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Program Items

Thu. March 5: No Program

Sun. March 8: Board of Directors meeting; Second Sunday open house/gaming

Thu. March 12: Craig Miller reads to the club members.

Thu. March 19: Clubhouse Official Grand Opening! Potluck

Sun. March 22: Housewarming, hosted by Charles Lee Jackson II

Thu. March 26: Membership vote on Bylaws Amendments.

Programming for April through June 2026 listed on pages 17-18.

Meeting Tech Specs: LASFS meetings are at our new clubhouse: 8819 Reseda Boulevard, Northridge, CA 91324. Meetings are also accessible via Zoom. Contact Zoom host Susan Fox at susanfox@scifi.radio to receive an invitation, the meeting password, and weekly reminders.

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January-June 2026

President: Cathy Johnson

Vice-President: Susan Fox & Eylat Poliner

Registrar: Marc Silver

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 (2028)

Secretary: Susan Fox (2027)

Other Members

Cathy Johnson (2027), Dean Johnson (2028), Christian B. McGuire (2026), Heide Nichols (2028), 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

Amendments to the Bylaws

In accordance with Article VIII of the LASFS Bylaws, this announcement is to notify the members of the LASFS that a petition has been written and duly submitted to amend the Bylaws as follows:

Article III, Section 8: Removal from Office.

Any Director may be removed from office for cause, upon petition in writing specifying such cause by 8 or more Standard Members to a meeting of the Society, and affirmative vote of 1/2 plus 1 or more of those voting at each of the next two Society meetings. The Standard Members shall be notified of the first such voting meeting as for a Special Society meeting, and the notification shall include the text of the petition and the names of its signers. A Director may resign by tendering a written resignation to the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board, who shall accept it effective immediately.

Currently, the Section reads “15” and “3/4”.

Article VII, Section 4: Use of Society Property.

Use of Society property shall be provided for at the discretion of the Board of Directors. In the event of the dissolution of the Society, all Society property shall be placed in the care of the Institute for Specialized Interests, Inc.

Currently, the Section reads “Institute for Specialized Literature, Inc.”, which has been disbanded.

The Standard Membership of the LASFS is hereby notified that these proposed Amendments will be voted on at the General Meetings to be held on **March 26, 2026**, and **April 2, 2026**. Any member wishing to vote on these proposals must attend these meetings (in person or via Zoom) and be a Standard Member in accordance with Article II, Section 1(E) of the Bylaws.

These proposals were petitioned by the undersigned members:

Scott Beckstead

John F. Cox

Hare Hobbs

Dean Johnson

Christian B. McGuire

Elayne F. Pelz

Krystal Rains

Matthew Tepper

Kristine Cherry

Susan Fox

Catherine Johnson

Rita Loy

Larry Niven

Eylat Poliner

Nick Smith

Condensed Cream of Menace

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

Board of Directors Meeting

November 16, 2025

Michelle Pincus, chairing

Susan Fox, Secretary

Called to order: 11:05 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: Webmistress Kristine Cherry, Scribe Matt Mitchell, Special Advisor Charles Lee Jackson II

Minutes of Previous Board Meeting:

Approved

New Members:

Oner Macit. Approved.

Treasurer's Report [Elayne Pelz]

\$72,416.32 in the account

30 Second Reports

Chairman [Michelle Pincus]: No report

Vice Chairman [Matthew Tepper]: No report

Secretary [Susan Fox]: No report

Comptroller [Gavin Claypool]: Investment account as of 11/14/25: \$179,384.63

Library [Gavin Claypool]: No report

Quartermaster [Heide Nichols]: No report

Archives [Cathy Johnson]: No report

Physical Plant (in storage) [Rob Powell]: Upcoming convention.

AV Equipment (in storage) [Dean Johnson]: No report

Events [Eylat Poliner]: Loscon is in two weeks. CL: House Warming date is on hold until we

know what is going on with the club house readiness

Publications [Christian McGuire]: Thanks to Miracle Matt, everything is going smoothly with *De Profundis*

Marketing and Recruitment [Michelle Pincus]: No report

Business Before The Board:

Email: offer to sell us the Loscon 51 contact list, from someone outside Loscon and LASFS. A total number of contacts: 3,180.

We have actual membership number: 513

General consensus: it is spam, there's no way to catch them

Webmistress Kristine: will check to make sure there is no security breach.

Cathy: a program participant got this email, they are concerned that the spammer got their email address somehow. Cathy will forward what she has.

Elayne: the board needs to consider whether we will get a new contract for 2027, the current contract ends in 2026.

Will Loscon Continue? Board consensus is yes.

Hotel liaison Elizabeth should explore hotels, whether the same Hilton, Marriott, or somewhere else. Moved, seconded, passed.

We will revisit the issue in December, after Loscon.

Loscon 51: we need all hands on deck to load the truck on Wednesday

10:00 am Elayne's

3:00 pm storage facility

Thursday: unload at LAX Hilton from 9 am to 12 noon, and after that, setup.

Loadout: Sunday pack up

513 memberships

Hotel sold out

Vendor spaces sold out

Loscon 52: working on website

We have everything they need for the party Friday and Saturday, 9 pm

Focusing on Friendship Bracelets at the party.

We need a QR code on the Loscon 52 sales table, to sell memberships online. Elayne will create the QR code, Dean will put in on the poster behind the table. Will print this Tuesday or Wednesday.

Kristine: could we get Matthew to review/proofread the Loscon 52 website, before it goes live on the Monday after con? Yes.

The return of Monstro or visiting Niven Space (the official minuting of what we decided in email):

Elayne is getting a price on a Tuff Shed. A cargo container can not be moved into place in the back alleyway. We would like to get it in by 15 December, we will need a permit, which will take a week or so.

We could not move stuff into the club house this week, due to rain. Elayne is occupied for the next two weeks due to convention. Target date 3 December for laying out the bookcases.

2 minor problems: front door, Elayne and Christian could not make the keys work. Will get Igor to do his magic. Report later. Back door is okay.

Side door does not open due to the carpet. Door will need a bit shaved off the bottom, and it is made of steel.

We will have only two sets of keys.

Contact Elayne if you want to see the place, and arrange a date. Waiting until after Loscon would be preferred.

Naming the new shed: donor Larry would like it named the Larry Niven Space.

Gavin suggests N-Space for short. He donated \$10K to the club for the benefit of the new building, and much of it will be devoted to this Space.

Significant Others

Club President [Cathy Johnson]: We had an in-person meeting this past Thursday, November 13. well attended both live and virtual, thanks to Susan for wrangling the zoom. We had an auction, people bought stuff. We will do this again December 11.

Incumbent board members

Webmistress [Kristine Cherry].

LASFS.org domain web site has been renewed on GoDaddy for two years, \$39.98. Could we get a ten year extension for \$199.90. \$118.80 addition for full domain protection.

Heide: what do we get for the money?

Kristine: protects domain against hackers, anyone wanting to make any unauthorized changes or transfers.

<https://www.godaddy.com/domains/domain-protection>



This does not save us money right now, but rates will inevitably go up.

Eylat makes the motion for the additional ten year extension of the full domain protection. Seconded, approved.

Gavin: are we under Full Protection for the two year domain renewal that just renewed? Not yet, but Kristine can apply for that and will send Elayne the full total.

Moved, seconded, approved.

Kristine is cooking along on the website, will add information on the new club house as it is available.

Open Forum

CL: Before the recent election, there was some confusion about what board seats were up for re-filling. Therefore it is good to have De Prof to refer to, a year later.

Unless people don't like it, the memorial award for SF contributions, CL will do the Forry Awards in September, not allowing dead nominees. Reserving the memorial award "The Ackies" in October, when the veil is thin and Hallowe'en is upon us.

Christian: The Michael Mason Society would like to name the LASFS library "The Michael Mason Memorial Library" in perpetuity. What is our price for naming rights? How much will it cost to hire people to set up book cases, move book boxes to the club house, and shelve them? And a plaque.

Heide suggests \$15K. Christian says it is a very reasonable amount.

How about \$20K?

Gavin: eternity is a long time. When people pay for naming rights for a stadium, it is for a set time period. Can we avoid future problems?

Several members cited Freehafer Hall, the Evans-Freehafer Award, etc. after someone that none of us met. Probably not a problem.

Christian: how cheap are we? This is not the SoFi stadium or the Carnegie Library. This is not a commercial operation.

We have to decide which part of the building is named "Freehafer Hall" and which is "4SJ"?

Matthew: examples from the music world include Schoenberg Hall at UCLA "in perpetuity" and a billionaire donor had to settle for a different building

In NY, Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall "perpetuity" naming was sold to David Geffen in recent years.

Elayne moves: we ask \$20,000 for the naming of the Michael Mason Library in perpetuity.

Gavin: another ongoing issue will be book storage, since the new building will not house all the books we own.

Christian: Michael Mason died. His insurance and parents funded a foundation, distributing funds. They now have \$300K thanks to conservative investment. This club has been receiving money from the foundation for years, \$2000 or \$3000 per year.

They donate to other entities of interest to Michael, like the LASFS and the Diabetes Association.

Calling the question: we ask \$20,000 for the naming of the Michael Mason Library in perpetuity. Moved, seconded, passed.

Christian to forward the request to the Foundation, with our sincere thanks.

We could update the Freehafer Hall signage as well as the Michael Mason Library.

Kristine: when they were reviewing the LASFS and Loscon 52 websites, they decided they need a liaison between the club and the webmistress, because she is not getting updates in a timely manner. We need better communication.

Susan volunteers to keep communications open.

Gavin: on the truck coming back from Loscon: will it go to Storage instead of the club house? Yes, unless the shed is up.

Christian: the reason we are putting off the clubhouse schedule is that we are filling the center area of the club with book boxes to put

away. So we have to shelve it all before we plan any meetings or house warmings.

Next meeting date: December 14, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

January should be the third Sunday, from the 11th to the 18th, to avoid conflict with Animé Los Angeles. Moved, seconded, passed.

Adjournment at 12:19 p.m. PST

Schrodinger's Minutes

November 20, 2025

Meeting #4606

Cathy Johnson, presiding

Matt Mitchell, Scribe

From her and Dean's hotel room at the Anaheim Marriott, with a thrilling view of the Magic Kingdom's parking lot, president Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. As we were expecting a guest speaker tonight, the members were warned that as soon as he signed into Zoom, we would pivot into his presentation. At that, several members started sounding like they were trying to move a large couch up a flight of stairs.

Nick Smith started us off with the Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings.

First, the Hatchings:

- 1919, Phyllis Thaxter, actress in the *Twilight Zone*, *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*, best known as Ma Kent in *Superman* (1978)
- 1956, Bo Derek, who played Jane in *Tarzan the Ape Man* and appeared in *Sharknado* films.
- 1959, Sean Young, actress in *Blade Runner* and *Dune* (1984)

Media anniversaries:

- 1952, *Black Castle*,
- 1964, *First Men in the Moon*

Passings:

- Rebecca Hyneman, game designer
- Jean-Louis Trudell, Canadian science fiction writer

Reading of the minutes of meeting #4605

After Matt Mitchell read the minutes, Dean was brow-beaten by our Madam President to bid \$5 to name the minutes: "Help, I'm Stuck on the I-5!" Matt was forced to break with tradition and moved to approve his own minutes. Heidi Nichols seconded and the members sustained

the motion at 8:22 p.m.

Patron Saints:

Our one and only Saint this evening was **Jim Tanenbaum**. Matt, after consulting ~~The Notebooks of Lazarus Long~~ the LASFS Patron Saint Hagiography, related that Jim was a contributor to APA-L; other contributors were constantly spelling his name 'Tannenbaum' with a double n after the first a (just like the song "Oh Tannenbaum"). Jim took to using just an n with a slash through it as his byline in his fanzines. (*Sounds Scandinavian...*) Writings by the late Marty Cantor described Tanenbaum as a professional sound man who worked on such movies and TV shows as *Alita: Battle Angel*, *Avatar*, *Babylon 5*, *Burned at the Stake*, *Demons*, *Forever Young*, and the TV miniseries *From the Earth to the Moon*. At the 1978 Westercon 31, Jim participated in a panel discussion titled "Creating Special Effects." He was member of the Cinema Audio Society as recently as 2019. Susan Fox added that Jim arranged a screening of *Phantom of the Paradise*, which he worked on. Jim was given three cheers, just as our guest for the evening signed in.

Program

Our guest, Evan J Peterson, a Seattle-based author and game writer, came to read from his new book, *Better Living Through Alchemy*, a contemporary urban dark fantasy noir. He also has a new game called *Post Human* coming out next year. He read an excerpt from his book to the members, then showed us his website (evanjpeterson.com) and a video by sharing his screen over Zoom. Evan then took some questions, such as how he would categorize his work ("Weird with a capital 'W'") and what authors he likes (China Mieville, Clive Barker and William Burroughs). After a few more questions and a round of applause for Evan from the members, we returned to our standard

meeting.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: Charles Lee Jackson II gave a brief description of the Spot of Honor, which is currently being held by Loscon 51.

Registrar: Matthew Tepper reported that the only guest was Evan J. Peterson. His report, and he's sticking to it.

Treasurer: Debra Levin, sashaying in on Matthew's screen, reminded the members to pay their dues, and that we could start the yearly dues of \$170 in monthly installments until the end of March.

Board of Directors: As Michelle Pincus had to leave the meeting early, Matthew switched hats to vice-chairman of the Board, to announce the next Board meeting would be at December 14th at 11:00 a.m. on the LASFS Zoom channel. He's decided to stick to that report as well.

Fannish wellness: Chris Marble reported that the facility has managed to motivate George Mulligan into working harder to get on his feet, so they have postponed moving him to the Old Folk's Home.

Loscon 51: In addition to the information supplied in the Zoom chat, Eylat Poliner went over the loading and transport schedule again for the budding longshoremen in the crowd. Also, **Loscon 52** will be having a party at 9:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday night in room 1616. Tea and cookies will be served, goodie bags passed out and friendship bracelets will be made. They will also be supporting BADASS.

Old Business

None

New Business



Browncoat Auxiliary Depression & Anxiety Support System

None

Programming: In addition to the previously-announced meeting for the remainder of the year, Eylat announced that CL has been persuaded to do an appropriate reading to the members at the December 25th meeting. A reminder also went out that the next meeting would be held at the LAX Hilton but would not be hybrid. Cathy asked Matt if he would be in attendance. Matt responded he would not, but he had previously arranged for Matthew to be Emergency Backup Scribe for the meeting. Matt will get Matthew the minutes of this meeting beforehand, so Matthew can give them a traditional unsympathetic cold reading. A quick "Heaven Help Me" was heard from our Scribe.

Miscellaneous:

Christine Lipscomb, before giving her announcement, asked if the Grand Opening of the new clubhouse was postponed again. Eylat confirmed that it was, with the opening now sometime in February. Christine then went to say she has a new mobility scooter that she will debut at Loscon. It apparently can fold up into a large suitcase. Matthew made the comparison to George Jetson's flying car that folded into a briefcase. Tad Daley remarked Christine looked more like Judy Jetson, and he got stuck with the nickname of "Elroy."

Elroy – sorry, Tad – asked where is the LASFS meeting would be exactly as the LAX Hilton next Thursday night. This started a flurry of activity, including texting Arlene Satin to ask where she planned to stash the LASFS meeting in the hotel. Hopefully it doesn't end up in the kitchen. Chris put in the chat that Greg Barrett is hoping to get a ride to Loscon next Friday.

Timebound announcements:

Nick will be performing some storytelling at the Folk Music Center in Claremont on Saturday the 22nd.

Reviews

Eylat has been re-watching *Xena: Warrior Princess*. She also started watching *Equalizer* on Paramount+ starring Queen Latifah, and dubbed it a modern day *Xena*, in that she can kick some serious keister. Queen Latifah using Xena's chakram – it's quite the image.

Eylat then moved to adjourn at 9:27 p.m. Matt seconded, and the members went their separate

ways, while from far away came the cry, "Jane, stop this crazy thing!"

Happy First Meetings IRL

November 27, 2025

Meeting #4607

Cathy Johnson, presiding

Matthew Tepper, Temp Emergency Scribe

The Carmel Room at the LAX Airport Hilton wasn't the usual place for an in-person LASFS meeting, and the venue had been changed at nearly next to almost kind of the last minute. LASFS President Cathy Johnson surveyed the room, gavel in hand, and decided that it would do. After some delay, chiefly with Temporary Emergency Scribe Matthew B. Tepper borrowing a laptop from Eylat Poliner that was retrieved by Michelle Pincus, the meeting was called to some semblance of order at 8:08. Cathy's phone then notified her that it was time to start the meeting. Isn't high tech wonderful?

We began with Nick Smith and his usual telling of Hatchings, Matchings, and Dispatchings.

Hatchings:

- 1907, the great writer Lyon Sprague de Camp, who produced both fiction and non-fiction (chiefly archaeology), and added greatly to the literature about Conan the Conqueror.
- 1905: Verity Lambert, who was the first producer of *Doctor Who*,
- 1951: Melinda M. Snodgrass, who wrote something like sixteen episodes of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, including the powerful "Measure of a Man."
- 1957: Michael Stackpole, who wrote for "Battletech" and "Star Wars" before expanding to writing novels.

Media Anniversaries:

- 1965 was the debut of one of the greatest kaiju. No, not Godzilla ... Gamera!

Dispatchings:

- Jill, Lady Freud, who died this past week at age 98, had been a child who was evacuated from London during the Blitz to the home of CS Lewis. His Narnia character Lucy Pevensie is based on her. Her career was largely in acting and narrating.
- Jack Shepherd, age 85, may be best-known for playing Renfield in a 1977 version of *Dracula*, the one starring Louis Jourdan. He was also in the Hugo-nominated film *The Bed Sitting Room*, as the Underwater Vicar.



LOSCON 52

BEYOND THE UNKNOWN

Hilton Los Angeles Airport, Nov 27- 29, 2026

Guests of Honor	Membership Rates
<p>Writer – Bill Wolkoff <i>(Star Trek: Strange New Worlds and Star Wars Rebels)</i></p> <p>Artist – Selina Phanara</p> <p>Music – Griff the Filker</p> <p>Fan – Chris Marble</p> <p>Science – G. David Nordley</p>	<p>Now thru April 30th: \$55.00</p> <p>May 1st - Aug 31st: \$65.00</p> <p>Sept. 1st – Nov. 20th \$75.00</p> <p>Nov. 21st – at the door: \$85.00</p> <p>Child (ages 3-11) \$25.00 all year and at the door.</p> <p>Registration link: https://losangelessciencefantasysociet.regfox.com/loscon-51</p>

For more information, please visit <https://loscon.org>

Reading of the Minutes of Meeting #4606

Your substitute Scribe looked high and low, but there were no minutes from his namesake, the regular Scribe. It was pointed out that we had a meeting and did stuff, although Cathy presided from a room in a different hotel. Nevertheless, naming rights for those minutes were auctioned off, and Eylat Poliner paid \$5 for the privilege of titling them “Welcome to Loscon 51: Tell me a story!”

Patron Saints

There was only one Saint tonight, **Frank Gasperik**. Hare Hobbs described Frank as a bard who sang about Apollo 13 to the actual astronauts at the first L5 conference. Chris Marble said Frank enjoyed schmoozing and visiting people. Larry Niven attested that Frank had worked his way into *Lucifer’s Hammer*, *Footfall*, and *Fallen Angels*. Joe Zeff said that Frank was always willing to help people when they needed it, such as rescuing people when

their car broke down, or helping them move. He was there not just to take, but to give to people. Matthew met Frank at Santa Monica College, where they had often played Risk at meetings of the Strategic Games Club. We gave Saint Frank Gasperik three cheers and a guitar riff.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: Charles Lee Jackson II was not here, but Cathy asked us to imagine a sign for Loscon 51 behind CL’s shoulder. There will be an auction next week for December’s Honor.

Your Humble **Registrar** was Scribing tonight. And could only observe that there were some people here who are usually seen only on Zoom.

Treasurer: Debra Levin exhorted, “Pay your dues!” Zelle is preferred over PayPal, because then we don’t get hit for the fees. Cathy suggested paying dues early for 2026, at least \$25 at a time.

Board of Directors: Chair Michelle was here among us! The next Board meeting, is to be December 14th at 11:00 a.m., on our regular Zoom channel.

Status of new Clubhouse: Cathy says it is coming closer to completion, with the bookcases to go in next. Contractor Igor did a great job.

Programming: Eylat announced next week is nominations for LASFS President, then the following week at Denny's the election of four of the procedural officers. The 18th had no program, while on the 25th, CL will have a holiday-themed reading for us.

Nick relayed some corrections for the program book, including the music programming. Lynn Gold will be doing a panel on writing song parodies. There are to be two filk concerts Saturday night, and CNN will be sending a film crew to cover the event(s).

Eylat announced **Loscon 52** Guests of Honor:

- **Writer:** Bill Wolkoff (*Star Trek: Strange New Worlds*, *Star Wars Rebels*);
- **Artist:** LASFS' own Selina Phanara;
- **Music:** Griff the Filker;
- **Fan:** Chris Marble
- **Science:** Gerald D. Nordley.

Fandom Wellness Committee: Chris says George McUrso's weight is down to 279, but he is still not able to sit up or roll over.

Old Business and New Business had we NONE, and there was much rejoicing.

Timebound Announcements:

- Chris Marble's birthday next week, and will be celebrated with double chocolate cake from Susan.
- Marcia Minsky said that Sherri Benoun's birthday is this Saturday.

Moments of Science

- Nick Smith saw a *National Geographic* Channel documentary on the origins of Machu Picchu.
- Hare had enjoyed a documentary about the Kon-Tiki he saw on cable.

Reviews:

- Hare had also seen *Space Cadet* somewhere. The old 1950's sci-fi adventure series starred the late Frankie Thomas, who

also wrote Sherlock Holmes pastiches and was an expert on contract bridge. He was also a welcome guest at LASFS some years back.

- Nick recommended books by Ursula Vernon with some bizarre plot elements.
- Cathy recommends *Pluribus* on Apple TV Plus, and from what your Substitute Scribe has seen of it, her description may constitute a mild spoiler, so I'll leave that here.

Miscellaneous:

Debra said something about a bowling alley, but she's doing something in the kitchen right now and didn't hear me asking her about it.

Cathy adjourned this fun convention meeting at 8:48.

Recess With Milk & Cookies December 4, 2025 Meeting #4608

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Matt Mitchell, Scribe

Everybody seemed to be missing something this evening: Elayne Pelz couldn't find the keys to the late Marty Cantor's cubbyholes, Susan Fox couldn't find her Emergency Vice-President Gavel, and Carol Wuenshell was unable to locate the plumber that she called to her house to fix her water. President Cathy Johnson couldn't find the block for her gavel either, but she called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. with a virtual *clack*.

After the usual badinage regarding new jobs and medical appointments, we segued into the Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings with Nick Smith:

Hatchings:

- 1939, Jimmy Hunt, actor in *Invaders from Mars* – **both** versions, just not in the same role
- 1949, Jeff Bridges, actor in *Starman*, *Tron*, and *R.I.P.D.* **The Dude abides.**
- 1949, Rich Lynch, fan writer and LASFAPA contributor
- 1964, Marisa Tomei, actress whose work spans from *The Toxic Avenger* to *Spider-Man*

Media anniversaries:

- 1953, *Killer Ape* was released, or perhaps it escaped.
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Dispatchings:

- Leslie Fish, fan, singer, songwriter of the classic filk "Banned from Argo"
- Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa, actor in *Mortal Kombat*, *The Man in the High Castle* and *The Last Emperor*.

Reading of the Minutes

The Two Matthews did their cabaret double act. Matthew Tepper read the minutes for meeting #4606, which he would have read at the LAX Hilton but for a mixup in emails. Although the minutes that were NOT read last week were named, Cathy decided that the minutes that WERE read should be named by auction as well. In that convoluted spirit, Dean bid \$5 to name them "Schrodinger's Minutes,"

Matt Mitchell then read the minutes of meeting #4607 (the one at the Hilton) written by Matthew; Gregory Lipscomb bid \$5 to name the minutes: "Happy First Meetings IRL" Both sets of minutes were duly approved.

Patron Saints

We had two Patron Saints this evening and, wonder of wonders, both were in the house (so to speak)! A 1st time Zoomer, **Marty Massoglia** was in attendance, thanks to his daughter's tech support. Chris Marble said Marty has an incredible knowledge of books; give him a genre and maybe a description of the cover and he'd be able to name the book, the author and probably the correct edition. Chris added that Marty would always win trivia contests for chocolate. Matthew called Marty "Bookseller Supremo," noting his presence at the club and at the Paperback Show was sorely missed. Barbara Harmon was amazed during the paperback show, how Marty seemed to know the entire contents of the books as if he had read them all and memorized everything on every page. Marty was given 3 cheers and a paperback book.

As for **Chris Marble**, Charles Lee Jackson II called him a stout fellow, a fine fellow, and of inestimable help. Selina Phanara said that in addition to helping people feel connected to the club, Chris makes her feel petite and is an awesome friend. Matthew considers Chris to be charming and funny (both in the amusing and the peculiar senses). Barbara said the world would be a better place with more Chrises. Chris was given three cheers.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CL said that the Spot of Honor for December was dealt with by The Shadow Committee for Dealing with Stuff That Didn't Get Dealt With, in that a check will be dropped off at the next meeting to have the Spot held for December by CL's Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices FaceBook page. (*This Shadow Committee sounds like some of my relatives in Chicago...*)

Registrar: Matthew did not see any completely new people, though we did have Marty Massoglia ("long-time member, first-time caller." as our president phrased it) and Selina Phanara for her inaugural Zoom meeting, only a week after her appearance at Loscon.

Our All-Seeing **Treasurer** Elayne Pelz spotted some people who haven't paid up as of this evening. She is tired of having to browbeat some of the same people. Susan helpfully put the dues schedule in the chat.

From there, Elayne reported on the progress of the clubhouse. The bookcases have arrived at the clubhouse and are waiting to be put together. The DWP is turning off the water meters so Igor, our contractor, can rehang them on the walls more securely.

Board of Directors: We had no Michelle, but vice-chair Matthew reported the next meeting would be on December 14th at 11:00 on this Zoom channel.

Loscon 51: Cathy reported that we had a Loscon last weekend, we will have another next year. Eylat Poliner, a late arrival to the meeting, added that next year's Loscon will have Guests of Honor, including Chris as Fan GOH. She will review Loscon 51, or what she saw from the staff lounge. She thanked Cathy and Dean, and Susie and John Searight, and Arlene Satin for their work, as well as the amazing volunteers they had.

Fannish wellness: Chris says George McUrso lost a couple more pounds, but still has an ulcer on his foot which precludes getting him to stand up. In happier news, Greg Barret made it to Loscon and so did Hare Hobbs! Eylat and Cathy added their remarks about Greg and Hare, and Selina too.

Old Business

In accordance with the bylaws of our Society, CL opened the Presidential nominations for the next term, January to June 2026, one week before the actual elections. CL is a procedural office only. He gave described each of the procedural offices as delineated in the Bylaws.

Eylat nominated Cathy Johnson, who accepted. No one nominated another person this week, so CL recessed the nominations for this week.

New Business

None

Timebound announcements

Nick announced the Vista Theater is screening an omnibus edition of the *Kill Bill* movies starting this weekend. For the less chop-socky-inclined, the Pasadena Folk Music Society is doing a show at the Knox Presbyterian Church near CalTech.

Reviews

Selina reviewed the latest episode of *Pluribus*, and judged that it “rocks, like all the rest of them.”

Cathy announced that she would not be hosting an Zoom aftermeeting tonight, as she is adjusting to the schedule of her new job, which

includes actual commuting. “You had to mingle with the Hoi Polloi?” Matt snarked. Selina wanted to know if the meeting next week would be on Zoom; Cathy explained the hybrid setup with the wandering microphones, the thrilling views of LASFS members chowing down on dessert and the Money-Gouging Committee’s auctions.

Eylat then moved to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Matt seconded and the members sustained.

Back to Class!

December 11, 2025

Meeting #4609

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Matt Mitchell, Scribe

In an effort to get president Cathy Johnson’s wireless mike working for the hybrid meeting at Denny’s, Chris Marble and Matt Mitchell did a quick duet of the *Banana Splits* theme song. While the helpfulness of this rendition in resolving the tech issues was dubious at best, Cathy managed to call the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings were given to us this evening by Nick Smith:

Letters of Comment

Heath Row

Rua de Gerzat 286, 4830-748

Taíde, Portugal

Dear LASFS Members,

This missive is offered as a letter of comment in response to *De Profundis* #616. Looking at the calendar of events on the cover pulled my heartstrings a little: Anime Los Angeles! Pasadena Comic Con! I didn’t always go to All the Things when I lived in the Los Angeles area, but I was heartened thinking about the parallel opportunities in Portugal.

I miss the presence of more focused media fan cons (the fan communities are small enough here that supporting some kinds of specialized cons is challenging). But I will be able to scratch that itch by watching *Doctor Who* on DVD (Region 2, don’tcha know), reading one of the tie-in novels I’ve already unboxed (our belongings arrived in mid-January, so we’re now unpacking), or perusing various comic books and magazines.

In addition to online photographs of stocking the library in the new Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society clubhouse (*le swoon!*), reading the Menace from meetings last fall in *De Prof* helps make me feel connected to the club, its members, and L.A. I appreciate the presence of

Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings for reading and viewing ideas; that new members still find the group via Jack Parsons; updates on preparing the clubhouse for use; various program guests; and occasional use of my Patron Saint biographical sketches—as well as the deleted but still legible joke replacements. The Upcoming Conventions listing will help encourage me to keep on top of upcoming fanac opportunities in Portugal. Upcoming Events will offer additional viewing ideas. LASFS meetings occur at 4:00 a.m. my time. I already get up to listen to music online with friends from 1-3 a.m. that day, so eventually, I might dial in. Until then, *De Prof* keeps me up to speed... just four months later. Keep up the good work! (*I've been working on getting the interval down to three months. Rome wasn't built in a day, and neither was Syracuse. – M.M.*)

Here's to the opening of the new clubhouse! I hope this letter finds every single LASFS member—past, present, and future—hale and hearty, happy and healthy. (And Hare Hobbs: Thank you for recommending Klaatu; what fun listening that is! I can hardly believe the Carpenters covered them.) – **H.R.**

Hatchings:

- 1922, Maila Nurmi, best known as the TV horror-movie hostess Vampira
- 1926, Dick Tufeld, the voice of Robot in *Lost in Space*
- 1944, Teri Garr, actress in *Young Frankenstein* and *Star Trek*
- 1965, Sherrilyn Kenyon, author of the *Dark Hunter* book series
- 1996, Hailee Steinfeld, actress and voice artist for the Marvel Cinematic Universe

Media anniversaries:

- 2005, the premiere of the film adaptation for *V for Vendetta*
- 1993, *Godzilla vs. MechaGodzilla*, the second edition

Dispatchings:

- John Varley, Hugo- and Nebula-winning writer and fan
- Arthur D. Hlavaty, Hugo-nominated fan writer & editor
- Beatrice Picard, French-Canadian actress
- Jeffrey Garcia, Voice actor and comedian, involved in *Jimmy Neutron*
- Jim Ward, voice actor in Marvel, DC and *Star Wars* animated series

Reading of the minutes of #4608

After Charles Lee Jackson II corrected Matt in that he *recessed* the nominations the previous week rather than closed them, Susan bid \$10 to name the minutes: "Recess with Milk & Cookies". Christian McGuire moved to approve the minutes at 8:24 p.m., and the members, probably hoping for Oreos, sustained.

Patron Saints:

Our first Patron Saint, **Fred Patten** certainly had no lack of people to praise him. Christian said Fred was very active for many years and is remembered as one of the pioneers of Japanimation fandom and Anthropomorphic fandom. Fred was also contributor for APA-L for many years, even after suffering a stroke. Heidi Nichols, like many people, met Fred at Anime Los Angeles. Chris mentioned the Cartoon/Fantasy Organization of which Fred was a mainstay, and he had never seen that many VCR's daisy-chained together. CL said that Fred was internationally famous for his professional books and articles. Fred was given three cheers

Rob Powell, the next Saint, was in the room with us. Eylat Poliner recalled that when she was trying to sell off the last of Karl Lembke's storage property, Rob made sure she didn't get cheated. Susan Fox added that Gizmo is always there, always cares, and he is the spirit of volunteerism, a sentiment that Cathy seconded. Gene Turnbow praised Gizmo for doing the heavy lifting for him whenever he did something for the club. Gavin Claypool reminded us that Gizmo is a multiple laureate of the Evans-Freehafer Award. Gizmo was given three cheers.

Susan Fox, our newest of the Saints, was also in the room. Eylat said that when she was in Tel Aviv, during her mother's terminal illness, Susan bought her MS Office to help with schoolwork. Barbara Harmon praised Susan for keeping

radio alive. CL said she's a considerate person and a hard worker. Chris said she's a wonderful person. Eylat added that among other things Susan provides the LASFS Zoom channel and serves as Board Secretary. Matt added that Susan often helps him with transcribing the nonsensical mumblings of the members during hybrid meetings. Susan was given three cheers & 1000 new subscribers for Scifi.radio.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: CL said the Spot of Honor was held by his Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices page, the merriest page on Facebook.

Registrar: Matthew Tepper said we were members only.

Treasurer: Debra Levin thanked people for paying their dues. Gavin added that we have \$200k in the investment account, post-building purchase and renovation.

Board of Directors: As Michelle was absent, Susan, in her capacity as Board secretary, said the Board meeting will be on December 14th at 11:00.

Progamming: Eylat reminded us of the remaining program item of the year, CL's reading on December 25th.

Loscon 51 is officially over, and **Loscon 52** will have the following Guests of Honor:

- **Writer:** Bill Wolkoff (*Star Trek: Strange New Worlds, Star Wars Rebels*);
- **Artist:** LASFS' own Selina Phanara;
- **Music:** Griff the Filker;
- **Fan:** Chris Marble
- **Science:** Gerald D. Nordley.

Also, Eylat will be working on a science fair at CSUN for Loscon 52, as well as Gallifrey One in February. She is looking for somebody to do Strategicon, which is President's Day weekend. People allergic to role-playing games need not apply.

Fannish Wellness Committee: Chris reported George Mulligan is getting rehabilitative therapy, more intensive than he was getting before. The therapists say they are

committed to getting George vertical, at least temporarily.

Old Business.

CL jumped in to oversee the Procedural Elections. The first office was of course that of **President**, the nominations for which we had last week. Cathy Johnson, the sole nominee who accepted, had not come to her senses. No other nominations were made. Before Christian moved to close the nominations, Eylat reminded us about the new clubhouse, and stated that the office of President did not necessitate attending the meeting in person, unlike some of the other positions. We then held an auction for the color of the superfluous ballots. Matthew bid \$5 for the choice of "mallard drake head green."

The next officer was **Vice President:** Responsible for not only assuming the duties of President in the absence of said person, but also for opening up & locking the clubhouse. Matthew nominated Eylat and Susan as a tag team. As no one else was nominated, Christian moved to close. Susan bid \$20 to have the Ballot be "black, like our shriveled little hearts." (*Don't you believe it...*)

For the office of **Registrar**, the greeting officer and the welcoming face of the club, Eylat nominated the incumbent Matthew, who declined. No volunteers raised their trembling hands. A constitutional crisis seemed to have erupted. It was suggested that a recess appointment might be made to Marc Silver, who

LASFS HOUSEWARMING!!

Sunday, March 22nd

1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Hosted by Charles Lee Jackson II

We want to show off our new clubhouse. Members are encouraged to bring friends, and inactive members are encouraged to attend.

This will be an informal function for the most part, but the occasional speaker may take the floor

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(between Rayen & Gresham)

was not in attendance this evening but did express interest in the office six months ago. Hilariously enough, the auction for the ballot color generated more tension than the nomination for the office. Eylat finally won the bidding, paying \$20 to let Matthew chose “duckling fluffy yellow.”

Finally, the office of **Scribe**, recorder of minutes, handler of correspondence, Matthew bid \$5 to choose “mallard hen head mottled brown” for the ballot color. Heidi nominated Matt, who accepted, but was thunderstruck to find himself the sole nominee.

Before proceeding to the auction to have even more money foolishly exchange hands, Christian gave us a clubhouse building report. Truckloads of stuff were brought to the clubhouse and unloaded, including some bookshelves. Gavin and Gizmo set up lots of bookshelves. We could not find the keys to the cubbyholes Marty Cantor used to use, so they were left outside, and eventually trashed. From there, Gavin, our own Mr. Atoz, put out the call for volunteers to come to the clubhouse and shelve books in alphabetical order. This might be starting in the week between Christmas and New Year’s. The sooner we can get books on shelves, the sooner meetings can begin in the clubhouse and we can blow this taco stand... or this chain diner, as the case may be.

Then, Christian proceeded to the **Auction**:

- Book: *The Haggis* by Alexander McLain. \$5 to Susan
- *The Unicorn* painting by Cathy Paviya, from the estate of Gordon Saunders. \$3 to Krystal Rains
- Robert J. Sawyer’s *The Farseen* trilogy. \$5 to unknown.
- JRR Tolkien’s *The Story of Kullervo* \$15 to Hare Hobbs
- *Occulted* graphic novel \$3 to Hecate
- *A Demon in Silver* by R.S. Ford. \$1 to Krystal
- *The Warmasters* book; Weber, Flint and Drake. \$5 to Maryann Canfield
- Art: *The First Painter* by Alicia Austin. \$5 to Krystal
- Book: *Star Trek Encyclopedia* by the Okudas, signed by George Takei. \$9 to Krystal
- Book: *Palmdale Must Be Destroyed* by Richard Mueller. \$3 to Jim
- Books: First six of *Thieves’ World* Anthology.

\$6 to MaryAnn

- Book: *Dead Ringer* by Arthur Lyons. \$5 to Debra
- Book: *Doc Holliday* by John Myers Myers. \$10 to Gavin

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Timebound Announcements

Hare Hobbs announced that he is moving out of his current house and desperately needs help moving stuff into storage. He wants to start finding an apartment, or a roommate.

Moving to General Announcements:

- Barbara announced via Cathy that any author who wants their book cover be an APA-L cover should contact her, or anyone who wanted to contribute a cover.
- Heidi reported the peak of the Geminid Meteor Shower this weekend.
- Eylat will be graduating CSUN on May 17th
- Larry Niven announced *Ringworld*, the Fancy Edition, with lots of extra goodies, coming out in February.
- Gene Turnbow will have the first public signing of *Juniper Fairchild and the Alterwhere* on January 17th at Black Cat Fables bookstore.
- Nick mentioned that Comics Arts LA is coming back this weekend, basically a huge dealer room with lots of comics from independent producers.

Perhaps sensing the meeting was drawing to a close, Andre the Average-Sized moved amongst the members and gave many of them little slips of paper with numbers on them. Eylat needed little prompting to move to adjourn at 9:32 p.m. Chris was the sole dissenting vote to the adjournment, no doubt auditioning for the Muppets’ remake of *The Thing That Wouldn’t Leave*.

Board of Directors Meeting

December 14, 2025

Michelle Pincus, chairing
Susan Fox, Secretary

Called to order: 11:01 a.m.

Present:

Chair Michelle Pincus, Vice-Chair Matthew Tepper, Secretary Susan Fox, Eylat Poliner, Gavin Claypool, Christian B. McGuire, Rob “Gizmo” Powell, Cathy Johnson, Dean Johnson, Heide Nichols,

Non-Board Members: Club member observers
Scribe Matt Mitchell, Special Advisor Charles
Lee Jackson II

Absent: Elayne Pelz, traveling this weekend

Minutes of Previous Board Meeting:
Approved as corrected

New Members

Richard Moon, James Crites, Brianna Scoggins.
Approved

Treasurer's Report [Elayne Pelz]:
None

30 Second Reports

Chairman [Michelle Pincus]: No report

Vice Chairman [Matthew Tepper]: No report

Secretary [Susan Fox]: No report

Comptroller [Gavin Claypool]: \$193,708.61 in
the investment account

Library [Gavin Claypool]: At Loscon we sold
over \$1000 in books, including \$41 in donations.
Bookcases have been installed in the new
facility. He is making arrangements to get the
books delivered from Green Mountain. The
weekend between Christmas and New Years,
we will shelve books.

Quartermaster [Heide Nichols]: Has a
volunteer to help her stock the new club house,
who can lift objects and is a good driver.

Gavin: The soda machine is no longer extant in
our storage.

Heide: this will give me a new project to work on!
Eylat suggests Facebook Marketplace to look for
a new soda machine.

Cathy suggests a new fridge with "honor bar"
access to sodas instead.

Rob: reach out to me to work on this project.

Michelle: keep the price consistent, no specials
for second Sundays, etc. and no pre-paying.
Keep It Simple!

Archives [Cathy Johnson]: No report, will be
going through what we have once we have
archives in hand and a place for them.

Physical Plant (in storage) [Rob Powell]: We
had a convention. Everything was taken out and
put back in. Extra items: Toys For Tots need to
be delivered. Chaz has picked up his ribbons.

Leftover books from book sale being processed.
"Concepts of moving" to Niven Space storage
facility TBA, after Gallifrey.

AV Equipment (in storage) [Dean Johnson]:

Some equipment has been forwarded to the new
club house. They are not the equipment we want
to keep so they have been rehomed. Old TV
with VGA inputs, replaced with a donation from
Elayne. Old media console system with 7:1
audio out, does not fit what we have. Working on
set up for laptops for virtual meeting, set up for
movie nights like hallway low-lights. The rest of
the new A/V needs to be evaluated.

Events [Eylat Poliner]: Loscon 51 was held at
the LAX Hilton. We had about 500 warm bodies
and 600 memberships sold. Good positive
reviews in Facebook.

Eylat welcomes back Michelle for Loscon
marketing. They will meet to discuss the con.

There were errors in Loscon 52 marketing
materials, GoH names corrected. Dean will
deliver to Eylat soon. Generic Loscon table cloth
that we can use at more Loscons going forward.

CL: Can we schedule Housewarming for March?
It seems a long way off, but we should be more
settled in the new location and the weather will
probably be better. Eylat agrees.

CL on Movie days: his Sunday transportation
situation is complicated by ACCESS being
jammed with church ride requests.

Publications [Christian McGuire]: Swimming
along fine. Matt is doing fine with *De Profundis*.
He wants clarification about Board terms. Do
they start and finish in November, or When?
Answer: Calendar year, 1/1 to 12/31.

**Marketing and Recruitment [Michelle
Pincus]:** No report

Significant Others

Long report by Eylat

Loscon had several major volunteers call in sick.
Devin had to be covered by Elayne, Anita and
Victor had flu so we were missing Volunteers
and Information. Eylat covered Hospitality
because Victoria fell ill and JC had to move.

Resignations in the past year: Robbie Bourget
will not be back, she is done. Amy taking her
place in Con Ops

Vickie Stanley will be taking over Staff Lounge
for 52, with Xonic. Training more at Galli.

Art show: Elizabeth Klein-Lebbink is out, Sheryl

[last name later] running art show at con, with Elayne doing the pre-show art show work. Michelle is back with Marketing Heide is helping with Strategicon, Susan and Nick at Gallifrey One

The Searights will be working on B.A.D.A.S.S. and not Logistics. Rob willing to load truck, we need a driver with experience. At least Susie Searight will help with reserving a truck with her discount.

Rob: I can help load/unload at LASFS location, unsure about at hotel

Thank you Dean for ordering marketing materials

Loscon 52: all the GoH's are local enough to not need to fly. We will send a car personally if necessary, especially to Selina in Joshua Tree. Eylat says she is 80% staffed, still needs Logistics head, will pull from Anime LA.

The hard part of the conversation: we need to decide between now and next month, whether to continue Loscon after 52, the last year of the Hilton contract. From a Chair point of view: we have critical volunteer staffing issues. Eylat says that Elayne said that we barely broke even, there was no money to pass along.

Heide: clarification points, we agreed and voted last month to have Elizabeth to get bids for Loscon 53 and beyond. This would give us more information on how much they would cost, we could work from a position of knowledge

Christian: wants to find something better in the way of a contract. Has not seen any numbers about the Loscon 51 profits, if any.

Eylat: Elayne said we broke even.

Cathy: move to table the Loscon 53+ discussion until we get financial reports from Elayne and hotel bids from Elizabeth. Motion approved and passed.

Gavin: bidding period for Loscon 53 is currently happening. We might want to think about a lower-staff version of Loscon.

Club President [Cathy Johnson] We had a live meeting at Denny's, Zoom and room. Eylat will still do programming.

Monthly update about our new building:

Cathy: we have been working on the new place, it looks really swell! We will be enveloped by books. Staked out the meeting set up.

Christian: Albert Sheehan also put his back into bringing in the book shelves.

CL: Has a deadline of the third week of January

to get his chair to the club house. Gavin says it will be fine after the books have been shelved.

Matt: Grand opening pushed to February, date TBA. Idea: the January board date is set, could we do the board meeting *in* the club house, before we subject the membership in general to the kerfluffle?

Cathy and Christian agree. Christian says this can also test out the zoom system for the distant members.

Open Forum

Heide: we need to go over by-laws, maybe update a few things since it has been a long time since we had a club house.

Maybe discuss with Dr. Seawright about Code of Conduct, it's been since 2005 that we made those rules.

Gavin: Vintage Paperback Show and Loscon book sales could use tablecloth and other décor to point up that this is LASFS.

Eylat proposes an allocation of \$200

Dean: a 6 foot table cloth costs about \$160

Michelle would like one that works for a table up to 8 foot table.

Dean: we need High Definition art work for the LASFS shield. Michelle will find it.

Christian would prefer a vertical banner, others agree. A table cloth is only used twice a year. Loscon. The room was pretty packed, as it happens.

Heide: could we table this until January for Michelle and Dean to determine the costs for all the options? Moved, seconded, passed.

Next meeting date: January 18, 2026, 11:00 a.m. After that: February 15, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment at 12:01 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Programming April-June 2026

Thu. April 2: Membership vote on Bylaws Amendments.

Thu. April 9: Loscon presentation to the membership & vote

Sun. April 12: Board of Directors meeting; Second Sunday open house/gaming

Thu. April 16: Auction

Thu. April 23: Kristen R. Gorlitz presents Root

Thu. April 30: *To Be Determined*

Thu. May 7: *To Be Determined*

Sun. May 10: Board of Directors meeting*;
Second Sunday open house/gaming

Thu. May 14: Auction

Thu. May 21: *To Be Determined*

Thu. May 28: No program

Thu. June 4: Presidential Nominations

Thu. June 11: Procedural Elections

Sun. June 14: Board of Directors meeting;
Second Sunday open house/gaming

Thu. June 18: Auction

Thu. June 25: No Program

**This is subject to change, as this is also
Mother's Day.*

Upcoming Conventions

March 1: Fremont Toy-Anime-Comic Con
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

March 6-8: MondoCon Operation: Brainstorm,
Oakdale
<https://www.pacificconquest.com/mondocon-operation-barnstorm.html>

March 7: Clovis Toy-Anime-Comic Con
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

March 7-8: East Bay Card Show, Santa Clara
<https://www.eastbaycardshow.com/>

March 8: Hollister Toy-Anime-Comic Con
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

March 8: California Card Festival, Lake Forest
<https://calicardfest.com/>

March 13-15: Golden State Fur Con, L.A.
<https://gsfurcon.org>

March 14: Visalia Toy-Anime-Comic Con
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

March 14-15: San Diego Rocket Con, Del Mar
<https://sdrocketcon.com>

March 15: Tulare Toy-Anime-Comic Con
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

March 15: L.A. Vintage Paperback Collectors
Show, Glendale <https://www.la-vintage-paperback-show.com/>

March 21: Santa Cruz Toy-Anime-Comic Con
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

March 21: Fangaea, San Diego
<https://www.fangaea.us/>

March 21-22: Carrier Con, Alameda <https://uss-hornet.org/carriercon/>

March 21-22: Lost Coast Steampunk
Consortium Convivial, Eureka
<https://www.lostcoaststeampunk.com/lcsc-convivial-2024>

March 21-22: Sac Comic-Con, Sacramento
<https://www.sac-con.com>

March 21-28: JoCo Cruise, departing from San
Diego <https://jococruise.com/2026overview>

March 22: Game Market West, San Jose
<https://www.gamemarketwest.com/>

March 22: Salinas Toy-Anime-Comic Con
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

March 27-29: WonderCon, Anaheim
<https://www.comic-con.org/wc>

March 28: Woodland Toy-Anime-Comic Con
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

March 29: Fairfield Toy-Anime-Comic Con
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

Upcoming Events

March 3: *Twin Peaks*: Season 1, Episode 5
screening at the Los Feliz Theater

March 6: *UHF* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

March 6: *Hoppers* screening at the Alamo
Drafthouse, L.A.

March 7: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*
screening at the Landmark Nuart

March 7: *Halloween H20: 20 Years Later*
screening at the Los Feliz Theater

March 8: *The Lord of The Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring* (extended edition) screening at the Alamo Drafthouse, L.A.

March 8: *Conceiving Ada* screening at Brain Dead Studios

March 10: *Maximum Overdrive* screening at the Alamo Drafthouse, L.A.

March 11: *The Shrinking Man* by Richard Matheson. Reading Orbit at Dennys, Garden Grove. Email: cdcurl@aol.com

March 14: *The Neon Demon* screening at the Los Feliz Theater

March 14: *Repo! The Genetic Opera* screening and live shadowcast at the Frida Cinema, Santa Ana

March 14: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart

March 15: *The Lord of The Rings: The Two Towers* (extended edition) screening at the Alamo Drafthouse, L.A.

March 16: *The Apple* screening at the Los Feliz Theater

March 17: *Leprechaun* screening and virtual Q&A with actor Mark Holton at the Frida Cinema, Santa Ana

March 17: *I Am The Ghost Here* signing by author Kim Samek at Vroman's Bookstore, Pasadena

March 20: *Zardoz* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

March 21: L.A. Filkers Anonymous; hosted by Sean Cleary, Zoom only.
<https://conchord.org/lafaad.html>

March 21: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart

March 22: *The Lord of The Rings: The Return of the King* (extended edition) screening at the Alamo Drafthouse, L.A.

March 23: *Little Shop of Horrors* (1986) screening at the Los Feliz Theater

March 27: *The Mummy Returns* screening at the Alamo Drafthouse, L.A.

March 28: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart

March 28: *The Lost World* (1928) screening at The Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

March 28: *Red Spirit Lake* and *Vick & Tarstar's Scarecrow Factory* screenings at Brain Dead Studios

March 30: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Los Feliz Theater

March 31: *Messiah of Evil* screening at the Frida Cinema, Santa Ana

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:

- *Starship Express* (Science Fiction Association of Bergen County, February 2026)
- *Wafflestomper* #15 (Letterzine by Heath Row, February 2026, partially excerpted in this issue – see **Letters of Comment**)
- *Pablo Lennis* #458 (Genzine by John Thiel, February 2026)
- *The Mark of the B*E*A*S*T* (Baltimore Science Fiction Society, February 2026)

Available Fanzines

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

Important Resources

Nearest to the LASFS Clubhouse

(8819 Reseda Blvd., Northridge, 91324)

Medical

- Emergency Room at Dignity Health - Northridge Hospital Medical Center. 18300 Roscoe Blvd, Northridge, CA 91325
- Urgent Care: same medical center, 18460 Roscoe Blvd Ste 100, Northridge, CA 91325. Weekday hours: 11 am – 8 p.m. / Weekends 9 am – 6 pm

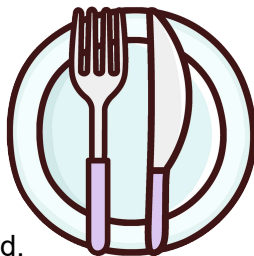


Pizza:

- Dominos (818) 349-0995 / <https://www.dominos.com/>
- Ameci (818) 886-1111 / <https://amecipizzaandpasta.com/ameciw inetka>
- Chi-Chi's Pizza, 9080 Tampa Avenue, Northridge. (818) 993-9911 Delivery of pizza, pasta; in-store seating. They sent us a calendar with coupons!

24-hour Restaurants

- IHOP, Walnut Grove Shopping Center, 9012 Tampa Ave, Northridge, CA 91324
- Denny's, 7600 Reseda Blvd. and 9001 Tampa Avenue



More Restaurants

- Joyce's Coffee Shop, 8826 Reseda Blvd., across the street. (Breakfast and lunch only. Maybe useful for daytime work party days.)
- Dog Haus, 8931 Reseda. Gourmet hot dogs, burgers, craft beers

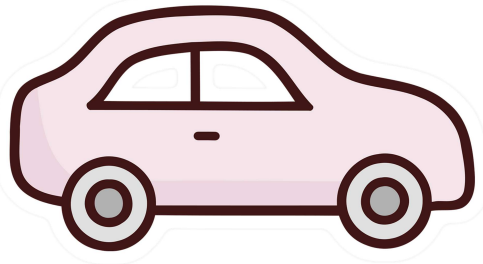
- Yellow House Café & Restaurant, 8926 Reseda. Coffee and matcha drinks, light food, sushi. Hours: 8 am – 7:30 pm. (Large table in front, potential for pre-meeting meetup.)
- Baja Subs Market & Deli, 8801 Reseda, Suite A. Actually, Sri Lankan food, they just didn't change the signage. Convenience store stuff, sodas, cigarettes. <https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/reviews/baja-subs-market-deli>
- Lum-Ka-Naad, 8910 Reseda Blvd. Thai food, shows up on "best of" lists. We need to scope it out.
- 2 Die For Sushi, 8920 Reseda Blvd. Very nearly lives up to the name. **Not cheap.** They offer a senior special.
- King's Burgers/Got Sushi? 9345 Reseda Blvd. Weird combination, good at both cuisines though.
- Chuck E. Cheese, 8425 Reseda Blvd. Famously, the last location in this chain with all the animated figures. Could be good for a laugh.
- Brent's Deli, Corbin/Parthenia Center, 19565 Parthenia, Northridge.
- Golden City Chinese Cuisine, 17719 Vanowen Street, Reseda. (818) 343-2665 <https://www.goldencityresedaca.com/dq dqxhz/restaurant/order-online>
- Wienerschnitzel, 18420 Nordhoff Street, Northridge. Fast-food chain featuring a variety of hot dogs, plus chili burgers & sandwiches.
- Sharky's, 18426 Nordhoff Steet, Northridge. Healthy, fresh, and fast Mexican food.

7-Eleven Stores:

- 18461 Roscoe Blvd. at Reseda Blvd.
- 18514 Plummer Street, just west of Reseda Blvd.

Lodgings:

- Season Hostel 8328 Gladbeck Avenue, Northridge, near Reseda x Roscoe. Not exactly a regular hotel, but very economical options are available.
<https://hotels.cloudbeds.com/en/reservation/zh8gch?currency=usd>
- Starlight Inn Canoga Park, 7435 Winnetka Ave, Winnetka, CA 91306. Cheep.
- Extended Stay America, 19325



Fueling stations:

- Gas: Arco - Nordhoff & Wilbur
Chevron - Reseda & Plummer
- Tesla SuperCharger: Tampa & Nordhoff SE
Free EV chargers at Northridge Mall, but they are always occupied by ICE vehicles

Miscellaneous:

- Smith Bros. Hobby Center, 8941 Reseda Blvd, Northridge.
- Harbor Freight, 8966 Reseda Blvd. General hardware, cheaper than the big box stores.
- Mister Stuff Warehouse. Corbin/Parthenia Center, 19525 Parthenia, Northridge. Hardware and various rock bottom remainders. (Makes Harbor Freight look like Rodeo Drive. But there are some amazing deals to be had here.)
- The Open Book, bookstore on the north end of the Northridge Fashion Center Mall. 9301 Tampa Ave #126, Northridge.

- Knight Ware, 3709 Cahuenga Blvd, Studio City, CA 91604. Classic game store just off of the Universal stop on the Red Line train. Your best destination for *Magic The Gathering* and *Warhammer 40K*.

--List complied by Susan Fox