



DE PROFUNDIS 397



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February 2006

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Legend of Inscrutable Abbreviations

- BoD - Board of Directors
- CFO - Cartoon Fantasy Organization
- Cinema Anime - Japanimation
- Estrogen Zone - Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
- FWEMS - Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm "A Day With Di"
- Time Meddlers - Dr. Who Club
- TRIPE - Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment
- Work Party - Varies with what needs doing

Time Meddlers - 10:30 am
TRIPE - Noon until whenever

Thursday Program Items

February 2 - Nothing Scheduled

February 9 - Nothing Scheduled

February 16 - Nothing Scheduled

February 23 - Nothing Scheduled

Calendar Details

- BoD - 11 am, gaming starts at 2 pm
- Cinema Anime - 1 pm until it ends
- CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
- Estrogen Zone - 2 pm
- Jay Ward Cartoons and shows. Rare items - 10:30 am
- Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm

As is indicated above, there are no programs scheduled in February. However, some local writers may drop by to read some of their own stories for Hugo consideration. Stay Tuned.

COLOPHON

De Profundis 397 – January 2006. Editor: **Milt Stevens**. Mailing List: **Liz Mortensen**. Mailing Labels: **Fuzzy Pink Niven**.

De Profundis is the official newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601, USA). Our telephone number is: (818) 760-9234. Our web site is: www.lasfs.org. *De Profundis* is available to active LASFS members, Patron Friends & Saints of the LASFS, voluntary active LASFS members, and in exchange for other fanzines. VAMs are available for \$10 per year, payable to LASFS, Inc.

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We want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address c/o *De Profundis* or leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Milt Stevens, can be reached at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings or at his address: miltstevens@earthlink.net. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

Address corrections should be given or sent to the LASFS Treasurer at the clubhouse.

Due to the press of other material there is currently no space available in *De Profundis* for advertising. I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to members.

Due to space limitations, priority is always given to content mandated in the LASFS by-laws and by any applicable traditions. Also, after that stuff, by what the editor wants to do.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. Interjections in square brackets [] are solely the responsibility of the editor.

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President: Ed Green. **Vice-President:** Mike Thorsen, Tadao Tomomatsu, Joan Steward, Dr. Susan "Arizona" Gleason (tag team). **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** Liz Mortensen. **Registrar:** Marcia Minsky.

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Jack Jardine Health Problem

Jack Jardine suffered a massive and debilitating stroke on Dec. 13, 2005. However, he is recovering and improving in rehab. Those interested in doing so may send 'get well' cards and letters to:

Jack Owen Jardine
C/O Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital
Bed/Room # 303b
1287 Fulton Road
Santa Rosa, Ca. 95401

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Library Note

The following VHS tapes are missing from the LASFS library. If you happen to find these in your possession and you do or don't know how they got there, please return them to the LASFS library. Thank you.

Addams Family, The (Movie)
She-Creature, The (56 and 00 versions) double feature
Man Who Could Work Miracles, The
Haunted Mansion, The
Project Moonbase
This Island Earth
Transatlantic Tunnel
Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes can be read in APA-L and are filed in the archives)

Meeting #3564, December 1, 2005

Mike Thorsen, Vice-Presiding

Karl Lembke, Scribe pro tem

President Ed Green called meeting number 3564 to order at 20:15:05

Special Orders of Business: Ed Green announced the Evans-Freehafer award winner: Bill Ellern. It was long overdue. The party is in January.

Menace: Read and approved as "worst bunch of seconds since a Rock Hudson movie".

Registrar: No guests!

Patron Saint: Frank Gasperik. Scratch: Frank is an ex biker, a gentleman who had a marvelous way with a twelve string, and when he was good and singing, it was worth recording. When he was bad, it was still worth listening to. Hare remembers him in a special way – he was the traveling bard at the second Shuttle landing.

Joe Zeff recalls three things: FG is also a very good auto mechanic. He's undergoing laser treatments for cancer. Recalls one afternoon sitting with 12-string, playing Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring. Marcia: He's married to Peggy Corrigan, her adopted older sister.

Mike Thorsen: Frank used to visit Café Nebula under name of Jack Axe, and was an adept RPG-er. One of the most cogent voices among players. Ed Green: Frank mostly did everything he thought was right. Every now and then, he did something that was the most perfect thing to do. He sort of wandered in to it, and when it happened, it was a joy to watch. Once, Bjo was running a masquerade. A fem-fan had dressed as a gift for David Gerrold, wearing ribbons and laces, and not much else. She walked from elevators to masquerade room and Mundanes called the cops. The first person they ran into was Frank Gasperik. Frank stopped and said, "I'm working with the convention". He gave the explanation, telling the police that of course they didn't have a naked woman running around. The cops nodded, turned as one and marched out. Jerry Pournelle: 1) He used to be a biker. Two of them took a one-week trip to Northern California, as research and learning to ride bikes. They did not buy an evening meal or drink for the entire week. His playing attracted people who bought food and drinks for the bard. 2) He's taken over two novels Niven and Pournelle have written. They did not intend him to have that large a place in Lucifer's Hammer or Footfall – it just worked out that way. 3) It

was marvelous watching Fred Hayes watch Frank sing "The Ballad of Apollo 13. Frank Gasperik was given three Cheers and a Glissando.

Committee to Gouge: Tadao is ill, and nothing is critical, so postponed.

Old Business: Some to deal with. Tonight is night we nominate candidate for President of the LASFS.

Nominated were:

Ed Green

Matthew Tepper

Joe Zeff

New Business: Christian had a special order of business. Visiting from a great distance, Walt Willis, from San Francisco.

Appointed Committee Reports: Ed Green reported that three separate authors have approached and asked to hold readings. He's going to try to put out a call to authors whose works might be eligible for Hugo nominations to read. The authors of Burning Tower might be persuaded to give a reading.

Reviews: Tom Safer: fun convention, enjoyed. Thanx to those who came to shows. Marcia Zeff: Tiny and Laura thank all who volunteered and worked so hard; also presented the Check to Karl Lembke in thanks for drawing her name for the raffle. Fred Patten – Loscon may have been too good. So many tracks of programming, 6-7 tracks, and all of them very enthusiastic. Scratch: comment on bringing food to parties – if you bring a home-made item, please list ingredients for those with food allergies. Hare: enjoyed the con, despite artist and author not being those he knew, had fun sitting near Shaun's H-wing car. The fans would drive by, but the mundanes would stop and look. And look. And look. Lux Radio act was also quite good Ed Hooper reviewed the con suite. Bruce and Beckie had a much better space to work with, great space, no problems getting in and out, but no nacho cheese doritos. Mike Thorsen reviewed the body work on the H-wing. Couldn't tell there had ever been anything wrong with the car. One person remarked Loscon was her First convention – it was a wonderful experience, but over with much too soon. Walt Willis: Liked it, only regret is that Pearl Newton beat him in a game of Alhambra – by one point!!!!!! Chaz: Loscon party scene was many and varied. Signs at hall guiding to parties were great. Karl reviewed con... A delight. Watching the staff and committee do their work was a joy.

Nick Smith reviewed "Resurrection of Liberty" by Michael Went. It's "young adult friendly", modern stories in the flavor of Heinlein juveniles. Fun novel,

quick read, teenagers in space fighting evil aliens. Author only made one or two technical errors.

Fannish Committee Reports: Hare Hobbs reported on Locus: 1) Fantasy writer Phil Pohlman is upset over Narnia movie. Lewis is racist, misogynist and prejudiced. 2) Wife Swap TV series is looking for a SF mother to swap something. Jerry Pournelle put to Roberta the proposition that Wife Swap was looking for a SF wife for the show. The result was painful. 3) Canada board of arts gave \$3 million to do a musical of Lord of the Rings.

Miscellaneous: Joe Zeff figured this is the best place to put it. (superglue optional) Was in the national Write a Novel in a month contest again. At 7:30, uploaded 50159 words. Finished today, 51000+ words. Karl said it was enough for an Ace double edition. Karen Anderson heard from Terry Carr about the Ace Double edition of the Bible: *Master of Chaos* and *The Thing With Three Souls*. Karen Anderson said Ace doubles including the back-to-back Bible were cut to 40,000 words.

Multiple motions to adjourn were all approved at 21:18:05.

Meeting #3565, December 8, 2005
Ed Green, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe pro tem

President Ed Green called meeting number 3565 to order at 20:13:52. Because of elections, we're running on Agenda Modified A lot of stuff will go away, and a lot of other stuff will be moved around.

Menace: Read and approved as "the abstentions have it".

Registrar: Our new guest is the gentleman with the baseball cap over there, Steve Asimo, (no "V") whose interests are blank.

Patron Saint: Tonight's is Marty Massoglia, sitting right there. The floor was opened to brief and appropriate comments. CLJII called hm a fine fellow, a longtime friend, and one with the best taste in Loscons that he knows of. Tom Safer called him a good friend, said he runs a good bookstore, has a nice wife, and is fun to talk to. Len Moffatt called him a walking encyclopedia, especially about paperbacks. Phil Castora called him a good man and true, knowledgeable about many subjects, a good card player.

Karen Anderson said that he had the good taste to marry a fine lady. Hare Hobbs claimed Marty had pointed him to a much better edition of *Norstrilia* than the book he was looking at, and helped him find many other great reads. Frank Waller occasionally has a

problem or question, and he's right there with the answer or help. Marty Massoglia was given three cheers and a standing bid for every book.

Committee to Gouge, with laryngitis... Postponed. Committee was perfectly happy to stand down.

Old Business: Liz offered ballots to those who didn't have them yet.

The Election:

President: Ed Green

Vice President: Tag team of Michael Thorsen, Tadao Tomomatsu, Susan Gleason, and Joan Steward.

Scribe: Karl Lembke was elected the club's Littoral officer.

Registrar: Marcia Minsky was voted into office on the Marital Bliss colored ballot.

Brett Achorn announced we have a Certificate of Registration for LASFS inc, for Service Mark of Loscon.

Christian asked if we hold the Westercon SM. We do.

New Business: After all that, there'd better be none!

Appointed Committee Reports: Two lovely assistants passed among all with the Lanterns O' Jack while Charlie announced the December 25 Winter Holiday party, during which one may celebrate any winter holiday you like, or even any winter holiday you don't like.

CLJII: Class in January. 7-10, Tuesdays, Ephemeral Cinema, \$30 pre-reg. Take flyers for distribution.

Motions to adjourn were approved at 21:51:36.

Meeting #3566, December 15, 2005
Ed Green, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe Pro Tem

President Ed Green called meeting number 3566 to order at 20:12:37

Special Order of Business: Robert Sheckley, author of SF, has died, age 77.

Menace: Read and approved as "marital bliss".

Registrar: After a quick hunt for the registrar, we learned that we do have a guest. He's out in the courtyard, Michael S. He's a professional sword swallower. He's just visiting friends. His interests are eclectic.

Patron Saint: One of the old stalwarts of the club, Fred Patten. Karen Anderson noted he's the author of *Watching Anime, Reading Manga*, a great reference book. Phil Castora said he's known Fred for 43 years now. They've never been really close, but he's done an awful lot for the club in a myriad little ways. As a SF fan, well, you heard the size of his collection. On moving into the first clubhouse, Phil recalled seeing Fred's apartment with its Wall Of Shelves. "I've about given up my ambition to read all the SF ever written." Also a walking encyclopedia of SF. Years ago, turned a lot of people on to Belgian comix – "things you can't read at prices you can't afford". Now he's turned millions on to Anime. Matthew Tepper: At the 72 Westercon, Fred introduced him to Lloyd Biggle. Mark Schirmeister called him accomplished, and he had a knack for getting in on the ground floor of neat things. Encouraged Mark to draw. CLJII said one thing about Fred is that he'll start something and keep working at it, trying to do the best he can. He has not let his stroke slow him down. Scratch pointed out laying back and relaxing is boring, and Fred can't stand boredom. Kay Shapero: incredibly infectious enthusiasm. Jerry Pournelle: Niven and he love Fred dearly, but will never forget he published the worst review ever written of *Mote In God's Eye*. (Fred did not write it. It was written by Richard DeLapp, who remains in well-deserved obscurity, forgotten by all except Pournelle, who never forgets.) John Hertz: Let it be remembered that in the collection of APA-L, published weekly (unheard of when it started), one fan has been in every single distribution since the beginning. Fred Patten has published RR #2118. And it's good stuff, too. Phil Castora added that in his 43 years membership in the club, he's never seen a sillier group of people. He doesn't know how Fred got in past the silliness filters. He must have lied about something. Michael knows Fred for what he's done for the Anthropomorphic fandom. What he's discovered driving Fred around is the vast number of people in widely different disciplines who are thrilled to see him and welcome him in. There are lots of people who are happy to say they are friends of Fred. Ed Green admonished Fred for the turn he gave us all at the beginning of the year. (He gave us all a turn, and demonstrated his flair for the dramatic, by having the *Stroke of Midnight*.) Now, he's amazed, gratified, and pleased at his progress, and grateful to know him. Fred Patten was given an Amazing Three Cheers.

Committee to Gouge: Auctioned off some Art. Yoda, not Art Widner, who's actually older.

Old Business: Eylat Poliner announced the gift exchange, starting tomorrow – doors open at 7 PM. We paused while the rules for the Gift Exchange were cued up. The Exchange will be run by Joyce Sperling, and set up a little differently than usual. Bring food if you wish.

There was a motion to defer consideration of the Program Committee amendments to a later month. Marty Cantor objected, saying there was no perceived controversy. Jerry Pournelle agreed. John Hertz asked for clarification, and Ed Green explained both By Laws and Standing Rules would need modification. The motion to table passed. The main motion will be considered January 5 and 12, 2006.

New Business:

None!!!

Reviews: Hare Hobbs reviewed a film – Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band. Not bad, if you take the approach that it's a giant Music Video.

Motions to adjourn were approved at 21:16:37...

Meeting #3567, December 22, 2005

Ed Green, President

Karl Lembke, Scribe Pro Tem

President Ed Green called meeting number 3567 to order at 20:10:54.

Special Orders of Business: Two special orders:

Karen Anderson announced the passing of US Senator, really devoted to cutting waste, even to the point of refunding unused donations to his campaign. Senator Proxmire has passed.

Marty Cantor announced the passing of Fan Turned Pro Ken Bulmer, who wrote a lot of Ace doubles. A lot of his hackery is quite memorable. Throughout his time as a pro, he remained a dedicated fan. Len Moffatt remembers him from the 30s.

We held a brief moment of silence in their honor.

Menace: Read and approved as "Come back Fred, all is forgiven".

At this point, Bob Null trundled out a free printer that needs expensive toner cartridges. (And it's still right where he left it a week later.)

Registrar: The registrar introduced Paul F and Brad Gifford who has obviously terrible handwriting.

Patron Saint: Steve McGinty, one of the ones Ed doesn't know. He's a nice guy. And he gave us money. He's quiet, and unassuming, and not annoying. He apparently doesn't come around much because we may be all of those things.

Committee to Gouge: Auctioned off a headphone and some Russian buttons.

Old Business: The business we voted to table until the 5th and 12th to create a program committee is under review by our lawyer. In order to ensure sufficient time to review, the motions are tabled until the review is finished.

New Business:
None!!!!

Appointed Committee Reports: This issue of De Prof is the last one Marty is editing. George Van Wagner moved that the Scribe draw up an appropriate letter of thanks for Marty Cantor for his 69 months of work on De Prof.

Gizmo announced that Fred is in the hospital. He's back at the convalescent hospital, currently in isolation. He had a sore on his anatomy, but he's much better now. He is hoping to get better over the weekend and may make the meeting next week.

Janis Olson had an announcement about the gift exchange. There were 64 participants, and assorted onlookers. There was lots of fun for the first half of the event. There were only seven forced trades. Thanks to Joyce Sperling, Janis, Eylat for food, and many others.

Reviews: George Van Wagner reviewed a couple of movies: Went to the Egyptian to see King Kong and Mighty Joe Young. The star of MJY showed up, as did Bob Burns from King Kong. If you ever get the chance to see them on the big screen, do so. There's lots of detail that doesn't make it into video. Sunday, went to see Peter Jackson's Kong, and not all of the changes worked.

Karl Lembke: Narnia rocks!!!!!!!

Hare Hobbs reviewed having seen Narnia at El Capitan. There were four busloads of Christians buying tickets, causing the theater to sell out. If you can see it there, they have a lot of props on display.

Marty Cantor announced that he's taking the De Profs with him, and John DeChancie has moved from Nevada to Pittsburgh, PA. Start producing zines and contributing to 'L, as a way of keeping in touch with him.

Len Moffatt recommended two books – The original novelization of the first and only King Kong is out in paperback, with an introduction by Greg Bear.

Second book, Kong Unbound, with Ray Harryhausen,

Ray Bradbury, Robert Silverberg, and a number of other writers. It's a collection of essays, telling how Kong affected their lives.

CLJII added, if you want to know what Marion C Cooper was like, sort of like Carl Denham, but more exciting.

Bill Curry notes he came across a large paperback called "The Making of King Kong." It has the story of Marion C Cooper and his escape from the USSR. He recommends it.

Motions to adjourn were approved at 21:03:20.

Meeting #3568, December 29, 2005
Ed Green, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe Pro Tem

President Ed Green called meeting number 3568 to order at 20:13:12. Meeting flew out of control at eight thirteen o-five – a new personal best.

Special Orders of Business: The neurons and the last remaining shred of dignity the club was clinging to have died. Other than that, no announcements. The committee to discuss dead people declined to comment.

Tom announced that Helen Oxford, who used the name Adrienne Spectra, died 11/21 from complications of surgery.

Menace: Read and approved as "too much monkey business".

Registrar: We had no guests.

Patron Saint: We have a few of them.

First: Elayne Pelz – Christian McGuire announced that Elayne was currently performing duties of saint, making sacrifice – spending time with Chaz trying to save LA con IV website. Heidi: Elayne is wonderful when you're brand new and working departments at Loscon.

Hooper: Contributing to employment by taking cruises from company he works for. CLJII has known her a long time, and it still surprises her when they turn out to have common interests. Hare: She was treasurer when he joined club. She was very good at getting money from people. Phil Castora: She and Bruce used to give parties. Her culinary abilities are tremendous.

Ed Green has known her at least as long as anyone else in the club. Elayne has been one of the central features of the club, and her work in fandom is stupendous at least. Three Cheers, and a ice grassy veldt on which to caper.

Second: Some other gal who made an appearance: Robbie Bourget. "She's just Robbie". Christian: First night in LASFS – two arguing vehemently with each other over the use of the Gestetner. One was Marty, other was tough looking dude with red hair and breasts. She has remained consistent in her passion and precision since then. Ed Hooper was volunteered to help tear down exhibit room at Gallifrey by Robbie. Cathy Beckstead: Robbie is to blame for many of us jumping into fandom. George Van Wagner: Robbie has one of the sharpest minds, keenest wits, and sharpest senses of humor for those who carry as many knives as she does. Eric: Nicknamed her the Wolverine on account of her hair. She had the ability to silence a room of LASFS-ians by saying "Quiet" in a normal tone of voice, and the room would go silent. Hare: She stayed behind the desk as treasurer, and yelled, "Give me money". Zeff: Although she does not drive, she's an excellent loadmaster for conventions. CLJII: In addition to contributions here at the club, she was also busy in her job with the Consulate General at Canada. Alice Massoglia: Not the only LASFS to thank her for getting Olympics tickets when they were unavailable. Phil Castora: Able to discourage people from spending money on silly stuff with a glare. Ed Green: She was responsible for his running his first LOSCON. She's benefitted fandom in general with her work on cons. Marty Cantor: As the person for bringing Robbie down here, Marty says everything we've said is true, yet she's a wonderful person. One of fandom's more interesting people. Despite being no longer married, it **was** interesting and we parted amicably. Three Cheers, and a Loony Toon.

This not being the 53rd week of the year, we only mentioned the existence of Saint Forry Ackerman. He doesn't want any cheers unless it really is his night, so no cheers. He's a member of some minor stature in the society, and has had some minor bit of history, and we note he's our 53rd patron saint...

Committee to Gouge: Auctioned off a book, an old-fashioned podcast of a book, and some space.

Old Business: None!

New Business: None!

Appointed Committee Reports: Tom Safer announced the cartoon show every second Saturday. January's show will fall on the 14th. MGM cartoons by Tex Avery.

Reviews

Cathy Beckstead would like to review, for any Dr Who fans, the Dr Who Christmas Invasion. It was really good, and David Tennant is wonderful as the new Tenth Doctor.

George Van Wagner went to see Lion Witch and Wardrobe at El Capitan. Snowstorm in theater was spectacular. They did not turn it into "Don't Go In the Closet". The performance by the actress playing Lucy was amazing. With minor exceptions, faithful to the book. Contrary to Hare's experience, they did not have to fight with busloads of faithful.

Today, saw Peter Jackson's King Kong. Time on ship could have been edited down.

Fannish Committee Reports: Marcia Minsky has a surrealism report. On the 14th at 12:30, left bound for Israel. Arrived Thursday evening, Israel time. Friday, got on bus to do stuff, wearing Loscon 32 shirt. Passenger does double-take. He happened to have been there. What's the Hebrew for It's a Small World???

Phil Castora: Marcia got Phil a copy of Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince in Hebrew. As a Christmas present.

Marcia: The bookstore she found that in, she found it the day it hit the stands. In contrast to the hoopla they had for the releases here, there was one person in front of her at the store, and he was buying some other title.

Tom Safer heard an interesting traffic report. On the 210 freeway, a truck overturned and lost its marbles. All over the Freeway. – Also, on headline news, the reported most expensive coffee, from Indonesia, the catbox grade. (I think I saw it at \$120/lb?)

Dan reports, under stupidity lives, purchased an IBM laptop on e-bay, to replace stolen one. It arrived complete with software from a national bank, complete with customer info. It's the largest bank in the world. Would you believe a VP had traded his laptop to a young man in exchange for doing a website for a hip-hop group.

General news: Several years ago, it was announced the earth's magnetic field would pass through zero in 700 years or so. The pole has started wandering toward Siberia, into internal exile.

Mike Thorsen reported, Basically, was listening to radio and heard mention of a young boy who got an IPOD, still in its original packaging. He found an entirely different flavor of IPOD – a vacuum packed piece of steak.

Matthew Tepper saw a news item that intersects with this. An APPLE employee seems to have made the switch.

Doug Crepeau: those who have been seeing NSA stuff – those who are parents, NSA has websites directed at children teaching them to be cryptographers.

Hare Hobbs: we had a hit-and-run inflicted on an airplane. Another vehicle hit a plane, damaging the cabin and causing loss of pressure.

Karen: the plane was an MD-80, and the hitting vehicle was a baggage cart.

CLJII has bought himself a nice colorful shirt. Pewter.

Miscellaneous: Frank Waller, who does the cookie thing, has hot sauce, barbecue sauce, and a ballerina moose, for sale. Also: Saw Serenity, and it's very good.

Phil Castora sits still to adjourn.

Motions to adjourn were approved at 21:13:19.

***Board of Directors Meeting, December 11, 2005
Karl Lembke, Presiding
Marty Cantor, Secretary***

Board Members Present: Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Tadao Tomomatsu, Brett Achorn, Joe Zeff, Liz Mortensen, Ed Green, Bob Null, Mike Thorsen. (Absent: Cathy Beckstead.)

Others Present: Greg Barrett, Joyce Sperling, Fred Lazzelle, George Van Wagner, Greg Bilan, Anne Morrel, Dale Hales, Marcia Minsky, Milt Stevens, Tony Todaro, Lillian Toldaro, Scott Beckstead. Plus diverse others.

The meeting started at 11.25. Ed moved to not follow the standard agenda so that we will have time for special items. Passed.

Greg Bilan (who has run our participation at the Festival of Books since we started doing that) said that the increased costs of participation (\$1000 this coming year) are now too much and suggested that we should no longer staff a booth at the FoB. Regardless of the result of what the Board decides, Greg Bilan is thanked both for his running of our booth at the Festival of Books but also pushing to get it off the ground. This matter will come up at the January meeting.

Treasurers Report: Property taxes paid. There was an initial discussion of a new insurance company which can insure club libraries.

New Members: John Walts, Walter Willis (from the Barea – The Other Walter Willis is already a member), Jason Henninger, Jim Hammond, Owen Perez. Their memberships were accepted, unanimously.

Building Repairs: Something fell off of the roof of our front building - it was not a member. The piece might cause leaks if not replaced (the same as some members it they are replaced). The previously mentioned leak in front of our front building turned out not to be major and was easily taken care of with no plumber needed. The APA-L room outside door needs a new lock as it will not lock from the inside.

Computers: Bob Null reported that the club computer is getting rather long in the tooth and we should think about replacing it. (A shorter-toothed model is recommended.)

Service Marks: Brett updated the Board about progress on our application. The LOSCON service mark is now official.

Minutes: The minutes of the November meeting were approved with one minor change.

Library: Greg reported that last weekend's work party got a fair amount of work done. Several people are now looking at library programmes for the library computer.

LOSCON 32: Karl reported that LOSCON 32 happened and was successful. The GoH's enjoyed themselves. Elayne reports that money will be around \$5,000. Attendance, the warm body count - was 1189.

LOSCON 33: Scott said nothing was new right now but that everything is going OK.

Web Design: Tony Todaro gave us a few words about the redesign of the lasfs.org web site. His work, usually around \$5,000, will be done for us free. The sense of the Board was for Tony to continue his development work.

Fictionados: This writers group has been meeting for past year at the clubhouse and has gotten too large for our premises. They are moving to larger quarters but individual members want to stay connected to the club. They were thanked by the club for being "good tenants."

Donation by Dale Hales: A rubber-backed mat with the L.A.S.F.S. name on it was donated to the club by Dale. The Board thanked him.

H&R Block proposal: Gavin Claypool explained a proposal from H&R Block to do taxes with some monies going to LASFS as a referral fee when members use H&R Block as a result of seeing flyers or hearing it mentioned at the club. It was moved and passed to approve the proposal.

Proposal for funding a new copy machine: Marty Cantor's proposal was discussed in all of its ramifications. As amended, the proposal now reads:

1. A new fund called the Printer Acquisition Fund be instituted.
2. Members may direct monies to the fund.
3. A committee will be appointed to research copiers on an on-going basis.
4. A committee will be appointed to research and set printing prices. It will also make a recommendation about collecting printing fees. This was moved and passed with one abstention.

Can of worms about plaques and certificates for Patron Saints: Joe Zeff recommended that a committee be appointed to handle this with it reporting back to Board in March. Discussion was that it was not such a problem and it was decided that making plaques for all Patron Saints was not a problem. No motion was made.

Institutional Memory: Brett said that somebody should decide what to remember and how to remember it. It was decided that a committee should be appointed. Ed Green feels that this should be done by a "pain in the ass" person who would persevere in getting this done. Bill Ellern recommended that there be a program put into the club's computer to list items which must be done. It was also recommended that the Board Secretary access this program before every Board meeting. Brett mentioned things to be remembered by category. Discussion will be continued on-line and in other forums.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Zines received in trade

(All zines are available to read and are in the *De Profundis* mailbox and can be taken out for a week)

Club Zines: *BCSFazine #391* (British Columbia Science Fiction Association), *ConNotations V15#6* (Central Arizona Speculative Fiction Society), *DASFAX V37#12* (Denver Area Science Fiction Association), *Einblatt!*, *January 2006* (MinnStF), *Instant Message #761-762* (New England Science Fiction Association), *NASFA Shuttle*, (North Alabama Science Fiction Association) *The Southern Fandom Confederation Bulletin V8#9* (Southern Fandom Confederation),

Other Zines: *Challenger #23* (Guy H. Lillian III), *Nice Distinctions #12* (Arthur D. Hlavaty), *Pablo Lennis #280* or possibly *#218* (John Thiel).

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House of the Prancing Skiltaire
Hosts: Mark Merlino & Rod O'Riley
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March 18, 2006
Sean and Linda Cleary (and Heather and Fiona Cleary, now 9 and 12 years old)
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April 19, 2006
The House of Perpetual Commotion: Hosts:
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