



## ***Historical Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes***

May 15, 2022

### **I. Call to order**

Mr. Dehn called to order the regular meeting of the LPC HPC at 3:03 PM on May 15, 2022 via remote video conference.

### **II. Roll call**

The following persons were present:

- Joe Dehn, Chair
- Kathryn McElroy, Secretary
- Patrick Nicholson
- Reinita Susman

There was one vacancy on the committee. No guests were present.

### **III. Agenda**

Mr. Dehn proposed the following agenda:

- a) Approve minutes
- b) Progress on LPedia
- c) Elections Results article
- d) Interviewing
- e) Local Newsletters

Additional agenda items were proposed:

- a) Ms. McElroy: Biographies
- b) Ms. Susman: National Convention

Mr. Nicholson asked questions about caucuses listed on LPedia and if there are guidelines on author viewpoints. Mr. Dehn answered that anyone could list a caucus on LPedia, ranging from more serious caucuses to those that have only one member. He



added that the HPC purpose is documenting history, and all perspectives ought to be documented when more than one interpretation arises.

The agenda was adopted.

Approval of minutes was postponed for technical reasons.

#### **IV. Progress on LPedia**

Mr. Dehn asked if everyone had an LPedia account. All answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Dehn suggested that, if they hadn't already done so, everyone should try to use LPedia by creating an article about themselves.

#### **V. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Ms. McElroy displayed the amended minutes for the April 24, 2022 meeting on the screen. The minutes were approved without objection.

#### **VI. Elections Results Article & Local Newsletters (agenda items merged)**

Mr. Dehn referred to his email (Subject: election results article), sent prior to the meeting.

"Information kept by Richard Winger about local candidates through the mid-1980s was used to start building a table of such candidates in the Election Results article at [https://lpedia.org/wiki/Libertarian\\_Party\\_of\\_California\\_Historical\\_Election\\_Results](https://lpedia.org/wiki/Libertarian_Party_of_California_Historical_Election_Results)

Next steps:

- a) State newsletters from the late-1980s through early-2000s can be used to fill in the table for the period after Winger stopped keeping a record of local candidates.  
URL to access:

[https://lpedia.org/wiki/Libertarian\\_Party\\_of\\_California\\_Historical\\_Preservation\\_Committee#State\\_Newsletters](https://lpedia.org/wiki/Libertarian_Party_of_California_Historical_Preservation_Committee#State_Newsletters)

Missing newsletters may be available at libraries, including at the Hoover Institution (specifically, CaLiber)

- b) LP News (available online)
- c) County/Regional newsletters may have additional information on local elections.

These still need to be located.

Mr. Dehn will make a checklist for both election and non-election items to be extracted from newsletters.



Ms. McElroy volunteered to start working on state newsletters, starting with the California Activist where the Winger data leaves off.

Ms. Susman volunteered to locate LA area newsletters.

Mr. Dehn assigned LP News to Mr. Nicholson.

## **VII. Interviews and Biographies (agenda items merged)**

Mr. Dehn suggested the following topics to be discussed:

- a) Who will be interviewed?
  - i) Sub-topic: Whose biographical data will be sought? (ie, Categories)
    - State/County Officers
    - Activists
    - Intellectuals
    - Major Candidates
  - ii) Include people who may not be in California, but have a connection
  - iii) Interviews may suggest additional people worth interviewing. Mr. Dehn stated that a list should be maintained as a table on LPedia at [https://lpedia.org/wiki/Libertarian\\_Party\\_of\\_California\\_Historical\\_Preservation\\_Committee](https://lpedia.org/wiki/Libertarian_Party_of_California_Historical_Preservation_Committee)
- b) What will the questions be?
  - i) Ms. McElroy is working on an outline of topics
  - ii) Ms. McElroy created a survey that was emailed prior to the meeting (Subject: Info for HPC May meeting). She requested that other members beta test it.
- c) Which format will be used to conduct and record the interviews?
  - i) Ms. Susman has a camera and microphone sufficient for live interviews
  - ii) Mr. Nicholson volunteered to be part of an interview team
  - iii) Video conference (eg, Zoom) interviews will be used. Ms. Susman can record and transcribe audio.



Mr. Dehn suggested creating an interview kit that contains the items discussed (eg, outline).

Mr. Nicholson said he will be scheduling an interview with Wendell Stephenson.

### **VIII. National Convention**

Ms. Susman would like to conduct live interviews at the convention.

National HPC will have a table, including photos to identify.

Scanning documents found at convention: Ms. Susman offered to bring a portable scanner, but may not as national HPC will have a flatbed scanner. Mr. Dehn also suggested a scanning app on phones.

Mr. Dehn volunteered to make badges for LPC HPC members to wear.

Ms. McElroy requested everyone share phone numbers so we can refer possible interview subjects in real time. She will start an email thread for this purpose.

Mr. Dehn will be contributing the following to the national HPC table:

- a) The first CA newsletter
- b) The Santa Clara “timeline” binder

### **IX. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the LPC HPC was scheduled for June 12, 2022 at 3:00-4:30 PM, to take place over Zoom.

### **X. Adjournment**

Mr. Dehn adjourned the meeting at 4:24 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Kat McElroy

Minutes approved on: June 12, 2022