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April 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 8 p.m.: LASFS meeting	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 8 p.m.: LASFS meeting*	11	12
13 11 a.m.: Board meeting	14	15	16	17 8 p.m.: LASFS meeting	18	19
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27	28	29	30			

All times are PT. Events in black text are LASFS events. Events in gray text are not.

* **Thursday Programme Items:** April 10—Hybrid meeting at Denny's (5525 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91411)

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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The editor requests news items of interest to LASFS members. While the editor accepts no advertising in *De Prof*, he will attempt to publish relevant event announcements.

Send such material to Heath Row at 4367 Globe Ave., Culver City, CA 90230; via email to kalel@well.com; or via fax to 323-916-0367. Deadlines are fluid. Any material deemed not appropriate for *De Prof* will be considered for apazines published by the editor.

The editor will prioritize content mandated in the LASFS By-Laws and supported by any applicable club traditions.

Print recipients are responsible for informing the editor of address changes. The editor will stop mailing newsletters to anyone whose mailing is returned.

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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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LASFS OFFICERS

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January-June 2025

President: Cathy Johnson
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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

Evaporated Cream of Menace

(Official, approved minutes are available online at <https://www.lasfs.org/lasfs-meeting-minutes>.)

This will be my last, expurgated issue as editor of *De Profundis*. For the last couple of years, with our son in college—and expecting to graduate next year—my wife and I have been planning and preparing to eventually leave the Los Angeles area, relocating overseas. In recent weeks, the steps we've taken have snowballed, and we're going to move much sooner than expected.

We'll be in the LA area until the end of May, at which point we'll spend time with our families in the Midwest before we head to Portugal. I'll continue my fanac in the Midwest and Europe, online, and in amateur press associations and fanzines the world over, but I won't be able to continue volunteering as editor for LASFS publications.

APA-L participants are discussing a succession plan that's already underway—we have a volunteer to replace me as Official Collator—and I'm unable to publish a full issue of *De Profundis* this month given our schedule and remaining tasks.

Thank you for entrusting *De Prof* to my care since #582 in February 2023. Your support and endorsement was meaningful. I enjoyed serving as Scribe for the LASFS and have gotten a kick out of editing *De Prof* these 25 issues. I hope you've enjoyed the clubzine. Were we not moving, I'd plod on with strong devotion.

If you'd like to volunteer as editor of *De Prof*, reach out to Christian B. McGuire. I'll be available to help smooth any transition by providing templates, distribution lists, and the like. I still intend to edit and publish *Losconzine* #50, likely once we've sold our home in LA. That conzine should come out in time before the upcoming Loscon.

Though moving, I'll still be around, lurking in the fanosphere. I'll continue to watch the club's activities with zeal, and my fanzine *The Stf Amateur* remains available at <https://efanzines.com/HR/index.htm> and [https://fanac.org/fanzines/Stf Amateur](https://fanac.org/fanzines/Stf_Amateur).

I shall remain forever yours,
Heath Row
aka Scribbles