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## PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY May 2, 2023

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, 2 May 2023 at 5:30pm Mountain time

**Where:** Online: Zoom

**Committee Attendees:** Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Sam Bohler, Lisa Gansky, Andrew Kolstee (arrived during Jim Peron article discussion)

**Other Attendees:** Nathan Madden

The meeting was called to order at 5:36pm Mountain time.

**Records of Past Meetings:** The minutes of the 18 April meeting, with correction of one misspelled word, were approved without objection.

**Committee Membership:** Caryn Ann noted that the LNC has established a policy for committees that if somebody misses three meetings in a row or five meetings during a term they are considered to have resigned. This is not a serious problem for us since we appoint our own members (and so could re-appoint somebody who "resigns" in this way), but we should be aware of it.

**Site Statistics:** Ed reported that traffic has been flat, and that the vast majority of searches relate to candidates. There was a discussion of whether the fact that we continue to allow access via HTTP (rather than automatically redirecting such requests to HTTPS) is hurting our search results – even though Google does apparently understand that they are the same site, we may be penalized for not following "best practices". The main argument for continuing to allow HTTP access is availability, for any users who may not have or want to use HTTPS. There was disagreement about whether either of these considerations is really important.

**Site Technical:** Ed said that we continue to not support mobile devices well and that this is probably hindering us more than the HTTPS issue.

**Requests for Deletion:** Caryn Ann reminded Joe of a request that she had forwarded to him to deal with; Joe said he would look into it.



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**Oregon:** Caryn Ann said she will be bringing some old items with her to the Oregon state convention in hope of stirring up interest in our work.

**Physical Collection:** Caryn Ann reported that she has been to the storage unit and that the volunteer will be able to start working there again this month.

**Alabama:** Sam reported that members have been appointed to the state HPC, that there is an activist who has copies of most of the old state newsletters, and that some have now been scanned.

**Florida:** Lisa reported that she did work on the state convention page.

**2024 Convention Memorial Committee:** Lisa reported that she appointed two people who applied to be on this committee, she has set up a Google group for them, they plan to meet once a month initially, and there is now an online form for people to enter information about people who have died. Caryn Ann said she hopes to get another e-mail out to the national list which could include both a link to that form and another invitation for volunteers. Caryn Ann said that this subcommittee does not need to keep formal minutes but should make a report on their work that she can append to her HPC report; the next such report would be in August.

**Jim Peron Article:** There was discussion of several issues with this article, which was recently created after Peron declined an invitation to be interviewed as part of the California HPC's interview project but who provided written answers, posted on another site, which contained negative comments about the current state of the LP. Issues included the relationship of this article to the "interview", the format of the links, editorializing regarding the responses, and the interview questions having been pasted into the article in a way that made them unreadable to some users. Joe explained that the person working on this interview series is a member of the California HPC but is new to LPedia editing, and said he would work with him to clean up this article and to provide guidance for formatting future articles based on interviews.

The next meeting is scheduled for 16 May 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm Mountain time.