

# Historical Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2022

#### I. Call to order

Joe Dehn called to order the regular meeting of the LPCA HPC at 3:03 PM on June 12, 2022 via remote video conference.

#### II. Roll call

The following committee members were present:

- Joe Dehn (Chair)
- Kat McElroy (Secretary)
- Pat Nicholson
- Reinita Susman

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

## I. Agenda.

The following agenda was adopted:

- a) Approve minutes of previous meeting
- b) Status / updates on current projects
  - i) Candidate lists / election results
  - ii) Biographical information outline
  - iii) Surveys
  - iv) Interviews
  - v) Experience so far
  - vi) Building list of people to interview
  - vii) Newsletters as information source
  - viii) Checklist



- ix) Assignments
- x) Finding more local newsletters
- c) Committee vacancy suggestions?
- d) Review of report to ExComm
- e) Set date of next meeting

## III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The following committee members were present: Ms. McElroy displayed the minutes for the May 15, 2022 meeting on the screen.

The minutes were approved with corrections previously emailed by Mr. Dehn, without objection

#### IV. Status / updates on current projects

- a) Candidate lists / election results
  - i) Updates made by Mr. Dehn:
    - (1) additions from Winger file, now considered completed. Partial information up to 1986, but incomplete, and some hand-written lists. Will need to be double-checked from other sources (ie, county records).
    - (2) Reformatted state assembly/senate for clarity
    - (3) Added preliminary results from this year's primary
- b) Biographical information outline
  - Mr. Dehn asked if Ms. McElroy's outline is complete or work-in-progress.
     Ms. McElroy says it is complete, but amendable. It will be added to LPedia page (as section or new article)
  - ii) Mr. Dehn added "People to be Interviewed" section, which can continue to be added to. And reminder about "Newsletters as an Information Source" based on last meeting
- c) Surveys
  - i) Ms. McElroy says this is a work in progress



- ii) Mr. Dehn suggested:
  - (1) tailoring form to kind of info/people being sent to (least intimidating)
  - (2) not making it look like a "survey" but a friendly follow-up
- d) Interviews
  - i) Includes agenda items (e) Experience so far and (f) Building list of people to interview
  - ii) Mr. Nichols discussed the Wendell Stephenson interview.
    - (1) Stephenson is a Fresno City College retired professor.
    - (2) Meeting was recorded
    - (3) Audio converted to text (in process of editing)
    - (4) Mentioned a number of philosophers.
  - iii) Ms. Susman put forth recommendation of Gene Berkman (Riverside) as a subject for interview
  - iv) Edited transcript will be posted with summary on LPedia.
  - v) Mr. Dehn should there be a separate article about the cause/organization Stephenson was involved in?
  - vi) Mr. Nichols proposed interviewing Mr. Dehn
  - vii) Mr. Dehn suggested interviewing people who are disengaged but previously influential. Eg, Pat Wright (San Diego 80s/90s)
- e) Newsletters as information source
  - i) Includes agenda item (j) Checklist
  - ii) Emailed out by Mr. Dehn since last meeting and added to LPedia
- f) Assignments
  - i) Same as last meeting
  - ii) Mr. Dehn advised that Mr. Nicholson create a log of every mention of CA in LP News, even if it doesn't fit into categories



- g) Finding more local newsletters
  - i) Ms. Susman will work on SoCal/LA
    - (1) Mr. Dehn's suggestions of who might know where they are:
      - (a) Jose Casteneda
      - (b) LA County Chairs (70s-90s)
      - (c) Rodney Austin, region chair central valley 90s. (Moved to Sacramento), and might have other names of Fresno people.

## V. Committee vacancy - suggestions?

- a) Ms. McElroy: Graham Brown
- b) Mr. Dehn: old-timers from SD or Sac

## VI. Review of report to EC

a) No changes were suggested

## VII. Set date of next meeting

a) July 17, 2022 @ 3:00 PM

## VIII. Adjournment

Joe Dehn adjourned the meeting at 3:59 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Kat McElroy

Minutes approved on: July 17, 2022