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*** Thursday Programme Items:** June 6—President nominations; June 13—In-person (hybrid) meeting and procedural elections; 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*

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.

COLOPHON

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

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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

Board of Directors

Chairman: Matthew B. Pepper (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. Pepper; 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.)

A Blast from the Past. Meeting #4519, March 21, 2024

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order 3:59 into the video recording.

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

Hatchings

- Composer and musician Johann Sebastian Bach (b. March 21, 1685 [Old Style]; d. July 28, 1750)
- Actor Matthew Broderick (b. March 21, 1962)
- Actor Timothy Dalton (b. March 21, 1946)
- Actor Sonequa Martin-Green (b. March 21, 1985)
- Actor Gary Oldman (b. March 21, 1958)
- Fictional character Capt. James T. Kirk, who is scheduled to be born March 22, 2233

Dispatchings

- Author and educator Vernor Vinge (b. Oct. 2, 1944; d. March 20, 2024)
- Actor M. Emmet Walsh (b. March 22, 1935; d. March 19, 2024)

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles wasn't present. No Condensed Cream of Menace was read.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Dean Johnson bid \$6, won, and named the minutes that were not read "Future Minutes."

Celebration of Patron Saints

Dan Deckert was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Chris Marble, and Matthew B. Tepper. Deckert received three cheers.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- April 11: In-person (hybrid) meeting at Denny's—By-Laws discussion and first vote
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Tad Daley suggested that this event offers a unique opportunity to promote to potential members as well as current members.

Susan Fox encouraged carpooling.

Daley suggested investigating public transportation options.

- June 6: President nominations
- June 13: In-person (hybrid) meeting and procedural elections

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): Loscon 50 is being held at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport. We tabled at the Los Angeles Vintage Paperback Collectors Show, sold eight memberships, and distributed promotional postcards.

Our Artist Guest of Honor, Laura Brodian Freas Beraha, cracked a rib in a fall recently. Her spirit is good, and she's looking forward to Loscon, but she's currently recovering.

Kristine Cherry continues to update the Loscon Web site.

Fandom Wellness Committee (Chris Marble): Selina Phanara caught COVID-19 last week. She's no longer testing positive but still feels rotten.

Greg Barrett is doing OK.

George Mulligan is supposed to get five days a week of physical therapy.

Courtesy of Charles Lee Jackson II: Jean Marie Stine, a LASFS member from way back and his publisher, broke her hip in a fall but is recovering well.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held in the loving memory of Tony Benoun.

Heide Nichols: His memorial service is going to be held this Saturday from 4 p.m. to about 8 p.m. at Griffins Grill in Los Alamitos.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

We don't have any guests this evening, but newer members including Derek LaPorte, and Dr. Susie and John Searight have returned.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. She told Tad Daley that she'll figure out how to send him a Square invoice.

She also encouraged members to donate money. We might have found some property. "Cross everything you can cross."

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The board of directors met a couple of weeks ago. The next board meeting is scheduled for April 14. I'm waiting for final confirmation that another meeting will not need to be done on that date. We have canceled the May board meeting as is traditional in favor of Mother's Day.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Eylat Poliner: I am now a volunteer with the Browncoat Auxiliary Depression & Anxiety Support System, otherwise known as B.A.D.A.S.S. (<https://www.browncoatsupport.org>)

Chris Marble: We mentioned Tony Benoun's memorial on Saturday. There's also a memorial for Mark Merlino on Saturday. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLfNdhHmh1Y>)

Members discussed memorial locations, snack and food preferences, and appropriate dress codes.

Special Event: Heidi Nichols, "Death Is Inevitable"

After a reference to Robert A. Heinlein's Lazarus Long series, *Logan's Run*, and the perennial sf trope of living forever—or not dying—Nichols gave a talk about how to best prepare for death. She recommended a three-part plan: deciding what you want done with your body, funding that choice, and telling someone about it—writing it down.

Her presentation also considered appropriate documents such as trusts, wills, and medical powers of attorney. LASFS members shared stories about estates they'd helped execute, offering additional advice. Members also asked questions about arranging for the transportation

of their body, as well as what inspired Nichols to learn so much about the topic.

Moments of Science

None

Regular Announcements

Eylat Poliner: If you are on staff for Loscon 50, there's a meeting April 21 at 1 p.m. at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport.

Matthew B. Tepper: The next board meeting will occur at its customary date and time (April 14) because it doesn't conflict with the Loscon staff meeting.

Reviews

Charles Lee Jackson II has been watching the 1975 sitcom *When Things Were Rotten*, which is tame for Mel Brooks but still wacky beyond any rational thought.

Miscellaneous

Tad Daley informed members about a recent article he published, "Zero Would Be Nice: From Oppenheimer to World Annihilation" on *Common Dreams*. (<https://www.commondreams.org/opinion/trinity-test-nuclear-annihilation>)

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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

Can You Take a Choke? Meeting #4521, April 4, 2024

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**

- Author Stanley Gene Weinbaum (b. April 4, 1902; d. Dec. 14, 1935)
- Author Dan Simmons (b. April 4, 1948)
- Actor Hugo Weaving (b. April 4, 1960)
- Actor Robert Downey Jr. (b. April 4, 1965)

Dispatchings

- Author Lynne Reid Banks (b. July 31, 1929; d. April 4, 2024)

- Visual effects artist Tim McGovern (b. June 24, 1955; d. March 30, 2024)
- Actor, writer, and comedian Joe Flaherty (b. June 21, 1941; d. April 1, 2024)
- Actor Barbara Rush (b. Jan. 4, 1927; d. March 31, 2024)
- Actor Barbara Baldavin (b. Oct. 18, 1938; d. March 31, 2024)
- Actor Louis Gossett Jr. (b. May 27, 1936; d. March 29, 2024)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1968, *2001: A Space Odyssey* premiered in Los Angeles.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for March 28, 2024.

Additions and Corrections

Eylat Poliner indicated that Kristine Cherry created the Web site form with the QR code.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Susan Fox bid \$5, won, and named them “Meh Meh Meh.”

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Charles (Chuck) Donahue II was celebrated and recognized by Chris Marble and Nick Smith. Donahue received three cheers—and his birthday is April 1.

Tom Stern was celebrated and recognized by Cathy Johnson and Matthew B. Tepper. Stern received three cheers.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- April 11: In-person (hybrid) meeting at Denny’s—By-Laws discussion and first vote
- April 18: By-Laws vote
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- Matthew B. Tepper: This might be the first LASFS meeting taking place on foreign soil.

- May 30: Robert Sawyer reading of *The Downloaded*
- June 6: President nominations
- June 13: In-person (hybrid) meeting and procedural elections

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): If you knit or know someone who knits, we’re making hats for the American Cancer Society. We’ll accept donations of such hats at Loscon.

If you can bring items for the auction, the proceeds will also go to the American Cancer Society.

Marketing (Krystal Rains): Loscon was at WonderCon last weekend and sold three memberships.

This Saturday, there’s a City of STEM event at the Los Angeles State Historic Park. (<https://www.cityofstem.org>)

Later in the month, we’ll attend AnaCon in Anaheim. (<https://www.anaheim.net/4743/AnaCon>)

If people know about upcoming events we can table at, reach out to us.

We also have Loscon logo pins available for \$12. We’ll have them at the meeting next week.

Eylat Poliner thanked Krystal Rains for tabling at WonderCon.

We also found some LASFS pins. Krystal Rains has them. They also cost \$12.

Fandom Wellness Committee (Chris Marble): He just got off the phone with George Mulligan, who’s doing OK. He’s getting physical therapy five days a week again.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held in honor of Tom Digby, who is well remembered, well loved, and well beyond the bounds of rationality.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

Eylat Poliner stood in for Nichols, who isn’t feeling well. We have no guests.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. It is now April. It is too late to pay your yearly dues, so everybody’s got to pay monthly or weekly dues.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The LASFS board of directors will next meet Sunday, April 14, at 11 a.m. If you want to see

how we do things downtown or uptown, tune in. Members are welcome to observe.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith: Dark Delicacies will host an interview and signing with Sarah Langan on Saturday.

The Egyptian Theatre Hollywood will screen *Blade Runner: The Final Cut* and *Critters* on Saturday.

The Los Feliz Theatre plans to show *Fritz the Cat* on Monday.

The New Beverly Cinema will screen *The Muppets Take Manhattan* on Saturday and Sunday, and the anime *Metropolis* on Saturday.

The Vista Theater plans to screen *The Absent-Minded Professor* on Saturday and Sunday. They have opened their second auditorium; tickets sold out through mid-April.

Scribbles will be out of town for the next month. Please record meetings starting next week into early May. He'll do minutes from the video recordings.

Rob Powell: A solar eclipse will occur Monday. It will start at 9 a.m., culminate around 11, and clear up by noon. (<https://eclipse2024.org/links.htm> and <https://www.space.com/what-time-total-solar-eclipse-april-8>)

Moments of Science

Thomas Safer: From *Today in Science* (https://www.todayinsci.com/4/4_04.htm)

- Steven Sasson
- Linus Yale
- Benjamin Peirce
- Mrs. Potts sad iron

Susan Rothman has to go to the doctor in April because she has arthritis bone on bone on her hip. But maybe it was just dislocated. A couple of weeks ago, she did a set of stretches, heard a pop, and there was a slide down her leg. Since then her pain profile has been different; it's in her leg, not her hip. She's going to an orthopedist.

Eylat Poliner: If you look at the solar eclipse, be sure to use those glasses. Don't look directly at the eclipse. (<https://www.eclipseglasses.com> and <https://www.amazon.com/Premium-Solar-Eclipse-Viewing-Glasses/dp/B0C37N8HK2>)

Matthew B. Tepper: Or use a pinhole to shine it onto a piece of cardboard.

Krystal Rains: The Los Angeles Public Library is also giving out glasses.

Dean Johnson: Don't use 3D glasses.

Susan Fox: Use a colander.

Rob Powell: Use a postcard with holes punched in it and date it as a memento.

Charles Lee Jackson II: There was a time in the past when there was a partial eclipse visible in Los Angeles. I made a camera obscura and was standing outside. A couple of children came to see what I was doing and then ran to get some more kids.

Regular Announcements

Susan Fox: Larry Niven Fan's Page on Facebook has a couple of posts featuring Cecil the Seasick Sea Serpent. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/95814661182>)

Thomas Safer is again screening films at the Frances Howard Goldwyn—Hollywood Regional Branch Library. April 13 he'll show *Lady and the Tramp*.

Willard Stone: The Reagan library is hosting an exhibit of Star Wars and the Strategic Defense Initiative memorabilia. (<https://www.reaganfoundation.org/library-museum/special-exhibits/star-wars>)

Reviews

Eylat Poliner has been watching *Cheers*. It reminds her of the LASFS. It's quite a classic.

Nick Smith saw two movies this week: *Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire* and *Monster Mash*, which is now available on Apple TV.

Miscellaneous

Thomas Safer shared his \$100 story. He tends to give a lot of business to Arnold's Copy & Printing in Studio City. He recently got a phone call from a high school student about hanging a banner. Safer referred them to Arnold Sarkissian, who secured a \$900 print job. He gave Safer \$100. The banner is hanging at Hollywood Way and Magnolia Boulevard.

Charles Lee Jackson II: In my recent attempt to get to 166 pounds, I got to 165 pounds—two days after I started eating candy again.

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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

**Really Cool, Rob. Thank You.
Meeting #4522, April 11, 2024**

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order before the video recording began.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Author Peter O'Donnell (b. April 11, 1920; d. May 3, 2010)
- Author Melanie Tem (b. April 11, 1949; d. Feb. 9, 2015)
- Actor, singer, dancer, photographer, and theater director Joel Grey (b. April 11, 1932)
- Author Gregory Keyes (b. April 11, 1963)

Dispatchings

- Cartoonist, author, and historian Trina Robbins (b. Aug. 17, 1938; d. April 10, 2024)
- Film editor Edgar Burcksen (b. May 13, 1947; d. April 7, 2024)
- Sound engineer Dan Wallin (b. March 13, 1927; d. April 10, 2024)

Media anniversary

On this date in 2001, the first episode of *Special Unit 2* aired on television. The dark fantasy comedy police procedural lasted only 19 episodes.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Neither Scribbles nor anyone else read the Condensed Cream of Menace.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Elliott "Elst" Weinstein was celebrated and recognized by Chris Marble and Matthew B. Tepper. Weinstein received three cheers—a stein and a lollipop.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- April 18: By-Laws vote (if it passes after discussion tonight)
- May 2: Charles Lee Jackson II reading of "The Diamond Men"
- May 9: In-person (hybrid) meeting and Big Auction at Denny's
- May 23: In-person (hybrid) 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>)

- May 30: Robert Sawyer reading of *The Downloaded*
- June 6: President nominations
- June 13: In-person (hybrid) meeting and procedural elections

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): Loscon 50 will be held at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport over Thanksgiving weekend. Our Writer Guest of Honor is Spider Robinson. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so.

There is an all-staff Loscon meeting Sunday, April 21, at the Hilton, as well as online.

Fandom Wellness Committee (Chris Marble): Selina Phanara is on her way back from San Antonio, Texas.

George Mulligan is doing reasonably well. He's doing physical therapy four to five times a week.

Greg Barrett is embarrassed to come to a meeting because he's behind on dues, but he's doing fine.

Dean Johnson demonstrated that his sling and brace have been removed. Now he starts physical therapy. He'll do the same exercises Cathy did.

Christian B. McGuire added that Elayne Pelz recently fell while exercising. She hyperextended her right arm and suffered some bruising but didn't break anything.

Cathy Johnson sent the club's regards.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held as a memorial to Tom Digby.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

Eylat Poliner stood in for Heide Nichols. Guest Jaime Morgan Muñoz, producer for KCET PBS SoCal's program *Lost L.A.* is observing the meeting as research for an episode on science fiction in Los Angeles. He recently finished reading *Children of Time* by Adrian Tchaikovsky, which is about a planet populated by giant spiders. It's highly recommended.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues. Everyone in the room and on Zoom has paid them. If you can, please make donations. We will appreciate that.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The board of directors will next meet Sunday, April 14, at 11 a.m.

Old Business

None

New Business: By-Laws discussion and vote
Charles Lee Jackson II described the process for voting on the proposed By-Laws change. Matthew B. Tepper will read the text and questions can be answered. We will take a show of hands, and if the motion passes tonight, we'll vote again. There will be no discussion next week, so if you have any questions, tonight is the time to ask them.

Matthew B. Tepper: There is a proposal that has been passed to the club by the board of directors to amend the LASFS By-Laws. As it currently stands:

Article III, Section 1, Part C

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;
4. Not have been declared of unsound mind by a final order of court; and
5. Meet such additional activity requirements as the Board may establish pertaining to activities of the Board itself.

The Board, by a majority vote of the directors who meet all of the required qualifications to be a director, may declare vacant the office of any Director who fails or ceases to meet any of the above qualifications that was in effect at the beginning of that director's current term of office.

The change that the board ultimately decided on would be to change Part 3, which is "Reside within Los Angeles County, Kern County, Orange County, Riverside County, San Bernardino County, or Ventura County." That is to be changed to, "Reside within the states of California, Nevada, Arizona, and Oregon." Seven voted in favor, and one opposed; the measure passed from the board of directors to the club.

Jackson: Please note that we did not change any other sections of the By-Laws, just that one, which is opening up the physical space that can be occupied by a member of the board of the club. Are there questions?

LASFS members asked why the board wants to make the change—and why those specific states. Board members explained their reasoning—online communications, where active members now live—as well as past precedent expanding where board members can live. Members expressed concern that there was no stipulation that a majority of the board reside in the Los Angeles area, and that the current proposal could lead to hostile takeover attempts.

After lively, thoughtful discussion, the question was called. Six people voted for the amendment as proposed. 18 voted against and there were a couple abstentions. Johnson announced that the motion was voted down and sent back to the board with recommendations. Additional recommendations were requested via email before the next board meeting.

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith: Dark Delicacies will host a signing on Saturday for two books, Stephen B.

Armstrong's *I Want You Around: The Ramones and the Making of Rock 'n' Roll High School* and the first two volumes of *Roger Corman's New World Pictures: An Oral History*.

The New Beverly Cinema will show *Jason and the Argonauts* and a double feature of *Mothra* and *The H-Man* on Saturday and Sunday. They will also screen *First Omen* as a matinee this weekend and all next week.

Landmark's Nuart Theatre will screen *The People's Joker* on Friday and Saturday.

The Old Town Music Hall in El Segundo will show the original 1950s version of *The Thing*, *Them!*, and *Forbidden Planet*.

Vidiots plans to show *Kiki's Delivery Service*, a collection of stop-motion animation, *Season of the Witch*, *Lilo & Stitch*, and *A Matter of Life and Death*.

The Vista Theater will show a compilation of Three Stooges short subjects on Saturday and Sunday.

Heide Nichols: This might also be a Moment of Science. The next meteor shower, the Lyrids, occurs April 16-25. The peak night will be April 21.

Moments of Science

Rob "Gizmo" Powell recently experienced the solar eclipse and prepared a slide show. At the

end of the meeting, Powell shared his slide show once the technical issues were sorted out. (He presented the material while on a cruise ship off the coast of Baja California.) His explanation and description of the mystical experience was informative and entertaining. He also shared upcoming eclipse dates for 2026-2028.

Lee Grixit: A Roman town, ruins but not buried, was discovered in Italy. It was on top of a hill and was located using a drone. Maybe more people should take drones out. You, too, could accidentally become an archeologist.

Regular Announcements

Hare Hobbs: There's a new Hawkwind box set, *Days Of The Underground: Studio & Live Recordings 1977-1979*. They've got gobs and gobs of songs with science fiction lyrics. It's a 10-disc set covering 1977-1979.

Krystal Rains: AnaCon at the Anaheim Public Library is April 27 (<https://www.anaheim.net/4743/AnaCon>). If anyone is going, I can give you some postcards to take.

The weekend of May 4-5 is LitFest in the Dena (<https://litfestinthedena.org>). I'll be volunteering Saturday.

There will be readings at Vroman's Bookstore in Pasadena on May 11.

Dr. Susie Searight: My organization, the Browncoat Auxiliary Depression & Anxiety Support System (<https://www.wearebadass.org>), will have a table at AnaCon. We can display items at the event.

Nick Smith: The *Los Angeles Times* Festival of Books (<https://events.latimes.com/festivalofbooks>) is April 20-21. It usually has a lot of science fiction and fannish material at the small press-related booths. It's at USC again.

Reviews

Hare Hobbs just saw *Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire*. It was a pretty good film, but the fighting was hard to keep track of. With two identical creatures, who are the good guys and bad guys?

Christian B. McGuire recommended *Dune: Part Two*. Don't see it in a middling theater, but on as large a screen as you can because of its scale.

He also read *Inner Space & Outer Thoughts: Speculative Fiction From Caltech and JPL Authors*, and he would recommend it to anyone. It's got great variety, and some of the people went in really interesting directions. These are fresh ideas.

Lee Grixit has been reading *Islands of the Moon* by River Jackson, a post-apocalyptic story in which the seas have risen and the ozone layer is gone. It's a narrative poem, which makes it difficult to read.

Miscellaneous

Krystal Rains offered Loscon pins for sale.

Call to Adjourn

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

Board Meeting

April 14, 2024

Matthew B. Tepper, chairing
Susan Fox, Secretary

Call to Order

11 a.m.

Present

Chairman Matthew Tepper, Vice Chairman Heide Nichols, Secretary Susan Fox, Eylat Poliner, Elayne Pelz, Christian B. McGuire, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, Cathy Johnson, Dean Johnson, and Michelle Pincus. Excused absence: Gavin Claypool, due to work. Non-board members: club member observers Matt Mitchell, Christine Lipscomb, and Gregory Lipscomb.

Minutes

Approved and accepted

New Members

John Searight, accepted

Suzie Searight, accepted

Steven Pease says he was a member 30-plus years ago, confirmed by Elayne Pelz. We accepted his \$10 donation.

Treasurer's Report (Elayne Pelz)

See Comptroller below

30-Second Reports

Chairman (Matthew Tepper): No report

Vice Chairman (Heide Nichols) No report

Secretary (Susan Fox): No report

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): Elayne Pelz reported the LASFS has \$939,000 in funds

Library (Gavin Claypool): No report

Quartermaster (Susan Fox): No report

Archives (Cathy Johnson): A bag of plastic sleeves and other paperwork is now stored at the Johnson house.

Physical Plant/Storage (Rob Powell): He's

doing some cleanup of storage, preparing for the hot season. We have four or five flats of 24 bottles of water. Susan Fox and Michelle Pincus expressed interest.

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

Powell: Does that include equipment for mobile meetings? Johnson is using his personal equipment for mobile meetings.

Events (Eylat Poliner): For Loscon 50, Spider Robinson has agreed to fly in, which is going to make it easier to keep track of him.

Alex "Orec" (approximate spelling) of the American Library Association is allowing us to use electronic gaming equipment. Eylat Poliner will coordinate with Debra Levin to pick up. Ben Levin will pick what he wants for the game room.

Shawn Crosby will emcee all major Loscon 50 events. We're talking to the 501st Legion to attend the Star Wars marathon, which will feature the original version of the first trilogy, including commemorative ribbons.

There's a Loscon 50 meeting on April 21 at 1 p.m. at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport. It'll be a hybrid meeting, but we recommend you come in person to meet all the new staff members. There's housekeeping to discuss.

Poliner thanked Kristine Cherry for her work on the Web site. Poliner also thanked Krystal Rains and Michelle Pincus for their work on marketing.

For the auction on Sunday, Christian B. McGuire will lead. It will benefit the American Cancer Society. Donations of new goods or vintage items are needed. Knitted or crocheted donations are also wanted, specifically caps for cancer patients, to be received by Julie Ree on behalf of the ACS Relay for Life. Heide Nichols has completed 20 so far; Joyce Sperling has made 15.

Loscon 51: No guests of honor have been selected yet.

Publications (Christian B. McGuire): *De Profundis* continues publication, even while Scribbles is traveling.

Marketing and Recruitment (Michelle Pincus): Thank you to Eylat Poliner and Krystal Rains for help at the Los Angeles Vintage Paperback Collectors Show table. We sold eight memberships.

Rains also volunteered at WonderCon. We're working on a San Diego Comic-Con table. We need to print more Loscon postcards for Comic-Con. Dean Johnson will order 1,000 to be sent to Krystal Rain's house.

Significant Others

Club President (Cathy Johnson): There was a live meeting on April 11. We discussed the proposed By-Laws change, which was voted down and sent back to the board with suggestions.

Agenda Items

Business before the board: The proposed By-Laws change was rejected by majority vote at the April 11 meeting, and the sense of the meeting was that it should be returned to the board for retooling and possible resubmission.

Board discussion of changing regional requirements: From the LASFS By-Laws—

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;

Alternatives suggested at the April 11 meeting: Make a rule that a majority of the Board members be local. (Dr. Susie Searight and Scott Beckstead) Define "majority": 50 percent plus one? Two-thirds? Three-fourths? (Sherri Benoun) Clarify "local": Los Angeles County, or the adjacent counties as in the current section III.1.C.1. (Heide Nichols) Add Clark County, Nevada. Precedent: Society for Creative Anachronism, Kingdom of Caid. (Susan Fox)

Discussion: Eylat Poliner likes the idea of the majority of board members residing in the designated counties. Cathy Johnson suggests this go to a By-Laws committee instead of a board meeting. Christian B. McGuire: The sense at the meeting was a simple majority in the designated counties, not two-thirds, but a supermajority would be better than 50 percent plus one. Heide Nichols was contacted by three

people that said more than six out of 11 would be better. Elayne Pelz moved to send to a committee. The motion passed.

Matthew B. Tepper will head a committee to be conducted by email, in order to not delay it for two months. Heide Nichols, Elayne Pelz, and Susan Fox will serve on the By-Laws committee. Deferred to committee, to approve something to pass to the procedural meeting.

Possible discussion of the KCET PBS *Lost L.A.* interviews: Guest at the in-person meeting—Jaime Morgan Muñoz, producer, wants to do a segment on science fiction writers and fans in Los Angeles. Matthew B. Tepper and Charles Lee Jackson II held a Zoom call with Muñoz to talk about the history. Tepper can connect anyone else who wants to do an interview. (Check your email.)

Open Forum

(Including discussion of the status of what, for want of a better code phrase, I shall term the Yolanda Project)

Elayne Pelz has not been able to do anything because of being out of town and then her injury, but she will work this coming week to create an offer letter, including proof of funds. She does not think it will be accepted, but who knows? We're looking into getting the property rezoned because the owner won't do it. We will need a lawyer for that. Sandy Cohen recommends a "CR" zoning because there is residential property on the other side. Our offer will be \$900,000. The owner wants \$1.2 million because Zillow listed it that way, but because it has been on the market since October 2023 and we have cash, let's see what happens. Pelz is looking into a mortgage of \$100,000 for fixing the place up, legal, and other fees.

Heide Nichols, who makes a living buying and selling real estate: You could put in the cash offer to take it "as is." He might want to not spend money to bring things up to code, so that could be a better bargaining chip. Nichols has checklists of things to do. Christian B. McGuire requested that the board obtain that checklist.

Eylat Poliner moved that Pelz move forward as she sees fit. The motion passes.

Heide Nichols: About postcards for Loscon as effective marketing tools—Susan Fox mentioned LASFS postcards for the club itself. There used to be a brochure. Could we do that again?

Michelle Pincus wants to reprint the bookmarks once we have a clubhouse as an address for people to visit. She will discuss

doing that for the current Zoom and hybrid meetings with Krystal Rains. The matter was referred to Pincus and Rains.

Eylat Poliner: We are missing our green cards for guests at in-person meetings. Poliner will print new ones from the original files. Rob Powell would like to be aware of work on the bookmarks and green cards.

Take-Aways

Green cards, By-Laws committee, and the Yolands Project

Next Meeting Date

Proposed: June 9. The May board meeting was cancelled, as is traditional, in favor of Mother's Day. Cathy and Dean Johnson will be traveling June 9, and Heide Nichols will be working at the Renaissance faire. Christian B. McGuire suggested June 23. Michelle Pincus suggested June 2, which was moved and approved.

The next meeting date is June 2.

Adjournment

Moved to adjourn, seconded, and approved.

Mira Grant.

Meeting #4527, May 16, 2024

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

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

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Actor Yvonne Craig (b. May 16, 1937; d. Aug. 17, 2015)
- Actor and director Lloyd Kino (b. May 16, 1919; d. July 21, 2012)
- Actor, producer, and director David Boreanaz (b. May 16, 1969)
- Courtesy of Eylat Poliner: Poliner reminded LASFSans of a belated happy birthday for Cathy Johnson (b. May 10).
- Courtesy of Scribbles: LASFS member, Rotsler Award winner, and APA-L cover artist Ulrika O'Brien (b. May 10, 1962)

Dispatchings

- Director, producer, and actor Roger Corman (b. (April 5, 1926; d. May 9, 2024)
- Producer and actor Mark Damon (b. April 22, 1933; d. May 12, 2024)

Media anniversary
On this date in 2014, the American-made *Godzilla* was released, rebooting the franchise.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)
Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for March 21 and April 11, 2024.

Additions and Corrections

March 21, 2024: None

April 11, 2024: Cathy Johnson asked to amend the Moment of Science from Rob Powell to indicate he presented the slide show from a cruise ship off the coast of Baja California.

Auction to Name the Minutes

March 21, 2024: Dr. Susie Searight bid \$6, won, and named them "A Blast from the Past."

April 11, 2024: Eylat Poliner bid \$10, won, and named them "Really Cool, Rob. Thank You."

Call for Approval

March 21, 2024: Moved to accept as read, and approved.

April 11, 2024: Moved to accept as amended, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Tom Digby was celebrated and recognized by Jay Freeman, Lee Grixit, Charles Lee Jackson II, Chris Marble, Eylat Poliner, Scribbles, Nick Smith, and Matthew B. Tepper. Digby received three cheers—and some bubbles.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- May 30: Robert Sawyer reading of *The Downloaded*
- June 6: President nominations
- June 13: In-person (hybrid) meeting and procedural elections
- 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>)

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): Loscon 50 will take place Thanksgiving weekend at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport.

Guests of honor include writer Spider Robinson, artist Laura Brodian Freas Beraha, artist ghost Frank Kelly Freas, musician Kathy Mar, and fans Genny Dazzo and Craig Miller.

There will be a maker room, a masquerade, hall costume awards, a costume repair station,

tabletop and electronic gaming, and movie screenings hosted by Thomas Safer.

Our fundraising will benefit the American Cancer Society. Christian B. McGuire will host an auction. If you have items to include, ship them to Eylat Poliner's house or bring them to the con office.

If you knit, crochet, or sew, we're making caps for people currently undergoing treatment.

A toy drive will be arranged by Mark Poliner for Toys for Tots.

Fandom Wellness Committee (Chris Marble): George Mulligan's motivation is low.

Greg Barrett is still facing challenges. If anyone can volunteer to bring him to the consulate screening, let me know.

Selina Phanara is visiting the dentist.

Marble hopes to visit Don Fitch next week.

Reg Franchi's father has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 50.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

Eylat Poliner stood in for Heide Nichols and introduced a guest of the LASFS, Bryan Frank, an aspiring writer. He's doing research to find a tribe to hang out with and learn from. Poliner explained the club and welcomed him.

Poliner also welcomed Aly Abramowitz, Peggy Wu, Alex Garganigo, and Derek LaPorte.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. We have a couple of people who owe dues.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The next meeting of the LASFS board of directors will be Sunday, June 2. It's been moved to accommodate people who will be at another event on the second Sunday in June. We'll be taking up the reworded amendment to the By-Laws. A subcommittee has delivered an alternate version. The board will discuss it and then return to the club. The meetings are open to members. Please come.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith: American Cinematheque will screen *Bram Stoker's Dracula* at the Egyptian Theatre Hollywood.

Brain Dead Studios will show *Alphaville*, *Toy Story*, *I Saw the Devil*, and *Blood Simple*.

The New Beverly Cinema will host *Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man* and *House of Frankenstein*.

Vidiots will screen *Mortal Kombat*, *Chicken Run*, *Bedknobs and Broomsticks* with a Bob Baker Marionette Theater performance beforehand, and *Johnny Mnemonic* in black and white.

The Laemmle NoHo 7 will host the 2024 Geek Fest Film Festival, two nights of short genre films. (<https://geekfestla.com>)

Scribbles reminded people that it's the final weekend of the Renaissance Pleasure Faire.

Moments of Science

Eylat Poliner: In New York, there's this big round video thing where people can wave to people in Dublin. It's really, really cool. (<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/05/16/nyregion/new-york-dublin-portal-closed.html>)

James DeTar mentioned an Ashlee Vance article about the first human being to receive a brain interface implant, Neuralink. The recipient is setting records. (<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2024-05-16/neuralink-s-first-patient-describes-living-with-brain-implant>)

Regular Announcements

Lee Grixit expressed gratitude and respect for Elayne Pelz. He won a book at the auction last week and was a little slow to pay for it. Two days later, it arrived in the mail. She's very prompt and responsive.

Reviews

Matt Mitchell: The first two episodes of the new season of *Doctor Who* indicate that Ncuti Gatwa has jumped into the role in a way similar to that of Matt Smith and perhaps Tom Baker.

Scribbles commented on the September-October 2023 issue of *The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction*. It's amazing, astounding, compelling, dynamic, fantastic, uncanny, and weird.

Miscellaneous

Nick Smith: Seanan McGuire was recently inaugurated into the Filk Music Hall of Fame in Toronto. Filk is where she started.

Matthew B. Tepper recently had Mohs surgery to remove something from his face. It is entirely gone, and the area is now healing.

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting

Charles Lee Jackson II: As of two days ago, his most recent book is out, *J-Men Vs. Alien Invaders*.

Call to Adjourn

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

Upcoming Conventions

May 30 to June 2: StokerCon, San Diego, <https://www.stokercon2024.com>

May 31 to June 2: Monsterpalooza, Pasadena, <http://www.monsterpalooza.com/spring>

June 1-2: Anime Riverside, Riverside, <https://www.animeriverside.com>

June 6-9: SFWA Nebula Conference, Pasadena, <https://events.sfw.org>

June 8: Near Mint Sundays, Anaheim, <https://pineapplesdocumentation.com>

June 8-9: SoCal Gaming Expo, Pasadena, <https://socalretrogamingexpo.com>

June 9: Robo Toy Fest, Burbank, <https://robotoyfest.com>

June 15: Q Con, West Hollywood, <https://qconprism.org>

June 29: San Fernando Valley Comic Book Convention, North Hollywood, <https://www.facebook.com/SanFernandoValleyComicBookConvention>

Upcoming Events

June 1: *The Neverending Story* and *Big Trouble in Little China* at the New Beverly Cinema

June 1: *The Abominable Dr. Phibes* at the Vista Theater

June 1: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

June 1: *Robin Hood* (1973) at Vidiots

June 1: *The Matrix* at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

June 2: *The Neverending Story* at the New Beverly Cinema

June 2: *The Princess Bride* at Vidiots

June 2: *Mad Max* at Brain Dead Studios

June 2: *"Me"* and *World of Tomorrow* at the Los Feliz Theatre

June 4: *We Need to Talk About Kevin* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

June 7: *I Saw the TV Glow* at Vidiots

June 7: *Maelstrom*, *12 Monkeys*, and *La Jetee* at Brain Dead Studios

June 7-8: *2010: The Year We Make Contact* at the Vista Theater

June 8: Cartoon Club, *The Lost World: Jurassic Park*, and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* at the New Beverly Cinema

June 8: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

June 8: *Spirited Away* and *I Saw the TV Glow* at Vidiots

June 8: *Paddington* at the Los Feliz Theatre

June 8: *Being John Malkovich* and *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* at the Egyptian Theatre Hollywood

June 8: *"Me"* and *It's Such a Beautiful Day* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

June 8: *The Addams Family* (1991) at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

June 8: *Prom Night* Blu-ray signing with director Paul Lynch at Dark Delicacies, Burbank

June 8-9: *The Wizard of Oz* at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

June 9: *The Lost World: Jurassic Park* at the New Beverly Cinema

June 9: *Monsters, Movies, and Me* signing with Frank Dietz and Kirk R. Thatcher at Dark Delicacies, Burbank

June 9: *Beauty and the Beast* sing-along and *I Saw the TV Glow* at Vidiots

June 9: *Paddington 2* at the Los Feliz Theatre

June 9: *Night Is Short, Walk on Girl* at Brain Dead Studios

June 10: *The Heroic Trio* at the Los Feliz Theatre

June 10-12: *I Saw the TV Glow* at Vidiots

June 12: *Q—The Winged Serpent* at the Los Feliz Theatre

June 14: *Repo Man* at the New Beverly Cinema

June 14: *Spirited Away* and *Drop Dead Fred* at Vidiots

June 14: *Jodorowsky's Dune* and *Dune* (1984) at Brain Dead Studios

June 14: *Eraserhead* at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

June 15: *Aladdin* (1992) and *Death Proof* at the New Beverly Cinema

June 15: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

June 5: *Fantasia*, *Ghost in the Shell 2: Innocence*, and *Night of the Living Dead* at Vidiots

June 15: *The Shining* at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

June 16: *Aladdin* (1992) at the New Beverly Cinema

June 16: *Grim Root* signing with Bonnie Jo Stufflebeam at Dark Delicacies, Burbank

June 16: *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* at Vidiots

June 16: *Blade Runner* at Brain Dead Studios

June 21: *Dune* (1984) at the New Beverly Cinema

June 21: *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* at Vidiots

June 21: *Taxidermia* at the Los Feliz Theatre

June 21: *Mad Max: Fury Road* at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

June 22: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

June 22: *A Goofy Movie* at Vidiots

June 22: *Blade Runner 2049* and *Liquid Sky* at Brain Dead Studios

June 22: *Sorry to Bother You* at the Los Feliz Theatre

June 22: *Death Becomes Her* at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

June 22-23: *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure* at the New Beverly Cinema

June 23: *Ghost in the Shell 2: Innocence* at Vidiots

June 23: *Tremors* at Brain Dead Studios

June 26: "*Shaman vs. Icarus*" and *Final Cut: Ladies & Gentlemen* at the Los Feliz Theatre

June 26-27: *Forbidden Planet* and *The Time Machine* (1960) at the New Beverly Cinema

June 28: *A Nightmare on Elm Street* at the New Beverly Cinema

June 28: *Tron: Legacy* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

June 28: *The Muppet Movie* at Vidiots

June 29: *Batman: Mask of the Phantasm* and *Kaboom* at the New Beverly Cinema

June 29: *Mary Poppins* at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

June 29: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

June 29: *The Muppet Movie*, *Face/Off*, and *The Fog* at Vidiots

June 29: *Dune* (2021) and *Dune: Part Two* at Brain Dead Studios

June 30: *Batman: Mask of the Phantasm* at the New Beverly Cinema

June 30: *964 Pinocchio* at Brain Dead Studios

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:

Fanactivity Gazette Vol. 3 #12 (N3F, May 2024), *Instant Message* #1009 (NESFA, May 2024), *The N3F Review of Books* (May 2024), N'APA #270 (N3F, May 2024), *The National Fantasy Fan* Vol. 83 #5 (N3F, May 2024), *Science Fiction Forum Newsletter* #21 (Stony Brook University, April-May 2024), *Scientifiction* #80 (First Fandom, Q2 2024), *Sigma* #457 (Parsec, May 2024), *The Starship Express* (SFABC, June 2024), and *The Starship Local* (SFABC, June 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 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 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:

Alexiad Vol. 23 #2 (April 2024), *The Compleat Anachronist* #203 (First Quarter 2024), *Intermission* #143.5, *Locus* Vol. 92 #5 (May 2024), *Memphen* #283 "double naught-zero," *SMOF News* Vol. 3 #35-39, *This Here...* #75, *Theaker's Quarterly Fiction* #76, and *The Typo King* #88.

New fanzines available via <https://efanzines.com> include *A Backwater of Fandom* #14, *Claims Department* #70-71, *CyberCozen* (May 2024), *The Drink Tank* #455-457, *England Swings...*, *Every Place I Read Your Goddamn Fanzine* #4-5 and #7-8, *Exhibition Hall* #30, *The Icelandic Route*, *Intermezzo* #1, *Journey Planet* #81, *The Obdurate Eye* #39, *Opuntia* #572-573, *Ornithopter Mk.III*, *The Ray X X-Rayer* #178, *Small Steps Down a Local Street* #3, *Spartacus* #73, *Sporadic* #85, *The Stf Amateur* #8, *This Here...* #74, *Wild Ideas* #47, and *You're Still on My Mind* #6.

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?