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PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY May 16, 2023

- Date and Time:** Tuesday, 16 May 2023 at 5:30pm Mountain time
- Where:** Online: Zoom
- Committee Attendees:** Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston (arrived during statistics topic), Sam Bohler, Lisa Gansky, Andrew Kolstee
- Other Attendees:** none

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

Records of Past Meetings: The minutes of the 2 May meeting, with correction of one typographical error, were approved without objection.

Site Statistics: Ed reported that traffic is continuing at about the same level, not improving. A significant issue is that our site is difficult to use from mobile devices, while a majority of the traffic is now coming from such devices. He noted that almost all actual (human) usage is coming from browsers that are compatible with HTTPS, but he doesn't think shutting down HTTP access is worth the trouble.

Site Technical: Caryn Ann said she is willing to follow Ed's recommendation with respect to the HTTP issue, and concentrate on the mobile access issue. There was discussion about how we can approach this, including layout considerations for the site generally and certain important pages specifically, customizing CSS for our site, and looking at how other MediaWiki sites deal with this. Ed suggested that the backup server could be used to test out ideas.

2024 Convention Memorial Committee: Caryn Ann reported that due to national office staffing and technical issues it is likely to be a while before an e-mail message will go out to promote the form soliciting memorial information. Lisa said she had already posted the link various places but has not yet received any responses. Other members of the committee could help by posting it other places.



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Site Backups: The schedule for backing up LPedia was reviewed. Copies are transferred to the "backup server" three times per week; from there additional copies are regularly made and stored at a personal residence for up to three years. There was discussion of adding more backup locations.

Presidential Candidates Article: Lisa said that since this page is one of the most popular, she will look into making some improvements to it.

Newsletter Uploading: Sam described the scanning technique he used for a newsletter that he got via eBay, producing much better results than the scanning that was done in New Mexico, but he has also done some more work on turning the scans done in New Mexico into PDFs.

Video Digitizing: Caryn Ann said that depending on how much is left in our budget we may want to see about getting some additional videos digitized while we still can. There are only a few places that can handle some of the older formats (in the case of one format, there is apparently only one person who still has the necessary equipment); there are many commercial services that can digitize VHS cassettes but those reportedly are not as durable as the older broadcast formats.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6 June 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm Mountain time.