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PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY January 20, 2021

- Date and Time:** Wednesday, 20 January 2021 at 4:00pm Mountain time
- Where:** Online: Zoom
- Committee Attendees:** Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee
- Other Attendees:** Gary Fagg, Anna Mosashvili, Michael Nelson

The meeting was called to order at 4:06pm Mountain time.

It was agreed to modify the agenda to do the interviews of committee applicants as the first item of old business.

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 16 December meeting were approved, with only the previously noted change, without objection. Minutes of the 6 January meeting were not yet available.

Records Archive Update: Caryn Ann reported that in order to take advantage of an offer of free use of a scanning facility, she made an unplanned trip to New Mexico, bringing 33 boxes of material from the storage facility. The facility is available for now because of a lull in activity due to the pandemic. Chris Luchini (LNC alternate and NM state chair) arranged this for us. Local volunteers are helping with the work, with 10 boxes scanned so far. The material was chosen on the basis of it being relatively easy to scan (e.g., minutes and reports). Caryn Ann plans to make another trip with more material, and to coordinate scanning of the Nolan Archive material at the same facility. She suggested that we consider using this facility in the future as a paid vendor. She also reported that she found some more video tapes, which she is going to forward to Tara DeSisto for conversion.

Templates: Caryn Ann mentioned a problem she ran into referencing images; Andrew will look into this.

Categories: Caryn Ann is continuing to work on categorizing images; she is hoping to be done with that in about three months.



Site Statistics: Ed reported that MyWikis acted to fix various things, without our having to make a special request, so we now have Google Analytics working again. Traffic looks similar to what it was before the interruption, including continuing traffic from China. He noted differences between the picture we are getting this way and from the standard log analysis tool (AWStats), possibly due to one or the other not counting certain types of references. He explained that Google Analytics depends on Javascript running on the client side. Joe suggested that for this reason the two types of reports should be viewed as complementary, and it would be good to continue with both. Caryn Ann said that she has noticed an increase in miscellaneous references on Facebook to LPedia pages, which should be leading to more traffic.

Site Technical: Ed said that as a result of the fixes by MyWikis we also again have access to make configuration changes and the problem with account creation has been resolved. Caryn Ann said she received a notice from MyWikis about some new feature; she will forward it to us. She also reported that the recent Mediawiki update had made it more difficult to mark changes as having been patrolled.

Deletion Requests: Caryn Ann reported that there is a disagreement about some text in the article about the membership 'pledge', and suggested we should look into this.

Committee Membership: The committee conducted interviews with two individuals interested in becoming members of the committee:

- ◆ Michael Nelson
- ◆ Gary Fagg

Nolan Archive: Caryn Ann reported that the LNC met to discuss this problem and passed a motion outlining actions to be taken to resolve it. She said the reason we need to prioritize the items to be shipped for scanning is that all the material can't be shipped to New Mexico at once; she will coordinate the timing of the shipping with when she will be in New Mexico to decide which items should be scanned. She said the idea of shipping the materials (after scanning them) to Alexandria, rather than to our storage facility in Colorado, for eventual donation to a university on the East Coast, is consistent with Elizabeth Nolan's wishes, as she had originally expressed a preference for them to be at a university if possible. Joe suggested trying



to have them donated to the University of Virginia, where there is already a large amount of LP-related material, and which based on his visits there in the past seems to have reasonable provisions for researchers to make use of it.

Caryn Ann reported that various LNC members have concerns about our material storage and processing practices. She received a list of questions that she will be forwarding to us. Areas of concern include the ongoing cost of the storage room, how much space is being taken up by various types of material, whether we are keeping things that don't need to be kept, decisions we have made about scanning vendors, and how much we have been scanning vs. how much we have so far been able to upload to LPedia. She said that some of these questions might be of more general interest, so she will be looking into including answers as part of a FAQ on LPedia.

Future Meetings: The next meeting is scheduled for 3 February 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59pm Mountain time.