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Thursday Program Items

October 2: Andrew Plotkin will present his interactive website. rkyrath@eblong.com

October 9: Hybrid meeting at Denny's (5525 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Sherman Oaks). Auction

October 16: No program.

October 23: Mark Poliner Presents Freemasonry and SF

October 30: Charles Lee Jackson II reads to the club members

Programming for November through December 2025 listed on page 11.

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 on April 13, 2025, the directors accepted Matthew Mitchell's proposal to become editor of *De Profundis*.

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LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers
July-December 2025

President: Cathy Johnson
Vice-President: Susan Fox & Eylat Poliner
Registrar: Matthew B. Tepper
Scribe: Matthew Mitchell
Treasurers: Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz

Board of Directors

Chairman: Michelle Pincus (2027)
Vice Chairman: Matthew B. Tepper (2026)
Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2025)
Secretary: Susan Fox (2027)

Other Members

Cathy Johnson (2027), Dean Johnson (2025), Christian B. McGuire (2026), Heide Nichols (2025), Elayne Pelz (2026), Eylat Poliner (2027), 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: Matthew Mitchell; 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>.)

Bubbles

May 15, 2025

Meeting #4579

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

The meeting was called to order by president Cathy Johnson.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Nick Smith]

Hatchings:

- author L. Frank Baum
- author William Bowen
- actor Joseph Cotten
- producer/director Rob Bowman

Media anniversary

- 1943 release of *The Mad Monster*. The monster in question was played by Glenn Strange, who was also the new Frankenstein's Monster over at Universal.

Passings:

- stage composer Charles Strouse
- director and screenwriter Robert Benton
- makeup artist and designer Greg Cannom.

Reading of the minutes for meeting #4578

Susan Fox bid \$5 to name the minutes "White Sox". Approval of minutes at 8:21 pm.

Patron Saints:

Tom Digby: Chris Marble found him to be a charming fellow to talk to when he was still around the club. Lee Grixit enjoyed reading his zines and talking to him back in the 1970s. He was also very popular at the after meetings. Eylat Poliner said that Tom was one of the first "characters" she met in the club. She felt that if LASFS could accept Tom, then they could accept her. Nick mentioned his poetry and bubble-blowing. Three cheers and a set of bubbles.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CLJ II mentioned that the Spot of Honor was currently held by SciFi.Radio

Registrar: Absent.

Treasurer: Everybody is paid up. Please donate mightily.

Board of Directors: Michelle Pincus wasn't here, so we considered letting the Vice Chair get a word in, but we were in vice-free mode, so Susan Fox reported that the next board meeting would be on Zoom on June 8th at 11 am.

Loscon: Eylat reported a scheduled staff meeting in the San Lorenzo B room at the LAX Hilton on Sunday the 18th at 12:30 pm. A second staff meeting is tentatively set for September.

Programming: A future program will involve one of Eylat's college instructors, who has been involved with comics for a long time.

Fannish wellness: Chris reports that Heide Nichols has finally been diagnosed. Her heart is only working at 45% capacity. George still can't sit up. No news on Don Fitch or Greg Barrett. Selina is doing fine.

Matt Mitchell reported that Roxanne Mills has pain in her leg; also, Steve Smith has eye surgery coming up, which he hopes will make it possible to walk with his prosthetic leg.

CLJ II's sister Margaret had what should have been a minor heart procedure, but there were complications that brought a possible genetic flaw to light, which means he will have to be checked for the same syndrome.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Timebound announcements:

Nick reported on movie screenings of note. CLJ II reported that his book *The Bat Strikes* is currently his best-selling book.

Eylat reported that her daughter graduates from college this Saturday. Eylat got a solid A in her English class, and an A in the Psych Motivation class, and a B in her Ethics class, much to her surprise.

Science report:

Lee Grixit reported that genetics research reports are coming out that a baby's DNA could

be changed enough to fix a genetic defect. More on this later. Cats may live longer than dogs more than their relative sizes would suggest, and it may be an evolutionary step to support intelligence.

Marc Silver reports that CERN has found a way to turn lead into gold, sort of. High speed impacts of lead nuclei can sometimes knock off the right amount of protons to turn them into gold ions, but it's not stable.

Reviews:

Chris reviewed Nick's storytelling at the County Fair, which was wildly underattended due to the combination of blazing hot weather and Mother's Day.

Cathy reviewed *Thunderbolts** and enjoyed it.

Nick reviewed the new trailers for the *Superman* movie and the *Ironheart* series on Disney+. The *Superman* trailer was very, very good and the *Ironheart* trailer was darker than expected, but very interesting.

The meeting, not as dark but still interesting, adjourned at 9 pm

Taco Tuesday Is Now Every Night

May 22 2025

Meeting #4580

Cathy Johnson, presiding

Nick Smith, Scribe

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Nick Smith]:

Hatchings:

- author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- actor Sir Laurence Olivier
- actor Richard Benjamin
- actress Tao Okamoto

Media anniversaries:

- 1981, the release of *Outland*
- 1982, local release of *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*.

Passings:

- actor George Wendt
- actor Gawn Grainger
- actress Kathleen Hughes.
- cinematographer Billy Williams

Reading of the minutes for meeting #4579:

Susan Fox bid \$5 to name the minutes "Bubbles." Approval of minutes at 8:19 pm

Patron Saints:

Dee Dee Lavender: She passed away in 1986, so few people remembered her well, but she and her husband Roy were parts of LASFS and convention fandom for many years. Three cheers were given.

Joyce Lloyd, who is chairing the 2026 Worldcon. Cathy described her as a great person. The two of them chaired a LosCon, and had a blast. Eylat Poliner said that she has gotten to know Joyce because of the Worldcon. She said that Joyce clobbered her and the rest of the table at Mah Jongg. Dr. Susie Honeybee Searight "bleeping" adores her. When Matthew Tepper was chairing LosCon, Joyce helped him enormously. Three cheers and a very competently run convention.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CLJ II reported that the Spot of Honor is still held by SciFi.Radio. Bidding for June will be next week.

Registrar: No guests tonight

Treasurer: Everyone is paid up, so donate money.

Board of Directors: Next board meeting is June 8th at 11 am on Zoom

Loscon: Zoom meeting at September 21st for LosCon 51 staff.

Programming:

June programs: 1st week, presidential nominations; 2nd week, election at Denny's.

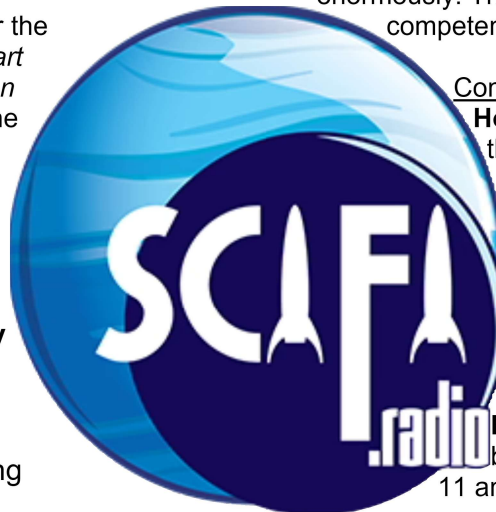
Fannish wellness

Chris Marble reports that George Mulligan is unchanged. No new news on others.

Eylat says that Heide is doing better, now that doctors know what's wrong with her. Kathy Mar, recent LosCon guest, is in the hospital with a major infection and a couple of broken discs in her back.

Old Business

None



New Business

None

Timebound announcements

Nick announced several movie screenings this coming weekend.

Eylat announced that her daughter did graduate this past weekend, and Eylat is now scheduled to graduate next June.

CLJ II mentioned that *Shadow of the Bat*, 2nd book in the series, was published on Tuesday. His publisher already has book 3 of the series, and his publisher wants to get them out quickly.

Science report:

Lee Grixit reports that some experiments suggest that Lysenko wasn't a total idiot. Rice tolerant of various temperatures seems to be forceable, which shouldn't work in a world with DNA...

Regular announcements

Chris reported that this is the last weekend for the L.A. County Fair.

Reviews

Eylat reviewed the latest *Doctor Who* episode. Really, really, really good. She was on the edge of her seat. Also watching *The Good Fight*, a lawyer show, very good.

Dr. Susie and her husband attended a local STEM high school spring concert in Long Beach. The orchestra was good, better than expected. Things like *Smells Like Teen Spirit*, *Imperial March*, *Doctor Who* and other cool music. We then digressed into a discussion of music styles vs. fields of study.

Miscellaneous:

Nick mentioned that he was reading a book about some of the Monogram actors, and it was mentioned that Noel Neill, who went on to play Lois Lane, had planned to go back to college in the field of Journalism...so she was oddly qualified for her most memorable role.

Adjournment at 8:58 pm, so the members could go back to college, no doubt.

John, You Name Them, I Got Nothin'
May 29, 2025
Meeting #4581

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

President Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order sometime around the usual.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Nick Smith]

Hatchings:

- author T. H. White
- author Neil R. Jones
- actor/comedian Bob Hope
- actor Adrian Paul
- actress Pearl Mackie
- composer Danny Elfman

Media anniversary:

- 1958 movie *Fiend Without a Face* was noted.

Passings:

- author Peter David
- film historian and archivist Barbara Hall
- actor and stunt man Ed Gale
- science fictional musician Simon House of Hawkwind and other bands

Additionally, Susan Fox reported the passing of fan Curt Steindler. A minute of silence was observed for Curt, a longtime LosCon attendee who was known to many fans.

Reading of the minutes of meeting #4580

Dr. Susie Honeybee Searight bid \$10 to name the minutes "Taco Tuesday is now every night." Approval of minutes at 8:21 pm

Patron Saint:

Ed Baker: CLJ II reported that he was a long-ago member who was apparently murdered in a robbery and found in his car. Matthew Tepper knew him only slightly, but they got along well.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CLJ II reminded us of the place and point of the Spot of Honor. Eylat Poliner bid \$25 to put LosCon 51 into the limelight.

Registrar: We are members only this evening. Derek LaPorte apologized for his absence last week: his dog had an emergency.

Board of Directors: Next meeting on Zoom, June 8th at 11 am.

Loscon 51: Tell me a story.

Loscon 52: Beyond the Unknown

Fannish wellness: Chris Marble reported that George Mulligan is actually recovering some leg strength. Eylat reported that Heide Nichols is doing better, now that her doctors have some idea what it is they're treating medically.

Michelle Pincus reported that Todd McCaffrey is moving back to Ireland this summer. He will be donating some stuff to LASFS before he goes.

Matt Mitchell reported that Tina Beychok and Steve Bartlett came down with COVID from their recent trip.

CLJ II reported that his sister is arguing with the hospital staff that is trying to keep her alive...

Old Business
None

New Business
None

Timebound announcements
Nick announced movies at the Vista

Dean Johnson mentioned the typewriter festival to celebrate Typewriter Day, June 14th, at the Print Museum. A discussion of typewriters, word processors, and music typewriters ensued, as well as correction fluid.

Science report:

- Tom Safer reported on three scientists
- John Walker, 1781-1859. He invented friction matches.
 - Johann Heinrich von Medler, who published the most complete map of the Moon in the 1830s. He also published a detailed map of the surface of Mars.
 - L. L. Thurston, who developed statistical techniques for measuring results of psychological tests.

Edison patents on this date:

- 1923, a patent on mounting a stylus for playing back records.
- 1883, for an electrical dynamo.

Alfred Nobel's will was read on this date which had to do with the funding of what we now know as the Nobel Prize.

Victor reported that Apple has made it easier for

owners or repair services to repair iPads without violating your warranties.

Regular announcements:

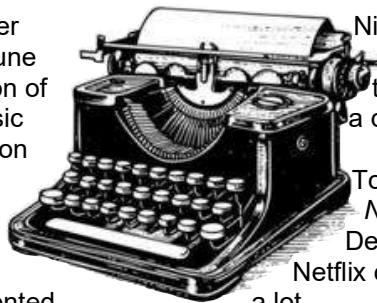
Tom Safer: He is performing with the Wagner Ensemble on June 8th at St. Francis de Sales church, \$20. Saturday June 14th he will be showing Gigi at the Hollywood Regional library at 2 pm, admission free.

Matt Mitchell: Today is *Put a Pillow in Your Fridge Day*.

Reviews

Dr. Susie said that the new *Lilo and Stitch* was wonderful. The CGI didn't pull her away from the story. The casting was odd, because the actress playing the older sister didn't look at all like the younger one.

Mark Poliner reviewed John Scalzi's latest book, *When the Moon Hits Your Eye*, which is about people coming to grips with the moon turning to cheese. Eylat showed off some of Mark's model-making hobby.



Nick reviewed the new *Mission Impossible* film, and mentioned that it connected all eight films into a continuous story.

Tom Safer is rewatching the original *Night Court* and enjoying it.

Derek is watching a short series on Netflix called *The Eternaut*. He enjoyed it a lot.

Lee Grixit is watching a series called *Murderbot*, based on the books.

Miscellaneous

Matthew mentioned that this is the 121st anniversary of "Le Sacre du Printemps," which led to a riot over the varied opinions of the work.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm, before the rioters had to be sprayed with the garden hose.

Cinnamon!
June 5, 2025
Meeting #4582
Cathy Johnson, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

Call to order by president Cathy Johnson

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Nick Smith]

Hatchings:

- author John Russell Fearn,
actor Robert Lansing
- director Jimmy Murakami
- producer Kathleen Kennedy
- actress Karen Strassman

Media anniversaries

- 1953 release of *It Came From Outer Space*
- 1954 release of the Ivan Tors movie *Gog*.

Passings:

- actress Loretta Swit
- actor Prentis Hancock
- actor Jonathan Joss
- baseball player Betsy Jochum author Barry Longyear were noted.

Reading of the minutes of meeting #4581

Dr. Susie Honeybee Searight bid \$10 to name the minutes: "John, you name them. I got nothin'..." Approval of minutes at 8:22 pm

Patron Saints:

Michael Bloom: Nick and Cathy said nice things about him, with Matt Mitchell encouraging the telling of a funny but embarrassing moment in fannish history. Michael was given three cheers and a GasX.

Jim Glass, former club librarian, passed away some time ago per Gavin Claypool. He was given three cheers.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CLJ II shows off the Spot of Honor, which is held by LosCon 51.

Registrar: No guests present. Many potential guests were absent.

Treasurer: Elayne says that there are people present who still need to pay their dues. Don't make her cry, send money!

Board of Directors: June 8th at 11 am on Zoom

Loscon: There was no report.

Programming: The hybrid meeting at Denny's with procedural elections will be on June 12th

Fannish wellness: Heide Nichols had a minor procedure earlier today, and she says it went well.

Chris Marble said George's insurance kicked in again, so he is getting physical rehab again.

Old Business:

Nominations for procedural president. (see Program)

New Business:

None

Timebound announcements:

Nick reported on movie screenings at several locations and book signings at Collector's Paradise in North Hollywood.

Program:

Nominations for president were interrupted by the sudden misplacement of CLJ II. Upon his return, we opened the nominations for president. Michelle Pincus nominated Cathy, under a confused welter of names. She accepted the nomination. Lee Grixit nominated Dean Johnson, who declined. Nominations were recessed.

Science report:

Nick reported on cockatoos in Australia teaching each other how to use a drinking fountain.

Lee reported that when humans create red blood cells, there are genetic differences in early life, but as you age the blood becomes less diverse, which may indicate that some of the problems with aging are as a result of this.

Carol Wuenschell reported that a new battery is in development of a sodium fuel cell which produces more power for its weight. So in theory, an electric airplane is closer to being possible.

Marc Silver reported that researchers have been finding a way to keep white blood cells from being a hiding place for viruses. This could be a next stage of curing viruses that are hard to get rid of completely, like HIV.

Lee remembered that he had something else. When treatments for the lower digestive tract are given, they are being dosed heavily enough for some of the medicine to get through the upper tract. Clever people figured out how to put the medicine inside stuff that doesn't get digested until the lower tract, making things more measurable.

Reviews

Lee reviewed a silly TV show called *Mount Mystic Rangers*. It's on YouTube, and it's about a mythical park called Mount Mystic. It's like *Reno 911* in a park.

CLJ II found Snack Pack Cinnabon pudding cups. They are very good. Lots of cinnamon. It's like the Cinnabon rolls without the roll in the middle, just cinammon and icing.

Cathy has been rewatching *Babylon 5* on Prime. Dean had never seen most of it, and they are enjoying the rewatch.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm because the members wanted to eat Cinnabon pudding cups while watching *Babylon 5*.

Board Meeting June 8, 2025

Michelle Pincus, chairing
Susan Fox, Secretary

Called to order: 11:02 a.m.

Present:

Chair Michelle Pincus, Vice Chair Matthew Tepper, Secretary Susan Fox, Eylat Poliner, Gavin Claypool, Elayne Pelz, Christian B. McGuire, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, Cathy Johnson, Dean Johnson, Heide Nichols
Non-Board Members: Club member observers: Matt Mitchell [*De Profundis* editor], Kristine Cherry [Webmistress]

Minutes:

Gavin adds to the Paperback Show income, \$825.00, sold approximately 200 units. Minutes approved.

New Members: [Elayne Pelz]:

Daniel Karen, Zachary Judan: approved.

Treasurer's Report [Elayne Pelz]:

We have \$163,297.90 in the bank account.

30 Second Reports

Chairman [Michelle Pincus]: No report. Gavin asks about email from Melody Bishop about Harrison Ford event. Michelle has not.

Vice Chairman [Matthew Tepper]: No report

Secretary [Susan Fox]: No report

Comptroller [Gavin Claypool]: Investment account \$109,864.48 as of June 6, 2025

Library [Gavin Claypool]: now has about a dozen boxes of the Tony Benoun donation to process

Quartermaster [Heide Nichols]: No report

Archives [Cathy Johnson]: No report

Physical Plant (storage) [Rob Powell]: Thanks to Elayne for 3 new art show bags. No schedule yet for doing a day of cleanup and getting ready for Loscon. Eylat will contact. Tubs still looking for homes

AV Equipment (in storage) [Dean Johnson]:

Some equipment has been acquired for Zoom meeting setup; screens, etc. Donation from SCIFI for a projector. Hardware is almost complete. Needs the actual setup for where outlets are located for power strips, etc. Victor Frost has some ideas on the network. Rob Powell wishes to be involved in AV setup; do we have a Google Doc or something to share the set up for people who ask about it? Dean can make it happen.

Events [Eylat Poliner]: Eylat possibly has someone, age 22, to do social media marketing; we will need more support for conventions. Are we going to Comic Con this year? Christian says nobody has contacted them. Eylat will contact Comic Con that we will not be going this year or next year. Baycon, etc. are more relevant to us anyway.

We need more Loscon postcards, Sherri has about 500. From Sherri: "Tadao and I took cards to several shops in J-town and Santa Ana. Susie Searight is taking cards to the Hellmouth convention next weekend. I will be at Baycon, and there will be LosCon cards at the Worldcon 2026 table next to the month. "

Eylat may take on Strategicon.

Loscon 51 meeting via Zoom, September 21.

Events for LASFS meetings? Will start planning after the new term begins, July 1.

Publications [Christian McGuire]: No report, defers to De Prof editor Matt Mitchell.

Matt: How much should we put in DeProf about the new club house? Member Mark Bondurant has inquired. Matt was non-specific about dates [no firm date yet] and location [not to bother the tenant]. Does anyone have objection to the letter being published? Only if we have a Letters To The Editor column. Matt posted Mark's email and his reply in the chat for the Board.

Marketing and Recruitment [Michelle Pincus]: Elayne and Dean, we would like budget approval for new posters and bookmarks with new clubhouse address and contact information. Elayne says not yet, Michelle to table until August. Eylat wishes to have a big Grand Opening Event for the club house, preferably right after Loscon, when we have brought stuff from storage to the clubhouse, while people are still in town. We need information out in the local businesses, we need big signage, we should start with a goal date. Michelle says, printed matter does not expire, doing it ahead is a good idea, it takes time to make them.

Cathy suggests we set a timeline for printed matter and publicity. How much budget for posters and bookmarks? Michelle and Dean will work up a budget, timeline as we know more.

Gavin: we are overlooking the CONTENT of the poster and bookmarks. Michelle and Dean will confer in July. Consider: 50th anniversary of LA2000 in December. Bookmarks cost the same whatever the content.

AGENDA

Significant Others:

Club President [Cathy Johnson]: June meeting at Denny's with Procedural Elections. Live and zoom meetings are going well. Rob will bring white boards for the election.

Christian: will we have time for a small auction? Maybe, if there's time.

Eylat: remind people that we need to consider the return to live weekly meetings, and officers need to be able to attend.

Webmistress [Kristine Cherry]. How much of an announcement do we make about the club house on the web page? Matt's response has most of the information. Say that the location is

in Northridge, during Fall 2025 or Before The End Of The Year.

Open Forum: none

Next meeting date: July 13, 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment at 11:52 a.m.

Chupaqueso

June 12, 2025

Meeting #4583

Cathy Johnson, presiding

Nick Smith, Scribe

Call to order by president Cathy Johnson

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Nick Smith]

Hatchings:

- actor William Lundigan
- author Henry Slesar
- producer Irwin Allen
- writer Len Wein

Media anniversaries:

- 1981, general release of Raiders of the Lost Ark
- 2000 first Schlock Mercenary comic strip.

Passings

- author Frederick Forsyth, actor Harris Yulin, actress Pik Sen Lim and music legend Brian Wilson.

Reading of the minutes of meeting #4582

Matthew Tepper bid \$10 to name the minutes "Cinnamon!" Approval of minutes at 8:21 pm

Patron Saints:

Sandy Cohen, Sacred Chancellor of Chocolate: Larry Niven said he ran great parties. Scott Beckstead said that Sandy ran a great green room at cons and taught Scott how to do things there.

Hare Hobbs: Eylat Poliner mentioned that Hare's birthday is coming up [tomorrow as it happens] and we sang the barbarian version of the birthday song. She thanked him for his help on convention refreshments. Matthew has had the utmost respect for Hare because he self-identifies as dyslexic, but pushes himself to read as much as he possibly can. Hare mentioned that he had lost one of his favorite musicians, Brian Wilson. Tom Safer mentioned that the Burbank Chorale did a medley of Beach Boys songs.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CLJ II reminded us of the Spot of Honor, which would have been visible if he'd been at home and online, but so it goes. It is currently held by LosCon 51.

Registrar: No guests in person, but Derek LaPorte thanked the big crowd for showing up in person.

Board of Directors: Next meeting on Sunday, July 13th at 11 am on Zoom

Treasurer: Her ankle isn't working, so come up and pay your dues.

Loscon 51 and 52 are in the works.

Programming: Tonight the election and an auction. If Eylat is still doing programming after June, there will be programming soonish.

Fannish wellness: No report

Old Business: **Elections**

CLJ II explained the duties of the president, and re-opened nominations. Cathy Johnson kept her nomination active. Dean Johnson kept his refusal to run active. Michelle tried to nominate them as a tag team, but that had procedural problems, so Cathy became president without opposition.

CLJ II explained the duties of the vice-president, and opened nominations. Matthew Tepper nominated Eylat Poliner. Eylat declined. Both Susan Fox and Victor nominated Susan Fox and Eylat Poliner as a tag team. Elected.

CLJ II explained the duties of the scribe, and opened nominations. Eylat nominated Nick Smith, who respectfully declined, triggering an audible gasp from the audience. CLJ II was nominated by Marc Silver, but he also declined. Eylat nominated Matthew Tepper, who courteously declined. Cathy Johnson nominated Matt Mitchell, who accepted. He was elected.

CLJ II explained the duties of the registrar, and opened nominations. Scott nominated Derek, who respectfully declined. Eylat nominated Marc Silver, who hesitated before accepting. She also nominated Matthew Tepper, who accepted. Matthew was elected.

CLJ II explained the duties of the treasurer. Scott Beckstead nominated the incumbents, Elayne Pelz and Debra Levin. With no further nominations, re-electing the incumbents was complete.

New Business None

Timebound announcements

This Saturday, the 14th, Tom Safer will be showing Gigi at the Hollywood library.

Program:

A small auction brought in a small amount of money

Reviews

Christian reviewed the science fiction anime show called *Exception*. He said it's eight episodes, which is four episodes too long. Good animation, but very slow pacing.

Lee Grixit announced that *Resident Alien* has started its new season, and is good so far. They have expanded the role of the lead actor.

Miscellaneous

Nick announced the signing at Vroman's Bookstore on the 20th, with George Takei signing his new book.

Susan announced that the sequel to Spaceballs will be coming to theater near you in 2027.

Also: A new book of note, by the Czech consul who has been teaching us about Czech science fiction for the last few years. He has finally completed the biography that he was writing. *Dreaming of Autonomous Vehicles: Miloslav (Miles) J. Breuer: Czech-American Writer and the Birth of Science Fiction* by Jaroslav Olša, Jr., published by Space Cowboy books, a publisher and bookseller who has been at LosCon from time to time, so maybe it will be on sale there



this year.

Eylat has postcards for LosCon now.

Subsequent to this, the motion to adjourn was approved by the membership.

Upcoming Meeting Programming November-December 2025

November 5: Board Nominations

November 13: Hybrid meeting at Denny's / Board Elections

November 20: Evan J. Peterson does a reading. www.evanjpeterson.com. email: wordmercury@gmail.com

November 27: Hybrid meeting held at Loscon

December 4: (tentative) Grand Opening of the new clubhouse. Celebration/potluck – coordinate food and fun with Eylat Poliner. (Hereafter In-person/hybrid live meetings at the clubhouse. In theory.) Nominations for president.

December 11: Procedural officer elections

December 18: No Program

December 25: Thomas Safer presents Christmas cartoons.

Upcoming Conventions

October 3-4: Kimochii Con 2025, South El Monte <https://www.kimochiicon.com>

October 4: Scream Diego 2025, San Diego <https://screamdiego.com>

October 4-5: Sonoma Con 2025, Santa Rosa, <https://sonoma-con.com>

October 4-5: San Luis Obispo Toy-Anime-Comic Con <https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

October 10-12: Son of Monsterpalooza 2025, Burbank <https://www.monsterpalooza.com>

October 11: SoCal Games Day, Burbank <https://www.socalgamesday.com/>

October 11-12: Mini-Wars, Fullerton

<https://tabletop.events/conventions/hmgs-psw-mini-wars-2025>



October 11-12: GameACon 2025, Palm Desert <https://www.gameacon.com>

October 11-13: ConQuest Avalon, Sacramento <https://conquestsac.com>

October 12: Santa Nella Toy-Anime-Comic Con <https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

October 18: Chico Anime & Pop Expo 2025, <https://chicocapex.com>

October 18-19: Sacramento Brick Convention <https://www.brickconvention.com/sacramento>

October 18-19: Blue Lake Toy-Anime-Comic Con <https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

October 19: Contra Costa Halloween Con, Concord, CA https://eventhub.net/events/Contra-Costa-Halloween-Con-2025_6484

October 24-26: Clockwork Alchemy 2025, Redwood City <https://www.clockworkalchemy.com>

October 24-26: Lightbox Expo, Pasadena, CA <https://lightboxexpo.com/>

October 25: Lodi Comic Con Fall <https://lodicomicon.com/>

October 25-26: Ventura Brick Convention
<https://www.brickconvention.com/ventura>

October 25: Pig Faced Ork Con, Bakersfield
<https://tabletop.events/conventions/pig-faced-ork-con-2025>

October 25: Imperial Valley Entertainment Convention 2025, El Centro
<https://www.terrestro.com/events>

October 25-26: Epic ACG Fest 2025, Mountain View
<https://www.eacgfest.org/>

October 26: Benicia Toy-Anime-Comic Con
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

October 31-November 2: U.S. IdolFes 2025, Redondo Beach
<https://idolfes.us>

Upcoming Events

October 1: *Them!* and *Tarantula* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

October 1-2: *Strange Journey: The Story of Rocky Horror* (documentary) screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

October 2: *Re-Animator* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

October 2: *Plan 9 from Outer Space* live reading at Largo At The Coronet, Los Angeles

October 3: *Dracula* (1931) and *From Dusk Till Dawn* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

October 4: *Young Frankenstein* screening at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

October 4: *The Nightmare Before Christmas* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

October 4: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater -- also at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery

October 5: *The Sixth Sense* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

October 5: *Nosferatu* (1922) and *Psycho* screenings at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

October 7: *The Stepford Wives* (1975) screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

October 7-9: *Rosemary's Baby* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

October 8: *The Fisherman* by John Langan: Reading Orbit at Dennys, Garden Grove. Email: cdcurl@aol.com

October 9: *Night of the Living Dead* (1968) screening with live musical score by Morricone Youth at Brain Dead Studios

October 10: *Child's Play 2* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

October 10: *The Mummy's Hand* and *From Dusk Till Dawn* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

October 10: *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *Sisters* and *Tetsuo: The Iron Man* screenings at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

October 11: *Young Frankenstein* screening at the Hollywood Regional Library

October 11: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

October 11: *Dracula* (1931) screening at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

October 11: *The Craft* screening at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery

October 11-12: *Abbott & Costello Meet Frankenstein* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

October 12: *Son of Frankenstein* and *Shaun of the Dead* screenings at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

October 13: *Evil Dead II* and *From Dusk Till Dawn 2: Texas Blood Money* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

October 17: *The Cabin In The Woods* and *The*



People Under The Stairs screenings at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

October 17: *Gremlins 2: The New Batch* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

October 17: *Werewolf of London* and *From Dusk Till Dawn* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

October 17: *Mayhem and The Mortal* discussion with author Shanora Williams at Octavia's Bookshelf, Pasadena

October 17-23: *Frankenstein* (2025) screening at the Egyptian Theater, Los Angeles

October 18: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

October 18: *Scream* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

October 18: *Abbott & Costello Meet Frankenstein* and *Halloween* (1978) screenings at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

October 19: *Superman* (1978), *The Birds* and *Night of the Living Dead* (1968) screenings at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

October 19: *The Cat And The Canary* and *Frankenstein* (1931) screenings at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

October 21: *Blade* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

October 21-22: *Shaun of the Dead* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

October 22: *Tales from the Crypt: Demon Night* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

October 23: *The Invisible Man* and *Invisible Agent* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

October 24: *Phantom of the Opera* (1943), *The Invisible Man* and *From Dusk Till Dawn* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

October 24-25: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

October 25: *Hocus Pocus* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

October 25: *A Nightmare on Elm Street* screening at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery

October 25: *The Phantom of the Opera* (1925) screening at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

October 25-26: *Beetlejuice*, *Child's Play*, *Dolls* and *Silence of the Lambs* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

October 26: *A Chinese Ghost Story* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

October 28: *Carrie* (1976) screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

October 29: *Dawn of the Dead* (2004) screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

October 30: *The Omen* and *Hellraiser* screenings at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

October 31: *Halloween* (1978) and *Halloween III: Season of the Witch* screenings at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

October 31: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart Theater

October 31: *Scream* screening at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery

October 31: *Bride of Frankenstein*, *Black Sabbath*, *Tales of Terror* and *From Dusk Till Dawn* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

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 50 sf clubs around the world. Some of them reciprocate with their own publications. Since the last issue, we've received:

- *FanActivity Gazette* Vol. 5 No. 3 (National Fantasy Fan Federation, August 2025)
- *Eldritch Science* (N3F, July 2025)
- *A Gentle Stroll* (RPG APA) #4 (N3F, September 2025)
- *OASFiS Event Horizon* Vol. 38 Issue 451 (Orlando Area Science Fiction Society, September 2025)
- *N3F Review of Books* (N3F, August 2025)
- *Tightbeam* #372 (N3F, September 2025)
- *Fan Gazette* Vol. 5 No. 4 (N3F, September 2025)
- *Eldritch Science* (N3F, September 2025)

Available Fanzines

Those interested in new fanzines (*should*) refer to <https://efanzines.com> and <https://fanac.org>.





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