

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

LNC MEETING DECEMBER 2021 V1

COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

Policy Manual Section 2.02 SCOPE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Historical Preservation Committee

The HPC shall be responsible for directing the preservation and publication of Party historical documents and the administration of LPedia.org. A report of its decisions and activities shall be delivered at each LNC meeting.

The scope of the initial organizing work will last well into several years (the estimate is at least additional five years depending on member involvement), and LPedia will need to be maintained for the time of its existence.

Committee Members

- Caryn Ann Harlos (Chair)
- Joe Dehn (Secretary)
- Ed Fochler
- James Gholston
- Andrew Kolstee
- Annuelle Mosashvili

Status of search for potential additions to committee:

Ms. Mosashvil was added after extensive interviews. There remains one potential vacancy to be filled by the right candidate. As the committee is functional at this point, and the end of term approaches, it is being left to the next Committee to continue the search. Further, the Committee has found that the most fruitful leads for a new member are the current faithful volunteers as this is very much a working Committee and not a “title Committee.”

Reports, Meetings, and Communications

The Committee is committed to transparency and conducts open meetings. The agenda is posted and updated here: https://lpedia.org/wiki/LPedia:LPHPC_Agenda. Due to life changes, the schedule that has been kept for four years is in the process of changing which will be noted at the above link.

The Committee email list discussions are publicly viewable at:

<https://groups.google.com/u/1/a/lp.org/g/historical-preservation-committee>. The minutes and other records from its proceedings are preserved on LPedia¹ (links noted below for member review):

Minutes Prepared since the last report:²

- June 16, 2021 https://lpedia.org/w/images/2/20/Minutes_2021-06-16_HPC.pdf
- June 23, 2021 https://lpedia.org/w/images/a/a9/Minutes_2021-06-23_HPC.pdf
- July 7, 2021 https://lpedia.org/w/images/7/79/Minutes_2021-07-07_HPC.pdf
- July 21, 2021 https://lpedia.org/w/images/d/d4/Minutes_2021-07-21_HPC.pdf
- August 4, 2021 https://lpedia.org/w/images/7/7b/Minutes_2021-08-04_HPC.pdf
- August 18, 2021 https://lpedia.org/w/images/6/64/Minutes_2021-08-18_HPC.pdf
- September 15, 2021 https://lpedia.org/w/images/2/29/Minutes_2021-09-15_HPC.pdf
- October 6, 2021 https://lpedia.org/w/images/8/86/Minutes_2021-10-06_HPC.pdf
- October 20, 2021 https://lpedia.org/w/images/a/a0/Minutes_2021-10-20_HPC.pdf
- November 3, 2021 https://lpedia.org/w/images/d/d8/Minutes_2021-11-03_HPC.pdf
- November 23, 2021 https://lpedia.org/w/images/e/ed/Minutes_2021-11-23_HPC.pdf

Prior Committee Reports this Term:

- July 8, 2020 https://lpedia.org/w/images/7/7e/LPHPC_Report_2020-07-08.pdf
- September 13, 2020 https://lpedia.org/w/images/6/63/LPHPC-REPORT_2020-09.pdf
- December 5, 2020 https://lpedia.org/w/images/0/06/LPHPC_2020-12_V1.pdf
- June 5, 2021 https://lpedia.org/w/images/7/70/LPHPC_2021-06_V1.pdf

Motions Considered

- None

STORAGE FACILITY

The Parker storage facility experienced a dramatic raise in rent, so after exploration, and working with Robert Kraus, a new facility was found in Littleton at the rate similar to what we were paying at the time of the beginning of this project, and it is slightly larger. The new location may allow volunteers who live in that area of Colorado to participate who may not have been willing to travel to Parker. The safety of the neighborhood is equivalent. The next few weeks will be occupied with moving the items.

STATUS OF LPEDIA

¹ The complete history of minutes and reports can be found at: https://lpedia.org/wiki/National_Historical_Preservation_Committee

² As per the requirements of the Policy Manual Section 2.02.1, the above-linked minutes contain the dates and attendance rosters for each of the Committee's meetings since the previous regular LNC Meeting.

General Statistics³

- 5,337 Articles
- 24 Active Editors
- 6,935 Document/Image Uploads

Daily unique visitors remain about 100-125.

Restructuring

The restructuring of the chaotic state of the original site continues as it is very time and planning intensive. There is a light at the end of the tunnel. Caryn Ann Harlos has been working on the logical category tree and is currently going through assigning categories to all images going back over a decade. When that is completed, a second pass over all of the categories will be conducted and is expected to be completed by this term end leaving Lpedia in a much more sustainable and logical state.

Policies

At the request of the LNC, the policies regarding delegates were reviewed, and any personal information other than name and state have been removed. It is noted however, that these lists exist elsewhere on the Internet as any member can request them, and at least some of our copies were received from third parties, not the Party itself. However, moving forward, those columns in the spreadsheets shall be suppressed. Additionally, we created a template and strengthened the policy on “disputed or controversial material” in light of recent controversies in the Party as it is not the job of Lpedia to take sides but simply to record history (see https://lpedia.org/wiki/LPedia:Disputed_or_Controversial_Material). This is the notice that is placed on such articles:

Disputed/Controversial Material



This page (Disputed or Controversial Material) may contain disputed or controversial material. There are many strong opinions on multiple sides on this issue. Lpedia is an archive and takes no sides. When adding information to this page, please disclose items that are not clearly disinterested unless it is obvious from the content. Please keep the article limited to actual events, players, and documents. While the personal opinions of members may be contained in documents and their own narratives, please refrain from putting praise or slurs into the main article content. Readers can read the documents and outside commentary and arrive at their own conclusions. If you wish to state a very subjective analysis, host the analysis elsewhere if feasible and list it as a reference link or document here. Thank you for respecting the purpose of Lpedia. See [LPedia:Disputed or Controversial Material](#).

Scanning

³ ***Last report statistics:***

- 4,983 Articles
- 38 Active Editors
- 6,207 Document/Image Uploads

Chris Luchini is continuing to assist in scanning and has approximately eighteen boxes remaining. As seen by the general statistics, it can be seen that these are being processed and added to the site.

50th Anniversary Events

The exhibit seemed to produce much enjoyment amongst the long-time Party members, much more so than even hoped for. The most popular exhibit was where members were invited to put post-its on boxes of old photographs to identify people in the photos. We will be making a request to the Convention Committee to allot us table space to continue that identification process and to invite people to bring historical records for scanning or donation. We have just been contacted by a long-time Massachusetts member who is considering what will happen to his collection upon his passing and is donating it now to the Committee.

The National Party event inspired Joe Dehn of this Committee to encourage organization of events around the country which will be connected through Zoom on the actual 50th birthday of the Party. You can read about those efforts here:
[https://lpedia.org/wiki/50th Birthday Party](https://lpedia.org/wiki/50th_Birthday_Party)

50th Anniversary Tribute to John Hospers' book "Libertarianism"

Caryn Ann Harlos wrote a featured essay on the collecting of Party history for that work (and an unrelated article on how to debate the abortion issue like a Libertarian rather than using conservative or progressive talking points). Both of those articles will be placed on Lpedia with the permission of the publisher.

ACCOUNTING FOR CURRENT YEAR AND LIFE OF COMMITTEE

It has always been our goal to self-fundraise for the Committee expenses, and over the life of the Committee this has been accomplished. Since inception the Committee has raised \$22.5K in revenue, and there's been \$22.2K in expenses. YTD there has been \$3.0K in revenue and \$3.2K in expenses.

Respectfully Submitted,



Committee Chair