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Editorial: I still have a ways to go. Work got in the way this month and caused a weeks delay. Sorry but I gotta pay the bills somehow. See ya next month.

Colophon

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Calendar:

APRIL

- 1 - No Program (Talk amongst yourselves)
- 8 - Speaker: TBA
- 15 - Dead Horse Parade: Discussion "Startrek vs Babylon 5"
- 22 - "Wither LASFS Again": Discussion of the club. **During the Meeting a vote on the By-Laws issue printed in this issue of De Profundis (pg 2)**
- 29 - Japanimation Hosted by Fred Patten.

The pre-program starting in April will be "Daredevils of the Red Circle" in 12 chapters. There is no **FWEMS** meeting for April but in May there will be Star Trek #2, 3 & 4 plus part three of "Dick Tracy Returns".

Note: There will be an election on the following By-Laws change on April 22nd:

Proposed change to the LASFS By-Laws.

VOTING:

A member of the LASFS shall be qualified to vote, either by proxy or in person, on any issue put before the club as long as that member has no outstanding debts to the club, and has attended three general meetings of the club in during the thirteen week period immediately preceding the vote.

The change should be placed into the appropriate section of the By-Laws.

Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

10 January, 1999

Chairman: Christian McGuire

Secretary: Mike Stern

Present: Bruce Pelz, Mike Glycer, Michael Mason, Bob Null, Gary Louie, Liz Mortensen, Mike Thorsen, Mike Donahue, Mike Stern, Christian McGuire, Kim Brown
Absent: None
Present (others): Lucy Stern, Tadao Tomomatsu, Cathy Beckstead, Greg Bilan, Joe Zeff, Beckie Torroll, Greg Barrett

Meeting was called to order at 11:07

Board thanked outgoing members Matthew Tepper and Alan Rothstein, and Chairman Bruce Pelz called for election of new board officers. **CHAIRMAN:** After a number of declines, Christian McGuire listened to the voices in his head and was voted in as new chairman with a 10-0-1 vote. The abstention was his. Bruce gave him the podium immedi-

ately after the vote. **VICE CHAIR:** Bruce Pelz was voted in as chairman of vice with a vote of 11-0-0 **COMP-TROLLER:** Enthusiasm abounded when Mike Glycer seconded his own nomination and the vote was also 11-0-0. **SECRETARY:** Unenthusiasm knew no bounds as many declined the nomination. In a moment of sheer insanity, Mike Stern withdrew his decline and the railroad continued - 10-0-1 (Stern abstained). ...and he began taking notes.

Christian thanked the previous board officers.

TREASURER'S REPORT None given.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Pamela Sue Elfin was voted in as a new member with a vote of 7-0-4

OLD BUSINESS DE

PROFUNDIS Due to lack of Menace, the mailing of DeProf will be late. Due to the need for notification of the membership of the next board meeting date, when presentations of Loscon XXVII bids are due, a special mailing was discussed. Cathy Beckstead will talk to Tim about getting DeProf out ASAP.

SIGNS Mike Glycer did not check out the prices of signs in Glendale for the parking sign. He will attempt to get it done in the coming month.

ARCHIVE COMMITTEE More work has been done.

CLUB MACHINES REFRIG-

ERATOR Bob Null has been ill, so nothing was done. Bob will attempt to contact a refrigerator repair service during the coming month.

COMPUTERS A Pentium motherboard has been promised, so an upgrade to one of the front computers will be performed soon. A need to remove computer kipple prior to Ooo-la-la Con was pointed out. An auction date of early April was

recommended to Cathy Beckstead, who will decide on the date and ensure that membership is given notification in De Profundis.

AV EQUIPMENT No CL, no report.

HALL RECONSTRUCTION

MAILBOX The mailbox is still in need of repair. Mike Donahue will pursue getting a replacement mailbox. It was determined that the price of a new mailbox is within treasurer's discretion.

DOOR TO BACK BUILDING

Nothing was done. The money to replace the door was voted on in the December meeting. Mike Thorsen will get this done.

STEPS AND RAILING FOR 4SJ

Greg Bilan put three coats of non-skid pain on the steps. He was given thanks from the board. It was pointed out after the meeting that renters had stepped on the wet paint and tracked it into the kitchen, even though warning signs had been posted, and the area had been roped off. The railing to be created by a member whose name nobody remembered has not appeared. The board voted a "whatever's necessary" amount to get a professional railing installed, with the proviso that the railing be removable, so that large, heavy stuff can be moved into and removed from 4SJ. Mike Donahue will contact fence companies on the railing.

HALL DECORATION

Mike Thorsen put three coats of stain on the cabinets, and was given a vote of thanks. The cabinet will be moved and bolted to the wall. Cardboard boxes full of "stuff" need to be moved out prior to Ooo-la-la con. **LIBRARY** Status remains quo.

VIDEO ARCHIVE No CL, no report.

P.A.SYSTEM Nothing new to report from Bob at this time.

CHILDREN'S RECOMMENDED LITERATURE LIST Greg pointed out that the Kiddy Lit mail slot was used as a repository for much junk. In clearing it out, he found two requests for literature from 1997, and will deal with them. He was asked to move junk out whenever it appeared, and that it was probably placed there by renters, who don't know any better. Greg was asked to send letters about the children's list to: The President of the United States, The Library of Congress, the Governor of California, the Central Los Angeles Library, and the Central Burbank Library. The list has been posted on lasfs.org, with the appropriate ties to amazon.com.

RECOMMENDED LITERATURE LIST Michael Mason is still working on the list.

LASFS.ORG The contract has been dropped as a project, since there was no progress by the deadline given by the board.

LOSCON XXV Kim Brown reported that there are still some things to be settled before this can be closed out. Greg Bilan reported that he had done well at the art show, and will be donating over \$400 to the club as a result. **LOSCON XXVI** No new memberships have been sold. The first meeting of the ConCom is still set for January 30, 1999. There is now a link from the LASFS web page to the Loscon Web Page.

LOSCONS OF THE FUTURE Loscon XXVII bids will be presented at the next board meeting, 7 February, 1999.

OOO-LA-LA CON Chairman Tadao gave the theme as Mardi Gras, and confirmed J. Michael Strazinsky as media GoH, and David Cook as Writer GoH. John Guidry has donated stuff to the con. The price is \$13.13, and an additional \$5 for the banquet. **RECYCLING** Bob reported that \$12.20 was collected in Decem-

ber, due to winter. There is still \$5.50 in the fund.

NAMES ON CHAIRS The plaque guy has promised the additional plaques by 17 January, 1999.

PLAQUES Money was voted for two plaques on a vote of 8-0-3: The procedural plaque, and the lalacon plaque. The spending of the \$500 per plaque was deferred until February. **BYLAWS** There has been no apparent progress on the updated bylaws. Michael Mason will pursue this matter with Matthew Tepper.

CONVENTION DELEGATES None this month

PURCHASE OF EXPANDED/ EXTENDED DIGS Liz Mortensen contacted CRAC. It was pointed out to her that we are out of the NoHo redevelopment area, but they sent us a nice magnet. Mike Donahue will be contacting them regarding the purchase of property for cheap (a theater in Hollywood was sold for \$1). Cathy Beckstead will pursue the answers to mortgage financing questions with her employer.

MISCELLANEOUS Liz Mortensen received some tapes on fundraising for non-profit organizations from the Headwaters Fund. The viewing date for board members and interested people was set for 20 January, 1999 (the third Wednesday in January). **NEW BUSINESS** Group Viewing Michael Donahue will get together with Cathy Beckstead to arrange for group viewing of the taping of unpopular TV shows. It seems that producers are hard up for cash and will pay around \$10 a head to an organization that comes up with 20-35 people. **Yard Sale** Due to the LASFS becoming more and more of a storage place, it was decided that the club needed to have a yard sale of much unneeded equipment and mathoms. The date for the yard sale was set for the 2nd Sunday in March.

Sorting, pricing and moving to 4SJ will be done on the prior Friday night, because the club is rented on Saturday. The stuff to be sold will include any equipment that has not been used within the last 18 months. The following people volunteered for Friday night: Bruce Pelz, Liz Mortensen, Mike Donahue, Michael Mason, Mike Thorsen, Kim Brown, Mike Glycer, Christian McGuire, Greg Barrett, Beckie Torroll, Greg Bilan, Bob Null The following people volunteered to show up at the clubhouse at 5:00am on Sunday morning for setup and sign postage: Bruce Pelz, Liz Mortensen, Mike Donahue, Michael Mason, Mike Thorsen, Mike Stern, Mike Glycer, Christian McGuire, Greg Barrett, Beckie Torroll, Lucy Stern Bruce will call the Friday night volunteers with reminders, and Christian will provide wake-up calls on Sunday morning in the wee hours.

The meeting adjourned at 12:42. The next meeting will be on 7 February, 1999 - The FIRST Sunday of the month, due to the Gallifrey Convention.

Mike Stern Secretary, LASFS

Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting 7 February, 1999

Chairman: Christian McGuire

Secretary: Mike Stern

Present: Christian McGuire, Mike Glycer, Michael Mason, Bob Null, Kim Brown, Liz Mortensen, Mike Thorsen, Mike Donahue, Mike Stern Absent: Bruce Pelz - excused - Proxy to Kim Brown, Gary Louie - excused

Present (others): Lucy Stern, Tadao Tomomatsu, Cathy Beckstead, Greg Bilan, Joe Zeff, Beckie Torroll, Greg Barrett, Karl Lembke, Brett Achorn, Stacey Hallman, Robbie Bourget, Scott Beckstead, Chaz Baden, Don Winters, Charles Lee Jackson II, ,,and bunches of Time Meddlers that I did not recognize - see? They are taking over!

Meeting was called to order at 11:20

GARY LOUIE - d. 2/2/1999

At the beginning of the meeting it was announced that Board member Gary Louie had died of a heart attack on Tuesday, February 2nd, 1999. President Cathy Beckstead was directed to place a notice in De Profundis and schedule an election for Gary's unexpired term shortly after publication. Chairman McGuire called for a minute of silence in honor of Gary. Gary was very active in the club, and his presence will be missed, especially by those who have chosen to take over his duties. Michael Mason will take over book sales in 4SJ, as well as Gary's other library-related work. This includes apportioning library credit, which was done with a formula devised by Gary. The board hopes to be able to reconstruct the formula from Gary's records. Liz Mortensen will temporarily take over the plaque position, until a more permanent person can be found. Liz will see if there are plaques outstanding at the engravers. Gary was also the selector of fine auction material for our conventions. This will be performed by a group of people who are yet to volunteer/be chosen. Kim Brown has volunteered to be the point of contact with Gary's family on all LASFS and fannish activities. There will be a Gary Louie memorial at the clubhouse on February 28th, 1999. The board

voted that a floral arrangement be provided at the memorial on a vote of 10-0-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT None was given this month.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS Membership applications were deferred until the March board of director's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS DE PROFUNDIS It was announced that, due to other commitments, Tim Merrigan had resigned as editor of De Profundis. President Beckstead has appointed Scott Beckstead as the new editor. Scott said that the De Profundis deadline and publishing date will remain unchanged. The board thanked Tim for years of service at "an annoying and thankless task." Of course, if he got thanked for it, it wasn't... I get so confused!

SIGNS Mike Glycer still has not checked out the prices of signs in Glendale for the parking sign.

ARCHIVE COMMITTEE There was nothing new to report.

CLUB MACHINES

REFRIGERATOR Nothing was done. Bob will again attempt to contact a refrigerator repair service during the coming month.

COMPUTERS #2 was upgraded to a 1 gigabyte machine due to the donation of a better computer by Matthew Tepper. This machine will become a dual-boot DOS/Linux machine. All monitors in the computer room are now color monitors. The old #2 machine was donated to Valley College to be used as a TelePrompTer. The #4 machine was upgraded to 16 megabytes of memory, donated by Mike Thorsen. Mike did the upgrade work. The board thanked Matthew and Mike for their donations. AV

EQUIPMENT Liz Mortensen had the overhead projector fixed at

minimal cost. Her boss helped in the effort. CLJII said that a program had been offered to the club that required the use of a 16mm projector. This means that the little-used projector must have its needs seen to. CL said that it probably only needed some parts oiled. We'll get an update next month. The video projector is running fine, and has been rented to the Time Meddlers for use at the Gallifrey convention. CL noted that other renters had asked about renting the video projector, but that they had been turned down because of lack of training on the equipment. When it was mentioned that video projector rental could make money for the club, CL said that he will phone a few rental places to find out what the going rate is. The board's consensus (no vote was taken) was that rental could be made to organizations that passed CL's training standards. The club owns an old (pre-WWII) 16mm film projector. CL said that he will pursue donation to Bell & Howell, because it is a museum piece.

HALL RECONSTRUCTION

MAILBOX The mailbox is still in need of repair. Mike Donahue will pursue getting a replacement mailbox during the coming month.

DOOR TO BACK BUILDING

Nothing was done. The money to replace the door was voted on in the December meeting.

STEPS AND RAILING FOR 4SJ

The removable railing was created and installed. Mike Donahue was thanked for his effort in getting this project done. **HALL DECORATION** There are two new posters in 4SJ depicting the space shuttle. Mike Thorsen said that bolting the cabinet to the wall could not be completed until one of the broken couches was removed. Chairman McGuire then asked President Beckstead to ask club members for donations of

couches, since our current ones are wearing out and getting broken. The cardboard boxes full of "stuff" were not mentioned, but still need to be moved out prior to Ooo-la-la con.

LIBRARY Lots of work was completed in the library. Some of the backlog was taken care of, and thirty new books have been obtained. Kim asked whether the library was interested in Gary Louie's collection and was given an affirmative answer. Kim will follow up with Gary's family on this matter.

VIDEO ARCHIVE COLLECTION CLJII reported that the video collection is running out of space. Because of this, he is going to be concentrating on obtaining videos that are in the public domain so that several videos can be dubbed onto a single tape to conserve space. During the next few weeks, low-priority tapes will be moved to the A-V cabinet from the library.

P.A.SYSTEM Nothing new to report from Bob at this time. Our current system was deemed working, but still unable to reach the front building. Talk of replacement was deferred until the March meeting.

CHILDREN'S RECOMMENDED LITERATURE LIST Greg has dealt with the two requests for literature from 1997. Greg has not sent the children's list to: The President of the United States, The Library of Congress, the Governor of California, the Central Los Angeles Library, and the Central Burbank Library. Greg said that he will attempt to do it during the coming month.

RECOMMENDED LITERATURE LIST Michael Mason was unable to work on the list due to computer problems.

LASFS.ORG Nothing to report.

LOSCON XXV There was no report.

LOSCON XXVI Liz will have

table space at various conventions to drum up support.

LOSCONS OF THE FUTURE

Bids were presented by Greg Barrett/Mike Stern and Shaun Lyon/Christian McGuire, with the same treasurer (Elayne Pelz) and hotel Liaison (Christian McGuire) for both bids. The bids were passed on to the club for choice on a vote of 8-0-2. The bids will be announced in De Profundis, and a vote by the membership will take place on the third Thursday in March (March 18, 1999). Hotel liaison McGuire asked for board permission to pursue an agreement with the Burbank Hilton for several more years. After much discussion on why other hotels were not wholly suited for our convention, he was given the go-ahead on a vote of 9-0-1

OOO-LA-LA CON The theme as Mardi Gras. The price is \$13.13 at this time, \$15.93 at the door, and an additional \$5 for the banquet.

RECYCLING Nothing was turned in during the month of January. Bob Null has a few bags ready to be taken to the recyclers.

NAMES ON CHAIRS The additional plaques are in progress.

PLAQUES The spending of the \$500 per plaque for the procedural plaque and the lalacon plaque was deferred until March.

BYLAWS Matthew Tepper was not at the board meeting, and there is no indication that the bylaws have been updated. A motion was put forth to defer the matter until the March meeting, but died due to lack of a second. Another motion was made to return the bylaw material to the board for board action at the March meeting. The motion passed 7-0-3. Christian McGuire will inform Matthew of the board's decision.

CONVENTION DELEGATES

Condor - Liz Mortensen, Mike Glycer

Eastercon - Robbie Bourget

PURCHASE OF EXPANDED/ EXTENDED DIGS Bob Null talked to the owner of the building next door. He is still asking for \$100,000 over the market price. The dentist has a lease on his offices, so that would be part of the commitment, should we purchase the property. Mike Donahue was unable to find cheap property for sale by CRAC. He was directed to see if the location used by the Paperback Shack was available, for use as the LASFS library. Someone said that the property was owned by the CRA. Cathy Beckstead said that she had asked her employer (a mortgage lender) about property loans for the club. A loan for upgrading our current facility could be obtained at 8.5%, with 2 points. In order to purchase another property, however, we need to have \$100,000-125,000 in the bank, and have a down payment of 25% of the cost of the property. We also need to supply financial information for a three-year period.

FUNDRAISING TAPES The viewing on January 20th was a success, and provided us with the impetus to do a mailing. Group Viewing Michael Donahue will get together with Cathy Beckstead to arrange for group viewing of the taping of unpopular TV shows. It seems that producers are hard up for cash and will pay around \$10 a head to an organization that comes up with 20-35 people. Yard Sale The secretary was directed to keep the wording from last month's minutes in the February minutes. Due to the LASFS becoming more and more of a storage place, it was decided that the club needed to have a yard sale of much unneeded equipment and mathoms. The date for the yard sale was set for the 2nd Sunday in March. Sorting, pricing and moving to 4SJ

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New Business

LASFS Public Relations CLJII pointed out that the Worldcon display was intended to be temporary, to be used only for LACON. Since that time, it has been used at many conventions, and needs updating. CL said that a new display could be produced for under \$300. The matter was deferred to the March meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:42.

The next meeting will be on 14 March, 1999.

MINUTES OF THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.
Meeting 3210, February 18, 1999.
President: Cathy Beckstead. Secretary: Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Secretary.

Cathy Beckstead beat her squeaky, plastic gavel with a presidential rhythm on everything in reach. Against the table — not loud enough; against her own head — hi-fidelity; against Glycer's head — ouch! When she called the meeting to order, Rob Cole filled in the blank by moving to adjourn.

Minutes: Fate having done its worst already last week, there were no Special Orders of Business tonight.

Patron Saint: Cathy announced tonight's Patron Saint, Craig Miller, and turned to Glycer for the capsule biography. Glycer said Craig had been born in a log cabin in Kentucky, worked his way around the world on steamships as a cabin boy, and discovered the source of the Nile. (Hey, Craig wasn't there tonight, he's not going to know whether I said all this stuff or not!) Craig was chairman of L.A.con II, a director of the LASFS for many years and chairman for about five of those years, a former co-editor of *De Profundis* and — best of all — scammed a full-time job out of the movie *Star Wars* (as head of its official fan club). Three cheers were given while Glycer caught his breath.

Committee Reports: Charlie Jackson detailed the procedures to be followed on March 11 when we will take nominations and acceptances for a special election to fill the vacancy on the LASFS Board of Directors created by the passing of Gary Louie. On March 18 we will vote on the candidates. Also on March 18, the members will vote on bids to hold the Loscon in 2000. Charlie said there would be no program on April 1. And he wasn't kidding.

Mike Stern solicited reciprocal links between lasfs.org web pages and the pages of club members. Ed Green made sure Mike planned to link the club's web page with the Gary Louie memorial Chaz Baden has already set up on the NASFiC site.

With Matthew Tepper as his ventriloquist's dummy, the voice of Tadao Tomamatsu announced the glorious details of OoLaLaCon.

Auction: Glycer reminded people to identify stuff set out for auction if they expected the get Building Fund Credit.

Ed Green kicked off tonight's auctions by officially declaring (1) that "money auctions" from now on will be called "Gary Louie Auctions", and (2) proceeds from Gary Louie Auctions will be credited to him until enough is accumulated to make him a Patron Saint. The plan got off to a strong start with three Gary Louie Auctions, the last of which brought in \$25.50.

There was a debate about which item in the auction was most alien to LASFSians — was it the shower kit, or was it the flashlight powered by hand-pump action?

Registrar: Acting registrar Hare Hobbs introduced guests Jerry Daley and Tony Evans.

Timebound Announcements: Karl Lembke noted that Gary Louie had about half the contribution credit needed to be a LASFS Patron Saint, and encouraged people to do everything possible to get him all the way to that level by the memorial on February 28.

Charlie Jackson 2 read a letter from Glendale Community College congratulating him on making the Dean's Honor List. (James Dean?)

Fannish Committee Reports: Joe Zeff had dealt with another computer genius who wanted to know how to get the internet service rebate without subscribing to the service.

Charlie Jackson 2 heard on tv that a farm owner in Washington State wanted to convert his property to a horse ranch. Officials denied his request for a permit because of the adverse impact the change would have on a long list of endangered species. In the middle of the list was one, *bipedus giganticus*. Yes, it's what you think it is. I wonder if the next creature on the list was something like *bipedus swiftus*, or another one of those species names for the Roadrunner.

Christian McGuire had hobnobbed with his fellow wizards from Gallifrey — at least the ones present tonight — and announced to great applause that Gallifrey would donate the amount still needed to make Gary Louie a Patron Saint by his memorial.

David Voyt told with relish a story that suggested Mariah Carey was too dumb to know that it was the King of Jordan, not Michael Jordan, who had just died. Matthew Tepper rose to Mariah's defense — saying that however horrible he considered her voice to be, he knew this story had already been debunked. Explained Matthew, "I want to protect LASFS' capricious ass." (And where was Ed Buchman anyway?)

Reviews: Mark Poliner praised a movie where you have to leave common sense at the door. Sandy Cohen called *Payback* "a fun albeit grim movie." Mike Stern had taken Lucy to see *Shakespeare in Love* on Valentine's Day (aahhhh...!) He said it's not a Shakespeare play, but uses his play-within-a-play device.

Miscellaneous: Mike Stern pushed his Loscon bid for 2000. And Liz Mortensen closed the meeting on the stunning note that the amount of contributions towards Gary Louie's sainthood tonight was \$163.75!

MINUTES OF THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.
Meeting 3211, February 25, 1999.
President: Cathy Beckstead. Secretary: Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Secretary.

Rob Cole pulled his head out of the refrigerator long enough to move to adjourn immediately after President Cathy Beckstead rapped her gavel on the table. Joe Zeff, ever contrary, moved to call the meeting to order. Cathy declared, "Out of chaos comes order!" "Wrong again, Shmartt!" answered Glycer in a bad German accent.

Special Order of Business: Matthew Tepper announced that film critic Gene Siskel died this week. Charlie Jackson 2 said that Noam Pitlik passed away: the character actor, not Superman's nemesis from the 5th dimension (never married to Marilyn McCoo, either.)

Liz Mortensen reported that members had contributed so much money in the past two weeks toward making Gary Louie a Patron Saint that Gallifrey, which volunteered to

make up the difference, needed to donate just \$83.

Mike Glycer announced that Indiana fan Buck Coulson died recently after a brief hospitalization. Coulson is survived by his wife, Juanita: they were both Fan Guests of Honor at L.A.con I in 1972. They also published many issues of the Hugo-winning fanzine *Yandro*.

The club observed a moment of silence.

Minutes: The club's silence promptly ended as Glycer tried to read the minutes. This did not prevent Matthew Tepper from hearing himself misquoted. Said Matthew, "It was LASFS' *capacious* ass, not *capricious* ass." Rob Cole insisted, "We're going to get to the bottom of this." In the end, the minutes were approved as "something like a very hungry, very happy goat."

Patron Saint: Tonight's Patron Saint was not only someone Cathy recognized, but was someone actually present at the meeting: Marjii Ellers, recent turned 81. Marjii got three cheers, all the louder because she'd left a 5-pound brink of Ghirardelli chocolate on a side table. Hacking away at the brick with a tool that resembled an Afro comb with delusions of godhood, Bret Achorn confessed, "It's so satisfying to hunt and kill your own chocolate."

Committee Reports: Mike Stern said the LASFS web page now has links to the Gary Louie memorial page and to Cinema Anime.

Charlie Jackson reminded us tonight's program would be the new and improved *Mechanical Men in the Cliffhangers*, about 45 minutes in

length. Next week would be the thrilling and exciting LASFS Salon. He checked to make sure that *De Profundis* was going out with the Special Meeting notice about nominations and elections for Director.

Somewhere in the course of Tadao Tomamatsu's announcement about OoLaLaCon he revealed its new name is "Trash Tadao-Con."

Tim Merrigan said the LASFS/ Apa-L liaison committee – himself – is auditioning for someone to take over the weekly apa. Charlie Jackson 2 amplified: "If you haven't had brain damage recently, you need not apply."

Registrar Shaun Lyon introduced the two out of three guests who had yet to escape from the building. One of them he introduced interactively – Are you a writer? "No." Are you a student? "No." Are you an other? Big smile: "Yes!"

Auction: Tadao handled tonight's auction. While sifting through one of the board games he came across a "Crime Fighter Movement Chart" but decided, "Let's not go there."

There was also a Gary Louie Auction for a Delaware quarter – Tadao assured it was U.S. coinage that "works just like a regular quarter." Which is better than the Susan B. Anthony dollar ever did.

Tadao heroically kept track of Louie Auction bids of "Thorsen" (add nine cents to the previous bid) and "Glycer" (deliberately underbid by five cents to maximize second place in the money auction.) Tadao declared, "I'm not worried about Y2K – I've

been to a LASFS Auction!”

The insanity peaked with Bob Null bidding \$20 to give the Buchman parking space for March to Robbie Bourget. Who used to bid on spaces and not park in them, so in a way it won't really matter that she's living in England now.

Announcements: Scratch announced the delivery of Girl Scout cookies by the Workman family.

Len Moffatt invited LASFSians to be among the first to buy \$35 tickets to The Blustering Gales of the Southwest celebration of the anniversary of the first performance of a Sherlock Holmes play by William Gillette. The event, being staged at LASFS, includes guest appearance by Poul and Karen Anderson, and two meals catered by Alice Massoglia.

John DeChancie delivered a “blatant mercenary plug” for his short story collection, being published simultaneously on the Internet and in a trade paperback for \$19.95 available through Amazon.com.

J. Neil Schulman, part of that publishing venture, showed an impressive array of paperbacks offered by “Pulpless.com” They include a new Piers Anthony book, *Reality Check*, and a brand new Vic Koman. (“Is that better than the one we used to know?” scoffed Charlie.)

Schulman also showed off a paperback compilation of his Heinlein interview of 20 years ago, not previously available in book form. The line also includes reprints by Silverberg and Spinrad, plus an imprint called “Forrest J Ackerman Presents” for novels like *This Island Earth*.

Larry Niven had a book out, too - *Rainbow Mars*.

Kim Marks Brown reminded everyone the Gary Louie Memorial would take place at the clubhouse on Sunday. Mike Stern said his daughter, Heather, would be coming down from Northern California to attend.

Ed Hooper was looking for *Wild Wild West* paperbacks.

Reviews: Hare Hobbs summed up Heinlein's *Space Cadet* as “Wonderful, provided you remember it was published in 1949.” He also liked Howard B. Hendrix *Lightpaths* but warned that readers had to get through 125 pages of utopian and dystopian philosophy before it really started moving. Hare liked it well enough to buy the second book in the series.

Becky Torroll had missed LASFS last week because Disney employees in The Imagineers were performing *Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Charlie Jackson 2 said Phil Castora was hospitalized for four days this week because of a debilitating condition that leaves him exhausted.

As the meeting drew to a close, Mike Stern suggested we entertain a motion to get out of here. Neil Schulman asked, “What kind of entertainment do you want for the motion?” In Neil's case, a disappearing act might be popular.....!

MINUTES OF THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC. Meeting 3212, March 4, 1999. President: Cathy Beckstead. Secretary: Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Secretary.

Tonight was the twelfth rerun of Mystery Science Fiction Club 3000 and the President suggested we wait until Rob Cole wasn't paying attention, then sneak in and start the meeting. But as soon as Cathy rapped the gavel there were the usual calls to ignore, remain stationary or to boil the meeting. "It's a wrap," agreed Cathy. "A bum rap." Ed Green added. "Leave my bum out of it," commanded Cathy. Where was he, anyway?

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: When Christian McGuire went home after the Gary Louie Memorial on February 28 he discovered that while he was gone his roommate John had a heart attack. John felt a heavy pressure on his chest that wouldn't go away, so he took an aspirin and dialed 911. Contrary to his hopes, when paramedics arrived they did not say, "No problem!" They carted him away to Sherman Oaks Hospital. Despite it all, John expects to be back at LASFS for Friday night gaming within a week.

Len Moffatt eulogized Allan Hershey, a Procedural Director (i.e., President) of the LASFS in the late 1940s who died on February 26 at the age of 81. His health had been weakened by a series of strokes in past years. Hershey led the club at a time when he was the only one speaking to both of its two feuding factions. Len said, "We had many good times together, and a couple of bad times." He remembered them

staying up late one night drinking beer and solving all the problems of the world. Glenn Glazer said Allan is survived by two sons and two daughters, one of whom is LASFS member Allison Hershey. The club observed a moment of silence.

MINUTES: Hearing the minutes inspired Tim Merrigan to offer a reality correction: *this week is Marjii Ellers' patron saint meeting, last week was Maureen Garrett's.* Well, darn, Marjii will just have to bring in another five pound chocolate bar.

PATRON SAINT: Cathy handled things by declaring last week to be this week and this week to be last week. Charlie described tonight's Patron Saint, Maureen Garrett, as "sucked into Lucasfilm mainly by Craig Miller." She took over the Star Wars Fan Club and wound up moving with the company to Northern California. We administered three cheers, with Charlie supplying the tagline, "and a *semper fi* - oh, you said *Maureen...*" Charlie left to get a dis-semper shot.

APPOINTED COMMITTEE REPORTS: And came right back to report that because *De Profundis'* announcement about the Board election should have also included information about nominations, the nominations now would take place on the second Thursday in April, with the election held the third Thursday. The Loscon bid vote will still take place on March 18.

Mike Stern had fixed things so tomorrow night would be the first Friday of the month. He also hoped it would be fixed for him to win the Magic tournament for a change, since he hasn't done it so far this year. The

new Magic release would be legal. Stern also reminded people to "send in your links" – so people can immediately get off the LASFS web page, I guess....

Tadao gave out flyers for OoLaLaCon, happening April 24-25. Its fan guest of honor, Bill Ellern, was even at tonight's meeting. What an amazing visual aid! When Tadao mentioned the chili cookoff, Mike Stern asked if the con was going to supply antacid. Ant acid – wasn't that what made Jommy Cross a Slan?

Auction: Ed Green's donation to tonight's auction was a promotional water bottle that Nelson Marketing had sent to the club care of "Ms. Ed Green." Mike Stern gapsed, "Ed, you're pregnant again!"

Timebound Announcements: Registrar Beckie Barber (formerly referred to in these pages as Rebecca Torroll) introduced a guest who heard about us at Gallifrey and is a reader. (Then why didn't he *read* about us at Gallifrey?)

Chaz Boston Baden had taken dozens of pictures at the Gary Louie Memorial and mounted them on a triptych which was displayed on one side of the room. He is still taking write-ups for the memorial web page. Christian McGuire followed up by saying that when you're looking at the Gary Louie Memorial web page you might want to look at the rest of the NASFiC web pages because there were some in the room who hadn't joined the convention yet. Christian admitted there were some who had save all their money to go to Australia, but others who could do both "because you're even richer than I imagined!" To help out those on the

borderline Christian had good news – the Anaheim Marriott has lowered all NASFiC rooms rates (single through quad) to \$99.

Christian rattled off the NASFiC guest list, including 4-time Best Fanzine Hugo winners Dick and Nicki Lynch. Glycer asked that if he won his fourth Best Fanzine Hugo in Australia, unlikely as that might be, could he be made GoH retroactively? Christian said, "As long as you don't want hotel, airfare and meals." Glycer readily agreed, "What would I do with them a week after the con?"

Speaking of cons, Ed Green announced the 2002 Worldcon bid for Roswell, New Mexico. The chair, Liz Mortensen, was taking \$5 for presupporting memberships. Ed explained, "While we started out with one thing in mind, it's turned into something even sillier." And then there's the 2002 bid.

Fannish Committee Reports:

Rebecca Barber announced that after last Thursday she can now official change her name to Rebecca Barber.

Christian McGuire had unsettling news about a nuclear power plant which took its backup system offline to try their supposed Y2K compliant program. They put in the 00 date. It crashed. It took the main system out with it. Nothing bad happened because the plant also has manual controls. The company has now decided this is something that really needs to be taken care of.

Chaz told us his company had been hired to lock down the loose nukes in Kazakstan and while one of the employees was their they talked

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to the Russians about Y2K. One Russian engineer said their computers are sold old they won't have a problem. A more alert engineer said it was a serious problem and asked the US for \$3 billion to bring Russia's nuclear launch systems up to Y2K compliance.

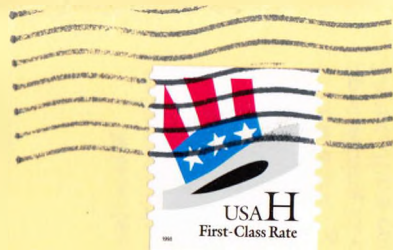
Miscellaneous: Tim Merrigan announced that APA-L's copy count goes up to 45 next week. Someone wondered where the 35 extra copies would go.

Mike Stern told us Jim Dennis is now working for Linux Care, specializing in corporate support for Linux. Jim's counter to their job offer was to take less cash and more stock options.

The meeting ended with Christian McGuire demonstrating how to carefully disassemble a cardboard 12-pack box for Diet Coke and admonishing the rest of us to do this at home and bring the boxes to him. You know, if I got this in an e-mail I would have assumed it was a hoax. Hoping you are the same....

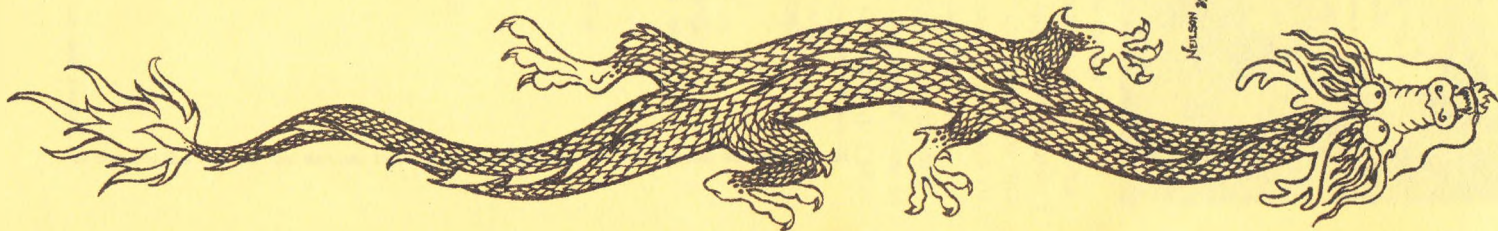


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