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* **Thursday Programme Items:** Aug. 1—Kristen Renee Gorlitz presentation of the *My Forked Dating Life* virtual reality; Aug. 8—In-person (hybrid) meeting at Denny’s; Aug. 22—Lauren Cipollo and Matt Conant reading of *Origin*, book one of the Parallax series

Meeting Tech Specs: LASFS meetings are currently held online via Zoom—and in person once a month. 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*.

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July-December 2024

President: Cathy Johnson
Vice-President: Susan Fox and Eylat Poliner
Registrar: Derek LaPorte
Scribe: Nick Smith
Treasurers: Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz

Board of Directors

Chairman: Matthew B. Tepper (2026)
Vice Chairman: Heide Nichols (2025)
Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2025)
Secretary: Susan Fox (2024)

Other Members

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.)

Board Meeting June 2, 2024

Matthew B. Tepper, chairing
Susan Fox, Secretary

Call to Order

Called to order at 11:06 a.m.

Present

Chairman Matthew Tepper, Vice Chairman Heide Nichols, Secretary Susan Fox, Eylat Poliner, Gavin Claypool, Elayne Pelz, Christian B. McGuire, Rob “Gizmo” Powell, Cathy Johnson, Dean Johnson, and Michelle Pincus. Non-board members: Webmistress Kristine Cherry and club member observers Gregory Lipscomb and Christine Lipscomb.

Minutes

Approved and accepted

New Members

No applications since the last meeting

Treasurer’s Report (Elayne Pelz)

We have more than a million dollars.

30-Second Reports

Chairman (Matthew B. Tepper): No report

Vice Chairman (Heide Nichols): No report

Secretary (Susan Fox): No report

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): The investment account currently holds \$1,571.16. The rest has been moved over to the club account, in preparation for property purchase.

Library (Gavin Claypool): The vintage paperback show yielded the club \$781.

Quartermaster (Susan Fox): Gearing up for having a job, determining location of beverage vending machine, and other quartermaster needs.

Archives (Cathy Johnson): Nothing new to report, but hoping to move archives to somewhere accessible.

Physical Plant/Storage (Rob Powell): No report, looking forward to moving out of storage!

AV Equipment (Dean Johnson): No report, but the equipment is in storage and planning to move.

Events (Eylat Poliner): LASFS programs are in progress. The Czech Consulate event moved to June 27, and our host will wine and dine us. It’s not a hybrid meeting this time because there are no mobile phones nor cameras allowed in the consulate. A new Consul is coming in soon, but they will keep in touch with our club.

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): The guests have notified the hotel liaison for hotel rooms. There are some issues with the guest of honor. 350+ memberships have been sold so far. A Chairman’s Message and Progress Report have gone out. Kristine Cherry is doing an amazing job on the Web site. Loscon 50 is very much on track.

Loscon 51 has sent out guest of honor letters.

Publications (Christian B. McGuire): Bad news—Heath “Scribbles” Row is not going to run for scribe next election. He will still run *De Profundis* and will want meeting and board meeting minutes forwarded to him. Matthew B. Tepper says his service so far has been exemplary and we will miss his scribing.

Marketing and Recruitment (Michelle Pincus): We’re set for the San Diego Comic-Con, sharing with the LA Worldcon bid. Christopher Hull has accepted the other badge and will help table at SDCC. We ordered postcards so we should have enough of both styles for current needs. Thanks to Kristine Cherry for Web work.

Significant Others

Club President (Cathy Johnson): The club is meeting, the hybrid in-person meetings have been fantastic, and people are enjoying them. Zoom meetings are great, but in-person meetings have been better attended and that gives us hope for permanent in-person attendance in a new building.

Eylat Poliner asked Susan Fox to make her announcements while Poliner is recovering from carpal tunnel surgery.

Webmistress (Kristine Cherry): Minutes and *De Prof* are up to date, and accessed through the top of the Web page. Everything has been renewed: Domain, SSO certificate, etc. Would like to discuss with Elayne Pelz.

Eylat Poliner and Michelle Pincus, the previous two con chairs, would like to keep some consistency with the Loscon Web site rather than “reinventing the wheel” every year. Do what Gallifrey One does, change the committee as needed, but keep the repeating event information. Change the theme and

guests of honor, but not have to do the same work over every year.

Elayne Pelz has no objection to this scheme; it's a good one.

Matthew B. Tepper asked about provisions for archiving the old Web site.

Eylat Poliner indicated we're backing up on Carbonite.

Tepper wants to keep Howard Waldrop's writing on our Web site, and other previous guests of honor statements of thanks.

Kristine Cherry: Carbonite is not really an effective solution. She will screenshot through the *Wayback Machine* and add to a dedicated Web page. Not all previous con Web pages will be very easy to archive due to crashes, but she will work on it.

Cathy Johnson agreed that an archive/history page is needed.

Pelz will not guarantee that we have archives of all the old Loscon Web pages, and not all links will be good.

Heide Nichols suggested printouts of PDFs.

Cherry: PDFs take too much storage room.

Poliner moves to keep the current Loscon Web site archived. Moved, seconded, and passed.

Cherry deserves a round of applause.

Pelz will show anyone how to locate old Loscon pages. Don't bother Cherry with this, contact Pelz.

Dean Johnson wants to not lock us into Web page details too specifically, wants flexibility.

Cherry: We can change the template if we want or need to, as long as it is in WordPress.

Agenda Items

PBS *Lost L.A.* interviews: The producers want to interview LASFS members Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, and Matthew B. Tepper on camera for their project. Date TBA.

By-Laws change regarding residency of board members: The previously suggested By-Laws change having been rejected by majority vote at the April 11 general meeting, a subcommittee of the board was tasked with retooling it for possible resubmission. That subcommittee consisted of board members Elayne Pelz, Susan Fox, Heide Nichols, and Chairman Matthew B. Tepper. See Supplement (below).

Matthew B. Tepper: The attempt was made to address issues delivered at the club meeting.

Eylat Poliner likes that the out-of-area board members are maximized at three, keeping it in house.

Heide Nichols: People who talked to her wanted 2/3 local membership. Nichols supports a simple majority.

Susan Fox feels her objections were addressed.

Gavin Claypool has not received the proposal, nor the resend with the April minutes. Resent and placed in the Zoom chat pane. The meeting breaks for a few minutes so he and anyone else can read them.

Back at the meeting: Any further discussions?

Claypool: In line E, "vacate" might be a better word than "forfeit."

C: reads when "When elected, and continuously while serving, each Director shall meet the following qualifications:"

Nichols: Sometimes, people miss a meeting for unavoidable reasons.

Claypool: That is addressed in the By-Laws, where "attending membership" is defined. You can miss one out of 13 meetings.

Dean Johnson: Perhaps we need to drop the word "continuously" to avoid confusion.

Claypool and others: It needs to be there.

Tepper: Have Charles Lee Jackson II read this when the motion is read to the membership during the club meeting.

Claypool: Another language change—"should an occasion arise when" replace with "in the event that."

Moved, seconded, and passed. The next club president will schedule the motion for an upcoming meeting.

Open Forum

(Including discussion of the status of the Yolanda Project)

Elayne Pelz has not heard from the broker yet. Will try again first thing tomorrow, Monday, June 3.

Closed Door Session

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is July 14, 2024. Next meeting, we need to schedule the LASFS board meeting around the World Science Fiction Convention. Two board members are going to Worldcon in Scotland.

Adjournment

Moved to adjourn, seconded, and approved.

Supplement

The new, revised proposed By-Laws change as passed by Elayne Pelz, Susan Fox, Heide Nichols, and Matthew B. Tepper is now submitted to the board at large for consideration, including possible amendment.

The purpose of the proposed change is to recognize that technology has advanced, and to allow that directors can participate in board meetings via telepresence.

As it reads currently:

Article III: Directors.

Section 1. Number and Qualifications.

A. The authorized number of Directors, as stated in the Articles of Incorporation, is eleven.

B. Each Director must be 18 years of age or older at the time of their election.

C. When elected, and continuously while serving, each Director shall meet the following qualifications:

1. Be an Attending Member, and have maintained such Attending Membership for at least 156 regular Society meetings;

2. Be an Attending Member continuously during the previous 52 regular Society meetings, unless prevented from doing so by a medical condition or by being temporarily absent from the area;

3. Reside within Los Angeles County, Kern County, Orange County, Riverside County, San Bernardino County, or Ventura County;

It is proposed to revise the By-Laws as follows:

Revise III.1.C.3. to read:

3. Reside in the states of California, Nevada, Arizona, or Oregon.

Insert III.1.D. and III.1.E. as follows:

D. At no time shall there be more than three Directors residing outside of Los Angeles County, Kern County, Orange County, Riverside County, San Bernardino County, or Ventura County.

E. In the event that three Directors already reside outside of the counties specified in III.1.C.3., and another Director changes residence to one outside of the counties specified in III.1.C.3., that Director shall be required to vacate their office as a Director. ("In the event that" instead of "Should an occasion arise" and "vacate" instead of "forfeit")

Renumber all following paragraphs appropriately.

Heath, Thank You for Doing an Excellent Job with the Minutes for the Last Year. And Nick, Thank You for Stepping Up. Meeting #4531, June 13, 2024

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

- Actor Basil Rathbone (b. June 13, 1892; d. July 21, 1967)
- Conceptual designer Ralph McQuarrie (b. June 13, 1929; March 3, 2012)
- Author Whitley Streiber (b. June 13, 1945)
- Author Amy Vincent (aka Claudia Gray)—b. June 12, 1970
- Actor Chris Evans (b. June 13, 1981)

Dispatchings

- United States Air Force major general, electrical engineer, nuclear engineer, NASA astronaut, and businessman William Anders (b. Oct. 17, 1933; d. June 7, 2024)
- Space scientist, physics professor, and director of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory Ed Stone (b. Jan. 23, 1936; d. June 9, 2024)
- Actor Tony Lo Bianco (b. Oct. 19, 1936; d. June 11, 2024)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1953, *The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms* was released in the United States. The movie was based on the Ray Bradbury story "The Fog Horn."

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for April 25 and June 6, 2024..

Additions and Corrections

April 25, 2024: Charles Lee Jackson II clarified that he'd eaten Hershey's Eggs, not Hershey-Ets.

June 6, 2024: Eylat Poliner indicated that she didn't comment on either saint.

Auction to Name the Minutes

April 25, 2024: Hare Hobbs bid \$10, won, and named them “The Hare’s Birthday.”

June 6, 2024: Eylat Poliner bid \$12, won, and named them “Please Vote for Cathy Johnson!”

Call for Approval

April 25, 2024: Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

June 6, 2024: Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Sandy Cohen was celebrated and recognized by Scott Beckstead, Charles Lee Jackson II, Heide Nichols, and Matthew B. Tepper. Cohen received three cheers—and a chocolate chip cookie.

Harold Hobbs was celebrated and recognized by Richard Costas, Debra Levin, Christian B. McGuire, Eylat Poliner, Nick Smith, and Matthew B. Tepper. Hobbs received three cheers.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- June 27: In-person meeting at the Consulate General of the Czech Republic (One Westwood building, 10990 Wilshire Blvd. #1100, Los Angeles) followed by a screening of *Restore Point* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uA0c4uchstk>)
 - There will be no Zoom meeting, but we will open the Zoom room for homebodies.
 - There will be beer and wine, and the food is pretty tasty. Parking is next door.
- July 18: By-Law discussion of and vote on the By-Laws’ revised residency requirements
- July 25: Second By-Law vote, if passed the previous week

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): Please go to the Web site.

Fandom Wellness Committee (Chris Marble): George Mulligan got out of bed three days in a row.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by the Emperor, defeating entropy for 74 years this month.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

Heide Nichols asked Hare Hobbs to introduce his guests tonight. They left before the meeting started.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz said that nobody needs to pay their dues, so please donate to the club.

Cathy Johnson encouraged people to save their money for the auction.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The board of directors will next meet July 14, Bastille Day.

Old Business

Christian B. McGuire announced that Scribbles will not be running again for scribe. He’ll continue putting together *De Profundis* as long as the new scribe sends him the minutes.

Charles Lee Jackson II described the election process for the procedural officers for the second half of the year. There are five offices open at this time: president, vice-president, registrar, scribe, and treasurer, which serves for a year.

Jackson indicated that he will go through the duties for each office, and when we get to the cards, we will use the Australian run-off method if needed. He asked that people not cheer about railroading until nominations are closed.

The first office is the president. Jackson described the role. Last week, nominations opened, and Cathy Johnson was nominated. She accepted the nomination. Christian B. McGuire moved to close the nominations, which was seconded. Cathy Johnson held up colored notecards.

Christian B. McGuire bid \$5, won, and named the yellow note card “magenta.”

The second office was vice-president. Jackson described the role. He opened nominations. Elayne Pelz nominated Eylat Poliner and Susan Fox as a team. Poliner and Fox accepted the nomination. Christian B. McGuire moved to close the nominations.

Debra Levin bid \$5, won, and named the green note card “purple with pink polka dots.”

The third office was scribe. Jackson described the role. He opened nominations. Eylat Poliner nominated Nick Smith, who accepted. Heide Nichols moved to close nominations, which was seconded.

Nick Smith bid \$10, won, and named a pink card “Alizarin crimson.”

The fourth office was registrar. Jackson described the role. He opened nominations. Eylat Poliner nominated Derek LaPorte, who accepted. Elayne Pelz moved to close nominations, which was seconded.

Eylat Poliner bid \$5, won, and named another pink card “mellow yellow.”

The final office was treasurer. Jackson described the role. He opened nominations. Christian B. McGuire nominated Elayne Pelz and Debra Levin as a team. They both accepted.

Scott Beckstead bid \$5, won, and named the blue card “Pride Rainbow.”

That concluded our business for the evening.

Eylat Poliner thanked Jackson for running the elections.

New Business

None

Special Event: The Big Auction

Christian B. McGuire led an auction of 12 items that raised \$65 for the LASFS. Items included various books, an emergency light, and a relatively new 10/100 Ethernet switch.

Miscellaneous

Tom Safer complimented those involved in the in-person meeting. He was thrilled to see live people.

Charles Lee Jackson II thanked Christian B. McGuire, Dean and Cathy Johnson, Elayne Pelz, and Susan Fox for volunteering to help with the election tonight.

Chris Marble: George Mulligan is down to 348 pounds. It's the lightest he's been in a quarter century.

Krystal Rains mentioned the new location of the Green Man Metaphysical Shoppe and Apothecary, 824 N. Hollywood Way, and Q-Con in West Hollywood (<https://www.prismcomics.org/q-con>).

Nick Smith: *Jodorowsky's Dune* will screen at Brain Dead Studios on Saturday followed by *Dune* (1984).

Gavin Claypool: The Open Book in Northridge (<https://theopenbook.net/northridge-location>) is apparently having a liquidation sale.

John Williams will not conduct his concert at the Hollywood Bowl this year. David Newman will conduct both halves of the concert for the three-night run.

Charles Lee Jackson II sought volunteers to take charge of the new LASFS whiteboard. Elayne Pelz agreed to do so.

Call to Adjourn

Scott Beckstead and Tom Safer so moved. That was seconded. The ayes had it.

The Czech Phrase for “Thank You.” Meeting #4533, June 27, 2024

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

Call to order by president Cathy Johnson at 8:03 p.m. at the unusual in-person location of the Czech Consulate. Since this consulate is on the 11th floor of a building, that makes it Czech airspace above U.S. soil, a matter for confused consideration.

As the old scribe wasn't there and the new scribe hadn't expected to be scribing, Eylat Poliner whipped out a handy electronic device to record the meeting. The resulting transcription was interesting, but not always clear, so this set of minutes might include technical veeblefetzers.

Hatchings, Matchings, and Dispatchings: The birthdays of actor Ken Marshall, director J.J. Abrams, and author James P. Hogan were celebrated. This was the anniversary of the movie *Destination Moon*. Sadly, the passing of character actor Bill Cobbs was noted, at the age of 90.

Minutes of the previous meeting were not read.

Welcoming of guests by the registrar: The wives of two of our members were in attendance, Derek LaPorte's wife Alli and Tad Daley's wife Kitty, along with a person probably named Adam. Technically, our host and his assistant at the consulate were guests, so for once, we were hosted by a guest.

Patron Saint: Alan Frisbie, the Sacred Flying Disc of the club. Members mentioned some of his interests and exploits, most of which were legal, and he was given three cheers.

Committee Reports:

Board of Directors: Next meeting will be on Sunday, July 14, via Zoom. Elayne Pelz reported on the progress toward purchasing a new clubhouse. After we walked away from purchasing the property in Reseda that we had made an offer on, the owner came back to us with a “pretty please” offer to pay for the inspections if we would come back to the table, and we are now in escrow. If the property passes the inspections and clears escrow, LASFS will own a property which contains a house slightly older than the club, with a large secondary building on the property, similar to the

old clubhouse buildings on Burbank, but with more total space. So, be prepared to donate money for fix-up and furniture, and be prepared to donate time for the fix-up and move-in stuff that will have to happen, but none of that can happen just yet.

Loscon will be having a cosplay competition, and Krystal Rains has Loscon pins for sale. Fans who knit or do other forms of needlework are encouraged to make hats for our selected charity, the American Cancer Society, because people who undergo chemotherapy often lose their hair, and wearing a fun hat can help them cheer up. The con will also host the return of the High Tea and the Maker's Room.

Fannish Wellness Committee: No updates

Timebound announcements: There will be a book festival at the Wende Museum in Culver City to be held on June 29, and LASFS will have a table there. The museum owns more than 100,000 artifacts related to the Cold War period, and its name is a colloquial German term for "turning point." The book festival will be outdoors, and at this point the transcription software got the scribe very confused by explaining that cats and sunscreen will both be needed. When queried, it went off in a huff, complaining that LASFS members need to learn to say their consonants better. Seriously, though, thanks to Eylat Poliner for the transcription, but really, you people need to learn to talk in a machine-readable voice.

Programming: Our host, the consul general for the Republic of Czechia at the Los Angeles consulate, welcomed us with a little bit of history and context about science fiction and fandom in their country, and then we got to see the film *Restore Point*, which was amazing considering its low budget, and Larry Niven greatly praised the quality of the film's world-building. We are otherwise sworn to secrecy about this must-see film that the rest of you can't see yet unless you already saw it at last year's Loscon, so neener-neener. However, it might turn up in film festivals, so keep watching the screens, and listening to the time-bound announcements.

**The Silent Minutes.
Meeting #4534, July 4, 2024**
Cathy Johnson, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

Call to order by Vice President Eylat Poliner at around 8 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings, and Dispatchings: We celebrated the 1883 birth of the artist and inventor who would be known as Rube Goldberg. Also the birth anniversary of actress Gloria Stuart, best known for her roles in *The Invisible Man* and *Titanic*, more than 60 years apart. It was also the birthday of graphic novelist David Petersen, creator of *Mouse Guard*.

The media anniversary was *Independence Day*, ironically debuting in England on this date in 1996, but it was also the anniversary of the end of the first World Science Fiction Convention in 1939.

Two passings, both actors: Actor and screenwriter Robert Towne and actor and comedian Martin Mull.

Reading of the previous minutes.

Bid to name the minutes: Susan Fox bid \$5 to name them the Czech phrase for "thank you."

Approval of minutes voted by the members.

Welcoming of guests would have happened here, but there weren't any.

Patron Saints: Doug Abe. He donated books to the club and gave them away to club members.

Committee Reports:

Honor Guard: Charles Lee Jackson II explained the "spot of honor" and mentioned that he is working on plans for a version of it at the in-person location, once we're there. This month's spot of honor is held by Loscon 50.

Treasurer: Pay your dues and please donate beyond your dues.

Board of Directors: The board of directors will meet on Bastille Day, July 14, at 11 a.m. on Zoom.

Loscon will occur Nov. 29 to Dec. 1 at the LAX Hilton.

Programming: Susan Fox read the list of upcoming programs. Next week at the Denny's, we will host Jasmine Sov, one of the teen writers who won a recent Omega award, and she will read her story to us.

Fannish Wellness Committee: No Chris Marble, so no report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Moment of Science: Tom Safer reported that this is the birth anniversary of John Alan Palos, a mathematician who tried to explain math and why it's important. Also, the birthday of Rube Goldberg, an 18th century hot air balloonist Blanchard who crossed the English channel. Notable event on this date is the Mars Pathfinder, which reached Mars in 1997, to study the ground on Mars.

Lee Grixit reported on the development of a synthetic glassy substance made of peptides that can be poured into a mold in the way plastics are made.

Timebound announcements:

Comet Fest 2024 on July 11 at the Fine Arts Theatre in Beverly Hills. The free event hosted by CometTV includes a panel discussion with writer-producer Glen Mazarra and AI expert Sumeet Batra on AI in the movies; a screening of *Terminator 2: Judgment Day*; free popcorn, drinks, swag, and a chance to win door prizes; and free parking at a designated lot at 115 S. Willaman Drive during the event.

Event details:

Comet Fest 2024
Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.
Panel Discussion: 6:30 p.m.
Terminator 2 Screening: 7 p.m.
RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/4c00TBp>

Gregory Lpscomb mentioned Anime Expo, which is actually sold out, even for day memberships, but that they will be broadcasting some of it on *YouTube*.

Nick Smith reported on movie screenings planned for American Cinematheque, Brain Dead Studios, the New Beverly Theater and Vidiots in Eagle Rock, but those have already happened.

Regular announcements: None

Reviews: Derek LaPorte watched *Problemista*, streaming on MAX. It has some sci-fi elements involving cryogenics and is worth watching.

Eylat Poliner reviewed the newest season of *Doctor Who* and said that it's worth binging.

Lee Grixit mentioned that *Star Trek: Prodigy* is back, but on a different network. The second season is on Netflix, and the tone is slightly more mature.

Miscellaneous: Eylat Poliner was chairing the meeting so she couldn't move to adjourn. It happened anyway, and we did.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Meeting #4535, July 11, 2024

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

Call to order by President Cathy Johnson at 8:01 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings, and Dispatchings: The birthdays of the author best known as Cordwainer Smith, the actor best known as Yul

Brynner, and the actor best known as a Dalek voice but named David Graham on human worlds were celebrated. The media anniversary was the 1997 release of the movie *Contact*. The passings of comic book illustrator Michael Zulli, producer Jon Landau, and actress and producer Shelly Duvall were noted.

Reading of the previous minutes did in fact happen.

Bid to name the minutes \$10 from Eylat Poliner to let Scratch name the minutes "The Silent Minutes."

Approval of minutes

Welcoming of guests: Vicky is a returning guest, sort of, after only being at Zoom meetings. Mark is another returning member. Jasmine Sov and her parents are here, and Jasmine is our program presenter.

Patron Saint: Marc Schirmeister.

Matthew B. Tepper remembered that he and another member were greatly impressed by cartoons that turned out to be Marc.

Charles Lee Jackson II: Marc is an amazing cartoonist, unique among the unique. He designed a Rose Parade Float for South Pasadena.

Christian B. McGuire: When we moved into the clubhouse on Tyrone, he brought two big coolers with 60 different soda flavors. He was artist guest of honor for Westercon 2010, which turned out to be the first time he was asked to be that.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Pay your dues

Honor Guard: Charles Lee Jackson II reported that the spot of honor is held by Loson 50 this month.

Board of Directors: Next meeting on July 14 on Zoom at 11 a.m.

Loscon memberships are available.

Programming: July 18, By-Laws discussion and vote; July 25, repeat vote if it passes; Aug. 1, Kristen Gortitz speaking; Aug. 8 auction and hybrid meeting.

Fannish Wellness Committee: George Mulligan is doing OK. Supposedly he is getting rehab.

Timebound announcements: Krystal Rains mentioned the Loscon pins and how to get them. Book Fair in Tustin on July 13. Orange County Maker Fair at the OC Fairgrounds also this weekend.

Francis Hamit mentioned that he is willing to sign copies if you buy his new book here.

Frank Zappa was the one who paid for the

development of the machine used to digitize movie film with deteriorating sprocket holes. Today is 7/11, so the chain is giving away free Slurpees, per Eylat Poliner.

Program: Jasmine Sov reading her story. She was a winner of the teen-oriented Omega writing awards, and she entertained us with a science fiction story taking place in a library.

Auction ensued, with fierce bidding over several of the items, and confused bidding over a few others.

Moments of Science: Lee Grixit reported a test of 5,000 subjects of a new AIDS vaccine. It appears to be working in the first testing.

Matt Mitchell reported that SpaceX has won a contract to destroy the International Space Station in 2031. It was originally planned to last until 2015, but it keeps getting extended. This time for sure, it needs to be taken apart in a controlled fashion.

Adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Upcoming Conventions

Aug. 8-12: Worldcon, Glasgow, Scotland, <https://glasgow2024.org>

Aug. 9-11: D23, Anaheim, <https://ultimatefanevent.d23.com>

Aug. 31 to Sept. 1: Anime Impulse, Anaheim, <https://animeimpulse.com/orange-county>

Upcoming Events

Aug. 2: *Scream 2*, *Jennifer's Body*, and *Drag Me to Hell* at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 2: *Time Bandits*, *Robot Dreams*, *RoboCop*, and *Troll 2* at Vidiots

Aug. 2: *Being John Malkovich* and *The Lawnmower Man* at Brain Dead Studios

Aug. 2: *Goodbye, Dragon Inn* at the Egyptian Theatre (sold out)

Aug. 2: *Free LSD* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

Aug. 2: *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

Aug. 3: *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, *Jennifer's Body*, *Drag Me to Hell*, and *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back* at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 3: *Robot Dreams* and *Spaceballs* at Vidiots

Aug. 3: *Rebel Moon—Chapter One—Chalice of Blood* and *Rebel Moon—Chapter Two—Curse of Forgiveness* director's cuts at the Egyptian Theatre

Aug. 3: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

Aug. 3: *Kung Fu Panda* at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

Aug. 3: *Sugar on the Bones* signing with Joe R. Lansdale and *The Case of the Bleeding Wall* signing with Joe R. Lansdale and Kasey Lansdale at Dark Delicacies, Burbank

Aug. 4: *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, *Jennifer's Body*, and *Drag Me to Hell* at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 4: *Robot Dreams* and *Free LSD* at Vidiots

Aug. 4: *The Hole* and *The Howling* at the Los Feliz 3

Aug. 4: *Placerita* signing with Lisa Morton and John Palisano at Dark Delicacies, Burbank

Aug. 6-7: *The Fearless Vampire Killers* at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 7: *Free LSD* at the Los Feliz 3

Aug. 8: *The Sleeping Beauty* at the Los Feliz 3

Aug. 9: *Spaceballs* and *The Relic* at Vidiots

Aug. 9: *Godzilla* (1954) and *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* at the Egyptian Theatre

Aug. 9: *The Wicker Man* at Brain Dead Studios

Aug. 9: *War Game* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

Aug. 9-10: *Coonskin* at the Vista Theater

Aug. 10: *Cartoon Club* and *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 10: *Sleeping Beauty* (1959) and *Innerspace* at Vidiots

Aug. 10: *The Time Masters* at the Egyptian Theatre

Aug. 10: *War Game* and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

Aug. 10: *I Spit On Your Celluloid—The History of Women Directing Horror Movies* signing with Heidi Honeycutt and others, and *Bluebeard's Castle* signing with Anna Biller at Dark Delicacies, Burbank

Aug. 10: *Xanadu* at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

Aug. 11: *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 11: *Ernest & Celestine* at Vidiots

Aug. 11: *Fallout* television marathon at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

Aug. 11: *Bluebeard* at the Los Feliz 3

Aug. 11-15: *War Game* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

Aug. 12: *Big Man on Campus* at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 14: *Her* at Brain Dead Studios

Aug. 15: *Mad Max—Fury Road* at Vidiots

Aug. 16: *Terminator 2—Judgment Day* at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 16: *Tomb Raider* at the Los Feliz 3

Aug. 16: *Roxanne* and *Iceman* at the Egyptian Theatre

Aug. 16-17: *The Girl from Starship Venus* at the Vista Theater

Aug. 17: *Princess Mononoke* (dubbed) and *Event Horizon* at Vidiots

Aug. 17: *Where the Wild Things Are* at Brain Dead Studios

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

Aug. 17-18: *Beauty and the Beast* (1991) at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 18: *The Incredibles* at Vidiots

Aug. 18: *Princess Mononoke* at Brain Dead Studios

Aug. 23: *Back to the Future Part II* and *Fantastic Mr. Fox* at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 23: *Princess Mononoke* (dubbed) at Vidiots

Aug. 23: *The Wailing* at the Los Feliz 3

Aug. 24: *Ponyo* (dubbed), *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, and *Only Lovers Left Alive* at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 24: *Annie*, *The Bat Woman*, and *Vampire's Kiss* at Vidiots

Aug. 24: *The President's Analyst* and *Tank Girl* at the Los Feliz 3

Aug. 24: *Queer Horror—A Film Guide* signing with Sean Abley, Tyler Doupe, and others at Dark Delicacies, Burbank

Aug. 25: *Ponyo* (dubbed) and *Fantastic Mr. Fox* at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 25: *Shaun the Sheep Movie* at Vidiots

Aug. 25: *Chicken Run* and *Unbreakable* at the Los Feliz 3

Aug. 25: *The Great Muppet Caper* at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

Aug. 26: *Killer Party* and *Sorority House Massacre* at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 26: *Interstellar Sound Bath* with composers Stephen James Taylor and Chuck Jonkey at Vidiots

Aug. 28: *Brewster McCloud* at Vidiots

Aug. 28: *The Truman Show* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

Aug. 30: *The Mummy Returns* at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 30-31: *Horror of Dracula* at the Vista Theater

Aug. 31: *Follow That Bird* and *Killer Klowns from Outer Space* at the New Beverly Cinema

Aug. 31: *Space Jam* and *I Know What You Did Last Summer* at Vidiots

Aug. 31: *The Swarm* at the Los Feliz 3

Aug. 31: *Faust—Love of the Damned* signing with David Quinn and Matt Pizzolo; *Go to Sleep, Little Creep* signing with David Quinn; and *30 Days of Night Deluxe Edition Book Two* signing with Steve Niles at Dark Delicacies, 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

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: *Eldritch Science* (N3F, July 2024), *Event Horizon* Vol. 37 #2 (OASFIS, July 2024), *FanActivity Gazette* Vol. 4 #2 (N3F, July 2024), N'APA #271 (N3F, July 2024), *The National Fantasy Fan* Vol. 83 #7 (July 2024), *Sigma* #459 (Parsec, July 2024), *The Starship Express* (SFABC, July 2024), and *Tightbeam* #358 (N3F, July 2024)

We also heard from the Academy of Science Fiction Fantasy and Horror Films, the Baltimore Science Fiction Society, the Bay Area Science Fiction Association, the British Fantasy Society, the British Science Fiction Association, the Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association, the Carl Brandon Society, the Fanac Fan History Project, First Fandom, the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts, the International Wizard of Oz Club,

Melody Friedenthal of the Worcester (Mass.) Public Library's science fiction book club, the National Space Society, the Science Fiction & Fantasy Poetry Association, the Science Fiction Research Association, the Tolkien Society, 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: *Celestial Toyroom* #549, *The Crown prints* Vol. 27 #8 (SCA, August 2024), *Fanscene* #2, *Inca* #24, *Mythprint* Vol. 61 #1-2 (Mythopoeic Society, Spring-Summer 2024), *The National Amateur* Vol. 146 #4, *The Obdurate Eye* #41, *On Spec* Vol. 34 #2, *Perryscope* #46, *Purrsonal Mewsings* #91, The Radio Enthusiast APA #1, *Science Fiction Studies* Vol. 51, Part 1 (March 2024), *SMOF News* Vol. 3 #44-48, *Space Cowboy's Accretion* #10 (June 2024), and *This Here...* #77.

New fanzines available via <https://efanzines.com> include *Asterisk*, *Captain Flashback* #68, *Claims Department* #74, *CyberCozen* (July 2024), *Every Place I Read Your Goddamn Fanzine "Every Place I Read Your Goddamn Book #1"* #1, *Exhibition Hall* #31, *Inca* #24, *The Obdurate Eye* #41, *Opuntia* #576-578, *Perryscope* #45, *The Ray X X-Rayer* #179, *SF Commentary* #117, *Spartacus* #74, *The Stf Amateur* #10-11, *Taffluorescence* #5, *This Here...* #76-77, and *Wild Ideas* #49.

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. Former members can request access to the online archives.

LASFAPA is monthly and collated by David Schlosser. You can contact him at schloss17@suddenlink.net to express interest in joining LASFAPA. Former members can request access to the online archives. (We're up to #98 in terms

of scanning!)

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?

