newhart were noted.

Reading of the Minutes (Nick Smith)

Auction to Name the Minutes

Debra Levin bid \$5 to name the minutes "Raspberry."

Approval of the Minutes

Registrar (Derek LaPorte)

The registrar reports that there are no guests virtually present.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Nick mentioned Bill Curry's book sale pricing and his game hobby. Chris Marble remembered his book sales. Matthew remembered him as a nice guy who laughed at all the right places, and some of the wrong ones, too.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner): We are discussing and voting on the rule change tonight, and then if it passes, again next week.

Eylat gave us an update on meeting programs for the rest of this calendar year.

- Aug. 1: Kristen Renee Gorlitz Presentation on VR on *My Forked Dating Life*
- Aug. 8: Live meeting/hybrid at the Denny's on Sepulveda just south of Burbank (5525 N Sepulveda Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91411)
- Aug. 22: Lauren Cipollo and Matt Conant, first book is *Origin*, Book 1 of Parallax.
- Sept. 5: Auction online
- Sept. 12: Nominations and voting for the Forrest J Ackerman Award (The Forry Award). Live meeting/hybrid at the Denny's on Sepulveda just south of Burbank (5525 N Sepulveda Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91411)
- Oct. 10: Live meeting/hybrid at the Denny's on Sepulveda just south of Burbank (5525 N Sepulveda Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91411)
- Oct. 24: Craig Miller reads from his new book, *More Movie Memories*.
- Nov. 7: Nominations for four seats on the LASFS Board of Directors. Incumbents are: Susan Fox, Cathy Johnson, Michelle Pincus, and Eylat Poliner.
- Nov. 14: Election for four seats on the LASFS Board of Directors. Live meeting/hybrid at the Denny's on Sepulveda just south of Burbank (5525 N Sepulveda Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91411)
- Nov. 28: Live meeting at Loscon
- Dec. 5: Procedural election nominations for president
- Dec. 12: Procedural elections for all officers, and a small auction.
- Dec. 19: Tim Griffin presents geeky holiday songs for different "sacred" figures like Krampus, Cthulhu, etc.

Fannish Wellness Committee (Chris Marble):
Chris visited George. He's currently on oxygen with an accelerated heart rate, and that is not good. He has a resting heart rate of 120.

Heidi reported that Joyce Sperling is recovering from surgery, and that has given her normal heart rhythms and blood pressure for the first time in decades.

Eylat got a call from Hare Hobbs, and he's very much hoping for visits from club members. He's also selling some stuff on eBay.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

CLJ II reported on it, with the spot of honor held by Loscon 50.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Everybody present is up to date on dues, but please donate.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

We are skipping the August board meeting due to a conflict with Worldcon travel.

Old Business

None

New Business

Some. Revised version of an amendment to the By-Laws, previously discussed.

CLJ II mentioned that Gavin corrected our procedures, so that members need to be notified of the special voting at the next meeting.

As it reads presently:

Article III: Directors.

Section 1. Number and Qualifications.

- A. The authorized number of Directors, as stated in the Articles of Incorporation, is eleven.
- B. Each Director must be 18 years of age or older at the time of their election.
- C. When elected, and continuously while serving, each Director shall meet the following qualifications:
 1. Be an Attending Member, and have maintained such Attending Membership for at least 156 regular Society meetings;
 2. Be an Attending Member continuously during the previous 52 regular Society meetings, unless prevented from doing so by a medical condition or by being temporarily absent from the area;

3. Reside within Los Angeles County, Kern County, Orange County, Riverside County, San Bernardino County, or Ventura County;

It is proposed to revise the By-Laws as follows:

Revise III.1.C.3. to read:

3. Reside in the states of California, Nevada, Arizona, or Oregon.

Insert III.1.D. and III.1.E. as follows:

D. At no time shall there be more than three Directors residing outside of Los Angeles County, Kern County, Orange County, Riverside County, San Bernardino County, or Ventura County.

E. In the event that three Directors already reside outside of the counties specified in III.1.C.3., and another Director changes residence to one outside of the counties specified in III.1.C.3., that Director shall be required to vacate their office as a Director. ["In the event that" instead of "Should an occasion arise" and "vacate" instead of "forfeit"]

Renumber all following paragraphs appropriately.

This will require a 2/3 vote of attending members to pass.

Timebound Announcements

Heidi announced the summer horror con in Long Beach later this month, Midsummer Scream. Also, Prime is showing *Con Man*, which is a series about convention guests, and some LASFS members are in it.

Lee Grixit announced the local San Luis Obispo RenFest, which is this weekend. Lots of entertainment.

Moments of Science

Tom Safer announced that today was the anniversary of the birth of John Herschel Glenn Jr., the astronaut.

Samuel Molyneux born in 1689. Royal astronomer at Kew, made measurements of the light from stars to show movement of the Earth in relation to them, supporting the Copernican model of orbits.

Robert Hooke, born this date in 1635, knowledgeable in several sciences and designer of instruments.

On this date, a deep-sea submersible's video of the wreck of the Titanic was made public.

Lee Grixit announced new treatments for optic nerves damaged by glaucoma. In rodent testing and not human-ready, it shows promise.

Announcements

CLJ II announced that his newest ebook is out on Amazon. It's about the Spider, the pulp and movie character.

Matt: Heath Row received a National Fantasy Fan Federation laureate award for best fan writer this year.

Eylat got an A for her missing grade.

Tom Safer mentioned that next Tuesday is his 64th birthday. That young whippersnapper...

Reviews

Tom Safer reviewed *Migration* very favorably. Because it's about ducks, Matthew had already seen it, but Tom says it's a lot of fun.

CLJ II reviewed the Paddington the Bear movie, and he very much enjoyed it.

Nick reviewed *Strange Holiday*, directed by Arch Oboler and starring Claude Rains. It was a late World War II propaganda dark fantasy.

Miscellaneous

Debra mentioned that Dr. Ruth Westheimer had, in fact, been a guest on *Quantum Leap*

Call to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

A Cantor Bid Is for \$20. Meeting #4542, Aug. 29, 2024

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

Call to Order

Call to order at 8:02 p.m. by President Cathy Johnson.

Hatchings, Matchings, and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Read by Susan Fox
Birthdays

- Astronaut author and singer Chris Hadfield
- Actor Dante Basco (Rufio in *Hook*, Prince Zuko in *Avatar: The Last Airbender*)
- Author Nancy Holder, HWA Lifetime Achievement, horror, SF, tie-in books for *Buffy*, *Teen Wolf*, *Crimson Peak*, and *Wonder Woman*.

- Filmmaker Joel Schumacher, 1939, *Lost Boys*, Batman films with Kilmer and Clooney

Dispatchings: Italian Disney comics artist and writer Sergio Asteriti passed away on Aug. 27 at the age of 94. His first comic work was published in 1955, and he began working on Disney comics for *Topolino* in 1963.

Reading of the Minutes (Nick Smith)

Reading of the minutes for meeting #4541

Additions and Corrections

Thomas: Former member Misty Johnstone died at age 87 in Medford, Oregon

Auction to Name the Minutes

\$5 to Willard Stone: "Whatever Eylat Wants."

Eylat: "Thank you, Susan for reading the minutes."

Call for Approval

Celebration of Patron Saints

Allan Rothstein, whom we miss terribly. Praised by Matthew Tepper, as a good friend, the second person to shelter him while Matthew was writing his opera; CLJ II, as a gentleman and an officer, and Disneyland companion; three cheers.

Matthew B. Tepper, who is in the room so we could hardly miss him. Kindly non-roasted by Eylat, friend of many years, her bestie's husband, Editor, and saved the club in 2020 when Steven Barnes suggested the way. Chris Marble described him as the best Groucho Marx imitator. CLJ II has known Matthew since he was a boy and beardless, then bearded youth. Thomas Safer thinks of Matthew as a very good friend, appreciates the same music as Thomas does, and wishes Matthew good luck with his opera. Stepson Ben Levin appreciates that he tells nice stories, he's very "Matthew," and that Matthew feeds him. Wife Debra Levin says he's a good guy, he's good to Debra and Ben, and she loves him. Heide Nicholas says Matthew is one of the best proofreaders for grammar or spelling or just to make your writing sound good. Richard Costas says Matthew is a great guy, with a wealth of information on classical music and witty comments. Matt Mitchell does not shorten his own name for just anybody! Three cheers cheered.

Committee Reports

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): Eylat talks about Loscon 50. Complaints about not being able to make hotel reservations for the "shoulder nights"

before and after the public days of the con. Hotel czar Christian is working on the problem on the hotel side.

Programming (Eylat Poliner):

- Sept. 5: Auction online
- Sept. 12: Nominations and voting for the Forrest J Ackerman Award (The Forry Award). Live meeting/hybrid at the Denny's on Sepulveda just south of Burbank (5525 N Sepulveda Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91411)
- Oct. 3: Barbara Hambly, LACon 5's Author Guest of Honor, does a reading.
- Oct. 10: Live meeting/hybrid at the Denny's on Sepulveda just south of Burbank (5525 N Sepulveda Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91411)
- Oct. 24: Craig Miller reads from his new book, *More Movie Memories*.

Got a club programming idea? Please contact Eylat and label the subject line: LASFS programming.

Fandom Wellness Committee (Chris Marble): Chris Marble reports on fans under the weather. Selina Phenara has a cold but not COVID.

George Mulligan is not in good shape. Chris saw him Sunday. George is suffering from a UTI and other stuff. On the phone, he could not really complete a sentence yesterday and did not answer the phone today. Probably not coming home in 2024.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)
Honor Guard, honoring Loscon 50, celebrating 50 Loscons.

Tonight is the auction as the last meeting of the month.

Eylat bids \$25. For the first two weeks, keep the Loscon sign. For the next two weeks, whatever CLJ II wants to put up there. (As discussed before the meeting!)

Registrar (Derek LaPorte)
Derek says it is an Iconic Jacket Day: Members Only.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)
We have nobody who owes dues who is here now. But next week is the first of the month, for monthly dues.

Dues, pun fund fees, and donations can be rendered via Zelle or PayPal to payment@lasfs.org.

Weekly dues are \$4. Or pay by the month at the first meeting of the month, for \$12.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)
The next board meeting will be Sept. 8, 2024, at 11 a.m.

Old Business
None

New Business
None (Kermitflail YAY)

Timebound Announcements
Thomas: This weekend is Strategicon. If you love games, then go! Krystal says it is Friday through Monday. Loscon will be tabling.

Moments of Science
Thomas: Today In Science page

Charles Kettering was born on this day in 1876. 140 patents of electrical engineering items. Delco founder, GM head of research
Dr. Gilbert Blaine, 1749, Scottish physician, head of the Navy Medical Board, who required a diet using lemon juice on board ships and virtually eliminated scurvy there.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, father of the Supreme Court Justice, was a physician who championed good medicine for childbirth, invented the term "anesthesia"

On this day in 1831, Charles Darwin returned home from a geology field trip in North Wales to find letters from Rev. John Henslow and George Peacock informing him that he would soon be invited on a scientific voyage of HMS Beagle.

Regular Announcements
Krystal

- Sept. 14, East LA Book Fest
- Beyond the Book festival at downtown Downey library
- Sept. 22-27 Banned Book Week everywhere. See the Loscon page.
- Sept. 8 Kitty Bazaar Fundraiser for Heaven On Earth Cat Rescue

Eylat has a "Surrealism In Everyday Life" item, more of a caution: If your email address that you use with your credit card; if you enter that email address into some other place, like a library, it might transmit your financial and personal information to that place. She was helping a client to set up their new computer, and demonstrating with her own email; but somehow Microsoft tried to charge Eylat on her own credit card. Eylat tried to remove her email address but the system wouldn't let her, without a smartphone (which the client did not have). Be very careful if you use public computers, establish a generic email address that is used

for public computers or other places to protect your assets.

Reviews

James de Tar: *The Creator* on Amazon Prime. Future war between human race and artificial intelligence. He liked it, special effects well done, plot made him ponder. Not like *The Terminator*. Ending was satisfying. Recommended.

Derek LaPorte: *Alien: Romulus*—the first hour was excellent world building. Then it fell off and got a little “iffy” toward the end. *Five Decembers* by James Kestro, 2021 Hard Case Crime novel, a mystery taking place before the bombing of Pearl Harbor. They do write ’em like they used to! Quite good.

Miscellaneous

Eylat had a good job report “meets or exceeds expectations” sigh of relief.

Thomas: Will miss us because he’s starting church choir meetings Thursdays next week. Concert will be Dec. 3 of brand new music (to Thomas)

Heide: Her quilting guild makes bags for kids with cancer at Loma Linda Cancer Center Children’s Hospital. She needs age-appropriate books for teenagers, if you have any, can pick up at Strategicon or Loscon. Paperbacks in good condition.

Eylat: Collecting homemade hats for cancer patients. And a benefit auction for American Cancer Society, we need donations of Good Stuff

CLJ II: Cartography is tough. Drawing all them straight lines. But his father, a mechanical artist, would be pleased at CLJ II’s drawing a map directly from his imagination, for the past two months. Drawing the map has taken about as long as writing the story about the town!

No aftermeeting tonight, Cathy is still recovering and needs her rest.

Call to Adjourn

Call to adjourn, Aye, at 9 p.m. sharp.

Science Fiction Pirates. Meeting #4543, Sept. 5, 2024

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

Call to Order

Call to order by President Cathy Johnson at 8 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

The births of makeup artist and creature designer Stuart Freeborn, actress Raquel Welch, and production artist Andrew Probert were celebrated.

The media anniversary was the 1992 debut of *Batman: The Animated Series*.

The death was that of actor Obi Ndefo, of various Star Trek series and *Stargate SG-1*.

Reading of the Minutes (Nick Smith)

Reading of the minutes from June 20

Auction to Name the Minutes

Willard bid \$5 to name the minutes “Lost Messages.”

Call for Approval

Approval of minutes done

Registrar (Derek LaPorte)

Welcoming of guests, if any

Celebration of Patron Saints

Greg Bilan: The friendly Klingon

Emil Luwish: Father of Mike Luwish

Committee Reports

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): To be held at the LAX Hilton over Thanksgiving weekend. Kristen is working on programming. Saturday the 14th at noon we will be going through the storage space.

Programming (Eylat Poliner):

- Sept. 12: Nominations and voting for the Forrest J Ackerman Award (The Forry Award). Live meeting/Hybrid at the Denny’s on Sepulveda just south of Burbank (5525 N Sepulveda Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91411)
- Oct. 3: Barbara Hambly, LACon 5’s Author Guest of Honor, does a reading.
- Oct. 10: Live meeting/hybrid at the Denny’s on Sepulveda just south of Burbank (5525 N Sepulveda Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91411)
- Oct. 24: Craig Miller reads from his new book, *More Movie Memories*.

Fannish Wellness Committee (Chris Marble): Selina is doing fine

Greg Barrett is being Greg Barrett, and has problems due to misplaced paperwork.

George Mulligan has been in the hospital since last week. Not doing well, and is on a ventilator.

Will be calling Don Fitch’s hospice. He has been there for four and a half years.

Echo Skyhorse is at the hospital, and it seems to be a major ear infection.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)
Spot of Honor held by Loscon 50

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)
Board of Directors meeting on Zoom on Sept. 8 at 11 a.m.

Old Business
None

New Business
None

Timebound Announcements
Movie screenings at the usual spots for fannish films, and a CD signing of the music from the Fear Street movies at Dark Delicacies.

Moments of Science
Lee Grixit had a science report, reporting on a test to find out if fungus can form a neural net to operate little nanobot devices. Also, dinosaur footprint fields found in South America and Africa were created during the Pangaea period, so they were originally one bigger field.

Eylat reported on Tesla trucks being mistaken for dumpsters by raccoons, who try to break into the trunks to get at the presumed food.

Tom Safer report today's science anniversaries:

- Viktor Ambartsumian, Russian astrophysicist
- Frank Baldwin Jewett, first president of Bell Labs from 1925-1940
- Girolamo Saccheri, who worked to prove the fifth postulate of Euclid, which can be stated as, "Through any point not on a given line, one and only one line can be drawn that is parallel to the given line." Yeah, mathematicians do that sort of thing...
- Charles Darwin anniversary of communications with other scientists about what became his theory of evolution

Regular Announcements
None

Reviews
Lee Grixit reviewed the anime *Terminator Zero*. It is on Netflix.

Nick reviewed Cinecon very favorably, really cool if you like classic films.

Miscellaneous

Tom Safer had intended to go to choir practice only to find out that there was a power outage. Because that meant no air conditioning, the choir went home.

CLJ II: Today marks 24 years since he became an orphan. It's also the anniversary of the birth of his baby sister.

Lee noticed a news article about a burglar who got distracted by a book in his victim's home, and got caught. The book was *The Gods at Six O'Clock*, a retelling of the Iliad from the viewpoint of the gods.

Nola had trouble with the link last week, but cut and pasted it this week and that worked. She reported that she could read the Loscon progress report on her phone. She also asked about a list for folks who wanted to share a room at the con. Eylat responded that Echo Skyhorse is working on just such a thing.

Matt pointed out that James Darren was also in *T.J. Hooker*.

Tom Safer and Anna are celebrating their anniversary this Saturday.

No aftermeeting tonight because Cathy is still recuperating.

Call to Adjourn
Adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Upcoming Conventions

Dec. 7: AniMarketplace, <https://www.animarketplace.org>

Dec. 7: Nibelheim Christmas, South El Monte, <https://www.626comicexpo.com>

Upcoming Events

Dec. 8-12: *The End* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

Dec. 9: *Black Eyed Susan* at the Los Feliz 3

Dec. 9-10: *Black Christmas* and *Silent Night, Deadly Night* at the New Beverly Cinema

Dec. 11: *Daddy* at Gardena Cinema, Gardena

Dec. 12: *Silent Night, Deadly Night Part 2* at Gardena Cinema, Gardena

Dec. 12: *Watch Them Come Blood* at the Los Feliz 3

Dec. 12-13: *Daft Punk & Leiji Matsumoto's Interstella 5555: The 5tory of the 5ecret 5tar 5ystem* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

Dec. 13: *Strange Days* and *Heavy Metal* at Brain Dead Studios

Dec. 13: *Alien* at Vidiots

Dec. 13: *Music by John Williams* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

Dec. 13: 2024 Sundance Film Festival Short Film Tour at the Los Feliz 3 (includes "Dream Creep," "Pathological," and "Pisko the Crab Child is in Love")

Dec. 13: *The Shining* at the New Beverly Cinema

Dec. 13-14: *Black Christmas* at the Vista Theater

Dec. 14: *The Glassworker* and *RoboCop* at Brain Dead Studios

Dec. 14: *Hook* and *Field of Dreams* at Vidiots

Dec. 14: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

Dec. 14: *Batman Returns* at Gardena Cinema, Gardena

Dec. 14: *Captain Samouflage and the Frankensam Scam!* signing with Sam Irvin and other guests at Dark Delicacies, Burbank

Dec. 14: *Santa Claus Conquers the Martians* and *Stir of Echoes* at the Egyptian Theatre

Dec. 14: *Transformers One* and *Toy Story 4* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

Dec. 14: *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* at the Los Feliz 3

Dec. 14: Cartoon Club (Holiday Edition), *Elf*, *The Shining*, and *Tokyo Godfathers* at the New Beverly Cinema

Dec. 14: Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous Filksing hosted by Lee and Barry Gold via Zoom. No pre-filk dinner. Filk style: Chaos.

Dec. 15: *Popeye* at Brain Dead Studios

Dec. 15: *Daft Punk & Leiji Matsumoto's Interstella 5555: The 5tory of the 5ecret 5tar 5ystem* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

Dec. 15: *Arrival* at the Egyptian Theatre

Dec. 15: *Elf* and *The Shining* at the New Beverly Cinema

Dec. 16: *The Terminator* at the Los Feliz 3

Dec. 17-18: *It's a Wonderful Life* at the New Beverly Cinema

Dec. 19: *Phantom of the Paradise* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

Dec. 20: *Fritz the Cat* at Brain Dead Studios

Dec. 20: *Jason and the Argonauts* at Vidiots

Dec. 20: *Mind Game* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

Dec. 20-21: *The Man Who Fell to Earth* at the Vista Theater

Dec. 21: *Phantom of the Paradise* at Brain Dead Studios

Dec. 21: *It's a Wonderful Life* and *Mad Max: Fury Road* at Vidiots

Dec. 21: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

Dec. 21: *The Muppet Christmas Carol* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

Dec. 21: *The Green Knight* at the Los Feliz 3

Dec. 21: *The Muppet Christmas Carol*, *Ernest Saves Christmas*, and *Deep Red* at the New Beverly Cinema

Dec. 22: *Deep Red* at Brain Dead Studios

Dec. 22: *That Christmas* at Vidiots

Dec. 22: *It's a Wonderful Life* at Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

Dec. 22: *The Polar Express 3D* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

Dec. 22: *It's a Wonderful Life* at the Egyptian Theatre

Dec. 22: *The Muppet Christmas Carol* and *Ernest Saves Christmas* at the New Beverly Cinema

Dec. 23: *Lady Terminator* at the Los Feliz 3

Dec. 23: *It's a Wonderful Life* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

Dec. 24: *It's a Wonderful Life* at Vidiots

Dec. 24: *Tokyo Godfathers* at the Los Feliz 3

Dec. 24: *Elf* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

Dec. 24: *It's a Wonderful Life* at the Egyptian Theatre

Dec. 25: *The Muppet Christmas Carol* at Vidiots

Dec. 25-31: *Nosferatu* (2024) at the New Beverly Cinema

Dec. 27: *Ex Machina* at Brain Dead Studios

Dec. 27: *Ghostbusters* and *Ghost in the Shell* at Vidiots

Dec. 27: *Ghost in the Shell 2: Innocence* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

Dec. 27: *2001—A Space Odyssey* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

Dec. 28: *The Lost Boys* at Brain Dead Studios

Dec. 28: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

Dec. 29: *Born in Flames* and *The Triplets of Belleville* at Brain Dead Studios

Dec. 29: *Star Wars, The Empire Strikes Back,* and *Return of the Jedi* at Vidiots

Dec. 30: *Deadly Friend* at the Los Feliz 3

Dec. 31: *2001—A Space Odyssey* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

Magic: The Gathering at Next-Gen Games, Odyssey Games in Pasadena (<https://odysseygamesco.com>) and Turn Zero Games (<https://www.turnzerogames.com>)

Warhammer: Age of Sigmar at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Tuesdays

Magic at Collector Legion in Lawndale (<https://www.collectorlegion.com>) and Next-Gen Games

Warhammer: Age of Sigmar and *Warhammer 40,000* at Next-Gen Games

Warhammer 40,000 at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Wednesdays

Dungeons & Dragons Adventurers League at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Magic at Collector Legion in Lawndale, Mega City One (<https://www.megacity.one>), and Next-Gen Games

Thursdays

Magic at Collector Legion in Lawndale

Star Wars: X-Wing at Next-Gen Games and Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Warhammer 40,000 at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Fridays

Dungeons & Dragons Adventurers League at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Friday Night *Magic* at Knight Ware (<http://www.knight-ware.com>), Mega City One, Next-Gen Games, Odyssey Games, Paper Hero's Games in Sherman Oaks (<https://www.paperherosgames.com>) and Turn Zero Games

Board Game Day at Paper Hero's Games in Sherman Oaks (<https://www.paperherosgames.com>) from 2-10 p.m. (Courtesy of Nick Smith!)

Saturdays

Magic at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Warhammer at Knight Ware (third Saturday of the month)

Sundays

Magic at Next-Gen Games and Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Warhammer 40,000 at Paper Hero's Games in Sherman Oaks

Game Days

Mondays

Dungeons & Dragons Adventurers League at Next-Gen Games (<https://www.nextgengames.la>)

Please contact the con, store, or venue (or visit its Web site) to confirm any events and logistics

before traveling to attend. Events and schedules are subject to change. Additions and updates welcome.

If you'd like to submit cons, events, or news items of interest to LASFS members for inclusion in *De Prof*, please do so by contacting the editor (see Colophon above).

Member News

Effective Jan. 1, 2025, LASFS dues will be increasing to the following amounts:

Weekly dues: \$5
Monthly dues: \$15
Yearly dues: \$170

Lynn Maners died Dec. 1. Reports indicate that there will not be a service. His participation in and contributions to the LASFS will be missed by many.

Marcia Minsky and Joe Zeff emailed the following:

This is from a friend of mine. Thought I'd pass it along to you.

I have had many CPR classes over the years but was never told this: Have you ever thought about [this]: When you are alone and have a heart attack, what are you gonna do then? ...

1. ... Let's say it's 5:25 p.m. and you're driving home after an unusually hard day's work.

2. You are really tired and frustrated. All of a sudden [you feel] chest pains. They are starting to radiate in the arm and jaw. It feels like being stabbed in the chest and heart. You're only a few miles away from the nearest hospital or home.

3. Unfortunately, you don't know if you can make it...

4. Maybe you've taken CPR training, but the person running the course hasn't told you how to help yourself.

5. How do you survive a heart attack when you're alone when it happens? A person who is feeling weak and whose heart is beating hard has only about 10 seconds before losing consciousness.

6. But you can help yourself by coughing repeatedly and very strongly! Deep breaths before every cough. Coughing should be repeated every second until you arrive at the hospital or until your heart starts to beat normally.

7. Deep breathing gives oxygen to your lungs and coughing movements boost the heart and blood circulation. Heart pressure also helps to restore a normal heartbeat. Here's how cardiac arrest victims can make it to the hospital for the right treatment.

...
9. For women: You should know that women have additional and different symptoms. [They] rarely have crushing chest pain or pain in the arms. [They] often have indigestion and tightness across the back at the bra line plus sudden fatigue.

Nevertheless she regenerated!

A 2019 article posted by the University of Chicago Medicine (<https://tinyurl.com/heartattack-coughing>) suggests that while there is some truth to the above, "[M]ost heart rhythms are more complex than a single cough can handle. ... Simply coughing will not always correct an irregular chaotic rhythm, and it cannot prevent the patient from going into cardiac arrest."

The article indicates that the best initial response is to call 911. If you or someone else is properly trained, start CPR and, if available, use an automatic external defibrillator (AED).

Clubzine Exchange

In addition to sending *De Prof* to the LASFS membership, we also send copies to about 40 sf clubs around the world. Some of them reciprocate with their own publications, which I can forward to LASFSans upon request. Just ask for what you'd like to receive by name.

Since the last issue, we've received: *FanActivity Gazette* Vol. 4 #6 (N3F, November 2024), *Instant Message* #1013-1014 (NESFA, October and November 2024), *The Mark of the Beast* (BSFS, November 2024), *The N3F Review of Books* (October and November 2024), *N'APA* #273 (N3F, November 2024), *The National Fantasy Fan* Vol. 83 #10-11 (N3F, October and November 2024), *The Starship Express* (SFABC, November 2024), and *Tightbeam* #362 (N3F, November 2024).

We also heard from the Academy of Science Fiction Fantasy and Horror Films, the Bay Area Science Fiction Association, the British Fantasy Society, the British Science Fiction Association, the Doctor Who Appreciation Society, the Fanac Fan History Project, the International

Association for the Fantastic in the Arts, the International Wizard of Oz Club, the National Space Society, the Orlando Area Science Fiction Society, the USS Angeles, and Melody Friedenthal of the Worcester (Mass.) Public Library's science fiction book club.

Fanzines and Prozines Received

These items aren't received in trade for *De Prof*, but are received, read, and recommended by Scribbles. I can't send you these, but you can explore them yourself: *Apex Magazine* #147; *Astronomy* (December 2024 and January 2025); *Beam* #18; *Beneath Ceaseless Skies* #420 (Nov. 14, 2024); *Black Cat Weekly* #169-170; *The Crown Prints* Vol. 27 #12 (SCA, December 2024); *The Dark* #114 (November 2024); *Forever* #118 (November 2024); *Just the Axe, Ma'am* #16; *Juvenatrix* #260-264; *The Kerosene Papers*; *Locus* #766 (November 2024); *The Obdurate Eye* #45; *On Spec* #129; *Pablo Lennis* #444 (November 2024); *Perryscope* #48; *Science News* (Nov. 2, 16, and 30, 2024); *Skeptical Inquirer* Vol. 48 #6 (November/December 2024); *Sky & Telescope* (January 2025); *SMOF News* Vol. 4 #10-13; *Solaris* #234 (Autumn 2024); *Space Cowboy's Accretion* #14 (October 2024); *Star*Line* #47.4 (Fall 2024); *This Here...* #81; *The Typo King* #91 (November 2024); *Uncanny* #61 (November/December 2024); and *You're Still on My Mind* #7.

New fanzines available via <https://efanzines.com> include *Beam* #18, *Claims Department* #78-79, *The Drink Tank* #459, *Ethel the Aardvark* #226, *Journey Planet* #86-87, *The Obdurate Eye* #45, *Opuntia* #585-586, *Perryscope* #48, *The Ray X X-Rayer* #181, *SF Commentary* #118, *Spartacus* #77, *The Stf Amateur* #14, *Taciturn* #4, *Taffluorescence* #6, *This Here...* #81, *Wild Ideas* #53, and *You're Still on My Mind* #7.

Call for Submissions

Do you write or draw? Not only is *De Profundis* open to news items and member updates, members of the LASFS participate in two amateur press associations.

APA-L is weekly and collated by Heath Row. If you'd like to consider joining APA-L, contact him to express interest. We're especially

interested in cover art, which you can submit without joining. Former members can request access to the online archives.

LASFAPA is monthly and collated by David Schlosser. You can contact him at schloss17@suddenlink.net to express interest in joining LASFAPA. Former members can request access to the online archives. (We're up to #98 in terms of scanning!)

And if you'd like to contribute otherwise but not necessarily on a regular basis, Heath Row publishes a monthly fanzine titled *The Stf Amateur*. The most recent issue is available upon request. He'd welcome your fanart, poetry, filk songs and lyrics, fiction, articles, essays, reviews, jokes, and other material. Contributors will receive the issue in which their material appears.

Who knows: If there's enough active member interest—i.e., submissions—maybe we'll return to publishing *Shangri-L'Affaires*, too. Wouldn't that be neat?