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**\* Thursday Programme Items:** Feb. 6—Lynn Gold performs filk songs she's written; Feb. 13—Hybrid meeting at Denny's (5525 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91411)

**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](mailto:susanfox@scifi.radio) to receive an invitation, the meeting password, and weekly reminders.

## COLOPHON

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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**  
January-June 2025

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

### Board of Directors

Chairman: Michelle Pincus (2027)  
Vice Chairman: Matthew B. Tepper (2026)  
Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2025)  
Secretary: Susan Fox (2027)

### Other Members

Cathy Johnson (2027), Dean Johnson (2025), Christian B. McGuire (2026), Heide Nichols (2025), Elayne Pelz (2026), Eylat Poliner (2027), 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>.)

Beginning this issue, the editor will no longer edit and format the minutes as actively. Minutes appear here as prepared by the scribe and secretary, and as approved by the membership and board of directors.

**Aug. 22, 2024**

Meeting #4541

Cathy Johnson, presiding

Nick Smith, Scribe

Call to order by vice president Eylat Poliner 8-ish, because president Cathy was off-screen and not feeling well.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings

Birthdays of author Paul Fairman and Will Shetterly, actress Honor Blackman, and all-around wonderful person Ray Bradbury.

Media anniversary: the 1965 release of The Curse of Simba/The Lion Man/Curse of the Voodoo/Voodoo Blood Death [I guess you had to be there...]

The passing of Japanese voice actress Atsuko Tanaka was noted, with her amazing and varied career

Reading of the previous minutes

Bid to name the minutes: Debra bid \$5 to name them Fred, possibly a David Gerrold reference, unless it's not.

Approval of minutes done in the usual manner

Patron Saints: CLJ II explained the concept for newcomers

Marilyn "Fuzzy Pink" Niven

Eylat mentioned that the art show at Loscon is being named in her honor for this year. Larry said that she had been ill for some time, and passed last December. She ran the computers in the art show and socialized there, and kept Larry sane for more than 50 years. Nick mentioned her expertise in lace-making. Heide explained that she had made her welcome in her early days with Loscon.

Michelle Pincus

Matthew mentioned her publicity work for the club. Larry mentioned how helpful she was to Jerry Pournelle when he was in his later years, including driving him to the meetings. Nick mentioned her interfacing with other organizations, and also her Pokemon hobby. Krystal mentioned how Michelle taught her to do publicity, and Richard accepted the blame for bringing Michelle to the club. Michelle said that much of what Matthew was giving her credit for was actually Krystal's work. Tom and Eylat added nice things as well.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CLJ II reported that the spot of honor was held by Loscon 50

Welcoming of guests by registrar: No guests other than our speakers for the night

Treasurer: "Pay your dues," she said ominously

Board of Directors: Next meeting on September 8th at 11 am via Zoom

Program: Loren Cipollo and Matt Conant, whose books recently came out, doing a reading from the first book of the trilogy.

Future programming was summarized through October 24th

Loscon: Loscon 50, celebrating 50 Loscons, with a list of guests and such.

Fannish wellness: no report. Oddly, no one asked if our Fannish Wellness reporter is out sick.

Old Business: none, probably a good thing

New Business: none, possibly an even better thing

Timebound announcements: none

Program: our guest authors read us a chapter from the first book of their new trilogy, now out in paperback and as e-books. They will also be at Loscon.

Science report:

Lee Grixit mentioned new development in research into long Covid. Apparently Covid messes with the production of cortisol, which may suggest treatment, eventually. Nick mentioned that the Boeing and SpaceX space

suits are not interchangeable. It turns out that the stranded astronauts are in Boeing suits, and the rescue mission would require SpaceX suits on the return trip. The bid did not require the bidders to make the suits interchangeable or interconnectable, in order to speed up development.

Regular announcements: none

Reviews: Lee Grixit reviewed Sunny, a new series on Apple+. A woman finds out that her husband's professional life was a lie, and sets out to find out what else she didn't know. Orton Ortwein mentioned his book The First Geeks, about the friendship of Ray Bradbury, Forry Ackermann and Ray Harryhausen

Miscellaneous: none, other than a call for adjournment at 9-ish. No after meeting, so we drifted off into the ether...

### **Board Meeting Oct. 6, 2024**

Matthew B. Tepper, chairing  
Susan Fox, Secretary

Called to order: 11:00 a.m.

Present:

Chair Matthew Tepper, Vice Chair Heide Nichols, Secretary Susan Fox, Eylat Poliner, Gavin Claypool, Elayne Pelz, Christian B. McGuire, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, Cathy Johnson, Dean Johnson, Michelle Pincus

Non-Board Members: Webmistress Kristine Cherry, Club member observer Matt Mitchell.

Minutes: approved

New Members: There is at least one new member application:

Carol Wuenschell—accepted

Treasurer's Report [Elayne Pelz]: We have \$57,775.27 in operating funds.

30 Second Reports

Chairman [Matthew Tepper] No report.

Vice Chairman [Heide Nichols] No report.

Secretary [Susan Fox] No report.

Comptroller [Gavin Claypool] \$989,662.82 in investment account as of 10/4/24, about 30K more than last report.

Library [Gavin Claypool] No report. Email received from someone who wants to donate old Astounding and Galaxy magazines.

Quartermaster [Susan Fox] No report.

Archives [Cathy Johnson] No report.

Physical Plant (storage) [Rob Powell] Event to go through storage. Itemized con suite stuff. Crew included Eylat, John Searight, etc. Key that Eylat had does not work, Rob made a duplicate of his. Our current storage seems to be ready for Loscon.

AV Equipment (in storage) [Dean Johnson] No report.

Events [Eylat Poliner] We have Loscon next month, doing very well. We have 490+ memberships at this time. Con program should be released this week or next week, as Kristin has requested bios to publish. Needs to go on the Programming tab of the website, all the data is entered already and searchable.

We are almost sold out of hotel rooms.

We are sold out of Dealers Room spaces.

Hotel walk through with Hospitality only, to see the 16th floor suite.

Everyone is doing a phenomenal job!

Truck will be ready Wednesday, per the Searights.

Cathy: Tech loading will be at Elayne's on Wednesday, around 10 am. Volunteers welcome.

Tuesday: meeting Alec Orec to pick up electronics. They will need all their power, power strips, and accessories. Eylat will take it, even if she needs to rent a larger van for game machines, TVs, etc.

Eylat working with Shawn Crosby for special opening and closing ceremonies, main ballroom downstairs.

Rob: logistics question about electronics gaming stuff: bigger than a car trunk, a hatchback should suffice. Coordinating logistics of loading and unloading. Gizmo will reach out to Electronic Gaming.

Loscon marketing, Michelle: going well: we will have a fan table at San Diego Comic Fest, and presenting one of the evening programs. Social media engagement is up; Krystal and

team are doing a magnificent job. She has Loscon 51 details for postcards at Loscon 50.

Dean is working on T-shirts back to the convention! ALA did not answer his inquiry. Dean will meet with Eylat, Michelle, and Elayne later to talk about it.

Gavin: 10/27 is the actual anniversary of the first meeting of the LASFS, we should meet up.

That is Comic Fest San Diego weekend, Michelle will hold a "satellite event" at con!

Eylat: Joyce is knitting away on cancer caps!

Publications [Christian McGuire] De Profundis is running strong!

Christian spent last weekend in hospital, still has ten toes, and facing a difficult medical regiment. Please be patient if he is slow to respond to email.

Marketing and Recruitment [Michelle Pincus] LASFS no report; see earlier report for Loscon news.

## AGENDA

### Significant Others

Club President [Cathy Johnson] Still meeting on Zoom, and once a month in person. Very crowded at Denny's! If someone has a larger FREE location in mind, feel free to explore the options.

Eylat: reminder that next month are Board nominations.

November 7: Nominations for four seats on the LASFS Board of Directors.

Incumbents are: Susan Fox, Cathy Johnson, Michelle Pincus, Eylat Poliner.

And then: author David Brin guests!

November 14: Election for four seats on the LASFS Board of Directors.

Live meeting/Hybrid at the Denny's on Sepulveda just south of Burbank

Asked Christian for white board, Elayne for index cards

Matthew will take ordered ballot information from online attendees

Webmistress [Kristine Cherry] Updating the home page on Dues, etc.

Taking submissions for blog post and any current events. Hit me up!

Business before the Board:

Discussion of Westercon service mark. Elayne requested discussion in October.

Elayne: Westercon service mark is up for renewal in December/January, \$525 for 8 years.

Michelle suggests to contact Kevin Standlee

Elayne: also Glenn Glazer. But the present question is whether the LASFS wants to continue the service mark.

Calling the question: 4 aye, 3 nay, we are interested in maintaining the mark at this time.

But contacting Kevin and Glenn to pay for it and keep it.

Heide will set up a GoFundMe to raise the funds to re-register the mark if needed

Motion: for the LASFS to seek out another person, persons, or organization to take over the Westercon service mark, and pay for it. Failing that, the LASFS to renew the service mark.

Motion carries.

Except now, Elayne mentions that re-registering to someone else costs a fee.

Elayne will reach out to Kevin and Glenn and see what they want.

Michelle Pincus says in email: Someone asked about contacting Steve Bilan [Greg's brother] using the chat from the LASFS page. I would like to ask the board members if they have any contact info. We have no current information, Steve contacted us by email, years ago when Greg passed away. Michelle will respond.

Note for future reference that the proposal to raise the dues was approved by the membership-at-large by majority vote at two consecutive meetings. The new numbers as so approved:

Weekly: \$5

Monthly: \$15

Yearly: \$170

Next meeting date: November 10, 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment at 11:54 p.m.

**Oct. 10, 2024**

**Meeting #4548**

Cathy Johnson, presiding

Nick Smith, Scribe

Call to order by president Cathy Johnson at 8:07ish pm

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings

The birth anniversaries of actor Janos Prohaska, whose full-body costume work put him in a lot of fannish TV shows, director Ed Wood, Jr., and composer Michael Giacchino were noted.

The media anniversary was a double one, with Barbarella in 1968, but also the less well-known post-apocalypse movie from 1952 called The Captive Women.

Passings were those of actress Elisa Montes, granddaughter and great-granddaughter of Spanish composers, and who was in fannish films in the 1960s as well as at least one famous western, and Swiss comic album artist Andre Jobin, who wrote the series Yakari for over 40 years.

Reading of the previous minutes

Bid to name the minutes: Lynn bid \$5 to name the minutes "Enjoy your meal."

Approval of minutes: done at 8:28

Welcoming of guests, if any: None

Patron Saints:

Beverly Kanter: Nola mentioned that she was high-spirited and active.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: A window ghost reported on the current Spookiest Page on Facebook, which is CLJ II's Halloween Facebook page.

Treasurer: Pay your dues

Board of Directors: Next meeting on November 10th, 11 am on Zoom

Loscon: The program is up on the web, with lots of cool stuff, and this year the online program schedule works on your smartphone as well as on your computer. We promise, it probably won't link your phones together to become part of Skynet.

Programming

Oct. 17 Orty Ortwein reading from his new book The First Geeks

Oct. 24 Craig Miller reading from his new book More Movie Memories

Nov. 7 Board of directors nominations

Nov. 14 Hybrid meeting, board elections

Fannish wellness:

George has moved back to the rehab center on Monday. Mentally doing better.

Greg Barrett has managed to get a new ID, which was a bottleneck for services.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Timebound announcements:

Krystal announced that Pagan Pride is on Sunday from 10-5 in Long Beach; also EagleCon at Cal State L.A. on October 15th and 16th.

Screenings of fannish movies were happening at American Cinematheque, Brain Dead Studios, New Beverly Cinema, Nuart, Vidiots and Vista Theaters. Signings at Dark Delicacies, and a panel discussion about writing scary stories for kid and teen audiences at Vroman's in Pasadena.

Program: Auction of various strange and interesting items, but you can't bid retroactively.

Science report: none this week

Regular announcements: none this week

Reviews:

Hare reviewed a book about the band Hawkwind, and it is an album-by-album chronology of the group. The title slipped his mind, and there are a couple of recent ones. It might have been Hawkwind: A Visual Biography, which covers not only their career but their recordings, in chronological order, with explanations of some of their influences.

Miscellaneous:

CLJ II finally managed to renew his driver's license. Also, USC film school library is happy to receive his book about B movies, and is adding it to their collection. So, if there's a revival in the making of movies suitable as second-bills in double features, it will be all his fault.

Chris reported that NASFIC is in Niagara Falls next week. It may be the only NASFIC location famous for comedy routines stolen by both the Three Stooges and Abbott & Costello. Just don't talk to any strangers with kind faces while you're there...

Adjournment at 9:10 pm.

**Oct. 24, 2024  
Meeting #4550**

Cathy Johnson, presiding  
Nick Smith, Scribe

Call to order by president Cathy Johnson at 8 or so pm

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings

The birthdays of Batman co-creator Bob Kane, SF author David Weber, Star Trek actor John Winston and Farscape actress Kaelee Hill were noted.

The media anniversary was a dual one. Apparently, the French horror film *Les Yeux Sans Visage* came out in 1960 in Europe, but not until 1962 in the U.S. There was a spring release under a drastically different title, but as *Eyes Without a Face* it seems to have come out on October 24th. Oddly enough, a Roger Corman/Vincent Price horror movie also came out on this date in 1962, *The Tower of London*.

The passing of movie and TV producer Lynda Obst was noted, as were her contributions to various fannish films and series.

Reading of the previous minutes, 4549. Meeting 4548 reading postponed until next week.

Bid to name the minutes: Chris Marble bid \$5 to name them "Happy Birthday Elizabeth Marble"

Approval of minutes happened.

Welcoming of guests: "Beach" was here for only her second visit, with her first having been in the 1970s... She came to hear Craig's reading, so it was required that he be entertaining. Luckily, he was.

Patron Saints: Lee Jacobs, who was given three cheers. Not noted at the time was the fact that Lee Jacobs was the fan whose typo created the term "filk," still in use since that 1950s typo. He also did a zine with fictional stories illustrated by

Bjo. His infamous typo was in the title of a long essay which included a series of song parodies. The whole thing was rejected by a zine publisher for being pornographic enough that it would get the zine in trouble with the postal authorities.

Committee Reports

Board of Directors: Next meeting the 2nd Sunday of November at 11 am via Zoom

Honor Guard: a brief report from CLJ II, whose Halloween site is still in the spot of honor, and whose Halloween site is still visible on Facebook, at least if you have an eye that crawls the web.

Loscon: Eylat gave a rundown of updates, including that hotel rooms and dealer tables are currently sold out, and that we're trying to get more hotel rooms added to the block

Programming is still happening, including the upcoming board of directors nominations and elections the first two weeks of November.

Fannish wellness: George is back to recuperating, Selina is doing fine, no reports on Don Fitch or Greg Barrett.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Program, Craig Miller reading selections from *More Movie Memories*, his second book. He read some great excerpts from the book about his post-Star Wars careers in consulting and writing. If you're interested, the old horror series he mentioned called *The Hunger* is now available online, for 99 cents an episode through Amazon or free with commercials through Freevee.

Timebound announcements did not happen because we happened to be timebound ourselves.

We adjourned and turned off our Zooms at 9:20 pm.

**Oct. 31, 2024  
Meeting #4551**

Cathy Johnson, presiding  
Nick Smith, Scribe

Call to order by president Cathy Johnson

## Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings

The birthdays of actors Michael Landon and Ron Rifkin were celebrated, along with filmmaker Peter Jackson and British comics editor Matt Smith [who is not the same British Matt Smith who was on Doctor Who].

Media anniversaries were The Invisible Man in 1933, From the Earth to the Moon in 1958, and First Spaceship on Venus in 1962, all based on SF novels by major authors. H. G. Wells, Jules Verne and Stanislaw Lem, in that order.

Passings noted were those of director Paul Morrissey, Star Trek writer and showrunner Jeri Taylor, Welsh actor Denys Graham, and actress Teri Garr.

Reading of the previous minutes: 4548, Susan Fox bid \$5 to name them Niagara Falls

4550, Eylat bid \$5 to name them "Vote"

Bid to name the minutes

Approval of minutes completed at 8:25 pm

## Patron Saints

Francis Hamit, is a good guy, a Taylor Swift fan, a writer of both fiction and nonfiction in the field of espionage, and Matthew mentioned that he wrote one of the first nonfiction books on VR.

Bill Rotsler: Heide said that he was a wonderful artist, very generous in encouraging fan art in young fans. Matthew said that Bill Rotsler's art rescued the LASFS where the con had no artist guest to do artwork for the badges. Marty Cantor and Tony Benoun found unpublished Rotsler art to use for the badges. Bill was an artist, writer, filmmaker, photographer. Nick mentioned that Rotsler let him use a creature from one of his books in a project to explain turning fiction characters into creatures in games.

Welcoming of guests: No guests, other than the hybrid blue octopus-dog on the registrar's lap.

## Committee Reports

Spot of Honor: This is the last night of the Halloween Haunts Horrors and Hijinks place in the spotlight. Eylat bid \$30 to put Loscon 50 in the Spot of Honor for November.

Board of Directors: Next meeting on Zoom, November 10th at 11 am.

Loscon: All staff meeting at the hotel and via zoom on Sunday at 1 pm. Truck loading on November 27th. Unloading at the con unloading on Thursday the 28th at the hotel. Tech loading on the 27th at Elayne's place. Return truck loading on Dec. 1st at the hotel.

## Programming:

Nov. 7 Board of Directors nominations, then a David Brin reading

Nov. 14 Board of Directors election

Nov. 21 Barbra Hambly reading

Nov. 28 Meeting at LosCon

Fannish wellness: none, as Chris is in Vegas

Old Business

New Business

## Timebound announcements:

Memorial concert on Nov. 3 at 4 pm, St. Francis de Salles church. Admission \$20, choir plus orchestra, with full organs.

Fannish movie screenings at New Beverly Theater and Vidiots were announced.

Book signings at Dark Delicacies were announced.

Program, if any: none

Science report: Tom Safer reported the following being born on this date

Michael Collins, born in 1930, Apollo XI command module pilot

Narinder Singh Kapany, father of fiber optics

Harry Harlow, psychologist, study of monkey psychology and parental bonding

In 1992, the Vatican finally admitted erring in condemning Galileo Galilei. Only a 359-year delay...

In 1941, work on Mount Rushmore finally ended. The work of carving took over 14 years, and was never actually completed, due to running out of funds.



Lee Grixit reported a preliminary breakthrough in health analysis. There are tiny, concave disks which bind to certain molecules, but have an acoustic response. These can be used to sort molecules in, say, blood.

Heide wanted to note that Harry Houdini died on Halloween.

Regular announcements

Tom Safer announced his next film showing at the library is on the 16th. 2 pm, admission free.

CLJ II got a Halloween gift from Ed Buchman, a collection of Melvin's Monster comics in book form.

Christmas Carols, Confections and Caprices will become live tomorrow.

Reviews

Nick reviewed Mace Windu: The Glass Abyss by Steve Barnes. Also, the new Venom movie.

Eylat gave a candy review

Lee Grixit gave a TV show review of Elsbeth, a show he described as not fannish but geeky, because it's often about obsessive interests.

Heide reviewed the audiobook version of The Glass Abyss, and really liked it.

Dean did a review of First Kill, a Netflix series, very much a Romeo and Juliet with vampires. The series was cancelled after 8 episodes, unfortunately, so it's good, but not resolved so far.

Tom Safer reviewed IF, the film title being an acronym for Imaginary Friends. Highly recommended as a fun film. The movie version of The Fall Guy, based on the old TV series, and the original leads get a cameo in it, also a fun film.

Julie reviewed Smile 2, the horror film. The original film was excellent, but the sequel didn't really advance the story, even though the acting was excellent.

Greg Lipscomb reviewed Jack Finney's Invasion of the Body Snatchers novel, from 1955 but set in 1976. Mill Valley, California setting. This was the inspiration for the classic movie.

Miscellaneous

Eylat was in class yesterday, and so many of the students were being distracted by the Dodger game online that the teacher gave up and let it be put up on the classroom screen, and one of the students gave her a lesson in the actual fine points of baseball.

Tom Safer was here for the meeting because his choir dress rehearsal was last night.

The After-meeting is happening this week, so bye for now.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

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## Upcoming Conventions

**Feb. 14-16:** Gallifrey One, <https://www.gallifreyone.com>

The editor can no longer continue compiling the monthly con calendar. If you'd like to volunteer to do so, let him know!

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## Upcoming Events

**Feb. 15:** Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous Filksing hosted by Terry and Craig Brussel-Rogers in person and on Zoom. Pre-filk dinner: Potluck.

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## Game Days

### Mondays

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

*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

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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).

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## **Letters of Comment**

Thanks for sharing your newsletter. I'm happy to receive it. It sounds like you folks are having lots of fun together.

Forrest J Ackerman is listed as a Special Advisor to the group. He's been dead for nearly 20 years. He must be a very special advisor.

I assume I've been getting your e-mailings because my e-address is on the Web page for the University of Michigan Science Fiction & Fantasy/Theory Reading Group. (BTW, the group is open to the public, but only to those who already have a bachelor's degree or have lived long enough that they could have.) We're not really a club with minutes and such, just a reading group. But we do have some longevity: founded January 1988.

Speaking for generations, thanks for keeping the fires burning and sharing the light.—Eric Rabkin

*I do indeed send you De Profundis in the spirit of exchange between the LASFS and the University of Michigan Fantasy and Science Fiction/Theory Reading Group. What books has the group been reading lately?*

*Though dead, Ackerman and the other people recognized with honorary positions continue to inspire the LASFS.*

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## **Clubzine Exchange**

In addition to sending *De Prof* to the LASFS membership, we also send copies to about 50 sf clubs around the world. Some of them reciprocate with their own publications, which I can forward to LASFSans upon request.

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## **Available Fanzines**

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