



## MEETING SUMMARY November 23, 2021

- Date and Time:** Tuesday, 23 November 2021 at 5:30pm Mountain time
- Where:** Online: Zoom
- Committee Attendees:** Caryn Ann Harlos, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, Andrew Kolstee
- Other Attendees:** none

The meeting was called to order at 5:47pm Mountain time. *(This meeting was held at a different time than usual, in place of the meeting that had been scheduled for the preceding Wednesday.)*

**Records of Past Meetings:** The minutes of the 3 November meeting were approved without objection.

**Records Archive Update:** Caryn Ann reported that she found a less expensive storage unit that is also larger than the one we have now. It is in a different part of town, which will give her a chance to try recruiting different volunteers. She plans to work on moving the material this coming weekend.

**Policy Updates:** Caryn Ann reported that she created a note that can be posted in articles dealing with controversial topics; a copy is available in the policy article named "Disputed or Controversial Material". This could be placed in an article either by the creator of the article or by an admin. The purpose is to be pro-active in heading off flame wars and name-calling that might reflect negatively on LPedia. This does not represent a new policy – it's just a way of reminding people of our existing policies on certain pages where people might be tempted to violate them. There was general agreement with the concept, but also some discussion of possibly improving the wording and of implementing it as a template.

**Site Statistics:** Ed said there was not as much post-election decline in traffic as he expected. Prompted by a report from a Mac user who was not able to access the site, he looked at usage by Mac OS version and found traffic from users of many versions. He noted about about 50% of all usage is coming from mobile devices, which may



mean we should revisit the format of certain pages, such as the home page, where the layout was done in expectation of a larger screen.

**Year Articles:** There was discussion of the content and structure of articles about individual years (with names like "2001"). It was generally agreed that these could be useful but that for some types of information we already have material organized by year and we should take advantage of that rather than trying to do the same thing again in a year article. The year article might include text about some especially notable things relating to that year, but for the more ordinary and regular material the year article can just contain links to existing categories, lists, or tables. It was agreed to try populating the article for 2016 as a way to explore format ideas. It was also agreed to start moving from categories that group topics (e.g., candidates, events) by decade to ones that group them by individual years.

**California:** Caryn Ann reported that she is starting a series of videos relating to the history of the LP in California, and might do the same for other states in the future.

**50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Project:** Joe reported that the national office finally sent out an e-mail announcement; this was signed by Caryn Ann. Caryn Ann said she had not received any replies directly from that, but has seen references to planned events in other e-mail (e.g., from mailing lists) and would forward that information to Joe. She said the Zoom info in the announcement was for a meeting set up by the national office; Joe said that as long as we have somebody available to serve all day as host and a way to designate additional co-hosts, that should be satisfactory. Caryn Ann said she would be talking with the national office about the details of the arrangements. There was discussion of how to manage individual Zoom participants (ones not part of a local event); Joe said the focus is supposed to be on LP history so priority should be given to people who can provide a historical perspective (e.g., very long-time members) but that nobody should be monopolizing the channel. There was discussion of what sorts of "celebrities" might be invited to join the meeting, aside from ones already expected to participate through a local event. Joe noted that many of our past presidential candidates are already deceased, and he is not sure how to contact some of the past national chairs. It was suggested that we might invite some people who have significantly contributed to the party



philosophically. It was agreed that the Zoom session should be recorded as there may be information shared of which we will want to have a record.

**Early Platform Changes:** Andrew asked if there are records of the 1974 platform committee. Caryn Ann said that at early conventions recordings were considered the appropriate way to document the proceedings but we don't have a recording for the platform discussion that year.

**Future Meetings:** Caryn Ann said she would be running a poll to see what days and times are most likely to work; if there is an obvious answer we can go with that or there may need to be further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm Mountain time.