



MEETING SUMMARY September 6, 2022

- Date and Time:** Tuesday, 6 September 2022 at 5:30pm Mountain time
- Where:** Online: Zoom
- Committee Attendees:** Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholsten, Andrew Kolstee, Sam Bohler, Lisa Gansky (arrived just before the start of the state projects discussion)
- Other Attendees:** Marshall Beerwinkle, Nathan Madden

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 16 August meeting were approved without objection.

Category Rebuild: Caryn Ann reported that she is still working through the articles about people.

Site Statistics: Ed reported that traffic is steady at about 140 users/day; this is up somewhat year-over-year but down from the peak earlier this year. He noted that there have been many files uploaded recently and there was a discussion of what might account for that: Joe mentioned uploading California local newsletters; Caryn Ann mentioned that Iowa is starting to use LPedia as a repository for their documents and also that she had uploaded a significant amount of LNC-related material.

Site Technical: Ed noted that we have a lot of content that we saved from Yahoo groups that still needs to be converted to a presentable form.

Storage Unit: Caryn Ann reported that she has had to do a lot of work reorganizing the material that came back from the scanning in New Mexico.

Poker Set: Sam reported that he had purchased the LP poker set that was advertised on eBay and he was able to discuss it with the seller, who said he won it as a raffle prize at a national convention, probably in 2012.



Outreach to State Parties: Lisa said she would be willing to draft a letter to the affiliate parties, suggesting ways they could help with historical preservation, advising them on how to set up their own state-level HPC, and related topics.

California: Joe reported that he had been able to upload some additional local newsletters. The LPC HPC is continuing to meet monthly.

Colorado: Caryn Ann reported that the state historical committee has become inactive, and she will be trying to get it started again.

Florida: Lisa reported that she has joined the state party's communications committee and has identified some resources that could be helpful in updating pages relating to Florida; she also updated the Miami page.

New York: Andrew said he is still hoping to do more interviews, and will be getting back to other projects after things settle down following the state convention.

Uploading Projects: Caryn Ann said she met with Sam and provided him with links to online folders of material that had been scanned; there is a lot of work to be done to get these files in shape to be posted, e.g., reassembling newsletters to have the pages in the correct order, blanking out address labels, identifying material that wasn't scanned well enough. Sam said he is starting by sorting through the files to identify what type of material they contain (e.g., newsletters vs. other kinds of documents). He said he has run across some things that are not readable because of poor scanning quality. Caryn Ann noted that we still have the originals, so we will be able to scan them again. Sam said that information about the original physical size of newsletters would be helpful in setting up the PDFs properly; Joe said in most cases it should be possible to guess from the aspect ratio but depending on how the scanning was done there might be metadata (e.g., scanning resolution) that would provide the answer. Caryn Ann said she is putting emphasis for now on getting state-level material processed; this could help get the state parties interested in our work. She said that as Sam runs across material related to California and New York he could pass it along to Joe and Andrew, respectively, to handle.



Preserving Channels that Have Replaced Newsletters: There was a discussion of the decline in newsletter publication in the early part of this century, sometimes continuing in online form, but sometimes not being replaced by anything for a while (leaving a gap in coverage) or ever. Andrew noted that the Yahoo groups collection would be of value for documenting some of this period. Joe noted that much of what had been happening through Yahoo groups is now happening on sites like Facebook, for which we do not have a satisfactory approach to preservation.

Other Sources: Marshall Beerwinkle mentioned that there are online archives of Reason Magazine and Liberty magazine, both of which published a lot of things about the LP.

The next meeting is scheduled for 20 September 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm Mountain time.