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PARTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY September 6, 2017

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 @4pm Mountain

Where: Online: Go To Meeting

Committee

Attendees: Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholson, Joe Buchman

Member

Attendees: Michael Fucci, Andrew Kolstee, Chuck Moulton

Meeting was called to order at 4:00pm. The Minutes/Summaries from August 16, 2017 were approved with corrections. Caryn Ann had posted the prior summaries to LPedia. Caryn Ann needs to remember that Ed's last name is pronounced like folklore. The agenda was re-ordered at Andrew Kolstee's request.

Categories: Caryn Ann has been moving categories around as per prior plans. She is also starting to move things into proper categories during routine edit patrols. This meeting the category of "Events" was discussed. Items currently in "History" are all over the place and need to be put in proper categories.

Presentations (such as the Tonie Nathan speech at the Houston cocktail party) were given as an example. Presentations that are given in multiple situations (same speech given at conferences for example) are different from one-off events. Links to these audios can be in multiple places, such as an individual page for a speech, the main event for which the speech was a part, and on the individual's own page. Are audios publications? Or an event? It was decided to keep these under events with subcategories of speeches, interviews, lectures, panel discussions etc.

Dates needs to be moved out of History (up a level), and in fact, that whole History section needs to be sorted differently and that category deleted. Caryn Ann will be working on this. "Libertarian Party Milestones" should be a category and "Formation of the Libertarian Party" would be found under that. A parallel category would be "World Events."

Templates: Andrew built a convention template and had noticed an inconsistency that needed to be cleared up. We will want to use a standardized format with State-Convention-Year. If there were any peculiarities and differences in how the state



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parties named their conventions we will do a re-direct for those names to keep things consistent and not have to worry about how state parties did not follow a consistent pattern. This will also make it easy for users to scan a list. Disambiguations would be handled the same way we did with the common local party names with counties in multiple states. The only additional words that would be needed would be if it were a “special convention” – the assumption would be the annual convention so that would not need to be stated.

If there are discrete time periods in a continuing institution (such as the LNC in which the term spans are individual periods) those should be placed in parenthesis but not for a one-time event such as a convention. The parenthesis would then be considered or be a marker for pieces of a whole. The issue of the various iterations of the Radical Caucus was discussed as a disambiguation will need to be created.

The National Platform Committee though would not have parenthesis since it is a new institution formed for each convention, and the year reference would be for the year of the convention at which their proposals will be considered.

Userboxes: This will be continued next meeting after James gives some additional information over email. James explained that these are intended to be colourful badges for users to jazz up their pages. We need to get an artist to add images to these boxes or James can work on those.

Records Archive Update: Sarah and Caryn Ann will not be there for the next few weeks due to other obligations.

Nolan Archive: Joe B. has been offline working on his congressional campaign and has not had much progress but is getting back to work on this. In November, Joe B. will need to be trained on uploading and creating in LPedia itself.

Categories: Andrew Kolstee changed the state and local party templates. A new project needs to be undertaken to branch out further on our category re-organization. As an example, LNC meeting minutes were discussed. Presently they would be categorized under Records>Documents. Documents is not a good sub-category name, but it was imported from the prior structure.

So top-level would be Records with the following sub-categories:
>Governing Documents



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>Meeting Records
>Financial Records
Etc.

So it would be first by “type” and then potentially under those would be by geography.

Templates: Andrew Kolstee finished the state and local templates and still is drilling down to find all the stray ones. He has added templates to many “people” articles, and this is an ongoing project. Over 200 people now have the “people” infobox.

Policy Updates: Joe D. is still working on the updates to the policies.

Scanning: The LP News will need the full ninety days to be completed. Caryn Ann has been keeping in touch with the vendor. Joe B. inquired where the records were sent as Hurricane Irma may hit North Carolina. Caryn Ann will inquire about their safety and mitigation measures. During the meeting she discovered that the facility is located in Brown’s Summit, North Carolina.

Other Archives: Joe Dehn has been looking into other archives and this is still a work in progress and is dependent upon decisions to be made at the LNC meeting.

Per Page Licensing Notation: Ed demonstrated how the template is triggering the per-page licensing notations at the bottom of the page. We could use a blank template to trigger this to reduce clutter on the page. Ed pointed out that there is text at the bottom of the page as well. Joe D. suggested that text be generated in the template only for the non-default licenses.

Media Player Extension: Joe D. installed the extension and gave an illustration of his prior concern over page clutter. The page for LNC Meeting 6 May 2012 was used. James noted that he couldn’t see images from videos since he has security settings that are blocking them. James suggested that perhaps an outline could be put around the videos to give the security-conscious user a clue that some content is missing. Joe D. stated that perhaps the labels to the left could also be a hyper-link. Joe D. will look into putting a shaded background or outline to solve James’ concern. Caryn Ann stated that after seeing this page, she is not concerned about the many



thumbnails as long as they are at the bottom of the page. It almost functions as a photo gallery.

LNC Meeting, Report, and Recommendations: Each motion presented by Caryn Ann passed with the amendment that the invoices and such should only be kept as far back as three years. The LNC was very pleased that there was a culling recommendation that they called an “anti-hoarding” clause. We will need to think ahead about a possible budget or Policy Manual amendment. Tim Hagan requested that Caryn Ann confer with him ahead of time.

Search Issues: Ed has not had a chance to look into this further. Caryn Ann referred Ed to the Audacity wiki that had a search feature called “Sphinx Search.”

Unnecessary Namespaces: Ed tested disabling the gadget namespaces on his test site with no issues so he will proceed with deleting those on the live site.

Betacam Conversions: Keith Thompson has the tapes to convert, and the shipping was approximately \$60. Caryn Ann submitted for reimbursement for these.

Audio Conversions: Caryn Ann had Wayne Harlos’ high-end TEAC deck repaired in order to work on these items.

Video Digitization: Caryn Ann provided a summary at the end of the minutes of her research into vendors and costs. Joe B. is not sure that we need to worry about up-conversion as that can likely be done on our end. The only reason to do up-conversion is for display on a large screen as the typical conversion is perfectly viewable on a computer screen. Caryn Ann discussed her recommendations for these. James had concerns over lossless video formats in the original conversion.

Ed Fochler moved that we spend \$100 on some test conversions at the best rates. Joe B. seconded.

Caryn Ann suggested that we send one of the short tapes each to the two preferred vendors to test both the tapes and the vendors. It is likely that the tapes are in the same condition as they have consistently been in the same environment and are from the same time period but allot up to \$150 plus shipping. Joe B. suggested that Caryn Ann check to be sure that these titles are not already on YouTube in order to prioritize.



Joe D. amended the motion as follows, and Joe B. seconded.

- *to spend up to the \$150 plus shipping to test out digitization with two different vendors.*

The amended Motion passed without objection.

As far as VHS tapes are concerned, Caryn Ann did research on these as well and discovered that when there are large quantities of these tapes, the recommendation is to obtain a VHS to DVD machine and do it ourselves. New machines would cost about \$500 with recommended models. (Funai Combination was one of the highest recommended machines). Both Joe D. and Joe B. have VHS to DVD machines already. Joe D. will test some of his own tapes to see how they come it to determine if he can do some of these conversions.

YouTube Account: Caryn Ann created a YouTube account with the name of LPHistoricalPreservation.

Opinion Pieces: Caryn Ann would like to discuss this at a future meeting, so this will be placed on the agenda so it is not forgotten.

Broken Template: James B. fixed the issues on the Temporary Platform page. We need to locate a hard copy in order to find an original of this as some of the text may not be correct. Joe D. is going to put it into the document namespace in the meantime.

Framing of Statement of Principles: Lauren Daugherty asked for the Committee's opinion on whether this should be a stand-alone item or be combined with another piece of our selection. Discussion was had about the layout and likely placement in the Alexandria office. There is a small reception area. It was decided that this should be a stand-alone piece due to both its significance and potential limited places for it to be displayed at Headquarters (there are also considerations of being away from sunlight and air conditioning vents). We will be bringing this piece to New Orleans.

And Ed Fochler loves us guys.



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Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.

Next meeting is set for September 27, 2017 at 4pm Mountain.