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* **Thursday Programme Items:** **Aug. 10**—Planetary physicist Kevin R. Grazier; **Aug. 17**—Gail Carriger, *Divinity 36: Tinkered Starsong Book 1*; **Aug. 24**—Tom Safer presents a program of cartoons after the meeting

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

COLOPHON

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Addendum: At the LASFS Board of Directors meeting Dec. 11, 2022, the directors accepted Eylat Poliner's proposal that Heath Row become editor of *De Prof*. He will do so as LASFS scribe for the term of January-June 2023.

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July-December 2023

President: Cathy Johnson
Vice-President: Susan Fox
Registrar: Eylat Poliner
Scribe: Heath Row
Treasurers: Elayne Pelz and Debra Levin

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Chairman: Michelle Pincus (2024)
Vice Chairman: Nick Smith (2023)
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Cathy Johnson (2024), Dean Johnson (2025), Christian B. McGuire (2023), Heide Nichols (2025), Elayne Pelz (2023), Eylat Poliner (2024), and Rob Powell (2023)

Special Advisors

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

Appointed Officials

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

Condensed Cream of Menace

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

Pluck Your Magic Twanger Froggy Meeting #4476, May 25, 2023

Susan Fox, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Susan Fox stood in for Cathy Johnson and called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Actor Ann Robinson
- Actor Brec Bassinger
- Puppeteer, director, and actor Frank Oz
- Producer, director, and screenwriter Bob Gale

Dispatchings

- Musician Tina Turner
- Actor Ray Stevenson

Media anniversary

Susan Fox: May 25 is the anniversary of *Star Wars*' original premiere. In Terry Pratchett fandom, The People's Revolution of the Glorious Twenty-Fifth of May is depicted in *Night Watch*. In Douglas Adams fandom, it is Towel Day, organized by fen after his death.

Nick Smith: May 25 is not only the anniversary of two of the first three *Star Wars* movies, but also the movie *Alien*.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the minutes for May 18, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

None

Auction to Name the Minutes

Susan Fox bid \$5, won, and named them "Happy Birthday, R-Laurraine!"

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as read, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Deedee Lavender was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox. Lavender received three cheers.

Joyce Lloyd was celebrated and recognized by Chris Marble. Lloyd received three cheers.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- June 1: Nominations open for club president
- June 8: Nominations and election of all five procedural offices

Loscon 49 (Eylat Poliner): The con will be held over Thanksgiving weekend. Michelle Pincus is the chair. Elayne Pelz just sent out Progress Report #1.

Krystal Rains: Nerd Mafia will participate.

Chris Marble: Westercon will be hosted at Loscon, too.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is up for bidding for the month of June. Susan Fox bid \$10, won, and dedicated the spot to a picture of her dog.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

We welcomed a return guest this week: Tim Friedline.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues, as normal. We're at the end of the month, so next week we can collect monthly dues, \$12 for the month.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

Susan Fox stood in for Michelle Pincus. The next board meeting is June 11 at 11 a.m.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Impromptu Program: Memories of the opening of *Star Wars*

Susan Fox, Tim Friedline, Lee Grixit, Barbara Gratz Harmon, Charles Lee Jackson II, Christine Lipscomb, Chris Marble, Matthew Mitchell, Eylat Poliner, Scribbles, Nick Smith, and J.P. Van Gordon shared stories about their first experiences watching *Star Wars*.

Time-Bound Announcements

Krystal Rains reminded LASFSans about tabling at Strategicon's Gamex this weekend.

Nick Smith: American Cinematheque is showing the 1954 version of *Godzilla* on Saturday. On Sunday they're showing the

relatively recent movie *Wonder Woman*. In Santa Clarita, there's a silent movie festival this weekend: the Newhallywood Silent Film Festival. (<https://santaclaritaarts.com/newhallywood>)

Charles Lee Jackson II: Splash Mountain will close Tuesday. It will be refurbished as another ride.

Chris Marble: This is the last weekend for the Los Angeles County Fair. The Koroneburg Renaissance Festival starts this weekend.

Susan Fox: The Society for Creative Anachronism will offer demonstrations there all five weekends.

Moments of Science

Tim Friedline: NASA is developing a new rover they want to send to Saturn's ice moon, Enceladus. It'll be snakelike so it can better maneuver through ice and water.

Lee Grixit joked that the dolphins of Enceladus have now reached the 1950s with their first science fiction movie: *Serpents from Space*.

Eylat Poliner: Mushrooms can now be made into an urn to contain cremation ashes. The urn takes nine days to decompose. Caskets made the same way take 45 days to decompose.

Regular Announcements

Eylat Poliner: She might not be able to attend the June 8 meeting. She hereby accepts the nomination for registrar.

Reviews

Lee Grixit recommends *Mrs. Davis* streaming on Peacock.

Christine Lipscomb has been enjoying the humor of an animated Netflix program called *Alien TV*.

Nick Smith is intrigued by the classical music aspect of the movie *Chevalier*.

Miscellaneous

Nola Frame-Gray asked whether the voices of Fozzie Bear and Yoda were both performed by Frank Oz. Nick Smith assured her they had been.

Call to Adjourn

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

Congratulations to Eylat! Meeting #4477, June 1, 2023

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

President Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Physicist Kip Thorne (The time travel technology in Larry Niven's *Rainbow Mars* is based on Thorne's wormhole theories.)
- Filmmaker Gareth Edwards
- Author and musician Michael P. Kube-McDowell

Dispatchings

- Actor John Beasley
- Actor George Maharis
- *File 770* reported that the grave site of Forrest J Ackerman's brother Alden L. Ackerman was recently located and listed on *Find a Grave*.

Media anniversary

This is the anniversary of the general release of *Star Trek III: The Search for Spock* and *Total Recall*. It's also the anniversary of one of Stephen King's favorite science fiction films: *The Horror of Party Beach*.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the minutes for May 25, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

Eylat Poliner expects to miss the June 8 meeting, not this meeting. (She is, in fact, here.)

Auction to Name the Minutes

Lynn Maners bid \$5, won, and named them "Pluck Your Magic Twanger Froggy."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Charles Lee Jackson II explained the Patron Saints for attending guests. Ed Baker was celebrated and recognized by Cathy Johnson and Jackson. Baker received three cheers.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- June 8: Nominations and election of all five procedural offices
- Poliner pre-accepted an expected nomination for registrar

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): The hotel block is open for reservations. Membership rates increase to \$60 on June 15 at midnight.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

Jackson explained the Honor Guard and the Spot of Honor. The Spot of Honor is held by SCIFI.radio, not Susan Fox's dog.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

Our guest still has to be approved as a member by the board of directors, but Yeni Alvarez paid her membership dues today. Based in Los Angeles, Alvarez is a writer and voice artist.

There was some discussion about paying dues weekly or monthly, and whether the library will be accessible at any point. Susan Fox commented on the club's need for a clubhouse.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. It's a new month, so members can pay \$12/month. Everybody attending has paid.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting is June 11 at 11 a.m.

Old Business

Nominations for president (Charles Lee Jackson II): Jackson explained the role and responsibilities of the president. The term runs from July through December.

Nominations

- Eylat Poliner nominated Cathy Johnson
- Chris Marble nominated Heath Row, who gratefully—and gracefully—declined

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Eylat Poliner will not be at the June 8 meeting because of other commitments.

Nick Smith: The New Beverly Cinema will show *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* this weekend.

Kevin Segall

- Monsterpalooza is this weekend
- Next Wednesday at the Los Angeles Breakfast Club, Bob Gurr, Disney Imagineer, will speak (<https://www.>

labreakfastclub.com/event-details/bob-gurr)

Moments of Science

Lynn Maners: A genetics study determined that there was one contact event between Polynesia and South America about the year 1200. South American genes spread throughout Polynesia.

J.P. Van Gordon offered the links <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-020-2487-2> and <https://www.science.org/content/article/no-one-could-have-predicted-dna-offers-surprises-how-polynesia-was-settled>.

Tom Safer: Today in Science History (https://www.todayinsci.com/6/6_01.htm)

- Edward Charles Titchmarsh
- Charles Benedict Davenport
- Francis Edgar and Freelan O. Stanley

Nick Smith: A quake on Mars was measured by NASA's InSight lander. Measurements suggest that the average thickness of the Martian crust is thicker than that of Earth, and that the crust is thinner in the northern hemisphere.

Lee Grixit: Stem cells from the human stomach can be changed into cells that secrete insulin.

Jim DeTar: The FDA approved the first nasal spray, Opvee, to treat opioid overdoses.

Charles Lee Jackson II: Scientists discovered that Splenda can cause genetic damage.

Nola Frame-Gray: Splenda can also cause leaky gut. Susan Fox offered the link <https://www.futurity.org/sucralose-genotoxic-2926272-2>.

Regular Announcements

Scribbles reported on the sf musical play *For the Love of a Glove* (<https://fortheloveofaglove.com>). He also remarked that the current issue of *De Profundis* has an error on the calendar page. The LASFS is indeed meeting the last week of the month. If you'd like an updated edition, let him know.

Cathy and Dean Johnson are becoming busier with theater productions and are currently working on shows in Oxnard and Ojai.

Reviews

Nick Smith commented on the semi-documentary *BlackBerry*, which is about the history of the development of the smartphone. He also remarked on *The Machine*, co-starring Mark Hamill.

Lee Grixit finds the cartoon *Fired on Mars* interesting.

Kevin Segall and his wife have been enjoying the television adaptation *American Born Chinese*.

Lynn Maners recommends the Facebook group Bókabéusar (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/501684300845716>)

Miscellaneous

Nola Frame-Gray reminds LASFSans that when we mail items, to be sure to include the complete address so it's mailed correctly. She recommends using the ZIP+4 Code.

Nick Smith announced a memorial event for Marty Cantor on June 17 at Barbara Gratz Harmon's home. It will begin at 11 a.m. and last into the afternoon. The county has placed another seal on Marty's door. John Hertz and others still cannot gain access to the apartment to obtain Marty's legal documents.

Tom Safer is again screening films at the Frances Howard Goldwyn Hollywood Regional Branch Library every third Saturday of the month. This month's feature is *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile*. (<https://www.lapl.org/whats-on/events/saturday-film-screening>)

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Nola Frame-Gray remarked that sometimes you need to wait for the aftermeeting to open.

Call to Adjourn

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

Happy Birthday, Debra. These minutes were not named. and Happy Birthday, Debra. Meeting #4478, June 8, 2023

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order 34 seconds into the video recording.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- First publication of George Orwell's novel *1984*, in 1949
- Author and editor John Campbell
- Author Robert F. Young
- Author Kate Wilhelm
- Actor Colin Baker
- Singer and actor James Darren

Dispatchings

- Actor, writer, and producer Paul Eckstein
- Cartoonist Richard Glen Lester II, aka Joshua Quagmire

Media anniversary

Ghostbusters and *Gremlins* were first released on this date in 1984. The much less popular *Moontrap* was released on this date in 1989.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Susan Fox stood in for Scribbles and read the minutes for June 1, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

The term dates for the upcoming elections were clarified: The term begins in July.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Lynn Maners bid \$5, then \$10, won, and named them "Congratulations to Eylat!"

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Michael Bloom was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox, Cathy Johnson, Nick Smith, and Matthew B. Tepper. Bloom received three cheers.

Jim Glass was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox, Cathy Johnson, and Chris Marble. Glass received three cheers—and a book.

Committee Reports

Loscon 49 (Eylat Poliner): The con is on Thanksgiving weekend. You should come.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by SCIFI.radio. *Flash Gordon* now streams at 1 a.m. and 1 p.m. PT Saturdays.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

We have no guests tonight.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Cathy Johnson reminded members to pay their dues.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 11.

Old Business

Charles Lee Jackson II proctored the elections for the upcoming term. He explained the elected officers and term length. Last week, Cathy Johnson was nominated and accepted a nomination for president. We reopened nominations, and there weren't any further nominations. Nominations were closed, and a vote was held. Members elected Johnson as president.

Nominations were then opened for vice president. Matthew B. Tepper nominated Heide Nichols, who accepted the nomination. Eylat Poliner nominated Susan Fox, who accepted. Nominations were closed, and a vote was held. Fox was elected vice president.

Nominations were opened for registrar. Susan Fox nominated Eylat Poliner, who accepted the nomination. Tad Daley nominated Heide Nichols, who declined. Chris Marble nominated Matt Mitchell, who accepted. Nominations were closed, and a vote was held. Poliner was elected registrar.

Nominations were opened for scribe. Cathy Johnson nominated Scribbles. Susan Fox accepted on his behalf. Chris Marble nominated Dean Johnson, who respectfully declined. Nominations were closed, and a vote was held. Scribbles was elected scribe.

Nominations were opened for treasurer. Eylat Poliner nominated Elayne Pelz and Debra Levin. Levin accepted on Pelz's behalf. Nominations were closed, and a vote was held. Pelz and Levin were elected treasurer.

Thus ended the elections for the upcoming term. The board elections will be held in November.

New Business

Cathy Johnson expressed that people currently serving on committees can continue to do so next term, should they so choose.

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith: The New Beverly Cinema will show the 1954 version of *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* on Saturday and Sunday.

Tony Benoun: Tomorrow is Christian B. McGuire's birthday.

Regular Announcements

Charles Lee Jackson II completed another semester at college yesterday, receiving a verbal certificate of merit.

Chris Marble visited George Mulligan today and hopes to take him out for lunch next week.

Miscellaneous

Nola Frame-Gray requested that the complete address be entered into court proceedings. Also, please be sure to include all nine digits of the ZIP code.

Tad Daley just recently learned about Westercon's cancellation and asked for juicy gossip. Cathy Johnson remarked that it was canceled because of low memberships. Susan Fox proposed a sour grapes party. Chris Marble remarked that some fen had already booked plane flights and will be in town anyway.

Cathy Johnson reminded LASFSans about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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

Board Meeting

June 11, 2023

Michelle Pincus, chairing
Susan Fox, Secretary

Call to Order

Called to order at 11:02 a.m.

Present

Chairman Michelle Pincus, Vice Chairman Nick Smith, Secretary Susan Fox, Eylat Poliner, Gavin Claypool, Elayne Pelz, Christian B. McGuire, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, Cathy Johnson, Dean Johnson, and Heide Nichols. Non-board members: Webmistress Kristine Cherry, Loscon hotel coordinator Jason Justice, and club member observer Tony Benoun.

Agenda Items

The meeting started with Jason Justice offering an update on hotel negotiations and selection. We are well under way with negotiations with the Hilton Los Angeles Airport, the winning bid. He will present the current draft of the contract, but the hotel has agreed in principle with the additions. Sharing the desktop: A Group Sales Event Agreement for 2024 only. There will be three years of agreement in total with slight price increases.

We'll have a 300-room block, a conservative estimate. We should get more like 380 based on the previous year. Rates are \$145 for a single or double, \$155 for a triple, and \$165 for a quad. Sleeping rooms are broken down by type: king-sized bed, double, etc.

A highlight is that we don't have to pay any fees for meeting room rental. In exchange, we

have a food and beverage minimum. We can use our hospitality budget—\$14,000—on stuff we get from the hotel.

Eylat Poliner: Staff meal tickets instead of staff lounge. Also, an event to honor former Loscon chairs.

Justice: This gives each Loscon chair the latitude for creativity in their food event planning.

Michelle Pincus would like to discuss Loscon 49 events with Justice, also. Will take offline.

Poliner and Susan Fox will discuss Death By Chocolate and Fancy Tea events.

Justice will do what he can to negotiate the number down to \$10,000 in exchange for 350 room nights.

Dean Johnson: How comfortable are you with these numbers? Justice: *Very*. The food and beverage makes a great deal of difference to the hotel. If we come in under \$14,000, we pay the difference without taxes, etc. There's also a \$15 room night rebate.

Concessions: We don't get the Presidential Suite for free, but we do get it at the group rate.

We can seek up to three committee meetings per year with \$20 parking and free Wi-Fi for guest rooms. 20 extra free Wi-Fi codes for the function space for registration. 10 free parking passes. Tables and chairs in function spaces like dealers room, 30 sets of table and two chairs free. Stage furniture is free: risers, tables, chairs, etc.

They require a three-month notice if we wish to release any space. We probably won't.

There's a 50 percent discount if we need additional Wi-Fi access, including wired access for streaming and dealers for their payment methods. Nick Smith indicated that the Strategicon dealers had no problem with hot spots.

The rest of the language is pretty standard. Reservations need to be in by two weeks prior. Post-convention auditing is free if we give them the CSD by the end of the show. The rental cost is considered paid as long as we make 80 percent of the room nights. If we are short on food and beverage before the event, we pay the difference. OK. Book another lunch! Cancellation charges are standard and probably not an issue. A set of special conditions distinctive to fannish events: party floors, signage with non-marking tape, costumes.

By early next week, Justice hopes to have a final version of the Year One contract. Request to Christian B. McGuire for his eyes on the contract.

McGuire moves that we authorize Justice to have Elayne Pelz sign the contract when he is satisfied with the clauses that he is seeking. Moved, seconded, and accepted.

Thanks to Justice for all his work on this project.

Minutes

Corrected and approved

New Members

Tim Friedline and Yeni Alvarez De Carlo are both accepted.

Nicolas Tana did not give us address information, but that is available through the billing system. He has not actually appeared at a meeting. His family members go to Loscon. Accepted.

Treasurer's Report (Elayne Pelz)

The treasury currently has \$37,908.37.

30-Second Reports

Chairman (Michelle Pincus): No report

Vice Chairman (Nick Smith) is looking into the Westercon situation for 76. He's beginning to worry that one of their representatives is no longer on the Web site, and the hotel negotiations are still "pending."

Secretary (Susan Fox): May I please get the spreadsheet from the special meeting for discussing Loscon hotels, so I may complete their minutes, for completism? There is not much more to add except that we authorized Jason Justice to proceed with negotiations.

I need a reliable working email address for Nick Smith. Or else, please whitelist the domain Scifi.Radio. Smith's email bounced again this morning. Gmail works, though. Will send board communication via Gmail.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): The investment account value as of June 9, 2023, is \$791,210.42. We're up \$15,000 since May 31.

Library (Claypool): Made some progress on organizing donations since last time. Nothing specific to report now.

Quartermaster (Heide Nichols): No report

Archives (Cathy Johnson): Christian B. McGuire asked about the situation with the LASFS property that Marty Cantor was storing. It's still sealed, either in the apartment or his storage room. We received an offer from the Eaton Collection of Science Fiction & Fantasy at UC, Riverside: They want Cantor's fanzines, but we still need to sort out all of the fan history material. If you have information as to what

exactly is LASFS property, please contact Nick Smith.

McGuire thought that the storage unit was all LASFS property. Smith says that some is in his storage space, but some is in Cantor's storage space. Eaton is ready to receive more fannish materials, being more caught up on cataloging.

We can save on Archives by sending APA-L to Eaton. Smith is the one in communication with them regarding Cantor's stuff. They need things in boxes, not the whole filing cabinets: APA-L, *Shangri L'Affaires*, etc. Smith to contact Eaton, and to loop in McGuire and Cathy Johnson.

Physical Plant/Storage (Rob Powell): Nothing to report

AV Equipment (Dean Johnson): The AV equipment remains in storage.

Events (Eylat Poliner): Nick Smith has arranged for Marty Cantor's memorial gathering on June 17, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Barbara Harmon's house. It will be potluck. Poliner is helping set up, and Heath Row will support teardown. More board members and other longtime LASFSans, please come to help and greet. Smith has invited friends from the game community.

We're trying to get a portable restroom rental, but the Burbank service is reviewed as "awful," so Smith is still looking for an alternative. Poliner can ask Krystal Rains. Susan Fox will ask the Society for Creative Anachronism for recommendations.

Loscon 49 is totally on schedule, with a kickass awesome convention! Tell your friends. Full schedule of evening events. Elf Queen is interested in performing again, conditional against paid performance.

Loscon 50: Still working on contacting potential Guests of Honor. Michelle Pincus is in informal communication with potential Author Guest of Honor. Please wait a week for response. Pincus will get back to Poliner. Craig Miller and Genny Dazzo will be Fan Guests of Honor. Susan Fox will contact potential Music Guest of Honor.

The Greater Angeleno Gourmet Society (GAGS) might not happen this month because of budget issues.

Publications (Christian B. McGuire): See Archives discussion above

Marketing and Recruitment (Michelle Pincus): We have tables and tablers for the San Diego Comic-Con. Krystal Rains sold two memberships at Strategicon. Thanks to her!

Significant Others

Club President (Cathy Johnson): Can we do more auctions? Christian B. McGuire suggests July.

We have procedural officers for the second half 2023. Same slate.

- President: Cathy Johnson
- Vice President: Susan Fox
- Registrar: Eylat Poliner
- Scribe: Heath Row
- Treasurer: Elayne Plez with Debra Levin
- Meeting programming: Eylat Poliner

Some desire to hold live events or hybrid events.

Open Forum

Building discussion: Chris Marble has offered to donate \$50,000 to the building fund. We need at least \$1.2 million, of which we have \$791,000. Yeni Alvaraz is particularly enthusiastic and is scanning LoopNet. Lease budget? We can not afford a lease without draining our accounts.

Space: 3,900 square feet total for meeting, library, and social spaces. So far, Elayne Pelz can not get a commercial real estate agent interested.

Pelz asks: Does anybody have a contact in any city offices? The city of Los Angeles has an arts program for arts organizations to inhabit city-owned buildings, but the provisions seem to be too prohibitive.

If we get any leads, call the number on the For Sale sign. Or take a photo and Pelz can call them.

Eylat Poliner: Can we get the church we used before, or a cheaper space? Pelz says, maybe, if people are actually comfortable being there.

Cathy Johnson proposes a hybrid model, from now on, wherever the meeting takes place.

Christian B. McGuire: Any place we rent, we will have to set up, take down, and take away *all* the tech, every time. Johnson says it took 15 minutes at the most recent Westercon meeting.

Nick Smith: We need good Wi-Fi.

Johnson: The LASFS needs to request SCIFI officially to use the equipment. Not that much of an issue really.

Pelz: Please poll the club members next week about meeting in person and hybrid meeting technology. The church costs \$135 per meeting, which will quickly dispose of the income.

Gavin Claypool: The club should consider once a month as an in-person event and virtual meetings the rest of the time.

Poliner: In-person meetings could have auctions.

Johnson will ask on Thursday.

Pelz: Fanac would like to post *De Profundis* links, with the LASFS name mentioned for marketing benefit. Moved, seconded, and approved.

Take-Aways

Eaton collection, clubhouse search, Elayne Pelz to talk to Chris Marble about donation, Cathy Johnson to poll the club about in-person meetings.

Next Meeting Date

July 9, 2023, 11 a.m., same Zoom channel.

Adjournment

Occurred

**Where Did Cathy Go?
Meeting #4479, June 15, 2023**
Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Comic book artist Neal Adams
- Actor Neil Patrick Harris
- Fan turned pro Sondra Marshak

Dispatchings

- Actor Treat Williams
- Comic book artist John Romita, Sr.
- Courtesy of Heide Nichols: Cartoonist and animator James Ian McGinty

Media anniversary

Them! was released on this date in 1954.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles did not read the minutes for June 8, 2023. He will read them next week.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Eylay Poliner bid \$17, won, and did not name the minutes that weren't read, "Happy Birthday, Debra. These minutes were not named."

Celebration of Patron Saints

Sandy Cohen was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, Chris

Marble, and Heide Nichols. Cohen received three cheers—and a bag of Hersheys.

Hare Hobbs was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, Chris Marble, Eylat Poliner, Tom Safer, and Nick Smith. Hobbs received three cheers—and a book review.

Committee Reports

Marty Cantor's memorial (Eylat Poliner): This Saturday, June 17, at the home of Barbara Gratz Harmon from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Programming (Eylat Poliner):

- July 6: Big auction
- July 13: Author Craig Miller, *Star Wars Memories*
- Aug. 10: Planetary physicist Kevin R. Grazier
- Aug. 24: Tom Safer presents a program of cartoons after the meeting
- Sept. 7: Arlene Busby, Aerospace Legacy Foundation.
- Nov. 2: Board of Directors nominations.
- Nov. 9: Meeting #4500, Board of Directors elections
- Nov. 16: History of the LASFS
- Nov. 23: Meeting at Loscon 49
- Dec. 7: Nominations for president
- Dec. 14: Procedural elections
- Dec. 28: Loscon Retrospective

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): Loscon is shaping up to be round-the-clock fun.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by SCIFI.radio.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

No guests were present.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. The LASFS also welcomes donations. We need more money to get a new building.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting is July 9 at 11 a.m.

Old Business

Charles Lee Jackson II: Last week, we did not bid on ballot colors, part of the traditional LASFS election procedure.

Cathy Johnson bid \$11, won, and deemed that the color of the ballot for president shall be fuchsia.

Susan Fox bid \$20, won, and deemed that the color of the ballot for vice president shall be blue.

Matthew Mitchell bid \$12, won, and deemed that the color of the ballot for registrar shall be goldenrod.

Jim DeTar bid \$10, won, and deemed that the color of the ballot for scribe shall be puce.

Matthew B. Tepper bid \$20, won, and deemed that the color of the ballot for treasurer shall be pink.

New Business

Cathy Johnson took the pulse of LASFSans to see whether members are interested in resuming meetings at the rented church location, perhaps once a month. We'd hold hybrid meetings to accommodate people on Zoom. An informal vote indicated that members are indeed interested in exploring the option. Elayne Pelz will reach out to the church to see if we can begin meeting in person again.

Time-Bound Announcements

Tom Safer has resumed hosting screenings at the Frances Howard Goldwyn Hollywood Regional Branch Library. This Saturday, he'll screen *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile*.

Nick Smith: The New Beverly Cinema will screen a double feature of *Fantastic Planet* and *Heavy Metal* this weekend. The American Cinematheque will screen *Dr. Strangelove* on Sunday.

Moments of Science

Tom Safer: Three scientists from Today in Science History (https://todayinsci.com/6/6_15.htm)

- Herbert A. Simon
- Hubertus Strughold
- Georg Wüst
- And two events: vulcanized rubber and the lightning experiment (https://todayinsci.com/6/6_15.htm#event)

Lynn Maners: Paleoarchaeologists studying the Homo naledi and a burial site in the Rising Star Cave in Africa discovered that the small-brained creatures made and used fire as a tool, and created artwork on cave walls. Maners expects a new field of expertise to develop: paleoneurology.

Regular Announcements

Nick Smith: The La Pintoresca Branch Library, Octavia's Bookshelf, and the Huntington Library are collaborating on the Octavia Butler Sci-Fi Book Club in June, July, and August. ([https://www.pasadenanow.com/weekendr/pasadena-](https://www.pasadenanow.com/weekendr/pasadena-libraries-partner-to-launch-octavia-butler-sci-fi-book-club)

[libraries-partner-to-launch-octavia-butler-sci-fi-book-club](https://www.pasadenanow.com/weekendr/pasadena-libraries-partner-to-launch-octavia-butler-sci-fi-book-club))

Chris Marble: George Mulligan says hello. Marble also messaged him about the church key. Mulligan's continuing to get stronger, but they didn't go out for lunch yet.

Cathy Johnson has tickets for Dean's grandson's high school graduation tomorrow.

Reviews

Jim DeTar enjoyed the real-world artificial intelligence aspects of *Free Guy*.

Chris Marble went to his first Armenian wedding. It went well.

Lynn Maners isn't sure that he likes that *Babylon 5: The Road Home* is animated, but hearing those voices again sure gives him the tingles.

Miscellaneous

Charles Lee Jackson II exchanged messages with mystery author Sara Paretsky after she experienced some caramel-related dental challenges.

Rob Powell seeks help with 34 boxes of sf books in San Diego. Scribbles sent him contact information for the San Diego Speculative Fiction Society and Darkstar at UCSD.

Eylat Poliner thanked Jackson and Susan Fox for their help with programming.

Cathy Johnson reminded people about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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

I'm Just Here to Name the Minutes. Meeting #4480, June 22, 2023

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

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

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)
Susan Fox stood in for Nick Smith.

Hatchings

- Actor Bruce Campbell
- Actor Tim Russ
- Actor Lindsay Wagner
- Animator Joaquim Dos Santos
- Voice actor Paul Frees
- Actor and voice actor Orson Bean

Dispatchings

- Writer and editor Robert Gottlieb
- Actor Treat Williams
- Comic book artist John Romita Sr., also recognized last week

Media anniversaries

On this date, Bilbo Baggins of *The Hobbit* returned to his home at Bag End, Shire Reckoning 1342. *Lady and the Tramp* was released in 1955. *The Rescuers* was released in 1977. And *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom* was released in 2018. The final episode of *Xena: Warrior Princess* aired on June 18, 2001.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the minutes for June 8 and 15, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

- None for June 8
- None for June 15

Auction to Name the Minutes

Eylat Poliner bid \$8 to name June 8, 2023, won, and named the Cream of Menace “Happy Birthday, Debra.”

Lynn Maners bid \$5 to name June 15, 2023, won, and named the Cream of Menace “Where Did Cathy Go?”

Call for Approval

June 8 was moved to accept as read, and approved.

June 15 was moved to accept as read, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Ted Johnstone was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II. Johnstone received three cheers—and a gun from *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.* (The guns on that television program actually received fan mail!)

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner):

- July 6: Big auction
- July 13: Author Craig Miller, *Star Wars Memories*
- Aug. 10: Planetary physicist Kevin R. Grazier
- Aug. 17: Gail Carriger, *Divinity 36: Tinkered Starsong Book 1*
- Aug. 24: Tom Safer presents a program of cartoons after the meeting

Marty Cantor’s memorial gathering (Eylat Poliner): Poliner read a letter from Barbara Gratz

Harmon thanking LASFSans for their kindness and care at Cantor’s memorial gathering. Scribbles even did yard work.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held not by Susan Fox’s dog, but by SCIFI.radio.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

There are no guests present.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz exhorted members to donate, donate, donate.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Kevin Segall:

- *An Evening with Arnold Schwarzenegger* on Wednesday at the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, including a screening of *Terminator 2: Judgment Day* in 3D. Advance tickets are sold out. (<https://www.academymuseum.org/en/programs/detail/an-evening-with-arnold-schwarzenegger>)
- *An Evening with Sir Patrick Stewart* discussing his book *Making It So: A Memoir* at Robert Frost Auditorium in Culver City. In-person tickets are sold out, but virtual event tickets remain available. (<https://livetalksla.org/events/sir-patrick-stewart>)

Heide Nichols reminded members that this is the last weekend for the Koroneburg Renaissance Festival (<https://renfestcorona.com>), as well as a period-appropriate science fair Saturday.

Tom Safer: The Frances Howard Goldwyn Hollywood Regional Branch Library experienced a plumbing issue, so the screening of *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile* was rescheduled for July 1.

Moments of Science

Lee Grixit: This week in Somebody Tripped in Egypt, there were two big finds. One, a 52-foot-long undamaged wall with a previously undiscovered copy of Book of the Dead. Also, ancient Roman residences with pigeon towers were discovered in Luxor.

Tom Safer: From the Today in Science Page (https://todayinsci.com/6/6_22.htm)

- James H. Pomerene
- N. Howell Furman
- James Beaumont Neilson
- An event: Galileo Galilei was forced by the Inquisition to “abjure, curse, and detest” his Copernican heliocentric views in 1633.

Regular Announcements

Scribbles: A former member of the LASFS, Randy (or Isha) Mueller, who was then married to a man named Bill, reached out to the club. She was a member when David McDaniel served as scribe. She plans to donate APA-L covers and tables of contents from 1976-1977 to the club in memory of her ex-husband Bill, who died July 12, 2009. Mueller will mail the items to Scribbles, who will scan them for archiving, as well as placement in the LASFS archives or library.

Chris Marble visited Don Fitch this past week. Fitch continues to receive APA-L. Marble also visited George Mulligan today.

Matt Mitchell: A town in Broward County, Florida, was invaded by giant African land snails carrying rat lungworm, which can cause meningitis.

Reviews

Susan Fox: *The Good, the Bad and the History* (Chronicles of St. Mary's Book 14) by Jodi Taylor is very good. Fox plans to return to reading it immediately after the meeting.

Lee Grixit enjoys the YouTube series *Esoterica*, which explores arcane history, philosophy, and religion.

Eylat Poliner continues to watch *Star Trek: Strange New Worlds*.

Inspired by Jim Main's new magazine *The Screening Room*, Scribbles has started watching the 1999 TV series *Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World*—when he's not watching *Travelers*.

Charles Lee Jackson II read shooting scripts for *Dr. Goldfoot and the Bikini Machine* and *A Study in Terror*.

Miscellaneous

Lynn Maners spotted a baby Yoda patch on the uniform of a Ukrainian general.

Eylat Poliner will be absent the first three weeks of July, and Heide Nichols will serve in the role of registrar.

Cathy Johnson indicated that there will be no aftermeeting tonight.

Lynn Maners bid \$5 for Eylat Poliner to make a motion. Scribbles bid \$6. Maners bid \$7. Jim DeTar bid \$10 and won.

Call to Adjourn

With such encouragement, Eylat Poliner so moved. That was seconded. The ayes had it.

Upcoming Conventions

Aug. 18-20: Japan World Heroes, Burbank, <https://japanworldheroes.com>

Aug. 18-20: ToyXpo, Santa Clara, <https://bayareatoyexpo.com>

Aug. 20: Rose City Anifest, Rosemead, <https://www.626comicexpo.com/rose-city-anifest>

Aug. 26-27: Collect-A-Con, Long Beach, <https://collectaconusa.com/longbeach>

Aug. 27: Kin-Yoobi Con, Union City, <https://iie540.wixsite.com/kinyoobicon2023> (Aug. 25 online via Twitch)

Upcoming Events

Aug. 1-3: *Escape from New York* and *Total Recall* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 2: *Grave of the Fireflies* and *Rosemary's Baby* screenings at the Los Feliz Theatre

Aug. 4: *Dawn of the Dead* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 4: *Rosemary's Baby* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

Aug. 4: National Fantasy Fan Federation Video Bureau screening of *William Shatner's Star Trek Memories* online (4 p.m. PT, <https://tinyurl.com/N3F-Theatre>)

Aug. 5: *Grave of the Fireflies* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

Aug. 5: *The Exorcist Legacy: 50 Years of Fear* signing with Nat Segaloff at Dark Delicacies in Burbank

Aug. 5-6: *Inside Out* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 7: *A Nightmare on Elm Street* and *Rosemary's Baby* screenings at the Los Feliz Theatre

Aug. 9-10: *The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 10: *Blue Velvet* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

Aug. 11: *The Ring* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 11: *Rosemary's Baby* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

Aug 12: Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous Housefilk hosted by Lee and Barry Gold via Zoom. No pre-filk dinner. Filk style: Chaos.

Aug. 12: Cartoon Club screening at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 12: *The Man Who Fell to Earth* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 12: *Disney Chills—The Circle of Ter-Roar* signing with Vera Strange and *Hellaween* graphic novel signing with Moss Lawton at Dark Delicacies in Burbank

Aug. 12: N3F Video Bureau screening of *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* (1920) online (7 p.m. PT, <https://tinyurl.com/N3F-Theatre>)

Aug. 12-13: *Toy Story 3* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 12-13: *Blue Velvet* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

Aug. 14: *Teen Witch* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

Aug. 17: N3F Tape Bureau airing of Suspense episodes "Donovan's Brain, Part 1" (May 18, 1944) and "Donovan's Brain, Part 2" (May 25, 1944) online (4 p.m. PT, <https://tinyurl.com/N3F-Theatre>)

Aug. 18: *On the Silver Globe* screening at the Aero Theatre

Aug. 19: *Pinocchio* screenings at the Old Town Music Hall in El Segundo

Aug. 19: *M3gan* soundtrack signing with composer Anthony Willis at Dark Delicacies in Burbank

Aug. 19-20: *Evil Dead II*, *Superstition*, and *Trick or Treat* triple feature screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 26: *Maximum Overdrive* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 26: *101 Horror Books to Read Before You're Murdered* signing with Sadie Hartmann and *[NSFW]* signing with David Scott Hay at Dark Delicacies in Burbank

Game Days

Mondays

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

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

Warhammer: Age of Sigmar at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Tuesdays

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

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

Warhammer 40,000 at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Wednesdays

Dungeons & Dragons Adventurers League at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

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

Thursdays

Magic at Collector Legion in Lawndale

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

Warhammer 40,000 at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Fridays

Dungeons & Dragons Adventurers League at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

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

Saturdays

Magic at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Warhammer at Knight Ware (third Saturday of the month)

Sundays

Magic at Next-Gen Games and Odyssey Games in Pasadena

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

Please contact the con, store, or venue (or visit its Web site) to confirm any events and logistics before traveling to attend. Events and schedules are subject to change. Additions and updates welcome.

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

Clubzine Exchange

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

The BSFA Review #21 (British Science Fiction Association, July 2023), *Fanactivity Gazette* Vol. 3 #2 (National Fantasy Fan Federation, July 2023), *Ionisphere* #34 (N3F, March 2022), N'APA #265 (N3F, July 2023), *The National Fantasy Fan* Vol. 82 #7 (N3F, July 2023), *The N3F Review of Books* (N3F, August 2023), *Origin* #65 (N3F, July 2023), and *Tightbeam* #346 (N3F, July 2023).

We also heard from the Baltimore Science Fiction Society, the Bay Area Science Fiction Association, the British Fantasy Society, the

Canadian Science Fiction & Fantasy Association, Melody Friedenthal of the Worcester (Mass.) Public Library's science fiction book club, Parsec (Pittsburgh), the Science Fiction & Fantasy Poetry Association, and the USS Angeles.

Fanzines and Prozines Received

These items aren't received in trade for *De Prof*, but are received, read, and recommended by Scribbles. I can't send you these, but you can explore them yourself:

Apex Magazine #139, *BFS Horizons* #16 (British Fantasy Society), *The Crown Prints* Vol. 25 #1 (August 2023), *Dwarf Stars 2023* (Science Fiction & Fantasy Poetry Association), *Intermission* #134 (July 2023), *Locus* #750 (July 2023), *The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction* (July/August 2023), *The MT Void* #2283-2285 (July 2023), *The Obdurate Eye* #29 (July 2023), *Pablo Lennis* #428 (July 2023), *The 2023 Rhysling Anthology* (SFPA), *Shooting My CUFFs* #4 (July 2023), *Star*Line* #46.3 (SFPA, Summer 2023), and *Uncanny* #53 (July/August 2023).

New fanzines available via <https://efanzines.com> include *Askance* #55, *Captain Flashback* #56, *Claims Department* #45-48, *Cyber Cozen* Vol. 35 #7, *JenZine* #5, *Journey Planet* #74, *My Back Pages* #28, *The Obdurate Eye* #29, *Opuntia* #552-554, *Perryscope* #34, *The Ray X X-Rayer* #171, *SF Commentary* #112, *Spartacus* #67, and *Wild Ideas* #37.