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## PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY June 5, 2019

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 at 4:00pm Mountain time

**Where:** Online: Zoom

**Committee Attendees:** Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston

**Other Attendees:** none

The meeting was called to order at 4:04pm Mountain time.

**Records of Past Meetings:** The minutes of the 15 May meeting were approved.

**Records Archive:** Caryn Ann reported that she hasn't been visiting the storage unit much but she has plenty of material to work on located at her house. The material from Nevada included several issues of Libertarian Vanguard. She has not yet had a chance to examine the Ed Clark tapes.

**Site Statistics:** Ed reported that traffic continues at about the same rate of 100 users/day. He noted that these are mostly not repeat visitors – there is a consistent level of activity but it's not the same people.

**General LPedia:** There has been no progress on the URL format change; Caryn Ann will ask MyWikis for an update.

**Featured Article:** Joe reported that he made David Bergland the featured article, prompted by his death. He said there is a general weakness in the articles about such people – that anybody who was our presidential candidate should have a much longer article than this.

**Category Rebuild:** Caryn Ann reported that she is continuing to work on this, with recent work on events, including years, elections, and campaigns.



**Vermont Election History Articles:** There was discussion of the best way to combine two articles covering election results in Vermont. James outlined tradeoffs relating to how the edit history of both articles might be preserved, including a procedure that would “merge” the articles rather than leave the edit history in one that was otherwise just a redirect. There was general agreement that he can make use of this procedure if he considers it best.

**Deletion Request:** There was discussion of deletion of an article titled “September 17”, which appears to be both incoherent and not suitably named. It was agreed that it should be deleted but with the content moved to the author's user page as a way to preserve it.

**California:** Joe reported that Kevin Shaw was appointed to fill the vacancy in the LPC Historical Preservation Committee. He also reported that he obtained a box of material from long-time activist Bill White; the amount of material was smaller than he hoped, but it did include a few interesting items, including what appears to be copies of the delegate sign-in sheets from the first LPC convention.

**Marshall Beerwinkle:** James reported that he is continuing to try to help Marshall Beerwinkle with his scanning projects.

**Next Scanning Job:** Caryn Ann reported that she continues to work on this, and is now up to around 60% of the amount of material we agreed on for placing the order.

**Craigslist:** Caryn Ann proposed that we put advertisements on craigslist in major cities saying we are interested in historical material about the LP. This would involve identifying the best categories and locations as well as posting things on a schedule that is effective without violating craigslist's policies. She doesn't have a volunteer available to manage this, but there is a vendor willing to do it for a fee of \$140 for 70 notices. James moved that we authorize \$140 to test this; the motion passed 3 to 0 with one abstention.

**Jefferson County:** It was noted that the articles relating to “Jefferson County” (of which there is one in at least three different states) don't have a consistent set of disambiguation pages. Joe said he will look into this.



**Use of <pre> Element:** There was discussion of the fact that some articles containing text of minutes make use of the HTML “<pre>” (preformatted) element, which interferes with adding cross-references to other articles. Joe suggested that this was probably the result of text having been copied from an earlier archive in which these documents were posted as HTML; if the original documents were really plain text the best way to preserve them on LPedia would be as plain text files, but if we want (instead or in addition) to offer them as articles then we should make the effort to re-format them using proper wikitext.

**Identifying Pages Without Categories:** There was discussion of the tools available for finding articles that are not in any category. It was noted that when we are done categorizing all the articles there will still be work needed on categorizing files. There was also discussion of whether “Articles with Libertarianwiki Content” is a category we need to maintain; Caryn Ann will move this information to the article about Libertarianwiki.

**Mike Holmes Web Project:** Caryn Ann reported that Mike Holmes, who was active in the early days of the LP and then became involved with the Republican Liberty Caucus, has been working on a creating a web site devoted to libertarian publications from the “pre-Internet” era. Since he has become aware of LPedia and our efforts to make LP publications available online, he will be focusing mainly on non-LP publications, starting with his own newspaper “American Libertarian”.

**Future Meetings:** The next meeting is scheduled for 19 June 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm Mountain time.