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* **Thursday Programme Items: Feb. 29**—potential meeting in person (and online)—to be confirmed—at Denny’s, 5525 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90049. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., meeting at 8 p.m., aftermeeting there afterward.

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.

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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.

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January-June 2024

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

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Chairman: Matthew B. Tepper (2026)
Vice Chairman: Heide Nichols (2025)
Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2025)
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Cathy Johnson (2024), Dean Johnson (2025), Christian B. McGuire (2026), Elayne Pelz (2026), Eylat Poliner (2024), and Rob Powell (2026)

Special Advisors

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

Appointed Officials

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

Condensed Cream of Menace

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

Buy Loscon 50 Memberships. Meeting #4503, Nov. 30, 2023

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order 56 seconds into the video recording.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Filmmaker Ridley Scott (b. Nov. 30, 1937)
- Actor Kevin Conroy (b. Nov. 30, 1955; d. Nov. 10, 2022)
- Actor Efrem Zimbalist Jr. (b. Nov. 30, 1918; d. May 2, 2014)
- Author and fan Debra Doyle (b. Nov. 30, 1952; d. Oct. 31, 2020)
- Singer, musician, actor, and artist Cherie Currie (b. Nov. 30, 1959)

Dispatchings

- Director Elliot Silverstein (b. Aug. 3, 1927; d. Nov. 24, 2023)
- Television creator, writer, and puppeteer Marty Krofft (b. April 9, 1937; d. Nov. 25, 2023)
- Cinematographer Victor J. Kemper (b. April 14, 1927; d. Nov. 27, 2023)

Media anniversary

The American release of *Godzilla Minus One* is arguably today—or Dec. 1. On this date in 1990, the Stephen King movie *Misery* premiered.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Susan Fox read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Nov. 23, 2023. (Scribbles accidentally read them again Dec. 7, 2023.)

Additions and Corrections

Cathy Johnson clarified the surname of John Spence.

Chris Marble remembered a Captain Kirk reference as 12 inches. Susan Fox indicated that she might have misspoken, indicating six inches.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Chris Marble bid \$5, won, and named them "Chris Named These Minutes."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as amended, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Frank Gasperik was celebrated and recognized by Cathy Johnson, Chris Marble, and Matthew B. Tepper. Gasperik received three cheers.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- Dec. 7: Nominations for President
- Dec. 14: Procedural elections
- Dec. 28: Loscon Retrospective

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): The con was fabulous and everyone had a good time.

Members complimented the staff and programming. Even the guests of honor had a wonderful time. Attendance was 615.

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): The guests of honor will include Writer GoH Spider Robinson, Artist GoH Laura Brodian Freas Beraha, Artist Ghost of Honor Kelly Freas, Music GoH Kathy Mar, and Fan Guests of Honor Genny Dazzo and Craig Miller. The Web site is now live.

223 people bought memberships at Loscon 49. Poliner thanked Rains for the Loscon 50 party. Susan Fox reported that the fireplace was fabulous.

Tad Daley remarked that the programming was a real home run. There were 600 people there, but none of them are here tonight. We can do more during Loscon to tell people about the club and its meetings.

Fox agreed that it's a good idea and asked him to staff a fan table next year. Daley agreed to do so and suggested we make a club flier to distribute at registration. We could also email members to thank them for participating—and to let them know about the club, too.

Poliner directed that request to the marketing team. She and Fox will include club publicity in a Loscon 50 email in January.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by CLJII's Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices. (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064562504969>) The site's new season goes live tonight at midnight and will continue through Dec. 25.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

William Zain joined us for his first meeting and is going to consider joining in the future. Eylat Poliner shared some information about the club, and Cathy Johnson welcomed him. Zain's a member of the Worlds of Wonder Toastmasters, which focuses on science fiction and fantasy, as well as leadership and public speaking. (<https://www.toastmasters.org/Find-a-Club/28675457-worlds-of-wonder-toastmasters>) He learned about the LASFS from another member. He lives in Anaheim.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues. Cathy Johnson indicated that annual dues can be paid now, too. J.P. Van Gordon reminded members that they need to pay their dues to vote.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting is Dec. 10 at 11 a.m.

Old Business

Cathy Johnson indicated that we'd still like to find a place to meet. If you have any recommendations, contact Elayne Pelz.

Charles Lee Jackson II: Next week, we'll hold nominations for the LASFS president. He will explain the voting procedure in detail.

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith

- Dark Delicacies will celebrate the store's 29th anniversary with a signing this Saturday with Fred Dekker, director of *The Monster Squad*, and Andrew Scott Bell, composer of the score to *Winnie the Pooh: Blood and Honey*.
- Vidiots will screen *Shrek* as their Saturday matinee, followed by *Xanadu* and *Batman Returns*. *My Neighbor Totoro* will be the Sunday matinee.
- On Saturday, Fathom Events will simulcast a performance of *The Magic Flute* to a number of movie theaters, including Cinemark Century North Hollywood, the AMC Burbank 16 and Universal Cinema AMC at CityWalk Hollywood.
- Heritage Square Museum will host an evening of Victorian ghost stories this Saturday as a fundraiser.

Moments of Science

Debra Levin stumbled across a study involving 22 sets of identical twins. One twin ate a vegan diet, and the other twin ate a healthy omnivore diet. The study found that the vegan diet might be more healthy, but it's a small sample size.

Regular Announcements

Chris Marble reported that George Mulligan almost got out of bed yesterday.

Reviews

Nick Smith reviewed Charles Lee Jackson II's new book, *Your Best Entertainment*. He indicated that it's good for movie buffs and newcomers alike—and that it draws on a wide range of categories.

Charles Lee Jackson II reviewed Smith's review, commenting that Smith understood what Jackson had wanted to accomplish with the book.

Eylat Poliner commented on Loscon 49. It was fun to see people who are family and extended family. The Loscon 50 party was really good. She also reviewed the latest *Doctor Who* episode. She's very excited about future episodes.

Christine Lipscomb asked if it was the Christmas special.

Susan Fox said there are three 60th anniversary specials leading up to the start of the new season on Christmas Day.

Tad Daley shared convention regrets from Dr. Jane Shevtsov, who was unable to participate because of COVID-19. The Long Beach Geeks karaoke party was fun. Arlene Busby's programming was wonderful. Daley's favorite panel was "If You Had a Time Machine, Where Would You Go and What Would You Do?"

Peter Santell saw the 1967 movie *Solaris*, which was great.

Jackson remarked on the diverse programming at Loscon. He was pleased by the assortment of topics.

Nola Frame-Gray had a great time and enjoyed the book discussions hosted by John Hertz. She reported that it was challenging to learn about parties outside of the hospitality suite.

Members including Poliner, Susan Fox, Cathy Johnson, and Jackson discussed the inconsistent presence of party fliers.

Frame-Gray said a program book—in addition to pocket programs—would be helpful. Michelle Pincus indicated that we'll never publish a program book again.

Frame-Gray also couldn't find handicap services and was informed it was next to registration. Regardless, Frame-Gray had a great time and bought a membership for next year.

Smith mentioned that one of the highlights happened in the autograph area. Brandie June dressed as one of the characters from her novels. Members discussed the cosplay contest. Jackson offered some feedback on the organization of the autograph area.

Miscellaneous

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Christine Lipscomb asked if we're sharing Loscon pictures anywhere.

Krystal Rains indicated that it's best to post them on Loscon's Facebook page. Please use the hashtag so they're easier to find.

Call to Adjourn

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

\$10 Worth of Weird.

Meeting #4504, Dec. 7, 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

- Author Leigh Brackett (b. Dec. 7, 1915; d. March 18, 1978)
- Actor Johnny Duncan (b. Dec. 7, 1923; d. Feb. 8, 2016)
- Author Kelly Barnhill (b. Dec. 7, 1973)

Dispatchings

- Screenwriter and producer Norman Lear (b. July 27, 1922; d. Dec. 5, 2023)
- Fan, LASFS member, and crafter Marilyn "Fuzzy Pink" Niven (b. Aug. 25, 1940; d. Dec. 3, 2023)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1996, the television movie *The Cold Equations* first aired. It was based on the short story by Tom Godwin.

Reminiscences

Marilyn "Fuzzy Pink" Niven was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Heide Nichols, Michelle Pincus, Scribbles, Allison Stern, and Peggy Wu. Niven received three cheers. The club then recognized a minute of silence in honor of Niven.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Nov. 16 and 23, 2023. (Susan Fox had previously read Nov. 23 on Nov. 30, 2023.)

Additions and Corrections

Nov. 16, 2023: Heide Nichols requested that patron saint Milt Stevens also be recognized as a sacred object and heavenly body in the minutes. Eylat Poliner expanded on the questions she posed to open the panel discussion.

Nov. 23, 2023: Susan Fox clarified the surname of John Spence.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Nov. 16, 2023: Heide Nichols bid \$6, won, and named them "I Miss You, Uncle Milty."

Nov. 23, 2023: Eylat Poliner bid \$10, won, and Susan Fox named them "Unnamed."

Call for Approval

Nov. 16, 2023: Moved to accept as amended, and approved.

Nov. 23, 2023: Moved to accept as amended, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Marty Massoglia was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, Chris Marble, and Allison Stern. Massoglia received three cheers.

Susan Cross was celebrated and recognized by Matthew B. Tepper. Cross received three cheers.

Chris Marble was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, Heide Nichols, Eylat Poliner, Allison Stern, and Matthew B. Tepper. Marble received three cheers—and mutton chops.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- Dec. 7: Nominations for President
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- Dec. 28: Loscon Retrospective

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): Poliner mentioned Loscon 50's guests of honor: Writer GoH Spider Robinson, Artist GoH Laura Brodian Freas

Beraha, Artist Ghost of Honor Kelly Freas, Music GoH Kathy Mar, and Fan Guests of Honor Genny Dazzo and Craig Miller

If you have programming ideas for Loscon, check back on the Web site in the next few weeks. You can submit a Google form to our programming person, and she will receive it.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)
The Spot of Honor is held by CLJII's Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices, a free Facebook page. (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064562504969>)

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)
We have no guests today.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)
Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)
The next board meeting is Sunday, Dec. 10, at 11 a.m.

Old Business
Presidential nominations (Charles Lee Jackson II): Next week the LASFS will hold elections for the procedural officers for the first half of 2024. This week, we open the nominations for president.

Jackson described the role and duties of the president. (<https://lasfs.org/lasfs-by-laws>)

Nominations:

- Heide Nichols nominated Cathy Johnson, who accepted
- Chris Marble nominated J.P. Van Gordon, who was held in abeyance.

The nominations were recessed until next week.

New Business
None

Time-Bound Announcements
Nick Smith

- Dark Delicacies is hosting a double signing this Saturday, including a Christmas horror title, Brian McAuley's *Candy Cain Kills*; Jonathan Maberry's anthology *Weird Tales: 100 Years of Weird*; and Kevin J. Anderson's anthology *Joe Ledger: Unbreakable*.
- The Egyptian Theatre will screen *The Terminator* on Friday.
- The Aero Theatre will show *Metropolis* on Saturday and *Interstellar* on Sunday.

- The New Beverly Cinema will host its Cartoon Club and screen *Mary Poppins* on Saturday.

Moments of Science

Nick Smith: NASA offers a new streaming Web site called NASA+, <https://plus.nasa.gov>.

Heide Nichols: A temple linked to Hercules and Alexander the Great was discovered in a megacity in Iraq. (<https://www.livescience.com/archaeology/temple-linked-to-hercules-and-alexander-the-great-discovered-in-ancient-megacity-in-iraq>)

Also, one of the nascent volcanoes along the Pacific Rim erupted recently underwater and might have caused an earthquake in Japan.

Victor Khaze: Armenia launched its first homegrown, home-designed satellite with SpaceX about a week ago. (<https://www.azatutyun.am/a/32710347.html>)

Reviews

Eylat Poliner is very excited about the new *Doctor Who*.

Nick Smith remarked that the first new *Doctor Who* special is based on a 1980 Marvel UK comic book.

Matt Mitchell also enjoyed the new *Doctor Who*. He indicated that the Tubi streaming service now offers the first seven doctors. (<https://tubitv.com/series/300001752/classic-doctor-who-the-first-doctor>)

Smith dispelled the myth of mermaids not being dark skinned by discussing Yuruba folklore and Natasha Bowen's *Skin of the Sea*, a fascinating book. (<https://amzn.to/3SJ3SXP>)

Charles Lee Jackson II asked Smith if his publisher can quote his review of *Your Best Entertainment*. Smith gave such permission.

Michelle Pincus reported that *Star Trek: Strange New Worlds* is great, *Godzilla Minus One* is very good, and *The Boy and the Heron* is also good.

Chris Marble said that *The Marvels* was fine.

Miscellaneous

Chris Marble went to see George Mulligan earlier today.

Charles Lee Jackson II has been having difficulty with mail delivery. A recently received voting reminder appeared to have been tampered with.

Michael Siladi reported not receiving recent voting information in Mountain View. Somehow, his registration address had been changed to one from 40 years ago. He encouraged

members to check their registrations to ensure you're eligible to vote.

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Jackson reminded people that next week we'll vote on president, vice president, registrar, and scribe.

Matthew B. Tepper is planning to see the forthcoming movie *Migration*, which is about ducks.

Call to Adjourn

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

Board Meeting

Dec. 10, 2023

Michelle Pincus, chairing
Susan Fox, Secretary

Call to Order

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: board member-elect Matthew B. Tepper, Webmistress Kristine Cherry, and club member observers Tony Benoun, Anita Nuñez, Victor Khaze, and Matt Mitchell.

Minutes

Approved and accepted

New Members

The board approved new members Jennifer Dougherty (Echo Skyhorse) and Riley Kim.

Treasurer's Report (Elayne Pelz)

In the treasury: \$59,851.17.

30-Second Reports

Chairman (Michelle Pincus): No report

Vice Chairman (Nick Smith): No report

Secretary (Susan Fox): No report

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): There is \$850,634.04 in the investment accounts as of Friday.

Library (Gavin Claypool): The library sale at Loscon brought in \$729 in cash and \$243.50 in credit, totalling more than \$900 after service charges.

Quartermaster (Heide Nichols): No report
Archives (Cathy Johnson): No report
Physical Plant/Storage (Rob Powell): We had a convention. Stuff has been moved and out. More later.

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

Events (Eylat Poliner): No report

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): Loscon 49 had 615 warm bodies in person. Everyone with receipts should submit them to Elayne Pelz ASAP and we can close the books at the January meeting.

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): We are fully staffed except for the Art Show. Elizabeth Klein Lebeck has yet to respond. We have four guests of honor and one ghost.

Poliner offered a huge shout out to Krystal Rains and Richard Costas, who threw the amazing party Friday and Saturday. Susan Fox sold 223 memberships at the sales table on the con floor. Kristine Cherry is doing an amazing, incredible job with the Web site. Thanks to an incredible team.

Publications (Christian McGuire): We still have *De Profundis* coming out strong, thanks to Heath Row.

Marketing and Recruitment (Michelle Pincus): We're working on tabling for Loscon 50 this year at other conventions.

Significant Others

Club President (Cathy Johnson): We are still meeting on Zoom. We've had some great program items recently. Thank you Eylat Poliner. We're still looking for live meeting space rentals.

Elayne Pelz has checked every church and bank in the North Valley. There's no availability on Thursday nights. She encouraged everyone else to check in their areas. Pelz would allow \$75 for one night a month, to seat 30.

Live meetings will be hybrid for the benefit of non-local members.

Webmistress (Kristine Cherry): She's working on the Patron Saint list, minutes, and more. She recently purchased the SSL certificate for the new Web site. There's a meeting tomorrow for content on the club and convention Web sites.

Pelz encouraged her to let her know when she can update forwarders. Cherry that could probably happen today. She will maintain those from now on, so everything stays current and does not crash. She will put people in as editors only with no ability to install software.

Pelz asked whether the board can appoint an official Loscon Webmaster. Cherry was

appointed as Loscon as well as LASFS Webmistress.

Agenda Items

Rob Powell wants to discuss the LASFS storage.

Pictures of a pile of leftover books from the book sale were shown. Gavin Claypool has picked them up and left the packing material for the art show. For a later auction, we have leftover boxes from Karl Lembke's stuff and more. The flat packs are pictures

ALA con suite stuff not taken to Loscon includes cooking equipment. The ALA no longer has a con suite; stuff will be donated. Eylat Poliner will bring the water and soda to Gallifrey One.

Michelle Pincus asked about the eight bins of sewing stuff and costume materials, and two boxes of board games. Does it belong to Gallifrey One? Ask Maria [Rodriguez?] or Shawn and Colleen Crosby to find out to whom it belongs.

Heide Nichols indicated that some board games went missing last year. Let's see if these are the ones. If so, she can take care of those.

We're also still working on Lembke's boxes, including filk songs. Susan Fox and Nichols spoke up about those.

After loading, Powell has convention stuff storage repacked and organized with a couple of emptied bins. He thanked the load and unload volunteers, who unloaded in about two hours. No meal was bought for unloading; nobody wanted it.

Elayne Pelz might be able to get the taxes paid by Jan. 1, 2024.

We don't use laminators anymore. We have a large supply of those little plastic badges. Gallifrey One orders lanyards every year, and they come with laminator badges, which they don't use. Pelz commandeers them so we can use them for Loscon. Nick Smith suggested using them for Worldcon, too. Pelz says No Laminators Ever.

Pelz also has money stuff to discuss. It's a sticky subject. Our big fat storage bill is going up by \$50/month to \$900/month. A couple of months ago, she approached two people about storing the APA-L archives. No home was found, and nobody wants them, including Eaton in Riverside. Universities already have them. Fanac and other fan groups? Nobody wants them. She asked for permission to humanely dispose of about 12 filing cabinets worth—and the cabinets.

Heide Nichols: Could we first put a shout out to other fannish publications and let them know they are available? There might be someone we don't know about yet. Nichols will get the information and put it in *File 770*; Kristine Cherry will post it on the LASFS Web site.

Gavin Claypool: Was the University of Iowa contacted? Pelz indicated yes.

A motion was made: The paper and filing cabinets will be humanely disposed of. Recipients should pay for shipping; no costs to be incurred by the club.

Pelz wants to dispose of them immediately. A vote was held: six ayes, one nay, two abstentions.

The motion passed. Pelz will take out early stuff that is not APA-L, such as stuff from the 1940s and 1950s, which she will send to Fanac. Pelz wants Cathy Johnson as Archives to take a look to see what is in there. Pelz also wants to donate the empty filing cabinets. If you want one, take it away when she goes there. That won't happen before Christmas, probably before ALA and Gallifrey One, on a weekend.

Nichols: Does that free her from writing to writing to *File 770*? Yes, it does.

Regarding clubhouse materials kept at Green Mountain Storage, Powell reported that we are paying for empty filing cabinets and existing shelves. At what point does the cost of storing them exceed the value of the shelves? Elayne Pelz wants to keep them because they were custom made to fit paperbacks. She wants to examine the storage space to see what is in there: display cases, bookcases, filing bins, and what else?

Tony Benoun: As one of the people who donated a display cabinet, he doesn't mind if it is disposed of.

Heide Nichols: Instead of mere donation, could we put saleable items on Craigslist? Even at \$10, is it worth a volunteer's time and gas? The volunteer will need to go there to throw it out.

Gavin Claypool expressed interest in going there in January to see what's there for the library. Pelz indicated that it costs us money to access the storage because they are pods: about \$50. Powell has pictures dated March 6, 2022, of the pods.

Pelz will have the storage place trash the filing cabinets and the unwanted portion of the contents. Nichols asked how much a scrap metal place would charge. We would have to empty them first.

The storage facility is too expensive, inconvenient, and charges for access. Should we change it? Pelz indicated that it's still the cheapest for the amount of stuff we have, for bulk long-term storage.

Open Forum

Heide Nichols: Anita Nunez sent a letter on how the convention post-event reports should be made.

Gavin Claypool asked how the letter was distributed. It was sent to boardofdirectors@lasfs.org dated Dec. 8, 2023. Claypool and Nick Smith did not receive the letter. Michelle Pincus will forward. Smith remarked that Gmail has been returning email due to changing security standards.

Cathy Johnson: We have struggled in the past with communication between con chairs and department heads and personnel.

Elyne Pelz: I think that the major problem that Victor Khaze and Nunez were pointing out was communication with the chair not communicating with the vice chair, who was not allowed to do anything. She did not train him or give him any jobs. Pelz got Phoenix involved with things, but they did not know what to do and had to be taught every task.

Eylat Poliner: You also have to look at someone's age when you bring them in and consider their past history, what they already know and have done before. If you promise guidance, then guidance needs to be delivered. I would not expect Phoenix to know these things without guidance. Poliner is allowing Susan Fox to be an equal partner in running the convention and at events.

There was a major lack of communication about what was expected of the vice chairman. Phoenix was checking at Hospitality to see what they needed, but there should be more than that.

Heide Nichols: Failure to communicate seems systemic to Loscon chairs. I can think of multiple examples. She reiterated that we need a post-mortem of the good and bad, and reports from all department heads.

Nichols had one difficulty and brought it to Operations' attention: Only Phoenix checked up on the 16th floor on a regular basis. If Nichols had needed a bathroom break or any help, she had no phone and no way to communicate with Ops. Only Phoenix.

Smith tried to check in on the music room but nobody was usually there. Friday had almost no attendance until the drum circle late in the

afternoon. There was another problem on Sunday morning: Nobody signed up for the filk contest so there was no filk contest. Three people showed up for Gene [Turnbow?]'s instrument jam, which was enjoyable. Meanwhile, back on point: Nunez and Khaze's letter was helpful in reporting what was working or not.

Poliner: The current chair requests all such information. The LASFS meeting on Dec. 28 will serve as a feedback meeting. There could be another one in January or February for those who can not attend Dec. 28. How Phoenix feels should be addressed; they feel slighted. Poliner and Fox welcome them to stick with us to learn and help. She welcomes the family to stay with Loscon as Information. Communication starts at the top.

Johnson moved that the board send an apology to Phoenix. Nunez remarked that Phoenix does not wish to be contacted at this time. Khaze indicated that their letter includes more suggestions of what to include. A Loscon meeting would go well.

Nunez suggested a feedback poll using Google Forms. Poliner encouraged people to move forward and include her and Fox.

Take-Aways

Elyne Pelz: Disposal of file cabinets and APA-L archives to try to reduce storage to save money. Rob Powell will contact people about specifics in storage—and will do a slideshow after the meeting.

Next Meeting Date

Jan. 14, 2024, at 11 a.m.

ALA is Jan. 4-7, not a conflict this year.

Adjournment

Occurred at 12:26 p.m.

We Have Rain Predicted for the Next Two Nights in Tucson. Thank You, California. Meeting #4505, Dec. 14, 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

- Artist and author David A. Cherry (b. Dec. 14, 1949)

- Sports commentator, actor, and retired professional tennis player Vijay Amritraj (b. Dec. 14, 1953)
- Actor James Horan (b. Dec. 14, 1954)

Dispatchings

- Manager, writer, and producer Stan Rogow (b. Nov. 30, 1948; d. Dec. 7, 2023)
- Actor Andre Braugher (b. July 1, 1962; d. Dec. 11, 2023)
- Actor, writer, film editor, and psychotherapist Camden Toy (b. May 31, 1955; d. Dec. 11, 2023)
- Actor Ryan O'Neal (b. April 20, 1941; d. Dec. 8, 2023)
- Author David Drake (b. Sept. 24, 1945; d. Dec. 10, 2023)
- Writer Tony N. Todaro, president of the Greater Los Angeles Writers Society (b. June 1946; d. Dec. 12, 2023)
- Courtesy of Matthew B. Tepper: Fan Peter Edick (b. Jan. 17, 1949; d. December 2023)

The club recognized a minute of silence in honor of those lost.

Media anniversary

On this date in 1984, David Lynch's version of *Dune* entered limited release. John Carpenter's *Starman* and *Runaway* were also released on that same date. The 1984 version of *1984*, ironically, wasn't released generally until 1985. (It entered limited release in December 1984.)

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Dec. 7, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

Nick Smith asked Scribbles to confirm the title of Jonathan Maberry's anthology.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Eylat Poliner bid \$6, then \$7, then \$8, then \$10, won, and deferred to Scribbles for naming. Scribbles named them "\$10 Worth of Weird."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as read, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Fred Patten was celebrated and recognized by Lee Grixit, Charles Lee Jackson II, Heide Nichols, Eylat Poliner, Scribbles, and Nick Smith. Patten received three cheers—and an extra yee-hah.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- Dec. 14: Procedural elections
- Dec. 28: Loscon Retrospective

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by CLJII's Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices, a free Facebook page. (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064562504969>)

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

We do not have any guests, but we do have a returning member, Mariel Tripato. She said hello.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz waved her hand and Cathy Johnson reminded members to pay their dues.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting is Sunday, Jan. 14, at 11 a.m.

Old Business

The LASFS held an election of procedural offices. Charles Lee Jackson II explained the role of the procedural offices, which run and operate the club and its meetings day to day. He then described the role of the president. (<https://lasfs.org/lasfs-by-laws>)

Last week, when the nominations were open, we had two nominations. Cathy Johnson accepted, but J.P. Van Gordon was not available. Van Gordon declined the nomination. Jackson asked for further nominations. Eylat Poliner renominated Cathy Johnson, which was unnecessary. Nominations were closed.

The membership voted. There were no nay votes, and Jackson abstained. Cathy Johnson was elected president.

Jackson then described the role of vice-president from the By-Laws. He opened nominations for vice-president. Matt Mitchell nominated Susan Fox, who declined. Fox nominated Eylat Poliner, who accepted. Jackson closed nominations.

The membership voted. Eylat Poliner was elected vice-president.

Jackson described the registrar's duties from the By-Laws. He opened nominations. Eylat Poliner nominated Heide Nichols, who accepted. Jackson closed nominations.

The membership voted. Heide Nichols was elected registrar.

Jackson also described the duties of the scribe. He opened nominations. Eylat Poliner nominated Scribbles, as did Heide Nichols and

several other members. Jackson closed nominations.

The membership voted. Scribbles was elected scribe.

The elections were closed.

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Cathy Johnson: Joyce Wolf sent in an announcement. A friend of the LASFS who lives in the Glendale/Pasadena area has a collection of *Locus* magazines dating from 1995 through 2007. She would like to give the collection away as a whole or in portions, whichever interested parties prefer. There is an inventory list available, and the donor prefers that the magazines be picked up rather than shipped. If you're interested, call Joyce Wolf at 818-249-4056 or email joycewolf@earthlink.net.

Victor Khaze suggested that if an enthusiastic home can't be found for the magazines, the Open Bookstore in Northridge (8727 Tampa Ave.) might be a good place to take them. He recently picked up a bunch of older sf and fantasy magazines there, so they definitely buy such things.

Nick Smith:

- Dark Delicacies will host a signing Saturday with Mike Mendez, Alejandro Bragues and Efen Ramirez, Jonah Ray, Morgana Ignis, and Norman Cabrera, directors of the anthology film *Satanic Hispanics*. On Sunday, there's a signing of the novelization of *Silent Night, Deadly Night* with Armando Munoz.
- Monday night, the Los Feliz Theatre will screen *Repo Man*.
- The Egyptian Theatre is showing the Zac Snyder film *Rebel Moon—Part One: A Child of Fire*.
- Saturday and Sunday, the New Beverly Cinema will screen *The Muppet Christmas Carol*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, and *Gremlins*. Monday and Tuesday, they'll show *Children of Men* and *Snowpiercer*.

Michelle Pincus: Hare Hobbs's mother called her this afternoon. He's feeling detached from the LASFS and isolated. Pincus encouraged members to reach out to him.

Moments of Science

Lee Grixit: Researchers have developed a micro-brain voice-recognition system using brain

cells and stem cells. (<https://www.technologyreview.com/2023/12/11/1084926/human-brain-cells-chip-organoid-speech-recognition>) It's fascinating and somewhat disturbing.

The science of communications revisited one of its oldest forms, the tin-can telephone. When you lay a lot of fiber optic cable, its vibrations can also be used.

Regular Announcements

Susan Fox: Apple TV+ picked up Martha Wells's *The Murderbot Diaries*, which might not bode well for *Foundation*, also produced by David S. Goyer.

Charles Lee Jackson II recently realized that he habitually uses Disney's two-finger pointing method. He demonstrated how that is different from the Moe point. Jackson also posted on the Disneyland Former Cast Members and Fans Facebook group about that realization. He received about 200 responses.

Reviews

Nick Smith recently watched *Runaway*. It has a really strange Michael Crichton plot involving robotics and weaponry, and had a relatively small budget.

Matt Mitchell watched the third *Doctor Who* anniversary special. It was surprising. Julie Scott agreed that it was awesome. Eylat Poliner bounced in her chair.

Lee Grixit recently watched the 2022 British series *The Lazarus Project*, which takes an interesting approach to time travel and memory.

Charles Lee Jackson II recommended *The Toys That Built America* on The History Channel. (<https://www.history.com/shows/the-toys-that-built-america>) An episode focused on the development of Santa Claus over the last 100 years.

Cathy Johnson mentioned the third episode of the newest *Connections* series. James Burke is making some really cool connections as he extrapolates what life might be like in the future.

Miscellaneous

Debra Levin apologized for being off screen during the treasurer's report. She had received a telephone call from a family number.

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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

**Thank You, Heath.
Meeting #4506, Dec. 21, 2023**

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Artist Hubert Rogers (b. Dec. 21, 1898; d. May 12, 1982)
- Actor Samuel L. Jackson (b. Dec. 21, 1948)
- Actor and musician Kiefer Sutherland (b. Dec. 21, 1966)
- Actor Michelle Hurd (b. Dec. 21, 1966)

Dispatchings

- Actor James McCaffrey (b. March 27, 1958; d. Dec. 17, 2023)
- Actor and stuntman Kenpachiro Satsuma (b. May 27, 1947; d. Dec. 16, 2023)
- Writer, humorist, and journalist Dan Greenburg (b. June 20, 1936; d. Dec. 18, 2023)
- Guitarist, singer, and songwriter Bob Johnson (b. March 18, 1944; d. Dec. 15, 2023)

Media anniversary

60 years ago, *Doctor Who* first aired the serial "The Daleks" on Dec. 21, 1963. Also on this date in 1981, the last episode of *Blake's 7* aired. Two of the actors still alive, Sally Knyvette and Jan Chappell, will be at Gallifrey One in February.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Nov. 9 and Dec. 14, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

Nov. 9, 2023: None

Dec. 14, 2023: Nick Smith clarified that he'd also mentioned *1984*, which was released in 1985.

Charles Lee Jackson II offered additional commentary on the Disney two-finger point. He posted about it on the Disneyland Former Cast Members and Fans Facebook group and received about 200 responses.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Nov. 9, 2023: Debra Levin bid \$5, won, and named them "Grumble Mumble Grumble Mumble."

Dec. 14, 2023: Lyn Maners bid \$5, won, and named them "We Have Rain Predicted for the Next Two Nights in Tucson. Thank You, California."

Call for Approval

Nov. 9, 2023: Moved to accept as read, and approved.

Dec. 14, 2023: Moved to accept as amended, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Steve McGinty was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II. McGinty received three cheers.

Heide Nichols was celebrated and recognized by Cathy Johnson, Debra Levin, and Eylat Poliner. Nichols received three cheers.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- Dec. 28: Loscon Retrospective

Poliner asked that the Dec. 28 program take place during Old Business. Poliner volunteered to pay the dues for that meeting for anyone who can't pay their dues that week.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by CLJII's Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices. (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064562504969>)

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

We have no guests tonight.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. It's creeping on to 2024. Yearly dues cost \$135.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

Michelle Pincus thanked outgoing board member Nick Smith for doing a good job. The next board meeting is Sunday, Jan. 14, at 11 a.m.

Old Business

Nick Smith has found the LASFS a meeting space. It's a meeting room with a small elevated stage for the president and scribe, chairs and tables, and Wi-Fi for the hybrid meeting. The space belongs to a theater organization, New

Musicals Inc. (<https://nmi.org>), and is located at 5628 Vineland Ave. in North Hollywood. We have it reserved for Jan. 25, 2024, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., and if we like it, we can book future meetings there.

The location is within walking distance of public transportation, and there are multiple restaurants nearby for an aftermeeting. Members are encouraged to bring cash for the honor-box snacks on site as well as a Big Auction. There isn't a separate parking lot, but there should be street parking on Vineland.

The rental cost is about \$100 a meeting.

Members applauded Smith for finding the meeting location.

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith

- American Cinematheque at the Egyptian Theatre will screen *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World* on Friday. On Saturday, they'll show *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Batman Returns*, and *Die Hard*.
- The New Beverly Cinema will screen *Prometheus* on Friday, *Arthur Christmas* on Saturday, *Die Hard* on Sunday, and the Marx Brothers' *A Night at the Opera* and *Go West* on Monday.
- Vidiots plans to screen *The Muppet Christmas Carol*, *Elf*, and *Black Christmas*. On Sunday they'll show *The Wizard of Oz* and *Die Hard*. They're closed Monday. On Tuesday, they'll screen *Star Trek: First Contact*.
- Landmark's Nuart Theatre will screen *Edward Scissorhands*.

Scribbles announced that he will be out of town next week. Please record the Dec. 28, 2023, meeting.

Moments of Science

Nick Smith: In 1859, an indigenous woolly dog named Mutton died, the last member of a Native American breed. His pelt was sent to the Smithsonian Institution, and only recently, scientists looked at its genetic information. The study of Mutton's gene structure is being used to find out why and how the breed died out. (<https://www.discovermagazine.com/the-sciences/mutton-an-indigenous-woolly-dog-died-in-1859-new-analysis-confirms>)

After debating whether he had time to do so, Lynn Maners shared two related stories. There's

a signal of Australian aboriginal DNA that showed up in the Amazon. A precursor to those people who had that gene in between didn't pass those genes on. It wasn't a matter of close contact.

About 900,000 years ago, there was a genetic bottleneck among humans. The entire population of the ancestors of *Homo sapiens* was down to 1,280 individuals. That sounds like a tremendous bottleneck. That was based on sampling from sites largely in Africa, so it might have been that particular group's genetics, not the entire group of ancestors.

Regular Announcements

Chris Marble went to see George Mulligan, who continues to get stronger. A day pass for Christmas is not a possibility, but perhaps in about four weeks.

Selina Phanara also says hello.

Reviews

Nick Smith: *Immediate Family* is not technically a fannish film, but most of you have heard of the musicians that the movie is about. The band, the Immediate Family, might be the most famous band you don't think you know. They served as the backing band for many of the singer-songwriters from the 1970s; or interesting jazz, folk, or pop from the 1980s.

Charles Lee Jackson II reviewed Amazon's new policy of only posting one review of a book instead of publishing all of the reviews. The review is: It sucks.

Cathy and Dean Johnson went to the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures on Monday and found it pretty keen. They even have a science fiction section that screens lots of sf movies as well as space footage.

Matthew B. Tepper has been enjoying watching *The Crown*.

Miscellaneous

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Charles Lee Jackson II wished members a happy winter, which just started.

Call to Adjourn

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

Upcoming Conventions

Feb. 2-4: Creep I.E. Con, Ontario,
<https://creepiecon.com>

Feb. 4: California Comic Convention, Orange,
<https://www.calcomiccon.com>

Feb. 10-11: Bakersfield Brick Convention 2024,
Bakersfield, <https://www.brickconvention.com/bakersfield>

Feb. 16-18: Gallifrey One, <https://www.Gallifreyone.com>

Feb. 16-19: OrcCon, <https://www.strategicon.net>

Feb. 25: Simi Valley Toy and Comic Fest, Simi Valley,
<https://simivalleytoyandcomicfest.com>

Upcoming Events

Feb. 4: *Candyman* at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

Feb. 4: *Babe*, *Altered States*, and *The Lair of the White Worm* at the New Beverly Cinema

Feb. 4: *The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie* and *The Birds* at Vidiots

Feb. 5: *Der Fan* at the Los Feliz Theatre

Feb. 6: *Cemetery Man* at the Los Feliz Theatre

Feb. 8: *Last Things* at the Los Feliz Theatre

Feb. 9: *Cure* at the Egyptian Theatre

Feb. 9: *My Bloody Valentine* at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

Feb. 9: *Aggro Drift*, *Cemetery Man*, and *Duel* at the Los Feliz Theatre

Feb. 9: *A Goofy Movie* and *Bebe's Kids* at the New Beverly Cinema

Feb. 9: *The Wicker Man* at Vidiots

Feb. 10: *Aggro Drift* and *Nimona* at the Los Feliz Theatre

Feb. 10: *The Muppet Movie* at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

Feb. 10: *Killer Klowns from Outer Space* hosted by composer John Massari featuring a live performance by the Dickies at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

Feb. 10: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

Feb. 10: *A Goofy Movie*, *Bebe's Kids*, *Lady and the Tramp*, and *My Bloody Valentine* at the New Beverly Cinema

Feb. 11: *Orpheus* at the Los Feliz Theatre

Feb. 11: *A Goofy Movie* and *Bebe's Kids* at the New Beverly Cinema

Feb. 11: *Paddington 2* at Vidiots

Feb. 12: *Poor Things* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

Feb. 12: *The Orphanage* at the Los Feliz Theatre

Feb. 14: *Cemetery Man* at the Los Feliz Theatre

Feb. 15: *Blade* at Vidiots

Feb. 16: *Ed Wood* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

Feb. 16: *Halloween III—Season of the Witch* at Vidiots

Feb. 16-17: *The Omega Man* at the Vista Theater

Feb. 17: Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous Housefilk hosted by Terry and Craig Brussel-Rogers in person and via Zoom. Pre-filk dinner: Potluck. Filk style: Moderated chaos.

Feb. 17: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

Feb. 17: *The Muppet Movie* and *It Follows* at the New Beverly Cinema

Feb. 18: *The Muppet Movie* at the New Beverly Cinema

Feb. 18: *Sesame Street Presents—Follow That Bird* at Vidiots

Feb. 19: *Hollywood 90028* at the Los Feliz Theatre

Feb. 21: *The State of Things* at the Los Feliz Theatre

Feb. 23: *My Year of Dicks* at Vidiots

Feb. 24: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

Feb. 24: *The Masque of the Red Death* at the Los Feliz Theatre

Feb. 24: *Muppet Treasure Island* at Vidiots

Feb. 24: *Achievement Unlocked: Ten Years of Video Game Music* at UCLA (<http://tinyurl.com/mrws5wp2>)

Feb. 24: Well Played! tabletop gaming gathering at the Edendale Branch Library (<http://tinyurl.com/2rv52jmj>)

Feb. 24-25: *The Witches* at the New Beverly Cinema

Feb. 24-25: *Hans Christian Andersen* at the Vista Theater

Feb. 26: *Time Walker* and *The Outing* at the New Beverly Cinema

Feb. 28: *Bloodletting* and *Faraway, So Close!* at the Los Feliz Theatre

Feb. 29: *Destroy All Neighbors* at Vidiots

Feb. 29: *Dune: Part Two* at the Vista Theater

Game Days

Mondays

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

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

Warhammer: Age of Sigmar at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Tuesdays

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

Warhammer: Age of Sigmar and *Warhammer*

40,000 at Next-Gen Games

Warhammer 40,000 at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Wednesdays

Dungeons & Dragons Adventurers League at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

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

Thursdays

Magic at Collector Legion in Lawndale

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

Warhammer 40,000 at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Fridays

Dungeons & Dragons Adventurers League at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

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

Board Game Day at Paper Hero's Games in Sherman Oaks (<https://www.paperherosgames.com>) from 2-10 p.m. (Courtesy of Nick Smith!)

Saturdays

Magic at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Warhammer at Knight Ware (third Saturday of the month)

Sundays

Magic at Next-Gen Games and Odyssey Games in Pasadena

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

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 about 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 #23 (BSFA, Winter 2023), *Instant Message* #1005 (NESFA, January 2024), *N'APA* #268 (N3F, January 2024), *The National Fantasy Fan* Vol. 83 #1 (N3F, January 2024), *Science Fiction Forum Newsletter* #14 (Stony Brook University SF4M, January 2024), *Sigma* #453 (Parsec, Pittsburgh), *The Starship Express* (SFABC, January 2024), *The Starship Local* (SFABC, February 2024), and *Tightbeam* #352 (N3F, January 2024).

We also heard from the Bay Area Science Fiction Association, the British Fantasy Society, the Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association, the Fanac Fan History Project, the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts, Melody Friedenthal of the Worcester (Mass.) Public Library's science fiction book club, the Science Fiction & Fantasy Poetry Association, the Science Fiction Research 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:

Alexiad #132, *Captain Flashback* #62, *The Crown Prints* Vol. 26 #2 (February 2024), *CyberCozen* Vol. 35 #12 (December 2023) and Vol. 36 #1 (January 2024), *The Dark* #104 (January 2024), *Idea* #13, *Interzone* #297, *The MT Void* Vol. 42 #20-21 (November 2023), *Nightmare* #136 (January 2024), *The Obdurate Eye* #35, *On Spec* #126, *Perryscope* #39-40, *SMOF News* Vol. 3 #18-22, *Spartacus* #70, *Star*Line* #47.1 (Winter 2024), *Star Trek Explorer* #10, and *Uncanny Magazine* #56 (January/February 2024).

New fanzines available via <https://efanzines.com> include *Captain Flashback* #62, *Claims Department* #63-65, *CyberCozen* (January 2024), *The Drink Tank* #453, *The Incomplete Register* 2023, *Journey Planet* #78, *The Obdurate Eye* #35, *Opuntia* #563-564,

Perryscope #39-40, *The Ray X X-Rayer* #176, *Spartacus* #70, *Sporadic* #80-82, *The Stf Amateur* #4 (January 2024), *Taffluorescence* #2, and *Wild Ideas* #43.

Call for Submissions

Do you write or draw? Not only is *De Profundis* open to news items and member updates, members of the LASFS participate in two amateur press associations.

APA-L is weekly and collated by Heath Row. If you'd like to consider joining APA-L, contact him to express interest. We're especially interested in cover art, which you can submit without joining.

LASFAPA is monthly and collated by David Schlosser. You can contact him at schloss17@suddenlink.net to express interest in joining LASFAPA.

And if you'd like to contribute otherwise but not necessarily on a regular basis, Heath Row publishes a monthly fanzine titled *The Stf Amateur*. The most recent issue is available upon request. He'd welcome your fanart, poetry, filk songs and lyrics, fiction, articles, essays, reviews, jokes, and other material. Contributors will receive the issue in which their material appears.

Who knows: If there's enough active member interest—i.e., submissions—maybe we'll return to publishing *Shangri-L'Affaires*, too. Wouldn't that be neat!