



MEETING SUMMARY May 3, 2022

Date and Time: Tuesday 3 May 2022 at 5:30pm Mountain time

Where: Online: Zoom

Committee Attendees: Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston

Other Attendees: Morey Straus

The meeting was called to order at 5:41pm Mountain time.

Records of Past Meetings: There were no corrections suggested to the minutes of the 18 April meeting but no action could be taken on them due to lack of a quorum.

Site Statistics: Ed said that the level of traffic continues to be pretty flat, but he hasn't been able to find a way to deal with the pollution of the AWStats report by traffic from China so he will be looking into making use of some other log analyzer.

Site Technical: Ed said that updating the back server software will be a bigger job than he expected because he will need to update all of the components individually.

Photo Albums: Joe said he had not yet found a bulk photo uploading extension but did look a bit at the API and might experiment with using that to upload albums.

User Approval: There was some concern about new user sign-ups that might be a prelude to "edit wars", but this does not appear to be an actual problem yet. Ed said he looked at some approval-related extensions but none seemed to have the kind of flexibility that we would want. Joe said he has been doing many of the new user approvals recently and has been keeping a record of the sign-up details for those people.

California: Joe reported that he was re-elected chair of the LPC HPC at their meeting on 24 April, and that at least some of the newly-appointed members seem interested in being actively involved.



Solicitation of Material via LP News: There was discussion of putting another notice in LP News asking for people to contribute historical materials, as it has been a while since we last did that. Alternatively, we could ask the national office to send an e-mail message about this, which could potentially reach people before the convention. We should make clear that we are not suggesting that people bring large amounts of material to leave with us at the convention – it should be something like a single document or one folder, or larger amounts that they are willing to take back after digitization at the convention. Morey volunteered to try composing such a message.

Volunteers Local to External Archives: There was discussion of identifying volunteers who are local to various physical archives who could help with access to them. Joe said he has had personal experience with the archives at Hoover and at the University of Virginia; given his location he can be much more helpful on an ongoing basis with Hoover than with Virginia. He suggested that rather than putting out a nationwide request for help, we first identify the sites of interest and look specifically for volunteers in those areas who have skills and interests to do the kinds of things that would make sense for the particular collections. Morey volunteered to reach out to AIER to find out what kind of catalog they may have.

Jim Turney Videos: Morey contributed an extensive list of videos recorded by Jim Turney, which have reportedly all been transferred to Cato but only a small fraction of which have been digitized. He had trouble turning the list into an article due to its size; Joe is going to help with that. Not all of these videos are directly related to the LP but a significant fraction are ones that would be of interest to us, including some recorded at LP conventions and other meetings. It may be that, assuming both Turney and Cato agree, we could create an "adopt a tape" fundraising program to cover the cost of getting more of these tapes digitized so we can make them publicly available.

The next meeting is scheduled for 16 May 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm Mountain time.