

De  
Profundis

# DE PROFUNDIS 436



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## JUNE 2009

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### KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society  
TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment.  
BOD = Board of Directors  
2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming  
Cinema Anime = Japanimation, time after Safer Cartoons  
CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation  
Work Party = Varies with what needs doing  
FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm  
TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club  
Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am

### THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**JUNE 4** - Presidential nominations/  
Early SF TV - H.G. Wells: Invisible Man  
**JUNE 11** - Procedural Elections for all 5 offices  
**JUNE 18** - Author David. J. Williams  
**JUNE 25** - More Like the Movies, Part 1

(programme items subject to change)  
without notice)

### CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever  
BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm  
Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends  
CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm  
Work Party - 10:30 am  
TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am  
ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm  
Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm  
FWEMS - Masked Riders of the Plains  
Serial double feature

# LALACON

**WILL NOT BE HELD  
THIS YEAR**

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

### COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 436 – May, 2009. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

*De Profundis* is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 760-9234. The club's web site is: [www.lasfsinc.info](http://www.lasfsinc.info). *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 55¢ in person, \$1.00 by domestic mail. Out of country rates quoted upon request but it is recommended that copies be downloaded - or at least read - from the *DE PROF* web site.

Westercon is a service mark of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Incorporated (LASFS, Inc.). Worldcon and NASFIC are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society (WSFS).

I want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address *c/o De Profundis* or leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his edress: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net) or at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

If anybody who receives *DE PROF* via the mail happens to move without letting me know the new address; well, I have more important things to do than to be chasing down addresses so I will stop sending zines to you even if you have given me money to do so.

I will accept no advertising in *De Profundis* but I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to LASFS members.

Even though *De Profundis* is no longer the official newsletter of the LASFS, I intend to run the zine as if it still belonged to the club. Mostly. Due to space limitations, priority is always given to content mandated in the LASFS by-laws and by any applicable traditions. Also, after that stuff, by what the editor wants to do.

Written in Publisher 2000 on a new custom-built Intel dual-core computer (using the XP Pro operating system) and printed on an HP 4700dn colour laser printer.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. *Interjections in italics are solely the responsibility of the smartass, er, editor. Any resemblances 'twixt smartassery and responsibility are purely coincidental.*

**Addendum:** At the LASFS' Board of Directors meeting of February 8, 2009, the Directors accepted the proposal by Marty Cantor to take over *De Profundis* as his own fanzine, or as one of them, and he will be assuming the entire cost of production. Marty Cantor has promised to use his 5+ years experience of running *De Prof* as a guide to pubbing the zine as the *unofficial* newsletter of the society. The proposal was put to the Board because the Board had previously indicated that costs were dictating the discontinuance of the zine. As of this issue, *De Prof* will be available on paper solely at cost: currently 55¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.00. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

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### LASFS OFFICERS

**Elected Procedural Officers  
January - June 2009**

**President:** Mike Thorsen. **Vice-President:** Maryann Canfield, Rob Powell

(tag team). **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, only) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

### Board of Directors

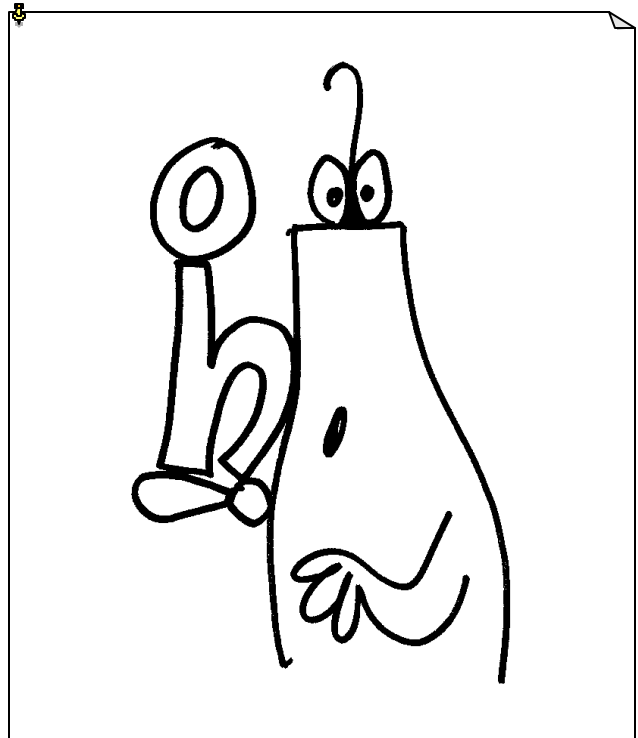
**Chairman:** Karl Lembke (2009). **Vice-Chairman:** Merlin R. "Bob" Null (2009).. **Comptroller:** Christian McGuire (2011). **Secretary:** Darnell Coleman (2011). **Other members:** Marsha Minsky (2009), Elayne Pelz (2011), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2011), Arlene Satin (2010), Milt Stevens, (2010), Mike Thorsen (2010), Tadao Tomomatsu (2009). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackeman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

### Official Committees

**De Profundis Editor, Speaker to Gestetner, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison:** Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whiskey. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Darnell Coleman. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** C.B. McGuire, Elayne Pelz. **\*\* Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi :** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curator:** Tom Khamis. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key Control:** Bob Null, Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster - <<http://lasfsinc.info>>:** Barry Gold. **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Ministry of Silly Gavels:** Bob Null. **\*\* Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel, **Editor. Computers & LASFS Archives:** Bob Null. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Charles Lee Jackson II.

### Honorary Officers

**Sergeant-at-Arms In Perpetuity:** Roy Tackett. **Windmill-at-Arms:** Kees van Toorn. **Samurai-at-Arms:** Takumi Shibano. **Librarian-at-Arms:** Heather Stern.



*Illo by Bill Rotsler*

## EDITORIAL

by Marty Cantor,  
DE PROFUNDIS  
publisher & editor

No editorial this time as I am trying to get caught up on all of the minutes which are a bit old.

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### CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes are supposed to be filed in the LASFS' files and can be read there - also at [www.lasfsinc.info](http://www.lasfsinc.info))

**Meeting #3734, March 5, 2009**

**Mike Thorsen  
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

"But a gun is a distance weapon!" -Joe Zeff. "Depends on which end you use." -Maryanne Canfield.

Meeting 3734 was rapped into submission at 20:07:15

The Menace were read and approved as "To your scattered special orders of business go".

**Committee Reports:** Arlene Satin asked, "How many people use the LASFS website?" Several hands went up. "We have a working website, and we're updating more and more to keep it user friendly."

Marty Cantor: As the unofficial committee to produce the unofficial LASFS newsletter, the club is no longer producing De Profundis. De Prof is now an unofficial publication, handled by Marty Cantor. It will still be available as PDF on the LASFS website, and printed copies will be for sale at cost. Cost is 55¢ for in-person delivery, and postage is extra. Cathy Beckstead will continue to send PDF files.

**Patron Saint: Dave Fox.** Milt Stevens notes at one point, he got every collector in LASFS pissed off at him. (He did the club a service by putting cards in books with the LASFS info on them). He used to go to book stores, buy up their collectibles, and tell the sellers what fuggheads they were for selling at such low prices. Hare Hobbs: He was one of the people who had been in the club for a long time. A lot of his favorite stories were about L Ron Hubbard. He was LASFS's unofficial Dirty Old Man. When he died, the strip club down the street went out of business.

Tom Locke remembers Fox from when he first joined. Dave was old then, and told many a story. He enjoyed talking about different people's ideas of utopianism, some very off the wall. Karen Anderson remembers Dave from meetings 3-4 decades ago. She remembers being in APA-L with him. He had fanzines about his invented country of Khorlia. She placed a Mithraum in Khorlia. Apparently, there was never any mention of it being removed, so presumably it's there still.

Marc Schirmeister: After Dave's death, he and Dave's daughter went looking for Dave's will. It turned out, he had hidden it in plain sight, so it took them two days to find it. That picture is his family coat of arms. Matthew Tepper: It was Bill Warren who said who said, "If Dave had been really clever, he'd have hidden his will in plain sight, on that bulletin right there." And there it was.

Dr. Pournelle: He was a good friend. He used to have an external hearing aid, a box that sat in his pocket. Every now and then, someone would talk to him, and he'd find the conversation bor-

ing. He'd pull out his hearing aid, and turn the volume down, and stand there until his victim realized what had happened. That discouraged people from telling him long stories. Matthew Tepper found Dave a friendly fellow. When he lived out of LA for thirteen years, Dave would greet him warmly, and ask how long he was in town for. He moved back to stay, and was looking forward to answering, "I'm back to stay". Sadly, he died a week before Matthew moved back. Dave Fox was given three cheers, and a full set of Kanji!

Marcia Minsky announced there's a Loscon coming up. As a teaser, on Saturday at the Con is Dress Like A Pirate Day and an Ugly Bloomer Contest. Price goes up to \$40 on June 1.

**Reviews:** Larry Niven brought some books for the library. It already had *Inferno* and *Fleet of Worlds*, so he offered them to good homes.

Hare Hobbs reviewed *Robot Stories and Other Screenplays*, by Greg Pak. The best was the first story. Parents are given a robot before they're allowed to have a baby. The parents learn to parent, and the robot learns how they do as parents.

Milt Stevens added to the review of *Robot Stories*. In the J.T. Mackintosh story, it was the law that you had to have an android baby before you were allowed to have a real baby. It had an unintended consequence. It depopulated the country.

We adjourned at 21:05:30

**Meeting #3735, March 12, 2009**

**Matthew B. Tepper, President  
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

"I bring my chalice." - Gizmo. "Is it from the palace?" - Karl

Meeting 3735 was rapped into submission at 20:14:43

The Menace were read and approved as "indecision".

There was an item of **New Business:**

Whereas Forrest J Ackerman has been a mainstay of science-fiction fandom for over 70 years, and his association with LASFS and its history is a point of pride for the club, Society member Bill Warren has suggested a tribute to FsJ, a framed photograph to be placed by each WorldCon at its registration desk, so that one of the first things a convention attendee sees is Forry's famous face;

We the undersigned, move that a select committee headed by the Public Relations Coordinator be appointed to investigate the best way to accomplish this project with the least expense to the Society, and the greatest chance of each WorldCon's agreeing to comply, and to return to the club within 6 weeks with a report and a new proposal to be presented for a vote.

Submitted by Charles Lee Jackson, the Second, and signed by sufficient of the members to merit consideration.

It passed.

The Registrar announced no guests, but we have two new

members, and one other.

Arlene Domhowski, who came to commemorate Forry,

Deborah Painter, and Gary Pearrow, (Fred Lazelle's roommate), who joined without using their free guest visits.

Karen Anderson had a moment of science. The Phoenix Mars Lander has found evidence of liquid water on Mars. Prost! Apparently the water has enough perchlorate salts dissolved in it to keep it liquid. Brines attenuate radar heavily, and such attenuation is "often" noticed by orbiters.

Marcia Minsky found out that the people from SideShow Collectables will be donating a number of gift certificates for the Loscon goody bags. We'll have a Friday Afternoon horror fest. Saturday will be Dress Like a Pirate Day. Flyers are on Elayne's desk. \$30 until the end of May, \$40 after June 1.

**Patron Saint: Gavin Claypool.** Gizmo said, I give him money, he gives me movies. CLJII said, a number of years ago, when Ed Buchman was discussing retiring from being a putrid, goofy fellow, Gavin volunteered to step in to the breach. Arlene finds him helpful and respectful, as well as a nice guy.

Hare Hobbs, when Price Club was still Price Club, he would always see Gavin there. Did he live there? Matthew Tepper – some may recall a member who passed away a few years ago – Allan Rothstein. Gavin would frequently give Allan rides to and from the doctor, and sometimes to emergency rooms and for other hospital visits. He went above and beyond the call of duty. ON 9/11, when Matthew and Allan were worrying about people, Gavin came by to keep them company.

Marcia Minsky: he's a heck of a hell player. Or a hell of a heck player? Joe Zeff: a delight to have at the hell table, even when he's winning. Gavin Claypool was given three cheers and a Blue-Ray player.

**Reviews:** CLJII reviewed the Tribute to Forry Ackerman, last Sunday, at the Egyptian theater. They packed 640 people in the 600-seat theater. This was a free afternoon event with speeches, including one by Ray Bradbury. In the evening, they screened a Canadian documentary of Forry's life, and The Time Travelers movie.

We adjourned at 21:07:35.

**Meeting #3736, March 19, 2009**  
**Mike Thorsen, President**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Meeting 3736 was rapped into submission at 20:04:20

The Menace were read and approved as "They been done".

least once, in APA-L at least 500 issues, married Danise Cook, the eldest of the Cook sisters, chaired a Loscon, lived some place chilly in South Dakota, then moved to Minneso-cold. Now in Ohio. Joe Zeff: Dan has achieved the feat of keeping a lifetime positive balance in the Hell games. He does this by playing until his balance for the year is positive, and then immediately stopping until the next year.

Marty Cantor: He did artwork for covers for LASFAPA, covers with lots of space ships. They looked like they were made of wood, but were still interesting. He came up with the maneuver, "all in favor say aye, all opposed say aye, the ayes have it." At the time he started here, he worked for Hughes Air Craft as a project manager. Christian: He was half of the pair who shared a room at a convention. They agreed that if you leave a tie on the outside of the door, do not disturb. They discovered each other Sunday afternoon, both having avoided disturbing the other, and no one knows who tied up the room. Dan Deckert was given three cheers, and an anomalous necktie.

We have club information on line, including forums.

Treasurer announced that we have money, and don't spend it.

Karen Anderson announced a moment of science, brought about with the help of fan Jordan Kare. How to zap mosquitoes with lasers. In the demonstration module, the laser was able to target and kill mosquitoes in a fish tank.

Scratch asked how we convince the mosquitoes to fly into the fish tank.

Matthew Tepper notes an anniversary. Tomorrow will be the 40th anniversary of his joining LASFS. (*A silent brass band will play the Hatikva. - ed.*)

We recessed for the reading of the proposed changes to the by-laws and standing rules.

Following that.....

We adjourned at 21:40:30.

**Meeting #3737, March 26, 2009**  
**Mike Thorsen, President**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Meeting 3737 hit the table at 20:18:42

The Menace were read and approved as "I didn't get the first couple".

**Old Business: By Laws and Standing Rules amendments.** It was suggested that the LASFS ratify the Standing Rules as read to the club last week. The motion to ratify the revised Standing Rules carried this week.

Ratification of the By Laws also carried by sufficient votes.

**Patron Saint: Sue Haseltine.** Scratch said, she gave us money. Milt says she was librarian, and that was the main activity he recalls. Jerry Pournelle said, "She's an old friend of the Nivens." Sue Haseltine was given three cheers and some Dewey decimals.

**Committee Reports:** Marcia Minsky reminded one and all of Loscon coming up in November. Buy memberships early, buy them often.

Tadao announced LaLaCon coming along June 6, 7.

Charlie Jackson announced that FWEMS is down to six times per annum. July, August, September will feature a summer festival, featuring family friendly monster movies. Flyers will be available for distribution to local libraries and similar places.

**Guests:** Yes, we do. One in front raised his hand before the announcements.

Michelle announced Nathan Sunshine, who heard about us from our website.

Carl Sunshine, also heard about us from the website. I think he's related to the first guest.

Third, Deborah Gleisner, who heard about us from her fiancé.

**Christian rose to thank the people who read the by-laws and Standing Rules last week.**

This being the last week of the month, parking spaces and the last soda slot was auctioned off.

We had a moment of science. The three month Mars Rover missions have now exceeded 5 years. They'd have been rescued from Mars, except the Gilligan module keeps screwing things up. Spirit and Opportunity are still going, and Ray Arvidson, Deputy Principal Investigator is still overjoyed.

Jeff Landis e-mails that Spirit has been using SF writers for naming objects. Today, a mars rock was named Poul Anderson.

David Okamura notes the Space Station had to avoid some debris again.

In Salt Lake City, 20 years after the infamous press conference, a US Navy experiment seems to have come up with interesting nuclear results. They're being very careful not to use the words "cold" or "fusion" anywhere near each other, lest they jinx things.

We have a late breaking announcement. Now we're selling off the Loscon XXXV water bottles. They're \$1 each.

So are LASFS pins. And updating your information on the mailing list is free!!!

**Time Bound Announcements:** Christian: Tuesday, 10/27/09 here 7:30, LASFS will be 75 years old.

**Reviews:** Rick Foss reviewed a place to find SF. Tor.com offers new pieces of SF for download. This month, Harry Turtledove, "We Haven't Got There Yet." This piece addresses the burning question, "What would Shakespeare think if he could see 'Rosenkantz and Guildenstern are dead.'"

Rich has also started reading Abyss and Apex, an online magazine. He has a story in the February edition. Look for the magazine online at [AbyssAndApex.com](http://AbyssAndApex.com).

CLJII mentioned a series of books he's been working his way through – a series about a woman named Hannah Swenson who runs a cookie shop in a small town in Minnesota. She has a serious case of Jessica Fletcher Syndrome. She helps the police solve the mysteries. Cookies, pastries, desserts and recipes figure in the stories.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Bob Null reports success with pizza pig-out diet. He managed to reverse his involuntary weight loss.

Scratch: Mama Galloway is out of the hospital for the third time in six weeks

**Miscellaneous:** CLJII reported on the bat who flew too far. He is a member of Bat Conservation International. He received this year's brochure and a membership application, but no tea trays.

We adjourned at 21:27:07

***Board of Directors meeting, December 14, 2008***

***Karl Lembke, Chairman***

***Darnell Coleman, Secretary***

***minutes edited by Marty Cantor***

Meeting called to order at 11:10.

**Board Members in attendance:** Karl Lembke, Bob Null, Darnell Coleman, Elayne Pelz, Bill Ellern, Christian McGuire, Marcia Minsky, Tadao Tomomatsu, Arlene Satin, Milt Stevens, Mike Thorsen.  
**Members:** Sherri Benoun, Tony Benoun, Joyce Sperling, Patrick Bradley, Thomas Safer, Maryann Canfield, Michael Pell, Heide Nichols, Greg Bilan, and Marty Cantor.

**Miscellaneous Announcements.** The passing of Forry Ackerman was brought up by Karl Lembke. A minute of silence was called. Bill Ellern is leaving the Board 12/14/08. Appreciations were given to him. Bill Ellern gave final words. This meeting was his last meeting as Comptroller: He has family and life commitment, the drive is too long, and he felt he did not do as much as he

**Lafa**  
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Lafa Filksing  
Saturday, June 13, 2009  
Filk: 7 PM to ???

filksite: Brandyhall: Lee and Barry Gold, hosts  
3965 Alla Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90066; (310) 306-7456

DIRECTIONS: Thomas Brothers, L.A. County,  
page 672, B-5 (1992+ edition)

Pre-Filk Dinner: 5:00 PM: Hop Li Seafood Restaurant  
(310) 268-2463  
11901 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles  
This Hop Li has the same menu as the one on 10974 Pico: go  
to <http://losangeles.menupages.com/> and click Chinese and  
then click Hop Li Seafood Restaurant and then click Menu  
Do not go to the Pico branch, though; go to 11901 Santa  
Monica Blvd.

Type of Circle: Poker Chip (Non-Topological) or Chaos

Lafa info: Barry & Lee Gold:  
(310) 306-7456

American financial situation as it would pertain to the club: i.e inflation and 25% unemployment. This wasn't all doom and gloom. Bill gave pearly words of wisdom on surviving the future and he hopes the new people would show leadership through the coming situation.

The **Minutes** were approved as corrected.

**New Members:** J Karen Star, Melissa DeMello, Tana Tharalson, Bootsie Brenner were accepted as members.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$86,050 on hand and our property tax was paid. Budget review will be done in January.

Tadao Tomomatsu, **LOSCON ARCHIVIST** - Loscon archives are being made for the con and are put into a mobile unit which is called Oracle. This is an on-going process. The hard drive is filled, so we will need an extra hard-drive. LASFS and LOSCON archive videos are being uploaded to Youtube.com.

**Facilities:** Main first aid kits were refilled just before LOSCON. Sublevel grills were re-attached. Mr. Thorsen and Mr. Null replaced various light bulbs. Front driveway asphalt pavement estimates are being taken care of by Elayne Pelz and will be reviewed as part of the Agenda Items in this meeting. Karl Lembke-APA-Ls are being scanned as PDF files. Christian McGuire moved that Karl Lembke be thanked for this work. Motion unanimously passed. Then the Board applauded Karl.

**30-second reports:**

**Chairman:** I got the Agenda out.

**Vice Chairman:** Lifetime member list is being worked on, using information from the club's archives.

**Secretary:** Because he listened to someone to whom he should not have listened, he will be getting an evaluation of his work in February.

**Comptroller:** Nothing to report.

**Audio-Visual:** The work is moving along smoothly.

**Quartermaster:** We have enough paper towels and we still have two packages of Charmin toilet paper.

**Quartermaster's report:** Machine Units, total sold - 9,813. This period the units sold are 357, with machine total sales of \$6263. This period was \$267.65. The report was turned in. Thanks to Loscon for contributing many cans of soda which will be used by the club.

**Publications:** We are possibly stopping the paper version of *De Profundis* (which costs \$100 a month) because of its cost. We are thinking of stopping both the paper version and the website. That which has been pubbed by *De Profundis* can be put into the website. Items like the Minutes can be submitted to the website. Arguments - What about those who don't have internet connection? Arlene said that this would make people want to look at the website and tell others about the website. Marty Cantor said that *De Profundis* should be continued as a monthly connection to those who do not get to the club very often - especially if they have no on-line access. Mike Thorsen asked if *De Profundis* could be made in a two-page format: one side the calendar, the second side news. Milt said this was a good idea.

Then five minutes later Marty asked about postage and work on *De Profundis*. There are people who are required to get all club publications. He said the club is obligated to make sure that certain people (I don't know who these are) have to get information from the club; these people may not have any other way of getting the information so it has to be mailed to them. Then Tadao? said that maybe, as a non-profit organization, LASFS has to make sure that its members be shown to have received this information. These two things made Milt say that even the two-page paper format would be costly. But then during the discussion that possibly all the membership would need to get the publication, Milt saw in this money and postage issues and said that if this is true we still have money issues.

Tadao asked if Milt wanted to continue to work on *De Profundis*. Milt said that now that money is an issue, he could stop working on the newsletter. Elaine pressed Bill to work on *De Profundis*. Tadao said that this is turning into a huge debate so we should table it and Elaine Pelz agreed that we should table this for the January meeting.

Heide said that members who don't come on Thursday won't get information about the club if *De Profundis* is discontinued. Some people like her don't get a lot of information anyway because they don't go on Thursdays; in other words, information should be given in other forms like mail. Joyce Sperling said that there are just people who don't get the publication; it's just announced at the

meeting that the publication is ready to be picked up. Christian McGuire said that over the past 3 years we have tried to make *De Profundis* electronic and we have asked the club to go electronic. Now we insist. Elaine said that club members could pay the Voluntary Active Membership Fee of \$10.00 a year so they could get things like *De Profundis*. This fee Heide then paid. The extensive discussion was then tabled until January. There was a request to Milt to work on the December *De Profundis*, which he was going to do anyway.

#### **Events**

75th anniversary under Christian. Christian McGuire  
Loscon 35-Gave reports  
La La Con- Is on the calendar.  
Loscon 36 report was given.  
Fiestacon (Westercon) is still happening

**Fund raising and recruitment:** A possible recruitment event will be discussed at a later meeting

**Marketing Committee:** We were invited to the Regal Theater in Irvine to show off the club and this was successful. Arlene Satin thanked the people who helped in this. There will be another event in May, the opening of Star Trek.

**Club president:** The club had an election and the new officers look promising.

#### **Agenda items:**

Elaine requested that \$5,000 be taken from the Century Fund so that the pavement in front of the building can be re-paved. Moved and seconded, 10 aye, 1 abstention.

**Bylaws-Standing rules:** Elaine continued the discussion from last month, proposing to do clean up to make the corrections to be sent to the Board by Email. Board members can make corrections; a special meeting will be called.

**Memorial for Forry Ackerman:** Tadao said that maybe Forry's memorial should be in January. The date for Forry Ackerman's memorial was set for Saturday, January 24th. This was Moved and Seconded if it does not interfere with funeral or other memorials - unanimously passed. Time 1:00 pm, Forry Ackerman's family or estate should be contacted about the memorial.

**Art release form:** Arlene Satin - The Art release form will be used in January. Moved, seconded, and approved unanimously,

**Geocaching** Patrick Bradley gave a presentation with handouts. Patrick wants a LASFS coin to be made for GPS tracking. The minting of the coin would make money and bring in membership because people would look for the LASFS coin. \$150 would be the cost for the initial minting. These coins could be sold for \$5 or more at auction. Patrick Bradley wanted to use the clubhouse for a Geocaching meeting, he said that thirty people would be attending. There will be a donation to the club. He would

also like to put a Gumball machine into the facility. 50% of the proceeds will go to the club. Bill Ellern said that the proposals of this Geocaching program should be given to the Marketing committee to work out the details. Parliamentarian (Joyce) wants a copy of these minutes.

Christian McGuire brought up in and aside that Ed Greene should give the club back the paperweights since the club paid for them. Moved and seconded to table. This issue should be tabled to 2009 AD. 10 aye, 1 nay. Christian McGuire moved and seconded that the Gumball machine be tried for 3 months. 10 aye and 1 nay, the motion passed.

**Friday Night gaming:** We are trying limited time opening.

**Tom Safer Film Day** request: Moved and seconded for approval but the date will be worked on with Elaine. 8 aye, 1 nay, 1 abstention.

Bill Ellern asked if there a daily cost to run LASFS? Christian said that information is not yet known.

Christian started a discussion about the refrigerator in the front building being removed. Argument for removal is that it saves money on electricity and it's not used a lot. We have cooler boxes. Arguments against removal is that the refrigerator is only two years old and the refrigerator is used enough to be needed. There are things that are placed in the refrigerator for a day that are too large for a cooler. Mike Thorsen said the refrigerator has an on and off switch and a power saving factor. The motion to remove the refrigerator died without a second. However the physical plant person, Tadao, will start turning off the refrigerator more often for days at a time after notice about this is given to the club

The Minnesota Society wants information about how LASFS bought its clubhouse. Tadao was directed to interface with these people.

**The Code of Conduct Committee:** The committee wants a date to bring in a presentation.

Christian will ask Ed Green for LASFS pins.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.

**Board of Directors meeting, January 11, 2009**

**Karl Lembke, Chairman**

**Darnell Coleman, Secretary**

**minutes edited by Marty Cantor**

**Board Members in attendance:** In attendance were Board Members: Karl Lembke, Bob Null, Darnell Coleman, Elayne Pelz, Bill Ellern, Christian McGuire, Marcia Minsky, Tadao Tomomatsu, Arlene Satin, Milt Stevens, Mike Thorsen.

**Regular Members in attendance:** Barry and Lee

Benoun, Heide Nichols, Greg Bilan, Marty Cantor, Fred Lazzelle, Joe Zeff, Judy Zeff.

Meeting started at 11:15. Karl Lembke welcomed Robert Powell to the Board. The minutes were approved with corrections. The Board held elections for its Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Comptroller,

**A Point of Order was raised:** What happens if a Board member is voted out as a Board officer by the Board? Answer: they are given a non-elected position on the Board.

Karl read the duties of Comptroller and Christian McGuire was elected as Comptroller. The other Board positions were filled by their incumbents.

**Chairman:** The agenda was released later than expected. The Chairman asked Robert to do events. Robert Powell asked about the position, then refused the appointment. Marcia Minsky worked out this plan: she left the Audio-Visual position which was given to Robert and the Event position was given to her.

**Vice Chairman:** Nothing to report.

**Secretary:** Nothing to report.

**Audio-Visual:** Mike Thorsen checked prices at Fry's and he discovered that while VHS/DVD recorders cost around \$200, the price of player-only units averaged less than half that. It was noted that VHS equipment would not remain on the market for long since the format had become obsolete.

**Quartermaster:** Vending machine - Machine units sold to date 10,185, this period 372 to date. Total sales to date \$6542.00, this period \$279.00. The report was also given to the Secretary.

**Facilities:** Paving of the parking lot is done and it will be dry by this Wednesday. The Pine tree maybe trimmed because it's overhanging the parking lot - more on this in the agenda. Greg Bilan offered to trim the tree; he was told to talk to Tadao offline.

**Publications:** the minutes of both the meeting and the board meeting should be sent to the web site for publication.

**Library:** 22 DVDs were added to the DVD library in December and January.

**Events:** Loscon happened; money and information will be turned over to the club later. All Conventions are going on as scheduled. The 2011 bid for Westercon was won by San Jose. Marcia Minsky becomes the new current Loscon Chair on Feb 1. The Forry Memorial is still going to happen and the club is still planning the meeting. There is progress on plans for the 75th club anniversary. Christian will talk about this in February,

**Recruitment:** Arlene Satin will write up her fund raising plans.

**John Hertz:** There was a motion to pay John Hertz for the hour of work which he did for the Art Release Form - the fee was \$100. The motion was passed, 8 to 1 with 2 abstentions. Arlene brought up that this fee was not mentioned when John Hertz was asked to work on the Art Release Form. Karl said that Mr. Hertz is from the old school of Law, where the work is done then the payment is made because he trusts the BOD to give him the money.

**Webmaster:** The Golds said the minutes should be sent to the web site and *De Profundis* is archived in the web site.

Christian McGuire made a motion that the Board Secretary should send the corrected Minutes to the web site and this was approved unanimously. Elayne Pelz wants this motion to be e-mailed to her for the Bylaws.

**Marketing:** We have a table at the opening of Star Trek Enterprise at the IMAX theater and we are working on new things. We should continue to display at the West Hollywood Book Fair as the Book Faire gave us a good booth last year. A motion was made by Karl Lembke that should we continue displaying at the Book Fair and this was passed 9 to 0 with 2 abstentions.

**Club President:** There was nothing to report.

#### **Agenda:**

Asphalt is poured and spread. The normal life-span for asphalt is 5-10 years.

Marcia Minsky has a request for the Brewster Rocket Fan club wanting to meet on the second Friday of the month. This will be a recurring date and that club will donate to LASFS. There will be 8 to 10 members attending meetings and the Board recommended a six-month trial period. There was a motion to this effect and it passed 8 to 0 with 3 abstentions.

**Financial statement:** Elayne Pelz turned in the 2008 fiscal budget and the Secretary was given a copy. Milt said that our income is the same for two years. Budget line items - we could renegotiate our costs. Hall decorations budget will be removed. If the treasury has more than \$15,000 then the rest goes into the Century Fund. There was a discussion of the Video Library and Arlene wanted to know if funds could be cut from the video line items. Elayne said it would do no good. The Budget was accepted as amended.

Tadao asked if the Gestetner is dead. Marty said he is not sure. Elayne reminded the Board that once the Gestetner stops working, it won't be repaired again which was also talked about in November meeting.

**De Profundis:** Milt reported the cost is going up for the paper so the paper version of *De Profundis* should be discontinued because things for the newsletter can be done



for the web site. Then the question came up on how much time it takes to get *De Profundis* ready for the membership. Milt said 8 hours to write up and 8 hours to mail out and these factors should be put into the cost, Heide withdrew her objections from last meeting. Fred Lazzelle said that he did not want *De Profundis* to be only on line. Elayne requested a Bylaw to be mentioned at the February meeting stating that *DP* in paper form be moved to the web site and that the paper version be discontinued. This will take a number of Bylaws sections. This was moved, seconded, and passed 10 to 0 with 1 abstention. Christian McGuire asked Marty Cantor if he will do the online publication of *DP*. Marty said, "Possibly, yes." Christian McGuire asked the Board to allow a person who wants to do the work on sending out newsletters to those who want it in the club to get reimbursed for sending mail to members. Tadao requested that the President should bring up at the Thursday meeting that anyone who wants to work for the newsletter could volunteer. This was a suggestion.

The Code of Conduct Committee statement was read by Heide Nichols. The Board thanked Heide for the work on the committee. Darnell Coleman had an issue on the Code word that makes a person a target: the word was Xenon. The first line of the Code of Conduct was approved, Gregg Barrett said the use of the code word would start rumors, because people would hear the word and think why was the word used - and then would come the rumors. The second line was sent back to the Committee for work. Arlene Satin suggested this and the suggestion along with the approval of the first line of the code of conduct became a motion and was passed 10 to 0 with one abstention. Heide wants to come back to the Board in March.

**Other items not on the agenda:**

Darnell Coleman mentioned that there was side chatter and Karl said he will be watchful of this. A letter was sent from ASCAP about music and audio at Loscon 35, with the letter writer needing some kind of proof for the license of the music. Elaine said this had been taken care of.

**Takeaways:**

Code of Conduct, Elayne is doing a Bylaws rewrite.

Pole pruning for the lemon tree: There was a discussion of trimming the neighbor's side of the lemon tree. Thorsen pointed out that it had been decided last year that doing so would constitute acceptance of financial liability for the Neighbor's complaint of lemons denting the roofs of his car and his customers' cars. Nevertheless, attending members (including Greg Bilan) volunteered to trim the tree on the neighbor's side during the Second Sunday Open House after the close of the Board meeting. Pole-extended tree-trimming shears were requested by Greg Bilan. One of the attending members offered to donate a set of pole pruners. The trimming was undertaken offline in an unofficial capacity by volunteers. The question of LASFS' financial liability to

repair the neighbor's cars remains unresolved.

There was a motion by Arlene to end the meeting and the meeting ended at 1:25 pm.

**NEW BOOKS**

*(This is a section devoted to listing new books and other items received by the LASFS Library. Our extensive library is not just for collecting and looking at that wonderful collection of books on shelves. Members may take them out and read them.)*

Dresden Files-Welcome to the Jungle	Butcher, Jim
We'll Always Have Paris	Bradbury Ray
Best from Fantasy and Science Fiction, The (Eighth Series)	Boucher, Anthony
Fantasy Worlds of Peter Beagle, The	Beagle, Peter
Latitude Zero	Axler, James
Pink of Fading Neon, The	Blaylock, James P.
Between, The	Due, Tananarive
Blood Colony	Due, Tananarive
Darkwood	Breen, M. E.
Living Blood, The	Due, Tananarive
My Soul to Keep	Due, Tananarive
Zenith	Bertagna, Julie
From the 30's to the 80's Superman	Bridwell, E. Nelson
List of 7, The	Frost, Mark
Mastermind of Mars /	
Fighting Man of Mars, A	Burroughs, Edgar Rice
Sandman Midnight Theatre	Gaiman, Neil
Wizard's Tale, The	Busiek, Kurt
Castle Of Iron, The	De Camp, L. Sprague
Index to the Science Fiction Magazines 1926 - 1950	Day, Donald B.
Next Door to the Sun	Coblentz, Stanton A.
Wall Of Serpents	De Camp, L. Sprague
Boundary	Flint, Eric
Patriot Witch, The	Finlay, C.C.
Borders of Infinity	Bujold, Lois McMaster
David Falkayn: Star Trader	Anderson, Poul
Death of the Phoenix	Chafe, Paul C.
Interstellar Patrol	Anvil, Christopher
Isaac Asimov's Skin Deep	Dozois, Gardner
Other Than Peace	Drake, David
Ruby Dice, The	Asaro, Catherine
Rx for Chaos	Anvil, Christopher
Science of Jurassic Park and the Lost World	Disalle, Rob
Trouble with Aliens, The	Anvil, Christopher
3 by Finney	Finney, Jack
Castle of Wizardry	Eddings, David
Flame Tree Planet	Elwood, Roger
High-Tech Knight, The	Frankowski, Leo
Mad Amos	Foster, Alan Dean
Occam's Razor	Duncan, David
Space Cops: Kill Station	Duane, Diane
Book of Chance	Crean, Patrick G.
One More for the Road	Bradbury, Ray
Underworld	DeLillo, Don
Wrinkle in the Skin, The	Christopher, John

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